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Carmel Presbyterian Church
Edge Hill, Pa.

OLIVER HART BRONSON
J. WARREN KAUFMAN
MINISTERS

December 12, 1922

Mr. H. K. Caskey
Peking University
156 Fifth Avenue
New York

Dear Mr. Caskey:

The following are extracts and resolutions from the report of the Foreign Missionary Committee of Philadelphia North Presbytery presented to Presbytery at its regular meeting November 14th, 1922. The report including these extracts and resolutions was unanimously approved and adopted.

"In realization of the great present opportunity before Peking University for taking a larger place in the education of Christian leaders for China, we appeal to the churches for their prayerful support of this great enterprise. As part of our report today we are presenting Mr. H. K. Caskey, the Executive Secretary of Peking University, and Prof. William Hung of its faculty."

"Your committee would recommend to Presbytery:

1. "That the churches of Presbytery note the action of the General Assembly in regard to the full trust of the church in the Foreign Missionaries of the Board, and support most loyally their missionaries and our own Board in every way."
10. "That Peking University in this time of challenging opportunity be commended to our churches in its effort to increase its equipment."

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Hart Bronson

Chairman of the Foreign Missionary
Committee Philadelphia North Presbytery.

March 9, 1925

Reverend Oliver Bronson, D. D.
The Mayo Clinic
Rochester, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Bronson:

Both Dr. Luce and President Stuart have told and written me of the generous and excellent work which you contributed to Peking last fall. I am sorry to learn of the very serious illness of your son and I earnestly trust that even though it may take a strenuous and anxious time to bring him back to normal health, he may, however, be safely restored as soon as possible.

Dr. Stuart suggested that you might possibly be free to help somewhat in the securing of funds for the University, after your son is sufficiently restored to health. Having this in mind, as well as a greeting from the American Office, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a little pamphlet we have just gotten out, stating our immediate and urgent needs - into which of course you will put life and blood. I am taking the liberty of sending a half dozen of these to you, under separate cover, in the belief that you may be able to use them with several of your friends.

I hope I may have the privilege of seeing you in the not too distant future.

Sincerely yours

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File O.H. Bronson

Santa Barbara, Calif.
Dec. 29, 1925

Dear Jim:

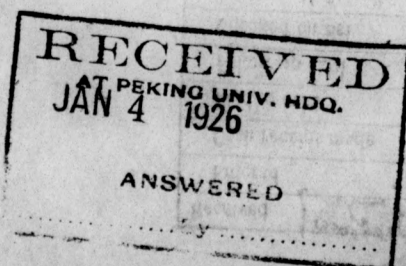
I am inclosing two checks. The small one is a contribution received from a little group of people by Rev. Oliver H. Bronson to whom he was speaking. It is a contribution for Peking University from "The Truth Center", Santa Barbara, Calif. ✓

The larger check from Mr. and Mrs. Bronson for the University I found among my Christmas presents on Christmas morning. You can imagine it was quite a joyful surprise to me. I should like it reserved so that when I go out to China I can hunt up some special item to which it can be applied. *\$1,000 X used for Residence of Prof. Wm. of these checks to note, separately.* ✓

I have just written Mr. Ault regarding a possible gift to the upkeep of the campus, and I am also writing Mr. John Weyerhaeuser of Tacoma reminding him of the balance of his \$10,000 gift due January first. I am also asking him if he would not add \$5,000 during the coming year, with the hope that Rudolph, who has already given \$5,000, might add the \$10,000 which he already has suggested as a possibility. If the two brothers would give this thirty thousand, I am expressing that the rest of the family would give \$10,000, and we would have \$40,000 for the proposed Weyerhaeuser (Dining) Hall. This means, of course, that we will arrange in such a way as may be possible to keep these various Weyerhaeuser payments intact, so that we can eventually apply them to this Dining Hall. X ✓

Ever most truly,

H. H. L.



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Rev. Oliver Bronson

JL Youth Center
Santa Barbara, Calif

(then Rev. Oliver Bronson)

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OLIVER HART BRONSON
148 HOT SPRINGS ROAD, MONTECITO
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

Santa Barbara, California
February 10, 1926

Peking University,
150 5th Avenue, Methodist Church Building,
New York, New York

Dear Friends:

Will you please see that my address is changed on all your books to the above. I asked to have it done but I am afraid that it was overlooked, at least I find letters from you are still going to Torresdale.

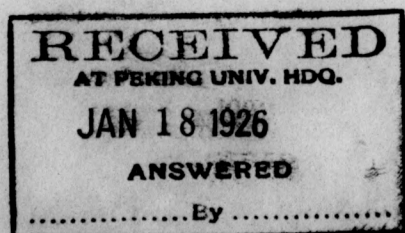
We have just had a very delightful visit from Dr. Luce. ~~the time~~ ^{his stay} was very short. We hope he will be able to stop with us again before he goes on to China. He does not encourage us in this however. We think he looks better than he has looked anytime in over a year at least. If any of our other Peking friends are to be in this neighborhood, we hope we may know it. It would be a great pleasure to us to have visits from them.

The First Presbyterian Church in Santa Barbara has just given it's Pastor, Dr. Spaulding leave of absence until next October and has asked me to take charge during his absence. He has been ill for sometime and I have been helping him out. I have also done a lot of talking on China, have made over fifty addresses on that subject since our arrival in Santa Barbara. I am making four more this week. All the news that you have sent me in regard to the conditions in China has been most welcome. I shall greatly appreciate any further you may be able to send.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Hart Bronson

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February 18, 1928

Rev. Oliver Hart Bronson
248 Hot Springs Road
Montecito, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Dr. Bronson:

We have made the change in your address as you request. The reason we retained the former address was that we understood it was the permanent address while the one now given was then to be temporary. We are glad to make this change because you surely are one of the most valued friends of the University. We are just completing a new booklet of the University and when it is off the press I will send you a half dozen copies of it as I believe you will want to use them.

You have done a very big thing for the University as well as the most generous friendly thing in having Dr. Luce with you during the last two months. It seems to have brought back his strength and vitality. Certainly any man who has done for China what he has deserves the greatest care which any of us can bestow upon him.

Very sincerely yours

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Clarence Arthur Spaulding
Minister

Mrs. Grace Gowans Wright
Religious Work Director

Miss Ruth Ray
Assistant to the Minister

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PEKING

March 23, 1926

TRANSFER

Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

The inclosed letter to the Presbyterian Board will explain itself. It was Mr. Goodridge's desire expressed to Dr. Luce and myself that if possible the income of his fund be used for a Chinese girl in the Women's College of Yenching. If such a girl can be nominated from there, her name can be proposed to the Presbyterian Board and to our Session. As I have written to the Board \$140.00 is now available and will be available year by year. The \$2000.00 is invested in Electric bonds which pay 7%. Mr. Schauer, trustee here pronounces them a very good and very safe investment. They have several years to run. When the time comes for reinvestment there will probably be a slight reduction of income. It is not likely that the \$2000.00 can be invested at as high a rate as is now being received.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Hart Bronson
Minister-in-charge.

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COPY SENT TO DR. LUCE

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TRANSFER

PEKING UNIVERSITY

April 28, 1926.

Dr. Oliver H. Bronson
First Presbyterian Church
25-31 East Anapamu St.
Santa Barbara, Cal.

My dear Dr. Bronson:

Your letter of March 23rd has been too long delayed in answer. I have had some correspondence with Mr. Schauer upon this matter.

The agreement under which this is made was set up without any consultation, so far as we can find out, with the University or with the Board, and is in a form that is unnecessarily cumbersome. In the first place, it is provided that the church is to have credit in its annual benevolences budget and report for the income of the fund. If the church intends that this be denominational credit on the new era program under the regulations of the consolidated benevolent budget system that is now at work in the Presbyterian Church, the situation is very difficult inasmuch as the Presbyterian Board will not receive and give to the University an amount so credited, unless it is included within the annual current appropriation to the University. The effect of the latter on the University's income is simply to force the University to take out of current undesignated income the amount of this scholarship, for if the Presbyterian Board gives credit for this amount the University cannot receive it in addition to its present income. Neither the University nor the Board is responsible for this arrangement but it is the practical outworking of the restricted budget system which the General Assembly has put upon the Boards. This point, I think, has been communicated to Mr. Schauer or to someone in the church by Mr. Carter, Associate-Treasurer of the Presbyterian Board.

In the second place, the provision making the rather elaborate arrangements for the naming of the person who is to be the beneficiary of the fund adds another complication, with the necessary changes due to graduation, possible withdrawal from school, and so on and so on, together with the fact that the session has to designate the person after correspondence with the Board, the Board would have to correspond with the representatives of the institution in this country, and the institution correspond with its representatives in the field, makes the whole matter a little more complicated than it need be.

W. Oliver H. Johnson -2- April 10, 1930

The normal thing to do if one wants to set up a permanent scholarship fund for the benefit of a student is to turn over the principal of the fund to the corporation most directly concerned with the student, namely: the University, and to have the University administer it as a trust. Such trusts can be memorial in nature and their operation and effect can always be reported at regular intervals to the donor.

I have taken the liberty of writing to you personally thus bluntly about the matter, not that I think you should undertake to change it - for I take it that one of the essentials of the program is to tie the scheme up very closely to the local church - but simply to let you see how unnecessarily complicated it is, and to express my regret that the administration of an amount of a little over \$100. a year has been made so cumbersome.

As to the practical action, we can proceed to secure from China the designation of a Chinese girl in Yenching Women's College, and I will proceed to secure such a nomination, but I believe that while this is being done the trustees of the church should come to a very clear understanding as to whether, if they pay the income of this fund to the Presbyterian Board, the Presbyterian Board will pass on the income to Yenching University over and above all other sums furnished by the Board to the University. Only on this condition can the University accept the gift, for the University would be in a position of reducing its income needed for other purposes, to provide the scholarship, and would financially be worse rather than better off because of the arrangement.

