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January 19th, 1915.

Rev. J. E. Williams,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

Dear Mr. Williams:-

It is good to hear from you and we know how you have appreciated the return of Dr. Cochran and the others with all the news from this side. We thought of you and Mr. Bowen last week when we were together at Garden City in the meeting of the Trustees and we wished that we might have you both with us to throw light on some questions that arose regarding the new College for Women to be developed there, and regarding which there was a question as to the wisdom of the use of the Board of Trustees of the University to serve as the Board of Trustees of the new Women's College. The women who were in all probability to do most of the work in connection with the interesting of the constituency here in the new College and the securing of the funds for it were somewhat loath to a "terminology advisory council", but Mr. Speer will be writing fully of this and the proposed suggestions of having women representatives on the present University Board of Trustees.

The letter which has gone forward to Mr. Ross, and of which I think a copy was sent to Mr. Bowen, will have cleared your inquiry as to the

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To Rev. J.E.W. No. 2.

payment of the premiums upon Mr. Ing's insurance policies, together with the additional \$5.27 upon the one policy which has been re-written. The premium on policy No. 1676540 was \$26.11, plus \$5.27, difference because re-written at some tropical rates, and on policy No. 1730859 \$21.49, a total of \$52.87, which is the amount deducted from the \$1,000.00 sent to Mr. Ross as from Mr. Severance covering the eight months of 1914 from May to December 31st and the new calendar year 1915, the credit to Z. T. Ing's account being \$947.13, this all appearing upon my statement to Ross of January 9th, 1915.

You doubtless have heard before this of the death of Mrs. Tower some two weeks ago. She has been most friendly with Mrs. Carter and the children because of her touch with you good people when you were home, this last Christmas sending in to the children boxes of pencils with their names stamped upon them in gilt, a touch that was so unexpected that it pleased the children immensely, they remarking, "Why we hardly know Mrs. Tower", and we, of course, answering them that it was due to the intimate touch which she had with you people when you were staying in Montclair and the fact that she has followed up through us since that time all news which we have had from you from the field.

Our little Helen has been laid up now for fourteen and a half weeks with typhoid fever and it has been a long pull upon her and Mrs. Carter, but we are hoping that the end is in sight and are taking new courage.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Jno. E. Williams.

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

February 25, 1915.

Mr. Russell Carter,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Carter:-

It was so good to hear from you in your letter of January 29.

I am glad that the plan for an Advisory Council of women on the Board of Trustees meets with approval at home. I do not think the term "Advisory Council" particularly happy. They might become regular members of the Board of Trustees, or "Members of the Board of Trustees for the Union Woman's College". However, Mr. Speer's letter will come and they can take this whole question up. It is important that the plan has met with approval at both ends.

I was delighted to learn that Mr. Severance is willing to continue Mr. Ing's salary. This will be a great lift, and his willingness to take over Mr. Kuo's salary whenever he can come to the University. With recent developments, I do not believe Mr. Kuo will be able to come to us. He has been appointed by the Government in Peking as Dean or Principal of the Second National Normal School to be located in Nanking, their hope being eventually to have fifteen hundred students enrolled in this school. It will give Mr. Kuo a position of commanding influence in educational circles here. He is most friendly, and I feel sure will do all he can to advance the work of the University.

We have a graduate of the University now studying at Northwestern. He will soon complete the course for his Ph.D., having specialized in Chinese history and Chinese philosophy. He will be a most valuable man on our Faculty here, and we are counting upon his help in building up the Chinese Department, and displacing the last one of the non-Christian teachers. I wonder whether Mr. Severance would be willing to transfer the support planned for Mr. Kuo to Mr. K. S. Liu. I shall write him about this.

We had heard of Mrs. Tower's death. Dear old lady! She was so full of kindly thought for the children and for all her neighbors. She will be greatly missed.

We are all so sorry to hear of Helen having typhoid fever. It certainly has been a long pull for Mrs. Carter. I hope she is now able to be up, and fully recovering.

We have just learned of the death of Dr. Dudley P. Allen. This will leave Mrs. Allen sorely bereaved. He was so

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full of life and energy and tender thought for her.

We all unite in kindest regards,

Most cordially yours,

J. Williams

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March 29th, 1915.

Dear Mr. Speer,

For the past week or two days we have been in frequent conferences with the Medical Faculty and members of the Board of Managers over the Report of the Rockefeller Commission.

I think it is fair to say that the first general impression of the Report upon our men was one of keen disappointment and apprehension. They had not received any definite report of the plans for the Union Medical School in Peking, and judging from the Report's appreciation of the Harvard School, and particularly the fact, noted with evident satisfaction, that that school was entirely free from "religious restrictions", and the remark that the Harvard men knew the medical situation thoroughly in China and would form an excellent nucleus for a faculty, etc. etc., all our people felt concerned not only for medical education but for the whole Mission education in this part of China.

Dr. Franklin met with the men on the 21st., but had no new light on the situation. Bishop Bashford came from Peking giving us fuller reports of the plans for Peking, which brought a great deal of relief of the minds of the men, and a Committee of President Bowen, Dr. Shields and Dr. Beebe went to Shanghai, to confer with St. Johns University. A very satisfactory conference was held on Saturday, and the men feel hopeful that the plans will mature in such a way as to conserve the great work of the Missions, and also to have a school on the same lines as is being established in Peking.

There will still remain the great problem of medical education in Chinese. The Medical Association doubtless will still feel that that cannot wisely be postponed for even five or ten years while the Education is being carried on in English.

Your letter of January 23rd to President Bowen and myself, in which you referred to your conference with Mr. Buttrick and members of the Commission, was the most reassuring of anything. All the men here, Faculty and others, have such complete confidence in your judgment and leadership in these matters that the comfort of your words was of the very greatest value. Undoubtedly the great scope of the work contemplated by the Rockefeller Foundation must bring about most radical changes in our plans. We shall all look forward to your visit and the conferences we may have with great expectancy.

The old lines of work that seem so simple, so human, so satisfactory to the Missionary must be very radically changed. This would be inevitable whether the Rockefeller Foundation undertook work or not. The great power invested in those men has such tremendous possibilities as to awe one.

Our men passed a resolution that they are ready to cooperate on the Peking plans - their one great concern being that the Christian spirit of the institution should be maintained and that the work of the Missions should be conserved.

(Signed) J. E. Williams.

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April 16th, 1915.

Rev. J. E. Williams,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

Dear Mr. Williams:-

Your letter of February 25th is as follows: "Will you please send to Miss Warnoch \$40.00 for my personal account and tell her - on account for value received. This will be a great accommodation." In all probability I should know offhand who this Miss Warnoch or Mrs. Warnoch is, and I am sorry that my memory fails me in just such matters as these. I cannot find from my Nanking files or from the Board files, or from the Treasurer's books the address of this Miss or Mrs. Warnoch, and therefore am obliged to delay the forwarding of this amount until I can learn her address. I am disappointed to hold this matter up for you so long, but do not seem to know just how to learn her address. I will make further inquiry, but in order to avoid any further delay if in the end I have to come to you for information, I am sending this word off immediately.

We are delighted to report that it looks tonight as though we would close the year without a deficit. We are carrying over \$132,000.00 of the old deficit and had supposed that we would add some \$50,000.00 or \$60,000.00 to this, but it looks now as though we would close about even. You may be sure that we are all of us greatly delighted.

Yours very sincerely,

Treasurer.

Copy for Mr. Diffendorfer

Nanking

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May 5th, 1915.

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

The Rev. J. E. Williams, D.D.,
Nanking,
China.

