

NANKING INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE

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Dr. M. S. Bates  
21 Hankow Road  
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Dear Dr. Bates:

Your colleagues and associates on the Nanking International Relief Committee desire to express to you their deep appreciation of the service you have rendered to the Committee since its inception in November, 1937. In all of the planning and administration of the Safety Zone, and in the later work of the Committee you have always had a large share. This has been all the more true during the last two years when you have served the Committee as its Chairman. We shall miss your counsel and your efficient, practical help very much in the days that lie ahead.

As representatives of the Committee, we take pleasure in presenting you herewith, with a banner that says what we feel in our hearts, that your "virtue is known all over Nanking". The people of this city during these last four years have had no truer friend, nor one who has served them more faithfully or loyally.

Our best wishes go with you for a pleasant voyage, a joyous reunion with family and friends, and a refreshing - we scarcely dare say restful - furlough. It is our hope also that next year will see you and your family with us once more to take again your accustomed part in the life of our community.

On behalf of the Nanking International Relief Committee,

*Ernest S. Forster*  
*James D. Kearney, S.J.*  
*W. P. Mills.*