As this matter of credit is a denominational matter I shall have to leave it to you and the Presbyterian Board to work out. If the Presbyterian Board says that the funds cannot be transferred over and above other funds, then the only other suggestion I have is that the funds be remitted from the church directly to the undersigned, the assistant-treasurer of Peking University, who will give receipt for them and transmit them to the Women's College in Yenching for the benefit of the beneficiary.

I should be glad if while you are at Santa Barbara this complicated matter could be ironed out, because we know of your understanding of the work of the University and your much-appreciated interest in it.

Cordially yours,

W.O.H.

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May 4, 1926

Mr. James H. Lewis,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

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By *E.H.H.*

Dear Mr. Lewis:

On the 23rd of March, I wrote a letter to your office in regard to a memorial gift from Mr. I.C. Goodridge of Santa Barbara. At the same time I wrote to the Presbyterian Foreign Board, asking them to cooperate with you in the selecting of a young woman who might be the recipient of the income from this scholarship fund. From Mr. Russell Carter, I have now received a letter.

He tells me that Dr. Spaulding had already communicated with him about this matter and that the Board felt they could not assume any responsibility in the matter of the selection of the girl for the scholarship. They had already written this to Dr. Spaulding, but on account of his illness and the death of his Assistant, I was not able to find the records of that correspondence.

It now seems to be the unanimous desire of our church and of the donor of the fund, who is a member of our church, that you select a young woman in the Womens Department of Yenching, who shall receive one hundred and forty dollars a year, interest from this fund as scholarship. Your nomination will be submitted to our Session and of course will be approved and the money will be sent to you by the treasurer of the fund, who was appointed by the donor. He also is a member of our Session. I presume you will ask the faculty of Yenching to select the young woman who will receive this scholarship. The income of the fund will be credited at the Presbyterian Foreign Board as a special.

Mr. Marwick, the other day showed us one of the Yenching lions which he received as contributor to the Yenching University. I saw some of them in your office. If there are any of them left, I should very much like to have one for Mrs. Bronson.

After the first of June our address will be Ortega Hill, Summerland, Santa Barbara county, California. Mr. Wm. H. Conklin, who is a friend of Dr. Luce and of Peking University and also a member of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara is going abroad

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for a year and we are to occupy his house.

Mrs. Bronson joins me in most hearty greetings
to our Peking University friends.

Yours always,

P.S. I have just received Mr. Eric North's letter of the 28th of April. I shall take the entire matter up with Mr. Schauer and with our Session as well as with Mr. Goodridge and I have no doubt but that we can adjust it quite to the satisfaction of everybody. Of course I understood that a gift of this kind could not be credited to our benevolent budget or could it be credited in the regular budget of the Board or of Yenching's share in the Board budget. Dr. Spaulding too, must have known this. I am surprized that Mr. Schauer and Mr. Goodridge did not understand.

While we are adjusting the thing here, you might go on with whatever plan seems to you best for the selection of a young woman to receive the scholarship. As soon as you desire, we will see that the money is sent to you.

I will write you more in detail as soon as I have had a chance to talk with Mr. Schauer and Mr. Goodridge. Please pass this communication on to Mr. North and thank him for his very definite and enlightening letter.

Yours always,

Oliver Hart Bronson

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July 21, 1926.

Rev. Oliver H. Bronson, D. D.,
Santa Barbara Presbyterian Church,
Santa Barbara, California.

Dear Oliver:

I almost got gloomy when I got a cable from Elizabeth saying that at earliest she could not start before the middle of September, owing to the serious illness of Emmavail.

I find also that it seems necessary for me to postpone the period of rest, that I had been hoping to get ever since I left you in Santa Barbara, and to take a trip now to the Kansas City section of our land where I will be until the second or third of August. Then I have to come quickly East in order to reach Lenox, Massachusetts, where with Anson Stokes, Ed Hume and some prominent Yale men whom Stokes has invited to a conference ~~where~~ we shall consider, informally, the possibility of relationship of Yali and Yenching. The Yali Trustees have been extremely conservative naturally, about giving up anything at Chang Sha. They apparently regard Ed Hume as an ultra "union" man or federationist. Ed and I had a two and a half hour conference with Stokes in Washington two days ago. The matter was raised in this way. Last April I had a talk with the Yali Executive Secretary, Davis, with the result that I came to the conclusion the time had come to consider in a tentative way a possible relationship of Yali and Yenching. I had time to write out to Leighton Stuart telling him that the Yali Trustees met on May 23rd and if he thought it wise to cable me what Yenching's attitude would be. I got a cable saying that Yenching would welcome Yali and for me to consult with Hume. This I sent on to Hume with a letter expressing my belief and conviction that it would be best for education in China in general and in its nation-wide aspect. It would be helpful to Yenching and the best thing for Yali. Ed did not bring this up formally to the Trustees for the time did not seem opportune. The Yali Trustees took an action, which Ed and I think, all unconsciously to the Trustees, was a step toward some form of cooperation at Peking. They have at last clearly decided that so far as they can see at present they cannot raise over \$65,000 a year; which means that they cannot anticipate planning a University there but must confine themselves to a Junior College.

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I should like much to talk this whole matter over with you, but perhaps you may know that from the first I did not feel that they were projecting Yali on a practical basis and I have a strong impression that Yali has not fully caught the imagination of Yale graduates in any strong way. I talked with Charlie Holden on the matter and so far as he is able to understand the problem, he thinks it is rather a good time for Yali to get away from a not overly successful plan and to link on to something large and of University grade. I think he would agree with me that by this method we might really catch the imagination of the Yale graduates and both Ed Hume and I make the "guess" that linked up with the Yenching proposition we could, within five years, double the gifts to Yali.

I talked with Arthur Marsh and it was clear that he had the conception of Yali that it was a "nice, good little work out there for some of the young men "to play around with" and that to that end Yale men were giving \$15 or \$20 a year for this purpose.

I should be glad if at your early convenience you would let me know what your reaction is.

Stokes position is just about like this: (1) We must continue work at Chang Sha. (2) He looks favorably upon the linking up of Yali with Yenching for he is beginning to realize the strategic development there at Peking. He hopes however, that he can work out some plan by which the Hall estate would help them to this end - in much the same way as they helped Harvard. I don't know whether I have told you of two items. First, the Hall estate has given us a million dollars for endowment. Secondly, one of Harvard's Professors went out to China and saw (what, of course, we had seen long before) the need of studying Chinese culture; its history, its language, its literature and its archeology. Hearing about this Leighton came home last August. Through a long series of conferences the Hall estate have given a million dollars for the establishment of the Harvard - Yenching Institute of Chinese Studies in Peking University. This brings it about that Princeton and Harvard are already cooperating with us there and in addition to every other reason it would seem to me it would be a very dramatic thing if all of the three Universities whose names have been linking up for a century or more should cooperate at Peking. Indeed one Yale '97 man in Erie, Pennsylvania, not interested very much in China or the missionary side of the thing, was enthusiastic about the possibility of such a united work because it would bring three Universities who had been long so competitive in the public eye, to unite in one spirit in the development of a University at Peking.

Of course I could tell you many details if we could talk the matter over, but I hope I have given you enough to show the trend of things.

This cable from Elizabeth upsets all my hopes for I had thought might start about this time and be with you there during the

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Summer ready to meet Elisabeth when she came, which I hoped would be the latter part of August. I am just now writing out to her about a tentative situation which I think would be a real possibility. That is, for me to do as I did a year ago; start from here about December 1st, taking in Tacoma, Seattle, Portland and San Francisco and arriving here about December 15th or 20th. If your invitation extends that long it might possibly be that we could gather together at Santa Barbara.

Sheldon is to be at a camp on Lake Clear in the Adirondacks where he is waiting on table. He will have to study some but I am far from hopeful that he will be able avoid repeating his last year at school.

I love to think of you and Mary on that beautiful Ortega Hill. I am delighted that the Conklins thought of this beautiful possibility. Hoping you are all keeping well these Summer days.

Very affectionately yours,

HWL:D
DICTATED BY DR. LUCE
BUT NOT READ.

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August 30, 1927

Rev. Oliver Bronson
29 Middle Road
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Oliver:

I was wondering if some time you would run over the enclosed Yenching Santa Barbara list and correct it in any way it seems to be best either to cut off names, add names or correct spelling and addresses. There is no special hurry about it but it would be a great help if you could do it.

We will be looking forward to seeing Mary and you in the Fall. I wish we had some commodious place in our home which Mary and you could make as a center while you are here. Nothing Elizabeth and I would like better than to send you back to the Pacific Coast with similar memories such as still fill our hearts as we think of our happy days during two Christmas-tides.

We expect Sheldon almost any day from camp where he has been studying in the hope of passing off his two studies needed to bring him up even with his class. Emmavail and Leslie reach here on the Berengaria on September 16th. It looks now as if the editorial department of "Time" would move back to New York sometime before Christmas so it looks hopeful that we might all be together again.

I have been working right straight through up to the present time and am in greatly need ~~for~~ some rest. I am hoping to get through by tomorrow night.

We shall have lots to talk about when you come and I am sure your interest will be fairly bristling in a thousand ways as you come again into touch with "the decrepit East". Tell Alexander that if I did not love him so much I would be inclined not to forgive him for passing by on the other side when he wandered through New York. I have a copy of Speer's Assembly Address and I will send it to you. It is a most positive and optimistic expression I have seen from him. They are making sort of a campaign document of it. We enjoyed looking over the "Foto Number" of the S.B. newspaper, and thought possibly we may have been indebted to you for the pleasure.

