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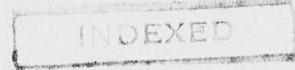
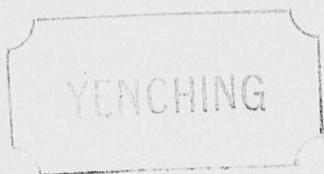
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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City



TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

I write today to tell you that at the meeting of the Prudential Committee of the American Board yesterday afternoon the following persons were appointed as representatives of the American Board on the Yenching Board of Trustees and the Yenching Woman's College Committee:

Dr. James L. Barton to succeed himself as a Trustee of Yenching University in the class of 1932. *1933*

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee to succeed herself as a Trustee of Yenching University in the class of 1933. *1934*

As representatives of the American Board on the Committee of Yenching College for Women

Miss Eliza H. Kendrick in the class of 1931
Miss Marion A. Kendall " " " " 1932
Miss Alice K. Clark " " " " 1933.

As I wrote you yesterday, the appointment of Miss Clark opens the way for an invitation to Miss Gillespie, and I sincerely hope that she will consent to become a member of our Yenching College Committee. I have written her.

Sincerely yours,

Eula B. Lee

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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As representatives of the American Board of the Committee of Yenching College for women:

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Sincerely yours,

Lucius C. Lee

(Mrs. Lucius C. Lee)

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Yenching University

May 17, 1930

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Lee:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letters of May 14 and 15.

We are glad to note from your letter of May 14 that Dr. Barton and yourself have been elected to succeed yourselves as representatives of the American Board on the Yenching Trustees.

We are also glad to note your list of representatives on the Yenching College Committee. It is gratifying that Miss Clark has been elected as one of your representatives regardless of the effect this will have on Miss Gillespie's relation to the Committee. I hope, however, that Miss Gillespie will find it possible to accept membership on the Committee and, what is more important, I hope that she will prove an active and interested member.

Thank you for your further comments with regard to Miss Cherry. I will probably have a letter from Miss Kendrick within a day or so reporting as to the steps she has taken in sending Miss Cherry a notification of her appointment and in forwarding the copies of the contract for her signature.

Very cordially yours,

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Yenching University

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July 2, 1930

Finance Board

Rev. H. E. B. Case,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Case:

We are trying to check up on the furlough of Mr. and Mrs. Philip de Vargas who are teaching at Yenching University, Peiping, China. Our understanding at the present time is that Mr. and Mrs. de Vargas are returning on regular furlough and will spend some little time in Europe. They are to arrive in the United States in time for Mr. de Vargas to take up work during the second semester at Harvard and after that, as we understand it, they are to return to the field.

Is it reasonable to expect your Board to pay for Mr. and Mrs. de Vargas' transportation from the field to Switzerland and return, and that the Harvard-Yenching Institute would pay travel expenses for both Mr. and Mrs. de Vargas from Switzerland to the United States and return to Switzerland?

Very sincerely yours,

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July 8, 1930.

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Mr. C. A. Evans
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of July 2nd to Mr. Case has been referred to me for answer. According to the letters which we have had from Mr. deVargas, your understanding is correct and they plan to spend the first semester in Switzerland, arriving in America in time for the second semester's work at Harvard. They then plan to return to China by way of Switzerland again.

Since it is a regular furlough we should naturally pay for their expenses to Switzerland and return, since that is the home of both of them. It seems entirely reasonable that the Harvard-Yenching Institute should pay the travel expenses from Switzerland to the United States and return, since they are to have their services almost exclusively during the period of Mr. deVargas' stay here. We understand that during the period of his work at Harvard his salary will be carried by the Harvard-Yenching Institute and the Board will be relieved to that extent.

Very sincerely yours,

Wynn C. Fairfield
Wynn C. Fairfield.

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Mr. C. A. Evans
Columbia University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of July 1st to Mr. Case has been referred to me for answer. According to the letters which we have had from Mr. DeWitt, your understanding is correct and they plan to spend the first semester in Switzerland, arriving in America in time for the second semester's work at Harvard. They then plan to return to China by way of Switzerland again.

Since at this regular interval we should normally pay for their expenses to Switzerland and return, since that is the home of both of them. It seems entirely reasonable that the Harvard-Yenching Institute should pay the travel expenses from Switzerland to the United States and return, since they are to have their services about exclusively during the period of Mr. DeWitt's stay here. We understand that during the period of his work at Harvard his salary will be carried by the Harvard-Yenching Institute and the Board will be relieved to that extent.

Very sincerely yours,
Wm. C. Barr
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August 18, 1930

American Board of Commissioners
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Will you please confirm directly to our Auditors,
Messrs. Chambellan, Berger & Welti, 70 Fifth Avenue, that
you held in trust for us the sum of \$100,000.00 as at June
30th.

A self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed
for your reply.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Yenching University.

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December 10, 1930

Miss Louise McCoy
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss McCoy:

Miss Uline wishes me to express her thanks to you for sending the copies of the Peking News for November, which we shall send out with other material on China.

She would also be very glad to have fifty copies of the pamphlet, "Yenching University, Its Religious Ideals and Service", if these are available for distribution. Do you also distribute the small Yenching News Letters? We should be glad to have copies of these if they are also available.

Thanking you for your help, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor P. Lester (Mrs. A. H.)

Secretary to Miss Uline.

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TRANSFER

Yenching University

December 13, 1950

Mr. Harold B. Belcher, Asst. Treas.
American Board of Commissioners for
Foreign Missions,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Belcher:

In checking over our receipts for the current year at Yenching I find that as yet we have received nothing from the American Board either on their general budget appropriation of G\$3,500, or on the special appropriation of G\$1,800 which you have been making from year to year for the salary of Dr. T. T. Lew.

In the past it has been customary for the American Board to send us these cash appropriations in quarterly installments about September, December, February and May. We sincerely hope that it will soon be possible for you to send us the first two quarterly installments on this year's appropriations.

Very sincerely yours,

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Original in Fukien files

14 Beacon Street - Boston, Mass.

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December 15, 1930

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Mr. B. A. Garside, Sec.-Treas.,
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:-

Your letter of December 13th is received and I am sorry to find that we have overlooked the payments to Yenching and Fukien for this current year to date. The American Board appropriations for these for 1930-1931 are as follows -

Yenching University	\$ 2,500.
Support of Dr. T. T. Lew	1,800.
Fukien University	5,000.
	<u>\$ 9,300.</u>

We have now made note to pay these grants quarterly, as in other years, on the first of September, November, February and May. Since the September and November payments are past due, I am enclosing herewith checks as follows -

To Trustees of Yenching University (of which \$900. for 1st two quarters for Dr. Lew; and \$1,250. for 1st two quarters for Yenching.)	\$ 2,150.
To Trustees of Fukien University (for 1st two quarters)	\$ 2,500.

I trust this matter is all clear now and that the future payments will be made without any delay.

Very cordially yours,

/s/ Harold B. Belcher

Asst. Treasurer.

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TRANSFER

December 16, 1930

Mr. Harold B. Belcher,
American Board of Commissioners for
Foreign Missions,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Belcher:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 15 with its enclosed check for \$2,150 to the order of the Trustees of Yenching University, of which \$900 is for the first two quarters of 1930-31 for Dr. Lew, and \$1,250 for the first two quarters for the current expenses of the University (up to December 31, 1930).

You are familiar with the fact that some years ago when the American Board, the Presbyterian Board, and the Methodist Board began their support of Yenching University on a union basis there was an understanding among them whereby they would contribute to the support of the University both in staff and cash on a basis of equality. The cash contribution which each of the three Boards has made for a number of years is \$3,500. In more than one case this contribution has been maintained intact where one or another of the three Boards have had to pass through a period of financial difficulties. The amount is not large, and is, in fact, substantially smaller than these same Boards are contributing to some of the other union colleges in China in which they are cooperating. It has, therefore, been the earnest hope of the Board of Trustees that the three cooperating Mission Boards would be able to maintain this cash contribution without any reduction.

