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COUNSELLORS AT LAW  
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CLEVELAND

May 20, 1926

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Hall Estate*

Dr. C. K. Edmunds  
The Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Charlie:-

I have your letter of May 17. Why do you address me as Doctor? My father once said that I knew just enough medicine to be dangerous and I do not need anybody to tell me that I have not learning enough to pretend to the other implications of that title.

I shall look forward with great pleasure to the Anniversary Banquet in October and will keep your letter to remind me of the kind of a job I have undertaken when the time draws near.

I saw Mr. Homer Johnson a few days ago and talked with him about your million dollars. He told me he was having the usual difficulty in getting people to part with the actual money until every possible legal formality had been attended but that he was going to propose to Mr. Davis that they allow interest from the first of January and pay it even before the formalities were all concluded. This, you understand, is merely a suggestion on Mr. Johnson's part and does not commit the Trustees to that action.

Cordially yours,

*Newton D. Baker*

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923 East California St.  
Pasadena, Calif.  
March 25, 1926.

Dear Mr. Grant:

I was very much pleased to receive your letter and am exceedingly interested in what you tell me of the Hall fund gifts and in all you write. I did not know that the Hall fund had made any gift to the College.

Regarding Mr. Chas. Hall: My brother, W. B. House, knew Mr. Hall very well as a fellow student in Oberlin. I have heard my brother tell this: One day in the chemistry class in which both my brother and Mr. Hall were - Prof. Jewett, I believe it was, said that anyone who would discover a way to extract aluminum cheaply would make a fortune, - or words to that effect. This set Charley Hall working on the problem with the vast result of the aluminum business of the world.

I called on Mr. Hall twice while he was resident for winter months in Pasadena. He was not well but able to see me and I had fairly long and very pleasant talks with him. These calls were as I remember two different years. Naturally with the enthusiasm I had for Christian Education in China, and knowing of his resources, I would not have failed to have given him the utmost information, doing my best to awaken his interest in that great field - the students and youth of China. I have no knowledge of the part my talks had in his decision in making his will. I have always felt that it was probable that the information I was able to give him had its part, and possibly a large part, in leading him to his decision. What we can say positively is that we as a College, viz. C.C.C. did our part in informing him. First in my visits and also in information mailed him from time to time.

After the Will had become a subject of common knowledge, I called on the Attorney in charge of the estate in Cleveland. He proved to be a man whom I had known very well as a young fellow in Oberlin. Age must be creeping over me as I cannot now recall his name, except that the first name is Homer (Johnson). I will be glad to have you fill it out. Thus he was fully informed of the College. I called on him from time to time and introduced Dr. Edmonds. Also I called on Mr. Davis, President of the Aluminum Company in Pittsburgh. Took lunch with him and went over the facts of the College thoroughly with him. Thus by our efforts in those days C.C.C. was made to stand out clearly before these gentlemen and they all recognized its worth.

That seems to cover the ground as far as memory can do it. I am sure that in all these cases I sent a written report to the office but these reports would be hard to find now.

Sincerely,

Herbert E. House.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS } TRUSTEES  
HOMER H. JOHNSON }

ESTATE OF  
CHARLES M. HALL  
2400 OLIVER BUILDING  
PITTSBURGH

May 29th, 1926.

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L. H. KEENEY

Recd from 156-5th  
6/2/26  
8.30 AM

Canton Christian College,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

*L. H. Keeneey*  
Assistant Treasurer

Gentlemen:

Will you please advise the proper and precise method of issuing a check to Canton Christian College. Am I correct in understanding that the name has been legally changed from Canton Christian College and if so, please let me know the present correct name. Also please let me know the address to which to send such check.

Yours very truly,

*Arthur V. Davis*

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LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

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June 2, 1926.

Estate of Charles M. Hall  
2400 Oliver Building  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Attention Mr. Arthur V. Davis, Trustee.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 29 to Canton Christian College, check should be issued to the Trustees of Lingnan University and forwarded to their office at 18 E. 41 Street, Room 1404, and, if you so desire, marked for the attention of the undersigned as any checks received will eventually pass through his hands.

Trusting this gives you the desired information, we remain

Very truly yours,

TRUSTEES OF LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

Assistant Treasurer.

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*Hall Estate - Sup. Court*

REFERENCE

ESTATE OF

ARTHUR V. DAVIS }  
HOMER H. JOHNSON } TRUSTEES

CHARLES M. HALL  
2400 OLIVER BUILDING  
PITTSBURGH

June 18, 1926.

Canton Christian College,  
18 East 41st Street,  
New York.

Gentlemen:-

Mr. Johnson and I propose to submit to the attorney of the Estate of Charles M. Hall the question as to whether a contribution to Canton Christian College falls within the purview of the will of Mr. Hall. You are familiar with the requirements as set out in the will. I would suggest that you furnish me with such statements or printed documents as to the set-up of Canton Christian College that I can forward to our attorney and which will enable him to furnish us with his opinion respecting the qualifications of Canton Christian College to receive a contribution from the Estate of Charles M. Hall.

At the same time you should give us information to show that any contribution which we are likely to make to Canton Christian College would not be in excess of your charter limitations to receive and also show that under your charter and by-laws there is no other deterrent to the receipt of such contribution, and further assure us that your 1926 and 1927 income added to such contributions will not be in excess of your charter limitations.

Yours very truly,

*Arthur V. Davis*  
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\* *Educ. Exp.*  
*Finance Statement*  
\* *Relig.*

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# TRUSTEES LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

Canton Christian College of Arts and Sciences

The Lingnan College of Agriculture

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RALPH L. WATTS

June 22, 1926.

Mr. Arthur V. Davis, Trustee  
Estate of Charles M. Hall.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Your favor of June 18th with regard to the legal status of the Canton Christian College and its charter limitations as to the amount of its annual income and endowment was duly received.

The printed copy of our Statute or By-Laws, enclosed, contains the wording of the Charter given under general law by the "Regents" as the University of the State of New York. The principle articles describing the corporate powers of the Regents and effecting their procedure as far as they immediately effect the Canton Christian College are quoted direct from the "Education Law", as amended July 1, 1923, which law has not been materially changed since the incorporation of our College in 1883. I am forwarding a copy of the same under separate cover.

I do not find anything in said law which places a limit upon the funds or income of an educational institution acting under the Regents, excepting that "No institution shall be given power to confer degrees in this State unless it shall have resources of at least five hundred thousand dollars." This limitation would appear to be upon the minimum requirements rather than upon the maximum and is evidently meant to protect the educational standards and weed out bogus educational institutions engaged in the business of selling degrees. It does not appear to put any limitations upon the growth and development of a college or university.

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Very truly yours,

W. Henry Grant.

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My dear Messrs Davis and Johnson;

May your names be written in heaven! <sup>As</sup> Secretary of the Trustees, I am requested to embody the following resolution, etc., in a letter.

"Resolved, That the Trustees of the Canton Christian College express to the Trustees of the Charles M. Hall Estate their profound gratitude for the recent and former gifts from the Estate to the Trustees of the Canton-College, amounting in total now to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), to be invested, the interest only to be used; and that the Secretary of the Trustees of the College be requested to include this expression of our gratitude in a letter more fully setting forth the great boon and addition this gift is in paralleling <sup>the</sup> its growing physical plant."

The Trustees appreciate particularly the otherwise unconditioned nature of this gift for the endowment of the College, being convinced from all past experience that such gifts have been solid stepping stones forward in the building up of an effective work and that they have increased confidence and interest from other givers more immediately and to a much greater degree than offers of conditional grants.

We have worked for so long ~~time~~ in such a down and up fashion that it is a relief and pleasure to see a real beginning toward an Endowment Fund upon which we can count for a steady income.

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I have a picture of a small boy sitting on a wharf, fishing, who is saying, "When I catch this fish and another, I'll have two." That is very much as we have felt about our first fish, that if we could land one big enough, number two was almost a certainty.

Your gift from the Hall Estate increases the backbone of the body corporate, or as we say, "stabilizes the annual budget" and enables the administration to devote a larger percentage of time in dealing directly with the problems of educating the Chinese; though the time otherwise spent in educating America about China is by no means a loss from any standpoint.

We have to date invested the Charles M. Hall Fund with other endowment in the following securities. We prefer not to designate the securities to any special fund where it can be avoided, but to average gains, losses, and interest, over the whole series of investments, unless our friends prefer otherwise. In this we shall be glad to meet your wishes.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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TRUSTEES OF CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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ESTATE OF  
CHARLES M. HALL  
2400 Oliver Building,  
Pittsburgh

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Canton Christian College,  
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Yours very truly,

(Signed) Arthur V. Davis.  
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~~Copy~~

182 41st St

New York

June 22, 1926.

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Estate of Charles M. Hall.

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Very truly yours,

W. Henry Grant.

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June 29th, 1926

Mr. Arthur V. Davis, Trustee  
Estate of Charles W. Hall

Dear Mr. Davis:

My attention has been called to your letter of June 18th to Canton Christian College and I trust you will permit me, as that institution's American Director, to supplement the reply which was made to your letter by Mr. W. Henry Grant, Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Higher Educational Work:

Under the Trustees, now incorporated as Trustees of Lingnan University, there is being maintained at Canton, in addition to work of the preparatory grades by a separate faculty, work of collegiate grades organized as two colleges, namely The College of Arts and Sciences and The College of Agriculture.

These two colleges have a combined faculty of fifty-five, fourteen of whom serve the College of Agriculture exclusively.

The curricula have been approved by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, under whom we hold charter, and they have authorized the degrees of B.A. and B.S. to be conferred on the graduates of these two colleges respectively.

The enrollment in these colleges is about 270 of whom about 50 are exclusively in the College of Agriculture.

Religious Work:

There is no religious requirement for admission to the privileges of the institution. The institution is strictly non-sectarian and has no organic relation to any denominational board. All religious instruction and the attendance at daily chapel, as well as Sunday services, is entirely voluntary, and for the most part religious activities are conducted by student

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associations with the aid of a Director of Religious Work who is provided by one of the missionary boards - no part of the funds of the Trustees of Lingnan University being spent on his maintenance.

Material Resources:

Property

Grounds, buildings and Equipment at Canton

\$ 821,283

318 acres

52 fire-proof buildings (including residences)

Funds other than investments in plant

*Principal Endowment Funds*

330,846

Current Support

Annual Budget of Expenses

250,000

~~Annual Budget~~ approximately

Receipts from student fees, other local (Canton) receipts and Chinese gifts

169,000

Total American Support

81,000

(Income from Endowment) ----- 15,610

(American gifts) ----- 65,390

In further explanation of the foregoing permit me to refer you to the marked passages in the accompanying pages which I have extracted from my last published report as President.

If you wish any additional information, please let me know.

Faithfully yours,

American Director

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ARTHUR V. DAVIS }  
HOMER H. JOHNSON } TRUSTEES

ESTATE OF  
CHARLES M. HALL  
2400 OLIVER BUILDING  
PITTSBURGH

July 2, 1926.

Dr. C. K. Edmunds,  
The Johns Hopkins University,  
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Dr. Edmunds:-

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of June 29th giving further information regarding Canton Christian College. I have forwarded your letter to the attorney who is preparing the opinion for us and I have no doubt he will be glad to get it.

With kind regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

*Arthur V. Davis*

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ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES AND INCOME FEBRUARY 10, 1927 TO  
JUNE 30, 1927 AND CASH REQUIREMENTS

1927			1927		
Feb. 18	Bills on hand to pay	\$2,638.18	Feb. 18	Cash balance as of February 10, 1927	\$8,079.88
	Travel Dr. Henry and Mr. Chiu	1,400.00			
28	Salaries	2,388.00		Transferred from custodian cash a/c	5,000.00
	Contingencies	1,000.00			
	Estimated cash balance forward	5,653.70			
		<u>\$13,079.88</u>			<u>\$13,079.88</u>
March 1	New York office disbursements	\$6,000.00	March 1	Estimated cash balance brought forward	\$5,653.70
	Amount to be paid out in New York for field	2,000.00		Income from securities	250.00
	Bills a/c Science Building	8,500.00			
	Required to be cabled to field	21,000.00			
	1st 1/2 Remainder Science	4,500.00			
	1st 1/2 Village Houses Appropriation	2,000.00	March 31	Estimated cash deficit	39,096.30
	Contingencies	1,000.00			
		<u>\$45,000.00</u>			<u>\$45,000.00</u>
April 1	Estimated cash deficit brought forward	\$39,096.30	April 1	Estimated income	\$1,000.00
	New York office disbursements	6,000.00			
	Amount to be paid out in New York for field	2,000.00			
	Required to be cabled to field	10,000.00			
	Interest on Loans (Farmers' Loan and Trust Company)	1,437.50			
	2nd 1/2 Remainder Science Building Fund	4,500.00			
	2nd 1/2 Village Houses Appropriation	2,000.00	April 30	Estimated cash deficit as of April 30, 1927	65,033.80
	Contingencies	1,000.00			

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May	<u>\$66,033.80</u>	May	<u>\$66,033.80</u>
1 Estimated cash deficit brought forward	\$65,033.80	1 Estimated income	\$1,000.00
New York office disbursements	6,000.00		
Amount to be paid out in New York for field	2,000.00		
Required to be cabled to field	10,000.00		
Travel to China (staff)	1,500.00		
3rd $\frac{1}{2}$ Remainder Science Building Fund	4,500.00		
3rd $\frac{1}{2}$ Village Houses Appropriation	2,000.00	31 Estimated cash deficit as of May 31, 1927	91,033.80
Contingencies	1,000.00		
	<u>\$92,033.80</u>	June	<u>\$92,033.80</u>
June		1 Estimated income	\$1,000.00
1 Estimated cash deficit brought forward	\$91,033.80		
New York office disbursements	6,000.00		
Amount to be paid out in New York for field	4,000.00		
Travel to China (staff)	2,000.00		
Required to be cabled to field	10,000.00		
Accrued interest on Mr. Rockefeller's loan	2,500.00		
4th $\frac{1}{2}$ Remainder Science Building Fund	4,500.00		
4th $\frac{1}{2}$ Village Houses appropriation	2,000.00	30 Estimated cash deficit as of June 30, 1927	122,033.80
Contingencies	1,000.00		
	<u>\$123,033.80</u>		<u>\$123,033.80</u>

A	TOTAL ESTIMATED CASH DEFICIT AS OF JUNE 30, 1927	\$122,033.80 ✓
	Farmers' Loan and Trust Company Loan	125,000.00 -
	Mr. John D. Rockefeller's Loan	100,000.00 -
	Retiring Fund Appropriation as of June 30, 1927	<u>26,000.00 -</u>
	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS UP TO JUNE 30, 1927 LEAVING NO CASH ON HAND AS OF JULY 1, 1927	<u>\$373,033.80</u>

TRUSTEES OF LINGNAN UNIVERSITY  
150 Fifth Avenue New York City

March 3, 1927

EXPLANATION OF EXPENSES OF NEW YORK OFFICE FEBRUARY -JUNE 1927

NEW YORK OFFICE DISBURSEMENTS include the following:-

Salary and sundry allowances a/c President Henry  
Salary and sundry allowances a/c Dr.C.K.Edmunds, American Director  
Salaries a/c Campaign  
Salaries and expenses a/c New York office  
Insurance paid in America a/c members of faculty at present in China.  
Retiring Fund payments a/c members of the faculty.

NEW YORK OFFICE PAYMENTS ACCOUNT OF FIELD include the following:-

Bills covering supplies shipped to China and sundry payments  
a.c field.

TRAVEL TO CHINA includes payments made in New York a/c members of  
the faculty being sent to China.

MONEY TO BE CABLED TO CHINA includes the following:-

Current needs in China  
Authorized building projects

BILLS ACCOUNT OF SCIENCE BUILDING cover

bills that are to be paid in New York account of contract made  
by University in China for building supplies needed in erection  
of above building. This contract has already been placed and  
supplies are being shipped.

REMAINDER OF SCIENCE BUILDING FUND covers

Further calls that the field may make for money to be sent to  
China or for bills to be paid in New York a/c buildings already  
authorized.

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TRUSTEES LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

<u>ESTIMATED TOTAL CASH DEFICIT FEBRUARY 10 TO JUNE 30, 1927</u>	<u>\$122,033.80</u>
Cash on hand February 10, 1927	8,079.88
Custodian cash	5,000.00
Estimated income to June 30, 1927	<u>3,250.00</u>
	<u>\$138,363.68</u>

MONTHLY REQUIREMENTS ON CASH DEFICITFEBRUARY

To be on hand by March 1 for disbursements during March \$39,096.30

MARCH

To be on hand by April 1 for disbursements during April 25,937.50

APRIL

To be on hand by May 1 for disbursements during May 26,000.00

MAY

To be on hand by June for disbursements during June 31,000.00

\$122,033.80

This cash will cover the following:-

1. Expenses New York office	\$29,026.18	
2. Amount paid by New York for field	10,000.00	
3. Travel to China (staff)	4,900.00	
4. Interest on loans	3,937.50	
5. Immediate requirements to be cabled to field a/c authorized buildings/ projects	21,000.00	
6. Further amount estimated by Dr. Henry to be cabled to field	30,000.00	
7. Bills a/c/ Science Building Fund to be paid in New York	8,500.00	
8. Further possible call for Science Building Fund	18,000.00	
9. Village Houses appropriation	8,000.00	
10. Contingencies	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>\$138,363.68</u>

Cash Deficit as of June 30th, 1927 -	\$122,033.80
Loans to be repaid (past indebtedness) -	<u>251,000.00</u>

Total amount to be raised by July 1, 1927 - \$373,033.80

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March 5, 1927

Arthur V. Davis, Esq.  
Homer R. Johnson, Esq.  
Trustees of the Estate of  
Charles M. Hall,  
2400 Oliver Building,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gentlemen:

You have already generously expressed your appreciation of the work being done by Lingnan, formerly Canton, University, and I would surely hesitate to suggest your going beyond the arrangements you have already generously made with us were it not for the peculiar position in which our Board finds itself. A Commission from our Board, headed by Dr. Edmunds, went to China in December and has just completed a re-alignment of the relations of the college with the South China Government which we believe enormously increases the value and strengthens the position of the College in China, and under which the Chinese themselves are greatly increasing their responsibility for the financial side of our operations from and after July 1st. But this arrangement which will so much strengthen us after July 1st has precipitated something like a financial crisis in our affairs. The negotiations have required the absence of Dr. Edmunds and some of the strong members of the Board; to match the increased commitments of the Chinese after July 1st we have had to agree to clean up some of our building and other operations prior to that date, and with the absence of Dr. Edmunds, the special expenses necessary, and the hesitation of the general public who do not know the particularly advantageous situation of Lingnan, the raising of funds for immediate needs has been most unexpectedly difficult.

I shall group what I have to say under four headings:

- I. Origin and Financial Objective of the Lingnan Campaign
- II. Financial Progress to Date
- III. Our Present Financial Position.
- IV. Urgent Specific Reasons for this Appeal to the Hall Estate for Immediate Assistance.

I. Origin and Financial Objective of  
the Lingnan Campaign

As you are already familiar with the history of the University from its beginning to date, it is not necessary to state these facts again or to furnish an exhibit such as already have in your possession with regard to the land, buildings and endowment, unless you should so desire it. The University sometime ago reached that stage in its development where its value to China justified its being placed on a sound financial basis. In the spring of 1925 we decided that in order to provide for the present work adequately without expansion and to maintain the present faculty without additions, it was imperative to secure \$2,316,000 for financing a five-year program of maintenance and equalization of educational facilities with present demands. This total objective was arrived at as follows:

Estimated indebtedness on June 30, 1925	\$112,000
Operating expenses for five years:	
July 1, 1925-	
June 30, 1930	611,490
Women's departments	256,000
Agricultural work	400,000
Plant requirements	873,000
Contingencies	63,510
	\$2,316,000
Total	\$2,316,000

The aim of the Trustees two years ago was to bridge the immediate needs for a five-year period, thereby making it possible in the meantime to build up an adequate financial program.