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January 30, 1928

My dear Dr. Bronson:

At the request of Dr. Stuart
we enclose herewith as a matter of record receipt for the
\$1000 which you and Mrs. Bronson have so kindly contribu-
ted to the work of the University.

We are writing to Dr. and Mrs. Spauld-
ing direct in acknowledgment of the \$25 which you enclosed
for them with your letter.

Very sincerely yours,
LOUISE MCCOY
Office Secretary

Dr. Oliver H. Bronson
29 Middle Road
Santa Barbara, Cal.

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February 1, 1928.

Dear Dr. Bronson:

Since writing you a day or two ago, your letter to me has come to hand, with its interesting comments about Dr. Lew. Both for the sake of the University and because of my personal affection for him, I want to thank you for the interest you have taken in him.

You will be pleased to know that plans are at present in process for correlating the China colleges in some way that will increase their efficiency and avoid needless duplication. One immediate feature, following upon this will be a joint campaign carried out on the general lines which the Near East colleges are now engaged in.

I shall not forget your invitation to visit Santa Barbara and if my schedule makes this at all possible you may be assured that I shall take advantage of it.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Oliver Hart Bronson,
29 Middle Road,
Santa Barbara, California.

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OLIVER HART BRONSON
29 MIDDLE ROAD
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

March 7, 1928.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Thank you very heartily for your letter of the 28th of February. I greatly appreciate your understanding of my letter.

The letter from Ernest Evans has also arrived. I am afraid he misunderstood Dr. Lasell's attitude. I have written him trying to assure him that there was absolutely no unfriendliness to anyone in Lasell's letter to me. The friendship between the Lasells and the Luces and Ernest and Letty Pitkin is of too long standing and too precious to them all for any misunderstanding to mar it. I hope that the Evanses will understand. I fully appreciate the difficulty of the situation for everybody and of course I believe that everybody did what they thought was best.

I have just received the Presbyterian Board's new appeal for special contributions for China. I do hope it will be effective.

Dr. Bayard Dodge of Beirut is here this week. We had a visit last week from President Cass Reed of Smyrna. When the Far East colleges are ready for their campaign in Santa Barbara there will be eager support on the part of their friends here.

I am so glad the Yenching-Harvard arrangement in connection with the Hall Estate funds is going through.

Mrs. Bronson joins me in very hearty greetings. We are looking forward to your visit when you can come.

Yours always,

Oliver Hart Bronson

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April 11, 1926.

Dear Dr. Bronson:

I am writing somewhat reluctantly to say that it has seemed best all things considered for me to return next month to China via Siberia. For several reasons, I am anxious to make the trip this way for once but I confess to quite a little regret at losing the attractive prospect of a visit with you. I also should like to take advantage of the readiness you have shown to help the University on such an occasion. We shall not hesitate to utilize this interest when some one else is in your region or on a subsequent visit of mine to America which I hope will not be in the very near future. The campaign is progressing slowly but with some hope of attaining our objective before I start back about a month from this date.

With kind regards to Mrs. Bronson and Phillips

Very affectionately yours

Dr. Oliver Hart Bronson
29 Middle Road
Santa Barbara, California

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OLIVER HART BRONSON
29 MIDDLE ROAD
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

April 23, 1928.

Dr. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

We have been hoping that your return to China would be via Santa Barbara and are not a little disappointed that you are to go the other way. You will have an interesting time going through Siberia. I quite envy you the trip. We shall hope that the next time you come to the United States it will be possible for you to make a visit in Santa Barbara. Thank you heartily for your letter. We are glad that you will keep in mind that we are always pleased to see our friends from Peking. Mrs. Bronson and Philips send most hearty greetings and good wishes.

Yours affectionately,

Oliver Hart Bronson

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OLIVER HART BRONSON
29 MIDDLE ROAD
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

Bronson
November 22, 1928.

Mr. A. M. McBrier
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. McBrier:

Mrs. Bronson and I greatly appreciate your letter asking that we plan if possible to go to the dedication of the new plant of Peking University in October next.

It would be a great pleasure to us to do so, but I very much doubt if it can be made possible. We count our association with Peking University one of the most valuable associations we have. We are very grateful that we have been able to have a part in that very splendid work. We are more than happy at all the progress that is being made and all the promise for our venture. If in any way things could shape themselves so that we could be in Peking next October, we would certainly accept the privilege with great delight.

Yours heartily,

Oliver Hart Bronson

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E. M. MCBRIER

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OLIVER HART BRONSON
149 MIDDLE ROAD
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

29 March 1929

Yenching University -

Dear Sirs;

Mrs. Bronson and I desire to make
the enclosed gift - five hundred dollars -
to Yenching University.

Yours sincerely

Oliver Hart Bronson

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Bronson, Dr. Oliver H. and Mrs.
149 Middle Road
Santa Barbara, Calif.

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April 6, 1929

My dear Dr. and Mrs. Bronson:

I returned from the Pacific coast last week. I feel that on the whole I had a very successful trip. I wish to personally thank both of you for your kindness to me when I was in Santa Barbara. I delighted in the fellowship I had with you in your home. It brings a touch of home life to one who is away from his own home so much when he can spend such delightful hours in the home of other people. I was sorry to miss seeing your son and trust I may have the pleasure at some future time.

Mr. Wannamaker has especially asked me to thank you both for your generous contribution of \$500 to our work. The University's official receipt is enclosed herewith. I do not know of better friends or supporters of Yenching University than you are.

With great regards, I am

Most sincerely,

Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Bronson
149 Middle Road
Santa Barbara, California

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OLIVER HART BRONSON
149 MIDDLE ROAD
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

May 1, 1929.

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

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Thank you very much for sending me Mrs. Sharman's booklet on Yenching University. Mrs. Bronson and I have been looking it over with great pleasure and shall be glad to pass it on as we have opportunity.

I had an interesting talk lately with Mr. John D. Wright of Santa Barbara. He was in China in 1922. Made a very intelligent study of things there. He himself has been in educational work most of his life; has been president of a school for the deaf in Washington, D. C. but is living here now. He has been lecturing somewhat on China and was very interested in all that I told him about Yenching. I showed him the photographs Harry Luce gave me last year. I think I shall turn Mrs. Sharman's interpretation over to him as soon as I have finished with it. I suppose you sent copies of it to some of the others who are on the list, - Dr. Luce and Dr. Jenney. I was very sorry not to be able to help Dr. Jenney more.

Be sure to let me know, please, if any of the Yenching University people are to be in this part of the world. We are always so glad to see them. We greatly enjoyed Dr. Jenney's visits.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Hart Bronson

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July 11, 1929

My dear Mr. Bronson:

We do not find that Mr. Wannamaker acknowledged receipt of your letter of May 1st, before he left for Europe. He was very busy straightening up the affairs of the office before leaving and may have over looked it. Please accept our apology.

We shall be glad to let you know of any visitors from Yenching University who might pass your way, and your letter will be called to Wannamaker's attention again on his return in September.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Oliver Hart Bronson,
149 Middle Road
Santa Barbara, Calif.

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Received 500⁰⁰ from
Mr. Mrs. Bronson on
July 24, 1929 -
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OLIVER HART BRONSON
29 MIDDLE ROAD
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

July 18, 1929.

Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York.

Dear Friends:

The enclosed check is a contribution from
Mrs. Bronson and myself for the work of the university.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Hart Bronson

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Mr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Bronson
149 Middle Road
Santa Barbara, California

July 24, 1929

\$500 to undesignated - His letter: "Contribution to the
work of the University"

Gift received	7-24-29
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Bronson, Dr. & Mrs. Oliver H.
149 Middle Road, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Gift received, Jan. 19, 1932 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 100.⁰⁰
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Contributed previously? July 1929

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January 19, 1932

Dear Friends:

We are deeply grateful for your generous gift. First, because we know that the present financial crisis makes it unusually difficult for our friends to help us; and second, because contributions coming under such circumstances give us the satisfaction of feeling that these friends have unusual confidence in Yenching University.

Gratefully yours,

Assistant to the President

Dr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Bronson
149 Middle Road
Santa Barbara, Calif.

ODW:KK

P. S. Enclosed is our official receipt for \$100.00.

cc to JLS

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OLIVER HART BRONSON
149 MIDDLE ROAD
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

April 1, 1932.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

We were much disappointed that your plan was changed and that we are not going to see you here in Santa Barbara until ^{the end of} April or May. We note you are intending to sail on the seventh of May from Los Angeles. We hope that nothing will prevent your coming then.

We have had two delightful visits from the Barbours. We wish they could be persuaded to spend the summer here.

Philips is enjoying Stanford and we are enjoying Santa Barbara.

Yours heartily,

Oliver Bronson

OLIVER HART BRONSON
149 MIDDLE ROAD
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

December 15, 1933.

Dr. N. Gist Gee
Hilton Hotel
Los Angeles, California.

*retd. & forwarded
again by
Dr. B. to New York*

2-13-34

Dear Dr. Gee:

Thank you very much for your letter of the tenth.
I am sorry you are not going to be able to come to Santa
Barbara. We would be very glad to see you. I do hope
you have a profitable time in and around Los Angeles.

We are always glad to hear from friends connected
with China, and especially those connected with Yengching.

Our best wishes for the Christmas and the New Year.

*The enclosed check is from
Mrs Bronson & myself - I
held your letter much longer
than I intended for this -*

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Hart Bronson

O.H.B.

February 13, 1934

Dear Dr. Bronson:

We are very happy this morning to receive your fine gift of \$150.00 for the work at Yenching. It is doubly welcome now that the exchange value of every dollar we send to China is so low. As you no doubt realize, Yenching is making a severe struggle to keep going and we are therefore very grateful indeed when our friends send us concrete evidence of their continued interest in the University. We are loath to send appeals these days when the depression is still making it difficult for most of them to help us and we realize that the majority of the few gifts we do receive are sacrificial.

