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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 18, 1927.

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS:
"YENTA"

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I very sincerely hope that this letter will find you in the best of health and successful in all your undertakings in the States.

Dr. Galt I understand is sending you a cable about the present conditions in and around this section of the country and the work of Phillip Fu. You may wish to know a little more in detail concerning those two matters. I do not know whether Phillip has written you concerning his promotional work. Upon his return from Shantung he told me that he succeeded in having an interview with General Chang Tsung-chang through General Shih. General Chang assured him of his contribution of \$25000, in Shantung notes not \$5000, saying that although he was not too much in love with Yenching on account of the rumors about the Bolshevik activities of Yenching, he nevertheless would not fall down on his promise to a foreign educator. General Shih told Phillip that the money would be transferred to Peking in two or three weeks. As yet the money has not come, probably because of the warring conditions in Honan and Shantung. Regarding the Dairen constituency, Phillip reports that when he was there Admiral Tsai was politically sick, and that the latter had collected only eight or nine hundred dollars, and that he was going to collect the other few thousand dollars already promised. As to when the money will come in we do not know.

I do not know just exactly what Phillip has been doing since his return. Through his conversations with me I, however, am able to gather that he is still trying to be in close touch with the authorities as he seems to be able to inform us promptly of all interesting news concerning the general political situation and particularly information regarding Yenching. I think he is also in close touch with the student leaders.

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Mei Lan-fang is coming to visit Yenching this afternoon and will have luncheon at the Wiant's and afternoon tea at Miss Boring's. This I believe is the result of one of Phillip's promotional activities.

A few words about the recent war between Shansi and Mukden. I may tell you first that the situation in and around Peking is absolutely peaceful. Everything is going on normally. No one is unduly disturbed. Shansi has practically given up the fight as the Mukden troops have apparently inflicted overwhelming defeat upon the Shansi troops, both along the Kin Sui and Kin Han railways. It is true that there are still some independent fighting units of Shansi who are still trying to harass the rear of the Mukden lines of communication, but they seem to be absolutely out of touch with their bases so they are not offering much resistance and probably will be wiped out very easily in a few days. As to why Shansi undertook the attack, various explanations have been given, but a most plausible one probably is due to the ambitions of two or three of General Yen's subordinates who have been more or less in league with General Feng. So, the Shansi defeat may mean the elimination of his unruly subordinates, thus accidentally strengthening his own position. So please inform our New York office that everything is all right here, and just as normal as when you left. Please, therefore, go on with your plans.

Dr. Tayler and Dr. Parr have arrived. They are both living in the British Concession which is now renamed The Irish Free State on account of the presence of the gigantic Dr. Parr. Dr. Tayler has taken over the acting-treasurership, but Mr. Wiant has agreed to help him as much as possible up to December in order to give Dr. Tayler enough time to make all the other necessary readjustments because of his late arrival.

The Alumni Gate is completed. Certainly it is a very beautiful structure and means so much to the security of the institution. The roof of McBrier Hall is practically completed. If all hardware fixtures could arrive early there would be still some prospect for the hall to be used before the end of this calendar year. Underground cable for the campus lighting is being laid, so that most likely we will have a well lighted campus in a few weeks time. There is not any sign for future road building and no further work has been done for the landscaping. I do not know what plans Mr. Porter and Mr. King have for the landscaping work to be done before Winter comes. The Infirmary is practically finished and is being furnished so that it will be formally occupied in two or three weeks.

The Commission on Investigation appointed by you at the last Preseasonal Conference has presented its first

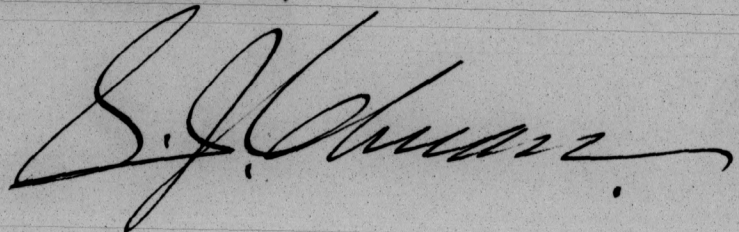
report dealing with the servants question only. If all parties concerned are willing to agree to the suggested reduction of servants, the University may be able to save about one thousand dollars a year. As time goes on the Commission will present other reports dealing with other questions. As to what those questions are we do not know.

The student body seems to be working faithfully as far as we know. There is not any trouble brewing among them except the ordinary small affairs which do not amount to anything. It is true that the student management of the dormitories has caused some misunderstanding between the Executive Committee of the Student Association and H.H. Chuan's office, but the Commission on ~~Management~~ is trying to help to define the functions and authority of the students dormitory management, and when that is done I believe there will not be any further misunderstanding.

I think that is long enough for you to digest and I shall write again in a week or two.

With my very best wishes,

Very cordially yours,



P.S.:

Phillip seems to be in high spirits most of the time and does not show any sign of being "sick" at all.

S.J.C.

October 25, 1927

My dear Jimmy:

The cable from Dr. Galt stating that the contributions for which we had been looking had not yet been received suggests to me a further reason for discontinuing the services of Philip Fu. Francis Wei makes the statement that in the Yangtze Valley generally there is a belief that we are more or less sold out to the Northern militarists, basing this suspicion upon the fact that we are constantly receiving money from them. Since the efforts have not been successful, it is all the more important that we discontinue them.

