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August 5th 1913.

Rev. W. F. Wilson, M.A.
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China,

My dear Dr. Wilson,

At the request of President Bowen I am glad to send you herewith a copy of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Trustees at which President Bowen, Mr Williams, Dr. Shields and Mr Keen were all present. It was an exceedingly interesting and profitable meeting.

Since the Minutes were copied we have found it necessary to put forward the next meeting of the Board of Trustees about one week, and will hold it some time in the week of October 20th.

If there are any communications to be placed before the Board could you send them so we receive them for that meeting.

I am anxiously awaiting the Examiner's statement of the standing of the boys who are to receive diplomas for the past year's work.

Very sincerely yours,

Sunday School Secretary.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



Sept. 23, 1913.

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Rev. R. E. Diffendorfer,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Diffendorfer:-

Thank you very much for your letter and the Minutes of the last Board of Managers meeting, which reached me a few days ago.

I sent sometime ago the examiner's statement in regard to the standing of the boys who are to receive diplomas. I trust you have received them before this.

We are opening the University on the 27th inst. The conditions in Nanking are such that we feel that we can open the University, although it is by no means certain that there will be no further trouble. At present there are no signs of trouble and we do not anticipate any trouble in Nanking and we are sending out word to our students that they can safely return to us.

The condition in which the city was left is, of course, deplorable and a goodly number of the students, coming to us, will come from homes which will be pretty well cleaned out of everything they had. However, we think it is best for all concerned for us to open the work and go ahead as usual.

Thanking you again for your letter, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Wilbur F. Wilson

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October 22, 1913.

Mr. Wilbur F. Wilson,
University of Nanking,
Nanking, China.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

Let me acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 23rd. President Bowen has just been in and says that he has received the examiner's statement in regard to the standing of the boys who will receive diplomas.

We are also grateful for the cable just received from Mr. Williams, stating that you have been able to open the University with a good enrolment.

You will, of course, hear more from us after Friday when we have our first meeting of the Board for this season.

Mr. Williams and all of you will be interested to know that Mr. John L. Severance has accepted his father's place on our Board of Trustees.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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Wilbur F. Wilson

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

TRANSFER
91 Arlington St.,
NANKING, CHINA
Newton, Mass.
June 1st 1916.

My dear Jack:-

I am at last away ^{from} Faraloga and am spending a few days here at Dr. Fergusons. Your letter written after you left ^{Faraloga} ~~New~~ York from New York said that the date for the meeting of the Board of Trustees was not absolutely fixed but that you would let me know. I will be glad to have you write to me here.

I want to be at the Trustees meeting if it is at all possible.

I was called away to Boston on account of mother's sickness after you left - but I am glad to say that she has been growing better right along and is now able to sit up and take regular nourishment. She was very low with pneumonia.

I have had very good word from home. Every body seems now to be very well.

Let me hear from you as soon as you know when the Trustees meeting is to be held.

Many asked to have her best sent to you yours.

Cordially,

Wilbur F. Wilson

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Washing

July 13th, 1916.

TRANSPORT

The Rev. Wilbur Wilson,
Pen Yann,
New York.

Dear Will,

Mr. Hwang will give you all the news from us here for we have been together very much of late. I was very much encouraged through later conferences with Dr. Buttrick and he asked me to put the proposition in writing. I called Brown over to help me on the Hospital. We prepared our proposition in regard to the Hospital and in regard to the College. Dr. Buttrick directed at once that copies be made and sent to Mr. Greene at Kyoto by the Empress mail. He said that if it was only up to him I could regard the matter as settled. He said we need have no anxiety about it. I am enclosing tabular statement of the proposition regarding the hospital. I received a letter from Mr. Swasey this morning saying that he would take up the extra cost on the extension of the eaves, about \$1800. Gold, and also adding that the skies were brightening for the University.

I am off to Rutland, Ohio to visit my mother and family for a couple of weeks.

As ever,

Affectionately,

JEW.MS

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WILBUR F. WILSON

Peru You, N.Y.
July 16th 1916.

my dear Jack: I was delighted to hear from you and to hear of the progress of your work in New York. I do hope that everything will turn out well and we may be able to settle down knowing what is before us.

Others I suppose are like myself, as long as they can control affairs and make decisions themselves they are at rest, for if they do happen to make a wrong decision they can change it. But when I have to wait for some one else to decide and he won't decide then I get nervous and fidgety.

Your statement as to what the Medical Board will do is O.K. and if they will stand by that we surely have good prospect in view as far as the hospital is concerned, the \$5000 a year for current expenses is not a large sum. However the \$15,000 ^{Equipment} ~~cost~~ if it includes supplies will be of some help. Talk over that current expense with Brown a little

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the more. \$5000 for a big hospital will not go as far I fear as one would wish. Of course there are other sources of income which will raise the amount but they may not be so sure.

I expect Hwang will be with us by Tuesday morning of this week, and we will work together for the week to come. Then Hwang may start on west. The Bishop may have some further plans for him however before he leaves.

I see you say that you prepared a statement in regard to the college for Dr. Buttrick, but you did not enclose that. I would be glad to know the prospect in regard to that.

Things move slowly with Buttrick but if he says "to have no anxiety about it" I rather think we would better take him at his word. Accept the proposition as settled and possibly consult him as to some of the plans for carrying it out. I am very glad about the roof extension. The only difficulty there is to get the rest to do the same thing. If the science building & leads ~~there~~ ^{these} ~~earns~~ the other buildings must also do it.

We are planning to start west on the

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25th Street. Will spend a week
around Detroit, a few days around
Grand Rapids, and then on to
Shelby in preparation for our return.
We are to sail Aug. 26th on the Perrygo.

I have had a number of letters
from Bowen but I suppose that he
has sent you everything he has to
me.

Hope you will have a good rest
at your home and will find them
all well

Cordially yours
Wilbur.

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August 14, 1916



TRANSFER

Rev. Wilbur F. Wilson
Shelby, Michigan.

Dear Wilbur:

I was delighted to receive your letter of August 4, and to know of the fine time you had with Bishop Lewis and Mr. Hwang. I wrote to Hwang by the Empress of Russia, a steamer letter. I infer from your letter that he did not decided to stay longer in the United States.

I have had a couple of good talks with Blackstone over his plans. He is sanguine that he can get some help for the theological school, perhaps one gift of \$5,000. I hope they will make that gift and can be induced to continue some help.

I am delighted to know that Bishop Lewis is trying to swing the gymnasium for you. If I stay longer in the States, I may get around to it. Just at present, I am trying to move Heaven and Earth to get some support for the Griffings, so that they can go out to help out this fall. It is mighty hard sledding to do anything in New York for the summer. One simply worries himself for nothing.

I wish I were going back on your steamer. Give my love to Mary and the children; best wishes for your trip back. It will mean everything to Bowen to have you there with him.

I am sorry to tell you that the Wilford Smith whom I had counted upon for Treasurer, who seemed to have unique qualifications that would fit him excellently for the job, has declined to come they would like to have travel both ways on the three years arrangement, or trial period. I did not offer that in the correspondence, so he telephoned declining. The question may remain open and I can secure it. He is evidently a man of fine Christian spirit; a good athlete; a good musician, and has had exceptional business training and experience. It is pretty hard to land men across the continent by correspondence alone, and it isn't easy to chase out to Seattle to see a man.

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Rev. Wilbur F. Wilson,

August 14, 1916

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Blackstone says he will have some funds for the support of day school work in union. I am delighted to hear this. He says that Mr. Stewart, who is providing the funds favors union work. This will mean everything for us in Nanking. Mr. James' attitude seems to be increasingly enthusiastic to union. He preached up in Kuling in the union services August 1st. Blackstone says he will not be back in Nanking; if the Lord finds a better field for him to work, we will not rebel against the Lord's will.

I am rejoiced to know that Blackstone is going back with the idea of the fullest cooperation in the work.

Wishing you a delightful and restful voyage,
as ever,

Yours,

JEW-ET.

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over Almost, Mich.

Aug 4th 1916.

My dear Jack:-

I am glad to know you are succeeding in the work you are trying to do.

Your report of progress is certainly most reassuring.

We have been unusually busy the last two weeks, three weeks in fact. For I had a fine week with Bishop Lewis and Hwang. We enjoyed ourselves very much and

I trust had some profitable results although I do not know just what they are.