I was very sorry to miss seeing you when I was in California last December, but I am now making plans to return to the West Coast within a few weeks and shall certainly then hope to have the pleasure of calling upon you and Mrs. Bronson when I come to Santa Barbara, which I hope to do.

Again thanking you very sincerely for your generous help,
I am

Cordially yours,

N. Gist Gee,

Vice President

Dr. Oliver H. Bronson
149 Middle Road
Santa Barbara, Calif.

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Dr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Bronson
149 Middle Road
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Gift received Feb. 13, 1934 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 150.00

Pledge \$ ----

Basis of payment ----

Designation Undesig.

Received through Dr. Gee

Control record serial number 1694 ✓

Entered on record card ✓

Pledge signal attached ----

Receipt number 3968

Acknowledgment sent 2-13-34

Entered on renewal sheet ----

Checked for office list

Checked for mailing list

Last renewal card entrance (month and year) ----

On CL? yes

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February 5, 1935

Dr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Bronson
249 Middle Road
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Bronson:

About this time last year you very kindly sent us a liberal cheque toward the maintenance of Yenching University. I am writing with the hope that it may again be convenient for you to send us a similar contribution for the present academic year. Naturally, our gifts have dropped off considerably and we are finding it increasingly difficult to secure the required funds for keeping the University going. You have long been a loyal friend and contributor to the work at Yenching and this help from you will be highly appreciated.

I am hoping that I may be able to come to the West coast again during the present year and if this is possible I shall make it a point to try to see you again.

With every good wish, I am,

Very sincerely,

HGG:d
Encl.

Nathaniel Gist Gee

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January 22, 1936

Dear Oliver:

I am beginning now to make plans for returning to China and for a hurried trip through California before sailing from San Francisco, March 20th. I am, therefore, writing to let you know of the tentative schedule which will enable me to be in Santa Barbara Friday, March 13th. If you feel yourself able to bring together a group of significant people, I shall be glad to speak to them rather confidentially about the Japanese aggression in North China, its consequences to our University and the larger aspects of this problem.

My remembrance to Mrs. Bronson and affectionate greetings to yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

Rev. Oliver H. Bronson, D.D
Santa Barbara
California

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January 25, 1937

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Bronsons

This letter is written to ask a favor of you. The favor is this - that you take four minutes of your time to read the enclosed brochure which gives you a better picture than I can give you of what this university of ours - yours and mine - is accomplishing over and over again in the lives of young men and young women in China.

Multiply these "Ten Sketches from Real Life" by more than two hundred every year and note what a stream of inspired youth is constantly flowing back into the life of all the provinces of China.

You will agree with me, I am sure, that all the labor and all the sacrifice that friends of this cause in America have put into it are well worth while. There is still more to be done - the work so ably started, so nobly built, must be carried on. You will want to help to the limit of your ability, I am sure. If this challenging little booklet helps you to understand and to measure more adequately the opportunities for service inherent in this cause, through work and contributions, it will have accomplished its purpose.

The financial situation of the university requires that we redouble our efforts to secure the \$221,500 which represents her immediately pressing needs.

This includes \$21,500 to balance the operating budget; \$100,000 toward General Endowment; \$60,000 for the Women's College Endowment; \$25,000 toward the School of Religion Endowment, and \$25,000 for the Department of Physical Education Endowment, all of which must be secured without delay if the work is to go forward effectively.

In 1934 you made a contribution of \$150 to the University. Owing to the urgency of the present need, I hope you will again respond to our appeal at this time, and, if possible, increase your gift.

Sincerely yours,

President, Board of Trustees

Dr. & Mrs. Oliver H. Bronson
149 Middle Road
Santa Barbara, Calif.

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July 22, 1938

Dr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Bronson
149 Middle Road
Santa Barbara, California

My dear Dr. and Mrs. Bronson:

Mr. Arthur Hugh has told me of your helpful co-operation and influence at Santa Barbara. It was my great desire to call upon you when I was in California in May during a brief visit there to co-operate with Mr. Hugh. I found it impossible to visit Santa Barbara.

You can scarcely conceive of our concern these days for our Christian Universities. For nearly one hundred years the Protestant missionary societies have been working in China. During the last twenty years twenty-two of these societies have combined their higher educational work in the thirteen Christian Universities that are now unified in the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.

We feel it would be disastrous to the Protestant missionary enterprise in China if these Colleges did not come through the war with their ability to train Chinese Christian leaders unimpaired. For this reason, if for no other, we must bend every energy during these years to strengthen and maintain our Christian educational work.

I am enclosing a report for the fiscal year ending June 30th. You will be glad to know that by dint of sacrificial giving and sacrificial work we achieved our \$300,000 goal. Before us lies the new year with a still larger objective.

I am writing you simply to report what has been achieved and what must be done during the year upon which we are just entering. Your splendid leadership in Santa Barbara is recognized as indispensable. You have been a friend of Yenching University, one of the co-ordinated universities in the Associated Boards, for many years. Your personal contribution will be credited to Yenching University. More than all, the contribution of your leadership during the coming year will mean everything to us as we continue on our way to serve our mission boards through the adequate support of these Christian universities.

Hoping I may have the joy of meeting you at some future time,
I remain,

Most sincerely yours,

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Treasurer.

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April 30, 1940

Dr. Oliver H. Branson
280 El Paseo
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Dr. Branson:

I did not receive a letter from you while I was in Los Angeles, therefore concluded that it was not convenient to make arrangements for Dr. Garbide and myself to attend a meeting of friends interested in the China Colleges.

I appreciate the time was very short, and that it was probably impossible for you to make arrangements in the short time at your disposal.

We look forward to your friendly interest and leadership in the future. We hope to have a representative of our office on the west coast during next year; and if, in due time, he calls upon you, we speak your helpful influence and cooperation.

I thank you very much for your gracious reception and continuing interest. I observe you have made very substantial contributions in the past, and perhaps you may find it possible to make a contribution to Yenching toward our current year's expenses. If so, I wish to advise you that our fiscal year ends June 30th, and any amount you wish to contribute before that date will assist us in fully meeting our year's needs.

With best personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Treasurer

cc: Mr. Gellanders

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OLIVER HART BRONSON
149 MIDDLE ROAD
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

250 El Bosque Road

28 Dec. 1940
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Dear friends -

The enclosed check is from
my wife + me. Please note also
our changed address - With best
wishes for the New Year -

Yours faithfully

Oliver Hart Bronson

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January 7, 1941

Dr. Oliver H. Bronson
280 El Bosque Road
Santa Barbara, California

My dear Dr. Bronson,

We are deeply grateful to you and Mrs. Bronson for your latest gift of \$150.00 for the work of the University. Our formal receipt is enclosed.

We are always appreciative of your warm personal interest in Yenching and the work it is doing, and of your activities on its behalf among friends here in America.

It seems that this year the University is rendering the largest service it has ever been privileged to perform. We are all proud of Yenching, and grateful that we are privileged to have a share in the fine work it is doing.

Very sincerely yours,

RAG:MS
Enclosure

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January 9, 1942

My dear Dr. and Mrs. Bronson:

We are very grateful for your generous gift of \$100.00 for the support of Yenching University. Our treasurer's receipt is enclosed.

Since the declaration of war, we have had but little news from China and an accurate appraisal cannot be made at this time. We do know that China's needs are great, and that our obligations are compelling. Your gift is therefore most timely.

The Christian Colleges in China are built on everlasting foundations and will be preserved for China's youth if their Christian supporters continue faithful. You may be assured that as news comes, our friends will be notified.

As we pray for guidance, we can also be thankful for opportunities to serve in this war-torn world.

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer

Dr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Bronson
240 El Bosque Road
Santa Barbara, California

May 13, 1943

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Bronson:

Every mail from West China brings fresh word of the fine accomplishments of our Yenching friends, who have built anew their university in a distant land. We who are holding the home base are filled with humility when we contemplate the obstacles which have been overcome in creating this refugee university.

First there was the problem of escaping from the Japanese, and of keeping alive in a war-torn land. Tales of heroism and self-sacrifice are accumulating. Witness the boy who was one of a group of students who left Peiping on faith, completely ignorant of what plans had been made for the reestablishment of the university. When his small party arrived in free territory they were delighted to discover that Yenching was being reborn in Chengtu. This boy volunteered to risk his life again by returning alone through the battle lines to carry the good news to his friends in North China. We are anxious to hear how he fared.

We feel that the victory of Yenching over all the forces of war and want and destruction, is an encouraging omen of the better world to come. Almost everything worthwhile which we have inherited from the past has resulted from a victory of the human spirit over similar obstacles. It is reassuring to discover that our generation also possesses this creative courage and faith which surmounts all difficulties.

We report to you with pride the accomplishments of Yenching University, which is more than justifying the faith of its friends in America. We solicit your whole-hearted participation in the creation of a strong Yenching in Free China.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

Dr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Bronson
250 El Bosque Road
Santa Barbara, California

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December 28, 1943

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bronson:

We wish to thank you for your interest in Yenching as shown in your generous gift for the work of the University. A receipt is enclosed.

Twenty-one American members of the staff arrived safely on the Gripsholm early this month, almost exactly two years after the University was closed by the invaders. Those who remained behind in internment camps, were well when the repatriates left, and we have assurances that Dr. Stuart also was well and amply supplied with food, though still closely confined in Peiping with two companions.

Work is progressing very satisfactorily with the new unit in Free China. A cable from Chengt/says that Yenching's fall enrollment was 330.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hart Bronson
250 El Bosque Road
Santa Barbara, California

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January 15, 1946

Dr. & Mrs. Oliver H. Bronson
250 El Bosque Road
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Bronson:

We wish to thank you sincerely for your continuing support to Yenching University. Since the University was established on its new campus you have regularly sent us gifts. Not only this, but you have been faithful friends of the University and have exerted a wide influence in your community over others who might not have continued their interest had it not been for your steadfast allegiance.