My dear Dr. Williams,

Your letter of March 29th and Dr. A.J. Bowen's letters of March 24th and 29th, to Dr. Robert E. Speer, arrived after his departure for Asia, and Mr. Scott, who is conducting Dr. Speer's correspondence, has asked me to write to you, as I am more familiar with the circumstances. We appreciate the considerations which you and Dr. Bowen mention regarding the plans of the Rockefeller Foundation. I hope, however, that you and Dr. Bowen will be relieved in mind, and that you will relieve the minds of the others who have been in consultation with you when I tell you that the very points that you and Dr. Bowen mention were anticipated long ago by the secretaries of the Board in New York, and that we had repeated and prolonged conferences on these very subjects with the representatives of the Rockefeller Foundation. The result of these conferences was entirely satisfactory, and when the official communication came from the China Medical Commission of the Foundation, it was couched in terms which led our Board to give it most prompt and cordial acceptance. Knowing the matter from the inside as I do, I am confident that it is not only unnecessary but that it would be highly inexpedient for missionaries on the field to traverse the ground over again, and that any correspondence with the China Medical Commission on the subject might complicate things a good deal. As Dr. Speer is to be in China this summer, you and the other representatives of the University will of course have ample opportunity for personal conferences with him on this subject. I venture therefore to suggest that the matter be left in this way, at least until he comes. Meantime, will you kindly show this letter to Dr. Bowen as covering his letter to Dr. Speer as well as your own, and will you not make it

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perfectly clear to all concerned that the Secretaries of the Boards concerned are thoroughly alive to all the questions involved, that we have already made every possible effort to guard the interests that are so sacred to us, and that the result has been in every way satisfactory?

Meantime, as this message will be a month in reaching you, I am sending you to-day the following cable:

Williams, Hanking.

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Translation: Point referred to in your letter March 29th fully guarded. Await letter.

I often think of you and of the splendid institution with which you are connected. Will you kindly remember me to Mrs. Williams and your associated, and be sure that we shall not forget you in our prayers.

Affectionately yours,

A. J. Brown.

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Nanking, China, May 11, 1915.

Mr. E. S. Harkness,
26 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Harkness:

Under separate cover, I am mailing a copy of President Bowen's annual report to the Trustees, for last year. The work is going along very quietly, but satisfactorily, in the University. We do not yet know how our Medical School will be related to the plans of the Rockefeller Foundation, but the faculty have expressed their readiness to co-operate in every way.

I am writing to ask if you will not renew your gift to the Medical Department for this year. The University has taken over the hospital, without any appropriation to cover the greatly enlarged expenses. The hospital was formerly under the Foreign Christian Mission Society; when it became a union work, they did not feel able to continue their annual appropriation of \$3000 (gold). The work has been greatly enlarged and expenses largely increased.

We shall have to find from special gifts, this year, in addition to the support of Dr. and Mrs. Hiltner, Miss Warner, the nurse who has come out, \$5000 (gold). Will you not grant us in aid of this budget, \$2000 (gold) for this year? Any gift should be made to Russell H. Carter, Treasurer, 156 Fifth Avenue, I am very grateful for the generous help you have given me in this work, at each time of need.

Very sincerely yours,



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Nanking, China, May 11, 1915.

Mr. W. W. Carman,
99 John Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Carman:

Under separate cover, I am mailing you two copies of President Bowen's annual report to the Trustees.

The work of the University has gone on steadily and very satisfactorily. Our greatest financial difficulty is in the Medical Department, as we have taken on the support of Dr. and Mrs. Hiltner and, also, a new nurse, Miss Warner, has come out from the Mayo brothers, and Miss Walker, who will work in the hospital, as secretary for the doctors, and will also do personal work in the hospital. Mrs. and Mr. James' generous gift to the medical work last year enabled us to cover the travelling expenses of the two ladies out here, and the current expenses for the year. We earnestly hope that it will be possible for Mrs. James to renew her gift of \$2500 for the normal and general work; and, if she could also renew the gift of \$2500 for the medical work, it would help us at a time of very great need.

The hospital was taken on by the University without any funds or appropriation to meet the expenses. The support was formerly provided by the Foreign Christian Mission Society, but when it became union work, they felt the demands of their work elsewhere required these funds, so, without any appropriation, we had to take on the full work of the hospital, which was greatly enlarged and increased in expenses. This year, on the medical work alone, we shall have to find, in addition to the support of Dr. and Mrs. Hiltner, Miss Warner and Miss Walker, \$5000 (gold) for the running expenses.

I feel especially grateful for the deep interest you have taken in the development of this work and the very generous help that has come to us at each time of need. Any gift should be made to the Treasurer, Mr. Russell H. Carter, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

With kindest regards, in which President Bowen joins,

Very sincerely yours,

John E. Williams

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Nanking, China, May 21, 1915.

Mr. Russell Carter, Treasurer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.



Dear Mr. Carter:

It was real stupid of me not to write out Mrs. Warnock's name in full. It is: "Mrs. J. K. Warnock, 1 57 West 105th Street, New York. I thought, of course, that she would be going in to find you and you would have no difficulty about turning over the \$40.00 to her, as suggested. I should appreciate very much your sending to her, from my allowance, the \$40.00.

We are greatly rejoiced with you in the Board's being able to close the year without additional deficit. This is a great achievement, in the face of present conditions. The \$132,000 still outstanding of the old deficit, I suppose, could be reduced by the income from the Relief ^{fund} Fund and from funds left by Mr. Kennedy; but, in any case, with the return of peace and business, it will be wiped out from the regular revenue, I hope, this coming year.

We received a cablegram, doubtless sent by you, ~~at~~ the apprehension I voiced in one of my letters about the

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plans of the Rockefeller being groundless and that all the points referred to were being met.

Dr. Beebe went over to Japan to meet Mr. Speer and hear the latest of the plans. Our Medical Faculty will again take the matter up and clear up some fundamental considerations on the line of Mr. Speer's suggestions.

I am sending, under separate cover, ten copies of President Bowen's annual report to the Trustees for last year. You may be able to hand them out to people who are interested. I am also enclosing copies of my letters to ^{Mr.} Harkness and Mr. Carman, asking that they renew their subscriptions of last year for the Medical Department. The work of the hospital is going along splendidly, but we took over the hospital without any appropriation to meet the enlarged expenses and, unless we can secure from special gifts the equivalent, in gold, to \$10,000 (mex.), we shall have to close the year with this heavy deficit. I am enclosing these copies that you may know of my request to them and understand the situation when you hear from them, which I certainly hope you will.

As ever, most cordially yours,

J. Williams

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NANKING, CHINA
May 22, 1915.

Mr. Russell H. Carter,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.



Dear Mr. Carter:

I think your letter was mailed without the enclosure of Mr. Carman's and Mr. Harkness' letters. I enclose them herewith. Possibly a note from you, in addition, would help the situation from the home end.

Most cordially,

J. E. Williams

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

J. E. Williams

Nanking, China, June 8, 1915.

Mr. Russell Carter, Treasurer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Carter:

I enclose, herewith, copy of a letter just written to Mr. Luce, in regard to the \$1000.00 (gold) which was suggested as the Shantung University's share of the expenses of Mr. Fellow's outcoming. You note, from the copy of Mr. Severance's letter, that nothing was said, either way, of Shantung having a share in the services of Mr. Fellows, nor do I recall any words in conversation about the same, although I reported to Mr. Severance the plan of having Mr. Fellows also visit Tsinan and do the work there. I felt sure he would be pleased to think that Mr. Fellows was rendering the largest service possible to the mission cause and the special work that our Board was interested in. Frankly, I feel that with the Shantung University having a strong man on the ground at home, they should not lay down on gifts made to the University of Nanking but should bear their proper share of the burden.

With a minimum of \$5000.00 (gold) which must be secured to carry on the hospital and Medical School work without deficit this year, you can see that we are in great need of funds. Furthermore, we have no funds with which to do a large amount of grading which must be carried on in connection with the new scheme. We still have a deficit on hand in land purchases, and we have no funds with which to provide for the waterworks, plumbing and a power plant that would be absolutely needed, in connection with the new scheme of buildings. I am sure Mr. Luce will appreciate the difficulty of this situation and the impossibility of our carrying on a campaign at this time, for these very necessary additions for plant and equipment.