In this whole delicate situation I confidently leave the problem to the discretion of Mr. Wu and yourself. What little there is to report on conditions in America and my movements, I have communicated in a letter just written to Dr. Galt. I shall try to keep you informed of progress as it is made.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. S. J. Chuan
Yenching University
Tsing Hua Yuan
Peking West, China

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PEKING, CHINA.

S. J. Chuan

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

November 2, 1927.

Dr. J. L. Stuart,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I presume that you must have received my last letter. Your letters mailed upon landing have all been received here. Needless to say that all are happy to know that you have safely arrived in the States.

Since last writing you, the political and military situation in this part of the country has not undergone any change. The Shansi and Mukden soldiers are at ~~the~~ standstill near the boundary of Shansi province. It seems that neither side is able to take any further offensive. The most serious phase of this Shansi-Mukden war, which still remains unsolved, is the continued occupation of Chochow, between Paoting-fu and Peking, by the Shansi troops. Although the Shansi soldiers in the city have not been able to do any further damage, but the Mukden troops, so far, have failed in taking the city by storm. It is expected, however, that the city will fall in a day or two.

It seems that the Chili-Shantung troops have been able to gain quite a good deal of territory along the Lung-Hai Railway against Feng Yu Hsiang; but how much of the gain is due to the superior fighting strength of the Shantung soldiers, or to the strategic retreat on the part of General Feng, we are not quite clear up here. It is reported today that the Shantung troops have already captured Kaifeng and are advancing toward Chenphow.

Hankow and Nanking are again engaged in serious fighting against each other. General Tong Shen Chih is leading the Hankow side and General Li Tsung Jen the Nanking side. The general opinion is that Tong Shen Chih will fall but Li Tsung Jen will not be able to hold together what he has gained, or will have to ~~gained~~ by this present fighting. Mr. Wong Ching Wei has evidently returned to Canton and is trying energetically

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to set up another government in Canton, more or less, modeled after that set up by Dr. Sun yet-sen some years ago. But how far he will succeed remains to be seen.

/ Regarding the housing questions for the next academic year. Dr. J. F. Li and Dr. T. H. Chen plan to move their families out during their leave of absence. As to how they will do when the time comes, of course it is a little too far ahead to know definitely. I do not as yet know what Mr. William Hung's plans are for his family during his leave of absence. Regulations governing the treatment of Chinese teachers are being considered by the General Faculty Executive Committee. If they are duly passed, it will become obligatory on the part of the Chinese teachers to vacate their residences during their leave of absence. If all the Chinese, who are going to be on leave next year, can make plans to house their families elsewhere, we will then have little difficulty in housing those teachers who will have to vacate their houses for the regular occupants next year.

The question regarding the house for the Yu Ke students next year remains unsettled. According to the Vice-president, we shall be required to house about 100 Yu Ke students. It is therefore imperative that some money, say M\$15,000. or M\$20,000. will have to be raised during the next two or three months so as to enable the University either to put on an additional dormitory, or to purchase and remodel an entirely separate large private residence in Haitien for the use of Yu Ke exclusively. It seems to me that this is going to be a most urgent need for the next academic year.

I do not need to write you about the various activities, as you might have read same from the weekly bulletin which has been sent to you regularly. So far we have had no definite news concerning the contributions from Dairen or Tsinan. The McBriers Hall will be ready for use by the time you return in January. Had the hardware for that building been ordered earlier, the hall could be used in three weeks time, because the roof is on and the interior is rapidly nearing completion. The Alumni Gate is now finished, and the Decoration Committee has conferred with those members of the class of 1927, who are now in Yenching, as to the design for the electric lights of the said gate for which the 1927 class made a contribution of over \$300. A cable for the campus lights is being laid and I hope we will have the campus properly lighted in not distant future. The General Faculty Executive Committee is going to meet on the 14th of this month to decide on measures regarding the revision

of the constitution. The Committee on Functions has already met several times and a set of tentative by-laws governing functions of the different offices will soon be published. Due to the reorganization and the coming in of new commissions and offices, certain governing questions ~~on~~ inter-commission and inter-office relations have arisen and we hope to have all these questions properly solved before you return.

The salary cut is going on without interruption. The majority of the faculty members have allowed this cut. However, the total cut for the ten months will amount to somewhat around \$10,000. or \$11,000. This means that we will still be \$5,000. or \$6,000. short.

Members of the President's Office, the Commission on Studies, Commission on Men Students' Welfare, Yu Ke, Yenching Journal, Yenta Weekly and the Students Self-Government Associations are taking charge of the Friday Assemblies by turn during the first semester. The first issue of the Yenta Monthly, that is the new monthly regular magazine of "Yenta Chou Kan She", came out a week ago. It is quite a presentable publication. If the subsequent issues can be as good as the first one, then Yencheng will have a student publication worthy of its name.

There are rumours about some "inspection" on Yenching, made by the Government agent but, so far, nothing of the kind has happened. The students, however, are now somewhat excited by the announcement of an order from the Ministry of Education concerning the examination of the students of all the private universities. You will probably recall that during our conversation with Minister Liu of the Education who mentioned that he was going to inspect and examine all the private universities. It now looks as if he is in dead earnest in carrying out his wishes. Some private institutions in Peking have petitioned him asking that such examination be not taken place but he flatly refused to accept such a "suggestion".