I had a long letter from Bowen today in reply to letters of mine written the latter part of May.

I'm glad I'll be there soon. I do hope that my going will bring him some relief.

I do not know whether you have gotten in touch with Blackstone in regard to the Theological School in Nauvoo. It would seem to me that they

would think that one the most satisfactory places ^{for} putting money.

The Bishop was going to try to swing the gymnasium for me but I have not heard that he has. I hope that you will not forget it in your searchings.

We are to be in Shelby until Aug. 17th. Please address us there.

I do hope you are keeping well, and are succeeding. With the very best wishes from
Willbur.

TRANSFER

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY GROUP
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Nanking

Mar. 29, 1919.

Dear B. :-

Miss Braastads intended, Mr. Plummer, is just now coming back from France. She does not know ~~at~~ just when, but about this time. He was a school teacher before he went. He is a good Christian man. He is interested in Athletics.

She has come to like her work here and would be glad to stay. She has written this to her mother also to Mr. Plummer telling them so and asking him if he would not like to come out here.

His home address is
Wilbur C. Plummer
R. F. D. Box 7. Hagerstown, ~~MD~~ Md.

Why would he not be worth while to look up for the middle school?

Yours.
W. F. W.

P.S. If you think well to look him up. you might get Williams on his track. He could be our 4th man.

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NANKING, CHINA

April, 13, 1919.

My dear Jack:-

Dont drop dead when you see whom this letter is from for I want you to read it through. I know you have been constantly hearing from Nanking and my letters can add only the personal touch. Had Bowen not been writing I should not have neglected you as I have.

As for University news Bowen I suppose furnishes you with it, and as I have talked with him he may even have told you some of the things which this letter contains. I am tho going to give somewhat of the personal touch to this letter.

The year at Kuo-tu you has gone very satisfactorily. We started in with Miss Pece in charge of the Model School with Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Stearns assisting. Later on Mrs G. left and went to Kikungshan and Mrs. Brewer of the 7th days came in to assist in place of Mrs Gilbert. At the beginning of the second term a Miss Miller came, and gave her whole time to the Model School thus releasing Mrs Stearns for work in the U.S. So this term we have Mrs Clark, Miss Johnson and Mrs Stearns giving all their time

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to the middle school. And Mrs. Pierce
and Mrs. Miller giving all their time
to the H.P.

Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Johnson are leaving
and we have to have two teachers in
their places. Now the selection of these
teachers will have to be left to you. Bowe
has already written and sent you certain
names so you have a basis for pursuit.
The Methodists are at present lacking
one man as their representative
on the faculty. He will of course be sup-
ported. But the school can provide for the
two teachers in place of the two ladies
who are going home.

For one of these ladies I want a
single man who is interested
athletics and boys. ^(For another of your Mrs. Taylor's camp)
get some men on the job with me
then I might as well quit. The ladies
are all right in part. They are
faithful, they do their work well,
they are interested in all phases of the
work but it is touch and go whether
they can get along with each other
and with me.

The one in charge of the model school
has gotten on the wrong side of her
assistants by going for them in the
class room before the pupils. They
haven't asked me what I thought about

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it- ~~has~~ but simply told me of the affair.
Then two of the ladies have found it just
about impossible to see things alike.
Now I have had nothing but ladies to work
with and when responsibility of any kind
falls I am alone to work it out.

I had one experience this year which
pretty nearly broke the bank. I'll not go into
all the details but there were a good many
which led up to the crisis.
The one in charge of the model school came
one day saying she thought it would
be better to have the H.P. & M.S. students
meet in separate chapel. I thought we
were divided enough as it is, and I
so stated. The reply to that was that my
opinion had not been asked, I had
simply been informed as to her plan.
Now from the beginning I had stood
for a unit in our work here. That the
students should not have cause for
division. The present day students
are hard enough to control without
having two distinct administrations
working on the same compound. Of course
for school work they must be and are
separated with different controls but
otherwise not. So I sat tight. There has
been no division of chapel services this term

but the head of the primary school has
Chapel once this term
except - when she led.

Now either I'm at fault or she is and as
the foreign teachers and even Tai the principal
of the Lower Primary department agree with
me I cannot but feel that a united school
is better than a divided one. What Miss
Wison will do, I do not know. The one now
in charge says that Miss Wison agrees
with her, and Bowen thinks that that is
so. If it is so she will have to take charge
of it all. I am not at all sure that she
will want anything different from what
she had when she was here before.

You may remember the difficulty of
administration when all of the advanced
courses were here. I wanted to avoid that
so it was perfectly clearly stated in the
Catalogue ¹⁹¹⁷ as follows "The Administration
of all the schools at Kauloyan is united
under one control represented by a
superintendent. The Principals and
faculties of the middle and model schools
direct the class room and study work of
the pupils."

My only point is you cannot have
two heads without trouble. The only trouble
that has arisen has been that on the
part of the Principal of the H.P. I have
never been recognized as the head of
the work here. Instead of working out
their problems on the ground they

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go to Bowen. Miss Pierce is an intimate friend of the Bowens and she had not been here a week before Bowen told me after she had talked with him that I would have to step easy in my relations to her. I have done so. Never mind the sequel. The crisis was what I have mentioned above the determination to divide the schools which was not done.

Now, Jack, my point in telling this is to impress on you the need of having at least one more man on the job here.

With a constant din in his ear Bowen is getting to think that din the goat. If he would inquire of the other members of the faculty he would get a different point of view. As I am the only man here the whole responsibility of this affair kind falls back on me.

Now Bowen has sent ^{to you} certain leads in regard to some men furnished by some of our ladies who are now working here.

William C. Plummer is engaged to Miss Braastad a perfectly cooking worker here. She wants him to come she enjoys her work and wants to stay.

She has now been here one year.

He could come as a regular appointee of the Methodist Board if he was satisfactory to the Methodist. He has been a school teacher. Was one before the war and has been in France since America went into the war and has won honors. He may be just the man I would like to have with me in the middle school.

Then for the Business course the alumni will support another man. He must be ready to develop a business course including typewriting shorthand and other things. Also a business course. We will have to give him time for study of the language, but he should be the head of that department from the beginning. This department too will probably be a part of the middle school & junior college in the same way that the normal school is.

Then a first class gymnasium completes my desires. I'll stop and send this so it can reach you as soon as possible. All join in love to you all.

most cordially yours,

Wilbur F. Wilson

Nanking

May 21st, 1919.

Wilbur F. Wilson, B. A.,
Nanking,
China.

My dear Wilbur:

It was mighty fine to read this morning your fine, full letter of April 13th and I appreciate your writing me so fully and frankly about the problems you have had to face in your work and I can read enough between the lines of your letter, so fine in spirit, to realize that they have been anything but easy.

I feel certain that the ladies are excellent in teaching. They are very faithful to it but to run a big boys' school, the size you have, without a man colleague, I know is very difficult.

I am very sorry that the question of a separate chapel came up. Your position was the only one to take. There MUST be team work. I have had in mind your need of help at the Middle School and Bowen has reminded me of it. I am now in correspondence with two or three men as possibilities. One is a Mr. Fancher who is a graduate of Oberlin, has a life certificate from New York State and had one or two years' service in the Army. He is a member of the Methodist Church. I am also in correspondence with a Mr. Swenson who studied at Bethany, has been principal of the High School at Hughson, California. He is an attractive looking fellow.

Mr. Corey has just turned up a splendid man, Dr. Hendrix, graduate of Chicago University and also Dr. J. Horton Daniels and is also a specialist in science teaching whom I think might be turned toward the High School with you. I will do my utmost to secure one of these men before the Fall.

I have also written to the young man suggested to you by Miss Braasted but have not as yet heard from him. The young man coming out, Mr. Twiss coming out for mathematics, a graduate of Wooster, took his M.A. at Princeton in mathematics and has just completed his Seminary at Hartford, is a very attractive chap and I think would be fine with boys and I think if he would be lead to enter the work permanently, he could change after a year or two for the High School work with you.