Not only are these funds greatly needed by the University in carrying on its work, but any reduction in the appropriation of any one Board upsets the parity that has heretofore existed and is almost certain to cause similar shifts in position by the other Boards interested. Moreover, the University earnestly desires that these three cooperating Mission Boards may continue to feel the same sense of responsibility for, and interest in, the work at Yenching as they have evinced from the time of its founding until the present. While it is true that the University has made substantial progress in the securing of endowment, it is still in need of both the financial and the moral support of the cooperating Mission Boards. It would be a tragedy of the first magnitude if the co-operation of these three Mission Boards should be lessened just at this time when the University is passing through extremely difficult times, and when great spiritual questions are being earnestly studied both by the Trustees and by the managing Boards and administrators on the field.

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The present fiscal year presents an unusually difficult problem because of the loss of an substantial amount of income which we thought could be relied upon when the budget for this year was adopted. Due to this loss of income the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees and the administrative officials of the University are now having a difficult time trying to discover some method by which the available resources can be stretched to cover the work already undertaken. Should the University suffer the loss of a part of the contribution of one or more of the cooperating Mission Boards this financial difficulty will be substantially increased.

I understand that the American Board has had this possible reduction of its contribution to Yenching in mind for some time, but according to our records no indication of that fact had heretofore been communicated to our office. Had we been aware that such an action was contemplated I would have written to you, or to the representatives of the American Board on our Yenching Board of Trustees, at an earlier date. We earnestly hope that the American Board will in some way find it possible to restore its appropriation to the original figure of \$3,500.

Very sincerely yours,

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CC: Promotional Office
Mrs. Lucius O. Lee

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PUBLISHING AND PURCHASING AGENT
EARLE E. SMITH
DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT

Dec. 24, 1930



Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

I see you lived up to your promise very handsomely and gave both Mrs. Lee and myself a clear statement of the situation regarding the Board's obligation to Yenching University.

I appreciate too all that you have said regarding the situation at Fukien. That is very close to my heart because I spent several years there in the Foochow Mission and my closest friends there are Prof. Scott and Mr. McClure. I remember President Lin when he was a student, and knowing something of the situation that he has had to face I appreciate what a unique contribution he is making to the future of the university.

All of this preliminary is to indicate that any action which the Prudential Committee may take in this matter is not without having had all sides of the question presented to them. I am of the opinion that in view of all of the financial circumstances the committee will probably suggest that the amount for Fukien be kept the same as last year, namely \$4500 and that they thereby be able to cover part of the amount that would be necessary to bring the appropriation for Yenching back to the last years figure. As I say this is a matter that will have to be decided by the Prudential Committee and my guess as to what they do may be absolutely incorrect, but I did want to send word as to what may possibly happen so that you may not be too much disappointed in case it does work out just that way.

I think it might be also said that we are rather looking forward to Mr. McClure going back to Foochow with the idea that he will give quite a bit of his time to the work of the university. As there is no lessening on the other hand of our sharing in the staff we do feel that a little credit should be given to the Board for the additional man power that is being put into the university. As you probably know Mr. McClure hopes to raise from a church that has been interested in his work up country an amount that will provide a new residence at the campus.

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Mr. B. A. Garside #2

I am furnishing a copy of this letter to Mrs. Lee so that she may have these reflections of mine before her as she corresponds further with you.

Yours very cordially,

Harold B. Belcher

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Assistant Treasurer

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Mr. B. A. Garfield #2

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Yours very cordially,

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Assistant Treasurer

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Yenching University

January 8, 1931

Mr. Harold B. Belcher,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Belcher:

During the Christmas holidays I got rather badly behind with some of my correspondence so I am slow in acknowledging receipt of your letter of December 24.

We certainly appreciate the interest you are taking in the problems related to the American Board's appropriations to Yenching and to Fukien for this year.

We will await further word from the American Board, and will hope that you will eventually find it possible to restore our Yenching appropriation to its former figure without any deduction for the additional appropriation of \$500 allocated to Fukien.

We certainly appreciate the way in which the American Board has given so generously of the time of Mr. McClure in connection with the field treasurership at Fukien. Mr. McClure has done an extremely valuable piece of work for the University and we earnestly hope that this service can be continued and possibly can be increased when he returns at the expiration of his present furlough.

Very cordially yours,

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February 18, 1931

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Mr. B. A. Garside, Treasurer
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Garside:

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You probably know of the arrangement by which the American Board has agreed to give from the money which came to us in the residue of the Estate of Miss Mary H. Porter the sum of \$5,000 to complete the Pagoda Tower at Yenching University for which she gave the original gift during her life and which did not prove sufficient to complete the cost. This matter was taken up with us by Mr. Sherman Goble, the Executor of the Estate, and I assume that his action was following some presentation from either President Stuart or the Trustees. This amount has been set aside, and I am herewith enclosing our check on the Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, to the order of the Trustees of Yenching University for Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) on this account, and will be glad to have your acknowledgement of the same.

I have wondered whether in view of the present rate of exchange it is going to cost the full amount of this \$5,000 to complete the Tower. This amount, of course, was set some months or a year ago when exchange was quite a bit different. I would assume that if the full Mexican proceeds of this were not necessary for this purpose, any unused balance would be returned to the Board to go back into the residue of Miss Porter's Estate.

I am wondering what the Trustees are doing now on the matter of exchange. I understood that last year you carried through a contract with the Hongkong-Shanghai Banking Corporation to handle your funds at a fixed rate of exchange. Our appropriations for work have been set in Mexican, and so the element of exchange does not enter in, at least on the other side. Our salaries are fixed in Gold, and we have allowed the missionaries to keep nearly all the exchange. We have specified that a certain portion of the account,

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--2 Mr. B. A. Garside

namely that which would accrue between a rate of 50¢ gold to a silver dollar and 45¢ gold to a silver dollar should come to the Board, but all the balance goes to the individual. I judge from the letters that have come recently from our people there that this is helping them quite effectively to meet the increase in the cost of living that has come both with the exchange change and with the increase in the customs.

Yours cordially,

Harold B. Belcher

Assistant Treasurer

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\$5,000.- check incl.

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--S Mr. B. A. Garabito

namely that which would occur between a rate of 30¢ gold
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Yours cordially,

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Yenching University

February 19, 1931

Mr. Harold B. Belcher,
American Board of Commissioners for
Foreign Missions,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Belcher:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 18 with its enclosed remittance of C\$5,000 coming from the residue of the Estate of Miss Mary H. Porter to complete the Pagoda Water Tower at Yenching University. This payment is made in accordance with the discussions carried on by President J. Leighton Stuart and Mr. Sherman M. Goble while Dr. Stuart was in the United States last year.

In connection with this remittance you raise the question of "whether in view of the present rate of exchange it is going to cost the full amount of this \$5,000 to complete the Tower". You suggest that if the full Mexican proceeds of this remittance are not necessary for this purpose any unused balance would be returned to the Board to go back into the residue of Miss Porter's Estate.

At the present time the Pagoda Water Tower is substantially completed, and most of the remittance requested through Mr. Goble was intended to wipe out an outstanding deficit on this account rather than to provide for the completion of the Tower. The only feature still to be added to the Tower to make it complete is the addition of the iron cap which will cost only about L.C. \$300. Therefore, the rate of exchange in which we are most directly interested is ~~not~~ the rate now prevailing, but the rate which prevailed at the time the Pagoda features of the Water Tower were constructed.

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The Pagoda features of the Water Tower were constructed about the year 1925. The cost of this construction, exclusive of the ordinary mechanical Water Tower construction, and including only the work connected with the addition of the Pagoda features, was L.C. \$27,570.63. During 1925 we received payments from Mr. James W. Porter and Mrs. Julia F. Porter to the total amount of C\$7,000 to be applied against the cost of the Pagoda features of the Water Tower. These funds were transmitted to the field at about that time, partly in separate and designated remittances, and partly with other Plant funds.

The average rate of exchange prevailing at that time was 1.89. On this basis C\$7,000 produced L.C. \$13,090.00. This left a deficit of L.C. \$14,480.63 on the Pagoda Water Tower account. This deficit was met from general Plant funds. At the average rate then prevailing, 1.89, we ex-

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pended G\$7,661.71, more or less, to carry on the construction of the Pagoda features of the Water Tower.