As Mr. Tayler is so busy that he is not able to take up the duties of the Acting Treasurer until sometime in December, and as Mr. Wiant finds that he can arrange to give sometime to the Treasurer's Office, the Faculty Executive Committee has just voted to ask Mr. Wiant to continue to serve as Acting Treasurer until you return, in order to enable you and the New York Office to undertake any reorganization of the University treasurership.

In general the situation around here is still quite normal and peaceful, and we are able to carry on

our work undisturbed. The consensus of opinion is that the present regime will be able to continue to govern this part of the country for quite sometime, not because of its strength but because of the disorganized condition prevailing in other parts of the country.

Excepting the death of the girl student, Miss Wu Feng Ying, who died of typhoid fever and appendicitis a week ago, nothing unfortunate has fallen upon this institution. As there is some kind of typhoid fever epidemic, the University has made provisions for students and faculty members to have anti-typhoid injections. I understand that many students have already taken the injections.

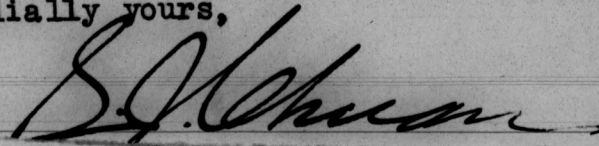
The regular winter weather has not as yet arrived. Heat has, however, been put on for a few days on account of the severe cold spell which visited us a few days ago.

Mr. Lund and I have been going through the different University and Men's College buildings for final inspection. Mr. Lund is going to submit a report of his findings to the Grounds and Buildings Committee and to the New York Office. This will take a good deal of time and we hope that it can be finished within another month.

This is a rather disconnected letter, as I have dictated the thoughts that happened to come along and hope, however, that it will help to keep you informed of affairs here.

With my best wishes for a very pleasant Thanksgiving Day,

Cordially yours,



November 17, 1927

My dear Jimmy:

Your letter of October 18th reached me yesterday and was read with keen interest and pleasure. I am certainly glad to know that in general matters are progressing satisfactorily.

Philip Fu has written me his version of the delay in getting money from Governor Chang Tsung Chang and of the delays in prospects with the Dairen group.

You speak of the completion of the Alumni Gate. Please have a photograph taken of it, if possible with the lions in position and let us have it. In this connection I assume that Governor Chen Shu Fan has made the two additional payments that he promised. We need this to pay for the gate, at least until this has otherwise been provided.

My work in this country has hitherto been very slow. I am incessantly occupied with conferences, speaking, engagements, and so forth, all of which seem more or less important as well as unavoidable. There is little definite progress to report. I am putting my main efforts on trying to find some person who can permanently take charge of this promotional work in this country. Meanwhile there is so wide-spread and pronounced a feeling of distrust as to any further investment of money in China that it is paralyzing all efforts to secure direct gifts. People are much interested and are willing to talk about China or to listen, but not to give, especially for buildings.

I am urging a general campaign of education on the part of the mission boards and others interested, as a necessary preliminary before any of us can hope to benefit. Unless someone can be found in the very near future who is ready to take up our financial work at once, it would seem that I shall have to stay at least for one or two months after the New Year. Otherwise the time spent thus far will be largely wasted.

I fear, therefore, that you had better make plans as though I would not be back in Peking until sometime in March or later. I shall, of course, write more definitely as things take shape here.

I am sorry to report, also, that when I lectured at Princeton University a week ago I suddenly developed an acute

attack of colic which drove me to the local hospital as soon as the lecture was over and has kept me out of active work until today. The doctor says, of course, since he can find no other cause, that this is the result of over work. I am getting all sorts of warnings about taking things more easily. I am about all right today.

With greetings to all those in the President's office to whom this must be a sort of joint letter for the present, and with constant remembrance of all of those on the Yenching campus and especially with every good wish in the work which I rejoice to think of as being in your charge, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. S. J. Chan
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(YENCHING TA HSUEH)
PEKING, CHINA

S. J. Chuan

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 3rd, 1927.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

From letters you sent to different members of the administration, we all are happy to know that you are finding things not so disencouraging in the States.

Much of what I am going to tell you in the following might have been told by some other members of the administration or faculty, but I believe that you can stand for some repetitions.

The political situation is getting worse and more complicated, since the Southern Government has developed so many small militarists, who are working hard merely to secure for themselves their own spheres of influence in Hankow, Changsha, Canton, Foochow, Nanchang, etc., etc. It, therefore, seems that chances for the unification of China are further away. Situation in the North, however, remains the same. The Mukden authorities have not as yet been able to take Chochow and are still besieging the city. As to why the city has not yet fallen, no one here knows, but many think that it is because that the Mukden soldiers are not brave enough or willing to storm it. Since last writing you, nothing startling has occurred in this part of the country, excepting that General Yang Yu Ting, Chief of Staff to Chang Tso Lin, is having a tilt with the Japanese Minister over certain newspaper interviews granted by the former concerning questions of the development of South Manchuria by the Japanese through the proposed American loans, and negotiations concerning the Inner Mongolia. The Japanese Minister is very much peeved, to say the least, and has issued public statements literally denouncing and threatening the Mukden authorities. How much of what is going on behind the scene will thus be brought to the public, we do not know. However, it is a general belief that

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this is purely a little newspaper propaganda work undertaken by both sides which indicates that a great deal has been going on behind the scene and that the future of Manchuria and Mongolia is, more or less, at stake.