I well recall my visit to Santa Barbara and my call upon you; and I greatly regret that I have not been able to make trips to the West Coast since 1941. My health, however, has improved very much since 1943 and I look forward to another trip, perhaps this year, and if so I shall hope to see you.

You will be interested to know that Dr. J. Leighton Stuart is in America at present. He will be returning to China soon as preparations have to be made for the return of "Yenching in exile" from Chengtu in the province of Szechuan to the Peiping campus. Dr. Stuart was enabled to start work on the campus in October before he left Peiping in order to occupy the place and take over certain buildings which the Japanese had been using up to V-J Day. They were still using one of the buildings as a hospital and certain other buildings housed some of their forces and activities. By starting work with such pupils as were prepared to begin their college course, Yenching again took over the premises and probably by this time they have crowded out the Japanese.

We are faced with very heavy financial needs in order to put the University back into shape so that the full college work may begin by September first next. Only two classes - college preparatory and freshmen - are at present being conducted on the Peiping campus; and these were begun for the purpose above indicated.

I think you will be interested in the latest reports pertaining to Yenching which have been mimeographed for the benefit of those who have maintained their interest in China through the years.

With sincere personal regards and appreciating very much your generous contribution,

Very truly yours,

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Treasurer

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January 16, 1947

Dr. and Mrs. Oliver H. Bronson
350 El Bosque Road
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Friends:

Your gift of \$200.00 for the Current Needs of
Yenching University is herewith acknowledged with gratitude.

You are an old friend of Yenching and need be
told little regarding the needs of the University, especially
during these trying times. The needs are great and it requires
the devotion and assistance of our entire constituency to keep
the colleges going at present. Indeed, if we can do this we
will consider ourselves fortunate, and in doing this we believe
we are maintaining the bulwark in defense of Christianity and
liberty loving peoples the world over. We know of no other
way of building strongly in the Far East than the protection of
Christian liberties.

With many, many thanks to you for your assistance,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

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672 Maple Avenue
Winnetka, Illinois

Sept. 22, 1930

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Secretary and Treasurer Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside -

Before leaving Yenching Women's College I became interested in the Public Health work that was necessary in connection with the industrial work fostered by the wives of the Yenching faculty, in the villages surrounding their campus. Then knowing that I was not returning to the Women's College, as they had secured a Chinese woman physician for their need, I offered to return and organize this work and do it, providing I could interest enough of my friends here to support it. The opposition that I am meeting with is that it is not under an existing organization at work in China.

I am writing to ask if your committee could endorse this work without incurring any financial obligation for it, and if the money raised might be sent to you to go to the Yenching University Treasurer to me, as it will be so closely connected with the University, being, as it were, their extra rural work. Also as many of their teachers and workers live in these villages, they would profit by the welfare clinics.

Hoping to hear a favorable reply, I remain

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Alice Barlow Brown, M.D.

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YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

TRANSFER

September 24, 1930

Dr. Alice Barlow Brown,
672 Maple Avenue,
Winnetka, Ill.

My dear Dr. Brown:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 22.

We are very much interested in the efforts you are making to secure support for the public health work in connection with the industrial work fostered by the wives of the Yenching faculty, in the villages surrounding the campus. Everyone on the Yenching Board of Trustees and in the Yenching College Committee greatly appreciates the splendid work you did in the Woman's College, and I know that everyone will rejoice at the prospect of having you back on the campus again in this new relationship, and will be anxious to do all they can to facilitate your efforts to secure the support needed to make this work possible.

I am sending a copy of your letter to Mrs. Lucius O. Lee, the Secretary of the Yenching College Committee, for I know the Finance Committee of the University will wish to have the opinion of the Yenching College Committee when they deal with the question of the formal endorsement of the proposed work.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will probably be held about the middle of October. At that time we will bring your letter to the attention of the Committee, and will also present to them whatever information may have come to us from Mrs. Lee or from any of the other ladies interested in the Woman's College.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

BAG-H

CC: Mrs. Lee
Promotional Office

C O P Y

COMMITTEE OF
YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
OF
YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Mrs. Murray S. Frame, B.A., B.D., Dean of the College
Peking, China

September 25, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you for your letter of September 24. I am much interested in Dr. Alice Barlow Brown's desire to return to Yenching for public health work in connection with the Industrial work fostered by the wives of the Yenching faculty in the villages surrounding the campus. She is evidently experiencing the lure of China as practically everyone does who has ever been there.

Very probably the idea is one that has been approved by the Yenching faculty and Board of Managers. I should, however, think it very desirable for us to have a clear statement to that effect from Peking before we give any kind of indorsement to the plan. Nothing is said in Dr. Brown's letter as to where she would live. Presumably it would have to be in a faculty house, would it not? If so, there is not only the question of whether finding a place for her might increase the problems already difficult of solution, as to adequate housing facilities, but the further question of Dr. Brown's ability to adjust herself to any group with whom she might live. My information is very meager but I have the very definite impression that she was found to be a somewhat difficult person to live with.

When the question of her return to America was being considered, it was indicated to us that she would be very glad if her coming could be distinctly on the basis of a furlough year with expectation of her return to Peking at its close, but that the Woman's College Administrative Committee did not consider her return to be desirable. Another consideration, though one of probably less importance, is the relation of her effort to secure her own support and that of her work to the securing of funds for the Woman's College Budget. Apparently she expects personal friends in Winnetka and vicinity to provide the funds needed for her support and her work. While she was in Yenching before, a considerable part of her support was secured from Winnetka friends by the Woman's College Committee. Mrs. Finley interested her brother whose home was in Winnetka and he and Mrs. Butler interested others in giving regularly for this purpose. I do not know how many of these gifts, if any, have been continued for the support of the Chinese doctor who is succeeding Dr. Brown in the Woman's College, but I think some sums are now given regularly toward the Woman's College Budget which would almost certainly be diverted to Dr. Brown's work if she were to return.

Might it not be advisable to write Dr. Brown that before giving any kind of indorsement to her plan, we would like to have from the field

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a statement that work of the kind she proposes would be welcomed by the University? Possibly this is not technically necessary as her proposition is to undertake an independent work. On the other hand, it seems to me very desirable for us to know better than I know at present, the attitude of the Yenching people before we give any kind of aid or approval to her proposed plan.

As I am writing, may I ask whether you received my letter of August 21st asking about a possible meeting of the Trustees this fall? It is primarily the relation of the date of our Yenching College Committee meeting to a possible meeting of the Trustees meeting is likely to be called.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Sala B. Lee.

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

TRANSFER

Yenching University

September 29, 1930

Dr. Alice Barlow Brown,
672 Maple Avenue,
Winnetka, Ill.

My dear Dr. Brown:

I have just received from Mrs. Lucius O. Lee a very cordial letter telling of her sympathetic interest in the effort you are making to secure support for the work you are hoping to organize and develop in the villages surrounding the Yenching campus in continuation of what has already been undertaken by the wives of the Yenching faculty. Mrs. Lee expresses warmest hopes that you may find it possible to return to Yenching for work along these lines, or along other lines if this particular project does not work out exactly as you plan.

Mrs. Lee makes the very logical suggestion, however, that, inasmuch as we have not received any direct recommendations from the field concerning this proposed undertaking, we should refer the matter to Peiping for their suggestions and recommendations before any final action is taken by the Finance Committee. I am quite sure that when the matter is brought before the Finance Committee the first thing they will wish to learn will be the attitude of the field. I am, therefore, sending to Mrs. Frame and to Dr. Stuart copies of my correspondence with you and with Mrs. Lee and am asking that they send us at once their comments and recommendations. I sincerely hope that this necessary delay in securing final action will not too greatly retard the efforts you are now making to secure this support.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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CC: Dr. Stuart
Mrs. Frame
Promotional Office

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YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

672 MAPLE AVENUE

WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

Oct. 4. 1930

Mrs. B. A. Garside **TRANSFER**
Secretary and Treasurer Yenching University
150 Fifth Ave. New York City.

Dear Mrs. Garside - Replying to
your letter of Sept. 29th I am
enclosing extracts of two letters
one from Dr. Stuart to Mrs. Hoefery
and one from Mrs. France to me.
which will give you an idea of
their attitude, which may expedite
matters a little - as I had the intention
of returning early in November if possible
as the work is much greater during
the winter months.

Awaiting your decision - I remain
Very Sincerely

Alice Barlow Brown

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ATTACHED TO DR. ALICE BROWN'S LETTER
of October 4, 1930

I note with the keenest sympathy what you write about the place that Doctor Brown could fill in our neighborhood. She has talked with me more than once about it and has asked me to speak at the Winnetka church to help in securing funds for her support, but thus far I have heard no more from her and cannot do other than hold myself in readiness.

The report ^{of the} Kung Chang is certainly very touching. I feel very proud of the way our ladies are helping in this useful service.

With love to Rosalie and Louis and with solicitous concern for the whole family.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mrs. L. E. Wolferz
Yenching University
Peiping, China

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TRANSFER

*attached to Dr Alice
Brown's letter
10/4/30*

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Madison. Miss Stahl's plans were somewhat uncertain.

It would be splendid if you could return and do public health work in connection with the church in Haitien with our group Kung Chang. I wonder whether you will decide to settle in the States or whether you will be able to secure the funds for the work you would like so much to do. I will enclose a formal reference if you wish to use it. We certainly do appreciate hearing from you, and I hope you will continue to write us now and then until you come back.

Affectionately yours,

Alice B. Frame

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
Dean

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Yenching University

December 2, 1930

Dr. Alice Barlow Brown
672 Maple Avenue,
Winnetka, Ill.