Although some part of the above has been raised, we have not yet entered on the general campaign for the above purposes for the reason that it was only recently Dr. Edmunds was able to come back to the College, and that we wanted to complete the new arrangements with the Chinese Government, which have now been effected, before entering on a general campaign.

Moreover, recent developments in China will necessitate some reorganization of our general campaign objectives. The University was faced with a serious decision last year when the Canton Government issued regulations with regard to the registration of private schools and colleges. These regulations called for a Chinese Board of trustees and a

Chinese president. Many not conversant with the situation thought that there would be no opportunity for further American co-operation in the development of the University. Dr. Henry, the President, returned to New York about the first of last November to impress upon the Trustees the importance of sending a commission to Canton to settle this much discussed question of registration and to work out a new plan of co-operation with the Chinese. The story of this Commission and their really epoch-making achievement is too long to detail in this letter; the attached newspaper release will give you some idea of it. According to this new plan of co-operative effort, your attention is directed to the following four significant points:

1. A Chinese Board of Directors, already chosen from sound and experienced conservative men of Canton, in whom we have the utmost confidence, will take over the academic administration as from July 1st this year.

2. The New York Trustees will hold all property and endowments and will be known as "Founders-Owners". The property will be leased to the Chinese at the nominal sum of \$1,00 a year.

3. At the request of the Chinese the New York Trustees will maintain the American members of the staff at the University, the total cost of which, together with the expenses of the New York office, will approximate \$150,000 a year.

4. The Chinese who in the past have generously supported the University now are going to increase their responsibilities according to this new plan, and already have planned a campaign in order to assure their own financial independence up to the very limit. As stated above, the New York Trustees will be entirely responsible for the support of the foreign members of the staff and will make such grants as may be mutually agreed upon.

It is certain that the total objective of the campaign, that is, \$2,316,000, will not be changed, but there will be a re-definition of the program making up this total, due to the facts, as indicated, that (1) the maintenance hereafter will be restricted to the support of the American staff members, and that (2) the equalization of educational facilities with present demands will be a responsibility devolving upon the new Chinese Board of Directors, except in so far as they request our co-operation.

## II. Financial Progress to date.

On January 30, 1927, the total amount credited to the Campaign Fund was \$490,705.97. Of this amount \$60,000 came from the Hall Estate last November. \$134,000 has come from some 5,000 Chinese contributors. These Chinese gifts clearly indicate that the Chinese themselves believe in Lingnan University and are

willing to do their part in helping the institution to realize its high destiny and thus to render a service commensurate to its opportunity. The remainder has come from no less than 1500 individual friends in America and some 70 small organizations such as Community Churches and non-sectarian groups of internationally-minded people. Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. has given us a bona fide pledge for one-fourth of the total objective, that is, \$579,000.

Therefore, in spite of the military and political situation in China, which situation has made it exceedingly difficult to secure support for Lingnan during the past months, our progress to date has been most satisfactory.

### III. Our Present Financial Position.

However, while we have every reason to be encouraged because of the progress of our general campaign to date, yet, as intimated above, the unsettled conditions in China and the consequent effect upon the American potential supporters, have been largely responsible for our inability to secure sufficient funds with which to meet our recurrent needs. Besides, it should be pointed out that \$219,805.28 of the total amount of \$490,705.97 credited to the Campaign Fund on January 31, 1927, has been given for designated purposes, and has not been usable, therefore, in meeting recurrent needs. As previously stated, there are certain special expenses, some relating to negotiations and some to the completion of that small part of the building program which we had under way and were committed for, which we had to agree to clean up before putting the arrangement with the Chinese into effect on July 1st, and as a result our work between now and July 1st is seriously endangered.

On June 30, 1924, our deficit was \$26,588.10. On June 30, 1925 it was \$89,975.28. On June 30, 1926 our total deficit, while not yet definitely determined, was approximately \$200,000. As per the enclosed exhibit and explanatory statement attached therewith, by June 30, 1927 it was necessary for us to secure \$373,033.80 in cash, in order to free us from past indebtedness and to meet the actual needs between now and that date. These urgent obligations between now and June 30th include the salaries of the faculty, the purchase of necessary supplies for the University and other maintenance needs, the travel of American staff members to and from Canton, interest on loans, insurance and retiring fund allowances on account of staff members, payments on building projects for which we are committed and which must be completed, and the expense of the New York office for both administration and cultivation work in the campaign. Thus you can see our present financial position is exceedingly serious, calling for immediate assistance.

Chinese will go into effect on July 1st, this year. We have every reason to believe that the Chinese who have supported the University so generously in the past and who are now ready to increase their responsibility, will in no wise fail to meet their new obligations and opportunities. Therefore, our present financial situation is all the more serious as we must not fail them between now and July 1st. The salaries and other items as mentioned above must be covered with actual cash so as to hold the confidence of the Chinese and to encourage them in their awakened sense of responsibility and desire to do their best for the development of the University. Therefore, in this present crisis, we appeal to you for immediate assistance with our serious financial needs.

2. As already indicated, the present situation in China makes it exceedingly difficult to raise funds at this time for philanthropic work there. The public at large is fearful about making an investment in China. However, we feel that never before was the call for sympathetic co-operation so great; but you can fully appreciate the difficult task confronting us when we attempt to convince the American people that they should arise to this occasion and extend their good will to China just now, through generous contributions.

Therefore, we Trustees appeal to you, the Trustees of the Hall Estate, for your immediate assistance, as we are confident that you sympathetically understand the present situation in China and fully appreciate how much your support will count in this time of need.

3. We appeal to you, also, for the reason that we are a non-sectarian organization and therefore do not have an ecclesiastical constituency to which we can appeal for immediate assistance in this present crisis.

As you gentlemen are aware, Lingnan University is in a different class from other institutions in China which are under church boards and which have resources to call upon.

As explained above, our ultimate objective is \$2,316,000, of which amount it is necessary for us yet to raise \$1,246,295. The task confronting us in raising this large sum from the public-at-large is enormous. We believe we will succeed but only if the immediate needs can be met up to July 1st. In order to provide an opportunity for this mobilization, we Trustees feel that it is imperative for us to meet our payroll and current bills from now to July 1st, this year.

Therefore, we appeal to you to help us as much as you possibly can with the amount of \$373,033.80, which we must have in actual cash by July 1st, this year.

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Thanking you most graciously for what you have already done  
for us and trusting you may consider this request favorably, I am

Yours sincerely,

Frederick Osborn

(Signed)

President, Board of Trustees

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June 1, 1927

Mr. Homer H. Johnson  
1669 Union Trust Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Following the suggestion which you and Mr. Davis were good enough to make to me, I have conferred with Messrs. Kenefick, Cooke, Mitchell and Bass of Buffalo re presenting to the surrogate at Lockport when called for, such arguments and evidence in our behalf as will show the court how Lingnan qualifies as a proposed recipient of help under Mr. Hall's will.

Since seeing you and Mr. Davis I have conferred with some of our Trustees, especially one of our prominent Chinese members who has just left New York to go to Canton, and I feel confident we can if need be modify our proposed administrative arrangement so as to meet the conditions as expressed in Mr. Hall's will.

May I presume to ask you to let me know whether or not you and Mr. Davis have already filed your petition and, if not, when it is likely to be filed with the surrogate so that I may be guided in planning my own movements for the near future.

A line from you on the above point would be a great favor to me personally.

Gratefully yours,

American Director

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June 2, 1927.

Edward H. Letchworth, Esq.,  
Kenefeck, Cook, Mitchell & Bass,  
Marine Trust Building,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Letchworth:

Dr. Edmunds has returned from Buffalo and told me of the very satisfactory morning he spent with you and Mr. Wheeler, and I want to express to you my very warm appreciation of the personal interest you are taking in the Lingnan - Hall Estate matter.

From what Dr. Edmunds says I judge you believe the Surrogate can be brought to agree with our point of view. The matter is an exceedingly important one to us, and our personal contact with the Trustees, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Davis, is so slight that we cannot help but be exceedingly anxious while the matter is pending.

I know you will not hesitate to wire or telephone either Dr. Edmunds or myself if anything comes up on which you need our advice, or in which we should take some action.

Yours very sincerely,

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Copy to Dr. Edmunds

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M. B. & H. H. Johnson  
Attorneys at Law  
Union Trust Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Cable Address  
"Counsel Cleveland"

June 8, 1927.

Mr. E.K. Edwards,  
The Trustees of Canton Christian College,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Edwards:

In reply to your favor of the first, I enclose  
to you herewith a copy of the application for instructions from  
the Court and also advise you that the hearing is set for the  
17th of June. Your attorneys in Buffalo will have no difficulty  
in getting in touch with Messrs. Cohn Franchot Runals & Robillard,  
Gluck Building, Niagara Falls, New York.

Very truly yours,

M. B. Johnson

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June 9, 1927

Messrs. Kenefick, Cooke, Mitchell and Bass  
Marine Trust Building  
Buffalo, New York

Attention:  
Mr. Letchworth and/or Mr. Wheeler

Gentlemen:-

Since dispatching my letter and other material to you this morning, I have just received word from Mr. Johnson that he and Mr. Davis have already filed application for instructions from the Court and that a hearing has been set for June 17th.

He was also good enough to volunteer the suggestion that you should get in touch with the Trustees' attorneys, as you already know, Messrs. Cohn Franchot Runals and Robillard of Niagara Falls.

He was furthermore good enough to send me a copy of the application which they have made for instructions, and in case you have not already received a copy of this direct from the aforementioned attorneys, I am hastening to send you the copy just received from Mr. Johnson.

Faithfully yours,

American Director

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June 9 1927

Messrs. Kenefick, Cooke, Mitchell & Boss,  
Marine Trust Building,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Attention Mr. Letchworth and/or Mr. Wheeler

Gentlemen:

Herewith I send you a memorandum re Lingnan University which I hope will be of some use to you and Mr. Wheeler in connection with your handling of our interests before Surrogate Hickey.

I enclose also some previous correspondence that seems pertinent, and our printed Statutes and extracts from New York educational law.

To let you and Mr. Wheeler get something of the background of our problem, I am also sending you (but under separate cover) copies of my last two published reports.

I have asked Mr. Homer Johnson to let me know if their petition has been filed, and if not when it is likely to be; but I have not yet had his reply. Perhaps you have already ascertained this from Mr. Cohn's office. If so, I should be glad to be advised.

If there is any further information you need, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

American Director.

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                                 JAMES J. MURPHY

June 11, 1927

Charles K. Edmunds, Esq.,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York

Re: Estate of Charles M. Hall - Edu-  
cational Fund

Dear Sir:-

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 9th enclosing copy of the petition in the above entitled matter, which we note is to be presented on June 17th.

We shall get in touch with the trustee's attorneys and shall represent you at the hearing or any adjournment thereof. We are glad that you will be able to be on hand at the hearing at our request, and we shall advise you in ample time to enable you to do so, but we hardly think it will be necessary. Cohn, Franchot, Runals & Robillard have advised us that Judge Hickey is ill and that it is difficult to say whether the matter can be disposed of at that time. It is quite possible that an adjournment will be taken.

We shall keep you advised of the progress of this matter.

Very truly yours,

*Kenefick, Cooke, Mitchell & Bass*

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SURROGATE'S COURT NIAGARA COUNTY  
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IN THE MATTER

of the judicial settlement of the accounts of  
ARTHUR V. DAVIS and HOMER H. JOHNSON, as Trustees  
under the last will and testament of Charles M.  
Hall, late of the city of Niagara Fall, Niagara  
County, New York, deceased.

CHARLES M. HALL  
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TO THE SURROGATE'S COURT OF NIAGARA COUNTY:

The petition of ARTHUR V. DAVIS, residing in the City of Pitts-  
burgh, Pennsylvania, and whose post office address is No. 2400 Oliver  
Building in said city, and of HOMER H. JOHNSON, residing in the City of  
Cleveland, Ohio, and whose post office address is No. 1669 Union Trust  
Building, in said city, respectfully shows:

1. That your petitioners are testamentary trustees named in the last  
will and testament of Charles M. Hall, late of the City of Niagara Falls,  
New York, deceased, whose will was duly admitted to probate on the 28th  
day of January, 1915, by and before the Surrogate of Niagara County, and  
that your petitioners duly qualified as such testamentary trustees, and  
have finally accounted as such in respect of all matters under the last  
will and testament of Charles M. Hall, deceased, excepting the distribution  
of the principal and unexpended income of one-third of the residuary estate  
which by the terms of the will of the decedent were to be used for the  
purpose of education in foreign lands, to wit: Japan, Continental Asia,  
Turkey and the Balkan States in Europe in such manner and through such  
agencies as to your petitioners as such trustees might seem best, reference  
being hereby had to the will of said decedent for a further statement of  
the character of said bequest of principal and income.

2. That the account of your petitioners was duly settled by decree  
entered in this Court on March 5, 1926, such account and decree being final

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in respect of all matters of the Estate of said Charles M. Hall, deceased, other than the distribution of the principal and unexpended income of one-third of the residuary estate for educational purposes in foreign lands as aforesaid, the said one-third of the principal and unexpended income having been heretofore partially segregated, ear-marked and designated under the name of Charles M. Hall, Educational Fund, and the account accompanying this petition covers the conduct of your petitioners as trustees in respect of said Charles M. Hall Educational Fund from the date of the decree of March 5, 1926, to and including the 31st day of March, 1927.

3. That there is filed herewith an account of your petitioners as such trustees of the Charles M. Hall Educational Fund from March 5, 1926, to and including March 31, 1927, which account has been duly verified, more than one year having elapsed since the last account of your petitioners in respect of the said Charles M. Hall Educational Fund was rendered.

4. Upon information and belief that the only persons entitled to be cited upon this application, interested in the judicial settlement of the accounts of your petitioners as such, or concerning whom this Court is required to have information, are the sureties on the official bond of said trustees, to-wit:

Globe Indemnity Company, a corporation of New York, whose Home Office is at No. 59 Maiden Lane, in the City of New York; and

American Surety Company of New York, a corporation of New York, whose Home Office is at No. 100 Broadway, in the City of New York;

and that upon information and belief there are no other persons than those mentioned having a legal interest in this application or proceeding.

5. Your petitioners have already made substantial distributions out of the income of the said Charles M. Hall Educational Fund for the purposes mentioned in said will, but that political, economic and other conditions in

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Japan, Continental Asia, Turkey and the Balkan States in Europe of late years have been of such character that your petitioners have found difficulty in selecting institutions or instrumentalities which seem wholly to meet their understanding of the wishes and purposes of the testator in respect of said fund, and that your petitioners desire this Court to determine by construction of the will of the said decedent that the several institutions and instrumentalities to which the trustees have heretofore made distribution of income from said Charles M. Hall Educational Fund, having offices or addresses as stated below, to-wit:

Lingnan University, (formerly Canton Christian College)  
18 East 41st Street, New York, N.Y.

St. Luke's International Hospital,  
Tokio, Japan,

Oberlin-Shansi Memorial Association,  
Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio

The Allahabad Agricultural Institute,  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

The Thessalonica Agricultural & Industrial Institute,  
27 William Street, New York, N.Y.

American University of Beirut, (formerly Syrian Protestant College)  
45 Wall Street, New York, N.Y.

Robert College of Constantinople,  
99 John Street, New York, N.Y.

Yen Cheng, (formerly Peking University)  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

American College for Girls at Constantinople in Turkey,  
70 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Oriental Institute for Education in China, (otherwise known as Harvard-Oriental Institute or Harvard-Peking Institute),  
Peking, China.

Nanking University,  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Cho Sen Christian College,  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Fukien Christian University,  
Fushow, China.

International College of Smyrna,  
18 East 41st Street,  
New York City.

Sofia American Schools,  
18 East 41st Street,  
New York, City

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and also the following additional institutions and instrumentalities to which your petitioners have heretofore made no distribution, towit:

Kobe College, Kobe City, Japan,  
Athens College, Athens, Greece,  
Anatolia College, Saloniki, Greece,  
Madura College, Madura, India,  
Albania-American School of Agriculture, 177 William Street,  
New York City.

are each qualified to receive such portion of the principal and unexpended income of the Charles M. Hall Educational Fund as your petitioners in their discretion may hereafter see fit to distribute to them.

WHEREFORE, your petitioners pray for proceedings in this Court to enable them as trustees of the said Charles M. Hall Educational Fund to render an account of their proceedings to and including March 31, 1927, and for a decree to be made and entered judicially settling and allowing said account and fixing the fees and commissions of your petitioners thereon, and for a determination of the construction or effect of the will of the decedent in respect to said Charles M. Hall Educational Fund as affecting the several institutions and instrumentalities hereinbefore set forth, which determination is requested by your petitioners, and that the said sureties above stated be cited to attend such judicial settlement and other action in connection therewith, and that all such process and proceedings may be taken thereon as the law may require.

Dated, May 19th, 1927.

(Signed) Arthur V. Davis

(Signed) Homer H. Johnson

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STATE OF NEW YORK )  
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COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

ARTHUR V. DAVIS, being duly sworn, says that he has read the foregoing petition by him subscribed, and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true to the knowledge of deponent, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

(Signed) Arthur V. Davis

Sworn to before me this  
19th day of May, 1927.

{ NOTARIAL }  
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(Signed) Edwin F. Majer  
Notary Public, Bronx County  
Bronx Co. Clerk's No. 11 Reg's. No. 2912  
Certificates filed in  
New York Co. Clerk's No. 185 Reg's. No. 9171  
Westchester Co.  
My commission expires March 30, 1929

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
: SS  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

HOMER H. JOHNSON, being duly sworn, says that he has read the foregoing petition by him subscribed, and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true to the knowledge of deponent, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

(Signed) Homer H. Johnson

Sworn to before me this  
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June 16, 1927

Homer H. Johnson, Esq.,  
Union Trust Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Please accept my thanks for letting me know the date appointed for the hearing at Lockport, which I now understand is likely to be postponed thru the illness of the Surrogate. It was especially good of you also to send me a copy of the petition which you and Mr. Davis have filed.

It would seem that our problem is to convince you and Mr. Davis, as well as the surety companies interested, that Lingnan does essentially qualify under the conditions set forth by Mr. Hall's will. And in as much as we have not yet placed before you in any formal way just what the proposed basis of our future cooperation with the Chinese is, and for fear that lacking such information you may be entertaining some misconceptions which would unduly endanger our prospects, I am venturing thus to ask if you will not be willing to receive a memorandum which will briefly set forth just what the organization we have in mind for Lingnan, but have not yet adopted, really is, and secure from you suggestions as to what modifications, if any, would give you and Mr. Davis the assurance you would need in making the proposed gift to Lingnan. We would appreciate such an opportunity, but do not like so to move without your approval in advance.

Your kind consideration will be sincerely appreciated.

Gratefully yours,

American Director

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June 21, 1927

Kenefick, Cooke, Mitchell and Bass,  
Attorneys at Law,  
Marine Trust Building, Buffalo, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Although I take it for granted you are in direct touch with Mr. Cohn and his associates re the Hall Estate matter, still I venture for surety's sake to let you know that I have heard indirectly that the Hall Estate matter will be dealt with by Surrogate Hickey on the 29th. I understand that Mr. Cohn has invited Yenching (or Peking University) to send him a memorandum showing how that institution qualifies under the terms of the Hall will, which memo he would file with the Surrogate when presenting his petition on the 29th. Yenching's attorneys (Messrs. Sprague, Merle-Smith and Smart, 57 William Street, N.Y.) are preparing such a memo and I am promised a copy of it when finished.

I am wondering whether you have received a similar intimation to do likewise in our behalf. If not, would you not approach Mr. Cohn forthwith expressing our desire to provide him with such a memo as he would be willing to use?

I think it would be alright to do this in view of what Mr. Johnson said to me in his letter of June 8th, when he sent me a copy of the petition (Copy of that letter enclosed herewith).