It has been a very difficult year, Wilbur, to get things done in the way we had hoped and planned for the

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University. The war simply tied up things financially but the men returning from the war have a very strong feeling that they have seen all the foreign service they want. It is a condition of great unrest. It is in the air and it is in everybody's blood. I feel confident that as soon as the peace terms are finally settled, the Senate gets through discussing the League of Nations, things will subside and go ahead.

In the meantime, it is a comfort to have the funds for the Central building, chapel and dormitories.

Mrs. Williams and the children would be joining me in love to yourself and all the dear family.

As ever yours,

JEW:M.

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Rev. Wilbur F. Wilson

Nanking

TRANSFER

August
12th
1919.

Rev. Wilbur F. Wilson
Nanking
China

My dear Wilbur:

Your s.o.s. call of May 22nd mailed from Shanghai the 3rd of June came through in due time. I appreciate deeply what you have been up against and I fear you will think that we have done very little from this side to help your cause. When I received word from Bowen the other day, that you had secured Mr. Diterich for the middle school, a great burden of anxiety was lifted from my mind. Mr. and Mrs. James Speers will sail on the Empress the 4th of September, and will be in Nanking in time to enter the language school. He graduated from Princeton in June. He was about a year and a half in the war. He has had exceptional experience in boys' work, and is regarded as one of the most popular and effective scout leaders. He should be able to acquire the language readily, and nothing should interfere with his having a clear year in the language school. Of course he will be glad to get in touch with the boys in athletics and in other ways. They are coming out under the university, to be supported directly by the university, but as regular missionaries for a life job, to give their thoughtful attention to the middle school, and its development. Mr. Speers' father was the head of the Layman's Movement here, one of the most active and able layman Christian leaders in America. Mr. Speers has been a volunteer for some years, and has a very strong missionary purpose. With Diterich and Mr. Speers with you, and Miss Wixon, when she returns, you should have a strong staff on the high school.

You will give the Speers every encouragement to learn the language thoroughly, for that will be invaluable to them later, and in that way you will have to guard him against getting too much into the academy work before he can get a thorough start on the language. I do not know what to do about your four vacancies, with Braastad, Clark, Johnson and Taylor out, and Miss Wixon's possible delay in returning. The travel for these short term people at the present rate from America would be formidable financially. We have just found that two, Mr. Salisbury and Mr. Anman, are not going to be available for the college work. I am trying to get some one to take their places. It is hard sledding, but we are making headway. We can get more of these people in the fall.

I hope you are getting a good rest this summer, and the outlook for the fall is better than you felt.

With heartiest regards,

As ever yours,

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over
Wilson
Mr. Walter Wilson Nanking

Sept 27th 1919.

Dear Jack:-

I have gotten in touch - or communication - with two people who may come out to use for middle school work. I enclose a letter - or a copy of one - that I have written to

Mr. Glen D. Wight, 1448 Orange Grove Ave.,
Riverside, Calif. I will also send you a copy of the letter he sent to me. He seems to me well qualified for our work and I think we would do well to secure him.

These short term, temporary teachers are all right in their way but they are part of the time - away - and when they are the dickens is to pay.

Dutch is the only man we have in place of these teachers. I am teaching 17 hours a week and trying to run a school of over 300 pupils. We had 177 new paid (\$1.00) applications this term some time ago. The number is now above 180.

The other teacher is Mrs Roy's sister
Miss Louise Woodbridge.

I do not know her address
Mrs Roy enclosed my letter
in one of hers, but if she writes
to ~~for~~ you or if Wight writes to you
if unless you have more reasons
than I for turning them down
provide for their outcoming and
send them along.

There is too much demand out here
for us to be sure of anyone.
Wight is now single but has prospect
of getting married.

Miss Miller is leaving at China New
Year time so we must have at least
two from home. Single, if possible,
for the expense will be less. But a
man like Wight is very much
worth while and I'd be glad to have
him here.

We really need three teachers
for M.S. & N.P. Miss Wixon may
have someone in view. I have asked
both Miss Woodbridge & Mr. Wight to write
to you.

Love & best wishes to you all,
Sincerely,
Wellbar.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
NANKING, CHINA

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY GROUP
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Copied from manuscript
Nanking, Sept. 27th, 1919.

Dear Miss Wixon:-

I am taking the first opportunity I have since the opening of the school to tell you something about the present situation. It was not until fairly late in the summer that we knew for sure that you could not return for the opening and as Miss Pierce had expected to give up the work and get ready for her own school Dr. Bowen thought that it would be best to carry out the original plan rather than to ask her to continue until you returned. In many ways it might have been better if she could have continued for we have been unable to get any one to take her place but the work has been going on in spite of our being short handed.

Miss Pierce turned over all her work as fully as possible to Mr. Tai and he has been largely responsible for the carrying on of the work. He expressed to Miss Pierce his willingness to look after the registration, but he was not at all willing to act as principal of the Higher Primary. He said that if I would act as principal then he, as vice-principal or assistant principal, would do the best he could to help conduct the work, but he was unwilling to try to do it independently. He realized that this would be hard for me for I was not acquainted with the work and I was practically all alone in the Middle School as Misses Johnson, Clark, and Stearns all left at the beginning of the summer, two to return to America, and Miss Stearns to go to the Presbyterians at Changsha. Mr. Dieterich, of Wuhu, is the only one up to date as a regular teacher that I have been able to secure in the place of the three so I am teaching seventeen hours besides trying to do the other work of administration. I am not sure whether Miss Pierce would have stayed on and helped or not. She was not at all happy about me and the work I was trying to do last term and when I suggested to Dr. D. that perhaps she would stay he thought that I'd better not ask her, so I did not. Of course you fully understand the reason, that it is wholly on account of her feeling towards me and my work, that is wholly the personal equation, that would cause Dr. D. to take that stand. I wrote to you nothing about the conditions during the year. I did not want to do so while she was still in charge, and now have nothing more that I need to say than that because of these conditions I did not urge her to stay after we heard that you could not get here. I am not sure that she would have even thought of it for she did not like to talk over matters with me in regard to the school.

Mrs. Brewer asked to be relieved of two classes but when she found out how shorthanded we were she kindly consented to teach the full four classes. Miss Miller was also anxious to give up the lower branches in English and teach the higher, but again because up to date there is no one to replace her she, too, kindly stands by her task although she is planning to leave at China New Years, Mr. Tai is taking full charge of the Higher Primary. The wife of our Mathematics teacher, Mr. Leng (he came to take Chang Sheo-ren's place) is helping, and also Miss Tsu who is assisting Miss Chang in the Kindergarten is helping in the afternoon in some other classes. Mr. Tai worked out, or helped to after Miss P. had it practically ready, the schedule for the Higher Primary, and asked me to assign to work where necessary to the various teachers. I do not know just where the trouble is but while we all recognize Tai's worth he does not-and he knows it-get along first class with the Chinese teachers. I think that this is the reason why he utterly refused to act as Principal of the H.P. But although we are very much short handed and all are really worked to the limit of endurance everything seems to be working smoothly. Each teach in the H.P. has twenty hours of class work.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
NANKING, CHINA

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All of the Chinese teachers, that is all teachers but Mrs. Brewer and Miss Miller, have five hours in the study room. I did not think that the situation was such that we could use pupil teachers from the normal classes for Tai is teaching, I think, fifteen-possibly only ten-hours besides all of his other work.

You are I know keeping in touch with Dr. Williams. I do not know whether you are planning to bring a primary teacher with you or not. If you are not you cannot begin too soon to do so. You will know just what you want. You really need two. You cannot expect to rely long on Mrs. Brewer and as I said Miss Miller expects to leave at the end of the term. In the midst of your work and anxiety at home this may not be easy, but get some friends then to find them for you, then you can connect up with Dr. Williams and he will arrange for the passage. We are making contracts on this basis now

We pay passage out, we pay \$1200 Mex. salary, we pay passage home after five years, or one fifth after one year etc.

We are overwhelmed with students, over 300 and have turned many away. The classes are so large that the teachers think that it hardly pays. So we will have ample need for all that you bring and all that we can get here beside.

I am very sorry that Miss Taylor is not returning. I hope she may yet. As I said, Mr. Dieterich of Wuhu has come, but his furlough is due next year. Also Mr. James Speers, but he this year goes to the Language school. We are going to have a good staff in time but they come slowly.

