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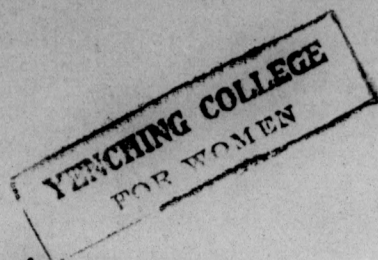
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507 W. Pine St.
Florence, S. C.
June 26, 1936.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Executive Secretary of the Associated
Boards of Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, City

Dear Mr. Garside,

I have a letter from Miss Kendrick
informing me of my appointment to
Yenching University.

I shall arrive in New York the
morning of July 2nd. Shall I call
at your office on that day?

Sincerely yours,

Mary Brandt

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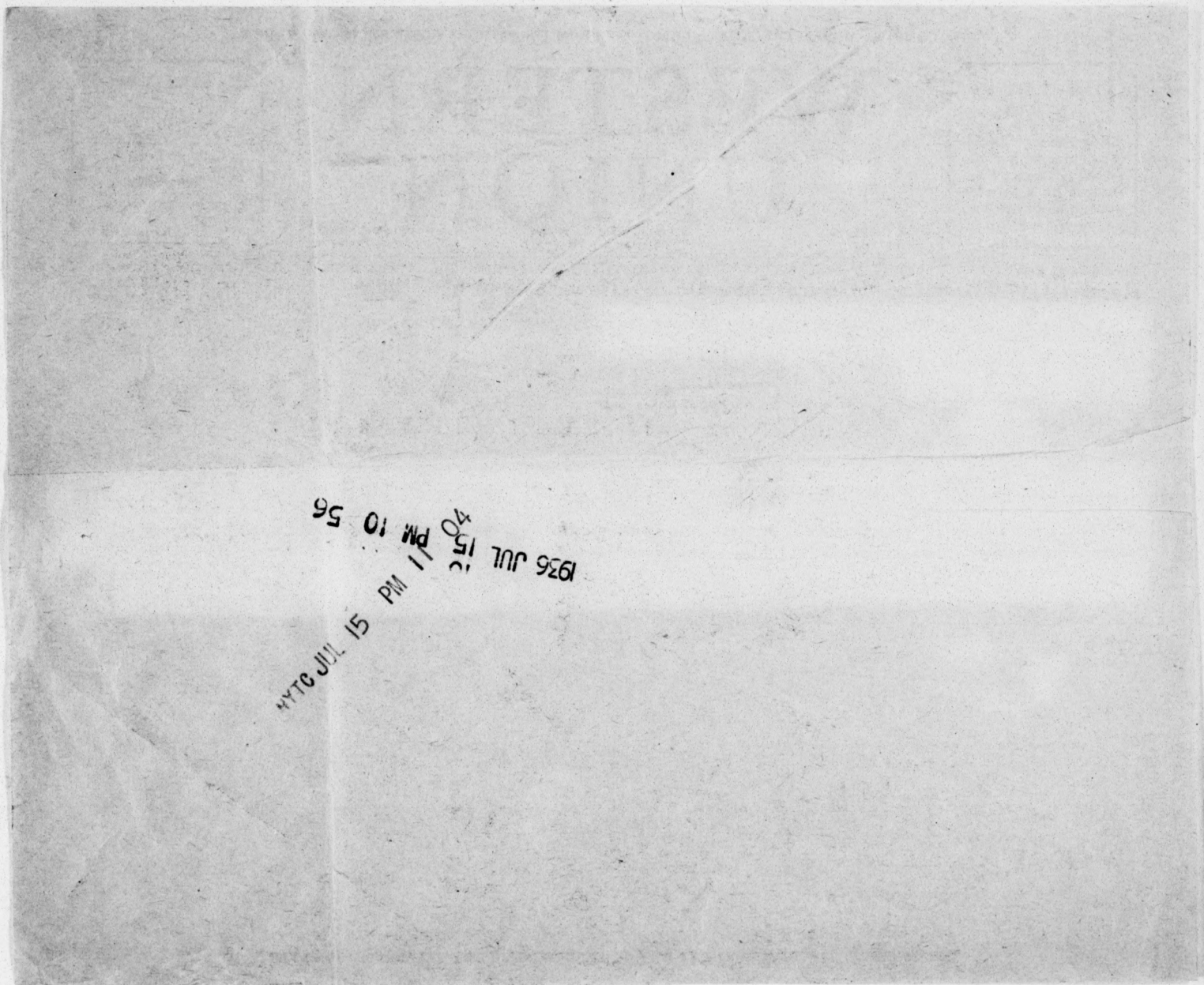
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YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

July 16, 1936

Mr. R.A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside,

Yesterday I sent off the following cable in reply to your inquiry about the terms of Miss Brandt's appointment:

DLT YENCHING NEWYORK BRANDT APPOINTMENT THREE YEARS. TRAVEL TO CHINA AND HALF RETURN. INITIAL SALARY PROBABLY TWO THOUSAND MEXICAN. OUTFIT FIFTY GOLD. APPROVE PURCHASE DEPARTMENTAL SUPPLIES. SPEER

Our thought is that we would very much prefer a three year term for Miss Brandt although we would not hold her to it. Our physical education work has suffered greatly from lack of continuity during the past few years. We have had excellent physical directors but none of them have stayed long enough. In accordance with the regulations in the little booklet of Faculty Information, people who come out on three year terms receive full travel to China and half of the cost of return travel, I understand from Miss Cockingham that this amounts to \$400 U.S. for the trip out and \$200 U.S. for the return. Short term members of staff are also entitled to an outfit allowance of \$50 U.S.

I said "probably" in regard to the figure for salary since we do not have very full information here about Miss Brandt's training and experience. I understood from Miss Rathbone that Miss Brandt has an M.A. degree and has done some part time teaching, but has not yet had a full time teaching position. Since however she will have full responsibility for the administration of the department of Physical Education for women, the Appointments Committee has approved of a salary of \$170 local currency a month. In accordance with the usual custom one quarter of this will be paid in gold, so that she will receive each month \$127.50 local currency and \$21.25 U.S.

Miss Rathbone looked over all our equipment carefully while she was here, so that we will be glad to have Miss Brandt bring out anything which Miss Rathbone advises.

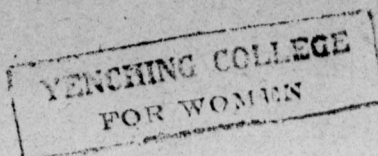
We are wondering whether Miss Brandt will be travelling out with Miss Cochran. We hope that in case she will arrive as near the beginning of September as possible,

With thanks for all your help,

Sincerely yours

I am sending a copy of this to Miss Vandrich

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July 18, 1936

Miss Mary Brandt,
c/o Mr. K. A. Nee,
International House,
500 Riverside Drive, New York City

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My dear Miss Brandt,

I have now received a cablegram from Miss Speer, approving your appointment for a three year term, including the usual travel provisions for that length of term and an outfit allowance of \$50 gold. The cable also approves your expending up to \$60 in consultation with Dr. Rathbone in the purchase of the various departmental supplies you discussed with me. As to salary, Miss Speer's cable reads "Initial salary probably two thousand Mexican". As you know, the salary scale at Yenching is a graduated one, so there would be increases in the initial salary from year to year.

I have been able to secure a tentative reservation for you on the EMPRESS OF ASIA, sailing August 8th, bed M in Cabin 304. I must confirm this if we wish to keep the reservation, for the Canadian Pacific will hold it for us only until July 24th.

Our office is now in a position to complete your appointment and to make the steamer reservation for you, subject to the usual health examination required of all appointees.

I would be grateful if you would get in touch with our office as soon as you can, so that we may "proceed to proceed".

Cordially,

BAG/G

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**YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN**

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

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THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between YENCHING WOMEN'S COLLEGE and MISS MARY G. BRANDT, this 21st day of July, 1936, WITNESSETH:

That Yenching College for Women hereby agrees to and does employ MARY G. BRANDT for the position of Physical Instructor for a term of three years on the following schedule of salary and allowances:-

1. Salary at the regular Yenching schedule of salaries, the initial salary being not less than Mex.\$2,000 per year, beginning on the date of departure of the appointee from New York City.
2. Travel expenses from New York City to Peiping, China, by the most direct route, and three-fifths of the expense of the homecoming journey from Peiping, China to New York City at the expiration of three years.
3. An outfit allowance of U.S.\$50.
4. The College to provide suitable residential accommodations for the appointee.
5. The services of the College physician to be provided by the College. One-half of dental fees to be paid by the College if incurred with the prior approval of the College physician or the Medical Committee.

The College, upon due notice in writing, may terminate this contract at any time, upon the payment of a sum equal to three months' salary from the date of said termination, and full travel expenses.

MARY G. BRANDT hereby accepts the said employment and the foregoing terms and conditions, and agrees, that if for any reason she resigns the position before the expiration of one-half the term of this contract, she will reimburse the University for such proportion of the outgoing expenses as the term of actual service bears to one-half the full term of service as above set forth, and that in case she resigns before the completion of the contract, no payment shall be made by the University for travel expenses to the United States of America, except in case such resignation is due to her serious illness.

It is further agreed that MARY G. BRANDT will give her whole time and attention to the work for which she is hereby employed, and that she will not engage in any outside occupation or activity for profit, except as may be agreed upon in conference with the President of Yenching University.

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

WITNESSETH the hands and seals of the parties hereto this 21st day of July, 1936.

WITNESSES:

On behalf of YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Susan Anderson

B. G. Garrison
Assistant Treasurer

M. G. Brandt

Mary G. Brandt
Appointee

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Brandt, Mary G.

(25) 8-25-50005

August 26, 1936

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 7th Ave
New York City

YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

Dear Mr. Garside,

It was so nice to have
your letter of good wishes as
I sailed from Vancouver on
August 8th.

My journey was a very
pleasant one and now I
am sight seeing in Shanghai
for a few days before going to
Yenching.

I have found a number of my
Chinese friends here, so am feeling

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quite at home.

I have had a word of welcome from Miss Spear and feel that I can hardly wait to get to Yenching.

Hoping to see you here in the very near future.

Cordially yours,

Mary T. Brandt

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燕京大學
Yenching University
Department of Physical Education for Women
Peiping, China.

YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

Oct. 19, 1936

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Mr. B. A. Garside
Associated Boards
For Christian Colleges
in China
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside;

It was good to hear from you this morning. The doctor's report came shortly after my arrival and I have turned it over to the health department here.

You people all failed to inform me properly of just exactly how delightful life at Yenching really is. I am sure there never was a lovelier place nor so many nice people all gathered to-gether before.

No, I am not what you might class an "old China hand" as yet, but I do feel more independant every day. Believe it or not I am already able to use the telephone in Chinese and am also able to get around Peiping quite easily.

Now as to the doings of the Department of Physical Education for Women. The fall season is about to come to a close, for it is getting too chilly for out door activities. At present we have 82 students in the tennis classes, 21 in Chinese Boxing, 21 in Hiking, 19 in Natural Dancing, 15 in Corrective Gymnastics, and 10 in Volley Ball. For the winter season, which begins the first week in November, we are offering classes in; Basket Ball; Chinese Boxing; Corrective Gymnastics; Folk Dancing; Individual Sports including Badminton, Deck Tennis, Ping Pong, and Shuffle Board; Natural Dancing; and Ice Skating as soon as there is ice on the lake.

The students have elected ten students, each of whom will act as student sport leader for the particular activity she has been chosen to lead. To-night I am meeting with these students to help them plan their campaigns for promoting their various sports as extra curriculum activities.

All of the books you ordered for this department have arrived; thank you so much.

Sincerely yours,

Mary T. Brandt

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燕京大學
Department of Physical Education for Women
Beiping, China

Oct. 13, 1936

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Mr. B. A. Carls
Associated Press
For Christian College
in China
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Carls:
It was good to hear from you. The report came shortly after I had returned to the health department.

You people all failed to inform me properly of just exactly how delighted I am at Yenching really is. I am sure there never was a lovelier place nor so many nice people all gathered together before.

No, I am not what you might call a "China hand" as yet, but I am sure I am interested every day. Believe it or not I am able to see the difference in Chinese and we also go to get around Beijing quite easily.