However, when Dr. Stuart entered into negotiations with Mr. Goble concerning this deficit last year it was mutually agreed that the University would accept G\$5,250 as sufficient, at the rate of exchange then prevailing, to care for the deficit of L.C.\$14,500 already outstanding on the Water Tower, and to provide for the cost of the iron cap necessary to complete the Pagoda, estimated at L.C.\$300. On May 26, 1930 we received from Mr. James W. Porter a payment of G\$250 toward this account. Your remittance of G\$5,000 completes the agreement.

Assuming that the iron cap will cost L.C.\$300, the completed cost of the Pagoda features of the Water Tower will be L.C.\$27,870.63. We have received on this account a total of G\$12,250. It is our intention to transfer to the Completed Buildings section of our University account the Water Tower Pagoda at a figure of G\$12,250, or L.C.\$27,870.63 (the exact local currency figure will be slightly altered when the exact cost of the iron cap is known). By this procedure our general Plant funds will absorb the difference between the actual gold cost of local currency expenditure in the construction of the Pagoda features of the Water Tower, and the amount credited to the donors of this fund at the more favorable rates of exchange which prevailed later.

I trust you will find this basis for the settlement of this account satisfactory. If you have any suggestions as to some more equitable basis of adjustment we will be happy to make further study of arrangements.

In this same letter you inquire as to what the Yenching Trustees are now doing on the matter of exchange. For the current fiscal year the Yenching Trustees made their appropriation to the University on a local currency basis. We used the very conservative rate of 2.15 in estimating the local currency amount the Trustees could provide the field from income available in gold during this current year. It would seem, therefore, that the University would have a very substantial gain on exchange this year. But, as a matter of fact, this theoretical gain on exchange has been almost eliminated because all salaries of the University supported Western members of staff are paid on the gold basis and the University has found it necessary to use the major part of the remaining contribution from the Trustees for the purchase of equipment and supplies and the like here in the United States. The University made contracts for exchange on some of the special appropriations toward this year's budget, and of course, lost heavily on all such contracts due to the continued decline in silver. Most of the general funds sent to Peiping during recent months have, however, benefitted by the prevailing rates of exchange.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

CC: Promotional Office
Dr. Galt

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Feb. 21, 1931

YENCHING

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am sorry that my reference to a possible refund to the Board in connection with the payment of \$5,000 for the Pagoda Water Tower at Yenching made you feel it necessary to give such a detailed answer. If I had stopped to make further inquiries here of Mrs. Lee I might have had the answer to my question in the first place. In fact if I had stopped to think I might have realized that the expenditure had already been incurred and that naturally all we were doing was refunding the amount of this previous expenditure in which case present exchange would not enter.

I think, however, that you can appreciate my desire to obtain any possible gain on the exchange if any should accrue.

I was very much interested in your paragraph regarding the action of the Yenching Trustees on the matter of exchange. The drop in silver has certainly had a disrupting effect all around.

Yours sincerely,

Harold B. Belcher

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Assistant Treasurer

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Feb. 21, 1931



Mr. B. A. Gardner
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I am sorry that my reference to a possible refund to the Board in connection with the payment of \$5,000 for the Yonkers water tower at Yonkers, Ohio, and you feel it necessary to give such a detailed answer. If I had allowed to make further inquiries here of Mr. Lee I might have had the answer to my question in the first place. In fact, I had hoped to think I might have realized that the expenditure had already been incurred and that naturally all we were doing was refunding the amount of this grant as expenditure in which case great expense would not enter.

I think, however, that you can state by letter to our office the amount of the change in any other way.

I was very much interested in your paragraph regarding the action of the Yonkers Trustees on the matter of expense. The dollar in silver has certainly had a disastrous effect all around.

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant Treasurer

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150 Fifth Avenue
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Your letter of March 3rd has been received, and I think perhaps it will be a good plan to send you a complete list of the investments which we hold in the D.W. James Foundation Fund for Yenching University, so I am enclosing herewith a sheet covering this information.

There have been from time to time bonds called for redemption and so we have had to make new investments to cover these items.

Yours very cordially,

Harold B. Belcher

Assistant Treasurer

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Harold S. Belcher

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D. W. JAMES FOUNDATION FUND FOR YENCHING UNIVERSITY

\$10,000 Bds. Baltimore & Ohio Ref. & Gen. Mtg., Series D,
5%, due March 2000

10,000 " Boston & Maine R.R., 4%, due Aug. 1942, - Reg.

20,000 " Denver Gas & Electric Light Co., 1st & Ref. 5%,
due May 1951, Nos. 16209/211, 15791/2, 15797/99,
16086/7, 1603/8, 14822, 2435, 16785/6

15,000 " Indiana & Mich. Elect. Co., 1st & Ref., 5%, due
March 1, 1955

2,000 " Illinois Power & Light, 1st & Ref. Mtg. Series C,
Gold, due 1956

15,000 " Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corp., Gen. & Ref. Mtg.
due Oct. 1949, 5½%, Nos. M6426/36, D1315/22

10,000 " Minnesota Power & Light Co., 1st & Ref. 5%, due
June 1, 1955

1,000 " Missouri Pacific R.R. 1st & Ref., 5%, Series G,
due Nov. 1, 1978

1,000 " Pacific R.R. of Missouri, 2nd Mtg. 5%, due July 1,
1938

20,000 Mtg. Note, N.P. Nelson, 3553 Clinton Ave., Minn., Minn., 6%,
(Principal payment of \$500 due semiannually for 10
years - balance 1936).

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D. W. JAMES FOUNDATION FUND FOR YENCHING UNIVERSITY

\$10,000 Bds.	Baltimore & Ohio Ref. & Gen. Mfg., Series D, 5% due March 3000
10,000 "	Boston & Maine R.R., 4% due Aug. 1942, - Reg.
20,000 "	Denver Gas & Electric Light Co., 1st & Ref. 5% due May 1951, Nos. 18209/211, 18751/2, 18757/99, 18086/7, 1803/8, 14822, 2432, 18755/6
15,000 "	Indiana & Mich. Elect. Co., 1st & Ref., 5% due March 1, 1955
3,000 "	Illinois Power & Light, 1st & Ref. Mfg. Series C, Gold, due 1955
15,000 "	Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corp., Gen. & Ref. Mfg. due Oct. 1949, 5% Nos. M6426/28, D1315/22
10,000 "	Minnesota Power & Light Co., 1st & Ref. 5% due March 1, 1955
1,000 "	Missouri Pacific R.R. 1st & Ref., 5% Series G, due Nov. 1, 1978
1,000 "	Pacific R.R. of Missouri, 2nd Mfg. 5% due July 1, 1958
20,000 Mfg. Note	W.P. Nelson, 3555 Clinton Ave., Minn., Minn., 6% (Principal payment of \$500 due semiannually for 10 years - balance 1936)

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June 4, 1931

Miss Louise Meebold,
Yenching University, American Office,
150 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Meebold:

Would it be possible for you to send us 75 or 100 copies of the Yenching News for May, 1931, to use for study material? Miss Uline has had a recent request for material for this purpose, on Yenching, and wondered if we could secure the extra copies from you.

Miss Uline would be very glad if she could receive a number of extra copies of each issue of the Yenching News. We find that we can make very good use of them. If there would be any charge in connection with this, it might be possible for Miss Uline to pay for the copies out of her small project budget, which we use to pay for material when necessary. Will you please let me know about this?

I should be glad to have the copies of the May issue sent as soon as possible, as I shall be holding up the request for them, until receiving them.

Thanking you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor P. Lester (Mrs. A. H.)
Secretary to Miss Uline.

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June 5, 1931

My dear Mrs. Lester:

I have your letter of June 4th regarding copies of our Yenching News for May.

We shall be glad to send the 75 copies of this issue and to put you on our mailing list for a like number for future issues.

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We should, however, in return, be glad if you would kindly furnish us with the name and address of any church, organization, or person to whom you send the material which we give you. It is necessary that we have this information and should appreciate it very much if you could establish the routine of sending us such names.

In the present instance, may we inquire to whom the 75 copies of the May issue are going?