I have written to Mr. Swasey, just after the contract was let for the Science Building.

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We had a period of almost endless conferences with contractors before we were able to secure a figure on the contract that would warrant our going ahead with confidence that the whole scheme could be carried out within the amount given. I wrote to Mr. Swasey, urging larger payments at first, pointing out first that exchange, at \$2.51 (Mex.) for the gold dollar had now dropped down to \$2.41, with a likelihood of going still lower. The more money we can get out at the larger exchange, the more money we will get, of course, for our building purposes. We have just paid the contractor about \$11,000 (Mex.) as the first payment, to enable him to close contracts for wood, brick, glass, iron, etc., etc. The next payment, about \$5000 (Mex.) will be due before we could possibly get word back from America, so I hope that your word also will support our plea for having the largest amount of money possible remitted to the field at the present very favorable rate of exchange.

All is going pleasantly in the work. The Williams all join in loving regards to the Carters. This is Dickie's fifth birthday and he is a very happy lad.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Williams

Letter from Mr. Speer came today tells us that he and Gertrude Speer have accepted our invitation to be our guests while in Nanking. We are counting upon a good time and busy one - when they are here

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Nanking, China, June 8, 1915.

Rev. H. W. Luce,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Harry:

Mr. Speer wrote me, April 15th, of conferences he had had with you over the matter of the Shantung University's share of the architect's expenses. I never understood that Mr. Severance's gift was designed to cover expenses for Shantung as well as Nanking, although I daresay, if you took up the matter and presented it strongly to him, he would consent to such an arrangement. The gift was made in a letter which overtook me just before sailing from Vancouver. The letter was, as follows:

"My dear Dr. Williams:--Since you left Cleveland we have been wondering how you were going to meet the expense of the architect's trip to China, which seems to us of the greatest importance, not only in order for him to study the Chinese architecture but also to become fully informed as to the best materials at hand there. Of course the most natural way would be for those erecting the new buildings to provide this fund, but in case this is not feasible or advisable, Mrs. Allen and I will meet this expense up to \$2600.00 which we understand is the outside estimate which the architects have made. Yours very truly, (signed) Jno. L. Severance."
(Dated, Cleveland, Ohio, July 28th, 1913).

Of course, with the payment of a fair share by the Shantung University, we would be enabled to meet architects' fees on other buildings. I thought about one-third of the \$3100.00 it cost us to bring Mr. Fellows out (\$500.00 having been paid on the amount before Mr. Severance's gift was paid) would be a fair proportion.

With you still at home and in touch with donors, you would have no difficulty in securing that share. Of course, if you lay it right back on Mr. Severance, I have no doubt at

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all that he will allow the \$1000.00 to stand for the Shantung University. I hope, however, you will turn into the field and find the \$1000.00 and allow us to have this help.

The contract for Mr. Swasey's Science Building was awarded last Saturday. The dormitories will also be begun at once and, we hope, the chapel soon after.

We still feel a degree of uncertainty about the plans of the Rockefeller Foundation for medical education in the Yangtze Valley. Japan's aggressiveness in Shantung may affect the united judgment of the Medical Association as regards full support of one Chinese school in Mandarin, in Shantung. Our men will soon discuss here whether they will take English and Chinese in alternate years in the medical school here.

The hospital is going on most satisfactorily and is crowded to its utmost capacity, and the medical men are doing splendid work in co-operation with the officials for plans for the city as well as in their hospital and teaching work. .

I should like very much to hear from you about your plans and how the campaign goes.

As ever affectionately yours,

June 21st, 1915.

The Rev. J. E. Williams,
Nanking, China.

Dear Mr. Williams;

Just a line to advise you that a week or two before your letter of May 21st was received Mrs. Warnock herself called me up upon the 'phone to inquire if I had any advice from you regarding the payment to her of \$40. so that, I, in this way, came into touch with her and immediately sent her a check as per your request. I do not know why it was not feasible for me to learn her address, but I made diligent inquiry in all the offices and our filing room and could not secure it.

We are glad to report to you that not only did the year close with a surplus of \$30,000. which applied to the balance outstanding of the old deficit made the net debt \$101,000. but this has been further reduced by contributions received since that time until now it stands at \$83,000. This has enabled us, as you have been advised, to assume additional liability in behalf of new missionaries and we have had our June Conference as usual, with a goodly attendance, and we have found the missionaries under appointment a very wholesome and attractive group of young people. We feel very well satisfied indeed with those under appointment and amongst them are some rather exceptional young people.

Thank you for the copies of Pres. Bowen's Annual Report of last year.

I will wait a little time and see if Mr. Harkness and Mr. Carman make response to your letter to them and if not I will then follow the matter up from this end.

Yours very sincerely,

Assistant Treasurer.

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August 20 1915

Reverend J E Williams
University of Nanking
Nanking China

Dear Mr Williams:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Mr Luce in regard to the University of Shantung's sharing in the expenses of Mr Fellows' trip to China. I think all Mr Speer wanted was your confirmation of the position which we had assumed with Mr Luce that it was only just that the University of Nanking should share in these expenses. I certainly stated to Mr Luce very frankly that I felt that you had been pretty generous in the proportion which you had assigned to Shantung when you were ~~doing~~ ~~with~~ with one-third. Mr Luce has done fine work but he had not always the faculty of keeping in the same courageous spirit that you always manifested and we were a little disappointed in his attitude in this matter.

What a time you people will have in Nanking when Mr Speer and Mr Day are with you for the best part of a week! It makes us rather homesick to think of it. It would so delight us to be there with you all while Mr Speer and Mr Day are there. We appreciate, too, in a measure at least, what it is going to mean to you people to have Mr Speer there to help clear up some of the outstanding matters and to feel that it will put him in a position when he returns to lay these matters so clearly before men like Mr Severance and others, that they will feel that the situation is well in hand on the field and that the wise expenditure of all sums given is assured.

I have written Mr Severance once or twice suggesting to him the desirability of your knowing his mind definitely regarding the administration building while Mr Speer was with you so that you could make definite plans upon his authority and it may be that Mr Severance has written either to you or to Mr Speer. He has not however indicated in any of his letters to me, and I am hearing from him almost every week, what his mind in the matter is.

We are glad to receive the personal touch from you and yours. Our family was up to Lake George for July and had the best kind of a vacation. Mrs Carter has come home very much rested. We have ~~also~~ moved over into our new house at the corner of Midland Avenue and Walnut Street so the children have some room for play and they are all of them a very happy lot these days. Kindly remember us all to all of yours.

Yours very sincerely,

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Assistant Treasurer

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NANKING, CHINA

Sept. 3, 1915.

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Mr. Russell Carter,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Carter:

I wish to write further in regard to the plans for the Chapel. It is growing increasingly difficult for us here to have patience with Mr. Fellows and the firm of architects in Chicago. One would think that a large experience in the Orient and being accustomed to oriental delays would teach one patience, but their delays far exceed anything in my experience in the Orient. Mr. Fellows writes, June 21, sending out written, completed specifications for the Science Building. These specifications arrived the end of July, when the Science Building was already through the foundation and the first storey well up to the second storey. Mr. Fellows had been a year-and-a-half in preparing and getting out to the field these specifications, after the form, sizes and most of the details of the Science Building were in hand. Mr. Bowen and I have been anxious to prepare the plans for the Chapel. There was an action of the Board of Trustees authorizing the building of the Chapel as soon as the funds were in hand. Mr. Day wrote that \$5000.00 was available at any time to begin work. In the same letter, of June 21st, Mr. Fellows writes:-

"We have received no instructions from Mr. Diffendorfer regarding the Chapel. We are writing to him to-day to ascertain if Mr. Day has told him that this is authorized and also if he can give us definite instructions. He has had some talk with Mr. Severance and we have furnished him such data as we could regarding the probable cost of this building. We believe that it will cost between \$40,000 and \$45,000 with the tower and of the size arranged for. This is on a basis of 6 cents (gold) per cubic foot, and what you say of the cost of material in China leads us to believe that he should give at least \$40,000 or \$45,000 to complete this

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building. It is possible, however, that he may not wish to consider anything in excess of \$35,000, in which case we have advised the Board of Trustees at New York that it will be necessary to cut down the size of the building."