Mei Lan Fong actually came on last Tuesday, November 22nd, and gave a very beautiful performance of the play entitled "The fairy, Chan Ho fleeing toward the moon". The auditorium was filled to its capacity, and all seemed to have enjoyed it immensely. This performance was to help the students to raise funds for their Mass Education work.

Mr. Liu Chê, Minister of Education, gave a brief address in the auditorium, a few days ago, to the Education Association which was attended voluntarily by almost the entire students body. Students and faculty members were not impressed by what he spoke, but liked his personality and physical appearance. After the meeting he was entertained by the University at Dean Frame's residence. He enjoyed the visit and spoke rather warmly about and for Yenching.

We have been kept exceptionally busy for the past few days in preparation for the examination required by the Ministry of Education. During the last few days, the Ministry have given examinations to all the private universities in the city, and beginning with the 13th of this month, they will start to examine our students. We think that everything will pass off peacefully, as we understand from some of the important officers of the Ministry that they do not intend to make it unreasonably difficult for any university which they know to be good in every way.

I have had interviews, during the last few days, with a number of the leading Chinese endeavouring to secure from them endorsements on the cable message for which you cabled for the promotion work in the States. So far, I have been successful in securing the endorsements from Dr. Lo Wen Kan, former Premier and Minister of Justice, Dr. Wellington Koo and Mr. Fan Yuan-lien. Letters, soliciting endorsements, have been sent to both Dr. W. W. Yen and Dr. Chang Po-ling. Within the next day or so I hope I shall be able to secure endorsements from Mr. Hsiung Hsi Ling and Mr. Wang Wen-tien, President of the Chamber of Commerce.

I presume that Dr. Galt has already written you about securing endorsements from the Southern leaders. A letter has just been sent to Dr. Davis Yui, informing him of the contents of the proposed cable to be endorsed and asking him to take the liberty of securing further endorsements

from a few other leaders in South China. That particular cable will be sent directly from Shanghai to the New York Office in order to save time. I trust that these endorsements are exactly what you want.

Mr. Flood is now handing over his work to the Treasurer's office. The financial part of the Construction Bureau will be moved to the Administrative Building by the 15th of December. Mr. Lund and I have just finished the inspection of the various buildings and I believe that he will soon send in his final report to the New York Office.

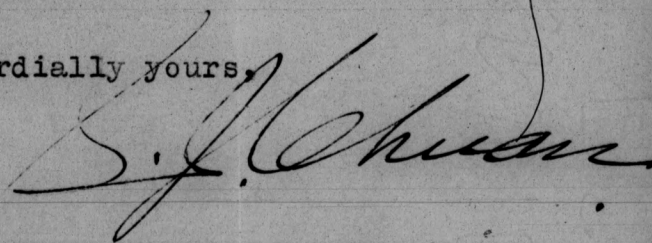
The lake is now frozen and skating will start in a day or two which will, of course, add more life to the University.

I forget to mention that Mr. Ling Yueh Ming, one of our students, who is known as an expert photographer, has been authorized by the President's Office to take some pictures of the buildings, grounds and all kinds of activities within the campus. Within the next two weeks, we shall be able to send to New York Office some pictures good enough for the promotion work.

I do not know whether you have been informed of the regulation recently promulgated by the Ministry of Education which requires Institutions supported by foreign funds to have a Chinese president. Vice-President Wu is of the opinion that this regulation is simply a political gesture on the part of the Peking Government and that, as far as he could see, the Ministry would not consider seriously the enforcement of this rule in the near future. I quite agree with Mr. Wu, because from Mr. Liu, Head of the Department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Education, I learned that no time limit has been set for putting this regulation into operation, therefore, Yenching need not be in a hurry to find a Chinese Head.

My wife joins with me in wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Cordially yours,



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PEKING UNIVERSITY
(YENCHING TA HSUEH)
PEKING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 16, 1927.

Dr. J. L. Stuart,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Your letter of November 17th came to hand yesterday, and I have translated it to the Vice-president and Dr. Galt has also read it over. We all are indeed very sorry to hear of your illness and sincerely hope that you will take proper care of your health.

Although we like to have you come back before the Chinese New Year, we agree with you that your stay in the States should be long enough to enable your efforts to bear definite and permanent fruits. Dr. Galt thinks that he may have to drop his work in the Department of Education in order to keep pace with his work as Co-acting-president. He is really having a great deal of work and with the additional work of budget-making I cannot see how he can go on without reducing his work in his department. As far as the Vice-president and myself are concerned, we have enough, but not too much, to do, and can get along until you return.

A cable was sent to you last week containing message of appreciation of American educational efforts in China, and welcome of further financial and instructional assistance. This cable was signed by the following persons:

Mr. Hsiung Hsi Ling
Dr. Wellington Koo
Dr. Lo Wen Kan, Former Premier and Minister of Justice
and Finance
Dr. W. W. Yen
Dr. Chang Po Ling
Mr. Fan Yuan Lian
Mr. Wang Wen Yien, President of the General Chamber of
Commerce of Peking
Dr. Y. T. Tsur.

In my last letter I spoke of the cable and also the signers, but at that time I was not sure yet of Mr. Hsiung and Mr. Wang. This is to give you a definite information of those who approved of

sending such a cable message. I may add that all the signers gladly and promptly gave their approval when they were told of the object in sending such a message. We have not as yet heard from Dr. Davis Yui as to what he has been able to do in securing approvals from some of the Southern leaders in sending a similar message directly to you, but we hope that, by this time, he has already succeeded in sending such a message.