We hear nothing of your home conditions. We hope and pray that your father may be spared much suffering. If it is the Lord's will that he be healed we hope that it may be a speedy recovery. If not, we hope that he may not have to go through a long time of uncertainty and pain. We will be glad to hear from you whenever you are able to write. I am just now at Dr. Bowen's because a little girl at our home-not Julia-has scarlet fever and the doctor would not let me stay there and go to school. We have now a small family of ten children-seven besides our own-going to Hillcrest. It is one of these who is sick. The rest are all O.K. *you*

Were Mrs. W. Here she would in the heartiest of good wishes for you and yours, and yet with a deep sympathy for those who suffer.

Most sincerely yours,

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
NANKING, CHINA

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Nanking,
Aug. 29th, 1919.

Dear Mr. Wight:-

Yours of July 7th reached me while I was away from Nanking at Kuling, Summer resort, and I have delayed answering until I could return and talk your letter over with Dr. Bowen our President. I have done so now and he authorizes me to write to you and make the work here seem just as attractive to you as I am able.

First I want to say that your letter sounds very good to us. Certain things out here are necessary if one is to be contented and successful.

He must feel that this is where the Lord wants him. There are many things to discourage one, and when such times come he wants or needs something to tie to. Some men go home, some men go into business, because they are dissatisfied with some thing or some body. A call is essential. For school work here a proper normal training, and experience is highly desirable. Some of us have had no chance to get it but we need the best we can get.

One of the great needs of China is to be taught how to do team work, and in athletics with boys this is the foundation of it all. And if you are interested in boys surely China can furnish a full quota of them.

There is only one point in your letter which does not seem to absolutely fit in to just what we have here, and that is the question of age and language. The age is all right as far as work is concerned but if you want to Master Chinese then you will have some difficulty before you. But in our work here while it is advisable it is not necessary that all should be proficient for much of our work is done in English.

So you seem to splendidly fit into our needs. So much for how your letter sounds to us.

Now for how our work will sound to you.

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Mr. Wight #2.

The University of Nanking as you know is the big union school of all the Yangtzy Valley. We have in all departments between 500 to 600 pupils and this number is limited only by our space. New buildings are going up and more students are bound to come.

The University largely centers around two sites the College Site and the preparatory Site. I am not going into large detail I will send you a catalogue and you can see for yourself.

The schools at the preparatory site run from kindergarten up through the middle school which corresponds to the eighth grade and three years of the High School.

In the higher primary school there are about 125 pupils and in the middle school about 165.

That gives one a pretty good group of adolescents to work with on one campus. The work where we are needing you right now is in the middle school, as far as class work is concerned. All of the boys group together in athletics so for foot ball, base-ball and etc., there could be a number of fairly large groups. As to the work which teachers who know only English can do here now, There are fourteen classes where English Language or Literature are taught commercial geography is taught in English as well as physical geography, physiology, and general history. Most of the other branches are taught in Chinese. From the middle school on up through the College all except the Chinese Language and Literature are taught in English. Up to now the majority of the teachers in the middle school have been lady teachers but three full time teachers left the middle school this last June. Two returning to America and one much to her regret was called away to another work which she felt she could not refuse.

Now if this was all, you and the rest of us would not care to come to China. As you said for yourself God had given you some influences over boys." That is what China needs to-day, not simply educations, but education under auspices which will indelibly impress upon their lives the spirit of Jesus Christ.

If one is looking out for a career for himself then China is not the place for him. If one wants to multiply himself by leading others out into useful careers under Christian influences,

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Mr. Wight #3.

then there never was a better place than China just now. Considering the numbers, the need, and the opportunity China is to-day the place for every man who does not feel that God definitely appoints him to other work.

You want to know how long you would need to sign up for.

Five years, completes the times of our regular contract. That is we pay your outcoming, and the proportionate part of five which you stay on the field of your home-going. If you stay five years we pay it-all, if only four years $4/5$ and c.

In addition we have been paying our contract teachers \$600. This went look big to you after what you have had at home, but we have a man in the University now who left a salary of \$3000 and came out here for a Presbyterian singles missionary's salary which was \$550. So you see it really is not what you are to get but what you are to give. Your salary is paid at 2 to 1, that is \$2.00 Mex. for \$1.00 Gold, and so you would get \$1200 Mex. The usual board and room in Nanking at present is \$45.00 per month, and other expenses proportionately. So one has to live frugally to keep with-in his salary.

Should you get married you would get a married man's salary, which would be somewhere around \$1000.

I am sending a copy of your letter to Dr. Williams our V. President who is now at home in America, also a copy of the letter I am sending to you. Any further correspondence you may hold with him and he will arrange for your outcoming. We want you as soon as you can come, but if possible not later than Feb. 15, 1920. We will need you to teach immediately but we will be glad to discuss past time for language ~~sending~~ ^{study} after first-term.

Just a few words in regard to the special religious work we did last year which will give some idea of what we are trying to do.

We plan each term to have a special day set apart for decision day. We had two opportunities of that kind last term because of the delay in securing the man we wanted the term before.

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May 22, 1919.

my dear Jack:

S.O.S! S.O.S!! S.O.S!!!

Miss Taylor is not coming back.

Misses Braastad, teacher of history, and Clark, Johnson, and perhaps Stearns all leaving in June. We have had all these on our list this year, and will be able to support an equal number next year.

Your letter to Bowen saying that Miss Taylor was not coming back was the last straw (This is for private consumption)

You do not quite know what this means to me and I want to tell you a little so that you will understand the call at the head of my letter.

When all departments except the normal and Old Mrs. were at Kaashoyen I was for a long time proctor and probably had the feel of the students as well as anybody on the job.

So when the advanced work went to

rules and the suggestion was made
that I take charge of the work here
I definitely stated that I would if it
could be on one school under one
control. It was agreed to, and
was clearly and definitely so stated
in the catalogue that was sent out.
Miss Wixon backed me up to the
limit - as far as Bullock was concerned.
The Normal department in the middle
school was to be part of the N. S. and
not independent of it. There has been
no trouble at that point since.

The Model School, however, both under
Miss Wixon and Miss Pierce has
never recognized the single authority
idea as far as the Model School
was concerned. That is they have
never considered me in charge down
here. They have studiously gone
straight to Bowen with practically
all their problems and questions.

mind, you know, I have no quarrel
with Bowen, nor do I have any
quarrel with their taking things
to Bowen, what I am objecting
to is not the personal phase of it -
except as I happen to be the one

Who stands for the unified ^{NANKING, CHINA} school
What I object to the fact that they do
not consider our work down here
a unit, but two independent schools
run on the same grounds.

Now I have told you this not to
complain against them primarily
but to emphasize the need of a unified
organizations, so that all the students
will feel that they belong to one
institution. There has been no
disaffection among the teachers.
In our general teachers meeting
once a month the principal of
the model school is the only one
who has not attended.

But with every one of my own
teachers gone this spring and
an entirely new bunch this fall
my way is going to be harder than
ever. I will not work where there is
constant contention. Nor will I consent
to stay if there is in reality what
the present principal has tried
to make, namely two distinct institutions

on the same ground.

I do not know what ideas Miss
Wixon is going to bring back with her.
But I must have some one with
me next fall who can understand
a situation. Not take my side against
some body else. Stand against
no body. I want all to be of one mind
and heart. Now then I want a
man who can help to share with
me the responsibilities. Whom I
can nestle up to and who will work
with me. I want a man interested
in boys, a soul winner who enjoys
personal work, and who also
enjoys playing with boys.

He ought to have had some teaching
experience. This man might be
the Methodist fourth man. Ask
the candidate secretary at 150 Fifth
ave. about such a man. Then
we need three additional short
term teachers. Miss Miller is teach-
ing in the H.P.

I have been on the point of pulling
out two or three times this year.
Your plea for us to stand by during
this time of stress and strain helps
me too. But do your best to get me
the right man. Yours with love to all
from all, Willson.

TRANSFER

September 19, 1923.

Rev. Wilbur F. Wilson,
44 Alexander Street,
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

I was greatly pleased to find your note of September 8 on my desk when I return from vacation a couple of days ago. It was especially gratifying to know that you are so close at hand, and that we may hope to see you more or less frequently here in New York.

In accordance with your request, I am forwarding to you under separate cover a copy of the Minutes which came to us a month or so ago.