As I recently wrote Mr. Johnson (copy enclosed herewith) and have had as yet no reply, I am a little anxious that we should not lose out for failure to cooperate direct with Mr. Cohn and so venture thus to write you. Perhaps you have already fully covered the matter even as indicated above.

Very truly yours,

American Director

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KENEFICK, COOKE, MITCHELL & BASS

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

DANIEL J. KENEFICK  
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MARINE TRUST BUILDING

BUFFALO, N.Y.

June 23, 1927.

Charles K. Edmunds, American Director,  
Lingnan University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

Re:- Hall Estate

Dear Dr. Edmunds:-

We have your letter of June 21.

We have already been in touch with Mr. Cohn in regard to this matter and have obtained a copy of the petition for an accounting. We discussed briefly over the telephone with Mr. Cohn also the question of the qualification of your institution. We do not understand that there is to be any serious opposition urged by the Trustees. The hearing on the accounting was held in Niagara Falls on the 17th and an adjournment was taken until June 29th at which time there is to be a hearing before the Surrogate in Lockport on the question of qualification of the Chinese Universities. We had one of our representatives attend the first hearing, and Mr. Wheeler, of our firm, will attend the hearing on June 29th. Mr. Letchworth sails for Europe that day, and it will be impossible for him to be on hand.

We think that the best procedure to follow is to attend the hearing without any witnesses and without any prepared memorandum. We want to ascertain the position of the Trustees and of the court at that time and if it is necessary, we shall obtain an adjournment for the purpose of supplying such proof as is desirable. We are entitled to such an adjournment and will undoubtedly be accorded it by the Surrogate, and we think that we will be in a better position to meet any objections that may be raised if we have time to consider the matter than if we attempt to go ahead on June 29th. Mr. Wheeler will familiarize himself thoroughly with the data that you have sent up, and we will report to you at once in regard to the situation

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developed at the hearing. You will have a full opportunity to be heard at a later time, if it is necessary. If you think it wise, you might prepare a memorandum for our own use if there is anything in addition to that which you have already send on to us.

Very truly yours,

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*Wm. C. Cooke Mitchell & Bass*

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June 23, 1927.

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Cable Address  
"Counsel Cleveland"

*E. Edwards*  
Mr. C.K. Edwards,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

*Edwards*  
Dear Dr. Edwins:

Your letter of the 16th has been held awaiting my return to the City.

I have a letter from our Niagara Falls counsel this morning saying that the hearing on the question of construction of the will has been adjourned until 2 o'clock Wednesday, June 29th, at the Surrogate's Office in Lockport, New York. I have suggested to Mr. Cohn that your counsel, Mr. Davis and I meet the Court in chambers on that date and see whether we can all work out anything that would <sup>clarify</sup> (terrify) the atmosphere. We certainly would be obliged for any arguments, memoranda or advice that you may have to offer. As we have repeatedly told you, we are just as anxious as you are to get this money working in China in good hands, but it is an unfavorable condition that confronts us. As we said to you the other day, you would not want to take this money and be compelled to give it back because it was not transferred to you in accordance with the terms of the will. We are only Trustees and you are bound by the limits of our power the same as we are so that what Mr. Davis and I may wish to do has nothing to do with the case. It is what we can do. Then too, it is a question of getting a proper Court to say what we should do so that if possible the matter will be settled and not bob up later to confuse both ourselves and the institutions receiving the money. I have no doubt if Mr. Hall were here and under these conditions, he would interpret this clause of his will as meaning that the kind of an institution de-

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scribed should be the beneficiary of his gifts as far as possible but whether that is a permissible construction of the language of the will, whether a Court will say so or whether the Surrogate Court is enough to say so to protect all parties concerned is the question at issue.

I have suggested to Mr. Cohn that it might be wise for all hands to meet at Lockport and discuss the matter with each other and perhaps with the Judge in chambers on next Wednesday and see whether there could be a common judgment arrived at which would be sufficient for Mr. Davis and me to rely on in exercising our responsibility.

I can see no reason in any event for any hesitation for you to give us any memoranda you have in mind and if we have any misconceptions of the facts, we are as anxious as you are to correct them, but the fellow to pass on misconceptions is the Court rather than ourselves.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Johnson

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## Confirmation of Telegram Sent You This Day

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NIGHT LETTER.

June 29, 1927.

CHARLES K. EDMUNDS,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK.

PLEASE MAIL AT ONCE COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
OF LINGNAN UNIVERSITY ALSO ANY OTHER BYLAWS OR DOCUMENTS  
RELATING TO ITS ORGANIZATION.

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June 29, 1927.

Charles K. Edmunds, Esq.,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

Re:- Hall Estate

Dear Mr. Edmunds:-

I telegraphed you yesterday as follows:-

"HALL ESTATE HEARING IS ADJOURNED UNTIL  
JULY EIGHTH CONFERENCE SOME DAY NEXT  
WEEK WRITE YOU TOMORROW."

Mr. Robillard, who is Mr. Cohn's partner and who has practically charge of this matter, has not returned, and Mr. Cohn wished to have the matter adjourned when it came up today. He telephoned us yesterday morning about it, and I wired you as above. He has suggested some conference prior to the date set for the hearing on July 8th at 2 P. M. I have written today suggesting that we might hold the conference in the morning preceding, but I will let you hear from me. It might be well for you to come on for that conference.

Very truly yours,

Ny

*Thomas R. Wheeler*

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Manufacturers Record

Baltimore, Md., June 29, 1927

Dear Dr. Edmunds:-

I am in receipt of yours of June 28th, and am glad to know that you propose to send us an article on the situation in China.

I shall be at Atlantic City from the 2d to the 4th, and expect to return to Atlantic City about the 7th or 8th of July, for a week. If, however, I should not be in Baltimore at the time you wish to see me, I suggest that you call on our first vice president, Mr. Frank Gould, or our second vice president, Mr. V.H. Power. They are both very familiar with the South and would probably be able to give you just as much information on the subject as I could.

Sincerely yours,

R.H. Edmunds  
Editor

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June 29, 1927

H.H. Johnson, Esquire  
Union Trust Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Many thanks for your letter of the 23rd.

In view of what you say and in hopes that it may be of some help I am presuming to send you a copy of the roughly drafted memorandum which I prepared for our attorneys. I don't know just what use they may make of it, if any.

The only misconceptions my previous letter intended to refer to were such as might be entertained regarding the proposed future administration of our institution. We want our real situation in this respect to be clear to you and to the Court.

Your courtesy in replying to me so fully is greatly appreciated.

Faithfully yours,

American Director

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"Counsel Cleveland"

June 30, 1927.

Mr. C.K. Edmunds,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Dear Doctor Edmunds:

This is to acknowledge your favor of the 29th with  
the enclosure noted.

I hope you have given your counsel more detailed  
copies of the actual documents involved in the foundation of Lingnan  
University. We ought to have before us the original documents or  
copies so that we may see just what the situation is. The exact  
terms of the Government orders should be set out.

Very truly yours,

Homer H. Johnson

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July 1, 1927.

J. L. Nagle, Executive Secretary,  
Trustees Lingnan University,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York.

Re:- Charles M. Hall Estate

Dear Sir:-

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
June 30th with the enclosures.

Would it be possible to send us a copy of  
the petition on which the Charter of December 13th, 1892  
was granted? This would be somewhat helpful in determining  
the purposes and aims of the University.

Very truly yours,

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*Kenefick, Cooke, Mitchell & Bass  
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June 30, 1927

Kenefick, Cooke, Mitchell and Bass, Esqs.,  
Marine Trust Building, Buffalo, N.Y.

Attention: Mr. Wheeler

Gentlemen:-

Your telegram as follows was received: this morning:

"Please mail at once copy of certificate of incorporation of Lingnan University also any other bylaws or documents relating to its organization."

In Dr. Edmunds' absence from the city, I beg to call your attention to his letter dated June 9, 1927, and to the enclosures of that letter.

Herewith please find a Blue Book containing

- (1) Copy of the charter dated Dec. 13, 1892
- (2) Copy of amendment to charter dated May 21, 1903
- (3) Education Law, Art. 3, of the University of State of New York
- (4) The statutes of the College.

Please find enclosed also a statement signed by Mr. W. Henry Grant, Secretary of Trustees of Lingnan University which covers the above-mentioned charter, amendments, etc. in the Blue Book.

I am also enclosing a photographic copy of the last amendment of the charter dated March 25, 1926, as this is not included in the Blue Book.

In forwarding these enclosures I desire to call your attention to the fact that they cover the present organization of the University.

A copy of your letter dated June 29 is being forwarded to Dr. Edmunds. I am sure that he will be present at the conference which you have suggested prior to the hearing.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary

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July 2, 1927

Kenefick, Cooke, Mitchell & Bass  
Marine Trust Building  
Buffalo, New York.

Re: Charles M. Hall Estate

Gentlemen:

Your letter of July 1st was received this morning in the absence of both Dr. Edmunds and Dr. Nagle. I have, however, conferred with Mr. W. Henry Grant, who is Secretary of the Trustees, and he suggests that I send you the enclosed extract from the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of December 11th, 1893. From this it would appear that the original petition was made out on a blank form which was filled out and filed with the Regents of the University of the State of New York.

I am unable to locate a copy of the petition this morning but will endeavor to do so next week when the holidays are over. Meantime Mr. Grant will send you a copy of the original prospectus of Canton Christian College.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) B.C. Powers

Assistant Secretary

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July 5, 1927

Hon. Augustus S. Downing,  
Assistant Commissioner of Education  
Board of Regents,  
Albany, New York.

Dear Sir:

In connection with a court case in  
Lockport, New York, our lawyers require a copy  
of the original petition on which the Charter  
of December 13th, 1893 was granted to the "Christian  
College of China" by which name Lingnan University  
was originally known.

Would it be possible for you to have a certi-  
fied copy of this petition made and mailed in the  
enclosed envelope to Kenefick, Cooke, Mitchell & Bass,  
Marine Trust Building, Buffalo, N.Y. We will gladly  
pay any charges in connection therewith. We are anxious  
that this document should be in the lawyers' hands by  
Thursday of this week if possible. If it would be possible  
to have two copies made, one to be mailed to this office  
and the other to Buffalo, that too, would be very much ap-  
preciated.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

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July 5, 1927

Keneffick, Cooke, Mitchell & Bass  
Marine Trust Building  
Buffalo, New York

Gentlemen:

Supplementing letter of July 2d, I am  
enclosing herewith the following documents:

Letter from J.R. Parsons, Director, Univ. of State of New York  
dated October 3, 1893. (Copy)  
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation, June 27, 1893.  
Copy of Certificate of Incorporation of Protestant  
College of Sao Paulo, Brazil, May 30, 1891 (with  
amendments) *Copy attached*  
Copy of Letter from Chief Clerk W.S. Waterbury, Office of  
the Secretary of State, Albany, N.Y. dated August 19, 1893  
Copy of letter from Regent's office Dec. 27, 1893.  
We do not seem to have a copy of the actual petition but  
are writing to the Board of Regents today asking them to  
send you a copy by special delivery.

Yours very truly,

Executive Secretary

*Mr. Grant has a copy of this  
in his files. RB*

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July 5, 1927.

Charles K. Edmunds, President,  
Trustees of Lingnan University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

Re:- Lingnan University - Charles M. Hall Estate

Dear Dr. Edmunds:-

We acknowledge receipt of the letter from  
Mr. Powers of July 2nd.

*Johnson*  
The matter is now arranged so that there  
is to be a hearing before the Surrogate on Friday at Niagara  
Falls at 2 o'clock. We have arranged this morning with  
Mr. Cohn and Mr. Wheeler, of Cleveland, who represents the  
Trustees, for a conference at Mr. Cohn's office at 10 o'clock  
that morning preceding the hearing before the Surrogate.  
Will you kindly wire us whether Dr. Edmunds will be present  
at the hearing?

We are enclosing to you herewith a copy of  
a memorandum which we have prepared to be submitted to the  
Surrogate, if it appears wise to do so, as to the right of  
Lingnan University to share in the Educational Fund.

Messrs. Sprague, Merle-Smith & Smart have  
also prepared a memorandum in which they have set forth at  
some length the authorities in the New York courts construing  
the word "desire." It is not our intention to burden the  
court with a reiteration of all of these authorities, but we  
have left a place blank at page 5 where we can insert any  
new authorities that we may find. We are having an exhaustive  
search made at the present time.

We would be glad to receive any suggestions  
that Dr. Edmunds may have in regard to the memorandum which  
we have prepared, as it does not have to be submitted on Friday  
necessarily, and we can change it at any time.

Very truly yours,

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July 11, 1927.

J. S. Nagle, Executive Secretary,  
Lingnan University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

Re:- Lingnan University - Chas. M. Hall Estate

Dear Sir:-

Dr. Edmunds was in Buffalo last week Thursday, but the hearing in this matter did not come up as it was necessary to adjourn it due to the illness of the Surrogate. We understand that it is likely to come up on the 22nd, but we will notify you in due course.

Dr. Edmunds stated that you had written to the Regents for a copy of the petition for a charter which you filed with the State Educational Department and that you asked them to send it directly to us. We have never received it and are very anxious to do so just as soon as possible.

Will you not do what you can to hurry this up?

Very truly yours,

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July 12, 1927

Messrs. Kennefick, Cooke, Mitchell & Bass  
Marine Trust Building  
Buffalo, New York

Gentlemen:

Mr. J. S. Nagle, Executive Secretary of the Trustees of Lingnan University, formerly known as "Christian College of China" has requested that I forward to you a certified copy of the original petition on which the charter was granted to the Christian College of China under date of December 13th, 1893.

Unfortunately, the petition was burned in the capitol fire which occurred in March 1911, but I am forwarding to you certified copy of the charter which was issued and you will note the names of the trustees who were the incorporators.

Regretting that I cannot forward you the certified copy of the petition and expressing the hope that the certified copy of the charter will be of service to you, I am,

Very respectfully yours

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
ALBANY

AUGUSTUS S. DOWNING,  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

July 12, 1927

J. S. Nagle  
Executive Secretary  
Trustees Lingan University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 5th asking that a copy of the original petition on which the charter of December 13th, 1893, was granted to the Christian College of China be sent to your attorneys, was duly received and we have made diligent search in our files for that petition.

Unfortunately, the petition, with a number of other valuable papers was destroyed in the Capitol fire which occurred in March 1911.

I have, however, made a certified copy of the charter which was issued and have written Kenefick, Cooke, Mitchell & Bass as per inclosed copy of letter.

Regretting extremely that we have been unable to find the petition, I am,

Sincerely yours

*Augustus S. Downing*

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July 14, 1927

Dear Dr. Edmunds:

In regard to the Hall Endowment Fund, there is in the Principal Fund Account a total of \$101,060.00 which is made up of

Account of gifts received from the Hall Estate \$100,000.00

Account of profit made on securities allocated to the Hall Fund since the money has been invested by the Trustees as follows:

March 20, 1925	J.66	\$885.00	
April 1926	J.21	<u>175.00</u>	<u>1,060.00</u>
			<u>\$101,060.00</u>

I understand that the Trustees are not obligated to treat the item of profit \$1,060.00 as principal to the Hall Fund and would like your authorization to take this amount out of the principal account and credit it to the Income and Expenditure Account as an adjustment.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer

Dr. Charles K. Edmunds, American Director

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July 19, 1927

Messrs. Kenefick, Cooke, Mitchell and Bass  
Marine Trust Building  
Buffalo, New York

Attention Mr. Wheeler

Dear Mr. Wheeler:-

Herewith some suggestions as to facts which may be incorporated in your brief in showing that Lingnan is qualified under Mr. Hall's will on the score of its educational work and its freedom to accept a gift under the restriction that the same be not applied in any way to religious or theological instruction.

Let me report however that I have had indirectly an intimation from Mr. A.V. Davis, one of the Hall Trustees, that he fears the effect upon the Court of too much effort on the part of individual institutions to show their qualifications. He seems to prefer us to remain in the offing and let the Court deal only with the general question of interpretation of the wording of the will. So I think we must be guided entirely by what Mr. Cohn and his associates as attorneys for Messrs. Davis and Johnson, may wish us to do in the way of filing or not filing- appearing or not appearing. I merely pass this caution on for what it may be worth. I am relying on you to sense or determine just what Mr. Cohn will wish us to do.

Sincerely yours,

C.K. Edmunds  
American Director

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Suggestions to Mr. Wheeler re Paragraphs to Include  
in Brief to be Submitted in connection with Hall Estate  
Matter on behalf of Lingnan University.

Re Religious Instruction- The University conducts no  
school of Theology or of Religion and is not connected with  
any religious body. Attendance on its religious exercises  
and on its courses of religious instruction is entirely  
voluntary. Hence the institution is qualified to accept a  
gift subject to the restriction expressed in will.

Re Educational Work- The University includes full four  
years of collegiate instruction in the Arts and Sciences  
and satisfies the requirements of the Regents of the  
University of the State of New York, for the granting of  
the Bachelor's degree. In the college grades it had 340  
students enrolled for the year 1927-28 and in their behalf  
maintained a teaching staff of 58, of whom 32 are professors  
or associate professors.

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July 21, 1927.

C. K. Edmunds, American Director,  
Lingnan University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, New York.

Re: Estate of Charles M. Hall.

Dear Dr. Edmunds:-

I have your letter of the 19th. I wish to thank you for your suggestions in regard to including certain paragraphs in the brief.

I note that you have received indirectly, an intimation from Mr. Davis to the effect that he fears making too much of the question of the qualifications of the various institutions before the Court. I have the same intimation given to me by Mr. Robillard, one of the Attorneys for the Trustees. Mr. Robillard stated to me in so many words that he thought the matter would go through without any question unless the various institutions insisted on injecting themselves too far into the controversy. I told Mr. Robillard that we intended to take no part upon the hearing, but that I want to be present with you, simply to be able to answer any statements that should arise. This seemed to be entirely satisfactory to Mr. Robillard. I have a letter from him this morning, in which he states that he does not know exactly what date the citation will be returnable as he has not yet received the petition back from the Trustees, who have promised to advise me of the date and I will in turn let you know as soon as I hear. He thinks it is likely to be the last of July or sometime during the first part of August. In any event, I will keep you advised.

Very truly yours,

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copy for file

Trustees, Lingnan University  
150 Franklin Ave  
New York

originals to  
Arthur V. Davis  
Homer A. Johnson

Jan 20, 1928

My dear

There are some important considerations affecting the founding of a modern University at Canton which one does not ordinarily see in print. As I visited all the so-called colleges and universities in China, on the map in 1890, and have ever since followed their development, even including two or more visits to each of them excepting the Foochow and Boone Universities, I fully sympathize with the special reasons for each locating where and when it did. Here are a few items of a distinctive order affecting the location of the Lingnan University.

Canton, as the Metropolis of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, not to speak of the regions beyond, is one of the best locations in China for a great and far-reaching University development. Basically it has important local resources and a productive population, while many of its people show marked commercial and banking ability; for throughout China and the Orient, and for that matter all around the world, we find the Cantonese as the representative business men of China. The mineral resources of the two Kwangs have been hardly scratched and their agricultural resources are probably not yielding more than 20% of their possibilities.

The Chinese expression Fung-Shui, literally "Wind-Water", in relation to the spot or land understood, has real significance when one considers how these conditions actually affect the agricultural prosperity of a locality. In the World Almanac there is a list of some eighty-nine "Principal Foreign Rivers" - forty-four of them being over and forty-five under 1000 miles in length, and twenty-seven of the forty-five, 500 miles and under, while the Si Kiang or West River of 1125 miles is not mentioned. Here is a river of which the geographers take little notice and the World Almanac edited by an "Officier de l'Instruction Publique", F.R.G.S., and Fellow of the American Geographical Society, Etc., omits it altogether, and yet according to the published records of the Board of Conservancy Reports of Kwangtung it debouches more water than the Mississippi. The effect, of course is the steady building and replenishment of the Kwangtung Delta and the floating of a great commerce. And this is only one of three considerable rivers pouring their waters into the Delta, not counting the Pearl or Canton River which connects Canton with the Pacific Ocean.