Now as to the details of the Department of Physical Education for Women. The main reason is about to come to a close, for it is getting too chilly for our activities. At present we have 52 students in the tennis classes, 21 in Chinese boxing, 1 in boxing, 1 in natural dancing, 1 in corrective gymnastics, and 10 in volleyball. For the winter season, which begins the first week in November, we are offering classes in: Basket Ball; Chinese Boxing; Corrective Gymnastics; Folk Dancing; Individual Sports including Badminton, Deck Tennis, Ping Pong, and Shuttle Tennis; and Ice Skating as soon as there is ice on the lake.

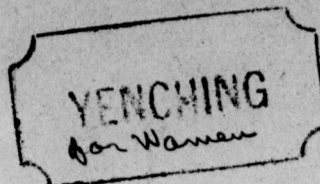
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All of the books you ordered for this department have arrived; thank you so much.

Sincerely yours,

Mary B. Carls

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December 9, 1936

Miss Mary Brandt
Yenching College for Women
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Miss Brandt:

Thanks for your good letter of October 19th. Your summary of all the activities in which you are engaging indicates that you are an extremely busy young lady. Obviously too, you are thoroughly enjoying life on the Yenching campus.

By the time this letter arrives the solar New Year will have begun and Chinese New Year will be at hand. I hope that you will thoroughly enjoy your first winter in Peiping.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Breece, T.E.
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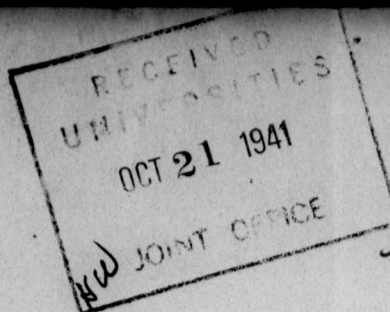
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Memo. to:
Miss Sanderson
Miss Cameron
10/23/41

2500 Durant Avenue
Berkeley, California

October 14, 1941

Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue, New York

ack
10/23/41

Gentlemen:

Mrs. Breece and I are in America on a year's furlough from Yenching University. As we hope you know, we are under the Methodist Board. On our way to the States I mailed a clipper letter in Honolulu to Mr. Evans from President Stuart. This letter dealt with recent events in Yenching, notably the experiences of Stephen Tsai on his return. Will you be good enough to tell me what has become of Mr. Tsai?

Will you also kindly keep us informed about any special news that you get from China? We should like to have this news for our own sakes and also because we may be able to use it in talks that we make on China. If you have work for us on the West Coast during our furlough, please let us know about it. Also please send us any printed matter that may enlighten us. We have the spring number of "The China Colleges".

We are expecting to return to Yenching in 1942 if it is at all possible. If Mrs. Breece can not go on account of the situation, we have agreed that I shall go if I can. If neither of us can go back to Yenching at that time, we should like to go to free China. We talked with Bishop Ralph Ward about this when we were in Shanghai on our way home. I mention our hopes at this time so that you may be thinking about any plans you may have for us next summer. To be sure, we are under the Methodist Board, but as you are all in the same building, consultation will be easy.

Sincerely yours,

T.E. Breece

T.E. Breece

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ASSOCIATED BOARDS
FOR
CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

MEMORANDUM

October 23, 1941

TO: Miss Van Seiver
Mr. Cameron ✓

FROM: Mr. Evans

Will you kindly add the name of T. E. Breece on your mailing list for receiving such printed matter as is available from time to time. His address is:

2500 Durant Avenue
Berkeley
California

He expects to return to Yenching University in 1942, if possible.

C. A. E.

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Yenching staff member

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Associated Board
for
CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA
180 Fifth Avenue
New York

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TO: Miss Yeh Sze-yue
Mr. Canton

FROM: Mr. Yeh

Will you kindly add the name of T. S. Brown to your mailing list for
receiving this journal as it is available from time to time. His address is:

1800 Broadway Avenue
Berkeley
California

He expects to return to Yenching University in 1942, if possible.

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JOINT OFFICE

October 23, 1941

Mr. T. E. Breece
2500 Durant Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Breece:

I am grateful for your good letter of October 14th and we are glad to know your willingness to cooperate in this work of making China better known and understood by the American public.

You are probably aware that the Yenohing Board clamped down heavily on our office for sending out letters of Dr. Stuart to a general list. We are hoping that permission will be given to relent somewhat in the stringent rule which was passed. But, until then, we can only say in a general way that Yenohing is going on as usual without any difficulty up to the present time. There has been some delay in getting money through, but a license came in this morning for a considerable amount which will release funds sufficient to carry them through a month or so.

We are putting your name on our list for mailing such printed matter as available.

Stephen Tsai arrived in Peking in record time, taking a Japanese boat and transferring to one which arrived at Tientsin. He was insulted at the Peking Station, and only the presence of Dr. Stuart and Mr. Heich prevented his being spirited away. Since then efforts have been made to find opportunity to transfer him to some work in Free China. Apparently, this has not succeeded as he is still on the campus.

Naturally, you have been looking to the future regarding the service you can best render for China, and while we abhor this idea of separation of families, yet it is a problem which each family must decide. Surely, it is going the second mile when one looks forward with composure and assurance towards such a separation. As opportunity offers, I will consult Dr. Cartwright about this situation that we may have it more clearly in mind.

Again may I thank you for your good letter.

Gratefully yours,

CAE/B

C. A. EVANS

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MEMORANDUM

October 23, 1941

TO: Miss Van Seiver
Mr. Cameron

FROM: Mr. Evans

Will you kindly add the name of F. E. Breece on your mailing list for receiving such printed matter as is available from time to time. His address is:

2500 Durant Avenue
Berkeley
California

He expects to return to Yenching University in 1942, if possible.

C. A. E.

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February 2, 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Prof. Thomas E. Breece for thirteen years head of the Department of English at Yenching University, Peking, China, is now in America on furlough.

Not alone was Professor Breece eminently successful in handling the teaching assignment of English language and literature, but his contact with the students and his association with the faculty marked him as a person of unusual capacity for campus life.

The records in our office permit us to recommend Professor Breece without qualification.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS,
Assistant Secretary

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2695 LeConte Avenue
Berkeley, California
April 25, 1942

Mr. C.A. Evans
Yenching University Office
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

This is just a note to thank you for the way in which you so faithfully keep us informed about events in China. We are always hungry for news, especially favorable news. Whether the news is good or bad, we appreciate your kindness in sending it to us.

A recent bulletin said that a branch of Yenching was being opened in West China. I hope this is true. I feel, however, that the university did right in staying on its own campus as long as possible. We were able to do a piece of real service for China during those years. Now that we can no longer work at Peking, I am glad a temporary place can be opened where there is still freedom. When we read about the opening there, we hoped it might be possible for us to go to the new Yenching. Under present conditions I do not suppose you would favor our trying to make the journey.

Since we have been on furlough, we have been able to do but little for China. Of course we have made a few talks and have done something in the present drive for China relief, but these are as nothing when compared with what we were able to do in China. If there is any definite work that we can do on the West Coast, will you please let us know about it?

We like the spirit of prayer that each of your letters breathes. Prayer is a part of our daily help for those that we know in China both missionaries and students. Among our students and graduates are many fine Christians who need every bit of help that we can give them at this time. We wish you could know these students in person as we do and that you could know their life stories as we have come to know some of them. Our greatest longing is to get back to them.

I have secured a certificate that will enable me to teach in California. As yet, however, I have not landed a position. Men of sixty do not seem to be very much in demand, especially such as I who have been out of the country so long. I applied for some form of defense work, but my application was not even answered. I have had the certificate only a short time; for when we thought we were going to Alaska under our board (Methodist), I delayed my application for the certificate. Several university men here, with whom I have more than a professional acquaintance, have assured me that there will be plenty of positions.

Thank you again for your good letters. Mrs. Breece joins me in all that this letter says. She is the other part of the "we".

Very sincerely yours,

T.E. Breece

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May 1, 1942

Mr. T. E. Breece
2835 LeConte Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Breece:

I deeply appreciate your letter of April 25th as it indicates you have taken pains to express your interest in the things for which Yenching stands for and for our efforts to keep some sort of information flowing to the friends of the institution.

In answering one of the specific items in your communication, it would seem almost impossible at present to think of going to Chengtu as all accommodations are spoken for months in advance. Six weeks from now, we hope to have in hand more concrete knowledge of any proposed venture in West China.

Mr. Robert Barnett of United China Relief was sent to Chengtu to survey conditions and to establish a local U. C. R. program committee. He is expected back in the United States about the 15th of June and should bring us up-to-date news. By that time also further plans will be in process and we will have a better idea of how things are pointing up. We will keep you informed of any new developments.

I wish to add my word of assurance to that of others that there will be plenty of opportunity for teaching here in America. We are reluctant, however, to do anything to sever any connections which have possibilities of development in your future.

It warms my heart particularly to have this word regarding the spiritual aspect of our approach to these various situations. It is only in the strength which is supplied by Almighty God that these Colleges have endured and it is in the spirit of prayer that this must prevail. Aside from the \$65.00 per month which we have made available through the Swiss Government, there is not much we can do but pray for those who are held in restraint. I know that you all share with me in this very, very deep concern for these loved ones in China.

With your permission, I would like to incorporate in one of our letters the fourth paragraph of your letter on the spiritual aspects — not by way of publicity for you, but as a word of appreciation from one who has been in the work in China.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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OJC for C.A.E.

2695 LeConte Avenue
Berkeley, California
May 8, 1942

Mr. C.A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your good letter of May 1. Such letters help keep our hearts warm in a cold world. So far as our getting back to China is concerned, we shall just have to wait for the proper turn in events. I am sure you in New York are watching these events as concernedly as we could possibly be; and I know, too, that you can make no definite promises at present. It is only our yearning that makes trouble you.

You said you would like to incorporate in one of your letters something from my last one. I did not know I was writing anything you would want to use, but you may feel perfectly free to quote whatever you choose.

Some time ago you were kind enough to write a letter for me stating that I had been with Yenching University since 1919. That letter with others was submitted to the California State Board of Education to enable me to get a certificate enabling me to teach in this state. I have the certificate, but not the position. In addition to registering with the Appointment Office of the University of California, I have recently joined the California Teachers' Association. When I presented the letters that I had received, the manager told me that as all letters were confidential it was necessary to have letters of recommendation sent direct to the Association. This enables the writer to tell the truth without getting caught in it!

Will you be so kind as to write such a letter to
The California Teachers Association
15 Shattuck Square
Berkeley, California?

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I realize that you can not say much about me from first-hand knowledge, but my long tenure at Yenching may enable you to draw on your imagination without stretching the truth. I went to China first as one of sixteen chosen by the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. to open Tsing Hua College, an institution established by the Chinese Government to prepare Chinese students to enter American universities. Returned Boxer indemnity money was used for this purpose. I went out for a period of three years, but stayed for three more years.

I returned to America in 1916, had a year at Harvard, taught a year at the University of Minnesota, and had agreed to stay there another year, when a cablegram from the Board of Managers in Peking asked me to come to Yenching under the Methodist Board. At the time I was not a Methodist, but the change of churches was easy.

Very sincerely yours,

T.E. Breece

T.E. Breece

C.S. - My field is the English Language and literature

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May 8, 1942
Berkeley, California
2825 Leconte Avenue

Mr. C.A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your good letter of May 7. Such letters help keep our hearts warm in a cold world. So far as our getting back to China is concerned, we shall just have to wait for the proper turn in events. I am sure you in New York are watching these events as concernedly as we could possibly be; and I know, too, that you can make no definite promises at present. It is only our yearning that makes trouble you.