I hope you will have a good year at Princeton, and that you will come into New York to see us before very long.

With kindest regards to all of your family, including yourself, I am,

Most cordially yours,

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44 Alexander St.,

Princeton, N.J.

Sept 6th, 1923.

My dear Moss:

My nearness may surprise you. My breaking of a long silence will anyway.

I landed here night-before last, the family a day or two earlier. We spent the summer

at Lake Placid N.Y., and had a most delightful time.

We are all tip top, and hope that you and yours are also.

I went to Evanston last week to attend the conference of Board Secretaries and others so could not be with the family when they came here.

We have a delightful little flat. Two bed rooms, sitting and dining room, and kitchen, well furnished. There is some prospect, so Mr McCulloch tells me, of Williams coming to occupy one of the flat himself.

The special call for this letter

is a letter from Harry
dated July 11.

He writes "If any proofs
are needed --- the accom-
panying copy of the minutes
--- will serve as my contribu-
tion."

"Among the actions is one
M.E.F. 73 - which especially
concerns the middle school.
Your undersigned as temporary
secretary does not know ex-
actly what it means. But you
will doubtless know and will
in the autumn of 1924, take
such measures as may seem
necessary."

Now he was 10,000 miles away.
His letter contained nothing
more definite than I have quoted,
and to cap the climax of
"the accompanying copy of the
minutes" did not accom-
pany."

Will you kindly secure
for, and send to, me a copy of
the minutes of the joint meeting of
the Executive and Finance Com-
mittee of the N.S.M. held during
commencement week. I like to

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44 Alexander St.,

Princeton, N.J.

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JOINT OFFICE

My dear Moss:-

What distressing news!

How very, very sad for Mrs. D.
after all she has gone through!
It is very hard to understand
why these blows one after the
other should pile up on her.

Then the University, too, will
suffer a serious loss. No one
was giving more time to
the most vital part of school
life than he. He was plan-
ning his home with the
special work among stu-
dents in view. That was
what he and she wanted to
give their lives to. And
now he has gone. Where are
we to find another like him?

He and Keen will be hard
to replace. It is very hard
and very sad all around.

Sincerely,

William A. Wilson.

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Wilson & Co.

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Nov. 10, 1923.

My dear Mr. Wilson:-

I don't blame you for wanting to "cuss" such R.R. connections. Moral: Live in a city.

Your description of your cousin sounds top-hole as our friends the Henglish would say. If she is to go on a regular contract or appointment she will have to be regularly appointed by the Trustees. This will involve having her papers in good order for the members of the Committee to pass on, and her having a physical examination such as the mission boards give.

We couldn't sign an employment agreement with her, especially since her travel is to be considered, without having the action of the Trustees. While this may be more or less a matter of formality it is something I would want to safeguard me. I am therefore enclosing our application blank which you can have her fill out supplying all the data requested, including a statement of her religious experience, references, and her picture.

Following receipt of this I can get the recommendations of her references, and when the papers are all in shape present them to the Trustees Candidate Com. It might make assurance doubly sure of her appointment if we could have word from Bowen that expense for outgoing as well as salary are included in next year's budget. Since the desperate financial situation the Trustees have been very chary of undertaking any additional expense that is not actually included in the budget.

I am enclosing also a copy of the Agreement we use so that you and she can see the exact nature of it. Salary of course is Mex \$1600 per year.

Word from Owen yesterday says the deficit now stands at Mex \$23,394. That is splendid.

Glad you are well. I hope the work is going well. We are tip-too. With best wishes,

Cordially,

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York Trenton R.R. Station
Sunday night
Nov. 4th 1923
or 44 Alexander St.,
Princeton, N.J.

My dear Miss:-

I've been out over Sunday.
Have to wait in Trenton for a train
that will stop at Princeton Junction
and am taking advantage of the
wait.

I am writing now about my
cousin with whom I have had
correspondence about going
back to China with us to teach
in the middle school. Our pre-
liminary talk was held as we
came thru Vancouver on our
way home. Then I wrote her
again giving all the details
of the needs and opportunities
and requirements and she
said she was ready to go.

I then wrote to Bowden and
he wrote back that he is en-
tirely favorable, but that I should
take it up with you & Williams
- the office - in New York and
if you agree all is O.K.

I then wrote again to my
cousin asking her for certain
specific data - regard to her
past experience and now that

has come, and only the
act now is before us.

She is to take the place of Mr
Woodbridge who went out
for one year, and took the place
of Miss Carr. Bowen's last letter
to you shows the futility of trying
to get what you want on the
field. Nearly everything you
can get on the field is temporary.
Either the teacher wants to leave
or you want her to.

Now we are looking for those
who are as permanent as
possible. My cousin is nearly
my age and I believe will
contract for five years. I have
told her that the contract itself
has means of being terminated
and if as she now feels she
can stay five years there is
nothing I can do in the con-
tract that would force her
to stay if something unforeseen
came up which made it
necessary for her to return.

She is a brilliant daughter
of a brilliant Methodist preacher
who died nearly twenty years ago.

educated from the Wesleyan
University of Manitoba
receiving the B.A. degree,
she taught in the public schools
of Manitoba and British Columbia
for over seven years, which
means that she had a good
normal training.

For over fifteen years she
was the organizing secretary
of the Y.W.C.A. for Canada
and so has had a good expe-
rience not only in work with
young women but in organ-
ization and public speaking.

I think her a corking find
and think her too good to lose.

As Bowen says tho, you man-
- who ever is officially respon-
sible - must finally decide. If
you O.K. it and have a contract
and will send it to me I will
send it to her to sign and she will
be ready to go back with us ^{next} year.

Excuse pencil, my pen is
dry and I am far from home.

If I were a wicked sinner
I could say in forceful language

what kind of connects
have been able to make
time on my way to prison
and back home.

I sit in Trenton depot with
trains thundering by every
few minutes and have
to wait from 8.04 till 10.15
at night before I can get
a train that will stop at
Princeton Junction. I don't
know what's going on there
at Princeton J. 3 miles from
home. There are some advan-
tages in living in New York
or Newark, all trains stop.

I trust you and yours
are keeping OK.

We all might be a lot worse
Kindest regards,

Cordially yours,
Wilbur F. Wilson.

TRANSFER

December 26, 1923.

Mr. Wilbur F. Wilson,
44 Alexander Street,
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

Following out your request in conversation, I am sending you herewith some general observations on the requirements which seem to be generally considered by the Trustees of our various institutions in the direction of religious experience of the candidates. I think in general I can say that the particular articles of creed or theological view point are not primary. I do believe, however, that most of our Trustees feel the necessity of insisting on a very real Christian experience, and believe that those we are sending out to China should be rather definitely evangelistic in their view point. By this I mean not the old type of blood and thunder evangelism, but an attitude of mind which seeks definitely and constructively to win others to a knowledge and acceptance of Jesus Christ as a Savior. I know that they do not wish people who are interested in discussing doubts or debating issues, but they want those whose lives are strongly helpful, whose teaching and outlook are constructive in the way of making Christ and His teachings real to the Chinese. Of course the thing that goes with the satisfactory exemplification of this spirit is a sympathetic and understanding personality. There is no hesitation whatever about recognizing that only the message of Christ is sufficient to meet the needs of a country like China, and that that message must be embodied in a living personality that presents it in a winning and attractive and appealing way.

I do not know whether this will help you in your appeal to your cousin or not. Of course any such statement as this is incomplete and by so much unsatisfactory.

With most cordial regards and best wishes of the Season, I am, as always,

Yours,

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44 Alexander St.,
Ponichon, D.C.
Feb. 14 1924.

My Dear Miss:- **TRANSFER**

Miss Marion Kresbach
sister of Mrs Algy Evans (or
Miss Olive Kresbach), who
used to be in banking wants
to go out to teach in banking.

She is a college graduate
and has specialized in
English. Has taught for two
years. I have written two
letters which take precedence,
as far as I am concerned,
which I have not heard
from yet, and Mrs Thomson's
sister is still one more.

But I think it might be
worth while to let Miss
Kresbach make her appli-
cation for Miss Frank
and Miss Dillon of Chicago
may not respond favorably
and then we will be so

no farther along than
if you wait to hear from
every body else, and
you will also, even tho
it is not acted on now,
have an additional
application in your office.