It seems that Mr. Day's letter to Mr. Speer, written from London, was not accessible to Mr. Diffendorfer, for he writes, under date of June 30, to Mr. Bowen:-

"I have just received a letter from Perkins, Fellows and Hamilton saying that Mr. Williams had written them the information that Mr. Day had authorized them to go ahead with the Chapel and that they should plan for a Chapel which would seat 1,000 Chinese or about seven or eight hundred ordinary sittings. The architects have asked me for authorization to go ahead with the drawings. Inasmuch as no word has come either from Mr. Day or from yourself, either to me or to the Foreign Board Office as far as I can discover from our files, I am a little hesitant to know what to do. The Executive Committee of the Trustees were empowered in the general meeting to authorize the direction of the Chapel just as soon as the funds were provided.

"I have no doubt but that the matter is all right, only it seems to me that in matters of this kind we should be fully acquainted with all of the facts, especially where money obligations are to be incurred. Mr. Fellows knows that the Trustees are the ones finally responsible for this property and that is why he has asked me for a definite order."

I regret exceedingly that the information was not directly accessible to Mr. Diffendorfer. Mr. Bowen and I have written together in these matters and there has been a perfect understanding. Mr. Fellows was engaged in the first place by me, under the authority of the Trustees. Almost all of his instructions have come through me, under the authority of the Trustees and President Bowen. There is absolutely no question between us here or of our understanding with the Trustees, nor could there be any question of the absolute carrying out of their agreement made with Mr. Fellows. It would seem to us here to be nothing more nor less than the policy of indefinite delay.

Mr. Fellows was never requested to prepare plans for the Central Building until directions came directly from the Trustees after full understanding with Mr. Severance.

Russell Carter, #3.

Sept. 3, 1915.

In regard to his estimate of \$40,000 or \$45,000 (gold) for the Central Building, I should like to remind you of his estimate of \$10,000 or \$12,000 (gold) made to the Trustees for the building of the Operating Pavilion, and yet that building was erected and completed, as specified, within the \$5000.00 (gold) given. The first contract on Mr. Swasey's Science Building was just within the \$20,000 (gold), \$5000.00 being reserved for the finishing and completing of everything. On the same scale, we believe that the Central Building can be erected complete for \$35,000 (gold). We have, however, come against very hard conditions. With the Pacific Mail taken off the Pacific and the Canadian Pacific reduced, it is very difficult to get freight from the States, and it is going to be next to impossible to use American lumber. The prices have been going up rapidly. We hope, however, to be able to secure lumber from the Philippines, as good or better lumber as we can arrange to be shipped.

I do not wish to make this in the nature of a complaint. Mr. Bowen and I both feel that the Chicago firm of Perkins, Fellows and Hamilton have not shown a very commendable spirit of enterprise and interest in this work.

Very cordially yours,

J. E. Mulhearn

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Nanking, China, Sept. 8, 1915.

Mr. R. E. Diffendorfer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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I regret exceedingly that this delay should seem necessary on the part of Mr. Fellows and his firm. In a letter from Mr. Speer, under date of April 2nd, (a copy of which you may find in his file in New York), he referred at considerable

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J. E. Sullivan

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in the agriculture & forestry courses.
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J. E. Williams.

University of Nanking.

in re building of chapel

Nanking, China, Sept. 8, 1915.

Mr. Russell Carter,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Carter:

I am sending you the letter I wrote on the 3rd, which has been read and approved by Mr. Bowen and expresses our sentiments, which, however, we think it best for you to reserve for your own perusal.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter just written to Mr. Diffendorfer, reviewing the whole situation more carefully. I am also sending a copy of the same to Mr. Fellows, with a covering note.

I do hope all pressure can be put on to enable us to build this whole group of buildings without unnecessary delay. The necessities of the work demand it, for we are crowded beyond all limit here. It is probable that when Mr. Speer and Mr. Day come they will cable further.

Most cordially.

J. E. Williams
I wrote Mr. Fellows quite fully of development — His work is perfectly satisfactory in our way except the trying delay.

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R. E. Deiffendorfer, #3.

Sept. 8, 1915.

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Cordially yours,

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J. E. Williams

University of Nanking.

Nanking, China, Sept. 3, 1915.

Mr. Russell Carter, Treasurer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carter:

I am enclosing a bill for insurance policy, in reply to a note of Mr. Fulton's. I also have your letter of June 21 unanswered.

I was so glad to hear of the splendid outcome of the year. I think it is wonderful what the Church has achieved for the foreign field, in the face of the world war and general outlook.

I received a note from Mr. Carman's secretary, saying that he was gone to Europe but that he would bring my letter to his attention on his return. I have not heard anything from Mr. Harkness. Possibly a word from you would help the matter along.

At the same time of my writing, I wrote to the younger Mr. David R. Teachout, of Cleveland, making an appeal for him and his father to contribute the equipment of the Operating Pavilion, \$2000.00 (gold). I have since heard from him that the Operating Pavilion was given by his father alone and that he did not think that his father was able, at that time, to make the additional contribution.

May I trouble your office to make one more monthly payment for me from our current funds? Please pay monthly to MRS. GWYLIM ROBERTS, 715 Seventy-Eighth Street, Seattle, Wash., regularly, \$7.00 a month. It will be a great favor to have this remittance made regularly through the office there, if it is not too much trouble.

We are looking forward eagerly to the coming of Mr. Speer and party. They will be in Nanking on the thirtieth of this month, to remain four or five days. It is possible that representatives of the Rockefeller Commission may be here for conference at the same time. These conferences will mean a great deal in the development of our work.

Check for \$700 sent Oct 5/15
Payments will be made regularly
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Extract made

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Russell Carter, 2.

Sept. 3, 1915.

I am just back from Kuling, where Mrs. Williams and the children still are and will remain for a couple of weeks. It has been a good summer in Nanking and everything looks promising for the fall.

With most cordial regards to Mrs. Carter and the children and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

J. Williams

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

in re C. T. Ing's insurance policy

NANKING, CHINA

Sept. 20, 1915.

Mr. Russell Carter,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carter:

I am writing especially to inquire about Mr. C. T. Ing's insurance policy. It is very important that it be kept up, for Mr. Ing's health is quite precarious. He has an abscess in the cheek bone that is tubercular. We hope he is going to have complete relief through an operation, and we hope he will be quite well after it. He has built him a little home out here and is pressed financially. Will you please make the payments on his policy and deduct it from his salary?

I would suggest Mr. Severance's paying his salary in gold. The present exchange might afford some relief on his insurance policy. I enclose the names and dates of the insurance policies.

Most cordially yours,

J. E. Williams

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

NANKING, CHINA

Sept. 20, 1915.

Dear Mr. Carter:

I just had this letter ready to mail, when your letter of August 20th arrived. I read it to Lilian and the children at lunch today. They are always so delighted to hear from you. We are interested to know that you have moved over to your new house at the corner of Woodland and Walnut Streets and that it allows much more room for the children to play. As I came down, Mary and Dorothy and Dickie followed me along to see the development of a couple of new tennis courts the community are putting in, near our house. Our children are all full of life and enthusiasm after the summer.

I am very glad that you and Mr. Speer stated the case of the architect to Mr. Luce as strongly as you did. Harry spent two days with me on his way to Shantung. We had long and good visits. He seems quite well and cheerful after his campaign. He was laboring under the misapprehension that Mrs. McCormick had given the money for Mr. Fellows' expense. When I pointed out to him that the gift was from Mr. Severance and wholly unsolicited and, possibly, with no suggestion of conditioning it in connection with the Shantung University or that they should have any share of it, he recognized their obligation to bear their share. He said he would arrange the matter on the line that I suggested as a perfectly legitimate charge on funds already raised as a part of the cost of building.