Very sincerely yours,

Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. A. H. Lester, Sec'y to
Miss Mary D. Uline
American Board of Foreign Missions
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

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GRACE E. MCCONNAUGHEY

June 11, 1931

Miss Louise McCoy,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss McCoy:

Thank you for your letter of June 5th, and also for the copies of Yenching News which arrived the first of this week. I have sent them out, and am very glad to have them.

It will be of great help if you can arrange to send Miss Uline copies of each issue. Thank you for your courtesy.

Shares in the maintenance of Yenching are distributed to several states, and then assigned by state Congregational Conference offices to churches as a project. Miss Uline sends out material on projects each month during the year to the state offices, and from there the material is distributed to the churches. We send whatever letters and reports we receive from the American Board missionaries at Yenching, and are always glad to have the Yenching News for up-to-date printed material.

The following are the states having shares in Yenching, with the names of the correspondents to whom we send the material:

Ohio	Mrs. A. M. Gibbons, 2828 W. 14th St., Cleveland.
Minnesota	Rev. A. K. Voss, 429 Palace Bldg., Minneapolis.
Maine	Rev. W. H. Palmer, 95 Exchange St., Portland.
Illinois	Mrs. John L. Sherk, 19 So. La Salle St., Chicago.
Iowa	Mrs. T. H. Whitney, Atlantic.
Kansas	Rev. J. B. Gonzales, 408 New England Bldg., Topeka
Connecticut	Miss Edith Woolsey, 250 Church St., New Haven
New York	Mrs. Mary D. White, 287 Fourth Ave., New York City
Michigan	Mrs. H. V. Collins, 401 Amer. State Savings Bank Bldg. Lansing.

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nothing to be done*

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Missouri	Mrs. Guy L. Clark, 1176a Hodiament St., St. Louis
Nebraska	Mrs. Frances Harkness, 410 Barkley Bldg., Lincoln
New Jersey	Mrs. D.E. Brown, 679 Ridge St., Newark
Wisconsin	Dr. Theo. R. Faville, 709 Beaver Bldg., Madison
So. Dakota	Mrs. W.H. Thrall, Huron.
Montana	Rev. Claton S. Rice, Stapleton Bldg., Billings.

In addition to the above persons, we wished the Yenching News particularly at this time to send as special study material to 42 persons in Montana. Each month the Montana churches study some particular country in connection with their projects, for which we send special material. The names and addresses of those to whom we sent the Yenching News and other Yenching material for June are:

Rev. W.L. Spencer	Absarokee, Montana
Rev. H. Roy Phillippi	Baker, Montana
Mrs. J.S. Torrence,	2934 First Ave., So. Billings, Mont.
Rev. A.E. Prior	Big Timber, Mont.
Rev. Max Webster	Broadus, Mont.
Rev. Ellen P Bradley	Broadview, Mont.
Mrs. J.P. Moline	Brockway, Mont.
Rev. Chas. E. Sebold	Butte, Mont.
Rev. John Duncan	Coalwood, Mont.
Mrs. M.H. Terry,	Columbus, Mont.
Rev. E.J. Sipes	Ekalaka, Mont.
Rev. C.G. Miller	Glasgow, Mont.
Rev. N.E. Hannant	Hardin, Mont.
Rev. M.L. Lower	Judith Gap, Mont.
Mrs. Chas. E. Tate,	Malta, Mont.
Rev. A.J. Goodson,	Medicine Lake, Mont.
Rev. R.L. Cosand	Melstone, Mont.
Rev. J.R. Hahn	Missoula, Mont. (University Church)
Rev. F.M. Jasper	Plentywood, Mont.
Rev. H. Miller Scott,	Red Lodge, Mont.
Rev. G.B. Nye	Savage, Mont.
Rev. G.S. Sloan	Billings, Mont. (First Cong. Church)
Rev. H.R. Burns	Glendive, Mont.
Rev. P.W. Dierberger,	Great Falls, Mont.
Rev. S.R. McCarthy	Livingston, Mont.
Rev. G.M. Peacock	Sidney, Mont.
Rev. Thos McCammant,	Ballantine, Mont.
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Mrs. Lottie Finch	Sumatra, Mont.

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Mrs. Jas P. Seeley	Ringling, Mont.
Mrs. O. L. Nygard	Rapelje, Mont.
Mrs. Olaf Wold,	Pompeys Pillar, Mont.
Mrs. Henry Frahm	Custer, Mont.
Mrs. Bradford Clark	Fort Shaw, Mont.
Mr. Henry W. Johnson	Fairfield, Mont.
Mr. Geo. W. Handel	Musselshell, Mont.
Mrs. J. W. Wolf,	Froid, Mont.
Mrs. R. W. Tyler	Homestead, Mont.
Mrs. I. G. Zeidler,	Plentywood, Mont.
Mrs. C. D. Burton,	Glasgow, Mont.

In addition to sending project material to the above states we use printed material and letters on Yenching and other institutions to send out in response to special requests for material for study and program purposes in different churches.

Hoping that this information will meet your need, and thanking you for sending the extra copies of Yenching News, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Eleana P. Lister (Mrs. A. H.)

Secretary to Miss Uline.

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October 2, 1931

Dear Miss Calder:

We have just received a cablegram from President Stuart of Yenching University with the request that we convey to the American Board of Commissioners of the Congregational Church the following cabled expression from the faculty of the School of Religion at Yenching University:

"While world rushes China flood relief
Japanese Army occupies country without
cause. Where does Christianity stand?"

Yenching University will be grateful for all manifestations of friendship at this time toward China by the Congregational Board. We are, of course, well aware that your organization is just as deeply concerned about the situation in China as is the University. We take the liberty of expressing the institution's special interest only because it is located so close to the very center of the tragic situation on the other side of the world.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Helen B. Calder
Associate Secretary
American Board of Com. F.M.
Boston, Massachusetts

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ROCKWELL HARMON POTTER, D.D.,
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October 15, 1931

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Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Miss Calder has asked me to reply to your letter of October 2nd concerning the cablegram which you forwarded from the faculty of the School of Religion at Yenching University. While we are in general sympathy with the points of view expressed in the cablegram, we do ~~know~~ see how as an organization it will be wise for us at the present moment to take any formal action, since the Secretary of State is already doing all he possibly can to bring about a peaceful solution of the difficulties.

Very sincerely yours,

Wynn C. Fairfield
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November 10, 1931

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

We have just been reading with great appreciation the copy which you sent to Mrs. Lee of a letter from E. R. Hughes of the London Mission and Y. M. C. A. concerning religious work at Yenching. Dr. Walter M. Horton of Oberlin Theological Seminary has agreed to give some lectures at Yenching when he visits China next spring and I am anxious to have him see a copy of this letter. Would you be kind enough to send a copy to Dr. Walter M. Horton, Oberlin, Ohio? If there are copies to spare, we should be glad to have ten more for our own use here in the Board rooms.

Cordially yours,

Wynn C. Fairfield
Wynn C. Fairfield

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*ODW - we have only 15 left of the 100
Please send Mr. F - we saw off - shall we run
5 and say will off about 25 more? Tho
send more later if we have already made two
requested. runnings. The girl is pretty
ODW busy with our work these days*

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DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT

YENCHING

June 3, 1932

Mr. C. A. Evans, Assistant Treasurer
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of June 2nd calls attention to the fact that we did not report to you the purchase of a \$1,000 Bond of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, 1st Mtg. 5%, Series A due March 1, 1955, interest payable March 1st and September 1st.

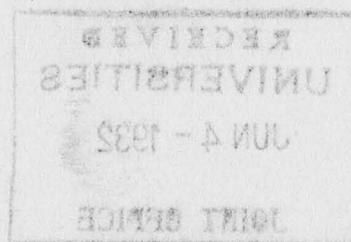
I would report that there has been a repayment of \$500 on account of the mortgage note of N. P. Nelston. This amount together with uninvested cash made possible the purchase of this bond.