Thus Canton City with its Delta flourishes by its own right

and internal commerce. However, when we study its location from the standpoint of a shipping and railroad center we have definite data with relation to its past and Engineering Surveys on which to project its future. There still exists the river transportation, supplemented by canals and portages across the watersheds and an incomplete railway from Canton north to the Yangtse River. Were the Canton-Hankow railway put in first class order, the mail, (taking now) nearly a week to go from Hongkong to Hankow, 650 miles up the Yangtse, would be delivered in Hankow in twenty-four hours after its arrival at Hongkong, and in Chengtu over a branch line from Changsha in 36 hours, easily. It is less than 600 miles as the crow flies from Canton to Hankow and about 1000 miles to Chengtu, the capital of Szechuan, from Canton via Changsha; and when these roads are in operation the Cantonese business men will surely not be slow to establish commercial and banking houses in all the centers. Having the money, they are the chief collectors and conservers of Chinese Art.

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Looking at the map again one can mark the relation of the Kao-lin beds and potteries to Canton as the chief mart for China ware, it being admitted that in many cases it will require a synthetic Chemist to rediscover the composition of some of the fine old pottery.

The climate of Canton, though just within the tropics and south of the frost-line, is approximately the same as that of New Orleans or Savannah. As Mr. Douty of the Silk Association puts it, "Kwangtung is the only place in the world where there are eleven months of mulberry". This means a possible eight cycles of silk worms a year, with an assured annual production from silk cocoons five or six cycles a year.

In ascending the Si Kiang and its affluents to Yunnan, an altitude of 5500 feet is attained before reaching the city of Yunnan which is 6500 feet above sea level. This corresponds to the table land of Mexico at the same latitude.

This change of altitude affects corresponding changes in the fauna and flora and the character of farming and forestry with its abundant supplies of wood oils, etc.

At present the upper Si Kiang basin, in comparison with Kwangtung is sparsely inhabited, about one-fourth the number to the square mile.

One can readily see how a University located at the metropolis of so large and important a section of the Earth stimulates the development of its resources through the application of the major sciences, while its departments of geology, mineralogy, and botany, agriculture, etc. are exploring and experimenting and its higher culture is insuring the production of competent and reliable leaders and workers.

Sincerely yours,

W. Henry Grant, Secretary  
Board of Trustees

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January 23/28

W. Henry Grant Esq  
New York

Dear Sir: I acknowledge  
your favors to Lingnan  
University and note the map  
enclosed. I am glad the  
College is situated so favorably  
and hope the country settles  
down or up enough for it  
to carry on its good work.

So far as the Hall Trustees are  
concerned I think we have  
concluded our service to the  
university.

Very truly yours

H. H. Johnson

150 Fifth Ave

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ARTHUR V. DAVIS  
PRESIDENT.

*120 Broadway, New York, N.Y.* Jan. 21, 1928.

Mr. W. Henry Grant,  
Secretary Board of Trustees, Lingnan University,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Grant:-

I am in receipt of your letter in regard to the strategic location of Lingnan University at Canton. I have read your letter with much interest and thank you very much for writing me so fully.

Yours very truly,

*Arthur V. Davis*

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July 24, 1928

Olin D. Wanamaker, Esq.  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Wanamaker:

We have succeeded in completing our report to the Trustees of the Hall Estate upon the status of the various beneficiaries examined by us in connection with the proposal to distribute the fund which the Trustees hold for education in foreign lands.

Will you please accept this expression of our sincere appreciation of your prompt courtesy and patience in furnishing us the information which we requested in reference to the Trustees of Lingnan University.

Very truly yours

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July 26, 1927

Dr. Charles K. Edmunds,  
American Director,  
Lingnan University,  
150 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

Re Hall Estate

Dear Dr. Edmunds:

I am informed today by Mr. Robillard that the hearing is now set for 2 P.M. on August 5th at Niagara Falls. I suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Plimpton at my office on August 3rd and find out if it is surely going on. I am going away, but will leave directions so that you can find out about it. I will be at the hearing at Niagara Falls on that day.

Yours very truly,

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*James Plimpton*

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August 3, 1927

George F. Plimpton, Esquire  
 C/o Messrs. Kenefick Cooke Mitchell and Bass  
 Marine Trust Building  
 Buffalo, New York

Please advise by tomorrow if Hall Estate hearing being held  
 Friday whether attorneys for the Trustees think my attendance  
 desirable.

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August 3, 1927.

Dr. Charles K. Edmunds,  
American Director,  
Lingnan University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Special Delivery

Re Charles M. Hall Estate

Dear Dr. Edmunds:

I have just received your telegram about the hearing in the Hall Estate. The hearing is scheduled for Friday at 2 o'clock P.M. at Niagara Falls. The attorneys for the trustees advise that this hearing will be held on that day, and no adjournment will be taken. Mr. Wheeler and I will attend the hearing, but will have no official standing as your representatives, inasmuch as the Lingnan University is not one of the parties to the proceedings. We shall merely sit in as spectators in order to answer any questions which might possibly arise.

The trustees and their attorneys are entirely favorable to our claim, and we do not believe that it is at all necessary for you to make the trip to be present at the hearing. You will be advised of the result of the action taken.

Very truly yours,

*Geo. F. Plimpton*

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Kenefick, Cooke, Mitchell & Bass,  
Marine Building,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

August 6, 1927

Dr. Charles K. Edmunds,  
American Director,  
Lingnan University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Re Charles M. Hall Estate

Dear Dr. Edmunds:

Mr. Wheeler and I appeared in behalf of the Lingnan University at the final hearing in the Hall Estate yesterday afternoon at Niagara Falls. Mr. Johnson, one of the trustees, was also present with Mr. Cohn and Mr. Robillard. The attorneys for the Peking University also filed a notice of appearance.

After Mr. Cohn had presented his case to the Surrogate, Mr. Wheeler made a short statement to the court of the position of the Lingnan University as one of the proposed beneficiaries. The Surrogate signed the decree in exactly the form we asked for, providing specifically that the words in the will expressing the testator's "desire" regarding the distribution of the funds to Lingnan University, among others, were merely precatory, and that the selection of the beneficiaries was in the absolute discretion of the trustees. This clears up the situation completely as far as the Lingnan University is concerned.

Mr. Johnson advised us that the checks on account of income would go out to you and other beneficiaries today. The payments on account of principal would be made shortly, pending the determination by the attorneys for the trustees of the question whether the Attorney General should be cited in a proceeding to bar for all time any claim that he may have in the future. This question was raised by Mr. Cohn. We do not believe that such a proceeding is necessary, but in order that there may be no uncertainty about it, we shall examine the question in detail and report to the trustees within a few days. We shall let you know what our decision is.

We shall forward to you a copy of the decree in due course. We enclose herewith confirmation of the telegram sent you today.

Very truly yours,

Geor F. Plimpton (signed)

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Geor. H. Hutchinson (signed)

Dear Mr. [Name]

Dear Sir:

The enclosed preliminary consideration of the petition and the report...

In a few days we shall let you know what our decision is. We shall examine the petition in detail and report to the trustees...

The trustees have considered the petition and the report of the committee... After Mr. Corn had presented his case to the trustees...

The petition was also filed a notice of absence. Mr. Corn and Mr. Kortlandt, the attorneys for the trustees, were present...

Dear Mr. [Name]:

Be Charles K. [Name]

New York City, 120 Fifth Avenue, Trustees, American Director, Dr. Charles K. [Name]

Yours truly,

Walter H. K. [Name], [Name], [Name]

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For Mr. Grant's file

Extract from the Will of Charles M. Hall

After making provision for his relatives, servants and friends as well as other minor bequests, the will- in Section "IX" reads:

"I give, bequeath and divide the residue and remainder of all property, real and personal, of every name and nature, wheresoever situate and whenever acquired, of which I may die seized, or to which I may be entitled at the time of my death, including any legacies, annuities or trusts which may lapse, and after the payment of the above legacies and providing for the above annuities and the debts and expenses of administration and all taxes, including transfer and inheritance taxes, if any, to Arthur V. Davis, of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Homer H. Johnson, of Cleveland, Ohio, and their respective successors hereinafter provided for, in trust, for the period of (15) fifteen years from the date of my decease, or during the lifetime of the eldest two of my nephews living at the time of my decease and the survivor of them, if said survivor shall die before the expiration of said 15 years, for the following uses and purposes, and with the following powers, to wit: ~~\*\*\*\*\*~~"

(here follows two bequests to Oberlin College, one of \$200,000 for the acquisition of additional land and the care and beautifying of the campus; and one of \$600,000 for the erection of a building in memory of his mother. This provision is rather detailed and lengthy, and the will treats the two bequests as part of one fund of \$800,000)

The Section then continued:

"After the fund of \$800,000 herein provided for, shall have been paid or transferred to the Trustees of Oberlin College, my Executors and Trustees shall then pay the net income from my said property, one-third to the Board of Trustees of Oberlin College, of Oberlin, Ohio; one-sixth to the Trustees of Berea College of Berea, Kentucky; one-sixth to the American Missionary Association and one-third shall be retained by my said Trustees for the purpose, in their sole and absolute discretion, or applying such income for educational purposes in the following foreign countries, to wit: Japan, Continental Asia, Turkey and the Balkan States in Europe. Such income shall be applied in such manner and through such agencies as to my Trustees may seem best. They shall have power to make gifts for the founding, development, support or maintenance of educational institutions already established or which may in the future be established or maintained by any agency in their judgment thought to be fitted for such purpose. It is my desire, however, that such institutions should be limited to those managed or substantially controlled by Boards composed of Americans or British, and also that no part of it should be used for the purpose of instruction in theology, though it is not my desire that it may not be devoted to institutions, a part of whose work consists in imparting religious instruction. It is also my will that none of my gifts herein made to the Board of Trustees of Oberlin College, or the income thereof shall be used for the purpose of a theological seminary conducted by said board. It is also my wish that no part of my gifts to the Board of Trustees of Berea College, or to the American Missionary Association shall be used for instruction in ~~the~~ theology, altho it may be used in schools in which theology is taught. I make these limitations for the teaching of theology for the reason that I believe others are interested sufficiently in

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those purposes to carry on the work in Oberlin and abroad, without assistance from me, and I prefer to confine my gifts to other branches of education. It is also my wish that no part of my gift to the Trustees of Berea College be used for the education of the colored race, inasmuch as my gift to the American Missionary Association may be largely applied to the education of such race.

Section X. Upon the termination of the period of trust hereinbefore created in my Trustees by the expiration of said term of 15 years, or by the death of the survivor of my said nephews prior to that time, I hereby direct my said Trustees to assign, transfer and deliver all of my property in their hands, and in such form as it may then be as follows: One-third to the Trustees of Oberlin College, one-sixth to the Trustees of Berea College of Berea, Kentucky, one-sixth to the American Missionary Association, to be held by them as endowment funds, as hereinafter more fully described, the income thereof to be applied to the general uses of said legatees. The balance of said trust fund shall be applied by said Trustees for the purpose of education in foreign lands, to wit: Japan, Continental Asia, Turkey and the Balkan States in Europe, in such manner and thru such agencies as to my Trustees may seem best. They shall have power to make gifts for the founding, development, support or maintenance of educational institutions already established, or which may in the future be established or maintained by any agency in their judgment thought to be fitted for such purpose. It is my desire, however, that such institutions should be limited to those managed or substantially controlled by Boards composed of Americans or British, and also that no part of it should be used for the purpose of instruction in theology, tho it is not my desire that it may not be devoted to institutions a part of whose work consists in imparting religious instruction.

My Trustees shall be fully discharged from all liability for the administration of the said one-third so retained by them showing to the court to which they shall be responsible, the application of a all of said moneys left in their hands, as herein provided. \*\*\*\*\*

After this, the Will provides for certain other funds which may possibly, in default of the many legatees, come to the Trustees to be used for the purpose above mentioned.

August 15, 1927

Mr. Arthur V. Davis, Trustee  
Charles M. Hall Educational Fund  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Enclosed please find formal receipt  
for the thirty thousand dollars which you and  
Mr. Johnson have been good enough to send us for  
the general purposes of Hingnan.

We are very grateful for this  
timely and much needed assistance.

Sincerely yours,

American Director

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**CHARLES M. HALL EDUCATIONAL FUND**

No. 121

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October 3, 1927

Mr. Arthur V. Davis  
120 Broadway  
New York City

Dear Mr. Davis:

I am happy to report that Lingnan University started its academic year on September 16th with an enrollment of 217 in the college proper and 404 in the middle school. The summer school this year had an enrollment of 240.

In a cablegram from Provost Henry he states that the local Board of Directors had a meeting on September 23, 1927 which was entirely satisfactory and at which they accepted outstanding financial obligations. Provost Henry feels that the outlook is very promising.

Faithfully yours,

American Director

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FREDERICK OSBORN  
52 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

TELEPHONE HANOVER 0680

November 15, 1927.

Dr. C. K. Edmunds,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Charles:

I talked to Mr. Davis on the telephone. He was very cordial and explained again the situation resulting from the question of the American control spoken of in the Will, but I judge from what he said that he feels this question is now disposed of by the ruling of the properly appointed Surrogate or his assistant. He said that he, Mr. Davis, had been very busy in the last few weeks, otherwise they probably "would have gotten around to the whole job". He said that Mr. Johnson was coming on next week and they might get around to it then, but that in any event we could pretty definitely expect the next \$30,000. somewhere around the end of December. He said he was going to the dinner on December 2nd and he hoped he would meet me there.

Do take good care of yourself and keep your foot up until it is entirely healed.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Frederick Osborn*

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November 16, 1927

Frederick Osborn, Esq.,  
52 Broadway, New York

Dear Fred:-

I trust that you have already gotten into touch with Arthur V. Davis, Trustee of the Hall Estate and received his assurance of an early payment of income.

There is, however, another question in that connection on which I must consult you and that is, what arrangement, if any, did you make with the Buffalo attorneys, Messrs. Kennefick, Cooke, Mitchell and Bass, when you called them on the long distance 'phone last summer to ask them to take care of our case. We have to date received no bill for services, only a little account of expenditure for telegrams and long distance calls, amounting to less than \$4. which, of course, we paid when presented. Possibly you made a private arrangement with them, or possibly they do not intend to render us a bill. In the latter case I think we should be duly grateful and express our appreciation. If you had an understanding with them please let me know, and if you did not, how should we handle the matter at this time. Of course as a matter of fact until we receive the payment of further income from the Hall Estate we are not in a very good position to pay them a sizeable fee should they present a bill. I am a little embarrassed to know just how to handle the matter, and await your suggestion.

Gratefully yours,

C. K. Edmunds  
American Director

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Copy to Mr. Davison

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December 6, 1927

Mr. Arthur V. Davis  
Mr. Homer H. Johnson  
Trustees of Charles M. Hall Educational Fund

Dear Sirs:-

There is one point to which we venture to call your attention just at this time.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., sometime ago promised us \$579,000 on the condition that by December 31, 1927 we secure three times that sum from other sources either in cash or in pledges payable prior to June 30, 1930.

We have to date secured \$977,967 which includes the \$60,000 received from the Charles M. Hall Educational Fund in October 1926 and the \$30,000 received in August 1927.

While Mr. Rockefeller's original pledge was based upon a certain program of objectives which, in view of present conditions in China, we no longer consider it wise to hold to, and in which we propose to replace building items with endowment, we are hoping to secure Mr. Rockefeller's assent to such an alteration of program. It will, as you can readily see, be an enormous advantage to us as we report on this matter to him on or before December 31, to be able to include in such a report not only the gifts we have thus far received from you but also the assurance of similar gifts in the years just ahead or better still the capital sum corresponding thereto.

In view of the generous and courteous attention you have already given to our case, we hesitate to bother you now. But the chance that your help to us may be enhanced by one-third of itself, and that we must deal with this matter forthwith if that chance is not to be lost, emboldens us to present the matter to you now.

In the hope that you will be minded to comply with our suggestion, we are

Gratefully yours,

Frederick Osborn

Mr. Davison had to leave for  
Washington before signing

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Charles K. Edmunds

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52 Broadway

December 12, 1927.

Edward H. Letchworth, Esq.,  
Kenefeck, Cook, Mitchell & Bass,  
Marine Trust Building,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Letchworth:

I want to express our very warm thanks for your kindness in handling the matter of our relation with the Hall Trustees. We have not yet received the gift of which we are in hopes, nor had any confirmation of their intentions, but we do understand that they are, at least for the present, satisfied that there is no legal reason why they should not make such a gift as is proposed to Lingnan University, and we are therefore relieved of the serious anxiety we had in this respect last summer and are proportionately grateful to you for the help you gave us.

You may be interested to know that at the present time the College is operating in fine shape, with something like six hundred students, so that it is by far the largest Western educational institution in South China, and next to Peking University, in the whole of China.

With personal regards from Dr. Edmunds and myself, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

(S) Frederick Goodwin

Copy to Dr. Edmunds

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KENEFICK, COOKE, MITCHELL & BASS  
Marine Trust Building

Buffalo, N. Y.

December 15, 1927

Frederick Osborn, Esq., President,  
Lingnan University,  
52 Broadway,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Osborn:

Thank you very much for your courteous letter of December 12th. We are, of course, sorry that we have not been able to get a definite confirmation from the Hall Trustees of their intentions, but for some reason we have a strong intuitive feeling that they will make the gift to you of which you are in hopes.

I will call your letter to Mr. Wheeler's attention, and he, I know, will join with me in reciprocating the personal regards from yourself and Dr. Edmunds.

Very sincerely yours,

(s) E. H. Letchworth.

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December 16, 1927

Mr. Homer H. Johnson  
Mr. Arthur V. Davis  
Trustees, Charles M. Hall Educational Fund

Dear Sirs:-

I am personally greatly embarrassed to find it necessary to ask your further consideration of the proposed division of the grant from the Charles M. Hall Educational Fund to Lingnan University. But the importance of the issue to Lingnan University and, I venture to think, even to the educational interests of South China outweighs all other considerations. Hence I venture to report that on consulting Mr. Frederick Osborn, who has conducted the negotiations with Mr. Rockefeller, it is clear that without ultimate ownership of the full million dollars, or very close to that, we shall stand little chance of securing Mr. Rockefeller's proposed gift of \$579,000. This arises from the fact that in view of the intimation which you were good enough in May 1925 to give to Mr. Osborn, Mr. Davison and myself, Mr. Osborn has submitted to Mr. Rockefeller a program of objectives in which out of the total \$2,316,000, - \$1,250,000 is assigned to endowment, replacing some previously proposed building items with endowment because of the greater probability of meeting Mr. Rockefeller's condition on this endowment item than on building items, because of the expected grant of a million dollars from the Charles M. Hall Educational Fund.

Now out of the total gifts and pledges thus far received, including that part of Mr. Rockefeller's pledge not otherwise already assigned, the total which may be applied to endowment is \$328,000- so that in spite of the more favorable showing on the program taken as a whole we require a minimum of \$922,000 to complete this endowment item in the adopted program and thus be in line for Mr. Rockefeller's promised gift, the other items being covered by designated gifts and pledges not transferable. I regret exceedingly that I was not mindful of this alignment when conferring with you on the 13th.

There is also the uncertainty which I mentioned on Tuesday as to whether the pledge of the Kwangtung Provincial Government will be regarded as collectible and thus be counted against Mr. Rockefeller's condition.

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In view therefore of the great risk of losing so large a sum of money which would be involved in any other course, would you not be willing to give us outright the entire million and at the same time if necessary in order to meet your plans designate that a certain portion of it be set apart for purposes specified by you?

Our Department of Chinese Studies is already well developed and maintained and is one for which we have been able and expect to continue to draw considerable Chinese support. We are in thorough accord with your proposals for the Institute and Lingnan's relation thereto. We trust some formula can be devised whereby your desires in this direction may be met and at the same time our chance to realize on Mr. Rockefeller's offer not be lost.