The President's Office has asked Mr. Lin Yueh Ming to take special pictures of the different ~~plan~~ of the life and buildings and grounds of the University and we have also asked Miss Hague to take charge of sending these pictures to you. I understand that of pictures which have been sent to you already, there are several copies of the Alumni Gate. The lions have not as yet been placed in front of the Alumni Gate. I think Mr. Porter's Committee is waiting for permission from the Police Administration to allow them to remove one or two of the trees in front of the Alumni Gate before he could have the lions placed. He is studying the question of lights of the Alumni Gates with a few members of the 1927 class, who are still studying in the institution this year. You will remember that members of this class contributed some \$300. for the Alumni Gate lights. The big "Pien" of Yen Ching Ta Hsueh in Chinese, written by Mr. Tsai Yuan Pei has been reprinted and will soon be placed above the Alumni Gate. Philip told me sometime ago that we would have to wait indefinitely for Governor Chen Shu Fan to make the two payments that he promised. So far he has made only one payment. The Alumni Gate Committee has not secured much money since your departure. I personally took the Chairman and the Treasurer of the Committee to the city a few weeks ago in order to put them into personal contact with a number of the well-to-do and influential alumni for the purpose of raising more funds. However, not very much has been done, consequently the Alumni Gate is still about \$4,000 in debt.

As the Department of Economics claimed that it needs all the "Underwood" typewriters for its Business Course, and as the Administrative Offices are in dire need of two more good typewriters, it was voted by the General Faculty Executive Committee a few weeks ago to ask you to buy two "Underwood" typewriters and bring them back when you return. Dr. Galt has just asked me to add this matter in my letter. Should you return late, I wonder whether you can arrange to have these two typewriters sent ~~by mail~~ as soon as they have been bought. On account of the additional new taxes which have been imposed on the business concerns by the military authorities, it is now very costly to buy typewriters locally and it will save a great deal of money to buy them in the States.

Mr. Beddow, Mr. Hildabrand and myself held a conference yesterday about the question of how to manage the work of

Operation and Maintenance more promptly and efficiently, particularly the financial phase of it. From now on, as a result of the Conference, I shall spend one hour every day, i.e. 9-10 every morning, at the Construction Bureau to straighten out such matters with and for Mr. Hildabrand, and also to look over the bills for which I am responsible in issuing the requisition checks. I hope, by this plan, the difficulties, which constantly face Mr. Hildabrand, as University Engineer, can be greatly reduced and there will not be much complication in the future.

The Commission on Men Students' Welfare made a recommendation to the General Faculty Executive Committee asking that the Commission be dissolved and that its work be assigned to the different offices and the Commission on Studies, and a single man be appointed to take care of the discipline of men students. I did not sign this recommendation as I do not believe that such a recommendation can be accepted or carried out under the present circumstances. I further believe that, if the functions of the Commission and its functional relations with other offices and the Commission on Studies are clearly defined, and the responsibilities for carrying out such functions definitely accepted by the Commission, there will not be much difficulty for the Commission to do its work. Three men have been appointed to serve as a Committee to study the question of the functions, etc., of the Commission on Men Students' Welfare, and the result of such a study, I am sure, will be of great help to the Commission in continuing its work in the future. I should add that the General Faculty Executive Committee did not accept the recommendation from the Commission.

I spoke this morning to the assembly on the subject of General Financial Conditions of the University, paying special attention to the sources of support of the different parts of the University with a view to show to the students and faculty members that the administration has been working very hard in trying to simplify and to make more efficient the organization of the University, but, as the University does not get all its funds from one source or one responsible body, there is liable to be certain unavoidable complicated condition in the organization of the University which is not conducive to increase working efficiency. I also told them of the work of the Commission on Investigation, Commission on Constitutional Revision and the Committee on Functions in order to show them that the University is making very serious effort in trying to remedy as far as it can and as soon as it can the defects of the organization of the University. I hope that my speech will be of some help in clearing some of the erroneous impressions.

The Yenta Monthly Association gave a very fine play entitled "War and Peace" written and directed by Mr. Hsiung Fo Hsi, an alumni of Yenching. It was very properly and well performed by the leading stars of both the Men's and Women's Colleges.

All are busy now with the usual Christmas preparations and the series of Christmas celebrations will begin next Wednesday.

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day evening December 21st. The Senior class will entertain the students and faculty members tomorrow evening in the auditorium.

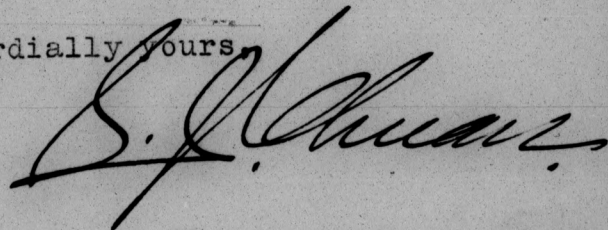
Examinations by the Ministry of Education have been postponed until next week. We have just heard that they will give the examinations next Tuesday.

Situation in the North remains the same. There has been no fighting between Shansi and Mukden. The Shantung-Chihli forces have just turned a sure defeat into a victory over Feng Yu Hsiang by the prompt arrival of Sun Chuan Fang's efficient forces. The situation in the South is getting more complicated and dangerous. Kuomintang leaders have not as yet been able to agree on any definite government program. Canton was stormed by the red forces a few days ago but was retaken by Government soldiers yesterday. Latest reports tell of great bloodshed in the fighting between the Government troops and the red forces, also terrible wholesale execution of the red elements by the Government forces after the city was recaptured. One encouraging aspect of the whole situation is that Mission institutions in particular, and foreign enterprises in general, seem to be more immune from molestation which may be of some help to your promotional work in the States.

