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December 8th, 1924.

Reverend Eric M. North  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Eric:

Are you going to need a good man in zoology in any of the schools in China this year? One of our candidates, Mr. Roy C. Tasker who is a graduate of Hillsdale College with an M.A. Degree from the University of Michigan in 1922, employed since that time as instructor in zoology at DePauw University, will be available for next year if there is a place for him.

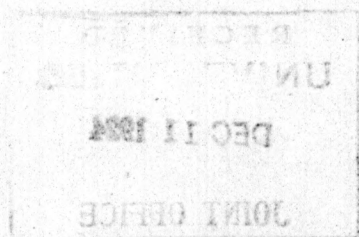
We have had no application from the man as yet, but in his letter he states that Bishop Grose under whom his wife worked as private secretary has talked to them a great deal about China, so I take it that he must be a man who will be well qualified for such work.

Unless there is an opening for him within the next year he will probably enter on his future Ph.D. work at the close of the present school year.

I would be glad to pass on to Mr. Tasker any information that you may have regarding future prospects or you may correspond with him direct if you wish.

Cordially yours,

*Charles S. Braden*



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Reverend Eric M. North  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Eric:

Are you going to head a good man in  
school in any of the schools in China this year?  
One of our candidates, Mr. Roy O. Baker, who is  
a graduate of Hildale College with an A. B. degree  
from the University of Michigan in 1933, employed  
since that time as instructor in zoology at  
Baylor University, will be available for next  
year. There is a place for him.

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ROY C. TASKER, Feb. 18. 1925

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April 1, 1925

Mr Roy C. Tasker  
De Pauw University  
Greencastle, Ind.

My dear Mr Tasker:

I enclose herewith confirmation of my telegram to you of March 27th. The Committee on Instruction approved your application on a three years' contract basis, subject to the satisfactory examination of your papers, which is now going on, and which I have every reason to believe will cause no hitch, and also subject to satisfactory medical examination. I have asked Dr J. G. Vaughn of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church who handles our medical examinations to send you full instructions concerning this examination in the case of both yourself and Mrs Tasker. Dr Vaughn may require you to go to Indianapolis for examination, in which case you are authorized to present to us the bill for the travel cost involved in this trip.

As soon as I have cleared your papers with the members of the Committee on Instruction, I will send you the necessary form of contract for your signature, and the information you will wish to have concerning sailing and allowance and all the other items involved.

May I add that I am very pleased that you have been prepared to consider this opportunity for service and I am sure that you will use every endeavor to measure up it both in its professional and in its human implications. I am sorry that distance from New York will not make it possible for me to meet you and Mrs Tasker before you go. I was glad that you had the opportunity to see Dr Gamewell.

Cordially yours,

Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY  
GREENCASTLE, INDIANA

PEKING

April 4, 1925.

Doctor Eric M. North  
American Office Peking University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Doctor North:

I received both your telegram of March 27th and your letter of April 1st confirming it, and am delighted to know that matters are progressing so favorably.

Dr. Vaughan sent us the medical examination blanks, and in accordance with his instructions we went to Indianapolis yesterday and were examined by Dr. W. H. Foreman, 604 Medical Arts Building. Mrs. Tasker passed the examination in excellent manner. Dr. Foreman found a slight murmur in my heart which he ascribed to toxic effects from infected tonsils, but which he said was not at all serious, as the heart is compensating perfectly. He sent me to Dr. Daniel W. Layman for an examination of my tonsils, and Dr. Layman advised that they be removed as soon as possible. I was very much surprised, for I have never suffered from tonsillitis or heart troubles, and have never refrained from any sort of exercise occasion might call for.

Dr. Foreman said he would send our blanks to Dr. Vaughan with a favorable recommendation as soon as my tonsils were removed. As our Easter vacation is from April 8 to 15, I am planning to have the operation then. May I ask if the expense of that operation is borne by the candidate or by the Board?

Dr. Foreman said he would be glad to answer any questions you might wish to ask, and that he would report to Dr. Vaughan as soon as my tonsils were out.

I, too, am sorry it will not be possible to meet you personally before we go. You have been very kind and helpful. You may be sure that we are both planning to give of our very best to our work -- and to China.

Mrs. Tasker is anxious to know the approximate date of our sailing at the earliest opportunity, as a sister of hers is awaiting that information to determine the date of her wedding!



DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY  
GREENCASTLE, INDIANA

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Please let us know if you have any further  
directions or advice.