In sincere appreciation of your continued helpfulness

Faithfully yours,

C. K. Edmunds  
American Director

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December 16, 1927

My dear Mr. Johnson:

I had a talk with Dr. Edmunds of Canton Christian College about the plans of the Institute of Chinese Studies and the thought of retaining a certain amount of the one million promised that college to be held by the Institute trustees in its behalf. Dr. Edmunds, as I knew would be the case, is in the heartiest sympathy with the general plans of the Institute and the efforts to strengthen the Chinese undergraduate work. He will, however, be very grateful if the entire one million dollars be designated as originally planned for the college direct in view of a conditional pledge from Mr. John D. Rockefeller which expires December 31st.

Dr. Edmunds is taking this up with you himself. I wanted to write my personal hope that Canton Christian College will be assisted along the lines that will secure the maximum from the Rockefeller pledge.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Homer H. Johnson  
1669 Union Trust Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio

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December 16, 1927

Mr. Homer H. Johnson  
 1669 Union Trust Building  
 Cleveland, Ohio

Please defer final action regarding proposed division of grant  
 to Lingnan University as important factor not properly evaluated  
 Letter mailed you today Am hoping to confer with Mr. Davis  
 here Monday

Charles K. Edmunds

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FREDERICK OSBORN  
52 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

TELEPHONE HANOVER 0680

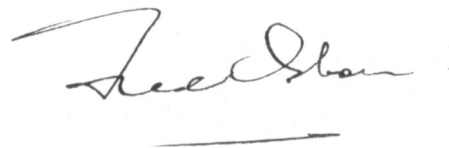
December 19, 1927.

Dr. C. K. Edmunds,  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City.

Dear Charles:

I enclose a copy of a very satisfactory letter from Mr. Letchworth.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Monday, Dec. 19/27

Dear Mr. Davis:-

Immediately after my conference with you and Mr. Johnson on Tuesday last, I had a talk with Mr. Frederick Osborn, President of our Board of Trustees. He pointed out that in all probability Mr. Rockefeller would expect us to keep to the schedule of objectives as we have proposed them and not interchange them.

Our calculation on Tuesday assumed that we could simply apply the total of all gifts and pledges to the total objective. We fear this may not be allowed but that we can credit to the endowment item only what comes in so marked or entirely at our discretion.

I tried to get in touch with you to report on this new phase of our problem. Failing in that I sent the accompanying letter to Mr. Johnson and talked with him over the 'phone after he had read it. He said that the decision re the division of the grant would rest entirely with you, so I ventured to wire you early today:

"Please defer action on division of grant to Lingnan University pending receipt of letter."

I realize how fully occupied you are and therefore trust to this letter to secure the desired consideration, but if you would like any further information, please command me. I could come to see you here or in Pittsburgh any time you say.

Gratefully yours,

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December 30, 1927

Dear Mr. Davis:

On behalf of the Trustees of Lingnan University I thank you for your good letter of December 29th in which you state that the Trustees of the Hall Estate have appropriated \$1,000,000 worth of securities for the benefit of Lingnan University. As we understand it, \$700,000 of this amount will be handed directly to the Trustees of Lingnan University and \$300,000 will be held by the Harvard Yenching Institute, the income on the latter amount to be used for the purposes of Lingnan University, subject to the approval of the Institute.

May I take this opportunity to tell you how much I appreciate your cooperation in getting this letter in our hands before December 31st? You and Mr. Johnson should know that the Trustees of Lingnan University feel a deep sense of obligation and gratitude for this fund and that they will endeavor to merit the confidence reposed in them by the Trustees of the Charles M. Hall Estate.

Faithfully yours

American Director

Mr. A.V. Davis  
120 Broadway, New York

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Note re Hall Fund  
Dec. 30, 1927

I should think the \$300,000 might be listed by us in some such fashion as a trust fund similar to the Swasey and Haskell Funds now held respectively by the Cleveland Trust Company and the First National Bank of Boston, of which the income only is put at our disposal.

We could designate this as "\$300,000- Special Hall Fund held by Harvard Yenching Institute in behalf of Lingnan University."

C.K. Edmunds

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FREDERICK OSBORN  
52 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

TELEPHONE HANOVER 0660

January 3, 1928.

Dr. C. K. Edmunds,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

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Dear Charles:

A Happy New Year and very warm regards and congratulations on Mr. Davis' letter of December 29th, which at least as far as the \$700,000. is concerned I judge is satisfactory, although his use of the words "we expect to hand you" falls a little short of the definite commitment I understood he was willing to make.

In putting this letter up to Mr. Rockefeller it occurs to me that we would be justified in saying that the Hall Trustees would not commit themselves to more than \$700,000. at the present time, and that we took this commitment from them in order to get them down in writing prior to December 31st, in line with Mr. Rockefeller's offer, but that we have some hopes of getting the whole million out of them in view of Mr. Johnson's attitude, and in view of the difficulties which Mr. Davis may encounter in working out his plan. In other words, that we are sure now of the \$700,000. and we may yet get the whole million.

I note Davis' letter is headed "Estate of Charles M. Hall". In view of the question Mr. Appleget raised about this being a bequest rather than a gift from a fund, the letterhead Davis uses seems to be unfortunate. Is there any way we could get it changed?

Yours sincerely,

*Fred Osborn*

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52 Broadway

January 9, 1928.

Arthur Davis, Esq.,  
120 Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Davis:

In compliance with your request when we conferred over the telephone on Wednesday, I wish to let you know the reaction of Mr. Rockefeller's advisors to our report to them on January 6th concerning the status of the \$300,000. as referred to in your letter of December 29th. While they are willing to have this item included in the exhibit to be made to Mr. Rockefeller, they consider that it should be segregated and explained, and that possibly it may not be permissible to count the capital sum but only the income therefrom, such as we may receive prior to June 30, 1931 - the termination of the program previously agreed on.

Whichever way they figure, the money which we receive through the Institute cannot be counted as a "cash receipt". The arrangement with Mr. Rockefeller is that when we have raised the necessary sum we notify him that the money has been raised either in cash or pledges and that his conditions have therefore been met. We then further notify him now and from time to time hereafter of the actual cash receipts, and he from time to time sends us his check in the proportion of \$1.00 for every \$3.00 of cash receipts up to the full amount of his pledge and up to the date of June 30, 1931, which marks its termination.

The way the matter stands if any of our pledges should be unfulfilled we would fail to receive the full amount of Mr. Rockefeller's subscription. We would naturally like very much to have a margin. For instance, if it would be possible to make the outright gift to Lingnan in the sum of \$800,000. instead of \$700,000. we would then have a margin of \$100,000. which would assure the receipt of Mr. Rockefeller's entire pledge, even though some of the other pledges we have obtained should remain in part unpaid.

Our case with Mr. Rockefeller is none too strong except as the contribution from the Charles M. Hall Educational Fund may be counted in full, and if there is any possibility that the entire one million dollars could be so handled that the title actually rests in us while at the same time a designated amount be set apart to be expended under the direction of the Institute, we would feel our position with Mr. Rockefeller much more secure.

With warm appreciation of your co-operation,

Yours sincerely,

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Copy to Dr. Edmunds

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52 Broadway

January 30, 1928.

Arthur Davis, Esq.,  
120 Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Davis:

While I was away last week I received the good news that Mr. Rockefeller had accepted our statement of cash and pledges received for Lingnan University, and which included the pledge of the Trustees of the Hall Fund, as being sufficient in the aggregate to meet the requirements of his conditional pledge made two years ago for a subscription of \$579,000. Mr. Rockefeller's gift, together with the sums which you have so generously promised us, will enable us to set up an endowment under the American Trustees in this country, of which the income should be sufficient to maintain at least a minimum of American staff at the University, and we are thus free from the oppression and anxiety which overhung us all last summer in respect to the maintenance of the loyal men and women who have been working out there, and on whose help our Chinese friends have counted so heavily at this time when they have been taking a larger responsibility than ever for the operation and maintenance of the institution.

It would seem that during these troubled days in China the University has come to mean more to the Chinese than ever before, and letters which we receive from our Alumni and friends in Canton, together with the substantial moneys paid the College by the Provincial Government each month, would indicate that the College is becoming more and more a Provincial or a National Institution, and is considered by the Chinese as of enormous value in developing potential conservative leaders.

It is, therefore, in a spirit of deep and grateful thankfulness, not only on my part, but on the part of all of the Trustees and staff, and more especially of our Chinese graduates and undergraduates that I advise you of our success in meeting Mr. Rockefeller's conditions made possible by the receipt of your prompt and generous pledge.

I have not heard from you in reply to my letter of January 9th asking whether it would be possible to increase somewhat

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Mr. Davis

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the gift to outright endowment as against the amount set aside for Lingnan in the gift to the Institute. Such a change could, we believe, be made without altering the plan of the work proposed and would assure us of a sum sufficient to meet the entire amount of Mr. Rockefeller's pledge, in which we are far from secure at the present time. If you would like to see me about this I would be glad to come up at any time.

Yours very truly,

(S) *Frederick DeBore*

President, Board of Trustees

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ESTATE OF CHARLES M. HALL  
2400 Oliver Building  
Pittsburgh

February 7, 1928.

Mr. Frederick Osborn, President,  
Trustees Lingnan University,  
52 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Osborn:

I am in receipt of yours of January 30th in which you ask whether it would be possible to change the partitioning so that the gift to Lingnan University for outright endowment will be increased and the amount given to the Institute and earmarked for Lingnan University be correspondingly decreased.

Mr. Johnson and I both feel that to do this would be a mistake from all three standpoints, - that of the Hall Estate, the Institute and not the least of Lingnan University.

As it is, the amount so earmarked for Lingnan University is less than that for Peking University. To make it any less would put Lingnan University in an inferior position as compared not only with Peking but certainly with some and perhaps even all of the others and that we think as time goes on would be a position which would not be either wise for or acceptable to Lingnan University.

On all accounts, therefore, we think that it is better to let the division stand as it was originally stated and we both of us trust you will agree with us as to the wisdom of this decision.

Yours very truly,

(s) Arthur V. Davis.

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Lingnan University

Budget Department Chinese Studies  
1927-1928

Staff

3 Associate Professors (1 giving part time as  
Chinese Librarian)

2 Instructors

1 Lecturer

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6 Members, Total Annual Cash Salary \$4,800 U.S. Cur.

Total Annual House Rentals  $\frac{1,845 \text{ " " "}}{6,645}$

Incidental Dept. Expenses 375

Library Account Books Bought 500

Library Account Expenses  $\frac{1,120}{1,995}$

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Some data re the department of Chinese Studies in Lingnan University.

W.K.Chung, the President, is by general consent the leading scholar of the old school in South China and under his leadership Lingnan has a strong Chinese Department both in personnel and in its collection of Chinese books, some <sup>45</sup>~~34~~,000 volumes, including several of great value.

T.W.Chan, a distinguished scholar, is giving special attention to this library of Chinese classics.

A graduate and former instructor, S.Y.Chan, has for two years been at the University of Chicago as an advanced student in Chinese Culture and has made such an impression there that he has been retained as a lecturer and instructor in that University, but is scheduled to return to Lingnan in the coming year.

Mr. K.F.Ko, who is generally recognized as the leading artist in South China, has been associated with Lingnan as a lecturer and would doubtless be available for fuller service were funds made available therefor. Some photographs of samples of his work are submitted herewith, which speak for themselves.

For some years Lingnan University has stressed the importance of Chinese studies and has entertained the idea of a museum in which among other things, might be housed some of the rich collections of Chinese art and archeology now held privately in Canton.

(See marked passages on the attached pages culled from President's Report 1924 and College Catalogue of 1926)

While admittedly these are only indications of a beginning they are evidence of an appreciation of the desired objectives in the development of a well-rounded Department of Chinese Studies.

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LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Olin D. Wannamaker, American Director, 150-5th Ave. N.Y. City  
James M. Henry, Resident Director, Canton, China

LOCAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Kwok Lam Sheng	Canton, China
Lam Woc	Canton, China
Lei Sing Kui	Canton, China
Lei Yuk Tong	Canton, China
Sun Foh	Canton, China
Tse Tsok Kai	Canton, China
R. L. Watts	State College, Pa.

TRUSTEES OF LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 1927

Assets

Cash in Banks and On Hand		\$23,448.03
Accounts Receivable		6,510.23
Fees Receivable		1,158.85
General Stores Inventory		12,934.80
Book Store Inventory		10,149.72
College of Agriculture Advances		23,963.22
New York Office Equipment		2,690.55
		80,855.40
Investments	\$262,683.34	
Cash held for Investments	719.62	263,402.96
Property Accounts		
Land	153,503.78	
Buildings	667,685.78	
Equipment	111,888.42	
Agriculture Plant	34,955.19	968,033.17
		1,312,291.53
Deficit per debit balance of General Income Account		225,374.46
		\$1,537,665.99

Liabilities

Loans Payable at New York		\$155,000.00
Retiring Fund Appropriations		23,631.81
University of Pennsylvania Christian Association		
Contract Balance Payable		15,000.00
Rockefeller Fund for Equipment		8,380.09
Miscellaneous Accounts Payable at Canton		47,055.84
		249,067.74
Principal of Funds Accounts		320,565.08
Canton Capital Account		
General Funds	\$343,775.98	
Special Funds	589,302.00	
Agricultural Fund	34,955.19	968,033.17
		\$1,537,665.99

June 6, 1928

The attached consolidated balance sheet  
as of June 30, 1927 has been audited by  
Mr. G. W. Wood, Wm. Waddell & Wood Co.  
Public Accountants and Auditors, 165 Broadway  
New York City.

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TRUSTEES OF LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1927

Service Department	\$8,939.75	
College	10,093.10	
SubCollege Preparatory	14,576.96	
Wakiu	6,787.07	
Middle School	19,867.22	
Primary School	12,195.32	
Medical Department	8,045.86	
Miscellaneous	2,726.37	
Exchange	4,656.02	
Interest	66.61	\$87,954.28
Miscellaneous Receipts		
Undesignated Gifts	1,160.93	
Designated Gifts for Buildings	46,944.06	
Miscellaneous Funds	3,450.42	51,555.41
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		139,509.69
Income from Endowment Funds	15,663.90	
Income from Deposits	669.29	
Miscellaneous Income	38.00	16,371.19
Undesignated Campaign Receipts	91,842.36	
China Medical Board	6,895.00	
Cadbury Fund net credits (receipts less New York charges )	2,222.09	
Gift Account Professor Groff	1,500.00	
Gift Account Mr. Laird	100.00	
Gift Account Mr. Rankin	900.00	103,459.45
Profit in Securities Hall Endowment Fund		1,060.00
Expenditures transferred to Office Equipment		1,500.00
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		\$261,900.33
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June 4, 1928

Mr. Allan W. Ames  
86 Wall Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Ames:

Mr. Robillard of the law firm representing the Trustees of the Hall Estate came in to see Mr. Garside last week and made definite requests of him for information regarding the China colleges served by Mr. Garside but did not mention Lingnan University in this connection and we had no reason to suppose that he intended to include Lingnan since he could not naturally assume that Mr. Garside was serving Lingnan. Mr. Garside mentioned the matter to me but we both concluded that nothing should be done regarding Lingnan unless a special request came.

Such a request did come by mail on Friday. I have given the matter very careful consideration and reached the decision that I should not reply directly to Mr. Robillard without passing the data in question through your hands. I feel very doubtful as to whether you will wish to place in the hands of Mr. Robillard the latest auditor's statement we have. I fear that the large deficit figuring in this statement might make a bad impression on the Trustees of the Hall Estate and that this impression would not be fair to Lingnan.

Since Mr. Garside has already answered fully for the other China Universities, I should be sorry to have Lingnan tardy in making its reply. I am therefore sending you by messenger a copy of Mr. Robillard's letter together with the data requested by him so far as we are able to provide this immediately. I leave to your judgment the question as to whether to pass this data on to him or whether you prefer that I come to your office and discuss the matter further. Please let us know very promptly anything you wish me to do in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Olin D. Wannamaker  
American Director

Copy has been sent to  
Mr. Osborn

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LAW OFFICES OF

COHN FRANCHOT RUNALS & ROBILLARD

425 - 443 Gluck Bldg.  
Niagara Falls, New York

Union of Chinese Colleges  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Gentlemen:

We are the attorneys for the Trustees under the will of Charles M. Hall, deceased, and on their behalf would like to obtain the following information in reference to Lingnan University, Yen Ching, and Nanking University for their use in considering distribution of the principal of the estate:

- (1) Full name, residence and citizenship of each of the members of each of the governing boards of each institution.
- (2) A statement of the assets and liabilities of each institution.
- (3) The method used in arriving at the value of the assets upon the statement.
- (4) A statement of the income of each institution for the last calendar year.

We would appreciate it if you would let us have this information at your early convenience.

Truly yours

COHN FRANCHOT RUNALS & ROBILLARD

By Basil Robillard

0900

June 1, 1928

Mr. Basil Robillard,  
Gluck Building  
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Robillard:

In response to your request on behalf of the trustees of the Charles M. Hall Estate for information concerning the University of Nanking, we are sending you herewith in duplicate the following material:-

- A. Charter, Constitution and By-laws of the Board of Trustees
- B. List of officers and members of the Board of Trustees
- C. List of officers and members of the Board of Directors
- D. Statement of Assets and Liabilities
- E. Statement of current income
- F. Catalog, showing courses of study (under separate cover)
- G. Annual report of the President and Treasurer (under separate cover)

Certain explanations of this material may be helpful.

A. Charter, Constitution and By-laws of the Board of Trustees. This mimeographed draft of these documents includes all revisions to date.

B. List of officers and members of the Board of Trustees Names and addresses are given. Where business address is in a different city from residence, both are shown. All members of the Board are citizens of the United States except President Y.G. Chen, who is Chinese.

C. List of officers and members of Board of Directors. Names and citizenship are shown. Addresses are not available, although it is known that all members of the Board live in Nanking or Shanghai, or in the vicinity of these two cities.

D. Statement of Assets and Liabilities. This statement is taken from the balance sheet of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees as of May 31, 1928. Permanent funds, including endowment and scholarships, are shown to total \$216,774.14. Plant Assets amount to \$739,984.22. In addition to these permanent accounts, the Treasurer carries several current accounts and a special account. The combined current accounts on May 31st showed a cash balance of \$9,958.17. The Special Account of May 31st showed a cash deficit of \$7,126.65. Income due from cooperating boards and from invested funds, together with cash on hand, are deemed sufficient to meet the current and special needs for the remainder of the present fiscal year. The University has no outstanding loans from banks or from other organizations or individuals.

E. Statement of Current Income. This statement summarizes the income and expenditure for the current fiscal year which ends June 30, 1928 (your request mentions income for the calendar year but this is not readily obtainable from our records, which are based on the fiscal year. This statement gives I believe, the most satisfactory view of the current income of the University. If you wish figures on the fiscal year which closed June 30, 1927 I will be glad to send you a copy of the Treasurer's statement for that year.

F. Catalogue of University showing course of study This is the latest edition of the catalogue which has as yet been published. A few changes have been made since this was printed. As the present neither religious instruction nor attendance is required of students.

G. Report of the President and Treasurer. Such a printed report as this

is annually distributed to the directors, trustees, cooperating boards, contributors, and other friends of the University. The annual reports required by the University of the State of New York are sent to Albany from year to year.

The financial limitations of the University are those required by the laws of the State of New York.

We trust that the above information fully meets your needs. If it is incomplete at any point we will be happy to provide you with further data.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary, Board of Trustees  
University of Nanking

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

SUMMARY OF CURRENT INCOME AND CURRENT EXPENSE

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928

Note: The following figures are taken from the budget for the current fiscal year as approved by the Board of Trustees. The receipts and the expenditures to May 31, 1928, are substantially as estimated in this budget. All amounts are in U.S. currency.