As Dr. Galt's letter and the Weekly Bulletin will give you all the other necessary information, I will stop now and write you again after the New Year.

With best regards, I am,

Cordially yours



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P.S: Philip Fu, after two weeks absence, suddenly appeared yesterday at my office, saying that he has been to Shanghai and Hanking. He also reported that he interviewed Chiang Kai Shih, and Mr. Yü Chia Ching of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce. Altho he has stopped getting salary, he does not seem to act as if he had been asked

by you to either resign or stop the promotional work until you return. He still moves around with the students freely and comes to class with the wants as usual. If you are to return late, it would be better for you to write to Dr. Gask directly and definitely what you want Philip to do concerning the promotional work and his ^{official} relations with the University, and Dr. Gask is in a better position to check him than either Mr. Low and myself who, he thinks, are prejudiced against him.

Honestly speaking, I do not think his continued relation with the University is beneficial, as he goes around to the different classes to different students or faculty members, and sometimes spread unfounded rumours.

E. J. G.

January 3, 1928.

My dear Jimmie:

I am just back this afternoon from a holiday trip of slightly over two weeks in the south, during which time I simply enjoyed myself and did not attempt to do any work. I first spent a few days in Richmond with my brother and various other friends. Then went to Lexington and took Jack with me to New Orleans where we spent Christmas day. After this we visited other relatives in Mobile and in Georgia.

I found an accumulation of mail and other business and am leaving tonight for Boston so that I have not even read most of my letters yet. This is only a short note to tell you of the interest with which I have read your letter - all the items of which have special interest at this time. The political news is especially helpful to me because I am constantly being asked to explain the latest developments. It is very reassuring to know that matters in the University are going on so well, as I felt sure, however, would be the case.

We are just beginning our formal campaign with no tangible grounds for encouragement yet but we shall do our best.

Please give my greetings to the Vice President and to all others.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. S. J. Chuan,
Yenching University,
Peking, China.

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(YENCHING TA HSUEH)
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 18, 1928.

Dr. J. L. Stuart,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

We all are exceedingly happy to hear of the encouraging news in your various efforts in the States. We all hope that they will be soon crowned with definite success if they have not been crowned already.

Dr. Galt, Mrs. Frame and Mr. Wm. Hung are now on their way to Shanghai to attend the Conference of the Council of Christian Higher Education to be held there on the 19th of this month. As the question concerning the further union of Christian education works will be taken up in this coming conference, the General Faculty Executive Committee decided that Dr. Galt and Mrs. Frame should attend the conference in addition to the two regular members, i.e. Mr. Hung and Miss Sui Wang. Miss Sui Wang decided at the very last minute not to go because of the loss of her own bag on their way to the city which contained all her valuable things, including the manuscript of the book that she had been trying to write for the last few years. But I am glad to say that it has just been found a few minutes ago. Mr. Tayler is informally acting for Dr. Galt.

We are busy in preparing the University budget for 1928-29. The plan for the budget will be finished in its final form during the winter recess and ready for the Board of Managers meeting to be held on February 3rd in order to allow it enough time to reach you before you leave the States. Concerning the financial situation, I am, of course, particularly anxious to know whether there is any new money for residences. I thought a few days ago we would have enough houses to get along for the next academic year but the news that Mr. Hsu Ti Shan most likely will get married during the summer vacation means that we have to provide a regular house for him, but, so far as I can see, there is no suitable house available. His financee is the daughter of a Mr. Chou formerly a member of the parliament.

As the Wiants are going on furlough I wonder what plans you have for your own house keeping also for the construction of the President's residence.

Philip Fu has not been here for quite a few weeks therefore we do not know what he has been doing and how he is.

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The siege of Chochow has been lifted and the Shansi soldiers in the city have surrounded to the Mukden authorities. This, of course, relieves the local political and military conditions a great deal and marshal law in and around the city consequently has become much less strict so we can now get into the city practically free from police search.

Mid-year examinations are going on and winter recess will begin with next Friday, January 20th. You, of course, must have received the cable message informing you of the excellent results of our students in the examinations given by the Ministry of Education.

The general situation along here continues to be peaceful and everything in the University goes on as usual. Business conditions, however, are not very encouraging as stores after stores have closed down.

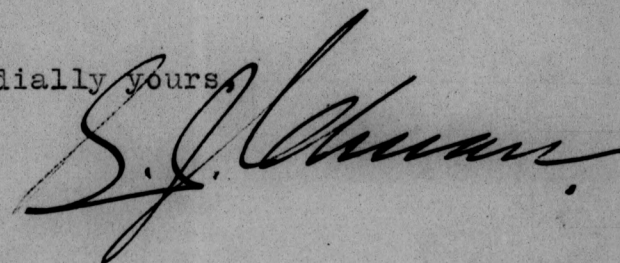
The Committee on Constitutional Revision has been meeting regularly every week. The restoration of either the dean's system or the combining of the Commission on Men Students' Welfare with the Commission on Studies, forming one Commission to take charge of the responsibilities of both, is the topic of the day.

The Faculty Executive at its meeting yesterday informally agreed that Dr. Parr should be formally invited to return in the fall of this year. You will hear from Dr. Galt on this point when he returns from Shanghai. It means another house for Dr. Parr and family.