I was not surprised that you should have thought that I always manifested a courageous spirit during the campaign. I am afraid I am not a little of a dissembler. For most of the time, my courage was about zero, and I was simply trying to put on a bold front because I did not feel it was fair to lay down on others with my burden. However, I must frankly confess that I was delighted that you should have thought of the matter as you did.

Everything is preparation now for the coming of Mr. Speer and Mr. Day and Mr. Speers and Dr. Bovaird. Their mail is now beginning to come in stacks. I have just

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had a meeting to go over their programme when here. I am going to enclose the first outline, as drawn up by Dr. Garritt, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Leighton Stuart, Mr. Will Stewart, of the Y. M. C. A., and myself. We are expecting great inspiration and help from their visit. Their counsel will mean so much to the development of our whole work, and the visit is so providential, coming at this very critical time in the development of the medical and other work.

I am so glad you are keeping up conference with Mr. Severance over the Administration Building. I do hope he will authorize us to go ahead, for the new scheme will be very incomplete without the Administration Building. In fact, we do not see how we can move over the college, medical and forestry and agricultural students as we had planned, without the Administration Building.

Mr. Bowen showed me one of your fine letters the other day, in which you referred to reading in the magazines about Mr. Sherfesee. Mr. Bowen appreciates most cordially your deep interest in all departments of the work.

Very cordially,

J. Williams

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~~Rev. J. E. Williams~~
THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

Nanking, China

Jan. 8, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:

You have received Dr. Shields' letter stating thoroughly the medical situation, in which I wholly and heartily concur. Dr. Cochran has also shown me the letter he wrote in review of the situation, and you will have received from Dr. Schultz a report of the general meeting on the Mandarin school.

Dr. Bowen has covered the situation to date in his letter of December 29. I think he has most faithfully reported the feeling of many of the missionaries in this section and the acuteness of the medical department to us until we have some fuller word from the Medical Board.

I am going to Shanghai with Dr. Shields today for conference with C. T. Wang and Dr. Kuo on Chinese co-operation. They are both very earnest about continuing the Medical Department in Nanking and about securing adequate Chinese support for it.

Dr. Lowrie, in a meeting of the faculty, when they decided to ask Dr. Shields and myself to "co-operate in any way with Dr. Kuo and C. T. Wang" felt that this was the wise course to pursue. We shall have to continue our school until we meet our obligations to the present classes. Neither C. T. nor Dr. Kuo would do anything not in fullest co-operation with the Rockefeller Board. They do feel strongly, however, that to stop the Medical Department in Nanking would be very unwise. They do also feel that, notwithstanding the very strong stand of the Medical Board in the position they have taken, there will be some things developed in experience that will change their views; and it is wise to continue work that is going on until their better and higher-grade work is begun, at least.

Affectionately yours,

(Signed) J.H. Williams.

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~~J. E. Williams~~
THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

Nanking, China

Jan. 14, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Dr. Shields and I were in Shanghai from Saturday till Tuesday noon. We were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Beebe while there and went over the proposed plans for co-operation with the Chinese in the Medical School fully with Dr. Beebe, who is in hearty sympathy with the plans to have something worked out in co-operation with the Chinese. At a former meeting in Nanking, C. T. Wang and Dr. Kuo and I blocked out what we should undertake. C. T. wrote to Dr. Yen of Changsha for his suggestions, in the light of their experience there, and I wrote to Dr. Hume. At the meeting in Shanghai (minutes of which I enclose) herewith) these letters were read, together with the pamphlets stating the plans. Then a statement was made of what the University has at present invested in the Medical Department, in staff, equipment, and funds for running expenses; also a statement of what Yale was doing and the Changsha Medical Association was undertaking. It seemed best to us to divide a little differently from the division at Changsha. Through Mr. Harkness's interest and the contribution for the Hospital, it seemed best for the Yale Mission to continue the support of the Hospital and for the Medical Association of the gentry to undertake the support of the Medical School. As our development in Nanking has been the reverse, it seemed the wisest plan for the University to carry on the Medical School and a medical association to be organized of the leading men of the province to carry on the Hospital and staff.

It seemed best to C. T. Wang and Dr. Kuo that the Kiangsu Province undertake the \$50,000 for the dispensary building immediately needed, and \$70,000 for a women's hospital to be built right near the present Hospital; \$30,000 annually for the nurses and running expenses and \$20,000 (max) annually for the support of six additional doctors, which would be the proportion for the whole medical staff that should be allotted to the care and running of the Hospital. This did not seem a heavy undertaking for the province. It was a smaller proportion than had been undertaken in Changsha, and the Kiangsu Province was a more progressive province than Hunan.

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Dr. Beebe felt sure that, could such a plan be carried out, it would meet with the endorsement of the Medical Board, since one of their strongest planks is the proposition of Chinese co-operation in medical education. He felt that it would much more strongly and directly and effectively advance the work the missions are undertaking. He said that nothing was more upon his heart than such a plan, could it be carried out.

The next week or two I expect to give to work in the development of this plan. Our line of procedure is to secure the endorsement and leadership of Chang Chien in the project; then, through Chang Chien, to secure the co-operation of the provincial officials and leaders, and the endorsement and an annual grant from the government in Peking.

I am writing this so that you may have as early as possible some outline of our plans. If we are successful in the next week or two, we will send a cable, which will need such a letter to fully explain it. I will say that the working out of such a plan has the fullest and heartiest endorsement of every member of our medical faculty and will, without doubt, receive the full endorsement of our Board of Managers. Naturally we cannot be finally secure until we have more done in the way of initial steps of the plan. As the plan contemplated is so fully in line with the purposes and plan of the Board of Trustees, we anticipate that its fuller development will meet with their hearty endorsement.

We have on our Board of Managers men who are recognized as the strongest Christian leaders in China and men of the largest experience in developing the Christian church and education, and also of large experience in governmental matters. The greatest security of any plan of co-operation is the personnel of those who enter into it. So far, I think we have large grounds for confidence. All of us here feel certain that such a medical school in Peking will advance the plans of the Medical Board far more than they will appreciate at present but along lines that they will appreciate increasingly as their experience of China grows.

As soon as we have definite lines to recommend they will be brought to a full meeting of the Board of Managers and, after full consideration and recommendation, come before the Board of Trustees for approval and modification before final action need be taken. I am sure you will be interested in the developments so far, and I feel quite certain plans as suggested will meet with your approval. I feel strongly that it is providentially the best leading that has come for the development of the work of the University.

R. E. Speer. #3

Jan. 14, 1916.

We will be careful to see that in the plans the Executive Committee, who will have final control, will be men who understand the problem, and on the side of the Board of Managers, strong Christian men, and on the side of the representatives of the Chinese who are not on our Board, men who are strongly sympathetic to Christian work and men who will understand and be able to co-operate in the development of a medical school.

With affectionate regards,

As ever yours,

(signed) J. E. Williams.

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NANKING, CHINA

Jan. 21, 1916.

Mr. Russell Carter,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Carter:

Your letter of December 1 has been turned over to me by President Bowen, with the request that I reply to your queries in regard to the gifts of Mr. Harkness, Mr. Severance and Miss Babcock. Let me say first that Mr. Rosse's reply was based upon my reply to a question of his, which was a mistake. Your recollection of the transaction is the correct one. Mr. Harkness's gift was assigned for campaign purposes, and Miss Babcock's gift was sent out for land buying. Was there not also another gift of *Mrs. A. C. Ruthven* of Albany, of \$1000; also one from Mr. Solon Severance of \$1000 (this was to be credited to Endowment Fund), besides the smaller ones you mention included for land.