Yours very truly,

Harold B. Belcher

Treasurer

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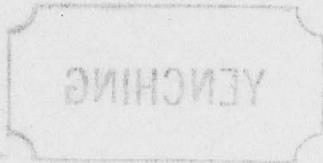
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Yours very truly,

Harold B. Belcher

Treasurer

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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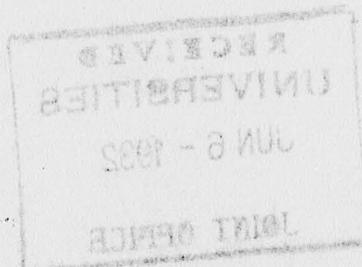
Base salary	\$1800.00
Childrens allowances	450.00
Health and medical	97.00
House Fund	50.00
Average annual expense for pro rata travel outfit and furlough	<u>500.00</u>
	\$2897.00

Yours very cordially,

Harold B. Belcher

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Treasurer



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Base salary	\$1800.00
Children's allowances	450.00
Health and medical	27.00
House fund	50.00
Average annual expense for pro rata travel outfit and rough	100.00
Total	\$2327.00

Yours very cordially,

Harold B. Belcher

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14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

June 16, 1932

Mr. B. A. Garside, Treas.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of June 15th has been received, and I certainly appreciate your doing your bit to help out on the American Board finances in regard to the appropriation for the Central Office of the China Universities. I am enclosing check for \$102.75 to your order on the First National Bank of Boston, which completes our appropriation to July 1, 1932. This leaves us with an unused credit of \$102.75 which I suppose we might carry over on to the next year, but I rather think that we will let this balance lapse, and expect that next year's commitment will be taken care of out of next year's appropriation; although our fiscal year begins two months after yours.

When I was in New York I spoke of the reduction that had been made in our appropriations for the several union universities next year, these reductions of course being due to our financial situation, and also somewhat affected by the exchange situation. I have been talking with Dr. Fairfield and Mrs. Lee, and find that no advice has been sent to you, so I am giving you the figures in this letter, and will work out with my secretary the arrangement for the quarterly payments.

For Yenching University	\$2,000.
For Yenching toward support of Dr. Lew	1,800.
For Fukien University	4,000.

In the case of the first and last items, we reduced by 20% our previous appropriations of \$2,500. and \$5,000. respectively, figuring that present exchange would give more in Chinese currency than the previous appropriations did at the 3 to 1 rate. Of course, this is assuming that the exchange rate for silver will continue low during the next year. If the rate changes so that these appropriations at market do not provide as much as 3 to 1, I think it would be reasonable to bring the matter again to the

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Mr. B. A. Garside

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June 16th, 1932

attention of our Committee to see if they could restore at least part of the amount reduced from the former rate.

We do not know what the commitments were in the case of Dr. Lew and so no reduction was made on that amount. I think we rather hoped that altogether Yenching University would not come out much worse than it was before.

As you know, the appropriation for Cheeloo according to the request of the people on the field we forward through the Mission Treasurer. This has been similarly reduced from \$800. to \$640. I will not try and say anything about the appropriation for the women's side of Yenching, as those appropriations are handled through the Mission Treasurer, and I am not absolutely clear on all of the details.

In conversation with Mrs. Lee and Dr. Fairfield, Mrs. Lee spoke of the problem of the raising of the endowment gift to meet the Rockefeller pledge. We were discussing as to whether an item of Income of a Fund that had not been used for its original designation could be redesignated, and so applied to this. The amount would be \$1,000. We will take the matter up at the Cabinet meeting on June 28th, but I am rather hopeful that we can arrange to have this \$1,000. voted for the Endowment Campaign. It is only a small fraction of what you have left to raise, and yet I hope that we might give this lift to the project.

Very sincerely yours,

/S/ Harold B. Belcher

Treasurer.

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Central Office

June 20, 1932

Mr. Harold B. Belcher
American Board of Foreign Missions
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Belcher:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 16th.

With this letter you enclosed a check for \$102.75, on account of your appropriation to our Central Office.

According to our Central Office records this completes your American Board appropriation to June 30, 1932. I note, however, that you still have an unused credit of \$102.75 on your books, with two months still remaining in your fiscal year. I would suggest, therefore, that instead of permitting this \$102.75 balance to lapse, that you send this amount to us some time after our new fiscal year begins on July 1st, to cover the first quarter of our fiscal year. This would seem to be more in line with the situation created by the fact that your fiscal year begins two months later than ours, and would prevent your Board falling two months' behind with its appropriation as a result. It would be a real convenience to our Central Office if your Board could send us regular quarterly remittances of \$102.75 throughout the year, payable about August 1st, November 1st, February 1st, and May 1st. If this were done, the different dates for our fiscal year would not provide any difficulty, so long as the appropriation is renewed from year to year. If this situation is not possible, however, we will be glad to follow any other plan more convenient for you.

In the second paragraph of your letter you report the reduction which the American Board has been compelled to make in its appropriation for Fukien University, Yenching University. We sympathize with the financial problems which all of our mission boards are confronting, and realize that some reduction in appropriation is absolutely unavoidable. I am afraid, however, that Fukien is going to be in a very

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Mr. Harold B. Belcher

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critical situation next year, for it has already lost more in customary income than can be supplied by even the most favorable gains on exchange. Only this morning, my mail contained disheartening news that the Church Missionary Society is forced to discontinue its appropriation to Fukien entirely, due to the serious financial difficulties of that board.

We are very much delighted at the possibility that you may be able to allocate \$1,000 from the special fund you have, to apply toward matching the Rockefeller pledge for Natural Science at Yenching. We are making a desperate struggle to match this gift before the time limit expires, and there seems some hope that we may succeed, though there is much still to be accomplished. The possibility of this \$1,000 from the American Board will be a real stimulus. We are earnestly hoping that your cabinet will be able to take the action proposed. If favorable action is taken on June 28th, it would be highly desirable that this \$1,000 is received before we close our books on June 30th, for at best gifts received after that date will not be so valuable as actual cash in hand when the time limit expires.

Very cordially yours,

BAG/W

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14 Beacon Street
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Mr. B. A. Garside
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Garside:

I just sent off the letter with the vote concerning the minutes of the last meeting of the Fukien Board of Trustees. I have also checked through the correspondence with your office in May and find that apparently the action of the Prudential Committee with regard to the appropriation to Fukien Christian University for the year, July 1, 1932 to June 30, 1933 was not reported to you. I was absent several days after the meeting of the Prudential Committee in question and did not catch the omission.

You have already been informed in conversation of the fact that appropriations for Union Universities in China have come from two sources, the current undesignated income of the Board and the income of the Higher Education Endowment Fund. In connection with the retrenchment program which was adopted on March 29 and April 12, it was voted to place the entire responsibility for these appropriations on the income of the Higher Education Endowment Fund. This placed an added responsibility of about \$6800 on that income. When the responsible committee met to consider the situation and make appropriations for the coming year, it was proposed to take account of the fact of the unprecedentedly high rate of exchange which has continued in China and therefore the gold appropriations toward university budgets were reduced by 20%, in the belief that the remaining 80% at 4:1 would produce at least the amount of Mexican that the full amount at 3:1 has been producing.

As a result, the total appropriations from the American Board for the institutions in which you are interested for the year July 1, 1932 to June 30, 1933 are as follows:

Fukien Christian University	\$4,000
Yenching - general budget	2,800
Yenching College for Women	500
Yenching University - in lieu of salary of Dr. Lew	1,800

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It is possible that Mrs. Lee has reported to you on Yenching University in another file. The appropriation for the College for Women was reduced beyond this 20% to the figure which we understand the other Boards interested are carrying on its budget. The figure for Dr. Lew's salary was kept the same on the basis that it was regarded as the equivalent of a foreign salary. We share your perplexity over the problem of financing the Universities under these circumstances, yet in the face of the problems which we face in common with the other Boards, are having to make all possible economies.