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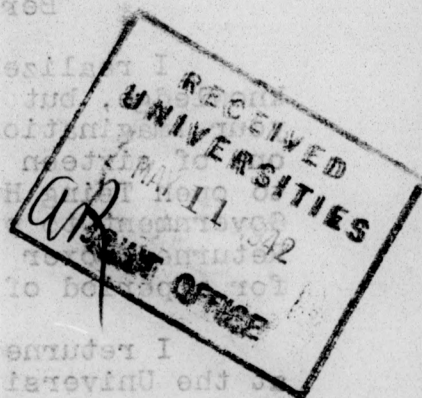
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Very sincerely yours,

T. E. Fries



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2695 LeConte Avenue
Berkeley, California
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Dear Mr. Evans:

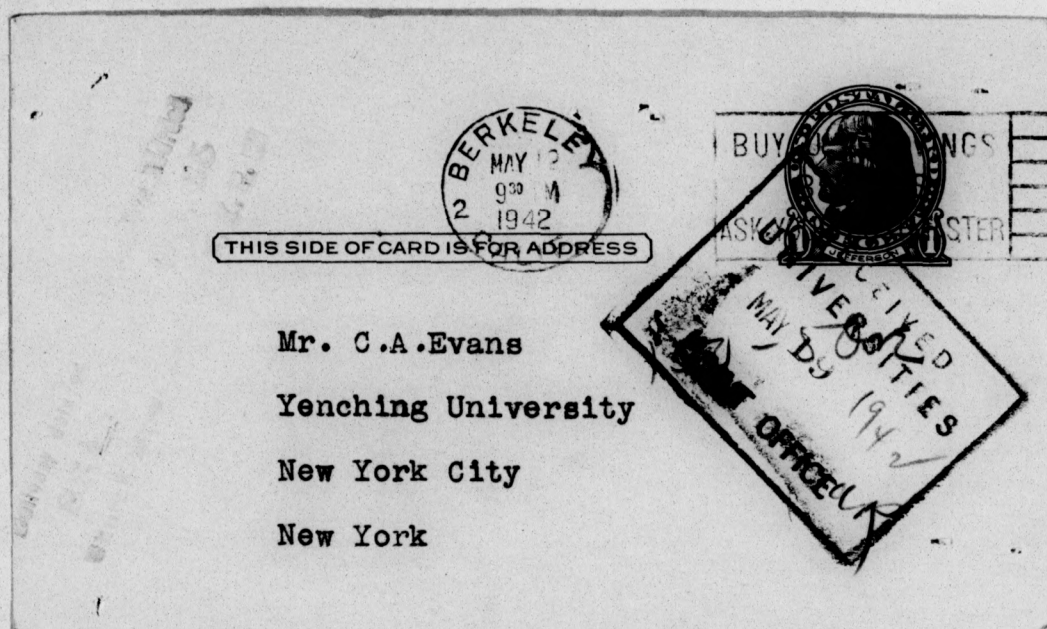
On the faculty at Yenching University is a young man by the name of Stewart Mitchell. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Mitchell, 2625 Rochon Way, Sacramento, California. Will you kindly put them on your mailing list for all material relating to North China?

On Easter day we gave them what information we had, but I do not know whether or not they have had any since then.

Thank you.

T.E. Breece
T.E. Breece

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May 20, 1942

Mr. T. E. Breece
2895 LaCombe Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Breece:

Thank you for your postal card of the 12th. I am very grateful for this card as it gives us information about Stewart Mitchell which the State Department is asking for. I am writing to them today.

You will be interested in a cable received by the Presbyterian Board from Paul Abbott which releases a message from Shanghai including the following phrase:

"SPEER WRITES CHEERFULLY YENCHING CONDITIONS."

Apparently, they are not faring too badly after all.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 20, 1942

Mr. T. E. Breece
2695 LeConte Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Breece:

It was a pleasure to hear from you again, and to have an opportunity to attempt to be of some service. I sent a letter to the California State Teachers Agency a week ago, and I trust that it will help you to secure the kind of position you desire. I did my best to make my letter persuasive, which was easy for me to do because I believe you have made a truly outstanding contribution during your years in China.

We have received various messages concerning the situation in North China, but nothing of a new or startling nature. You probably know as much as we do about what actually is going on in Peiping. One fact seems to be fairly certain, which is that our staff members are not being seriously ill-treated. Their position is not a pleasant one, but for the present at least they seem to be in no physical danger. Of course, conditions may change overnight.

I hope you will not fail to call on me at any time that I can be of service to you, and I hope that in the meantime you will not find the world too cold. I wish it were possible for me to do more to assist you in passing in a useful manner the time which must elapse before you return to Yenching.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Temporary address: 5365 Lawton Ave.
Oakland, Calif

September 11, 1942

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Dr. C. A. Evans,

Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Evans,-

All during the past year Mr. Breece and I have derived great comfort from the generous bulletins from you, that have shared with us China folk, throughout the United States, whatever information you have gleaned about U.S.C.I. and the faculty there.

Many times I have thought of writing you a word of personal thanks and gratitude but have somehow left such letters to my husband.

And now I am writing on a very different subject - a request for a letter of recommendation of such a nature that it will serve as one of several required references I need.

Mr. Breece, as I think you know, has gone to a relocation center, the Tule Lake Project, in Northern California, (Newell, California is the

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exact address) to teach English in the newly organized high school for Japanese young people. I was expecting to follow in a short time, but now has come a request for me to teach there, also, and I am trying to gather the necessary references to fulfill the requirements.

I had not expected to teach but when Mr. Breece arrived and saw the serious shortage in teachers, he spoke of my training and experience to the Superintendent of Schools at Newell and the latter has asked me to teach if the necessary credentials can be obtained.

You, of course, have known nothing about my work at Yenching, but I can give you a little of my background. I was graduated from De Paul University in 1903 and received my M.A. from the same institution the following year.

I taught in various high schools for a period of nine years. Among them Sioux City, Iowa, Jacksonville, Illinois, and Fort Wayne, Indiana. In the two last named, I was teacher of Senior English.

In 1914 I returned to China to teach at the Boyer Indemnity School, Tsinq Hua College. There I met Mr. Breece and we were married

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the following year, 1915.

I supposed my teaching days were over then, but after our appointment to Yenching University, in 1918, I found a more or less permanent place in the English department. In fact, I was still teaching during our last year there, 1940-41, until Easter vacation, when I relinquished my Freshman Students to my nephew, James Pyke, newly come to Yenching.

Although a housewife, with the usual responsibilities a missionary's wife has, I found time to direct a branch of the industrial work carried on by our faculty wives group, teach one class daily, and make our home a good deal of a student center. The building of Christian character into the lives of our young Chinese is a challenging task and one which we had hoped to have a share in for some years to come. When we left China last July, 1941, we told Bishop Ward, in Shanghai, that we would gladly go to Free China after furlough if the door to Yenching were closed then.

Now our best service seems to be in a Japanese camp, where we shall hope to carry on some of the same type of work it was our privilege to do at Yenching.

I shall appreciate a few words from you, if Mrs. Mills of the War Relocation Authority writes to you.

In my need for some one to refer her to, I gave your name without first asking your permission. I might add that I am making a similar request of Dr. Frank Cartwright.

Forgive my writing such a long letter to a busy man. Some day I want to write you about some of our Yearning students and the way they have been living their Christian faith in these dark days.

With grateful thanks and all good wishes,

I am

Sincerely yours.

Arthur Pyke Breece

N. B. Perhaps I should add that I am a "Second Generation" missionary. My brother Fred Pyke, his wife and their son, James, are all here in North China. I hope that Jim went in to Peking to be with his parents, as my brother is not at all well.

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John C. Thomas

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September 22, 1942

Mrs. Ruth Pyke Breese
5365 Lawton Avenue
Oakland, California

Dear Mrs. Breese:

I take great pleasure in acknowledging your letter of September 11th which takes on a personal note which is greatly appreciated. Of course, I shall be happy to respond to any inquiry which is received regarding you and will do my best to make plain the way for you to secure the desired position.

It will be fine if you can be located in the same place with Mr. Breese. It is indeed a wonderful thing that opportunities for service are presented in this manner and in a way which would seem to be to the best advantage of the cause of freedom and righteousness.

I wish I could write you at length voicing my appreciation for all that you have meant to Yenching and for the wonderful contribution you have made in that sphere of Christian work.

Please call upon us any time we can be of service to you and I do trust that at sometime you will give us the promised paper regarding some of the Yenching students.

We are looking forward in faith and confidence to the return of the interned staff at Peking on the next trip of the Gripsholm.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via Air Mail

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Newell, California
March 7, 1943

Dr. C.A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

Dear Dr. Evans:

I suspect that we failed to inform you of our movements. At any rate it has been several months since we have had any Yenching news from you. I am writing in the hope that the only reason for ^{the} absence ^{of news} is that you do not have our address.

Both Mrs. Breece and I are teaching in the high school at the Tule Lake Project, Newell, California. This is an evacuation center, where we have approximately 15,000 Japanese and Japanese-Americans. There have been about 4,000 pupils in the schools. Before we came, we thought this was probably where we could be most useful until we could return to China.

I came two weeks before Mrs. Breece did. When I left home, she said: "I think I should not mention having been in China. They might think you were prejudiced." As her advice is usually good, I decided to take it. I had not been here more than six hours, however, when a Japanese minister called on me. His first words were: "Are you Mr. Breece? I hear you have been a missionary in China. Will you preach for us next Sunday?" When I had sufficiently recovered from the shock, I found that he had got the information from the superintendent of schools, who was formerly a missionary in Africa. So instead of China's closing the door she opened it wide. I have spoken several times since.

Just now we are not having classes because we have been given the task of registering the whole colony for man power and leave clearance. There have been a good many difficulties, but it is best not to go into those now.

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I am enclosing a dollar for postage on what you have sent us and on what I feel sure you are going to send! Possibly there is important news in some of the recent bulletins that we have missed.

Our hearts are very much in China, and we hope to return when the way is open. Last year a message came from Y.P. Mei asking that come out to the new Yenching. I wrote to our Methodist Board that I would go, but they did not think it was wise to send me. When Dr. Cartwright was out here, I had another talk with him on the subject. They will let us go back to Peking when that is possible.

In the meantime we want to help Yenching. We have sent some money through the Methodist Board for the university and a student there. Is it possible to cable money through your office in a similar way? Can you tell us what the greatest needs are? Also do you know how much it would cost to support a student for a year? We have a very fine boy there that we want to see through. He is a good investment.

Mrs. Breece joins me in all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

T.E. Breece
T.E. Breece

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Wesley, William
March 7, 1943

I am sorry that we have not been able to get your letter of the 2nd. I have been very busy with my work and have not had time to write to you. I am sure you are well and hope you are enjoying your work.

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March 16, 1945

Mr. T. E. Breece,
Tule Lake Project,
Newell, Calif.

Dear Tom:

Mr. Evans has asked me to answer your interesting letter to him under date of March 7th. It is good indeed to hear from you again and to know of the good work you are doing at the evacuation center with Japanese and Japanese-Americans.

Your gift of a dollar has been received and applied to postage. Many thanks.

In reply to your inquiry about news from Yenching University, I may say that very little has come through in recent months and of what has reached us not all can be broadcast.

I had a chance to listen to a talk given by Dr. Isidore Snapper some weeks ago telling about his confinement in Peking in company with Leighton Stuart, Dr. ~~Wolfe~~ and Mr. Bowen. Dr. Snapper came back from China with the British repatriation group which came after the Gripsholm party. He described in detail the situation in Peking telling how Dr. Stuart and his western companions lived in the servants' quarters in the rear of the house in which they were confined, while eight Japanese soldiers occupied the main part of the residence. The prisoners had a small courtyard about twenty feet square in which they took exercise, which included deck tennis and other such games. The courtyard was covered with cement so that it was extremely hot in the summer time and they had to hang up wet sheets to try and reduce the temperature. They had plenty of money and their own Chinese cook was allowed out to purchase food and at the same time to hear the news which came in by radio so that they were not only well fed but kept abreast of world developments. In some ways there were comical aspects to this kind of life, which Dr. Snapper described as a "symbiosis between four western intellectuals and eight Japanese peasants." The soldiers came every five minutes to inspect their prisoners to make sure that no one had escaped. Dr. Snapper's only concern is that the uncertainty of the situation if dragged out interminably may have a very depressing effect on these prisoners, but as far as we can make out the Japanese government wants to get rid of all enemy subjects in Peking so that we expect that all who are willing to come will be included in the next repatriation.

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Our good friend, L.R.O. Bevan also came out with the British party and we heard from him from Durban in South Africa, where he was waiting for a ship to take him to Australia. He told us that the western staff had been brought in to Peking from the college campus, the British being housed in the British Embassy and the Americans in the San Juan Miao adjoining the American Embassy.

From other western sources we have learned that Lucius Porter and E. K. Smith remained in the vicinity of the Yenching campus instead of going into the city. Lucius has been on the campus once or twice since then to pay his water tax. He says the campus is divided into three parts by barbed-wire fences. I do not know exactly how the Japanese are using the place but there is what is called in the letters that have reached us a "synthetic" institute.