My dear Dr. Brown:

I am extremely sorry that I am so slow in replying to the letter you wrote on November 5, and with which you enclosed a copy of a letter Mrs. Greeley was proposing to send to a group of friends interested in the proposed health center in West Peiping.

The lack of an earlier reply has been chiefly due to our inability to make any concrete statement as to the formal attitude of the Yenching Trustees with regard to this very fine piece of medical service which you are hoping to render to Chinese villagers in the vicinity of Yenching. There has never been any uncertainty as to our warm interest in this undertaking, and our earnest hopes for your success in the work. It has, however, been quite difficult for the Trustees to take any formal action with regard to this work, because the proposal involves a great many important questions of policy and of precedent.

For several years there has been a growing trend at Yenching toward a very decentralized financial administration at Yenching. Some years ago certain financially independent units were organized on a small scale, and from this modest beginning these financially independent units have grown until they have become a dominant factor in the financial affairs of the University. Moreover, a number of thoroughly worthy projects, not directly related to, or under the administration of, Yenching University have grown up from year to year. At various times the Trustees have been asked to assume more or less responsibility in receiving, and disbursing and accounting for the funds of these independent undertakings. The specific proposal concerning your work happened to be one of a number of financial items of various kinds which were brought to the attention of our Finance Committee at a meeting held some days ago. After a careful and sympathetic consideration of the whole question the Finance Committee stated that "as a matter of principle it is not within the scope or power of this Committee to endorse any personality, movement, or undertaking in China except as sponsored and approved by the University administration on the field".

Since we have not as yet had time to receive any formal reply from Dr. Stuart and Mrs. Frame in response to letters I wrote them during the latter part of September with regard to your plans, it has not been possible for the Finance Committee to take any constructive action along the lines you have suggested. I know you will appreciate the fact that

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this lack of formal endorsement does not indicate any lack of appreciation of the importance of this work, or any absence of cordial good wishes for your success in this undertaking.

Should we receive from the University administration, in time for action here to be of any value to you, the formal endorsement which the Finance Committee feels is necessary for any action on their part, we will be glad to bring the matter before the Committee again. You stated, however, that you planned to return to China before the end of 1930 so I fear that there is little possibility of our getting any action here in New York in time to be of assistance to you.

With the sincerest good wishes for your success in this work you are undertaking, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Brown, Stuart F
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April 25, 1938

My dear Mr. Brown:

Last Friday morning when I came to my office, your Thursday's letter was on my desk. I was indeed glad to hear from you and was surprised as well as delighted to receive your generous check. It is mighty fine of you to send such a generous contribution without my even requesting it.

In as much as Mrs. McBrier was to arrive home on Friday night from her trip to Washington to attend the D. A. R. Convention, I took your letter home to tell her that we might expect a telephone call from you; and we planned to have you at our home either Saturday night or Sunday night, or sometime during your week-end trip. On Saturday morning I called up Mrs. Williams to tell her that I had received a letter and explained to her that you expected to be through Montclair and told her that if you called her on the telephone to be sure to get in touch with us, because we wanted you to stay over-night with us. It was rather disappointing to have her reply that you had already been through Montclair on Friday afternoon and had called on her. She did not know how I could get in touch with you, so it was impossible for me to know where to reach you. We were very sorry that you did not plan to stay with us. It would have been a delight to have seen you again and to get better acquainted with you. It is quite probable that you called the house on Friday afternoon but I was in New York and Mrs. McBrier was on her way home from Washington, hence you did not reach us. We are very sorry that it happened that way.

We want you to surely plan to see us sometime. If you can let us know a few days in advance of when you contemplate a trip down this way, we can usually plan to have you come and stay with us. We should like to have you remain over-night. I have some very interesting moving pictures that I took in England and think that you would enjoy seeing some of them. Moreover we feel that we want to get better acquainted with you. We were very happy indeed to make your acquaintance in London. If your children are to continue in school in Pennsylvania, you probably will be passing through occasionally and it would be nice to see more of you.

Please let us know a week or two in advance the next time you come down this way and I will immediately tell you if we are to be at home. I will admit we are away from home white a bit. At present I am contemplating a trip to Ohio to assist in our work but will not be gone long.

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Mr. Brown

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April 25, 1938

I want to express to you my very great appreciation for your gift. I feel that we are accomplishing a great deal in our colleges. It is hard to explain much by letter, and I should like to have you get a more intimate knowledge of what is being done. Fortunately an opportunity presents itself next week. On Monday evening, May 2nd, the annual dinner of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China is to be held the Hotel Roosevelt. Mrs. McBrier and I wish to invite Mrs. Brown and yourself to attend as our guests. We expect to have a table of friends and it would be delightful to have you with us. We also wish to invite you, if you can do so, to go home with us after the dinner and remain over-night.

If you will be motoring down you can, if you prefer, leave your car in New York and go out to our home in our car and we will bring you into New York the next morning if you desire, or arrange in any way to suit your convenience. This dinner is held annually at the time of our annual meeting of the board of trustees of the colleges and it will be quite an occasion.

If you can plan to come please let me know at your earliest convenience. We hope you can do so. It will give us a chance to see you and at the same time it will give you an opportunity to learn more of this greatest piece of united missionary work of all the Protestant societies in America, Canada and Great Britain.

Hoping you may find it possible to attend this dinner, I remain

Most sincerely yours,

Mr. Stuart F. Brown
Whitinsville
Massachusetts

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March 27, 1939

My dear Mr. Brown:

Dr. Vernon Nash told me of the very interesting conversation he had with you regarding Yenching University. He said that he had never had a more thoughtful and appreciative listener and, as he put it, "I, at least, had a good time".

Of course it is easy for me to talk about our Yenching University. I do not think I am too enthusiastic although I have been connected with it since its inception back in 1917. We had nothing to start with and today we have the finest university campus in the Far East and I do not think I am saying too much when I include most of the campuses of our American universities. I know of only one in the United States that is laid out with the uniformity and the beauty of Yenching, namely Duke University.

It pleases me very much indeed to know that you are interested; and your interest has taken the very practical form of making a generous contribution. In April of 1938 you sent your check for \$250.00. It was very fine of you and I assure you that it was greatly appreciated.

Looking over my files I observe that just about a year ago Mrs. McBrier and I were hoping that you and Mrs. Brown would come and visit us in our Montclair home; and in my last letter I expressed the hope that we might have the opportunity of seeing each other soon. Since that time my beloved wife has departed. I have been carrying on in the home as usual and kept things going the same as when she was here, as nearly as possible. Mrs. Williams has been a great help in this direction. As you know she lives near by and I see her almost every day. I am sure that I would not have had the courage to have kept the home going without her capable oversight. A man is helpless in matters of housekeeping when such matters have been managed so capably in the past by one who was so efficient.

My youngest daughter wishes me to go west with her and the children this summer and I plan to do so. I shall therefore probably close my home about May 15th. I am writing to ask if you expect to make a trip in this direction in the meantime, preferably the latter part of April. If so I would like it very much indeed if I could have you in our home for at least a night.

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Mr. Brown

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March 27, 1939

I do not feel that we are nearly as well acquainted with you as we would like to be. If you plan to be in this vicinity, kindly arrange to come and see us. Let me know in advance so that I can make plans. My life is pretty full of activities and I am away quite a bit.

I am glad to hear from Dr. Nash that, while you are still under treatment, your eyes are much better. I sincerely trust you will completely recover soon.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Brown and also to your daughters.

Most sincerely yours,

E. M. McBrier

Mr. Stuart F. Brown
Whitinsville
Massachusetts

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Mrs. Stuart F. Brown

Linwood

Massachusetts

February 11, 1940

Dear Mr. McBrier:

Stuart tells me that he has returned the book and we both greatly appreciate going over it with the passages you had marked.

He said that after trying to reach you on the phone last week he heard that you were in Florida. Perhaps by now the last warm spell has reached you there. Surely it has been cold the world over so really no one has escaped. However, we have very much enjoyed the winter as the roads have been clear reducing the hazard of icy driving.

We will all be interested to see the results of the union of the Women's Societies under one head in our new Church organization. I understand it has been successful in the south and I hope it will create new interest in missions in our churches here.

I am enclosing a check which we hope will help in a small way in the work in China and perhaps bring educational opportunity to some deserving person.

/s/ Ruth T. Brown

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February 23, 1940

My dear Mrs. Brown:

Mr. McBrier told us, when he forwarded your very generous check for \$250.00 as a gift toward the work of Yenching University, that he had written you direct from Florida.

I know, of course, that he told you how much he appreciated your help, but in sending you our formal receipt for this gift, I want to add a word of thanks from the Trustees of the University for this aid to the work which is going on at Yenching during these difficult days.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer

Mrs. Stuart F. Brown
Whitinsville
Massachusetts

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20 January 1941

Dear Mr. Brown:

I want to tell you how greatly I enjoyed my recent visit with you and to thank you for your continued interest in our University. In the midst of the appalling difficulties of the present, it is the loyalty of friends like you which keeps us going in good morale. If you are able this year to do what you suggested the other day, namely, not only to make a gift of the usual amount but to increase it somewhat, it will be an added encouragement. I believe you are convinced of the fact that nowhere in the world today will your contributed dollars go as far as they will in Yenching.

Mr. McBrier is very glad to know that you and I had a good talk, and he sends his most cordial greetings. He is in good health and as cheerful as anyone can be in these troubled days.

I wish I might have hope of seeing you again during my present visit to America. Perhaps it may be possible. But in any case, I am glad to send you a small reminder in the form of a paper weight, a picture of which is shown on the enclosed card. I hope you will find a place for it on your desk.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Ts'ai

Mr. Stuart Brown
Whitinsville
Massachusetts

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STUART F. BROWN

WHITINSVILLE, MASS.