Send the application to me
and I will see that she gets
it. She is ready to go out
for five years, and quite
possibly permanently.

She will send the details
of her work when she sends her
application.

Hang on to Miss Frank, tho,
if you can get her.

Sincerely,

Wilbur F. Wilson.

44 Alexander St.,
Princeton, N.J.
Feb. 13 1824.

My dear Miss:

As you know my cousin
was scared out. I have
written to Miss Marion Trank
of Dr. Ward's office in the
mission rooms, asking her
to show reason why she
should not come to us
at Nauvoo, after she fills
her contract with Dr. Ward
this spring. I am quite
sure you know her. You
can readily find her
by making inquiry.

For some reason or other
she has not replied to my
letters yet, and I wrote to
her over a week ago.

I think she is free to go.
She has already been out
there before teaching with
the W.F. Ms. of our Church.
She is not bound to them
now. She is an M.L.,
and a devoted worker. If I

yet it necessary I would
surely come in to see her
myself, but I do not think
my coming would affect
the situation. She may want
to give the W. F. Mrs. first
chance. If so my going
wouldn't help. She knows
the field thoroughly.
Is a niece of the late Mrs.
Bishop Dashford.

There is no reason why
you should not personally
inquire whether she will
go or not.

I have had two letters from
Mrs. Claude Thomson, who
says her sister wants to go
out with her for a year.

I am sending her two
letters on to you. Please
return them.

While we want a permanent
teacher, we must have one
this next year and it will
be much better to take an
opportunity like this, where

we to pay no travel
expenses than to find our
selves up against it, and
have to get a short term teacher
and pay expenses too.

There need in the college
for relief in English. If so
if you have not a permanent
teacher she might fit in
there if we should be able to
"land" Miss Frank.

Let me know your reaction
in regard to this as soon
as possible. If Miss Frank
refuses I have no other
plan now, tho I would
have to rapidly find one
unless we take Miss Cook's
offer.

I will not write to Mrs. V.
until I hear from you.

Everything going O.K. with
us. Hope all is well with
you. Greetings to you both
from us all

Cordially,

Wilbur F. Wilson.

February 15, 1924

Mr. Milbur F. Wilson
44 Alexander Street
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

I have received your two letters of February 13 and 14 respectively, the former enclosing one from Mrs. Thompson.

Personally I would advise using Miss Cook, as it will save travel expense. I have talked with Miss Frank and she has no idea whatever of going to China, so she is eliminated from your list of possibilities. If Miss Krespach is like her sister, I am not sure that I would be very enthusiastic about having her go out. Miss Frank said that if she were to consider going to Nanking at all it would be to one of the girls' schools. I have at present an application from a Miss Sloan, who is forty-two years of age, has seen service in a number of parts of the world both as a missionary and as an independent teacher, and a worker with the Near East Relief. Her application and photograph and letter sound very good. I do not know that she would wish to go permanently, but I understand that she would be prepared to go for a period of five years at least and might be willing to make it a permanent engagement. Her address is "Clarion, Pa." I have not yet followed up her references so I cannot state anything final with regard to her but she gives a number of very good ones. We might perhaps get better acquainted with her and if she will serve our purposes ask her to go as a permanent teacher. If you should be in New York in the near future, I should be glad to show you her papers. Let me know if you want me to do anything otherwise.

I am enclosing herewith Mrs. Thompson's letter and application blank, as per your request.

Most cordially yours

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44 Alexander St.,

Princeton, N.J.

Feb. 20 1899

My dear Mrs. M.:—

Your letter and application blank received.

You ask if Mrs. K. is like her sister. I cannot say that she is yet I am not excessively enthusiastic.

I do not know of any room from all I see why she would not make a faithful teacher, but she would not be an outstanding teacher.

I believe her recommendations will be entirely satisfactory for I think she does her work well, but she does not heartily appeal to me. She and her sister have come to me several times. Her sister wrote to me in banking twice wanting to know if there was not some place for her and my reaction

has been the same as
But the more I see her
sister the more I am im-
pressed with the "faithful"
side of her nature. As a
teacher she has not had
large experience. But you
can see what her application
and recommendations
look like.

Mrs Frank did not give
to you and to me the same
impression, but undoubt-
edly yours is the correct one
for it is absolutely definite.

Mine was not definite
enough for me and before
your letter came I wrote
her again, although she
had said she could not
not say, yes or no now.

Mrs Wixson writes that
she is coming home next
year, ^{(1923) (check)} and she is anxious
^{get} to ^{who is} find some one permanent
to go out who can take up
her work when she comes
home. She says Mrs Wil-
kinson, who is now assist-

ner cannot.
Miss Wison, since I looked
after the building of her house,
has gotten along beautifully
with me, but she has an
unfortunate way of not
being able to see that any
body else who is on the field
can do the job. The Bishop
planned to take me out; when
she buttholed him on
the street she persuaded him
that I must stay. She didn't
want C.F. then to continue
as Principal. I felt that if
she would do team work
with him they could make
it go O.K. In fact they have
done it for two years. Suppose
there is a little "letting
down" with a new man who
is more or less feeling his
way under new conditions
and new responsibilities,
that can gradually be
overcome. But with the
difference in race point
of view it may be that as

as we have five or six
foreigners at Kauloyen
we may have to have a
foreign principal, for if they
cannot do team work
and strengthen the hands
of a Chinese principal then
our point in having a Chinese
Principal is lost.

I think it might be well
to follow up ~~Miss Sloan~~
If she will go for five years
I would not insist on
her agreeing to stay longer.
If she is making thoroughly
good she will be so happy
in it that she will want
to stay. Will she go this fall?

I have written to China
to see if there is not a demand
for others.

You will note that in
the Budget items 324383244
provide each ^{in college} \$1600. max for
English instructors. Why
could not Miss Cook take
one of those if she was
not needed in the middle?

we simply tell her she
can teach for us in Newark
she can rest her mind
in regard to it, and we
will have one of the places
provided for.

If Miss Sloan is O.K. then
I'll clinch her for Middle School
that provides permanently
for the work needed there and
it may be that she can
take Miss Wilson's responsi-
bility for one year, and then
return to the middle
school. It may be, too, that
Miss Wilkinson will prefer
to teach ~~to~~ two years in the
college. If so then both
Miss Sloan and Miss Cook
could remain permanent-
ly at Kawhoye.

Go for Miss Sloan definitely
and finally if she seems
good to you.

Best regards,
Cordially,

Wilbur A. Wilson.

TRANSFER

February 25, 1924.

Mr. Wilbur F. Wilson,
44 Alexander Street,
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

Your good letter of February 20 came duly to hand. I shall try to send you in a few days the papers that we have collected for Miss Sloan. I believe from what I have so far seen she would be a very satisfactory person to have on our Middle School Faculty. We will want, however, to have further references about her.

The reason I hesitate about telling Miss Cook that we could use her in college work is the fact that Mr. Bowen has indicated that Miss Hedrick will probably remain for another year, and that Mr. Holroyd will very likely become a member of the staff. Probably this latter transaction has not actually been cleared up by this time, but I do not dare to secure another teacher for them until I have definite word on the matter from the field. This is why I referred the question of Miss Cook to you, as I thought you might give her more definite assurances than I could. With most cordial regards as always, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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44 Alexander St.,

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Princeton N.J.

Mar. 3rd, 1924

My dear Moss:-

I have just had a long talk with Mr. Chas. H. Ainley Jr. of the Princeton Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of the University of Southern Calif. and also this spring of the Seminary here.

After his sophomore year he took a year of ~~rest~~ work at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

He has also had some special normal work in Athletics.

He is very popular here. The boys call him "Chuck" and I believe that he would do very well either for Swinnen's place or for Athletic Director at the college.

If you have any means by which you can provide for both of these vacancies all right get two men, but if not it is quite possible that he could for the time being help in both departments. However if he

goes out permanently he
will want his year in
the Language School.

He has applied to the Presby-
terian Board, but not for
immediate appointment.
He is not married yet, and
has a general feeling that
he would prefer to wait
till he is which will not
be probably for two years yet.

However his mind is open
and as far as he personally
is concerned he is prepared
to go this fall.