		<u>INCOME</u>	
<u>From cooperating Mission Boards</u>			
(a) Salaries of Personnel			
	Baptist Board	\$1,350.00	
	Methodist "	9,650.00	
	Presbyterian Board	10,020.00	
	United Christian Mis.Soc.	7,100.00	\$28,120.00
(b) Cash payments			
	Baptist Board	3,500.00	
	Methodist Board	3,000.00	
	Presbyterian "	4,000.00	
	United Christian Mis.Soc.	5,300.00	15,800.00
<u>From China Famine Fund Committee</u>			
	Salaries of Personnel	2,500.00	
	Cash payments	42,116.00	44,616.00
<u>From interest on Permanent Funds</u>			12,000.00
<u>From Special Gifts</u>			10,102.50
<u>From Fees, Rents, Sales, etc.</u>			
	Tuition Fees	52,470.00	
	Dormitory, Athletic, Medical Fees	5,200.00	
	Agric. Experiment station	19,350.95	
	Famine Prevention receipts	2,250.00	
	Staff rents	1,200.00	
	Gain in exchange	500.00	
			80,970.95
			<u>\$ 191,609.45</u>
		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Administration			13,555.00
Operation and Maintenance			6,716.67
Instruction			
	College of Arts & Science and sub-freshman year	43,819.83	
	College of Agric. & Forestry	20,193.72	
	Middle School	29,295.00	
	Library	6,069.55	
	Col. of Agri. & Forestry, Famine Fund work	44,366.00	143,743.88
<u>Non-Instructional</u>			
	Dormitories (College)	2,550.00	
	Student items	1,680.00	
	Proctors office	455.00	
	Construction department	1,922.00	
	Agric. Experiment Sta.	19,350.95	25,957.95
Contigent			1,635.95
			<u>\$191,609.45</u>

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

BALANCE SHEET AS OF MAY 31, 1928

(All accounts are in U.S. Currency)

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
<u>PERMANENT FUNDS</u>			
<u>Consolidated Endowment</u>		<u>Endowment Funds</u>	
Investments	\$68,003.75	General	\$1,024.14
Investment by Methodist Bd-		Hall Estate	50,000.00
	100,000.00	United Christ. Miss. Sy	10,000.00
Investment by Cleveland Trust		Methodist Bd. for Ag-	
Co. (Swasey Fund)	48,750.00	riculture & Forestry	100,000.00
Cash awaiting investment	20.59	Swasey	48,750.00
		<u>Scholarship Funds</u>	
		Sherwin	5,000.00
		H. M. Williams	1,000.00
		Mr. & Mrs. Wood	1,000.00
	<u>\$216,774.14</u>		<u>\$216,774.14</u>
<u>PLANT FUNDS</u>			
<u>Land</u>	\$3,148.66	<u>General Funds</u>	
<u>Buildings</u>		Methodist Bd.	\$109,432
University	277,307.64	Baptist "	51,764.
Hospital	109,554.05	U.C.M.S.	66,675
Science	56,691.95	Presbyterian Bd	226,277
1927 Dorm.	5,000.00		434,148.00
Language Sch.	4,060.00	<u>Special Funds</u>	
	451,613.62	James Norm. Sc.	20,000
<u>Residences</u>		Sericul. Bldg.	21,000
University	28,315.63	Science "	55,691. <sup>95</sup>
Hospital	24,000.00	Science Equip.	10,000
	112,315.63	Language Sch.	4,060.00
<u>Equipment</u>		Gas plant	2,762.50
University	16,598.95	Land. Mulberry Or.	4,000.
Hospital	54,505.95	Miscellaneous	5,015.00
Science	11,986.85	Hospital Funds	11,203.26
Gas Plant	155.06		233,732.71
	83,222.78	Transferred from Current;	
Rural Normal Sch. & Equip.	3,634.98	General	14,599.94
Architectural Fees	2,600.00	Hospital	5,732.50
Buildings Undesignated	11,000.00		18,332.24
Flat Cash on hand	1,548.55	Transferred from Famine Fund	
			52,871.27
	<u>\$739,084.22</u>		<u>\$739,084.22</u>

June 7, 1928

Mr. Basil Robillard  
Cohn, Franchot, Runals & Robillard  
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Robillard:

I must apologize for the delay of several days in responding to your request of May 31st. The first verbal request was addressed to Mr. Garside who at present has no connection with Lingnan University. In the written request referred to above which we received on Friday, June 1, Lingnan University is specifically mentioned. Owing to the fact that Dr. Charles K. Edmunds has resigned his position as American Director of this institution and taken up his duties in California I could not respond as promptly as he would have been able to do because I do not have the background necessary to be certain that I knew precisely what you wished.

If there is any further information which I can send please let me know.

Sincerely yours

Olin D. Wannamaker  
American Director

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July 9, 1928

Mr. Arthur V. Davis, Trustee  
Charles M. Hall Educational Fund  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Davis:

The midsummer is the time when all institutions financed in the way that Lingnan University is, have their hardest period. For this reason the receipt of the interest payment of \$30,000 at this time is the more welcome. Permit me to thank you in the name of the Trustees and to assure you that we have every reason to believe that the generous help given by the Hall Estate to this institution will prove to have been a good use of that money. We are more confident of this in the light of the news just received from Dr. Henry that the Government in Canton has already voted an additional \$100,000 local silver for the coming academic year. Since the conditions for the past year have been by no means easy for the government of Canton, this generous additional grant seems to us highly significant.

Again thanking you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

President  
Board of Trustees-Lingnan University

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September 21, 1928

Mr. Homer H. Johnson  
American Trust Company Bldg.  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

Just before Mr. Davis left the city, he received Mr. Van Santvoord Merle-Smith, Mr. Frederick Osborn, and myself in a conference concerning certain aspects of the need for economic education in China. He had previously talked over this matter with Mr. Merle-Smith and Mr. Ambrose G. Todd of this city. Both in the earlier conference and this later one Mr. Davis expressed his very earnest interest in the matter and stated that he would wish to take it up with us upon his return to the city. He encouraged us to ask for an interview with you and discuss the whole matter with you fully and in detail stating that you were in a sense the "policy member" of the trustees of the Hall Estate.

We shall be grateful if you will let us know whether you expect at any time in the near future to be in this city. If such is not the case, would it be convenient to you, if possible for Mr. Merle-Smith and Mr. Osborn, if we three should come to Cleveland to consult you about this matter. I feel sure it would be very difficult for these two gentlemen to leave New York in the near future but they are so much concerned about this problem of economic education in China that they would probably discover some means whereby they could get away from their offices if there is no likelihood of our seeing you in New York in the near future.

In order not to confuse you by a new signature, may I take occasion to introduce myself as the successor of Dr. C. K. Edmunds in this office since his acceptance of the presidency of Pomona College.

Sincerely yours,

Olin D. Wannamaker,  
American Director.

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October 25, 1928

Van Santvoord Merle-Smith, Esq.  
27 William Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Van:

I learn that Mr. Homer H. Johnson is now at his office, 1669 Union Trust Building, Cleveland. Please note the enclosed copy of my letter mailed him sometime ago. It seems to me that you had better drop him a brief note making formal request for an opportunity to discuss our proposition with him. I leave it to your own judgment as to whether you had better ask when he will be in New York and run the risk of serious delay or whether perhaps you had better designate me to see him in Cleveland. I certainly wish both you and Mr. Osborn might share in this interview. I know that great pressure is being brought to bear upon Mr. Davis and Mr. Johnson from another direction. I think our chances of securing the additional money used in economic education are being reduced by any further delay.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Osborn so that you and he, if desirable, may confer by telephone.

Sincerely yours,

Olin D. Wannamaker,  
American Director.

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File Hall Estate

Suggested letter  
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November 10, 1926

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Board of Trustees of Lingnan University at their November meeting requested me to express to you and Mr. Johnson their great appreciation of your endorsement as evidenced by the very substantial aid which as Trustees of the Charles M. Hall Estate you are affording us in our effort to strengthen this agency for the international exchange of culture.

Inasmuch as the voucher attached to your recent check for \$60,000, as reported by our Treasurer, was marked "For the general purposes of Lingnan University," we are assuming it should be applied in full to current expenses as in lieu of interest on a corresponding increase in our permanent endowment funds.

With renewed thanks for your continued cooperation, I am,

Faithfully yours,

President of the Trustees.

Mr. Arthur V. Davis,  
Oliver Building,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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December 16, 1929

Messrs. Kenefick, Cooke, Mitchell & Bass,  
Marine Trust Building,  
Buffalo, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

I must apologize for the long delay in responding to your letter of November 25 in reference to your fee for services to our institution in the matter of the Estate of Charles M. Hall. This delay has been due to the fact that our entire office staff has been absorbed in a special campaign to raise funds for the University.

Please accept the enclosed check with our thanks for your very efficient service. Kindly receipt the bill herewith returned, to be used as a voucher in our files.

Very truly yours,

Olin D. Wannamaker  
AMERICAN DIRECTOR

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November 23, 1929

Trustees of Lingnan University,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

Re: Estate of Charles M. Hall

Gentlemen:-

In going over our old accounts we find that we have never sent a bill to your Institution for services in this matter.

In view of the character of your Institution we prefer to make this charge as small as possible and accordingly are sending to you herewith our bill for \$250. We trust that this is satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

*Wm. Cooke Mitchell & Bass*

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December 21, 1928

Messrs. Cohn, Franchot, Hunals & Robillard  
Niagara Falls, New York

Gentlemen:

Attention: Basil Robillard, Esq.

If agreeable to you this corporation desires to have you deliver the securities for Lingnan University to the Farmers Loan and Trust Co., Trust Department, 22 William Street, New York City. If you will kindly inform us of the approximate time of delivery, two representatives of the Trustees of this Corporation will be present at the bank and will deliver to your bearer on receipt of the securities by the bank, our duly executed official receipt, in duplicate.

Awaiting your information as to the hour you desire the transfer to take place at the bank, I remain

Very truly yours

Olin D. Wannemaker  
American Director,  
Trustees of Lingnan University

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December 22, 1928

Messrs. Cohn, Franchot Runals & Robillard  
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of December 20th containing the request that we should have either Mr. Osborn or Mr. Ames execute on behalf of the Trustees in the case of the decree and receipt, we beg to say that this procedure will be followed and this receipt thus executed will be ready for delivery to your representative when the securities are delivered to our bank as requested in our letter of yesterday.

Sincerely yours

Olin D. Wannamaker  
American Director

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RALPH L. WATTS

December 19, 1928

Mr. Frederick Osborn,  
President,  
Lingnan University.  
52 Broadway, New York City

Dear Mr. Osborn:

Mr. Wannamaker has asked me to send the enclosed papers from the Hall Estate to you for signature and to ask if you would have them sent to Mr. Ames for his signature. We will then have Mr. Grant attest the signatures and make acknowledgment before a notary. Please notice the additional item of cash which makes up the difference between the distribution values and the pledge of \$700,000.

Mr. Eric North, one of the Trustees for the Harvard-Yenching Institute, informs us that he has received notices similar to those received by us but in his case covering the \$300,000 to be held by the Institute for Lingnan. We can therefore report to Mr. Rockefeller on December 31st that the \$1,000,000 has been received from the Hall Estate.

Sincerely yours

Bessie C. Powers  
Assistant Secretary

*Mr. Ames*  
*Dear Allen,*

*I've signed - will you  
return to him soon.*

*signed  
Ames*

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December 19, 1928

Mr. Allan W. Ames  
Treasurer.

Dear Mr. Ames:

Mr. Wannamaker has asked me to send the enclosed papers first to Mr. Osborn and then to you for signature. He will then ask Mr. Grant to attest the signatures and make deposition before a notary. You will see that these papers provide an additional item of \$3,826.25 cash, which makes up the difference between the values agreed upon for distribution and the \$700,000 pledged.

Mr. Eric North one of the Trustees for the Harvard-Yenching Institute informs us that he has received similar notice in regard to the \$300,000 which the Institute is to hold for Lingnan. We will therefore be able to report to Mr. Rockefeller on December 31st that we have received the \$1,000,000 from the Hall Estate.

Sincerely yours

*Bessie C. Powers*  
Assistant Secretary

*Bessie C. Powers*

*Have we any notice  
about our \$300,000.  
W.A.*

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TRUSTEES OF CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
18 EAST 41ST STREET, NEW YORK

Messrs. Osborn  
MEMO TO Mills  
Ames and Grant  
FROM O.D. Wannemaker  
American Director

December 22, 1928 19

Dr. Eric North has kindly furnished me with a copy of the information received from the Harvard-Yenching Institute regarding the securities about to be delivered to the Institute from which the income is to be distributed under certain conditions, to certain institutions including Lingnan. Dr. North wishes it distinctly understood that this copy must not be considered as official. I assume however, that it is essentially correct except that an unusual error either in addition or in copying has occurred whereby the total aggregate value of these securities is placed at \$1,000,000 when the addition shows \$1,899,999. Lingnan's 3/19 of that aggregate would be approximately \$300,000.

I think we need to pay very close attention to the conditions attached to the use of this money. I will communicate that paragraph to Dr. Henry.

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CHINA UNION UNIVERSITIES

Fukien Christian University  
Lingnan University  
University of Nanking

Shantung Christian University  
West China Union University  
Yenching University

KATHRYN J. LINEHAN, Asst. Secy.  
CAROLINE L. LANE, Asst. Treas.

CENTRAL OFFICE  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

B. A. GARSIDE, Secretary and Treasurer

Telephone: —WATkins 8703-4-5  
Cable: —Nanfushan, New York

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

December 21, 1928.

Memorandum to Mr. Wannamaker

With Dr. North's permission, I am attaching for your information a copy of a memorandum which he received from the secretary of the Institute concerning the funds which it is anticipated will be held by the Institute in trust for the several institutions listed therein. In transmitting this memorandum, Dr. North wished me to state that it should be considered as entirely unofficial, supplied by him to you for your personal information. Dr. North also asked that it be not used as the basis of any official statement.

*K. J. Linehan*  
K. J. Linehan

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TO HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

A Corporation of Massachusetts, with its principal office at University Hall, Cambridge, Mass., the following described securities and funds, subject to an express charge, however, for the payment of the income thereon by Harvard-Yenching Institute to institutions herein before described in the following proportions:

To said Peking University	-5/19	thereof
To said Trustees Lingnan Univ.	-3/19	"
To said West China Union Univ.	-3/19	"
To said University of Nanking	-3/19	"
To said Fukien Christian Univ.	-2/19	"
To said Shantung Univ.	-2/19	"
To Allahabad Agricultural Institute, a voluntary association, maintaining an agricultural school and experimental station at Allahabad, India	-1/19	"

to be used by each of said institutions for the purpose and in the manner which Harvard-Yenching shall, from time to time, prescribe and approve, but said charge and the payment of such part of said income to each institution shall continue only so long as it shall (a) use such funds for such purposes and in such manner, and (b) shall continue to actively conduct its educational program. If, in the judgment of a majority of the Board of Trustees of Harvard-Yenching Institute, any such institution shall fail to use its part of said income for such purposes and in such manner or shall have ceased to actively conduct its educational program (of either of which facts a resolution of the Board of Trustees of Harvard-Yenching Institute, adopted by a majority of the Trustees at a meeting thereof shall be absolute, conclusive and final proof), that fractional part of the principal of this fund corresponding to the fraction of the income therefrom payable to said institution shall forthwith become the absolute property of said Harvard-Yenching Institute as an endowment fund free from said charge and the income thereon shall be used by Harvard-Yenching Institute thereafter for its own corporate purposes.

Agreed value for Distribution

9000 shares Aluminum Company of America Preferred Stock, with all dividends declared and accrued but unpaid thereon.	\$900,000.00
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Par Value

\$170,000.00 United States of America Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds, Due Oct. 1938.....	171,700.00
County of Allegheny Road Bonds, Series 28-C	
80,000.00 Due February 1, 1944.....	81,400.00
20,000.00 Due February 1, 1945.....	20,400.00

City of Pittsburgh, Pa. 4 1/2 Percent Bonds

\$ 2,500.00	Due March 1, 1941.....	\$ 2,525.00
4,000.00	Due March 1, 1942.....	4,040.00
9,000.00	Due March 1, 1943.....	9,112.50
1,500.00	Due March 1, 1945.....	1,522.50
7,000.00	Due March 1, 1946.....	7,105.00
86,500.00	Due March 1, 1954.....	88,446.25
12,000.00	Due March 1, 1956.....	12,270.00
18,500.00	Due March 1, 1957.....	18,962.50

City of Philadelphia, Pa. 4 1/2 Percent Bonds

90,000.00	Due April 1, 1976.....	90,900.00
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City of New York 4 1/2 Percent Serial Gold Bonds

90,000.00	Due February 15, 1947.....	90,225.00
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City of New York Gold Exempt Corporate Stock

15,000.00	Series W-22, Due January 1, 1977.....	15,150.00
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Pennsylvania Company, 35 year 4 3/4 Percent Bonds

75,000.00	Due November 1, 1963.....	74,250.00
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Govt. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Bonds

9,000.00	Due February 1, 1937.....	9,405.00
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Federal Land Bank 10-30 year, 4 Percent Bonds

60,000.00	Due May 1, 1958.....	57,600.00
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School District of Pittsburgh, Pa. 4 1/2 Percent Bonds

35,000.00	Due January 1, 1931.....	35,175.00
50,000.00	Due January 1, 1933.....	50,375.00

Union Pacific Railroad Company, 40 year, 4 Percent Bonds

50,000.00	Due June 1, 1968.....	44,750.00
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Clearfield Bituminous Corporation 4 1/2 Percent Mortgage Bonds

10,000.00	Due November 1932.....	9,650.00
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Federal Farm Loan Bonds 4 1/2 Percent

50,000.00	Due July 1, 1956.....	49,750.00
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Cash.....		55,285.50
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Should be \$1,000,000.00  
\$1,899,999.25 *OK*

HARVARD - YENCHING INSTITUTE

12/29/28

INCOME FROM REAL ESTATE ENDOWMENT SECURITIES HELD IN TRUST

Amount	Security	Rate	Interest Payable	Valuation	Jan.1	Feb.1	Feb.15	Mar.1	Apr.1	Apr.15	May 1	June 1	July 1	Total
9,000	sh. Aluminum Co. of Am. Preferred Stock	6	Jan.1 Apr.1 July 1 Oct.1	900,000	13,500.00				13,500.00				13,500.00	40,500.00
170,000.	U.S. 4th Liberty Loan Bonds 1938	4½	Apr.15 Oct.15	171,700						3612.50				3,612.00
100,000.	Co. of Allegheny Road Bds. Series 28-C 2/1/44-45	4½	Feb.1 Aug.1	101,800		2125.00								2,125.00
141,000.	City of Pittsburgh Bonds 1941-57	4½	Mar.1 Sept.1	143,983.75				2996.25						2,996.25
90,000.	City of Philadelphia Bonds 1976	4½	Jan.1 July 1	90,100.	1,912.50								1,912.50	3,825.00
90,000.	City of New York Bonds 1947	4½	Feb.15 Aug.15	90,225.				1,912.50						1,912.50
15,000.	City of New York Gold Exempt Corporate Stock W-22 1977	4½	Jan.1 July 1	15,150	318.75								318.75	637.50
75,000.	Pennsylvania Co. Bds. 1963	4½	May 1 Nov.1	74,250						1741.25				1,741.25
9,000.	Govt. of United Kingdom Bonds 1937	5½	Feb.1 Aug.1	9,405.		247.50								247.50
60,000.	Federal Land Bank 10-30 Bonds 1958	4	May 1 Nov.1	57,600						1200.00				1,200.00
85,000.	School Dist. of Pittsburgh Bonds 1931-33	4½	Jan.1 July 1	85,550.	1912.50								1,912.50	3,825.00
50,000.	Union Pacific R.R. Bonds 1968	4	June 1 Dec.1	44,750							1000.00			1,000.00
10,000	Clearfield Bituminous Corr. Bds. 1932	4½	May 1 Nov.1	9,650.						225.00				225.00

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Marketal Value	Rate	Interest Payable	Valuation	Jan.1	Feb.1	Feb.15	Mar.1	Apr.1	Apr.15	May 1	June 1	July 1	Total
50,000. Federal Farm Loan Bonds 1956	4½	Jan.1 July 1	49,750.00	1,062.50								1,062.50	2,125.00
			1,844,713.75	18,706.25	2372.50	1912.50	2996.25	13,500.00	3612.50	3166.25	1000.00	18,706.25	65,972.50
55,285.50 Cash			<u>55,285.50</u> 1,899,999.25										
Yenching's share	5/19		500,000.00	4,922.70	624.34	503.29	788.48	3,552.63	950.65	833.22	263.16	4,922.70	17,361.19
Lingnan's "	3/19		300,000.00	2,953.62	374.60	301.98	473.09	2,131.58	570.39	499.93	157.90	2,953.62	10,416.71
Hanking's "	3/19		300,000.00	2,953.62	374.60	301.98	473.09	2,131.58	570.39	499.93	157.90	2,953.62	10,416.71
West China's "	3/19		300,000.00	2,953.62	374.60	301.98	473.09	2,131.58	570.39	499.93	157.90	2,953.62	10,416.71
Shantung's "	2/19		200,000.00	1,969.08	249.74	201.32	315.39	1,421.05	380.26	333.29	105.26	1,969.08	6,944.47
Fukien's "	2/19		200,000.00	1,969.08	249.74	201.32	315.39	1,421.05	380.26	333.29	105.26	1,969.08	6,944.47

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REPORT OF ESTIMATED INCOME ON REAL ESTATE TO JULY 1, 1929

A. Unrestricted Endowment, \$700,000.

3,500 shares Aluminum Co. 6% Pfd. Stock - 3 quarterly dividends @ 1 1/2%	\$15,750.00
\$50,000. City of Phila. 4 1/4% - 2 semi-an. payments @ 2-1/8%	1,275.00
8,000. Am. Tel. & Tel. 5% 1 " " 2-1/2%	200.00
75,000. Kingdom of Denmark 4 1/2% - 1 " " 2-1/4%	1,687.50
236,500. Various 4-1/4% Bonds 1 " " 2-1/8%	5,025.63
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	\$23,938.13

B. Trust Fund held by Harvard-Yenching Institute, \$500,000.

3/19 of income on Trust Fund of \$1,900,000. to July 1, 1929	10,416.71
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	\$34,354.84
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A Copy sent Mr. Hopkins

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POMONA COLLEGE  
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

November 28, 1940

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. O. D. Wannamaker  
Trustees of Lingnan University  
New York, N. Y.