At Chengtu, Yenching was re-opened in a small way last fall under the acting presidency of Dr. Y. P. Mei. The formal opening was on December 8th, the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. H. H. Kung is acting Chancellor and there is a fine spirit of dauntless courage about the whole undertaking.

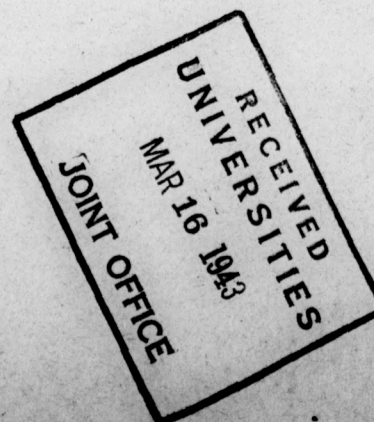
In response to your inquiry as to how much it takes to support a student, I would say that because of the rapid rise of commodity prices, it now requires about US\$250. per year to pay for tuition, board, clothing and incidentals. We can always transmit money for you as there is now no need of licenses for this purpose.

With very best wishes to you and Mrs. Breece,

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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Tule Lake Project
Newell, California
March 24, 1943

Mr. C. H. Corbett
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

Dear Charles:

What a joy it was to get your letter! It was really hearing from somebody from home. You did not tell us anything about Minnie and the children, an omission that we take for good news. Howell is studying in the Japanese Language School at Boulder, Colorado, as are several other China boys. He wanted to get into the Chinese Language School at Berkeley, but the government is sending only army officers there. I think this is a great waste of the excellent start in Chinese that these boys already have. Howell is in the navy. He was married in 1941.

Thank you for the news about China and people we know. Many of our friends have the freedom of the city, but not the leaders. In the Methodist Mission are Fred and Frances Pyke, Dr. Hopkins and Helen, Walter Davis, and a few others including several ladies. Yes, Lucius and E. K. are living in the Smith home in Chengfu, a place the Smiths bought several years ago.

We are enclosing a check for China. I note that the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges participates with United China Relief. I am, therefore, including something for that in this check. Please divide the money as follows:

Yenching University-----	\$50.00
Li Nien P'ei (Roger Li)-----	\$50.00
China Relief-----	\$50.00
	<u>150.00</u>

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We have already sent money to Yenching and Roger Li through the Methodist Board. Roger was a student of ours in Peking, and is now in the new Yenching at Chengtu. At least we feel sure he is there. He is such a good investment that we want to help him through. Y. P. Mei will know how to find him.

Last summer Y. P. radioed that he would like to have Wolferz, Wiant, and Breece sent to Chengtu. Of course Louis is in Peking and can not get away. Wiant is teaching in Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn. As no women could go, Ruth and I agreed that I should go alone, and I wrote to our Board to that effect. The Board decided not to send us, but will return us to Peking when the way is open. Dr. Cartwright said in a personal interview that he thought we were doing a missionary job here.

Will you put us on your list for the Christian Colleges Bulletin and the China Relief News? We have recently seen copies that Maryette Lum had. She is teaching here, too, and often shows us American Board letters with China news.

Best regards from both of us to all of you.

\$ 150.00
Dep. 3/30/43

Sincerely yours,

Tom
T. E. Breece

Receipt #10329-

April 1, 1943

Mr. T. E. Bruce,
Tule Lake Project,
Newell, California.

Dear Tom:

Thank you very much for your check for \$150.00. Herewith a receipt for the \$50.00 designated for Yenching University. You will also receive a receipt from United China Relief for the \$50.00 which we have sent to them in your behalf. This letter will have to serve as a receipt for the \$50.00 for Roger Li, which we shall send to him in the very near future.

Your name has been put on the mailing list for the Christian College Bulletin and I have personally asked the Publicity Department of United China Relief to put you on the list for the China Relief News. If these should fail to arrive please let me know.

I was glad to get the various side lights of news which you included in your letter.

With very kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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Cule Lake Project

Newell, California

November 12, 1943

Dear Charles,

We are sending you another \$100 for
 including ~~\$500~~ from a friend. Please
 China ~~from~~ send the whole amount to Ralph
 Lapwood, Yenching University. He
 will use it to the best advantage.

Some time ago we had a letter from
 him telling how he used some that
 was sent earlier. He helped a good
 many of our personal student friends.
 I plan to write to him to-morrow.

No doubt you have been seeing re-
 ports in the papers of conditions here.
 We feel a disaster was narrowly
 averted. Both Ruth and I had narrower
 calls than we should care to repeat.
 These were in addition to the fact
 that we were among those held
 prisoners in the administration
 buildings for four hours. The
 army is in charge now, and so we
 are all breathing more freely. We do

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not know when school will be able to start; in the meantime we are being used for other work.

We have joined you in the dignity of grandparenthood. Howell's son was born on June 15, 1943. Howell is an ensign in the navy, and is studying the Japanese language in the school at Boulder, Colorado. He preferred the Chinese Language School at Berkeley, but the government sends there only men who are already in the army. Anyway, Howell prefers the navy.

This evacuation center is very different from what it was last year. Many of those transferred here are of the badder sort bent on trouble. We should like to be where we can teach, but shall stay here for a time at least.

We wish we could see those returning on the Gripsholm. Some of our best friends are there. I am sorry to say the Cykes are not. Greetings from both of us to Minnie and the children.

Very sincerely yours,
O.E. Breece

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November 19, 1943

Prof. T. E. Breece
Tule Lake Project
Newell, California

Dear Tom:

It was good to get your letter with the enclosed checks. The official receipt is being forwarded to you directly. We appreciate your continued participation in the work, and know that this contribution will be very helpful.

Congratulations on your reaching the happy estate of being a grandfather, but you omitted to tell me the name of the grandchild. It is difficult to think of Howell as an Ensign in the Navy. There are a good many boys from Yenching families who are in the armed services in one way or another. E. O. Wilson has two, and I hope one of them will find it possible to get here to New York to meet his father.

We are maturing our plans for meeting the repatriates on the Gripsholm. A telegram from Dr. Galt sent from Goa gave a list of twenty-one Yenching persons including Dr. Alice Brown and Miss Hilda Hague, who have not previously been mentioned to us. As Hilda is Canadian, she will probably be sent straight through to Montreal. They are not allowed to disembark here. I wish you could be with us to welcome these friends.

You certainly have had an exciting time at the Tule Lake Project. I am glad to know that the situation has quieted down.

I had an interview the other day with a representative of the Civil Service who came here to make inquiries about Ruth. I was glad to be able to speak enthusiastically about her qualifications for teaching.

With very kind regards to you both,

Sincerely yours,

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Charles H. Corbett

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Newell, California
May 14, 1944.

Rev. C. H. Corbett
Yenching University
New York.

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Dear Charles,

Once again Ruth and I want to send some money to China through the New York office. We are enclosing \$100.00 to be divided equally among G. P. Mei, Grace Boynton, and Ralph Sapwood. They will know how to use it to good advantage. Will you kindly pass the message along?

We thank somebody in the Yenching office for making copies of a personal letter to me from Grace Boynton. We are always delighted to hear from China through any source whatever. Be sure to keep me on your list.

Ruth and I are planning to stay on here for some time. The fact that those here are sequestered instead of evacuees subject to relocation does not make our problems any simpler.

Remember us both to Minnie and the children. Howell was in New York six weeks for further training and has now gone to Washington, D.C. on duty. He graduated from the Japanese Language School in Boulder. Sincerely yours,
C. H. Corbett

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May 24, 1944

Mr. T. E. Breece,
Tule Lake Project,
Newell, Calif.

Dear Tom:

Your check for \$100 has come to hand and is being transmitted to Yenching University in accordance with your instructions. Thank you very much for this contribution.

I am interested to know that you are continuing at the Tule Lake Project. I hope conditions will improve as time goes on. I suppose you know that Augusta Wagner shortly after she returned from China was sent by the State Department to visit several of the internment camps for Japanese in company with the Spanish Consul at San Francisco, to compare conditions with those in Japanese internment camps in China. Her report was exceedingly interesting. She found conditions a great deal better here in America than those she had experienced in China.

Thanking you for your greetings, which are heartily reciprocated,

Very sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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W.R.A. Newell, California
October 22, 1944

ANS'D 10/31

Rev. Earle Ballou
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

Dear Earle:

You and I are being merciful to the mail carrier these days, and that is as it should be for both his sake and ours. I had your letter in reply to mine upon your arrival and appointment to the work with the Christian Colleges. As no complaints against you in either the press or private correspondence have reached me, you must be making a "go" of the job. The world is like that. People don't notice a clean desk, but almost involuntarily write their names on the surface of a dusty one.

We are sending you a check for \$110.00. Of this please credit Ralph Lapwood with \$10.00. We once tried to send them a wedding present of that amount, but he used it in the work there and asked us to send the gift to your office to be credited to their account. Please send the remaining \$100 to Mr. Hausske, Treasurer of Yenching and ask him to keep \$50.00 for Yenching and to turn over the other \$50 to Ralph Lapwood to be used as he thinks best. He has given us wonderful reports of the way in which he has used other money. We shall probably send some more money to Yenching before the year is out. If we do, we shall enclose some for Grace Boynton.

We wonder where your boys are now. Howell is in Chungking. He studied Japanese at Boulder, was sent to New York, then to Washington, flew to India, and then over the Hump. From his landing place he and another man drove a jeep to Chungking over very bad mountain roads, which were in places 8000 feet high. He was with me in Shansi one summer doing famine-prevention work, and he says those roads are good compared to the ones he drove over.

Segregation did not make our work in this center any easier. The discontented ones have an excellent opportunity to infect all the others. Many of the younger ones, however, refuse to be convinced that they want to return to Japan. They decidedly do not. Just now there is a persistent rumor that after the election the West Coast will be opened for relocation, but that our gates will be absolutely closed to all exit. That would be a crime, for many of the minors are here against their will. They come around and talk to us as their teachers.

Remember us to your family and China office mates. WE think especially of Charles Corbett and Mary Cookingham. There may be others there. If you get out this way, pay us a visit. You would be interested. If you do not come, we'll see you in Peking somewhat later.

Very sincerely yours,

T.E. Breece

T.E. Breece

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Yenching Univ. Gc
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This, you know, is the Pule Lake center.

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1. The first of these is the fact that the Government has not yet decided whether or not it will accept the offer of the United States to purchase the surplus stocks of the Government. This decision is of great importance to the Government, as it will determine whether or not the Government will be able to dispose of its surplus stocks in a timely manner.

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October 31, 1944

Mr. T. E. Breece
W.R.A. Newell, California

Dear Tommy:

Your good letter of the 22nd has come to hand, and I have turned the money over. Miss Cookingham tells me that for gifts of this kind no official receipts are issued, since the money is for special purposes rather than ordinary budget needs, so you will have to take my word for it that no cunshaw has been subtracted en route. Should you hear nothing from Ralph Lapwood or Albert Hauske within a year, perhaps you would do well to raise the question with me as to what happened to the money. #

You ask about our boys. Hubbard is at Officer Candidate School at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania. He has been with a unit recruited in part by Colonel Constant, *of China boys.* and advancement has been slower than was expected. He had been on detached service here in the city, and I lived with him for two months until his mother came down, after which he lived with us until late August. Perhaps his main gripe is that his next younger brother, Larry, got the good breaks and is now in China, much nearer Chengtu than is Howell at Chungking. Larry has already seen some of the present Yenching people and of course will be seeing more of them as time goes on.

Bob, Number 3, is at Maxwell Field, Alabama, at the pre-flight stage in army aviation. Christy, the infant, was admitted to the marines a week ago, but is in the reserve and may not be called up before Christmas. At the moment he is probably grading or loading apples up in Vermont. He finished his accelerated prep school course late in August and as his eighteenth birthday is day after tomorrow, any chance for a beginning at college work was ruled out. Both he and Bob, however, have been admitted to Yale--if, as and when.

I have seen occasional reference to recent developments in relocation camps and of course have thought of you there at Tule Lake as having probably much the toughest assignment. Being a missionary to the heathen Chinese is probably

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a cinch as compared with what you folks have to face. I don't suppose national politics count as much as local prejudices in determining policies, but it looks to me as if a lot of decent, innocent people were never going to get a fair show again because of their ancestry. Three weeks ago, at a high school assembly a few miles out of the city, I was introduced by as personable a young lady as I have met in a long time, a Miss Kawata. A few weeks before, she had been in one of the centers out West, but gave no indication of feeling bitter about her personal experiences, and I got the impression that there was strong likelihood of her winning a place of equality and respect there in that community. But lots of people are not as lucky as that.