Very sincerely yours,

*Roy C. Tasker*

Roy C. Tasker

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

April 17, 1925.

Mr. Roy C. Tasker,  
Department of Zoology,  
De Pauw University,  
Greencastle, Indiana.

My dear Mr. Tasker:

This is just to say that in answer to your letter of April 4th, to the questions upon which you need information as soon as possible, so far as I can figure out now, the date of your sailing will be either August 19th or August 31st, depending upon our success in securing a reservation for you on the earlier date. You should leave Greencastle in time to arrive in Vancouver at least thirty-six or forty-eight hours before the time of your sailing, to allow for last minute items and for any delay on the train.

From what Dr. Vaughan says I expect that there will be no question upon your satisfactory physical condition, and when your tensils are out, we shall regard the matter as settled, unless some other word comes from Dr. Foreman.

I shall write you more fully upon a whole string of matters just as soon as I can get free enough from a rush of committee and conference meetings which keep me out of the office.

Cordially yours,

Secretary, Peking University.

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EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.

PEKING

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between PEKING UNIVERSITY and ROY C. TASKER AND WIFE, this *first day of May*, 1925,  
WITNESSETH:

That the PEKING UNIVERSITY hereby agrees to and does employ ROY C. TASKER for the position of member of faculty for a term of three years, upon the following schedule of salary and allowances:

1. Salary at the rate of Gold \$1,440. or Mexican \$2,880 per year beginning on day of sailing.
2. An outfit allowance of Mexican \$200. payable in Peking.
3. Travel expenses from Greencastle, Indiana to Peking, China, by the most direct route; (for a five-year period the Board will also pay travel expenses from Peking, China, to home address above).
4. Residential quarters in Peking, China.
5. Medical attendance for sickness without charge, if a University physician is available, otherwise Mexican \$200. annually administered by medical committee of faculty. One-half dental bills if incurred with prior consent.
6. Children's allowance: - (1-5 years) Mexican \$300. per year; (6-12 years) Mexican \$400. per year.
7. In the case of life contract, a furlough of fourteen months including travel will be granted at the end of five years, with travel expenses to and from their home in the United States of America.

The University, upon due notice in writing, may terminate this contract at any time, upon the payment of a sum equal to three months' salary from the date of said termination, and full travel expenses to the address given above, by the most direct route.

ROY C. TASKER hereby accepts the said employment and the foregoing terms and conditions, and agrees, that if for any reason he is terminated



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EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT\*-Page 2.

It is further agreed by ROY C. TASKER that he will give his whole time and attention to the work for which he is hereby employed, and that neither he nor his wife will engage in any outside occupation or activity for profit, except as may be agreed upon in conference with the President of Peking University.

This agreement may be extended for a further period if signed by the parties hereto ninety (90) days prior to its expiration.

WITNESSETH the hands and seals of the parties hereto this *first* day of *May*, 1925.

On behalf of PEKING UNIVERSITY  
by

*Frank H. Harn*

ATTEST:

*Eric M. North*  
Secretary

*Roy C. Tasker*

WITNESSES:

*Vera L. Worth*  
*H. Miriam Hurd.*



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5528 Blackstone Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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August 5, 1925.

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Dr. Eric M. North  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. North:

I am enclosing an itinerary of our trip from Chicago to Seattle in case you find occasion for communicating with us enroute.

Regarding my life insurance -- I have just converted my War Risk insurance and paid the premium for August. I notified the Bureau that succeeding premiums would be paid from your office. The notices will be sent to you direct. The first monthly premium of \$14.30 is due September 1st, but 30 days grace are allowed. The checks should be made payable to the Treasurer of the United States and sent to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D.C. No doubt you are familiar with the workings of the United States Veterans' Bureau.

The new policy may possibly be sent to you instead of direct to me. In case it is, will you please forward it to me at Peking, where I shall have that and my will deposited with Mr. Krause while we are in China.

We were very much interested in the statements from Dr. Stuart. Some of our friends are more or less alarmed at the situation just at present in China, but we assure you that we are starting with not a particle of fear for the future. We are anticipating a happy and pleasant trip, and sincerely hope that we may fit easily into the University organization and its work.