Dear ODW:

Yours of November 20 with report concerning the Hall Fund has been read with great interest. It is indeed too bad that the \$300,000 was diverted in such a way as to make the administration of its benefits so difficult for Lingnan.

You have given the history of our contacts with the Trustees Davis and Johnson correctly. My first direct contact with Mr. Johnson was through N. D. Baker, and my first direct contact with Mr. Davis was on the personal introduction of Chancellor McCormick. Subsequent interviews were on the invitation of Mr. Davis and/or Mr. Johnson themselves.

At their request I submitted to them a memo reviewing all the American supported Mission Colleges in China with an evaluation of their work. The interview of May 1925 was on the invitation of Messrs. Davis and Johnson and I asked permission to bring Mr. Osborn and Davison to hear their statement.

I think the expression that we "were given the impression" etc. is not an adequate representation. I should think Mr. Osborn and Davison would both bear me out that Mr. Johnson and Davis gave us assurance of their intention to allot one million dollars to Lingnan, though with their usual "canny" caution they did so only orally and yet consented to our reporting this assurance not only to our own Board but also to Mr. Rockefeller.

The subsequent interview - after they had begun payment of \$60,000 annually as interest on the intended capital gift - in which they revealed that their plans had modified by the Harvard-Yenching set-up and that \$300,000 of the \$1,000,000 would be made available indirectly through that H-Y Institute, was again only an oral communication.

I think that in the first paragraph on page 2 at the end of line 10, the word "impression" can fairly be altered to "assurance". I would suggest also that at the end of that sentence there be added, "Mr. Davis and Mr. Johnson consented to their intended appropriation being reported to Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and this was done."

At the end of the next paragraph, the further reference to Mr. Rockefeller might well be altered to read - "When this proposed division of the Hall Estate appropriation into \$700,000 direct to Lingnan and \$300,000 through the H-Y I. for the benefit of Lingnan was reported to Mr. Rockefeller, he agreed to recognize the latter as well as the former as part of the total effective gift to Lingnan for the purposes of evaluating the redemption of his own proportional pledge." (I think it better to say that he recognized

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this \$300,000 as essentially a gift to Lingnan than to say that he altered the conditions of his pledge)

I'm sorry that the matter was not solved to our satisfaction at that time, but D. and J. were very difficult to deal with. Mr. Osborn and I together interviewed Davis in an effort to avert this deflection of the \$300,000, but he would not even consider our arguments.

As to strengthening the work in Chinese at Lingnan, that is of the utmost importance. My own idea would be to secure the services of Dr. Chen Shou Yi now at the University of Hawaii. He is a loyal Lingnanite and a most able scholar, recognized by all as Al. He would need to be supported adequately financially, as he is now commanding a full professorial salary on an American scale. If he were made head of Lingnan's Chinese Department and given backing he would make it second to none - I feel pretty sure. The recent history of that department at Lingnan is distressing.

Here's to you and more power to you.

Cordially,



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December 7, 1940

Dr. Charles K. Edmunds  
Pomona College  
Claremont, California

Dear C.K.E.:

Thank you heartily for your letter commenting on my memorandum regarding the Hall Estate. You may possibly be interested in my revision of page 2 in the light of your letter and in the lengthy letter of comment I am just sending Mr. Hoskins. It is a little difficult to get the business men on the Board to realize the real significance of our relationship to the Harvard-Yenching Institute. Thank you for helping.

Christmas greetings!

Cordially yours,

Olin D. Wannamaker

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December 6, 1940

Mr. Harold B. Hoskins  
70 Worth Street  
New York City

Lingnan University and Harvard-Yenching  
Institute of Chinese Studies.

Dear Mr. Hoskins:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the reply from President Edmonds to my inquiry regarding the history of our relationship with the Harvard-Yenching Institute. His reply was based upon the complete memorandum I prepared some months ago. In essence, he accepts the memorandum as accurate except that he feels that the definiteness of the assurance given by the Trustees of the Hall Estate that Lingnan would receive \$1,000,000. should be made more emphatic than in the memorandum.

The best way of making use of the letter from Dr. Edmonds seems to be to rewrite the paragraphs to which his suggestion applies. I am doing this, and I send you herewith a redraft of page 2 containing the paragraphs in question, which bore the marginal heading Final Endowment Appropriation.

At the same time, I wish to reply to various questions you penciled on the margin of the copy of the memorandum I originally sent you. For your convenience I refer to the marginal headings in the memorandum.

1. <sup>early in 1929</sup> Interest Payments on \$1,000,000. Question: Was it the action of the Hall Estate Trustees to make up deficiency in final interest payment? Why? Answer: Mr. Wannamaker, who had become American Director of Lingnan University in April 1928, informed the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute that the budget of Lingnan University for the fiscal year July 1, 1928 - June 30, 1929 had been based upon the expectation of receiving the full amount of interest on \$1,000,000. from the Hall Estate, which it had received for the fiscal years 1926-27 and 1927-28. For the fiscal year 1928-29, one half of this interest, \$30,000., had been paid on July 9, 1928 by the Trustees of the Hall Estate. This had later been supplemented by accrued interest on securities transferred to the Trustees of Lingnan University in December 1928. Mr. Wannamaker requested that the deficiency for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929 be made good by the Harvard-Yenching Institute. In response, Lingnan University received

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the amount lacking to bring the income for the fiscal year up to \$60,000.

2. Requirements of Harvard-Yenching Institute. Question: Did our Trustees respond to the statement from Harvard-Yenching Institute of March 1929 that the Institute would welcome suggestions as to purposes for which each of the institutions in China desired to use the income on their trust funds held by the Institute? Answer: Reply was sent immediately in the name of the Trustees of Lingnan to the effect that the matter was being referred to the Provost for consideration and reply. We did not formally define at that time the use to which we wished - or felt compelled - to make use of the income from the Trust Fund, but the situation compelling us to use this income in our general budget was stated later both in writing and verbally on various occasions by the American Director and the Provost. (See 3, below.)

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3. Under same marginal heading. Question: Did Lingnan reply to statement of July 1929 from Harvard-Yenching Institute regarding restrictions on use of income from trust funds? Answer: We replied on Jan. 3, 1930 in a written memorandum prepared by the American Director explaining in detail the whole situation affecting the use of income from the trust fund. (Copy of the memorandum is enclosed herewith.)

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4. Under same marginal heading. Question: What other colleges besides Lingnan had trouble with Harvard-Yenching Institute and why? Answer: Various colleges at various times and for different reasons. The relationship between the American Trustees and the Chinese Directors is not the same in any other case as in that of Lingnan. There has, therefore, not been the same virtual impossibility of transferring expenditures from one part of the budget for which the American Trustees are responsible to another part for which the Chinese Directors are responsible. Nevertheless, the transfer of considerable expenditures from certain departments to other departments in most of the institutions threatened dislocations and harmful unbalance in the curriculum. Besides, various institutions had difficulty in securing the services of adequately trained teachers of Chinese subjects to meet the requirements of the Harvard-Yenching Institute. In the third place, various institutions had difficulty in making up reports in satisfactory form and filing them with the institute within the time limit set. All these remarks apply especially to West China Union University and Fukien, especially during the last several years. On one occasion, at least, payment of income was withheld for a time from West China, and the same treatment was threatened in the case of Fukien. Fukien was severely criticized for using part of the income from the trust fund for the salary of a teacher of English, etc., etc. It is my impression that every other institution now makes a more satisfactory impression than Lingnan.

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5. Special difficulties of Lingnan University; unsatisfactory record. Question: Did we advise Harvard-Yenching Institute that we could not transfer the income from trust fund to Chinese studies? Answer: See answer to question 3 above. ----- Mr. Hoskins asks for exact date when responsibility for the general budget of the University was transferred to the Chinese Directors. This occurred in July 1927. ~~In other words,~~ the American Trustees first limited their responsibility to the support of the American faculty for the fiscal year July 1, 1927 - June 30, 1928, and used for this purpose \$60,000. interest paid to

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Lingnan University by the Trustees of the Hall Estate. But, although there had not previously been any formal differentiation of responsibility between Americans and Chinese - the American Trustees being the sole administrative authority - nevertheless all the \$60,000. annual interest from the Trustees of the Hall Estate had been used from the first for departments headed by American professors. Chinese studies were supported from local income. Transfer of any large part of the \$60,000. to Chinese studies could not have been made at any time without serious dislocation and unbalance in the curriculum. 4

6. Emergency financial aid to Lingnan from Harvard-Yenching Institute. Question: For what purpose did the American Director inform Harvard-Yenching Institute that the emergency grant of \$15,000. per year which he requested would be used? Why was the money not so used? Answer: Mr. Wannamaker first requested a capital grant of \$300,000., with the assurance that, if this could be appropriated, the whole income on the trust fund of \$300,000. held by Harvard-Yenching Institute would then be transferred to the division of Chinese studies, since the Trustees of Lingnan could then support other departments correspondingly with the income from the newly appropriated \$300,000. When this request was declined, Mr. Wannamaker asked for an annual grant of \$15,000 per year for five years, to be used entirely for the support of Chinese studies, promising that the Trustees of Lingnan would endeavor within this time limit to obtain a capital fund of \$300,000. for the support of various departments, and thereupon transfer the Chinese studies income from the trust fund held by the Institute. The reason why the \$15,000. actually granted for 1930-31 and again for 1931-32 was not so used was simply that the Trustees of Lingnan were having great difficulty in supplying their own part of the University budget and that proper steps were not taken to carry out the verbal assurance given by Mr. Wannamaker to the Institute. It is strange that the Institute has never definitely complained about this.

7. "Stabilization fund" for Chinese studies. Question: Have other colleges agreed to set up as a stabilization fund the portion of deferred dividends on trust funds already paid to the colleges by Harvard-Yenching Institute. Answer: All the other colleges have so undertaken, and are adding to their "stabilization funds" a quota of income on investments.

8. Prospects for improving Lingnan's relation to the Institute. Mr. Hoskins requested a copy of the revised pronouncement of requirements of the Institute. Copy is sent herewith.

9. Under same marginal heading. Question: What is the basis for Mr. Wannamaker's opinion that, if the Trustees of Lingnan could provide annually U.S.\$4,000. for Chinese studies in addition to approximately U.S.\$5,000. now being expended by the Chinese Directors, this would render possible acceptable reports to the Institute. Answer: This judgment is based upon my general knowledge of the status in the various institutions, my conversations with Dean Donham, President of the Trustees of the Institute, and Dr. Elisseeff, and especially my conversation with Dr. Eric North, as well as the pronouncement of requirements mentioned above.

10. Proposal for a permanent solution. Mr. Hoskins expresses the opinion that the appropriation of the Lingnan Trustees to the Chinese Directors should be considered as a satisfactory substitute for ap-

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appropriations by the Trustees for the support of Chinese studies. This does not seem logical for two reasons. First, only an extremely small fraction of this appropriation is used for Chinese studies properly so called, if any part at all is thus used. Our appropriation is used for many other elements in the budget of the Chinese Directors. In the second place, it is impracticable for the Chinese Directors to expend our appropriations or any considerable fraction of them for the support of Chinese studies, or to supply equivalent amounts of their own money for this purpose. The Chinese Directors are having such difficulty in keeping the institution in operation that they are not able to add anything whatever beyond what they are already supplying to the support of Chinese studies. To do so would simply involve their failing to meet the demands of the Ministry of Education in regard to other departments of the University. The only way in which Chinese studies can be properly supported is through the supplying of additional money for that express purpose.

Please note what President Edmunds says about the importance of strengthening the Division of Chinese Studies.

I am extremely sorry to have been obliged to make these comments so lengthy. When you are ready to place material in the hands of a special committee, I shall be glad to edit the original memorandum so as to include, in the briefest possible form, the essence of these replies to your questions, making this information part of the memorandum itself. At the same time, I expect to be able to include the positive statement that Mr. Davison and Mr. Osborn confirm the statement of Dr. Edmunds as to the degree of assurance originally given by Mr. Davis and Mr. Johnson as to the \$1,000,000.

Cordially yours,

Olin D. Wannemaker

CC: C.K. Edmunds.

Enclosures to Hoskins: CC letter from Edmunds, 11/28/40.

New copy of p.2 in memo re Hall Estate (3 cops.)

1 copy informal memo re Lingnan and Hall Estate, dated 1/3/30. ODW - 2 pp.

1 copy printed, 6 pp., Memo re Policy of H-Y Inst. toward colleges in China, etc.

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Informal Memorandum  
regarding  
Lingnan University (Canton Christian College)  
with reference to the Hall Estate and  
the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

The Trustees of Lingnan University, in view of the action of the Executive Committee of the Harvard-Yenching Institute as transmitted to them in the Secretary's letter of July 2, 1929, are somewhat perplexed as how best to face what is perhaps only a technical difficulty.

The action referred to states "that it was the intention of the Trustees that funds from the Institute should in general be used to strengthen departments of Chinese language, literature and history. It is assumed that each institution benefitted is in fact spending some money for this work, etc."

Prior to August 1, 1927 it would have been a simple matter of bookkeeping to report in a manner entirely satisfactory to the Harvard-Yenching Institute upon the use of the income of the \$500,000 designated in the Institute's funds as for Lingnan University, as up to that time the Trustees of Lingnan University were responsible for the whole budget of the University.

In the spring of 1927 however, in order to make necessary and yet mutually satisfactory adjustments to conform with the requirements of the Chinese Government for the registration of educational institutions, the Trustees of Lingnan University, incorporated in the State of New York, made an agreement with a Chinese Board of Directors, set up in Canton, China, said agreement to become effective August 1, 1927, whereby the Trustees of Lingnan University, as the founders and owners of the University property and the holders of a charter from the Regents of the University of the State of New York, leased for one dollar a year, under certain clearly defined conditions, the plant of the University to this Chinese Board, who, for the time being, become responsible to the Chinese Government for the character of the educational work carried on and also responsible for the budget of the institution except for that budget involved in the maintenance of the foreign staff of the institution.

The Trustees of Lingnan University, instead of turning their income over to this new Chinese Board, decided, and it is accepted generally throughout China as a very sound decision, to make their contribution in terms of staff rather than in terms of dollars, and since the cost of maintaining the foreign staff at the University represented in 1927 very nearly the total needed to balance the budget each year, it was felt that the new arrangement did not put an unduly heavy burden upon the Chinese Board at the start.

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It must become evident then that ~~whereas~~ prior to August 1, 1927, when the Trustees of Lingnan University were responsible for the whole budget, it would have been a perfectly simple and proper matter to charge the sum spent at that time for Chinese literature, history and language against any particular fund, such as for example the income of the \$300,000 invested. Since August 1, 1927 however, this has not been possible because of the nature of the agreement between the Trustees of Lingnan University and the Chinese Board of Directors in Canton, and yet this very agreement is designed to, and is effective in doing the very thing that the Institute desires, namely strengthening the "departments of Chinese language, literature and history" in the University by relieving the Chinese Directors of the heavy burden of expense of staffing necessary departments in the University which are now staffed by Americans.

To insist that an actual mechanical transfer of the income of the \$300,000 in question should be made so as to apply directly to these three departments would create a very awkward situation and would, we believe, so far from promoting the real interests of the Institute, tend to the contrary in our particular case.

It should be noted in this connection that beginning with 1926 the Hall Estate Trustees actually paid to the Trustees of Lingnan University \$60,000.00 a year, representing the interest at 6% on \$1,000,000., which they had verbally on more than one occasion assured the Trustees of Lingnan University was to come to them when the Hall Estate was settled. On the basis of this expectation, the particular arrangement as between the Lingnan University Trustees and the Chinese Board of Directors in Canton was made. In the final settlement of the Hall Estate, however, only \$700,000.00 was paid directly to the Trustees of Lingnan University, while the remaining \$300,000.00 was turned over to the Harvard-Yenching Institute as for the Trustees of Lingnan University.

This memorandum is intended to present the situation in brief to the members of the Board of the Harvard-Yenching Institute so that they may realize the problem which faces the Trustees of Lingnan University in this matter.

The increasingly harmonious relationships between the Americans and the Chinese at Lingnan University since the new agreement was entered into, and the greatly increased interest and support of the Chinese in the institution, due to no small extent to the particular arrangement entered into, are facts which we believe should be taken into consideration. It should be further noted that at the request of the Chinese Board of Directors, the Trustees of Lingnan University in New York are endeavoring to secure large sums for adequate library development, which would certainly be in line with the purposes and objects of the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

January 3, 1930

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**Dr. Serge Eliaseff**  
**17 Boylston Hall**  
**Cambridge, Massachusetts**

Please ascertain and telegraph me collect date when Dr. Charles M. Hall made his will establishing Hall Educational Fund basis of Harvard-Yenching Institute.

Olin D. Wannemaker

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Memorandum on

The Policy and Procedure of the Harvard-Yenching Institute  
Concerning Educational Activities in China.

1 sent to Mr. Hoskins  
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12/6/40

I. Purpose.

It is the primary purpose of the Harvard-Yenching Institute to strengthen as effectively as possible the work of the beneficiary institutions in the field of Chinese culture, particularly in respect to such subjects as Chinese literature and art, history, linguistics, philosophy, and the history of religion.

This purpose is not exclusive; the Trustees are empowered to use the resources of the Institute for related aims and, indeed, should exceptional conditions warrant, are fully empowered to use the funds for altogether different purposes. But the primary interest of the Trustees is that stated above.