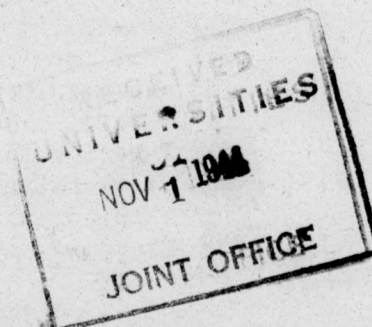
Mr. Corbett's desk is in the office adjoining mine, and Miss Cookingham is nearby, a very useful member of our team. Certainly, if I ever do get out that way, I shall look you up. But, while I do gyrate a bit, it will probably continue to be in a very limited orbit. I grow restless when too many days succeed each other right here at my desk, but there are too many things about this job that are still baffling if not mysterious for me to be much more or farther away from it than has been the case so far.

With very best regards from both of us to both of you.

Very sincerely yours,

** Meanwhile let me express on their behalf
heartiest appreciation thanks for so generous a gift.*

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BALLOU
REC'D 1/9 (incoming)
ANS'D 1/10

Newell, California
December 30, 1944

Rev. Earle Ballou
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

Dear Earle:

Some time ago we had a circular letter from the Yenching Alumni Association in the U.S.A. asking us to have a share in the attempt to raise money in this country toward the NC\$10,000,000 Campaign. As we were planning some money for Yenching, we are giving it to that fund. We were asked to send money to the National Treasurer, Mrs. C.H. Yung, 160 Claremont Avenue, Apt 3A, New York 27, N.Y. As such money was to be sent to your office, we are sending it direct. I am enclosing a check for \$40.00 for that purpose. Of course Mrs. Breece is a partner in this gift. She is earning the same sized salary that I am, and she is at least as free a giver.

We do not know what the order lifting mass exclusion may do to this center, but we do know it will be here for some time. All relocation centers are to be closed within a year, but this place will still hold those who are not eligible for release. We expect the school to be greatly reduced in number. In the meantime we are not suffering from idleness.

Thank you for keeping us on your list at Christmas time. We were glad to have the round-up of your family. Howell is in Chungking doing intelligence work under the Navy. He says his work is very interesting, but he can not tell us what he is doing.

All is well with us. Greetings to your family and to those in your office that we know, especially Charles Corbett and "cookie".

Sincerely yours,

T.E. Breece

T.E. Breece.

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January 10, 1945

Mr. Thomas E. Breece
Newell, California

Dear Tommy:

I am not sure that I should say your letter would have been none the less welcome if it had not contained the check for forty dollars. In any case I was awfully glad to have both the money to pass on through our Yenohing office and also to get the direct word from you. We all thank you a lot; a receipt is inclosed. Miss Cowing will see that Mrs. Yung is informed.

You people connected with Tule Lake are certainly the ones who are bearing the burden of the day and the scorching heat so far as this relocation business goes. I wonder if you have come in contact at any time with Clarence Gillett. He is one of our American Board Japan missionaries who has been giving all his time to getting Japanese who have been released from camps back into useful civilian life. A Christmas circular letter from him, which came day before yesterday, spoke in very hopeful terms of the progress they were making and expected to continue to make. In November I heard a splendid illustrated lecture--beautiful Kodachrome film strips--prepared by the Presbyterian home mission office, giving an intimate and really moving picture of life in several of the camps, but as I recall Tule Lake was not included among the camps described, nor was Gillett embracing it among his optimistic outlooks.

A letter just in from Rowland Cross quotes the citation which went with the Bronze Star medal recently awarded to Chuckie for work on Saipan. The young man had a pretty tough time of it before the work was finished which is covered by this sentence from the citation: "Through-out the operations he aided in the reduction of numerous pockets of resistance, by persuading the enemy to lay down their weapons and by directing the destruction of those who held out." His father adds that they hope he will be even more successful next time in the persuasion part.

Charles Corbett and Cookie join me in cordial greetings to both of you.

Cordially yours,

Inclosure.

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W.R.A Newell, California
May 16, 1945

Dear Y.P.,

We are thrilled to know that you are in the United States and that there is a possibility that we may be able to see you one of these days. We have known that you were scheduled to come, but the date was uncertain. You said you would try to keep people as to your plans. As we are off the beaten path, we hope you will let us know as long ahead as possible when you are coming our way.

You probably are aware that we have been teaching in a Japanese evacuation center since September, 1942. This is the largest of the lot, and it is the one where those declaring their loyalty to Japan are being kept. All regular relocation centers are to be closed by January 2, 1945, but nobody seems to know how much longer this one will remain in operation. We are both teaching in the high school. At first the high school had over 2500 students, making it the largest high school in California.

You would, we think, be very much interested in seeing this place, and we should be delighted to have you visit us. We are among the oldest timers here and could answer most of your questions. Of course there are some questions that we are seeking the answer to, but we know a few things. You really ought to see one of the centers, and we think this is the one.

I am going to tell you how to get here in the hope that you may plan for it. Our nearest railway station is Klamath Falls, Oregon, about half way between Portland and San Francisco. We are forty miles from Klamath Falls, but there is a bus leaving there every morning at 8:30 and arriving here after ten. If I knew in time, I should try to meet you with a car if I could prevail on a friend to take me into the city. We will put you up as long as you can stay.

If you can not spare the time to come here, please let us know the best place to meet you. We just have to see you. We have a great deal of talking to do and many questions to ask. You understand, of course, that if you do come, it will be hard for us to let you go. When Augusta Wagner was here a short time ago, we did not get half through talking.

We are proud of the way in which Yenching has been carrying on under your leadership. The letters from there have always been gratefully received. The courage of faculty and students under hardship has been inspiring. You know our hearts are with Yenching, but it has been impossible to have our bodies and minds there. When you asked for us, our board refused to let even one of us go. Probably the board would send younger people to West China, if it sends anyone. We have been definitely promised that we shall go back when Yenching is reopened at Peking, but by the time that can be done they may still prefer younger people.

When you write to Yenching, be sure to send our greetings to our friends there, especially including V.K. Is Ralph Lapwood coming to America?

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth and Tom Breese

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May 31, 1945

Mr. T. E. Breece
Howell
California

Dear Mr. Breece:

A recent letter from Mr. A. C. Hausake, Treasurer of Yenching University in Peking, China contains the following paragraph:

"From the Ministry of Education we have recently received N.C.\$100,000. This is for faculty members who have served for a number of years and is in the nature of a special grant. In talking this matter over with Dr. Mei, it was thought that the equivalent in U. S. currency be kept in New York. With that in mind will you kindly credit U. S.\$32.25 to each."

You are included among the names listed and we are glad to enclose herewith check for \$32.25 representing your share in this distribution among ten honored people on the staff of Yenching University. You will be interested in knowing that Dr. Stuart was named and also Dr. Ph. DeVargas, both of whom are still in Peking, but under widely different circumstances. They are, however, under conditions which make it necessary for us to credit their accounts for the time being.

Very sincerely yours,

E. M. McBRIER, Treasurer

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June 4, 1945

Mr. Thomas Breece
W R A Newell
California

Dear Uncle Tom:

I have just returned from a trip to Boston and Cambridge and take this opportunity to answer your good letter of May 16. I am as eager to see you as you are to see me, but I am afraid my traveling plans for the West Coast will be a matter of next fall. I intend then to go straight up to Oregon, maybe even Seattle, and work my way down along the coast all the way to Los Angeles and Claremont. It should be quite feasible for me to include Newell and a visit with you and Mrs. Breece and also to see this piece of unique work that you are carrying on at the Japanese relocation center.

However, I have a bomb to throw before we chat any further. How about your going out to Chengtu and joining forces with us this next fall for a couple of years or the duration of the war? I understand you were among the valiant volunteers to do this a year or two ago but that circumstances have prevented the plan from being realized. The general personnel situation at Changtu is very urgent and the English Department especially is terrific. Grace has already returned. Miss Ruth Van Kirk, helping out temporarily, will be returning this summer. That leaves only Miss Kuo Ping Chow, assisted by Pauline Chang. We have been hitherto hoping that Miss Speer or Miss Cochran might be able to go back but now it looks as though there is still no hope of sending any women out. The men stand a little better chance. Ran Sailer and Peng Cheng Hsu will be starting back in August, as soon as there is accommodation.

We know this is asking a great deal of you and of Mrs. Breece, but after much consultation with Miss Boynton, we feel this is our last card in the game, and we have to put up the proposition to you. I have already had a talk with Dr. Cartwright of your Mission Board. He is very cooperative and would be very happy to see you go to Yenching in Chengtu if the travel arrangements can be made. I am writing to ask you and Mrs. Breece to think this over. I believe a memorandum from Dr. Cartwright will also be forthcoming.

A conference of a number of Yenching faculty, especially those who are near New York, is being called for Friday, June 29 to Sunday, July 1. If you could decide to go to Chengtu, we should like very much to have you attend this conference which you, yourself, might find helpful to your work out in Chengtu. In that event I shall have to give up the idea of visiting the Newell relocation center but I shall have the opportunity of seeing you much earlier in New York.

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Mr. Thomas Breece

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June 4, 1945

While writing I wish to thank you on behalf of some of the students who have benefited by your repeated gifts of money, handled partly by Mr. Lapwood and partly by myself. I can assure you they have met a very pressing need and have been much appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

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Frank Cartwright
Earle Ballou
Y.P.Mei

BALLOU
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ANS'D *for*

Newell, California
June 16, 1945

Dear Friends:

This is a case of "thrift, Horatio", thrift of time. As all of your letters are of the same tenor, a joint reply seems appropriate. The request that I go to Yenching this fall comes as both a surprise and a challenge. It would be much more heart warming if I could write we instead of I, and the two of us there would be worth considerably more than twice one. We realize, however, that we have a government with a voice in the matter.

Since the letters came, this question has been constantly in our thoughts and conversation. We had settled in here for the duration, for we had understood that there was no China for us until we could return to Peking. There is no question about our being needed here. We have no contract, however, that would prevent our resigning.

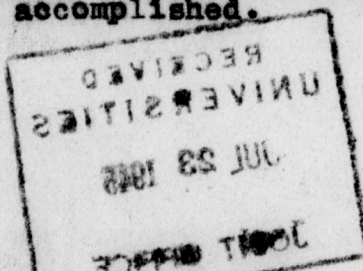
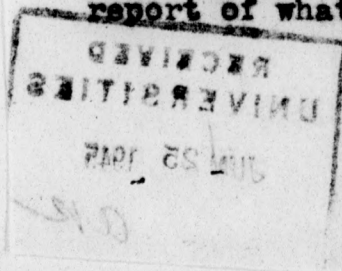
We realize that the need at Yenching is greater than the need here. Besides, Yenching is our life and where our greatest loyalty lies. The more we consider the matter the closer we get to an affirmative reply. We should like to use our remaining years in the best possible way. There are some problems that we should have to get settled before I could leave, problems that concern the two of us. You readily understand that this would be true of any couple. These are, however, times in which men in various kinds of service have had to leave their wives behind.

You will see that what I am trying to say is that in all probability ~~is that~~ you can count on me to go to Yenching if the way is clear. Part of that clearness will consist in government permission, part in a clear bill of health, and part in the length of time before I should actually have to start. A fourth point is more personal, but very important. I should like to have a definite statement from you that as soon as women can be sent out, Mrs. Breece be one of the very first to go. She has been teaching full time here these three years, and she would be of great service there. Her greatest desire on earth is to get back to our students. Her health is excellent, in fact better than mine; and her spirit is superb. It has been almost impossible for us to get an adequate medical examination here because the doctors are here to look after the internees; but the head doctor has promised to fill out my blanks because he says he could classify this work as assisting the war effort. I thought that a bright idea and readily agreed with him!

I wish we were near enough to attend the Yenching conference from June 29 to July 1, but the time involved is too great, especially since we are teaching straight through the summer. Please send us a report of what is accomplished.