Ack, 2/10/41

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Dear Mr. W. C. Brown:

I received Mr. Tsai's letter of Jan 20th and have been ~~planned~~ ^{RECEIVED} to write you a note before this. The days ^{or this} ~~are~~ ^{are} by with not much ^{accomplished} ~~being~~ ^{accomplished}.
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Delayed his visit ^{greatly} ~~greatly~~ ^{suppose} ~~suppose~~ he has started back to the field again by this time.

I am enclosing a check drawn by Mrs. Brown for this work and hope that it helps to forward the good work being done. I find it better to draw this on an account of hers rather than mine to allocate best for Federal tax return purposes.

Hope that you are in best of health and that all the Williams family are the same.

I meant to see you in New York a few weeks ago when I there but didn't arrive until late Friday and was on the way back Sunday.

Yours sincerely Stuart F. Brown

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February 10, 1941

Mr. Stuart F. Brown
Whitinsville
Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Brown,

Mr. McBrier is away from New York City for a fortnight, so I have the privilege of acknowledging your letter of February 6. With this you generously enclose a gift of \$300.00 for Yenching University.

We send herewith a formal receipt for the gift, and will hold the letter for Mr. McBrier's acknowledgment when he returns.

We know you will be very much interested in this week's issue of LIFE Magazine, which contains a special article on Yenching University. You may see the magazine regularly, but the publishers of LIFE are kindly sending you a special copy.

We are deeply grateful to you and to Mrs. Brown for your continued friendship for Yenching.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary

Copy to Mr. McBrier

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April 17, 1942

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart F. Brown
Whitinsville
Massachusetts

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Brown:

I know you are anxious for news from Yenching University. You will find enclosed a review of the situation as we see it today. With the buildings closed and the majority of the foreign staff interned, there is a filtering-through of students and teachers to West China; the seed for a new Yenching has been sown.

The Trustees have made cash appropriations for this new venture, the establishment of a refugee university in Free China. This is in keeping with the patient, enduring spirit of the Chinese, and the vigorous Christian traditions of Yenching. In such an enterprise you will want to have a part.

Our records show that your last gift to Yenching was \$300.00 in February 1941. It is possible, however, that you have contributed since that time to the work of Yenching University through United China Relief, but if your gift was not specifically designated for us, it naturally would not be reported. In order to keep us up to date, please fill out the enclosed postal card and send it to us.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our Chinese friends. The new Yenching, in the heart of Szechwan, will continue to serve China at a time when such services are most urgently needed. The University will continue to be a strong link in the chain of friendship between China and America.

But special funds are required to reestablish Yenching for the duration of the war. As you read this letter, hundreds of our Yenching friends are slowly making their dangerous way through battle lines, and guerrilla territory, to Free China. They are staking their personal resources, and their lives, to preserve the ideals we mutually share. They must have our help.

We also enclose a pledge card and a return envelope. We hope you will take this opportunity to send us a token of your appreciation of the courage and faith of our Chinese friends, who are creating a new Yenching, and a new Christian order in Asia.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

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Y. M.

December 3, 1942

Mr. Stuart F. Brown
c/o Whitinsville Spinning Ring Company
Whitinsville, Mass.

My dear Mr. Brown:

It was so nice to meet you and your family today, and I want to again thank you for calling me up and giving me the opportunity of seeing you. The visit was short, but very enjoyable. I hope sometime I may have the pleasure of entertaining you in my home.

I am herewith enclosing a copy of our Annual Report. You made inquiry in regard to the amount of assistance given by United China Relief. Page 6 will give this information.

The load being carried by United China Relief is the extra load of "For Relief and Emergency Needs" in addition to the continuing work of the Colleges.

Yenching, you will observe, had a very small expenditure last year - only \$23,811.39 (See Page 6) but you will understand that Yenching was doing business only from the time of its opening in September until December 8th, when the University campus was closed by the Japanese.

The break-up of the "Source of Income" on Page 8 is not intended to correspond exactly with the figures on Page 6. It is intended to show the various sources from which income for the Colleges is received. The first column, for instance, shows the amount in Chinese currency granted by the Government to the various universities. Our Mission Boards' contribution to the Colleges is shown in the second column, etc., etc.

This year the figures of Yenching will be very much larger than last, because quite a number of the professors and many students found their way to Western China, and a new Yenching University has been opened for the duration near the other colleges which are temporarily camped around West China Union University. They are all established in close proximity to each other, so they can use the general library and laboratory for their work.

Hoping you will not fail to let me know every time you come to the city, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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Enc.

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(Miss Clark has check.)

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WHITINSVILLE, MASS.

Dear Mr. McBrer:

Dec. 19, 1912

I thank you for your letter and pamphlet regarding the financial affairs of the Chinese Colleges. We did enjoy that opportunity to talk with you and the ladies together in such pleasant surroundings.

At a meeting of the Directors of day before yesterday, I ^{was} authorized to make a contribution of 2000 to aid Chinese work and as the members in this close corporation are interested mostly in your end of it I am drawing the check to E. W. McBrer, Treas. I propose to set it up in my books as United China Relief-Associated ^{Chinese} Colleges Branch and suppose that this will be proper for Federal Income tax purposes regarding contributions.

You are free to use it in the way it will do the most good in your own opinion. Personally I would lean to using it for the rehabilitation work for Yenching since I think that your greatest interest lies in that direction.

Mrs. Brown & Miss Trowbridge send warm regards to you and your family and hope that you have a merry Christmas season together.

Yours Sincerely,

Edward F. Brown.

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December 21, 1942

Mr. Stuart F. Brown
Whitinsville Spinning Ring Company
Whitinsville, Mass.

Dear Mr. Brown:

In the absence of Mr. McBrier from the office,
I acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 19th, enclosing
check for \$2,000.00, to be used for aid to China.

Your letter has been forwarded to Mr. McBrier,
and he will be glad to advise you in regard to the designation
of this gift as soon as possible. The check, meantime, has been
placed in the care of our Accounting Department.

Very truly,

Secretary to Mr. McBrier.

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December 31, 1942

Mr. Stuart F. Brown
Whitinsville Spinning Ring Company
Whitinsville, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Brown:

I regret to report that Mr. McBrier was taken ill on Sunday, December 20th, and has been in the hospital ever since. It was an old intestinal ailment, which is now responding rapidly to treatment and he will be around again shortly.

However, an acknowledgment of your letter should not have been held in abeyance. On the other hand, we desired to have Mr. McBrier's wisdom in the treatment of the fund for \$2,000 you generously enclosed. It is our recommendation that at present, it take on the form of a scholarship endowment fund, to be known as the Stuart F. Brown Scholarship Fund, income on same to be used for scholarships at Yenching University. When Yenching was compelled to close its doors December 1941, many students started on the trek to West China, knowing full well that work of some kind would be re-established. On December 8, 1942, the formal opening of the work of Yenching University at Chengtu was celebrated. About 300 students are in attendance. Many of these have suffered losses of everything they own, and need great assistance. Therefore a fund such as suggested will prove of great benefit to many students, over a period of years. You will note that funds received for Yenching are deductible for income tax purposes.

When Mr. McBrier returns to the office, he will be writing you further, and meanwhile may I extend to you the season's greetings.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Yenching

January 20, 1943

Mr. Stuart F. Brown
Whittinsville Spinning Ring Company
Whittinsville, Mass.

My dear Mr. Brown:

This is the first day that I have had the opportunity of dictating a few letters to my secretary. She came out to my home today to start the replies to the mail which has been accumulating for about a month.

I regret that I had to send a message through the Assistant Treasurer, Mr. C. A. Evans, as I was unable to attend to matters during the time I was in the hospital. I returned home about ten days ago, and seem to be recovering my health and strength.

I advised Mr. Evans that inasmuch as your interest heretofore had been in Yenching University, and inasmuch as Yenching University had recently reopened in Chungku and needed funds for scholarships, we could at least temporarily assign your generous contribution to the Stuart F. Brown Scholarship Fund.

I know of no more worthy object than to assist these courageous young Chinese men and women in obtaining the necessary education to establish them as leaders in the New China that will result from the present social and national upheaval in the East. You probably know that General and Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek have urged the Christian colleges to carry on, have assisted by making generous contributions to them, and have advised all the students to continue in their preparation for leadership in the New China. What is needed more than anything else in China is educated leadership. So, any person or fund that assists these young people to get an education during these years is making a great contribution toward the establishment of the modern China.

I notice your letter states that- "I propose to set it up in my books as United China Relief, Associated Chinese Colleges Branch." I may suggest that Yenching University, and in fact each one of the twelve universities in Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, may receive donations direct, and you can take credit for same by reporting your donation to each one of the Colleges, without the necessity of being in any way connected with United China Relief.

As a matter of fact, while we are recipients of contributions made to the U.C.R., inasmuch as we are one of the organizations that participate in that movement, if it is your pleasure that this fund continue in this account, it is best that same appear on your books merely as a contribution to "Yenching University." None of the universities is in any wise a "branch" of the U.C.R.; nor are the Christian Colleges "branches" of the U.C.R., and if the entry was made as you suggest, I rather think it would require some explanation, and we might have to change the allocation of the gift on our books.

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We want to carry out your wishes in the matter. I thought this generous gift might be the foundation to which you would in future years like to add some other gift, and thus create a scholarship fund, the income from which would, year after year, during the future decades, be assigned toward the education of students in Yenching University. We have a number of such funds, some of them amounting to \$10,000, some more, some less.

I shall be glad to receive any further suggestions from you. I took a good deal of liberty in making this suggestion to Mr. Evans, knowing that we could easily change the designation of the gift if it was your desire, but thinking that perhaps such a designation might be pleasing to you.

Awaiting any further suggestion you may have, and with sincere regards and appreciation for your continued interest, and with best regards to your family, I remain,

Most truly yours,

EMcB.A

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J. W.,
Ans. Jan 21/43

STUART F. BROWN

LINWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Mr. McBrier: Jan. 20, 1943.