II. Four major aspects of the program.

The strengthening of an educational enterprise rests upon four factors:

- (1) increasing the capacity of the personnel in teaching and research;
- (2) the provision of materials adequate in quality and quantity for the use of the students;
- (3) the provision of opportunities for and the encouragement of research <sup>by</sup> for the teaching personnel;
- (4) opportunity for conference and consultation on both subject-matter and the methods of teaching and research.

These four factors have their appropriate places in differing degree in the institutions and relationships involved. In each the Trustees feel that the Institute has a contribution to make that is more than financial and in each the inter-institutional and inter-national relationships are of importance. *The development and maintenance of these inter-relationships the Trustees regard as of importance.* It must always be remembered that the Trustees of the Hall Estate in placing the various principal sums in the hands of the Trustees did so with the clear desire that the Institute and the beneficiary institutions render an integrated service in the field of Chinese culture. It is the purpose of the Trustees, in which they feel the colleges as fellow-beneficiaries must join, to press for and maintain such integration. This, of course, can be produced only if all concerned share the common purpose and recognize the appropriate responsibilities of the respective participants.

III. Three foci of Institute interest.

- (a) undergraduate work in China;
  - (b) graduate work in China;
  - (c) graduate work in Cambridge.
- (a) *Undergraduate work in China.*

The basic concern of the colleges and the Institute alike is here

(1) that the students as a whole shall be able to use their national language competently, shall have a real interest in Chinese history and culture and a good general knowledge of these fields, and shall acquire the elementary techniques of critical use of authorities, emphasis on original sources, and proper documentation.

(2) that selected students be encouraged and prepared for post-graduate work.

All of the processes of the Institute are intended ultimately to further this end, for only through this can the achievements of research become the genuine intellectual possessions of the race and bring enrichment to the life of the people. At the same time, only out of a considerable body of well-educated undergraduates can come the few who by further training become the teachers and explorers required for the maintenance and expansion of the educational process and for the extension of knowledge.

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For the achievement of this objective in the six colleges (Fukien, Lingnan, Nanking, Shantung, West China and Yenching) the Institute and, we assume, the colleges themselves must stand for the following principles:

- (1) the teaching in the field of Chinese culture should be as competent as possible; to this end
  - a) competent teachers must be employed;
  - b) adequate library facilities must be maintained in the various subjects;
  - c) appropriate facilities for faculty research must be provided;
- (2) the programs of the various departments should be in balance with one another and with the institutional program as a whole;
- (3) the program offered should not only serve the institution itself but should be properly related to the Institute's program as a whole, as far as support from the Institute goes, and therefore overlapping and unnecessary duplication in any advanced work, in library specialization, and in faculty research should be eliminated and avoided.
- (4) the *principal* work of these colleges in the field of Chinese studies is undergraduate work.
- (5) the range of graduate work done, if any, should not exceed that appropriate to the institution, nor, so far as supported by the Institute, be in material conflict with the Institute's policy of maintaining only one center in China for *full graduate study and research* and the training of teaching personnel.
- (6) from these colleges students qualified for graduate work and future teaching should be encouraged to go forward to the appropriate institutions for such graduate work and training.
- (7) the quality of the work of the institution as a whole should be such as to sustain these objectives.

The Institute's assistance to these ends is provided (1) by the financial aid of the income of the several Restricted Funds, (2) by the training of scholars for teaching positions, (3) by the counsel of its staff on the various problems involved.

✓ In view of the circumstances under which the various amounts of the Restricted Funds were given, the Trustees regard this income as having a bearing upon both the primary interest of the Institute in Chinese cultural studies and upon the purpose of the Trustees of the Hall Estate to aid the general work of the colleges.

For the guidance, therefore, of the authorities of the colleges, the Trustees of the Institute set forth here their policy in respect to the use of the income of the Restricted Fund:

A. *The primary use of the income of the Restricted Fund must be the effective maintenance of undergraduate work.*

This will be judged by such appraisals of student achievement as may be available and by the estimate of the persons and facilities provided under point (1) immediately above and by the situation in respect to point (2).

✓ B. *No part of the Restricted Fund income is to be used for other purposes until this standard is met* and if the Restricted Fund income is not adequate for this purpose, it is expected that the institution will add other funds, for the Hall Estate income is intended as reinforcement not replacement.

✓ C. *Restricted Fund income may be applied to faculty research and graduate work only to the extent approved by the Institute Trustees* from time to time as in accord with principles (3), (4), (5), and (7) above. The Trustees regard themselves as entitled to withhold funds from institutions which do not observe this.

(NOTE:—It seems desirable that this be shortly reviewed in the case of each college in respect to the present situation — and again as soon as any change in general conditions clarifies the future.)

✓ D. *Provided the three policies preceding are observed, the colleges may apply income of the Restricted Fund in excess of that required for Chinese studies to the general needs of the college, but such application shall not be made in a manner to prevent the prompt transfer of any part that may be required to the maintenance or extension of the program of Chinese studies.*

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✓ E. The colleges will be expected to provide from their Restricted Fund income adequate fellowships for competent graduates or members of their faculties for one year or more of post-graduate work at approved institutions.

To assist in maintaining these policies the Trustees expect adequate communication between the colleges and the officers of the Institute. In addition to correspondence this requires

(1) The regular mailing of all catalogues, pertinent course announcements, and statements of projected research by the beneficiary colleges, and by the graduate departments at Yenching and Cambridge to the appropriate officer of each of the other institutions, to the Secretary of the Institute in Peiping, and to the Director of the Institute at Cambridge.

(2) The sending to the same officers all published researches whether embodied in periodicals or in separate publications.

✓ (3) The mailing in time to reach the Director of the Institute in Cambridge, the Executive of the College's Board of Trustees in New York, and the Secretary of the Institute in Peiping, not later than October 1st, of a descriptive and financial report according to the outlines attached hereto.

The responsibility for sending this material should be clearly placed on a specific person or persons in each institution.

The *maintenance of standards* in undergraduate work is primarily the responsibility of the colleges themselves. The authorities of the Institute can comment, suggest, criticize, withhold or supply funds, but the real power rests with the faculties and administrations of the colleges. Each institution must be conscious of the importance of this. The Institute would be eager to facilitate the development of a sense of common purpose and of an *esprit de corps* among all the staff of the colleges concerned with Chinese studies. To this end it would be glad to receive suggestions as to how it may assist. Possibly it could aid in intercommunications and provide the expenses of occasional conferences between teachers in the same subject area.

The comments of the Institute officers upon the reports, personnel, and work of any institution are intended to be supplementary to the institution's own effort. Every intelligent administrator welcomes the appraisal of his work by competent disinterested friends and will seek to profit by it. Allowances must be made on both sides for difficulties of distance by making communications clear and adequate and by confidence in mutual goodwill.

(b) *Graduate work in China*

This falls into the following groups:

- (1) Faculty research in any of the colleges,
- (2) Graduate courses in some of the colleges,
- (3) Graduate work at Yenching.

- (1) Faculty research in any college.

The Institute desires and expects that, by the quality of library facilities, by grants for special expenses, regular Sabbatical leaves, etc. in the budgets provided by the Restricted Fund, the members of the faculties teaching undergraduates in Chinese studies will be aided in maintaining intellectual freshness (by the stimulus properly conceived research provides) and also in making valuable contributions to the sum of knowledge in the field.

✓ It would like to ensure in China one or more publications for the exchange of the products of observation and research. It feels, however, that a multitude of separate publications is undesirable and that two would probably cover all needs. These publications, if centralized, would have support from outside the Restricted Funds.

Some appropriate process must be provided whereby the research projects of the faculty members can be known generally in order to avoid undue overlapping or duplication of laborious or expensive projects.

The graduate departments at Yenching and Cambridge would provide further facilities for study and research on Sabbatical leave.

- (2) Graduate Courses in some of the Colleges.

For specially qualified students, and particularly where a faculty member has exceptional competence in some specific area, the Institute believes that graduate courses normally not exceeding a year of residence might be offered if the institution was equipped and the Restricted Fund for that in-

stitution was adequate to care *both* for the regular undergraduate work and for the cost of the courses, scholarships, etc., required. As specified in Policy C above, this application of Institute Funds can be made only when and to the extent approved by the Institute Trustees. They are determined not to permit the Institute's funds to be used to duplicate full graduate departments in several colleges.

(3) Graduate work at Yenching.

The graduate work at Yenching, conducted on a budget separate from the Restricted Funds, is intended to provide the major center of graduate work in Chinese studies and the only fully developed graduate school of that nature in China with Institute support.

At Yenching it is intended that, as time goes on, the Graduate Department will be more and more fully equipped in personnel, library and other resources so that a full range of graduate courses in Chinese language, history, and culture can be offered.

To Yenching, graduates of the six colleges and others would come for the training to equip them to be (a) after a year's work, perhaps, exceptionally competent secondary school instructors; (b) after three years' training competent instructors in colleges prepared by fundamental grounding, sense of ideals and objectives, and technical skill to advance steadily to professional rank, making contribution both to teaching and to research and putting the teaching of Chinese studies in the six colleges and others at a high level. Participating in the faculty at Yenching would be not only the regular graduate staff in this field but also from time to time representative scholars from other countries.

(c) *The graduate work at Cambridge*

The Institute's primary interest and duty, under the terms of its establishment, is toward the work in China. This is steadily in the thought of the Trustees. Had it not been for the war conditions, this would have been demonstrated more fully by various developments in the specific field of Chinese studies in China. Indeed, the Trustees have evidenced this in the general field by reducing the budget in America (when investment income dropped) in order to guarantee the colleges the income of the Restricted Fund at a suitable level and by three annual grants of \$50,000 each unrestricted to the Emergency Fund of the China Colleges.

It was felt, however, by the Trustees of the Hall Estate even before the Institute was inaugurated that they desired their contribution while directed primarily to education in China nevertheless to assist in a genuine intellectual cooperation between West and East and to have the West make some contribution, other than purely financial, to the educational outlook and achievements of the six colleges. To this end the graduate program at Harvard has been established to provide the base from which this contribution can be made.

This contribution consists *first* in making available for the common enterprise the skill and leadership of certain western Sinologists. *Second*: the training of a limited number of Westerners in Sinology that they may broaden the Sinological contacts of the West especially in America and thus lay a foundation for greater intellectual cooperation in the future and more general appreciation of Chinese culture in the West. *Third*: in affording a center for research and publication, enlarging Sinological knowledge and judgment by Western angles of view and techniques. *Fourth*: in providing a graduate training center for a limited number of Chinese graduate students who, after at least a year's work at Yenching, would be qualified to add to what they had gained there the values of further mastery of Western techniques, of the more distant perspective, and of collateral studies so richly available at Harvard.

The Trustees are confident that this contribution is being and can be made without any detriment to the financial contributions to the graduate work at Yenching. (The Restricted Funds are not applicable except in extraordinary circumstances to work other than that of the six designated colleges.) They also are sure that a distinctive contribution not only to the whole field of Sinology, but also to the specific intra-mural work of the six colleges will steadily and in increasing measure result from the graduate work at Harvard.

The Trustees of the Institute issue this statement of policy in the interests of clearer understanding and more effective collaboration. They trust that they will have the full assistance of the Boards of Founders, the Boards of Directors, the Faculties and Officers of the Colleges in the maintenance of these policies. The Trustees are of the judgment that by the positive collaboration of all those concerned the Colleges, which have demonstrated their loyalty to educational conceptions under terrific strain, will be enabled to make a very great contribution to the intellectual and cultural life of new China, enriching each new student generation with greater understanding of their great heritage.

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Fukien Christian University, Lingnan University, the University of Nanking, Shantung Christian University, West China Union University and Yenching University should annually, for the year June 30th to July 1st, make a report to the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute (which should reach them not later than October first of each year), containing the following:—

1. Two copies of all printed catalogues in Chinese and in English;
2. A financial report showing
  - (a) moneys received from the Institute and paid out;
  - (b) names and salaries of personnel and detail of other expenses of administration and maintenance;
  - (c) library expenditure totals: for Oriental and foreign purchases of books and for administration;
  - (d) museum expenditures: for purchases and for administration;
  - (e) technical equipment expenditures;
  - (f) miscellaneous expenditures.
3.
  - (a) a list of courses *actually given* and the number of students in each course;
  - (b) a list of research problems in progress;
  - (c) a list of publications.
4. Two copies of all publications and syllabi of professors and students.

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(FORM FOR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT)

(Name of University)

REPORT TO THE HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE SHOWING RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE RESTRICTED INCOME

Fiscal Year from July 1, 19 to July 1, 19

BALANCE on hand June 30, 194 LC \$.....

I. INCOME RECEIVED FROM THE HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

US \$	@	= LC \$	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS			LC \$

II. EXPENDITURES

1. General University Administration

a. Administrative Offices:

(List with salaries)

LC \$
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b. Care and Maintenance of Buildings:

Building Expenses and Upkeep  
Building Repairs  
Building Insurance  
(other expenses)

LC \$
LC \$
LC \$
LC \$
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c. Care and Maintenance of Grounds:

Grounds Expenses and Upkeep

LC \$
LC \$

d. Light and Water:

Electric Light  
Electric Light Repairs  
Water Supply Maintenance  
Total, Maintenance

LC \$
LC \$
LC \$
LC \$

2. Teaching Staff

(Names and Salaries)

Total, Teaching Staff

LC \$
LC \$

3. Library

a. Book Purchases

(Oriental)  
(Foreign)

LC \$
LC \$

b. Administration

(Salaries and expenses in general)

Total, Library

LC \$
LC \$

4. Publication

(List)

Total, Publication

LC \$
LC \$
LC \$

5. Museum Expenditures

a. Purchases

(Total; not in detail)

b. Administration

Total, Museum Expenditures

LC \$
LC \$
LC \$

6. Technical Equipment

7. Miscellaneous

Total, Miscellaneous

Total Expenditures

Balance on hand July 1, 19

LC \$
LC \$

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March 25, 1951.

Dr. James H. Woods,  
Emerson Hall,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Woods:-

Ever since my conversation with you Dr. Henry and I have both wished to see you further in regard to the question I raised. Since Dr. Henry has a relatively short time to remain in America, we finally decided that it might be wise to seek an interview with Dean Donham also. We postponed this effort because of his being out of the city. Now that he has returned we have arranged to see him on Wednesday, and have telegraphed asking that if possible a joint conference be arranged with you, himself and Dean Chase. I do hope you can be present at such a conference. I am strongly convinced that the general interest of education in China will profit from some such action as that I discussed with you in reference to Lingnan University.

Perhaps the primary contribution to be made by the colleges founded in China by Americans will be in the sphere of the physical sciences, but the necessity for rightly emphasizing the Chinese language, literature, history and culture generally in these colleges founded by foreigners is if possible even more important than in the colleges established by the Chinese themselves. Just where Western influence is focused Chinese culture should also be concentrated in its influence. It is in this way that we hope to bring about the blending of the best from the West and everything that deserves to be revived in China. Pardon this statement of a point of view, which, no doubt, is more obvious to you than to myself.

Cordially yours,

Olin D. Wannamaker  
American Director

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LINGNAN UNIVERSITY AND HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE OF CHINESE STUDIES

Basic Information

Charles M. Hall Educational Fund. Dr. Charles M. Hall, inventor of aluminum process, left at the time of his death, December 1914, an "educational fund", for founding or assisting educational institutions in Japan, Continental Asia, Turkey and the Balkan States in Europe. Executors: Arthur V. Davis, now Chairman of the Board, Aluminum Company of America; and Homer Johnson, attorney of Cleveland. Representatives of Lingnan University had been cultivating Dr. Hall a year or more before his death, and an effort was continued to obtain a grant from this fund.

Negotiations of Lingnan Trustees with Trustees of Hall Estate. As a result of this effort, Trustees of the Hall Estate began in May 1920 appropriating annually a capital gift and a gift to current budget, capital fund to aggregate \$50,000. in nine years. In 1925 they added a second \$50,000. capital fund.

Because of urgent pressure to assist in making up a large stabilizing fund for Lingnan, Trustees of Hall Estate informed representatives of Lingnan Trustees in May 1925 that Lingnan would receive \$1,000,000. when the educational fund was distributed. Consented to have this statement reported to Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. as evidence of progress in meeting his conditions for the large gift. Two and a half years later, in December 1927, Hall Trustees informed President Edmunds of Lingnan that they would divide this sum, giving \$700,000. outright to Lingnan and \$300,000. as a trust fund for Lingnan to the newly planned Harvard-Yenching Institute of Chinese Studies. Lingnan actually received the \$700,000. in December 1928.

Complications due to division of capital fund. Meanwhile two actions had occurred which caused serious complications, never since completely eliminated. 1. Trustees of Lingnan transferred to a Chinese Board of Directors in July 1927 full responsibility for administration of the University, retaining for the American Board responsibility solely for the American faculty. 2. Meanwhile interest on \$1,000,000. at 6% - \$60,000. - had been paid by Trustees of Hall Estate to Trustees of Lingnan University for 2-1/2 fiscal years 1926-28 (interest for additional half year being paid by Harvard-Yenching Institute shortly after its establishment). All this income had been absorbed in the part of the University budget for which the American Trustees were responsible. It constituted a very large part of the entire income of the American Trustees.

Not until March 1929 did Trustees of Harvard-Yenching Institute inform Trustees of Lingnan University of certain restrictions applying to use of income from \$300,000. trust fund. Not until July 1929 were these restrictions made explicit - the requirement that this entire income be used solely for strengthening Chinese studies, no expenditure already budgeted for that purpose by the University to be reduced.

Trustees of Lingnan University have never been able to comply with this condition. The transfer of \$15,000. of current income from Science

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Departments and other parts of the University to which the Trustees were contributing their major effort would have damaged these departments to the great dissatisfaction of the Chinese Board of Directors. Additional income could not be obtained.

Efforts to meet this difficulty. Trustees of Harvard-Yenching Institute have been informed fully as to difficulties created for the Trustees of Lingnan University by the belated transfer of \$300,000. to Harvard-Yenching Institute. They have been exceedingly considerate. They have waited with much patience for Lingnan to get in position to comply with the conditions set up by the Harvard-Yenching Institute for the use of income from the trust fund. They even made two special grants of \$15,000. a year some years ago to assist Lingnan. In the whole course of years since these restrictions were established, the Trustees of Lingnan have done very little for the improvement of Chinese studies at the University. The maximum contribution we have made has been the appropriation of \$2,000. a year for two years, 1940-42 for the so-called "Project in Chinese Studies". Even this has not been altogether a satisfactory action, because we have used for this purpose \$3,000. of income of Harvard-Yenching trust fund which we had been asked to hold in reserve for future emergency purposes in connection with Chinese studies, and we shall have to request \$1,000. during the present year from an additional reserve which has been held for us by Harvard-Yenching Institute.

Relaxing of requirements by Harvard-Yenching Institute. Within the past two years Harvard-Yenching Institute has made less rigid its restrictions applying to income from trust funds held by it for five institutions in China. If each institution can show a reasonably good department of Chinese studies - up to the standard expected by the Harvard-Yenching Institute - no question will be asked as to precisely what part of the income of the trust fund is being used for this purpose. Obviously, however, a substantial portion of that income must be so used.

Two possible solutions of problem. 1. We may gradually transfer to Chinese studies modest amounts of the income of Harvard-Yenching Institute until the division of Chinese studies proves to be satisfactory. In transferring income for this purpose, we shall weaken the division of sciences, unless we can obtain additional money for this purpose. 2. Appeal to the Trustees of Harvard-Yenching Institute (including in this appeal a direct approach to Mr. Arthur V. Davis, who still exerts great influence with Harvard-Yenching Trustees) to restore to Lingnan University the entire \$300,000. which was taken from the \$1,000,000. originally promised us, and set up a new \$300,000. trust fund in the keeping of Harvard-Yenching Institute for developing our division of Chinese studies.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Olin D. Wannamaker  
Secretary.

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