Sincerely yours,

T.E. Breece
T.E. Breece



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PEKING UNIVERSITY

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YENCHING TA HSUEH

DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM

PEKING, CHINA
December 26, 1924

Mr. James H. Lewis
New York Office
Peking University

My dear Mr. Lewis

With Dr. Stuart's approval, I am sending you
herewith a copy of a preliminary and unexpurgated statement ^(interim report) of the
work of the Journalism Department. It is just for your personal
information, in the chance you may have use for some of the facts.

I also enclose, on my own responsibility only, another copy of
the statement of the minimum money requirements of the Journalism
Department, cut to the bone. It represents what the Department must
have to carry on in 1925-26 the work already started. The flivver
may seem a luxury item, but it is far from that. At the new site
we must have means of keeping up our contacts in the city. At present,
for instance, I am calling at one newspaper office four times a week,
helping in a reorganization. I hope the demand for this sort of
cooperation will continue, and want to be prepared for it.

As for the "interim report" - I am condensing it drastically, to
include (in decently reduced and modest form) in a sort of Department
promotion booklet, copies of which will soon come on to you.

With cordial regards,

Yours truly

Roswell S. Britton
Roswell S. Britton
Acting Director
Department of Journalism

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From a front-page interview in the Oregon Journal, Oct. 14, 1924

*This was sent to H.W.L. by
our friend Ther Moss Bell.*

" The salvation of China lies in two things, Christianity and education, and these are far nearer than most people realize."

Thus does Captain Robert Dollar, outstanding friend of China in the United States, foremost shipowner in this country, and Portland visitor, summarize the situation in that troubled land -- torn by internal strife, pillaged by robber nations, groping blindly for enlightenment, for peace, for progress.

" Not long ago," continued Captain Dollar, " I attended a banquet with members of the Peking Central government cabinet. There I learned that at least one-half of the members of the cabinet are Christians, although for various reasons they do not make this generally known in their own country."

" Of the members of Sun Yat Sen's original cabinet, a majority were Christians. Most of the great, progressive leaders of the day in China are of the same faith, and their followers are being converted in large numbers."

Correct copy.

Roswell S. Britton
Roswell S. Britton

DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM
PEKING UNIVERSITY

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INTERIM REPORT
JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT
PEKING UNIVERSITY

January 1, 1925 (1925)

DEPARTMENTAL WORK

1. CLIPPINGS FILE

The Department has started a Clippings File (newspaper "morgue") to serve the double purpose of necessary working material for students and of a model for native newspapermen to follow. (Only half-dozen or more of the 800 native papers have such files.) One local newspaper has already asked the Department to set up a "morgue" in its office !

‡ About 60 hours work. Mr. Britton.

2. REFERENCE SHELF

The necessary reference books to supplement a Clippings File are being bought as rapidly as possible -- at present at the expense of the instructors, to be paid for when the Department can afford to.

3. NEWSPAPER SURVEY

A careful survey of the native newspapers of Peking, and the English-language papers of China, and the news agencies used by Peking papers, is being made. The English-language side is necessary because the native papers imitate the foreign publications, and because some English-language papers (including several Chinese-owned) exist for propaganda -- the chief evil that this Department has to contend with.

About 140 hours work. Mr. Britton

4. PEKING NEWSPAPER DIRECTORY

Publishable results of the Peking newspaper survey are being tabulated for printing as a Directory -- which will be the first ever issued for this field. One was issued in Shanghai, commercially, and failed.

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5. SERVICE TO NEWSPAPERS

The Department has begun its "newspaper organization counsel" work (for want of a better name) by assisting a local newspaper which changed management in November and now is trying to operate without subsidy on an independent, constructive policy with good Sino-American relations as the fundamental objective. Seven out of nine specific recommendations have been adopted and carried out by the paper. Some assistance has been given, by a student as well as an instructor, in reportorial work. No charge has been made. But the owner of the paper will in time no doubt more than return the service; and his goodwill alone is worth more than the time the Department has given.

Average 1 hour's work daily. Mr. Britton

6. NEWSPAPER CONTACTS

Personal acquaintance has been made with several leading editors, and cards left for others. Most of the effective contact-work was done at Shanghai, before the instructors got caught in the work-mill of the University, here at Peking. Correspondence is being carried on with the Professor of Journalism at St. John's University, Shanghai, and with the Assistant Manager of the Shun Pao, Shanghai, who has been asked to start a Department of Journalism in another university in Shanghai. Also with other newspapermen, with little result except getting some unexpected (but desirable) publicity in the native press.

About 50 hours work. Mr. Britton.

7. FUNDS

Such efforts as seem prudent are being made to obtain funds for current expense for 1925-1926 and for an endowment of at least \$500,000 gold as soon as possible. A special effort will be made to raise some money IN CHINA ; the sum will be small, but the moral effect great.

President Stuart and Mr. Britton

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8. WRITING ARTICLES AND MAKING PHOTOGRAPHS

About 30 articles have been written, mostly on request from editors, and a large number of photographs have been made for newspaper use -- all on China subjects, some relating to the University, and a very few to the Department. Two things require this work :- Part of one instructors expenses are granted by an American newspaper in return for this sort of work ; and the instructors must publish occasionally if they are to "keep face" with either professionals or students in the newspaper work.

About 60 hours work. Mr. Nash & Mr. Britton.

9. BOOKS

The THREE journalism books already in the University's library being insufficient, the Department has "received" gifts of 13 books from the outside, and the ~~many~~ instructors have each made contributions from their own collections. Ten books in English and seven in Chinese (that seven being the total of the present Chinese journalism "literature") have been bought out of the Department's current funds for 1924-1925 (\$200 gold obtained by one of the instructors before leaving New York). One instructor is laboriously "approving" the seven Chinese books for student use, through a sort of synthetic translation service.

About 15 hours work. Mr. Britton and Mr. Nash.

10. TEXTS

In the absence of any journalism textbooks (Chinese or English) that are at once good and adaptable to Chinese students' requirements, the Department has ~~substituted~~ temporized with writing (mimeographed) instruction sheets.

About 20 hours work. Mr. Britton.

11. LANGUAGE STUDY

To carry out the Department's purpose of training students for work on NATIVE publications, the instructors must read as well as speak the Modern Chinese. The University has sent both instructors to the North China Language School for full-time work. One has been obliged to "cut" about one-third of the time to do work at the University. Mr. Nash has made excellent headway with the language.

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12. INSTRUCTION

- a. Newspaper Reporting.- 9 enrolled (2 post-graduates and 7 juniors)
3 class hours weekly. Mr. Britton and Mr. Nash.
- b. Newspaper History.- 3 enrolled (2 post-graduates) - temporarily merged with Newspaper Reporting class, mainly for want of books.
3 class hours weekly. Mr. Nash.
- c. Newspaper Survey (Peking)- 1 post-graduate student - research work, results in part to be used for the projected Peking Newspaper Directory.
6 credits (informal seminars). Mr. Britton.
- d. Development of Modern Press in China. - Master's thesis course.
1 post-graduate student.
3 credits (informal seminars) Mr. Britton.

A request for an additional course in the Department for the second semester has been of necessity declined.

13. COOPERATION WITH THE STUDENT PAPER

Some time and argument have gone into response to requests for aid (almost altogether of a strictly financial sort) from the Yen Ching Weekly, the student organ. No good results have been reached, because the students, naturally victims of the subsidy idea, want only money and none of the control that should accompany it ; while the Department is only willing to give reportorial and editorial supervision, without financial or other responsibility ; which the student-editors do not want. A difficult situation, but will be worked out in time.

About 30 hours work. Mr. Britton.

EXTRA-DEPARTMENTAL WORK has been heaped on the Department, such as - Provision of a University Press (including funds for its purchase); editing a University general information booklet (about 300 hours work), and then revising it for a second edition ; editing The Mandarin (the Language School students' organ) ; the University press service (about 120 hours work) ; a University greeting card (about 20 hours work, mostly rejected) ; a University file card form ; an advertising circular for the Leather Tanning Department ; revising various manuscripts ; attending to various printing and photographic jobs ; writing letters to potential donors in China and at home ; &c., &c.

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YENCHING TA HSUEH

DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM

PEKING, CHINA

November 1, 1924

These items, not yet financed, are especially
needed by this Department for 1925-1926 :-

Estimated cost in
U.S. currency

GOLD DOLLARS

Salary for a good Chinese journalist as a full-time instructor	1200
Printing a practice newspaper	500
Editorial room equipment	50
Newspaper subscriptions and reference books	100
Thorough survey of the press in China	500
Liaison with Peking native newspapers	100
Fund for special lectures	150
Advanced Chinese language study for the foreign instructors	200
Two standard typewriters, delivered	214
One Ford car (delivered) for commuting between Peking and the new University site	1000

N.B. - This does not include
my salary, which as yet does not
appear to be definitely arranged
for, either. ... Mr. Nash's salary
is pledged for three years.

I have taken up the items on
this sheet with Thomas W. Lamont,
Ogden Reid, and Oswald Garrison
Villard; but I am not counting
greatly on anything from any one
of these. RSB

R.S.P.
Roswell S. Britton
Acting Director
Department of Journalism

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YENCHING TA HSUEH

DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM

PEKING, CHINA

November 1, 1935

These items, not yet classified, are confidentially
checked by this department for 1935-1936 :-

Estimated cost in
U.S. dollars

1. 1000

Salary for a full-time instructor
as a full-time instructor

1200

200

Printing a brochure

50

Materials for book

100

Researcher's salary and expenses

200

Researcher's salary of the year in China

100

Liaison with other native newspapers

100

Food for special features

200

Advanced Chinese language study for the

200

foreign instructors

200

Two standard questionnaires, delivered

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
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YEN CHING TA HSUEH

Journalism Department

Peking
February 21, 1925

Dear Mr. Lewis

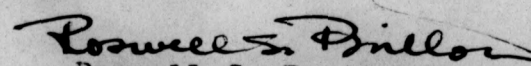
Here is another revision of the piece about this Department. The CONFIDENTIAL doesn't mean not to use the information, for that's what it is for. It is only to suggest that you not publish any of the statements that are marked at the margin with blue pencil. Anything that can be interpreted as reflecting upon China is capital for the anti-foreign elements. And those elements, as you know, have eyes on the look-out for your publications as well as for anything else with a bearing on China.

Within a week at most, I shall again revise the piece, and send a copy to Mrs. Straight, with better pictures of course, and possibly a couple more.

Later, we will reduce the length and print an edition for broadcasting, sending copies to Dr. Luce and in fact anybody that we think may be interested, including any whose names you can send us (with addresses, please).

We are sending you some more or less hit-or-miss things of possible informational value. If you would give me a definite statement of what you would like, it would help in selection.

Yours truly


Roswell S. Britton

Mr. James H. Lewis
New York

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
燕京大學
YEN CHING TA HSUEH

Journalism Department

Peking
March 17, 1925

Peking University Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

Via President Stuart

Dear Sirs

The General Faculty Executive has appointed me to "furnish such publicity information as the Promotion Office of the Trustees may desire." I can not comply unless and until I have both approval and specific instructions from you. Cf. recent exchange of letters with Mr. Eric North.

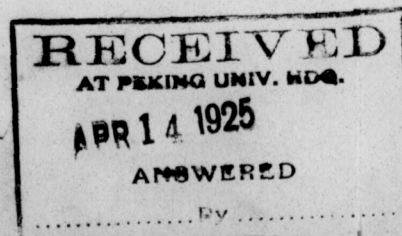
On personal requests I have sent you :-

1. The Week in China - subscription for 1925 - mainly for the summary of political news.
2. Copies of my Department's news-feature service.
3. Copies of some reports which I have compiled.
4. Sundry clippings.
5. Photos of Sage Hall as ordered by cable.

Our local publicity funds, on which we have drawn for all but the last of these items, have now been entirely allotted out. If you request any photographic or other work involving expense, please remit with the request.

Yours cordially

Roswell S. Britton
Roswell S. Britton



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DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM

YEN CHING

PEKING

March 19, 1925

Dear Mr. Lewis

The news stories of this Department's service are sent for the confidential information of your office; that is, the information is for your use on your own judgment and discretion; but the actual text, the verbatim story, is sold exclusively for America to one New York newspaper, or more specifically to one individual newspaper man for him to use in publication his paper as he wishes. The American rights to the text are exclusively his, on a regular business basis.