We hope to reach a decision with regard to Mr. Riggs at the meeting of the Prudential Committee on June 28th, provided that there is substantial assurance from the Nanking University group in China that they are prepared to assume the guaranteed responsibilities suggested in Mr. Riggs' letter. You will, of course, report to us the cabled reply from the field as soon as it comes with any other information which we ought to have. It will probably be difficult to get a definite vote from the American Board until there is some assurance that the whole matter may go through. Even now, there is question on the part of some members of the staff whether we ought to make a commitment even of \$500 or \$600 a year that will bind the Board for five or six years. On the other hand, many of us hope that this arrangement will make it possible for the Board to resume full support of Mr. and Mrs. Riggs upon the completion of this period.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Wynn C. Fairfield

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YENCHING

October 15, 1932

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Memorandum to Mr. McBrier

Re Mission Boards Contributions to Yenching University

(a) Cash Payments for Current Budget. In November 1921 the Yenching Board of Trustees requested the Presbyterian, Methodist, and American Boards to increase their appropriations to G\$4,000 per year, and in December of that year, the Presbyterian Board agreed to furnish G\$3,500 per year, provided the other two Boards did the same. The American Board accepted G\$3,500 per year as their share, but the Methodist Board never definitely committed itself, making its appropriations from year to year.

The Presbyterian Board paid the full amount (\$3,500) from year to year up to March 31, 1932. At that time it voted a 10% cut for six months, and recently it was decided to continue the cut for another six months up to and including March 31, 1933.

For a number of years the American Board contributed G\$3,500 toward the current budget. However, for 1930-31 and 1931-32, the appropriation was cut down to \$2,500, and for the year 1932-33 it stands at \$2,000.

The payments of the Methodist Board have varied slightly from year to year. For the calendar years 1929, 1930, and 1931 the full amount of \$3,500 was received. They appropriated \$2,975. for 1932, but later they decided to reduce their appropriation by an additional 50% from September to December 1932 inclusive. Thus the total to be received for 1932 is \$2,479.17. In addition to this cut they have asked the University to return \$181.75 on account of gain on exchange from April 1 to August 31, 1932; but no definite decision has been reached as to the exact amount due them.

The London Missionary Society has been making a yearly contribution of G\$1,000 which is the amount they promised when they accepted participation in the University in 1916. They were asked several times by the Trustees to increase their appropriation, but their reply was that they were unable to do so.

The following is a tabulation of payments received from the Mission Boards in each fiscal year:-

	1932-33	1931-32	1930-31	1929-30	1928-29	1927-28	1926-27	1925-26
Pres.Bd.	3150.00	3412.50	3500.00	3500.00	3500.00	3500.00	3500.00	3500.00
Am.Bd.	2000.00	2500.00	2500.00	3500.00	3500.00	3500.00	3500.00	3500.00
Meth.Bd.	2479.17	3237.50	3500.00	3500.00	3250.00	2750.00	3000.00	3500.00
L.M.S.	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
	8629.17		10500.00		11250.00		11000.00	
		10150.00		11500.00		10750.00		11500.00

(b) Quotas on Staff. By 1922 the Presbyterian, American, and Methodist Boards had agreed that their quotas on the staff of Yenching University would be six. There are letters in the files from the Presbyterian Board and the American Board in which they promise definitely to furnish six teachers to the University. We have no definite commitment of the Methodist Board on file, but in several of their letters it is implied that they are responsible for a quota of six.

On January 5, 1928 Dr. Scott informed us that the Presbyterian Board had reduced its quota to 4, and the number of teachers supported by them has been 4 beginning with the fiscal year 1929-30.

While the American Board recognized its quota to be 6 in 1922, it did not always have its quota filled. Thus it took an action in April 1928 to increasing its staff members from 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5. During recent years it has had 5 representatives on the University staff.

Dr. Edwards wrote us on February 13, 1931 that the Methodist Board had changed its commitment from 6 to 5 missionaries. However, since 1925-26 the Methodist Board has never had more than 4 representatives.

When the London Missionary Society joined the University, it promised to furnish 2 teachers in addition to its grant of cash. It has fulfilled its promise up to and including the year 1931-32. On June 21, 1932 Mr. Hawkins informed Dr. Stuart that the Society would be unable to continue their vacancy payments which they had been making for a number of years, and that the only representative of the Society on the Yenching staff would be Miss Myfawny Wood.

The following is a tabulation of the number of staff members supported by the cooperating Mission Boards during the last seven years:-

	<u>1932-33</u>	<u>1931-32</u>	<u>1930-31</u>	<u>1929-30</u>	<u>1928-29</u>	<u>1927-28</u>	<u>1926-27</u>	<u>1925-26</u>
Pres.Bd.	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	5
Am.Bd.	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	6
Meth.Bd.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
L.M.S.	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	2
							Figures not available	

In computing the above figures, vacancy payments made by the various Boards were counted as actual staff members. These payments are made at the rate of LC\$3,000.00 per year.

Marianne Sakmann

Yenching University

Staff Members Supported by Mission Boards

October 15, 1932

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	<u>1932-33</u>	<u>1931-32</u>	<u>1930-31</u>	<u>1929-30</u>	<u>1928-29</u>	<u>1927-28</u>	<u>1925-26</u>
<u>American Board</u>	S. D. Wilson H. S. Galt L. C. Porter Ph de Vargas T. T. Lew	S. D. Wilson H. S. Galt L. C. Porter Ph de Vargas T. T. Lew	S. D. Wilson H. S. Galt L. C. Porter Ph de Vargas	S. D. Wilson H. S. Galt L. C. Porter Ph de Vargas	S. D. Wilson H. S. Galt L. C. Porter Ph de Vargas T. T. Lew	H. S. Galt L. C. Porter Ph de Vargas	H. S. Galt L. C. Porter Ph de Vargas T. T. Lew Tewksbury
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<u>London Missionary Society</u>	M. Wood	G. B. Barbour J. B. Tayler	G. B. Barbour	G. B. Barbour	G. B. Barbour J. B. Tayler	G. B. Barbour J. B. Tayler	G. B. Barbour Vacancy pmt.
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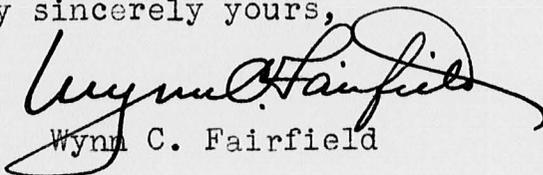
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Mr. George B. Barber
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Barber:

I am honored to receive the invitation to become a member of the American Advisory Council of Yenching University. As you know, I am very much interested in this work and shall be glad to have my name used in connection with it in any way you see fit.

Very sincerely yours,


Wynn C. Fairfield

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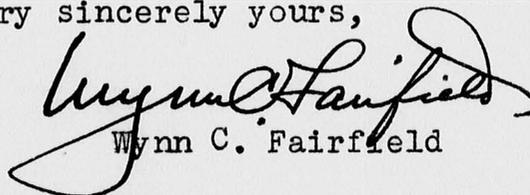
Dr. N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Gee:

I want to acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of the news map of China and Japan which you have sent to me. It is in very usable form and I am especially glad to have a map that has the newer, recently organized provinces like Jehol and Chahar indicated.

I want to express also my appreciation of the initiative which your office has shown in furnishing these maps to the members of the Advisory Council. I believe that it is a step in the right direction.

Very sincerely yours,


Wynn C. Fairfield

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Yenching University
Fukien Christian University

February 4, 1933

American Board of Commissioners
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 3 with which you enclose the following checks:-

\$ 950.00 for Yenching University covering the third quarter of your appropriation for the year 1932-33. \$500.00 of this is for the current expenses of the University and \$450.00 is for the salary of Dr. T. T. Lew.

\$1,000.00 for Fukien Christian University covering the third quarter of your appropriation toward the current expenses of the University for the year 1932-33.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for these remittances.

Very truly yours

Assistant Treasurer

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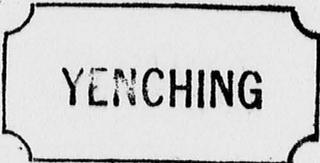
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American Board of Commissioners
for Foreign Missions

14 Beacon Street

Boston, Mass.



May 2, 1933.

Mr. B. A. Garside, Treas;
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

Enclosed please find checks as follows -

- \$92.48 To B. A. Garside, Treas., for quarterly payment of China Union Universities.
- 950.00 To Trustees of Yenching University, of which \$450. for support of Dr. T.T.Lew, and \$500. for Yenching, for balance of 1932-33 grant.
- 1000.00 To Trustees of Fukien University, for balance 1932-33 grant.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) G. P. Leavitt

For Treasury Dpt.