Now whatever the result
may be I think it might
be well for you to write to
him and see if you can
get him on file in your
office. He has not told
me that he definitely will
go to the university but he
is favorably inclined.

He is a nephew of A. V. Gray.

Miss Kresbach says she
has returned the thanks to
you. I am not begging for her
yet. What are you finding out
about Miss Sloan.

Kind Regards

Yours
Wilbur D. Wilson

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March 5, 1924.

Mr. Wilbur F. Wilson,
44 Alexander Street,
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for your letter of March 3rd, regarding Mr. Ainley. If he should come into New York, I hope he will come in and call on me.

We have not yet received any definite word on either of these positions from Hanking. I am inclined to feel that we should not appoint anyone now, until Mr. Bowen arrives and has an opportunity to pass on them. I am writing to Mr. Ainley suggesting that if he is coming to New York in the near future, I would be glad to have him call on me, so that we might get acquainted.

Mr. Bowen's last letter to Mr. Williams indicated that Mrs. Bowen was sailing for the United States on February 13th. He has not yet given us the date when he expects to sail, but I imagine it will be about April first. Mrs. Bowen is to go to Olathe, Kansas, to live with her sisters - at least, until he arrives.

With the heartiest best wishes, as always, I am

Cordially yours,

Assistant Secretary,
University of Hanking.

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May 8, 1924.

Mr. Wilbur F. Wilson,
c/o Methodist General Conference,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wilson:

I enclose the papers of Miss Kathryn Blair as a young lady who might be prepared to consider the position at Nanking. Her papers look pretty good. If you are interested in her, I should be glad to circulate her papers among the members of the committee.

I had already started Miss Sloan's papers on the routine course, and Dr. Speer had O.K.'d them.

I also enclose a letter from Dr. Latourette, regarding a Mr. Elder. These are the only two whose names I have at the moment who might be prepared to go out for your work.

I am sorry Miss Sloan cannot go.

With cordial regards, I am

As ever yours,

Assistant Secretary,
University of Nanking.

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General Conference
Springfield Mass.,
May 22nd, 1924.

Dear Moss:-

Miss Carr in a letter, not perfectly clear, gives to Bowen & myself the impression that after all she is willing to return this fall permanently. We have telegraphed her urging her to decide to do so. If she does of course we will want her. So do not finally decide for anyone else till we hear from her.

She sent the enclosed which, it looks to me, it might be a good plan to follow up.

Cordially
Wilbur F. Wilson

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Dear Mr. Wilson:

Your last letter to me was encouraging. I am doing the best I know how in order that I may be equal to the position I am now holding.

So far everything in the school is going on smoothly. The students we are now having are in general the best ones we can find in any school. They are dutiful and faithful in their work and reasonable in their request. Furthermore they try every thing they can to render service whenever we need them. I am simply proud of them and of their spirit.

In the past year our boys made wonderful achievements in athletic works. They won all foot-ball games except one. They also won all games in six university middle schools. All this is due to Mr. J. M. Speers' hard labor and patience and sacrifice he has made in the past years. Yesterday morning after chapel time the boys had a celebration meeting in honor of Mr. Speers and of the athletes. Prizes were given to winners and pictures were taken.

Since the fall of the matched all drill classes have been conducted in the open yard. We stopped these classes when it rained. At present the weather is getting hotter day by day and it is very inconvenient to have drill class conducted under the burning sun. We hope in the near future someone would be willing to give us a good gymnasium. The conditions would be much better and the spirit of the drill class would be doubled when this hope is realized.

The dormitory is too small and overcrowded. The occupants of the rooms of the north side are constantly suffering from smoke from the kitchen. They can hardly open their windows when there is a north wind. I wish we could have money somewhere to finance the removal of the kitchen. The conditions at present is almost impossible. We can not preach sanitation to students while we suffer them to live under unsanitary conditions.

There is another thing which I think ought to be considered a great need of the school. Students walk from one building to another, in rain when there is one. Some kind of shade ought to be put up over the walks so that students will not walk in rain and we can keep the floor and class-rooms in a much better condition. I have not gone over carefully as to how much this would cost but I presume we could have the whole thing completed at the cost of a thousand dollars. I know the school at present has no appropriation for this but I do hope that you will keep this in your mind as one of the urgent needs.

Members on the teaching staff are faithful workers. We can hardly find in any school whose teachers are so prompt and regular and sacrificing as we have them now. The teachers of English work very hard, while the teachers of Chinese have also recently improved a good deal in the way of presenting subjects. Mr. Liu Chi Hsuen is spending a lot of his time in visiting Chinese classes and in giving suggestions as to what is the best way to teach. We have, however, one teacher in English who is not so satisfactory as the others. Complaints have recently been made to me about his irregularity in meeting and dismissing classes. With him in view I, without mentioning his name, wrote a circulating note to all teachers asking them to meet and dismiss classes regularly, and if for any reasons they could not do so please let me know beforehand that some arrangement might be made for the particular class concerned. But he did not take this

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broad hint and did the same old thing twice on one day after the note was written and seen. So last Monday, April 21, I got to write him a personal letter to remind him of my note. I have not heard any thing new since then.

Mr. Speers is on furlough in June, and I have asked Mr. Dieterich to look after the athletic work in next fall. Mr. Sarvis thinks so too and he will probably ask Mr. Chen I. Meng to teach two of Mr. Dieterich's classes so that Mr. Dieterich can be relieved for athletics. If you can get some one to take Mr. Woodbridge's place we shall have then every class provided.

Sincerely yours
(Signed) C.C.Liu

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S. S. TENYO MARU

My Dear Bowen: April 7th 1927
It is very hard to realize that our days of working together are past. It has been one long joy to me. I have tried to do what I felt the Lord wanted me to. One way of deciding as to what His will is, is to see how well one fits into the work assigned. The work, for instance, which Speer was doing was just what he naturally seemed fitted for, and he did it well. My work has been more indefinite but I trust not less fruitful, trying to put my hand and heart in where it seemed to me it was needed the most. It has not prepared me for anything particular but as I said, I trust it has

really been worth while.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you, and Williams and the other men who have been there for a shorter time, and also with the many Chinese who have come and either stayed with us as C.C., J.C.F., and Hung have, or with some who have been there for shorter periods.

Our disappointments have sometimes seemed many but in spite of everything the Ford has worked better and I am sure is still working.

Some men will go down under this stress and strain and some will stand true and out of the fire will come a purified church.

They brought me a paper today I signed. One of the questions asked was

where is your permanent residence?

Up to date for the last thirty years I have said banking, today I left it blank.

I have none, and I do not know where it is going to be. But as you know we expect it to be somewhere in Southern Calif.

The Ford, in the past, has opened again and again unexpected doors, with which we personally have had little or nothing to do,

and I have no fear that we will find all doors closed now. For the time being, tho, I want all the out door life I can get.

I left with Mrs Purcell a list of our household and personal effects.

I do not know just what was to be done with the list - but I will be very much pleased if you will see that it is placed where it will make

its own appeal.

Wan Hsi-seung was in
Shanghai and I gave
him my check for the
servant and other
and I judge that that
is just as satisfactory
as anything else I could
do.

As soon as you know
your own plans we will
be very glad to know
where you are to be.

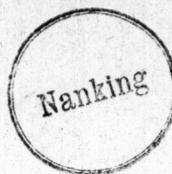
I trust that the anxieties
in Shanghai, in addition
to your responsibilities
will not be more than
you can carry. I know
how hard it is to let go
when the problems are
so hard.

Money and Chia are
providing for the Language
School students.

God bless, and lead, and
Keep you and yours.
Most cordially yours,
Wilbur F. Wilson

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April 30, 1927.

Prof. and Mrs. W. F. Wilson,
c/o Board of Foreign Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Prof. and Mrs. Wilson:

We are glad to have word that you are at home with your friends or are soon to be there. Every bit of information about your experiences and plans has been eagerly seized and shared. Anxiety, inquiry, relief, and concern have been our recurring emotions. We have endeavored to inform your relatives as promptly as possible of news about you.