Yours cordially

Roswell S. Britton
Roswell S. Britton

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FROM- Journalism Department
Yenching University

TO THE EDITOR - This is the authorized story of the private funeral of Dr. Sun, written on request by a member of this Journalism Department, and by courtesy in return given exclusively to the Department's news service. No other newspaper representative was present at the private funeral. - R.S.B.

PEKING, March 19. --- The private funeral service for Dr. Sun Yat-Sen was held at ten o'clock this morning in the auditorium of the Peking Union Medical College. It was a simple and quiet service, with neither flourish nor pathos.

By request of the family and in harmony with the wishes expressed by Dr. Sun, the program was planned and conducted by Chinese. Dr. T.T. Lew was the officiating minister, assisted by Dr. Y. Y. Tsu. Except for singing the hymns, the Mandarin language was used entirely, and Dr. Sun was spoken of by his popular name Sun Chung-Shan which he adopted while a refugee during pre-Republic days.

The front of the auditorium was massed with white lilies and daisies and ferns. In the center of the flowers was a portrait of Dr. Sun showing him characteristically dressed in simple clothing.

In token of Dr. Sun's childhood days, when he was a member of a boys' choir, a vested choir of fourteen theological students led the cortege. The casket, draped with a plain Kuo Min Tang flag, was borne by sixteen personal friends of Dr. Sun.

Standing beside the casket, Mr. George C. Hsu, former Minister of Justice, in a short address made tribute to the Christian faith to which

Dr. Sun held throughout his life and which he explicitly avowed during his last days although, for reasons connected with his public work, he had for long dissociated himself from organized churches and ecclesiastical forms.

On behalf of the family a brief response was made by Mr. H.H. Kung, Dr. Sun's brother-in-law, who is the Principal of Oberlin Memorial Academy in Shansi. Dr. Tsu read from the Scripture and led the congregation in repeating the Lord's Prayer. Dr. Lew, who pronounced the invocation and the benediction, led in prayer and spoke briefly saying that it was appropriate to hold a religious service as well as secular memorial services because Dr. Sun belonged not to any one group in China but to the whole nation.

Dr. Sun's favorite hymns were chosen for the music. The congregation sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" was sung by Mrs. H. O. Wilson. A double quartette rendered "Abide with Me" and "Beautiful Words of Life" and "Peace Perfect Peace." The prelude was Chopin's Funeral March, and the postlude Mendelssohn's "Consolation", with Mr. Bliss Wiant at the organ.

Madame Sun was present, with Mr. Sun Fo and Mr. Tai En-Sai, Dr. Sun's son-in-law, and other members of the family, together with a number of friends, filling the auditorium. Outside, the students' procession filled the street and the main court of the Peking Union Medical College, and overflowed into the auditorium yard. At the end of the service, the procession proceeded to the public obsequies in the former Central Park which now is named Chung Shan Park in memory of Dr. Sun.

END

FROM- Journalism Department
Yen Ching University

PEKING. -- Intercollegiate debates in English will take place on Friday evening, March 20, at the National University, the National Normal, the P.U.M.C., Tsing Hua, and Yen Ching, with two teams, one affirmative and one negative, from each of these institutions. The query, dealing with the use of remitted Boxer indemnities for educational purposes, is the same as for the debates on last Friday conducted in Chinese, also with double teams representing each of the participating institutions.

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PEKING. -- Dr. Herbert Mueller, the Peking correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung, will address the Yen Ching students on Democratic Germany, at 10 a.m. Thursday (March 19). Dr. Mueller is just back after a visit to Germany.

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FROM- Journalism Department
Yen Ching University

PEKING. -- The sentiment among Chinese that railways are merely tools of militarists or bonanzas for politicians evoked a strong protest from Mr. C. S. Liu of the Ministry of Communications in an address to Yen Ching students recently. He emphasized the point that railways were properly a business proposition, and made a plea for stronger public opinion in China to make the Chinese railways in fact a public utility.

"The militarists have again been interfering with the railroads since 1921," he said. "Now the merchants are complaining so loudly, because they can get no cars for transporting their goods, that the generals are beginning to release cars for commercial traffic. More public expression like this would help."

Regarding the financial condition of the railways, Mr. Liu said that revenue was increasing rapidly, but that running expense was keeping pace with the growing revenue. "In 1915 the total revenue was \$57,000,000 and in 1923 it was \$99,500,000," he said. "And passenger traffic in these seven years increased 80 per cent. But while revenue increased 47 per cent., expenditures increased 78 per cent."

Mr. Liu described the accounting and operating departments of the Chinese railways as being in good condition, promising a steadily improving service. But he deplored the lack of ^{efficient} departments devoted to promotion, advertising, and increasing specific items by which the railways might add to their usefulness and prosperity.

"The future progress of our railways depends on public opinion", Mr. Liu emphasized, after describing the good effects of the unification of all ~~lines~~ under uniform administration since 1913. "The ~~main~~ ^{best} use of our railways ~~should~~ ^{must} not be used for any other political purpose. ~~It~~ ^{It} should be applied to developing and expanding our rail system."

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April 3, 1926

Dear Mr. Britton:

If my memory serves me correctly there was an action some two or three years ago on the part of the China Association of Universities and Colleges, approving the development of a School of Journalism at Peking University. I would appreciate it if you could secure that action and send it to me as soon as possible.

I wrote you the other day of Dr. Finley's interest in our project. He is sailing today for Europe, representing some publishing association here in the United States at some big conference in Europe. You will be interested in a note he sent me on the eve of his sailing, a copy of which I enclose.

We are going on the instruments that you made and, I think, revised in February 1925. I have said to Dr. Finley that he would need \$500,000 to put the School of Journalism strongly on its feet. It is possible you may wish to review all these estimates but if you do try to keep them within the \$500,000.

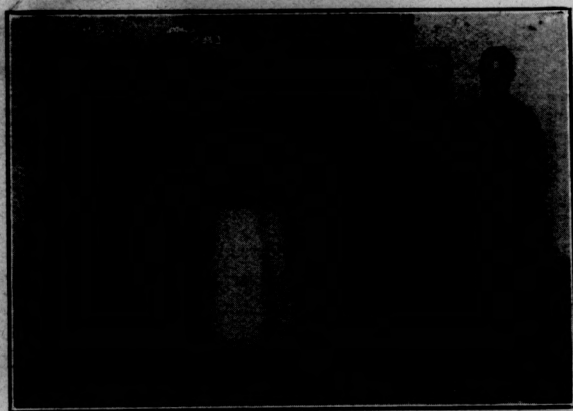
In addition it might be well if you sent me a statement of estimates distributed through a period of years - say five years - my idea would be to get the whole amount at once but it would be well for me to have a statement in case I needed to use it which might indicate how the payments for this sum might be made over a period of five years.

Hoping I may have early word from you about this matter,

Ever sincerely yours

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The first students of the—

DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM

燕京大學

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Incorporated in 1889 as Peking University

Peking

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The Start

The Department of Journalism at Yenching University was opened in 1924 with two American newspaper men as instructors. During the first year an undergraduate course in News Reporting was conducted, and two special courses for appropriately qualified post-graduates.

A small News Service was introduced as a medium for publishing the students' practice work in reporting. This gives reality to the training, and returns a regular income to the Department. Seven papers, from Peking to Hongkong, subscribe to the service.

A News Photo Service was begun, with the same idea of giving instruction under professional conditions and at the same time earning something towards Department expenses.

A newspaper "morgue" has been started, for use not only as a reference source but also as the laboratory for a course in References and Clippings.

Information on the fifty-odd dailies in Peking was compiled and published in a bi-lingual Directory of Peking Daily Papers—the first thing of the kind in China.

A small endowment fund was opened as a beginning towards an endowed School of Journalism

Next

For 1925-26 courses are to be added in Advertising, News Agencies, Special Articles, Photo-News, and References and Clippings. The subjects are selected with a view to the practical needs of the Chinese press.

A Chinese instructor should be added to the staff, for competent criticism of students' work written in their own language.

Further studies of the Chinese press must be made on the line already undertaken in Peking, in order to qualify the Department for serving the real existing needs.

Eventually

The objective is to develop the Department into a School of Journalism, an endowed unit of Yenching University, staffed with both Chinese and foreign instructors, housed in its own building, and equipped for printing and photo-engraving on professional standards. Such a School will require:—

Endowment—\$500,000 (U.S. gold)
(\$1,000,000 in Chinese currency)

Buildings —\$100,000 (U.S. gold)
(\$200,000 in Chinese currency)



A Recitation Hall on the New Yenching Campus

A building fund of gold \$100,000, or \$200,000 in Chinese currency, will build and furnish a Journalism Hall similar to this building, and also provide for the School's share in dormitories, staff residences, and the general University plant.

An independent Chinese press is indispensable to the restoration of stability and unity in China. Trained personnel is the basis of an independent press.

Money placed in a practical School of Journalism is money invested at a strategic point in the reconstruction of China.

Dept. of Journalism

燕京大學

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

INCORPORATED IN 1889 AS PEKING UNIVERSITY

JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT

PEKING

October
Twelfth
1926

Doctor H. W. Luce,
Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Doctor Luce:

I am very glad to have the prospect of seeing you soon, but I am very displeased to have to leave China for dismal New York at this time. I feel that my duty is really here at Yenching, but the Faculty Executive committee thinks otherwise. It would seem as if you and I have a common ground in that respect.

I am just writing to say that I have at length discovered the reference to a School of Journalism in the records of the China Educational Commission. The
* statement was quoted by us in our first prospectus for our School of Journalism, the original copy of which is in the New York office. I sent you a copy of this a few days ago.

Please make an appointment for me with Doctor Finley on or about December 15th in New York, if you think it worthwhile. I emphasize this last clause, because owing to some unusual circumstances he will probably seek to make a date with me as soon as he learns from his managing editor that I am in New York. This would mean a delay of a few days, but if you think this would be a better approach, I emphatically agree with you.

With cordial regards,

RSB:B

Russell B. B.

* about being asked by all the other Colleges in China (the Universities Assoc) to establish School of Journalism 1926

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MEMORANDUM

Peking University

November 9, 1926

✓ Mr. Evans
Dr. Luce

A letter from Mr. Britton under date of September 18th contains the following paragraphs which you should note:

"This raises the whole question first mentioned by me in my letter of March 17, 1925, addressed to the New York Office, to which I have still received no reply. I am still chairman of the Committee for Information. This committee is still in a position to supply you with almost any information concerning the University, which may be of publicity or promotion value. But we can do nothing without some degree of advice as to what is desired, and without the small but very requisite amount of funds with which to supply it.

Dr. Luce has repeatedly sent suggestions; but all of a very general nature, nothing specific except for one or two items. We are naturally hesitant about forwarding stuff, especially in instances where we have to advance the expenses personally, when we cannot be reasonably sure that the stuff is wanted and useful.

Mr. Lewis's request for Brochures, similar to the Journalism Department brochure, dealing with other departments, was attended to so far as I was able to attend to it. The Education Department cooperated in the matter of some photos, which Dr. Stuart personally carried to New York. The Sociology Department, School of Religion, and other departments concerned failed to cooperate even to the extent of arranging for photographs to be made by me. This was due partly to pressure of other duties, and partly to constitutional unawareness of the demand or need for publicity material.

I am now preparing a revised Journalism brochure, and will get it off to you as soon as possible - in the course of two or three weeks.

And may I mention the point of confidential information. I have not sent a second confidential communication, because parts of the first and only one that I have sent were published in the Peking News; to the great embarrassment and consternation of the persons affected here.

May I also request that any remaining copies of Peking News No. 17 be destroyed? The first paragraph of this issue contains as much misstatement to the line as I have ever seen in print - no exaggeration whatever. This would naturally, and no doubt has, counteracted possible results in our favor with persons at all acquainted with the Peking press.

We are prepared to send you any sort of locally obtainable photos you desire, with or without negatives. We are prepared to send you periodic confidential expositions of Chinese political developments. We are prepared to send you my Department's news service, which covers all University events of news value. We are prepared to use all available means to obtain for you promotion material concerning any specific section or branch of the University's work. - All this, just for the definite request, and the small amount of money which may be necessarily involved in some instances."

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Evans
Dr. Luce

The letter of March 17th referred to is not in our Central Office files so it may be in the Campaign files. Some change in this situation may perhaps result from the fact that Mr. Britton is, as I understand it, returning to the United States because of shortage in the budget, and is due in San Francisco November 17th.