What was the origin of your present credit of \$2,400 for Property and Building Fund? We are at the present time considerably overdrawn on land account. I am unable to give you the exact statement, since our books are just now in Shanghai being written up by Mr. Begg.

Since Mr. Rosse's leaving the first of October, Mr. Bowen has carried the bookkeeping himself. It has been a very great tax upon his time and energies.

We are very anxious to have funds paid out for building. We shall be very hard hit by the rise in the value of the Mexican dollar. It would almost seem that the only safe way for us at this end is to either have the funds in hand when the contract is given or, if the donor does not feel satisfied to do it that way, for the donor to take the responsibility of the exchange and fix the exchange at the rate at which the contract was estimated. If all funds are in hand, we know that we can carry out the contract at the price agreed. If Exchange should vary from 2.54 to 2.20, as it has done within the last six months, we may be very hard hit by the change.

Russell Carter, #2.

Jan. 21, 1916.

Recently Harry Luce was here for a visit and we had a good time talking over things. Last month, I was asked to give the Commencement Address to the graduating class of the Tsinan Medical School and had a good time at Tsinan with Dr. Neal, Dr. Balme, Dr. Johnson and others. Harry Luce was here and I again referred to the \$1000 for architect's fees and he said he had referred the matter home to you and Dr. Speer. It will be a great help to us to have this transfer made to our credit. Let me incidentally say that my recollections of arrangements with Mr. Fellows are somewhat as follows: His expenses were met to the field, a total of \$3100 (gold). Against this was counted the general plans of the building which he had drawn up formerly, estimated at \$500. Then, that he was to do the work on the other buildings for five per cent of the contract price. On the Science Building this will be \$1,000 (gold). Mrs. McCormick had already paid him \$1,000 (gold) for the Dormitories, so that he is fully paid for all work to date, - in fact, very fully paid, for the specifications for the Dormitories have not yet arrived and we have not yet details for the Chapel and the Science Building. I do wish it were possible to hurry them up a bit.

A letter has just come from Mr. Diffendorfer, saying that, owing to lack of quorum, there could not be a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on the 10th of December and that it was postponed till the 14th of January. I am sorry that there was not a full meeting to hear from Mr. Speer upon his return. It would mean so much to all of the Trustees to get the word direct from him. I believe with such a delay of a month it would be worth cabling to us on the field as it might be possible for us to get much valuable information over in time for the second meeting (did we know of it).

We are just in the midst of large plans for Chinese co-operation and support of the Medical School and Hospital. I believe, if such facts as we know were known to the Trustees, they would largely affect their judgment as to the right thing to do with the Medical School. There is no question that the strongest Chinese want the Medical Department continued here and that the gentry and government will do large things to bring that about.

Mrs. Williams has just been for a trip to Shanghai. with Faith, who had to have her eyes cared for by the oculist. They had a delightful visit with Dr. and Mrs. Beebe and came back greatly refreshed.

We all unite in most cordial regards and New Year's greetings to all the Carters,

As everyours,

R. Williams

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NANKING, CHINA

April 7, 1916.

Mr. Russell Carter,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Carter:

With the receipt of the cable from the Trustees yesterday, it now seems fully decided that I will return to the States, sailing by the "Empress of Asia", which leaves Shanghai April 21. C. T. Wang and I have secured a cabin together. This will be very interesting and pleasant, as C. T. went to America on his first trip with us, in 1907, and shared the cabin with me.

We still feel a great deal of apprehension about the situation in China. Yuan's little attempt at a monarchy has been the most disturbing fiasco from the beginning. All the central and southern part of the country now seem determined that he shall be eliminated. We hope, however, that things can be adjusted peaceably, without too much bloodshed.

I am looking forward to a good visit with you and Mrs. Carter and other friends. It will probably be sandwiched in between hurried trips.

I was so glad to learn of the \$1000 on account of architect's expenses, returned from the Shantung Christian University. You will have received my letter of January 21, in regard to the two \$5000 gifts. I fear that was not sufficiently clear. My understanding of those two gifts was that they were paid to the Treasurer in New York and transmitted for the University. The Treasurer's book should show this, at that time. One was undoubtedly Miss Babcock's \$5000, and the other would have to be met from Mr. Severance's gift of \$5000, as Mr. Harkness' gift of \$5000 was assigned for campaign purposes, as you say.

Upon my return, I shall explain to you the great difficulty we are facing in building, at this time. When contracts were let, our exchange was ranging at \$2.50. We esti-

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Apr. 7, 1916.

mated on the basis of between \$2.20 and \$2.30. Now the exchange has been running at two for one, and the cost of all materials has been soaring higher and higher. Of course, it is owing to war conditions - both the shifts of exchange and the high price of materials.

Mr. Spies

We expect to land at Vancouver on the sixth of May. I shall go directly to Chicago and try to see Mr. Fellows over the plans, Professor Burton, Mrs. McCormick and a few others, stopping only a day or two, then going directly to Cleveland, hoping to meet Mr. Severance and Mrs. Allen, Mr. Swasey, and others. Unless there is special need of going directly on to New York, I shall go on to the Methodist Quadrennial Conference at Saratoga. I shall just stop a day and try to make arrangements for a meeting of the leaders there within a month and then go directly on to New York. I hope that such a short trip at this time will be well worth while for the University and will allow me to get back for another year's work here, before arranging for Mrs. Williams and the children to go. I am anticipating with great pleasure the good visit I will have with you and the friends in New York.

Affectionately yours,

J. E. Williams

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541 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK

June 12th, 1916.

Dear Dr. Williams;

I have word from up the river this morning of a very encouraging nature.

Will you please communicate with me on receipt of this, as I think I shall have some word to send to Nanking.

Please note what the expense of cabling per thousand is, and indicate how much you think is necessary to cable at once. Wouldn't it be cheaper to send by mail?

Very sincerely yours,

Wilbur White

Dr. John E. Williams,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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BIBLE TEACHERS TRAINING SCHOOL
LEXINGTON AVE. AT 49TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

June 20th, 1916.

Dear Dr. Williams :

I wish to acknowledge your letter of June 19th. I shall be most happy if the way may open for you to speak to Mrs. Shepard. I would suggest in the meantime that you write her a note at Irvington-on-Hudson. It gives me great joy to think that the men out there are to have this relief.

Very sincerely yours,

Wilbert W. White

Dr. J. E. Williams,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Address = { *Mrs. Fuley J. Shepard*
Irvington on Hudson -
N. York -

New York, July 7, 1916.

My dear Chen Ting:

I was so glad to learn from a letter from Paul Anderson of your early recovery after your operation, with the tremendous and far reaching change that came to China through the death of Yuan Shi Kai I am sure that your mind and heart have been increasingly taxed in meeting the new conditions. Over here we get no news from the papers, the European War used to claim all the space recently the excitement over Mexico alone has rivalled the European interest. We are always hungry for news from China and more hungry for the comradeship of dear friends who are working on her problem.

I have delayed in writing of the outlook for the medical situation until I could have something more definite to report. I feel that in the propositions submitted to Dr. Buttrick in which he assured us had his approval and he hoped would meet with the approval of their whole board we have something very definite to hope for. I am enclosing copies of letters I have just written to Kuo and G.P. Wang, also the full minute of the action taken by the Board of Trustees at the University at its meeting June 6th. Reading these letters through I am sure you will have the whole situation in mind. The Board of Trustees was deeply appreciative in what you men had done in organizing the Wei Seng Hwei and your larger plans for the medical and sanitary work for their Hospital and City. Dr. Speer and Mr. Diffendorfer will be writing you in due time about this. I have had some good visits with Fletcher Brockman. The outcome of which were always to make us both more keen to get back to China.

He feels great joy and satisfaction in the splendid way that you are developing the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. I shall write you more fully as the plans develop. I hope when in Nanking you will always see Mrs. Williams and the children. It will be such a joy to them.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Wang and the children, as ever

Affectionately yours,

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TRANSFER

July 13, 1916

Mr. Russell Carter,
Silver Bay,
Lake George, N. Y.