Encs. - 3 cks.

3rd quarter	\$92.48	check	encl.	(China Union)	Dep. 5/3/33
4th quarter	\$950.00	"	"	(Yenching)	Dep. 5/3/33
4th quarter	\$1000.00	"	"	(Fukien)	

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HERBERT E. B. CASE

June 1, 1933



Mr. B. A. Garside
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am writing today in the effort to get the matter of the changed basis of payment of American Board grants for Yenching University straightened out. I think that Mrs. Lee showed me her letter of May 12, so that I am equally responsible for any statements in it.

We have been making our payments to Yenching University General Budget through you and will continue to do so. The Committee on the Higher Educational Endowment Fund voted to recommend the continuance of the U.S.\$2000 for 1933-34, but to recommend that the grant to the University in consideration of the salary of Dr. T. T. Lew be reduced from U.S.\$1800, the basis on which it has been in the past to U.S.\$1482 for the year beginning July 1. The reason for this is that the basal salary for a family which was formerly \$1800 has now been reduced to \$1482 and it seems fair that there should be a corresponding reduction in this amount.

The letter of May 12 did not make clear that the first two items for Yenching College have been paid through our North China Mission Treasurer under regulations governing appropriations paid on the field. In making the change from payments through the Mission Treasurer to payments through the New York office, it was not our intention to increase the cost to the American Board. Therefore, some adjustments will be necessary. U.S.\$2000 of the general appropriation has been paid as \$4000 Chinese currency. The salaries have been paid on a Chinese currency basis worked out in the same way as payments of salaries to missionaries, which is now that 40% of the gain on exchange above 2:1 goes to the Board and 60% accrues to the missionary.

It would be possible to handle the actual payments to the New York office in one of two ways. We might figure out at the end of each half year (December 31 and June 30) how much in U.S. currency had been necessary to produce the amount appropriated and then pay that amount to the University or else adjust in the

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Foreign Department

June 1, 1933

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Mr. A. G. ...
Yenching University
100 Fifth Avenue
New York City
Dear Mr. ...

I am writing today in the effort to get the
letter of the board of payment of American Board
for Yenching University established out. I think that
showed me her father of day, so that I am usually responsible
for any statements in it.

The board of payment for Yenching University
General Board through you and will meeting in 1933. The Com-
mission on the Higher Educational Endowment Fund, which is respon-
sible for the continuation of the U.S. \$2000 for 1933-34, but to recon-
sider that the grant to the University in consideration of the
salary of Dr. ... has been reduced from U.S. \$1800 to the basis on
which it has been in the past to U.S. \$1500 for the year beginning
July 1. The reason for this is that the board salary for a
family which was formerly \$1500 has now been reduced to \$1100
and it seems fair that there should be a corresponding reduction
in this amount.

The letter of May 15 did not make clear that the first
two items for Yenching College have been paid through your North
China Mission Treasurer under regulations governing appropriations
paid on the field. In making the change from payments through
the Mission Treasurer to payments through the New York office,
it was not our intention to increase the cost to the American
Board. Therefore, some adjustment will be necessary. U.S. \$12000
of the general appropriation of the American Board for Foreign
Missions. The salary for the Chinese currency date
worked out in the same way as the salary for the American
Board, which is not to be paid to the Board and
goes to the Board and

It would be good to have the actual payments to
the New York office in one lump sum. The amount to be paid out at
the end of each year (December 31 and June 30) has been in
U.S. \$12000. It has been necessary to provide the amount appropriated
and then pay that amount to the University or else adjust in the

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payment for the next half year any discrepancy which might have come through an advance in the preceding six months. A somewhat simpler way would be to take the flat rate of 3:1 for your year 1933-34 and regard the Chinese \$4000 as U.S.\$1333.33. At the same rate of exchange, U.S.\$1482 by the application of the current rules of exchange would be reduced by the amount of U.S.\$211 to U.S.\$1271.

Assuming that you would prefer this latter method, the total grants from the American Board to Yenching University would then be as follows:

General University Budget

General appropriation	U.S. \$2000
Salary (Dr. Lew)	U.S. \$1482

Woman's College Budget

General appropriation	U.S. \$1333.33
2 unassigned salaries	U.S. \$1271.
Grant from Higher Education Endowment Fund	U.S. \$ 500.

You understand from Mrs. Lee's letter that none of these appropriations are final until after the meeting of the Prudential Committee on June 13, but we believe that the recommendations of the Committee on the Higher Education Endowment Fund will be accepted. Those recommendations further provide U.S.\$4000 for the budget of Fukien Christian University and U.S. \$800 for the budget of the Theological Department of Shantung Christian University.

Hoping that this will serve to make perfectly clear what Yenching University can probably count on from the American Board,

Cordially yours,



Wynn C. Fairfield

Your personal letter of welcome to membership on the Yenching Board is just in. I can imagine the grin on your lips as you dictated that pleasant appellation!

payment for the next half year by the University which will have
been through the amount in the preceding six months. It is
also suggested that the amount of the first year of the four
year period be reduced to \$4000 as a result of the
the same rate of exchange. It is stated by the University of
the current value of exchange would be reduced by the amount
of \$1000 to \$3000.

It is suggested that you would be for the first year which the
total funds from the American Board to Yenching University
would then be as follows:

U.S. \$4000
U.S. \$1000

General Administration
General Administration
(Dr. Lee)

U.S. \$1000
U.S. \$1000

Women's College Budget
General Administration
General Administration
from the American Board

U.S. \$500

U.S. \$500

For the amount from the Board's letter, the Board of Trustees
of the American Board of Christian Education in China
has agreed to contribute \$1000 for the first year of the
four year period, but we believe that the Board of Trustees
of the American Board of Christian Education in China will
be accepted. These recommendations further provide U.S. \$4000 for
the budget of the Department of Theological Studies and U.S. \$500 for the
budget of the Department of Christian Education.

It is suggested that this will serve to make perfectly clear what
Yenching University can possibly count on from the American
Board.

Cordially yours,

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Foreign Department

July 5, 1933

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY

HERBERT E. B. CASE

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Mr. B. A. Garside
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dear Garside:

Mrs. Lee turned your letter of June 24 over to me before leaving the office on June 30. I am afraid our letters did not make clear the distinction between the grants from the Higher Education Endowment Fund and the general appropriations of the Board. The grants are made in the spring to take effect the first of July. The grants from the general appropriations are not made until October and then are effective normally as from January 1. In order to get the matter of payments transferred to the New York office, however, and thereby simplify the matter of accounting for all of us, we proposed that the method of payment be changed as of July 1 and Mr. Belcher is planning to pay to your office between July 1 and December 31, 1933 one-half of the appropriations as listed, namely:

General appropriation	U.S.\$1,333.33
(one-half will be \$666.67)	
Two unassigned salaries	U.S.\$1,271.00
(one-half will be \$635.50)	

Before remitting, Mr. Belcher is waiting for the acknowledgment of his instructions to the North China Mission Treasurer so as to avoid a duplication of payment. We fully expect that appropriations in these amounts will be made for the year 1934 when the Prudential Committee votes the budget in October.

Very sincerely yours,

Wynn C. Fairfield
Wynn C. Fairfield

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14 BEACON STREET BOSTON, MASS.

WILLIAM H. BILCHER, D.D.
SECRETARY

Foreign Department

MISS MARY E. LEE
SECRETARY

July 5, 1933

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Mr. B. A. Garfield
Associated Board for Christian
Colleges in China
100 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of June 28 over to
me before leaving the office on June 30. I am afraid our
letters did not make clear the distinction between the plans
from the Higher Education Amendment Fund and the general
operations of the Board. The plans are not in the stage
of taking effect at this time. The grant from the general

fund normally is from January 1. I intend to get the matter
of payment transferred to the New York office, however, and
thereby simplify the matter of accounting for all of us. We
proposed that the method of payment be changed and July 1
and Mr. Fletcher is planning to get to your office between
July 1 and October 1, 1933 on behalf of the Corporation
as stated, namely:

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Before passing the matter to the New York office, I
want of its financial condition. I will be able for the year
to avoid a duplication of effort. I will be able for the year
when the Prudential Committee votes the budget in October.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. H. Bilcher
Wm. H. Bilcher

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August 4, 1933.