The Life Fellowship met last Saturday and decided to continue the Life and Truth Bi-weekly on the strength of your advice to Dr. T. C. Chao not to discontinue it. I am now the Treasurer of the Life Fellowship and hope very much that you can secure some definite fund for the magazine as we need at least \$400. before June.

Wishing you a very best of health,

Cordially yours,



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January 24, 1928.

My dear Jimmie:

I have had for some days your good letter of December 16th and have read the items of news with much interest. This sort of information is all very helpful in dealing with issues at this end. This letter is primarily to comment on a few matters affecting Faculty residences.

1. It is now rather definite that Mr. and Mrs. Nash will return to China next summer and a house must be provided for them.

2. Dr. T. T. Low is quite attracted to the idea of his occupying the Women's residence in the East compound. Will you consult with his mother and wife (independently of each other)? This may be the best use to make of the building that otherwise is a problem to us. He wants to have his mother in his own home in quarters that are somewhat private. As you know, we are under obligation to furnish him a house in view of the special gift for this purpose several years ago. In the event of such a settlement, we are to provide quarters for women teachers to the number that this house provides for though not necessarily costing the same amount of money.

3. The Mead family will also come out next summer, his salary being supplied from personal sources. They will also want a large house.

4. I regret that family considerations make it practically certain that the Burgess family cannot return to China next summer so that for at least a year and perhaps longer that house can be assigned to the present occupants.

5. The friends who intended to provide my house are still a little dubious about the political situation and have said that they will give their final decision in the spring. This is only a question of delay. I should, however, be grateful if you would have Mr. Porter and Mr. Hildebrand consult with you as to the plans for this house so that work can be started as soon as a cable is received by you to that effect. Professor and Mrs. Corwin, of Princeton University, will be with us during the autumn semester and I am thinking of having them stay with me. If my house is finished

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there will be no problems otherwise, I shall perhaps occupy the place where I am now supposed to be living.

We are making efforts to secure money for new residences but thus far without results which can be reported .

With best wishes and cordial remembrances to you and all others, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. S. J. Chuan,
Yenching University,
Peking, China.

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TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

May 12, 1930.

Dr. J. L. Stuart,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.,
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Judging by the New York cables regarding new residences, my last letter must have reached you quite a few days ago. We are especially happy because of the money authorized by New York for new residences. Although it does not meet all our residential needs, as matters stand now, it will help greatly in solving the housing difficulties for the next academic year.

Day before yesterday the annual Alumni Home Coming Day took place. About 190 alumni and alumnae returned, the ages covering almost a century, that is, from my father who finished his school in 1865 to the re-union baby who will probably graduate from Yenching 1960. The welcome tea was held in your house with the alumnae in the University and man- and woman-student representatives acting as the reception committee and serving tea. Chancellor and Dean Frame spoke briefly, welcoming the alumni and alumnae on behalf of the University. After visiting the buildings and grounds we all met at Wang Huai-ching's garden for the University luncheon. Dr. Galt and T.T. made interesting reports on the important developments of the University which were received very heartily by the audience. This was followed by the Annual Alumni Meeting at which the new constitution of the Alumni Association was approved. The constitution is so drafted as to include all those who have had some connection with Yenching. I am very glad that the constitution of the Alumni Association is passed that way. Election of new officers for the next year also took place. Student-faculty and alumni athletics then took place on the Hamilton field which is getting into better shape every day. In the evening the Juniors gave their farewell performance to the Seniors to which all the alumni and alumnae were very cordially invited. All in all, the day was the most successful of all those we have had so far and the whole day's program started and ended promptly. Mr. Tsao I did very good work in making arrangements for the occasion.

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Although there has not been any fighting on a large scale, war seems to be quite imminent. Who will win? - that is quite a popular conjecture. But all are more interested in what will be the eventual outlook for the future of the entire country. In this fight, the North is preponderant in numbers but Chiang's own forces are more united, better equipped and financed. Opinion is very much divided as to who should win, for the sake of the country. Situation in this section of the country seems to be peaceful and fairly prosperous but beneath the surface there is widespread poverty and misery. Since war needs money and money must there be; no matter how poor the people are, they must be squeezed for the sake of supporting the armies.

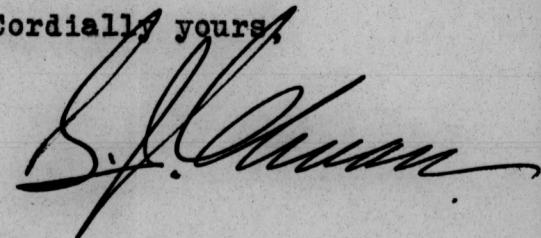
The two Student Associations have just been formally combined into one Student Self-Government Association for the whole University. However, it is taking a good deal of time to have the first group of officers of this united Association elected, as the occasion has opened up a good deal of party strife, jealousy and dissension among the students. It is hoped that the officers will be elected sometime this week. Sherwood Eddy gave three days of his busy program to Yenching two weeks ago. The majority of students and faculty members enjoyed a good deal his lectures and informal talks. I should say, as a whole, his enthusiasm and inspiration have been quite a tonic to the life at Yenching.

The work on five new residences will be started in a week's time and we hope that they will be ready not much after the opening of the next session. Three of these residences will be built in the East Compound and the other two, one in the South Compound and the other near the South Compound.