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I hope you are having a splendid time at the Lake. My best regards to Mrs. Carter and all the family, and the girls and the boys.

Very sincerely,

J.E.W.-ET.

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BIBLE TEACHERS TRAINING SCHOOL
LEXINGTON AVE. AT 49TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

August 4, 1916.

Dear Friend Williams:

I enclose letter just received from J. Leighton Stuart. What do you think? Kindly return it with your best advice.

I cannot promise, and experience justifies me in being very cautious in anything I say, but I do think that it is likely that Mrs. Shepard will continue to be interested to some extent at least in the Nanking situation. I feel that the wise thing is to hold on and any influence that I can bring to bear, I shall surely offer. We have gone along in faith thus far, and have not been disappointed.

Shall I write Bishop Lewis, and what shall I say? How shall I answer Leighton Stuart's letter? Wish you would advise me. I shall do nothing until I hear except to acknowledge Stuart's letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Wilbert W. White.

Dr. John E. Williams,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Mention delay.

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August 18, 1916

Dr. W. White
Bible Teachers Training School
541 Lexington Avenue, N. Y. City

Dear Dr. White:

Your letter of August 4 should have received a reply long before this. I hope you have not been inconvenienced by the delay. I believe it would be wise to write to Bishop Lewis urging upon him doing something in the case of Mr. Elam. The Bishop has greatly inspired their hopes and it would be good for the Seminary and the Bishop if he would make an effort to land the support of Mr. Elam. I agree heartily with the position you take that while it is wise to be cautious in undertakings that there is good ground for confidence that Mrs. Shepherd will continue to be interested in the Nanking situation thru your influence. What you have been able to secure for the Seminary should encourage Bishop Lewis also to make an effort in their behalf.

I have been in New York for a while but I am returning today to Ohio for a couple or three weeks' visit with the family.
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My address will be here as heretofore.

Very sincerely yours,

JEW/MAB

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~~Rev James Doyle Taylor~~
Madagascar
to Africa

September 8
1916.

Dear Jim and Katherine:

I am just back to New York after a few weeks in Ohio. Spent Wednesday, the 6th, en route in Washington, with Paul and Mary. It was the Sixteenth anniversary of their wedding, so we celebrated good and plenty. I arrived early morning train. Paul met me at the Cosmos Club and after a couple of calls at The Chinese Legation and the Chinese Director of Students, we got back to the manse, had lunch together. Immediately, after lunch, we went on a steamer trip on the Potomac down to Mount Vernon, Washington's old home. The day was overcast, threatening rain, but just one of those ideal days for a river trip. There was no glare of the sun, the dark clouds and shadows over the green hills and the river, contributed greatly to the beauty of the scenery.

We got back to Washington in the evening, took a Chinese meal at the Hanking Restaurant. When we returned to the manse the place was all illuminated and swarmed with people, an absolute surprise to Mary, but a thing that Paul knew of long in advance.

They had been considering a call to a church in Chicago and have decided to remain on at Washington and this was the people's opportunity of expressing their appreciation over the new decision. It was delightful to be with them on that day and you and Katherine were talked over very much. Also the little laddie.

Now, I will have to go back and explain why I am in the United States, away from Lillian and the children. I left Shanghai on April 22d on what was reported to be another flying trip to the United States, leaving Lillian and the Children at Hanking, hoping to be back there myself at the end of this month.

I don't know that I wrote you that we vowed that we would never do this again and yet we both faced it and both deliberately decided that it was the best course to the development of the University. It seems to become increasingly necessary for me to spend part of the time over here and we are all very loath to take any time away from China.

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In connection with the development of the plan of the Rockefeller Foundation for Medical work in China an entirely new situation confronts the Missions and the Boards. The China Medical Board sought cooperation with the Mission Board and the Mission Board decided to so cooperate. This seemed to involve giving up a Medical school at Hanking and this very directly affected the life work and plans of the men engaged in this department, at one time, eight in number.

I had been urged to return to the United States the Fall before, but was unwilling to come. Later development of the correspondence seemed to make it absolutely necessary for someone to come over here to represent our work. In many respects, it has been the hardest undertaking that I have ever engaged in.

At this writing, I do not know just how the plans will finally shape. Am hoping to learn within the next two or three weeks.

This thing of dividing the family on both sides of the Pacific is much more interesting than pleasant. As for instance, August 23d, out at Salem, O., I received letters from Lillian with the last date of July 22d. At that time of writing, she reported that Dr. Cochran had been visiting the home twice daily to care for the children. Just then, the four were all in bed with dysentery. And what was worse they were not yielding to the emetine treatment. I had no other word until September 4th. In the meantime, of course, not having any code book and not being able to cable, I had pictured at least two of them laid away, - the other two lingering in a hopeless condition and Lillian a hopeless nervous wreck.

The next letters were written August 6th and 7th. Then Lillian wrote, picturing the four children, all dressed in their best bib and tucker and going down the walk from our little Kuling place on their way to church, a most amazing change. But you may imagine how delightful this news was.

I am hoping that matters will soon clear up so that I can secure passage early in October and return to China.

With the re-shaping of the Government, after the death of Yuan, the consolidation of a new and strong cabinet for loyal support of the new president, Li Yuan Hung, my old friend, C. T. Wang recalled to Peking to reorganise the National Assembly, it would seem to be the time of times for our work in China.

After our visit together, we are all vowing that we are going to keep up this correspondence more regularly. I am writing first to give Paul a start.

We unite most heartily in true love to each one of you. You had better write me again here in New York, unless you decide to send copy over to Nanking too.

Here's earnestly hoping for an early word from you.

As ever,

Affectionately yours,

over

John E. Williams

Dear Russel

10/2/16(?)

There has been no action
of Board of Regs or of Trustees - as
yet modifying the basis of support
in the Medical School and Hospital.
The propositions before the C. M. B
would contemplate a reorganization
of the Hospital work - and the faculty
and administration on the field are
contemplating the closing of the Medical
Dept at the Chinese New Year -
all boards would be obligated for
their full quota until the
closing of the School and it is
expected that at least the three
original cooperating societies
will continue their support
of doctors etc in the new organization
of the hospital.

It might well to inclose
copies of the letter to Dr Bultrick
and also the actions of the last Trustees
meeting. This may be of interest
over.

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There can be no possible question
of the M.S. Boards financial obligations
to the close of the school

or of their responsibility for
a share of the Medical work after
that.

I shall try to see
Bishop Lewis when he comes.

as ever yours

Jack

over J. E. Williams

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To. Saleen D.
Aug 31-16

Dear Russell:-

I hope the delightful weather we have been enjoying here in Nanking is being shared by you in New York

I have had a fine time here - there was quite a family reunion in connection with the wedding and all were but on a good time.

I am going with my mother and family in bus machine over to Putnam tomorrow and shall be there until the 5th when I expect to return to New York

Mrs Williams last and written from Nanking July 22 was not very cheering. Dr Cochran had been calling two or three times daily for two weeks and on that date all of the four children were in bed with dysentery - I feel sure they must have recovered from it. W. Sam. C. would have cabled to me

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The last letter arrived on the 24th inst
so I am expecting better news
daily. =

The Giffings will hold themselves
ready to go as soon as I can secure
their support = I expect to
see E. R. Brown on Sat. and we will
go to Marquette together.

I hope Mrs Carter has gained through
her rest at the lake =

Hoping to see you next
Wednesday.

Ever - yours

J. Williams

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Very sincerely,

J. E. Williams

*PS a letter from Mr. Sweeney
telling me he would send
me the amount for the extension
at any time - See above
copy - It looks better don't
it*

J.E.W.-ET.