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Fairfield:

I have your card of July 31st and will attempt to answer your various questions:-

The organizations cooperating in each college of Cheeloo University are as follows:-

Arts & Science

Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
United Ch. of Canada
English Baptist Mission
Society for Propagation
of the Gospel

Medicine

Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
" " " " , U.S.
United Ch. of Canada
" " " "
Woman's Board
English Baptist Mission
Society for Propagation
of the Gospel
London Missionary Society
Woman's For. Miss. Society
of Methodist Church
Wesleyan Methodist Missionary
Society

Theology

American Board
Presbyterian Ch. in
U.S.A.
United Ch. of Canada
English Baptist Mission

In Yenching University, the only four cooperating Mission Boards are:- American Board, Methodist General, Presbyterian, and London Missionary Society. The W. F. M. S. cooperates in Yenching College for Women. Wellesley College also cooperates in Yenching College for Women. The S.P.G. does not have a share in the support of Yenching.

However, the Friends Service Council ~~and~~ the Society of Friends (British) at the present time is giving a very small amount of support through the services of Miss Lucy Burt. Most of Miss Burt's salary has been provided from Yenching University funds, though the Friends Service Council has helped a little.

The Chairman of the Associated Boards' Committee on Secondary Education has not yet been chosen. Your name was placed first on the list of members, and this is probably how Mr. Cressy addressed you as Chairman of the Committee. (See Action AB-149 of the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards held on April 18th.)

Very cordially yours,

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American Board of Commissioners
For Foreign Missions
14 Beacon Street Boston, Mass.

September 19, 1933.
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Mr. B. A. Garside, Treas.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am just getting around to checking up these payments for the different China Union Universities, involving as it does now the adjustment on account of paying directly to you the amounts for Yenching Women's College budget.

According to my figuring the payments for the year 1933-34 should be as follows-

Fukien Christian University	\$4,000.00
Yenching University	2,000.00
" " for Dr. Lew	1,482.00
" Women's College, Higher Educ. Endowment Fund Grant	500.00
" Women's College, former General Appropriation	1,333.33
" Women's College, from Unassigned Salaries	1,271.00
Cheeloo University, Higher Educ. Fund grant for Theo. Dept. Budget	800.00

I am therefore making payment at this time for the first quarter on these accounts, and will plan to send you as in other years around the 1st of November, February and May the other quarterly payments.

I judge by your letter of June 6th answering Mr. Fairfield's on June 1st that the matters regarding the Yenching Women's College payments are all clear, but if there is any question or if my plan does not seem to check up with your understanding, please let us know.

Very cordially yours,

Signed: Harold B. Belcher
Treasurer

Enc. - ck.
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Stamp: YENCHING Nov. 2, 1933.

Stamp: INDEXED

Mr. B. A. Garside, Treas.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

Enclosed please find checks as follows -

Payable to Trustees of Yenching University, of which -

For support Dr. T.T.Lew-2d quarter 370.50 ✓
- 2d quarter grant for Yenching 500.00 ✓ 870.50

2d quarter for Women's College 125.00 ✓
2d quarter for Women's College, of former General Work and unassigned salaries appropriations 651.08 ✓ 776.08

Interest on Bonds of Denver Gas & Electric Light Co. 500.00 ✓
Interest on N.P.Nelson mortgage 58.50 ✓ 558.50

Payable to B. A. Garside, Treasurer -

1st quarter grant 1933-34 for Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China 92.50 ✓

Payable to Trustees of Fukien University -

2d quarter grant 1933-34 for Fukien 1000.00 ✓

Payable to Trustees of Cheeloo University -

2d quarter grant for Cheeloo 1933-34 200.00 ✓

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature: G. L. Leavitt

Encs.- 6 cks.

For Treasury Dept.

Handwritten list of amounts: \$558.50, \$97.50, 875.50, 1,000.00, 776.08, 200.00

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Nov. 2, 1933

Mr. B. A. Garfield, Treas.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garfield:

Enclosed please find checks as

follows:

Payable to Trustees of Yenching University, of which

for support Dr. T. T. Law-25 pastor 270.50
and quarter grant for Yenching 200.00 470.50

to the Yenching University, Peking, China 125.00

to the Yenching University, Peking, China
of former General Work and

in assigned salaries and
pensions 251.08 478.08

Interest on Bonds of Denver Gas &
Electric Light Co. 500.00

Interest on N. P. Nelson mortgage 28.50 528.50

Payable to B. A. Garfield, Treasurer

the quarter grant 1933-34 for associated
boards for Christian Colleges in China 27.50

Payable to Trustees of Yenching University

the quarter grant 1933-34 for Yenching 1000.00

Payable to Trustees of Yenching University

the quarter grant for Yenching 200.00

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December 27, 1933

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ack. 1/28/33.

Mr. B. A. Garside
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

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Dear Garside:

I am writing particularly on the question of the vacancy in the American Board's quota on the Board of Trustees of Yenching University. You will remember that for some time Mrs. Lee and President Stuart were at work on a Mr. Cowling who is an official of the Ford Company in Detroit. There seems to have been no further progress in spite of his promises to let us know how the situation stood and I want to raise the question in the first place as to whether it is your judgment and that of Vice-President Gee that we should continue to work on him or whether we should look elsewhere. The next best bet for Congregational representation of the sort that we would like would probably be found in connection with the churches at Scarsdale or Briarcliff Manor which became very much interested in Yen- ching through a visit from Lucius Porter on his last fur- lough.

This raises definitely a second question which the copy of the constitution of Yenching University which you gave me does not seem to answer, namely upon what basis the American Board is entitled to retain four Trustees. I am not clear as to our obligation as one of the four constituent Boards and as to whether we have now gone below that obliga- tion or are still above it. As you know all too well, we have cut our contributions to the budget in various ways. I shall be glad for such information as you can give me on what our original undertakings were and upon the question whether we are still entitled to appoint another Trustee in view of the steps in reduction which we have already taken.

Cordially yours,

Wynn C. Fairfield
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December 28, 1933.

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield,
American Board of Commissioners for
Foreign Missions,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

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Dear Fairfield:

I have your letter of yesterday.

I have talked to Dr. Gee in regard to the question you raised as to whether the American Board should continue to hold a place on its representation on the Yenching Board for Mr. Cowling, or should seek elsewhere. Dr. Gee feels that we should continue to hold this place open, for the present at least. Dr. Stuart has been very anxious to secure Mr. Cowling for the Yenching Board, and feels that he would be a very valuable man. I do believe, however, that we should if possible follow up the matter to prevent it from remaining inactive for an indefinite period. Dr. Gee himself has not met Mr. Cowling I understand, but when next he is near Detroit might be advisable to get in touch with him. Possibly we might take the coming of the new year as providing a good excuse for writing Mr. Cowling to see what progress he has made toward a favorable decision. If such a letter is written, I believe that it would come best from the American Board, rather than from some representative of the universities.

The second question you raise - that of whether the American Board is entitled to retain four places on the Yenching Board of Trustees, brings up a subject which it is just as well not to discuss at present. Practically every mission board represented on each of our China colleges boards has fallen more or less below the standard set when our boards of trustees were organized. If we are to ~~be~~ strictly to the line today, and reduce the representation of Mission Boards to what they are actually contributing it would mean firing about half of our Trustees on the various Boards. We hope that for the present nobody will raise this question in any official way. As soon as the President and Congress get the good old American dollar low enough for everyone to have an ample supply, it will be an easy matter for each of our Mission Boards to contribute many times the five thousand dollars or so they are expected to give. (The Germans got the marks down to where it took a few million of them to buy a postage stamp, you know.)

As a matter of fact, however, the Yenching constitution makes the American Board a fully participating group without defining the minimum contribution you must give to maintain that status. It is true that in Article III section 3 there is a definition of the "minimum qualification ~~and~~ affiliation with the privilege of electing one Trustee" but this seems to apply only to new Boards that may elect to participate in Yenching, and not to the three original

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Boards named in the charter.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am,

Very cordially yours,

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