Plans must now be made for adjusting ourselves and the University to the new conditions. Some of these we hope to announce shortly. It is clear that some form of emergency campaign will be necessary to secure funds to carry us along. President Bowen has cabled approval. Some members of the staff will be called on for active help. All will be rendering assistance by the spirit in which the past experiences and present policies are interpreted in such contacts as you may have with the press and public. The situation changes rapidly and the tendency of the press to seize the sensational or controversial or to represent (accurately or inadequately) the opinions of the one as typical of the many makes difficult keeping a fair and well-balanced view before the public. The public especially needs to understand the good-will and self-sacrificing spirit displayed by so many of the Chinese students and staff and others.

You will confer a favor on us if you will keep us advised of your correct address.

You will be interested to note the following arrivals:

At Vancouver, April 17th, Mr. H. G. Robson and family, Miss Van Vliet, Miss Hunt.

At San Francisco, April 21st, Mr. Alexander Brode and family, Mr. W. C. Lowdermilk and family, Mr. S. J. Mills and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Jones.

At Seattle, April 25th, the Hummel, Holroyd, Gibbs, Daniels, and Small families, Miss Abbott, Mrs. C. T. Mills and Mrs. Keen and Margaret.

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Prof. and Mrs. W. F. Wilson

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April 30, 1927.

President Bowen cables that he will arrive at Vancouver on May 5th and that Mr. Reigner is in charge in Shanghai.

Please be free to ask for any information which we can supply and especially to advise us of any way in which we can help you.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary,
University of Nanking.

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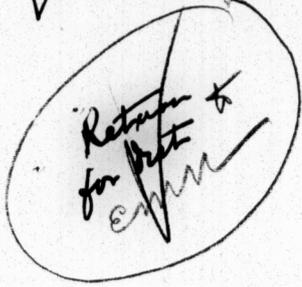
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1220 D. Bank St.,

So. Pasadena, Calif.

May 21st, 1927.

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My dear Dr. North.

We thank you very much for your letter of sympathy. It has not been an easy experience, but most of us while having lost everything have not suffered seriously personally, and as Mrs. Wilson says as long as we are all together a gain nothing else matters. Poor Mrs. Williams, the blow has been very severe, but she has borne up wonderfully! But her lonely time is still before her. He was so capable, and loved the Chinese so much that it will be very hard to replace him.

We thank you very much for keeping the boys so well informed. They know enough of China experiences to see the necessity of waiting for word direct from the field before they have any undue anxiety. They have been grateful for every bit of information they have received.

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I am pleased to hear from Dr. Bowen that some of the work at the University - is still being carried on. The more the better, if it can under the new regulations be conducted as a Christian school. We were getting ready to adjust ourselves to the new requirements when the storm broke.

I have felt after my sickness of last year that it would be best for me to resign and retire at this time. I have written my reasons both your father and to Dr. Gamewell.

I am never entirely sure of my self mentally tho, I have had no serious trouble. But even now from time to time the thought-stream clogs up. If I do retire, or am permitted to do so, I plan to get out into the open more at least for a few years. However if I can in any way help out in connection with the program to carry on at the University I'll be very happy to do all I can.

My address for the present will be as written above. It might be a good method of keeping the University group in touch with

each other if you could send out to each
the address of all. *EWIP Please arrange for this dinner time. Each note will do no in our weekly letters!*

Robert graduates in June, and if by any means I can get east to see him graduate I am going to, but the prospects are not very bright at present.

~~all~~ ^{it is} possible for you to send out a common letter to us all from time to time keeping us informed as to the progress of events I am sure it will be a great joy to us all.

Dr. Rowe lives in a little bungalow right next to ours, and tho' the bungalows are very small we are very comfortably situated.

We will be very glad to hear from you at any time

Most cordially yours,
Willburton Wilson.

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University of Nanking

January 25, 1934

Rev. Wilbur F. Wilson
Victorville
California

My dear Mr. Wilson:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 21st, with which you enclose the notice of the premium due on ~~Dr. Robert O. Wilson's~~ New York Life Insurance policy. We are glad to follow out Dr. Wilson's request that we make this payment on his behalf.

We are all very much delighted at Dr. Wilson's appointment to the staff of the Nanking University Hospital, and are confident that his coming will mean a very important contribution to the medical work there at Nanking. We are very sorry that time did not permit our taking up with the University the question of whether arrangements could also be made for Mrs. Wilson, for it would have been very pleasant if they could have gone out to China together. We do hope, however, that the Hospital can in some way find the additional support necessary to bring her out to the field also. While I have had the privilege of meeting Mrs. Wilson only once, she impressed me as being not only a very charming young woman but a very earnest and capable one as well.

Very cordially yours,

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Noted for payment.
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Methodist Episcopal Church
WILBUR F. WILSON, MINISTER
VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA

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Dear Dr. Garfield:-

I am sending notice of premium due on Robert's life insurance policy to you as he said he had arranged with you to look after it. In as much as I have been paying the premiums the notices have been coming to me, and the correspondence has been with the Los Angeles office. I have sent them a notice of change of address but they may require Robert's signature, so there may be some

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delay. You can pay the
premium in New York City
and the Company can
make such adjustments
as are necessary after the
premium is paid.

It was a great joy to
have Robert with us for
about two weeks. The longest
time he has been with us
since 1924.

We will be very happy
indeed if some arrangement
can be made so that his
wife can be with him.

We appreciate very much all
you have done to help him on
his way. Sincerely yours,
Wilbur F. Wilson

Mr Robert O. Nelson

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June 19, 1936

Dr. Wilbur F. Wilson
Methodist Episcopal Church
Victorville, California

My dear Dr. Wilson:

I have delayed acknowledging your letter of May 16th, because we have been in the midst of the process of completing the appointment of your daughter-in-law, and I wished to be able to report our final arrangements.

The Candidate Committee and the Executive Committee of the Nanking Founders have now taken final action appointing Mrs. Wilson, and we are making plans to get her started to China during August.

We kept in mind your suggestions with regard to having her travel with other missionaries across the Pacific and have tried to make reservations accordingly. Your suggestion of the possibility of getting her on the President Taft, sailing from San Francisco has not proved satisfactory since the Taft does not sail from San Francisco until August 21st which would get her to Shanghai about a fortnight later than she has been hoping to arrive. I also made an effort to get a reservation for her on the President Jackson sailing from Seattle on August 15th. The passenger list of this boat will be made up almost entirely of missionaries going out to China. But the space is entirely sold out and there is already a long waiting list, so the steamship company could not make any reservation for us. Another difficulty with the Jackson would be the necessity of travelling from California to Seattle. We have now gotten a tentative reservation on the President Coolidge sailing from San Francisco, August 7th. This will get her to Shanghai August 24th which is about the date she wanted to arrive.

There will also be a number of missionaries on this steamship. The Presbyterian Board is sending out Mr. and Mrs. Hereford who are going to Japan and Mrs. William H. Adolph who is returning to Yenching. I have known Mr. and Mrs. Adolph since we were on the Cheeloo campus together and I am sure that Mrs. Wilson will find her a very pleasant companion. She was also a trained nurse before her marriage to Dr. Adolph.

One of the practical problems we are trying to meet in connection with Mrs. Wilson's appointment is that of expense of her outgoing travel and the increased salary for Dr. Wilson which her coming will involve. As you probably know, the University Hospital thought it was straining its resources to the limit when it appointed Dr. Wilson at the beginning of this year. The Hospital has not been able to see just where it is going to find the money for

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Dr. Wilson

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June 19, 1934

Mrs. Wilson's travel and the increase in Dr. Wilson's salary from the status of a single man to that of a married man. Dr. Daniels has asked therefore that we do everything we can here to help find support from friends which will cover Mrs. Wilson's outgoing travel and as much as possible of the increase in salary.

Our Associated Boards promotional staff is following up a number of contacts here in the east which Mrs. Wilson has suggested. We would be grateful if you could suggest other friends who might be able and willing to assist. If we could get a few fairly substantial amounts and a greater number of gifts in a more modest amount, we should be able to cover the cost involved and avoid the financial problems which the Hospital would otherwise have to face.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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President Taft from San Francisco. Mrs. Kenneth Wilson was a Blackstone and grew up with our children in China and it would be very pleasant for Mrs. Robert (Abe) with them.

In some you will not think I am betting in. I only want her first trip out Abe as pleasant as possible.

We are so distressed about the Japanese action reported in our paper today. It is hard to hold a Christian and peaceful attitude towards ruthless men.

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Cordially
Wilbur F. Wilson.