I am glad that you are well again after that siege in the hospital. If I were you, I would not hesitate to get down to a warmer section of the country where plenty of sun will put on the final touches, even though it is wartime. You cannot afford to be less than in first class health in these times and a month or so under warm skies sometimes assures that.

I have changed the entry in my Corporation books to Yenching University in view of what you wrote and that is entirely satisfactory all around.

We attended a lecture by Rudyard Kipling in Boston Saturday on the cities of North Africa, the first pictures going back to 1904. Symphony Hall was packed, a fitting tribute to that traveller of 50 years standing and because the subject was so appropos.

Someday I would like to see the pictures that you took in that interesting corner of the world.

Sincerely yours Stuart F. Brown

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January 27, 1943

Mr. Stuart F. Brown
Whitinsville
Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Brown:

For the second time my secretary has come to my home today to enable me to catch up with my letters. She brings yours of Jan. 26th, for which I thank you.

I am glad that the suggestion which I made appealed to you. One of the things which we need to do for China is to educate the boys and girls for leadership. I do not know as you and Mrs. Brown realize what it has meant for the New China to have Generalissimo and Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek as leaders. Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek is a deeply spiritual Christian woman. Through her influence the Generalissimo was converted and was baptized early in their married life. The Soong family (her maiden name was Mei-ling Soong) were all devout Christians. Preference in government is given to graduates of Christian universities. I do not suppose there is a government on earth that has as large a percentage of devoted Christians comprising its political leadership as China has today. Now this means something for the future of China; just what it means, it is hard to state at this time, but would to God that we had in America a larger percentage of devoted Christians in Washington.

I visited North Africa in 1905, and took moving pictures in Algeria, Tunisia, and those countries where the war is now centered. I shall be glad to show you the pictures sometime. I hope I may have the opportunity to show those that I took on our round-the-world trip in 1929-30.

I am thinking some of going south a little later, probably late in March. My doctor has suggested that we go together. He is a very dear friend of mine, and I want to be near him for the next few weeks, as my blood is still considerably under par, and I am receiving hypodermics at his office three times a week to get back to normal.

Hoping this finds you all well, and trusting you will let me know in advance when you come down this way so that we can plan to see each other as we did the last time you were down, I remain, with kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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May 21, 1943

Mr. Stuart P. Brown
Whitinsville
Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you very much for your postal card mailed from Mexico. I never visited Mexico, although I have read several guide books and other literature, and expected ere this to visit that country. It is quite probable that I never will see Mexico in this life; still one can never tell. The war may be over in a few years, and if my health is good, I would like very much to take the trip.

I visited my daughter at her Middlebury, Conn. home for ten days, returning on the 19th, and enjoyed my stay there so much that I expect to go back this afternoon, and shall remain the balance of the month. My elder daughter, Gerry, will attend the graduation of her second daughter, Gay, whom you have met, on May 31st, at Dana Hall School, Wellesley, Mass. Nancy, who is at Wheaton College, finishes her second year's work a week later; while her boy, Ned, who is at Phillips Academy, Andover, will be through about June 8th. I expect they will come to Montclair to visit me after they are all through school. Meantime Gerry expects to visit her sister in Middlebury.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Brown. Plan to see me, if you can, any time you come to New York. Let me know in advance, and I will endeavor to be in the city.

Sincerely yours,

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STUART F. BROWN

WHITINSVILLE, MASS.

Dec. 22, 1944.

Dear Mr. McKim:

I received the book that you
so kindly sent with Christmas wishes
and we will be glad to read this
good record of life in China by one of
your friends in the work. I am
also interested in the foreword that
you wrote for the author. In fact I
have already read four chapters
of it and expect to finish it over the
week end. I thank you for this gift.

I am sending a check from the
Ring Co. for Yearning as was
done in previous years. This is
to be applied, as you did before
or as you may see fit now, in
the memory of my esteemed father
in Law Mr. George E. Trowbridge who
passed away just twenty ~~five~~ years
ago this week.

Our best to you and your fine
family with Christmas greetings
and a prosperous and healthful year
in 1945 for you.

Sincerely yours Stuart F. Brown

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Yenching

December 27, 1944

Mr. Stuart F. Brown, Treasurer
Whitinsville Spinning Ring Company
Whitinsville, Mass.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I want to thank you for yours of Dec. 22, with your
generous check, receipt for which is herewith enclosed.

I hope you had a nice Christmas, and I wish to extend
to you and your family by best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Gerry, her four children, and I all went up to Lois's
home at Middlebury, Conn. for Christmas. I came back this morning; Gerry
and her children are staying on for a day or two longer. The old gentleman
had to get back to his office and get some work done.

The work of the universities is going on apace in much the
same way that it has since we had to move to West China. The student body
is growing all the time and we are looking forward to the time when it may
be possible to move back to our campus. We sincerely hope and pray that
the enemy will not resort to vengeful destruction of property. Up to the
present there has been no basic damage, so far as we have learned, to
Yenching University. Some of the other college buildings have not fared so
well, but on the whole there is a great deal that has not been touched.
The buildings have all been pretty thoroughly looted, however, which means
that we shall have to face reconstruction, repair and refurnishing after
the war.

Hoping I have the privilege of seeing you soon, and with
best wishes to all, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

RMoS.A
Enc.

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WHITINSVILLE, MASS.

December 28, 1945.

Mr. E. M. McBrier,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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E. M. McBrier

Y. H. Fick

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Dear Mr. McBrier:

over → I am sending you a check as was done last year as a contribution for Yenching University. It is to be set up in the same way as you did the previous ones, that is to the memory of George E. Trowbridge. You are free to use it in whatever way seems best as was the case before.

I hope that you and your family had a good Christmas gathering and that you will also have a full and happy 1946. All of our family was together this Christmas except our son who managed to arrive in San Francisco Bay two days before Christmas. We have heard from him and he expects to leave there for a thirty days furlough starting January 2. It will be fine to have him here again as he has been away a little over seven and a half months.

It has been interesting to read about the changes that have taken place in China and particularly at the University. It must be giving them a great deal of joy to be opening up again and planning for the future. No doubt you and the others there in New York are having almost as much enthusiasm as the people back in China over this new set of conditions that came so rapidly when Japan collapsed last August.

I have been in New York only on one rush trip since seeing you last but will plan to come in and have a chat with you when things ease up and New York hotels are again more comfortable to deal with.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Z. Brown

SFB/M
Enc.

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For the George E. Lowbridge
Scholarship Fund

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January 2, 1946

Mr. Stuart F. Brown
Whitinsville
Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brown:

I wish to thank you for yours of December 28th, and your most generous check. Enclosed please find receipt.

Your wishes, as indicated in the first paragraph of your letter, will be carried out.

We had a very fine Christmas gathering. Mr. and Mrs. Sperry and their four children came down to spend the day with us. They stayed all night, returning early the next day.

I am glad to know that your son has arrived in this country and that he will have a thirty days' furlough. It surely is fine to have the boys back again.

In regard to the Yenching University, you will be glad to know that Dr. Stuart reports that 95% of the books in the Yenching Library have been recovered without undue expense. They were hidden in three localities in Peking, ready to be shipped to Japan, but unfortunately for the latter named country, our Navy smashed their boats so thoroughly that they could not get them shipped out to China.

Considerable of the wooden furniture was stolen or destroyed but Dr. Stuart says that 800 of about 1200 study chairs for classrooms were recovered from different shops and warehouses in Peking.

It surely is very encouraging to find that the buildings are intact with the exception of the wooden and metal parts which have been removed. The most serious loss seems to be the entire heating and lighting plant, also the sewage pumps; all of these were evidently taken to Japan, - at least they have not been located.

I am glad to know that you will drop in and see me before long.

Wishing you and your family every blessing, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

RM:BA
Enc.

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December 27, 1946

Mr. Stuart F. Brown
Whitinsville
Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brown:

Mr. McBrier left for a short Christmas vacation with his daughter in Massachusetts and he telephoned to me that a check for \$2,000.00 would be coming from you. Agreeable thereto I am acknowledging receipt of your letter of December 21st enclosing check for \$2,000.00 for which receipt is being enclosed.

We are adding this to the George F. Trowbridge Scholarship Fund upon which \$8,000.00 had been previously paid; this makes the present total \$10,000.00. Interest on the invested funds involved in this fund is, of course, credited to the field account regularly.

It is probable that Mr. McBrier will wish to write you further, upon his return, but I wish you to know immediately that the check had been received and deposited in the bank.

With added thanks, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:EW
Enc.
cc: Mr. McBrier

C. A. EVANS

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CAB:EW
Enc.
cc: Mr. McBrier

C. A. EVANS

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December 30, 1946

Mr. Stuart F. Brown,
Whitinsville,
Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brown:

I appreciated very much your telephone call, and am glad I was at home the evening it came through.

Mr. Evans telephoned me when the check arrived, and from his letter you will understand that it was added to the scholarship fund which you established. This fund is now a substantial sum and the income from same will mean much to the students who are receiving the annual scholarship distribution.

I spent most of last week at the home of my daughter, Mrs. Mark L. Sperry, Jr., who lives in Middlebury, Conn. Our entire family was there, and most of Mr. Sperry's relatives were present. It was a happy occasion, as all such holidays are when the whole family can get together.

All members of the Williams family, including the new son-in-law which Nancy annexed in October, 1946, were present, with the exception of Ned, who is now in Hawaii.

I hope I may again have the privilege of entertaining you at luncheon when you come to New York, and if possible bring Mrs. Brown along. Please advise me a few days in advance so that I can make arrangements to meet you.

Wishing you every blessing throughout the new year, and with sincere affection to all the members of your family, I remain,

Most truly yours,

BMcB.A

Treasurer.

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