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By J. E. W. &
Dr. *Buttrick*

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FOR UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL - NANKING

Total Required	Mission Boards & University to provide:	China Medical Board to provide:
<p><u>STAFF</u></p> <p>6 physicians</p> <p>1 nurse superintendent</p> <p>3 other nurses</p> <p>1 Associate Supt. (Chinese)</p> <p>1 Secretary - accountant</p> <p>4 Resident physicians (Chinese)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>4</p>	<p>3 at \$7500. per annum</p> <p>2 at \$2500. " "</p> <p>1 at \$1250. " "</p> <hr/> <p>\$11,250.00</p>
<p>For Current Expenses & General Maintenance</p>	<p>\$2,500. per annum</p>	<p>\$2,500. per annum</p>
<p>Present Hospital - Plant and equipment</p> <p>Physicians' Residences</p> <p>Additional Residence to be built</p> <p>Equipment for present Hospital, as per detailed list</p> <p>Middle School Property with buildings for additional hospital and laboratories and 2 nurses' residences</p> <p>New Dispensary Building</p>	<p>\$40,000.</p> <p>\$25,000.</p> <p>\$ 5,000. (new)</p> <p>\$35,000. (new)</p>	<p>\$15,000.</p> <p>\$30,000.</p>
	<p>\$105,000.</p>	<p>\$45,000.</p>

September 13, 1916

Mrs. William R. Stewart
124 East 28th Street, N. Y.

Dear Anna May:

I was delighted to receive your letter and to know of your plans for this fall. I am so glad to know that you are going to be in New York City for necessity may compel me to be there much of the time this fall and in that case it will be the greatest kind of pleasure to meet you and Will at the Bible School. I wish I could reply to your queries in regard to your niece and your dear friend, ~~you~~ ~~has~~ had such excellent experience as a teacher, that we could arrange for both in connection with the University. Just at present we are up against financial limitations of the severest sort and as long as Miss Taylor and Miss Wickson are holding on and Mrs. Downey goes out with her husband early in October and will take on English teaching, we are not able to make other engagements. I believe it would be well for both of them to file applications with our Board for there may be an excellent opening. And I would further suggest that if the plans for the school for foreign children in Kuling develop satisfactorily there might be an opening there. Bishop Roots has the matter in charge and can be reached thru their Board rooms. Your niece has so many lines to commend her that I feel sure you can find a good opening and the fact that your friend can provide half of her expenses should aid greatly in securing the right kind of appointment for her. I will keep your letter in mind. If there is any opening at the University I will let you know immediately.

I find that the Woman's Board of our Foreign Board has the little book "Nancy's Mother". I am sending you a copy under separate cover. If you should want additional copies you can secure them by writing to the Woman's Foreign Board of Missions, Room 818, 156 Fifth Avenue, N. Y., at 25¢ a copy, I think.

My last word from Lillian is very cheering, altho the previous letters were far from that. Dr. Sam Cockran had to make daily visits two or three times a day thru more than three weeks in Kuling owing to the children having dysentery. I received a letter written July 22 saying that at that time the four children were all in bed with dysentery and they were not yielding to the Emitine. Then I have a very

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interesting wait of twelve days before the next mail during which time I had, of course, laid away a couple of the little ones and had the others lingering on hopelessly and Lillian a perfect wreck. Then the next letters of August 6 and 7 reported that they were all up and about again. This is only a part of the interesting experiences of trying to live on both sides of the Pacific. It will be the greatest kind of joy to see you both when you come to New York. Thank you so much for writing.

With affectionate regards to both of you,

Very sincerely yours,

JEW:MAB

P. S. - Please excuse my sending a typewritten letter.

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Permanent Address;- 124 East 28th St. New York City.

August 30th 1916.

Dear Mr. Williams;-

We greatly enjoyed hearing from you the other day and we are eagerly looking forward to the time when we may see you in New York City. We expect to have rooms in the Bible School Building and we shall be greatly delighted to have you come and see us there. The School opens the 27th of September and we expect to be there at that time and perhaps a few days earlier. We have been having a wonderfully happy month up here in the Canadian woods with the Motts. We brought my Mother and sister from Ohio up here with us, and my sister's husband followed ten days later so we three sisters have had our husbands and Mother together for the first time. It has been an experience long to be remembered.

I am writing to you at this time especially to get your advice in regard to a niece of mine who will consider going back to China with us providing we can find something for her to do in Nanking so she can be with us. She is my oldest sister's oldest daughter. She is twenty five years old and was graduated from Wooster three years ago last June. She has taught for three years and has the best of recommendations from the Principals under whom she has taught. Her specialty has been Latin and History though she has taught many subjects, and can teach more than she has taught. She has never lost a day through sickness, or any other cause that I know of. This last summer she took a course in the Summer School at Wooster and stood first in her class in type-writing and ~~and~~ short hand. She is musical also. It has occurred to us that there might be a vacancy in the Middle School, High School or University that she might fill. I am anxious to have her go out on a three year term, though I think she will stay longer if she goes. I would greatly appreciate any information you can give me on the subject. Am I right in thinking that the travelling expenses are paid for one who goes for a term of three years? And what is the salary of such a teacher?

I also have a very dear friend, a widow in her early forties, who was a most successful teacher for seventeen years before she was ~~married~~ married; who would like to go to China for a year. I think she too will stay longer but now she says a year. I think she can afford to pay half of her expenses, and she will consider going back with us, if we can assure her of some work which will help her financially to make the trip. She can teach any place in the University, High School, Middle School or Childrens School. She is an active Christian worker and if she gets sufficiently interested, there is really nothing to bring her home. Can you suggest something that she can do? Both of these women would live with us, and I can most heartily recommend them both.

Can you tell me where I can buy " Nancy's Mother " ? I have seen it advertized somewhere, and sent to Revell for some copies but they write back that they cannot find the book or where it is published. I shall be greatly obliged for this information also.

I shall be so glad to see you and hear directly from Lilian. I sent one letter back to her and I have thought a number but have not had time to write them out on paper!! China is very close to us these days and we never forget the dear ones on that side of the Pacific. Will joins me in affectionate regards and happy anticipations of seeing you soon.

Most Sincerely yours, Anne May Stewart.

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October 26, 1916.

Rev. Charles G. Sewall,
73 Willet Street,
Albany, New York.

Dear Sewalls, one and all:

I am hastening to report to you the satisfactory outcome of the meeting of the China Medical Board on Tuesday. They met my propositions in the main. They are granting \$9,200 annually for the maintenance of the Hospital, and \$25,000 for equipment on condition of my getting another \$25,000. I shall be madly busy at that until I secure it. I can never thank you enough for the delightful hospitality and fellowship of your home.

With most cordial and grateful regards,

Sincerely yours,

W/M

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January 6, 1917.

Rev. J. E. Williams, D.D.,
Nanking, China.

My dear Dr. Williams:

Mr. Speer has just received word from your friend, Hugh P. Baker, Dean of the State College of Forestry at Syracuse, that for one reason and another he has not succeeded in securing the support of Mr. Joseph P. DeYoung, graduate forester, as he had thought he would be able to do. Mr. Speer therefore thinks that Mr. Richards' \$500.00 should be applicable to Mr. Griffing's support if the balance can be secured.

Mr. Richards is holding this money in abeyance for such work though he is having many other appeals and knows now where he can place it to good advantage. If it is not likely to be used this year at Nanking, the trouble is that if it is diverted this year we may lose it for good, whereas though Mr. Richards has not promised to make this an annual gift yet I am sure he is hoping to give \$500.00 a year for the support of an assistant to Mr. Bailie if such a man is secured and becomes a valuable assistant to him.

I wrote you at the time of your sailing regarding Mr. Richards' readiness to pay over this amount and thought that I should pass on to you at once this negative reply ^{from} Mr. Bailie so that you can see that there is nothing to expect from that quarter.

Yours very sincerely,

EC:M

Treasurer

P.S. I am happy to enclose to you this letter from E.H. Wells which came to the office after your sailing and is only another demonstration of the happy way in which you come into close relationship with the various members of the China Medical Board.

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