ERIC M. NORTH

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MEMORANDUM CONCERNING PLEDGES AND PAYMENTS OF
MRS. WILLIAM STRAIGHT (MRS. LEONARD ELMHIRST) TO
PEKING UNIVERSITY

<u>Pledge of \$30,000.</u>	<u>Date of Payment</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
	Nov. 8, 1922	\$2500.00	
	Dec. 18, 1922	2500.00	
	Feb. 8, 1923	2500.00	
	June 13, 1924	2500.00	
	Oct. 14, 1924	2500.00	
	Dec. 2, 1924	2500.00	
	Jan. 6, 1925	2500.00	
	Feb. 7, 1925	2500.00	
	June 3, 1925	3000.00	
	Aug. 6, 1925	2500.00	
	Sept. 10, 1925	2500.00	
	Oct. 2, 1925	2000.00	
		<u> </u>	\$30,000.00
<u>Pledge of \$2000. for the Dept. of Journalism for the Support of Mr. Britton</u>			
	Mar. 13, 1924	\$500.00	
	Apr. 14, 1924	500.00	
	May 17, 1924	500.00	
	June 12, 1924	500.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 2,000.00
<u>Pledge of \$1000. for the Dept. of Journalism</u>			
	Nov. 5, 1925	\$1000.00	
		<u> </u>	\$1,000.00

Mr. El Evans
Mr. Luce

Peking University

November 10, 1925

Mr. Roswell S. Britton,
arriving on S.S. President Lincoln, Nov. 17th
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Mr. Britton:

The hint in one of your letters of October 4th that you might return soon reached me on November 1st, and as we had three days previously received a check from the Hall Estate that assured our getting through the year successfully on a reasonable budget, I at once cabled Peking instructing them to take no such radical measures as the dismissal of a valuable member of the staff such as yourself.

From a note from President Stuart I take it that there may have been contributory reasons of health which perhaps have shared in the decision affecting your coming at this time, but I want you to know that, so far as I am concerned, we do not mean to lose you to the University even if the financial situation is not as rosy as we wish it were. I think, however, that it is very profoundly improved. Meanwhile, if my cable has failed to reach you before you caught the steamer I am hopeful that your presence here will be of value to you and to the University, and that perhaps the outcome will be more encouraging than the event of your having to return because of the financial situation might seem to presage.

I am sorry to say that the check for \$150. for photographs was sent out to you in Peking before your letter reached here asking me to hold it. You will be glad to know at least that this is on the way to you even though by a round about route.

I am very much disturbed by the hints in your letter of October 13th as to the charge that Mrs. Straight's contributions were not being employed for the purposes designated in the pledge. I wish you would give some indication as to who made the charge and how much they knew about it because, so far as I know, there is absolutely no warrant for any such imputation. The assumption upon which your letter is based and which is an assumption made by the Treasury of the Department in Peking is that a gift made by Mrs. Straight before the Journalism matter came up is included in the Journalism Account. The Treasurer in Peking drew a payment on account of this gift without authority, assuming it to be a Journalism item. If he had followed the rules and had waited until he had received specific signed authority to draw, he never would have gotten confused on this item.

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I note your request that I send a copy of the letter as to the payments made by Mrs. Straight to Miss Bogue. I am not doing this at the present time because I think it best to wait until I hear from you whether she is aware of as such the charge that contributions were not being employed for the purposes designated, as her knowledge of and attitude toward this would have a good deal to do with the form of any letter that went to her and with the wisdom or unwisdom of writing her at all.

Long before the Journalism Department rose over the horizon Mrs. Straight had made a pledge to the University of \$30,000. which, so far as anything we have ever known here is concerned, was never designated in any form or manner, and we have treated it here always as an undesignated receipt for the work of the campaign. It was some time later on that she made a pledge of \$2000. for the Journalism Department for one year, and later renewed this to the extent of \$1000. I enclose a memorandum showing the dates of these payments.

I also enclose for your information a copy of the record of payments received for the Vernon Nash fund. I have sent a copy of this to Mr. Vernon Nash and have requested Dr. Luce and Mr. Nash to be in complete understanding with each other with reference to anything that is done to the cultivation of these donors. It is very easy for embarrassing confusion to result if approaches to donors are made by friends on the field and also by the campaign staff at home, whose business it is to attend to these matters.

I have no particular knowledge of the Lamont matter of which you wrote but have reported this to Dr. Luce and to Mr. Evans.

You will have probably heard of the death of Mr. James H. Lewis. Our campaign arrangements here are now taking form, being under the personal direction of Mr. Ernest A. Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, who is giving considerable time to it. Dr. Luce is working with him and we are studying the problem of further arrangements. May I urge the importance of your being in full and complete touch with Mr. Evans before you undertake contact with prospective donors. You will see the importance of this.

Referring again to Mrs. Straight's pledge, the matter of the error in drawing was called to Mr. Wiant's attention in a page and a half disentangling of the field balance sheet for June 30, 1925. This letter was written to Mr. Wiant on June 10, 1926. The amounts for the Journalism Department were disbursed by us as follows:

May 22, 1924	to R.S. Britton	US\$9501
Nov. 8, 1924	in Field Treasurer's draft #187	500.
Dec. 1, 1924	Ditto-draft #194	500.
March 20, 1925	" " 288	50
		<u>\$2000.</u>

The \$1000. has not been specifically drawn by the Field Treasurer, but it has been drawn in effect by the field Treasurer because he

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has drawn on us for enough to cover the disbursements of 1925-26 in which disbursements were included the expenses of the Department of Journalism. The matter as to whether a specific \$1000. in the amount which he has drawn upon us was tagged as being Mrs. Straight's gift for the Journalism Department does not alter the equities or the main fact that this \$1000. has been used for the support of the Journalism Department inasmuch as in closing our accounts, this \$1000. was closed out against the drafts of the Field Treasurer.

Cordially yours,

Secretary
Peking University

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November
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My dear Roswell:

I have received your various letters and shall try to attend to the matters involved as opportunity permits. Meanwhile I am writing with special reference to the check on the American Oriental Bank for \$500, which we have felt forced to refer to Doctor North for authorization.

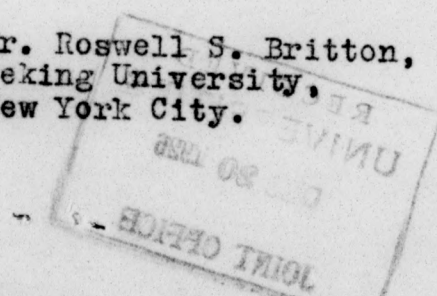
You already know the stringency of our present situation, and of our effort to keep running expenses within the absolute minimum, as indicated by the revised budget sent to New York. Even this has not been authorized by our Trustees. In the meantime we are maintaining heavy over-drafts and loans, without which we could not have carried on this autumn at all; therefore, we have no source from which to pay this item. I hope you will confer with Doctor North about the propriety of charging this to publicity in America or to gifts that would be secured in connection with your activities.

We should also like your authorization to draw upon the account at the International Bank belonging to the Department, but in your name. If you will sign the enclosed blank or write to the bank instructing that Nash or myself be authorized to draw on this account, it will help us clear off a number of other items, which have been coming in for payment and for which also we have no available funds.

With best wishes for your own recovery from the evident strain you were under when leaving here, and for a successful effort in enabling us to continue the Department of Journalism, for which in other way the prospects are so bright,

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Roswell S. Britton,
Peking University,
New York City.



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TRANSFER

PEKING

January 19, 1927.

My dear Roswell:

I have your letter from Los Angeles dated December 13th, and take this early opportunity to reply. I have not done so earlier because your cables indicated that the addresses in letters were not final, and also because of uncertainty as to what to write. I need scarcely assure you of my hearty sympathy in the serious illnesses through which you have passed and the trying experiences in other ways. I do hope that the sea voyage through the Canal and the rest in Florida will thoroughly restore you.

Quite reluctantly I am forced to accept your resignation, both because you have felt it necessary to offer it in view of all that you have recently passed through, and also because of the financial situation within the University. This is in accordance with our agreement that in view of the inability of the University to continue the Department of Journalism beyond the present session unless special funds were secured, you were to return to America for the sole purpose of making a final effort to secure sufficient funds to continue and develop this Department, failing in which you would discontinue your connection with us. That this is a keen disappointment to me, both on personal grounds and because of my consciousness of the value of such a study under present conditions in China is already well known to you.

I hope that you will find some congenial and profitable field of usefulness in which you can give yourself with your characteristic enthusiasm. Let us hear from you from time to time. All the Yenching community will be interested in following your career wherever you are. My greetings and good wishes to Blanche.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. R. S. Britton,
c/o McConnell Brothers,
Asheville, North Carolina.

J.L.S.

P.S. The financial adjustments called for by the drawings you have felt it necessary to make, and for which we in Peking had not given and could not have given authorization, will doubtless be worked out between our local treasurer and the New York Office in correspondence with you. J.L.S.

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May 6th 1927

The Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY, New York

Gentlemen:

The following is a copy of a letter received
from Mr. Roswell S. Britton and is self-explanatory.

"This committee, of which I was the organizer and of which I have since its beginning been the trustee, has voluntarily assumed the liabilities of J. Leighton Stuart incurred through his authorized representative for purposes with which Mr. H. C. Simpson is familiar; and also any liabilities of the recently dismissed Director of the Journalism Department of Yenching University at Peking.

If you have any claims, kindly submit them without delay. In your case, you may also have recourse to the authority granted by the Peking American Company, contained in a letter from me dated January 19, 1927; and to such other authorizations as I may have personally granted while in capacity of personal representative for President J. Leighton Stuart of Peking (Yenching) University, verbally or in my letter of Decembr 31, 1926 or other letters.

We are more anxious than you to settle this matter, inasmuch as it may be interpreted to reflect upon our credit.

Claims must be submitted in triplicate, and notice must be simultaneously mailed to J. Leighton Stuart, Peking University, Yenching, Peking."

At the present time Mr. Britton owes us \$26.90 which we are carrying as an over-draft on our books, and we will appreciate hearing from you in this connection at your convenience.

Yours faithfully,

H. C. Simpson
Vice President.

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December 26, 1944

Mr. Roswell Britton
9 Claremont Avenue
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Britton:

The inclosed card gives a picture of the piece of jade we are hunting for. It was sent on by the gentleman who made the offer, although he is a Mr. Danforth and not the Mr. Ridgeway who is quoted.

Nothing is said in the letter which accompanied this card as to the shade or quality of the jade:--

"I know nothing about the value of jade, but if you can secure for me one of these bat happiness jades, in payment for same I will be glad to put into my budget, subject to your immediate call, one thousand dollars for the college that produces the jade."

If you should locate such a piece, could you take an option on it, so to speak, and let me know at once what the price will be? If necessary I will communicate with Mr. Danforth by phone to remove any last minute uncertainty as to whether his offer still holds. After office hours, by the way, my number is Gramercy 3-0178 (60 Gramercy Park North, N.Y.).

I appreciate very much your helpful cooperation in this search.

Very sincerely yours,

Inclosure.
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ROSWELL S. BRITTON
99 CLAREMONT AVENUE
NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

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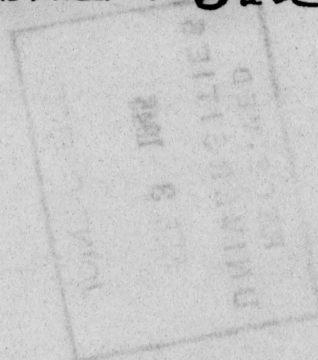
23 Jan 1945

Dear Mr Ballou

I have got a Wu Fu Shou
jade for you, a rather pleasing specimen,
\$50. Do you want it expertised? Will
you come for it, or what? Herewith the
card you sent me.

Yours hastily

Roswell S. Britton



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February 2, 1945

Dr. Roswell S. Britton
98 Claremont Avenue
New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Britton:

Thanks so much for the Wu Fu Shou, and for the most interesting notes accompanying it. They have both gone forward to Mr. Danforth, the interested party. The only question in my mind is whether he may be insistent upon having the design exactly like that on the card (which I did not return). I told him how superior this pattern is but also said that you were so taken with it yourself that if for any reason he were not satisfied you would be glad to take it yourself. We should get his reply within a few days. Meanwhile we are very grateful indeed for your assistance.

Very sincerely yours,

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