Very sincerely yours,

Roy C. Tasker

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Chicago, Illinois

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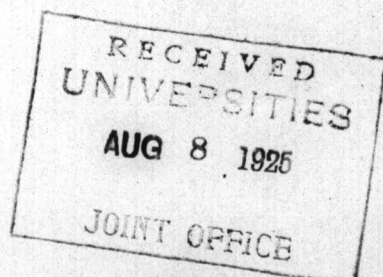
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Roy G. Taylor



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H. T. CHANG, B. S., BOTANY  
J. Z. LOH, B.S., ZOOLOGY



The Beginning of Great Wisdom

Soochow, China

October 28, 1926.

Mr. Stephen Tsai,  
Yenching University,  
Peking West,  
Peking, Chihli.

Dear Stephen:

It has been quite a number of weeks since I received your letter about the insurance matters. I have been waiting for word from the New York office of Yen ching University about the payments they have made from there. I feel sure they have made more than the nine payments you have taken account of in figuring the amount I owe you on this.

But since I have not heard yet I am going to pay what you have figured is due on these nine months and then settle the other later. Therefore you will find enclosed a check on the Shanghai Commercial And Savings bank for the amount of seven dollars(\$7.15) and fifteen cents. Please let me know if they discount this any at the bank in Peking. Mr. Jacobson, the burser here says he has sent several checks from here to Peking and has never had them discounted. But if this one is discounted I want to sent you the difference.

About the other - the other payments made from the New York office for my insurance. Do you think it better for me to settle this with you or with them? If there is no preference I would rather settle with them because I have a gold account at home and could very simply send them a check for the amount from there. Please advise me about this.

Several boat trips have shown us some of the beauties of Soochow and we are getting to like it here in many ways as well as Peking.

Very sincerely yours,

*Roy C. Tasker*

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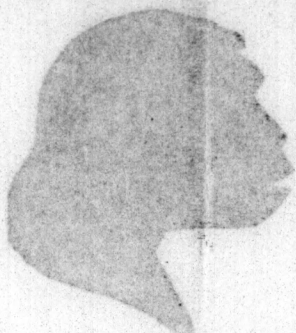


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BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY SERVICE  
Soochow University Station

Soochow, China

October 22, 1927



The Beginning of Great Wisdom

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蘇州東吳大學  
生物學系

Mr. Stephen Tarkenton  
Yenching University  
Peking, China

Dear Stephen:

It has been quite a number of weeks since I received your letter about the insurance matter. I have been waiting for word from the New York office of the insurance company. I have not yet received any word from them. I am sorry that I have not been able to make more than the same amount of money as you have. I am sorry that I owe you the amount of \$100.00.

But since I have not heard yet I am going to pay what you have figured is due on these nine months and then settle the other later. Therefore you will find enclosed a check on the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank for the amount of seven dollars (\$7.00) and fifteen cents. Please let me know if they discount this any at the bank in Peking. Mr. Jacobson, the purser here says he has sent several checks from here to Peking and has never had them discounted. But if this one is discounted I want to count you the difference.

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Soochow University

Soochow, China

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Department of Biology

December 17, 1926

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

Dear Dr. North:

After a considerable amount of correspondence and several delays concerning the matter of my life insurance which you have been paying from your office for me I think we can soon straighten the matter out now.

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As I understand the matter at this time you made three monthly payments beyond the first of July - that is, you paid premiums for the months of July, August and September. I owe you on this account then forty-two dollars (\$42.90) and cents ninty in gold. We have a small gold account in Chicago which Mrs. Tasker's mother is taking care of for us. I have asked her to send you this amount and that will clear up the matter I believe. If there are any other charges, however, in the way of payments for checks, money orders, etc. please let me know and I shall clear up the whole matter at once. I have also written to Mr. Tsai at Yenching University, upon his advise that I settle this matter direct with you, that I am having this account paid to your New York Office.

Mrs. Tasker's mother is Mrs. A.W. Augur and address is 4641 Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago.

When we were transferred from the Yenching University payroll to the Soochow University one I sent several months insurance payments to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance to make sure the policy would not lapse in change of places making the payments. That accounts for the discrepancy you had in the premiums you sent in and the Premium Receipts you received back from the Bureau.

Please let me thank you for the efficient and kind way you have handled this whole matter for us.

We enjoyed immensely the year at Yenching and it was with regret that we finally decided it was for the best of the cause to leave our place there to be filled by a Chinese and to take the place here in Soochow University. The whole matter of proper adjustment of furloughs, etc., seemed best that way.

Very sincerely yours,

Roy C. Tasker  
Roy C. Tasker.

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New York City, N.Y.  
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