We have had several very good rains which are quite a help to the spring crop. The farmers are all expecting a very good crop of wheat this year. That will help to alleviate the suffering of the people in this part of the country.

We are all well and happy here and sincerely hope that you are fairing the same.

Cordially yours,



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June 4, 1930

My dear Jimmie:

Your letter of May 15th arrived today and I am much interested in all the details about the Alumni Homecoming Day, student affairs, fighting, crops, and especially the outlook for residences.

There is not much to report about progress here except that which I have already written to Doctor Galt and Miss Hague intended for the whole group.

I am getting impatient to start back to China and as I shall hope to be there soon after any letter can arrive, I shall do no more than to thank you for writing me. Keep the rest until we can talk. It is certainly a great relief that you and Y. P. Mei are staying with us.

I am enclosing a memo which shows what I imagine is a rather typical reaction regarding the Chancellor's suggestion about the Chapel money.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. S. J. Chuan
Yenching University
Peking, China

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Dr. Stuart left the city
before this letter could
be signed by him.

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YENCHING

April 25, 1931

Mr. S. J. Chuan,
Yenching University,
Peiping, China.

My dear Mr. Chuan:

It has been with the profoundest regret that we have learned that you have found it necessary to present your resignation as comptroller of Yenching University. For some time we have been aware of the fact that you have been continuing in this position at a substantial personal sacrifice, and that we could probably not hope to retain your services indefinitely, but even so, we were greatly distressed at the news that the termination of your services in this important administrative position was so soon to occur.

At the annual meeting of the Yenching Trustees on April 15 President Stuart spoke in the warmest terms of the splendid way in which you have served the University, and several members of the Board who are most familiar with your work added their expressions of appreciation. The Board adopted the following action which I have been requested to transmit to you:-

"T-2963 VOTED that the Board of Trustees record its sincere regret at the resignation of Mr. Chuan as comptroller of the University, and express to Mr. Chuan its deep appreciation of the valuable service he has rendered to the University in this important administrative position."

Let me assure you that this action represents the sincere attitude of all the members of our Yenching Board of Trustees. We unite in wishing you every happiness and success in your future work.

Very cordially yours,

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Secretary

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Kincheng Banking Corporation

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"KINCHEN"

May 21, 1931.
Peiping, China.

Mr. B. A. Garride,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City,
U. S. A.

My dear Mr. Garride:

I am deeply
touched by your letter of April
25th containing the action of the
Board of Trustees. I feel I have
not done well or enough to
deserve such beautiful sentiment
expressed through your letter
and the said action. However, I
do greatly appreciate your words
of encouragement and the fine
attitude of the Board, which
I accept with sincere thanks.

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HSI CHIAO MING HSIANG

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"KINCHEN"

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Although I shall not be able to participate actively in the internal administration of the university, I shall always be happy in helping to promote the interest and welfare of Yenching as an alumnus, a Chinese and a Christian. Indeed, as such, I cannot do otherwise, when our foreign Christian friends have done so much for us already and are going to do even more. I much hope that I can be of more service to Yenching from the outside than from the inside.

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HSI CHIAO MING HSIANG

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"KINCHEN"

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I have great faith in Yueshing
and her children are going
to prove to our friends and
foes alike that Christian
education is what is going to
make the people and the
nation great, great in the sense
of being strong and helpful
to the world through our Lord,
Jesus Christ.

With warmest greetings
to you and the Board.

I am,

faithfully yours,

E. H. Chan

University of Chicago

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June 15, 1931

Mr. S. J. Chuan,
Kincheng Banking Corporation,
Hsi Chiao Ming Haiang,
Peiping, China.

My dear Mr. Chuan:

We are grateful to you for sending us your good letter of May 21. It is indeed good to know that your warm interest in Yenching University is continuing even though you are not at the present time so actively connected with the institution.

I will convey your letter to the Trustees in due course.

With all good wishes for the continued success of your work, I am

Very cordially yours,

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North China Union College

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The Ch'uan Family

Ch'uan Yueh Tung, oldest graduate of the Tungchou Schools. Mr. Ch'uan began as a primary scholar in one of the first Christian schools opened in North China. His mother was one of the few parents who did not fear to put their children under the care of foreigners. The little school followed its teacher, Rev. L.D. Chapin in his transfer from Peking to Tientsin and finally to Tungchou. Altho other members of the Manchu clan to which he belonged tried to prevent his education, and at one time forcibly seized him and hid him, the lad was able to continue his education thru the higher grades and a theological training as well. He became a Christian preacher of ability and influence. Later he became a guide to many foreigners leading them skillfully to a grasp of Chinese speech. Mr. Ch'uan and his wife have had a beautiful Christian home from which have come able leaders for the new China.

Dr. John Ch'uan, M.D., Surgeon General in the Chinese Army and head of the Army Medical College, Peking, finished his Middle School Course, at Tungchou. His medical work was taken in the Peiyang Medical College, Tientsin. For distinguished service in Manchuria during the pneumonic plague epidemic of 1911 he was given a scholarship for study in America, receiving appointment to the Army Medical College on his return to China.

Mr. James Ch'uan, Union College class of 1906, after teaching in the Yale-in China schools went to America to the original Yale. He has been for some year general secretary of the Chinese Students Christian Association. During the War he was a leader in Y.M.C.A. work for Chinese laborers in France.

Mr. Peter Ch'uan, 1910 studied theology in Peking and Hartford Conn., He also worked in France with the Chinese laborers. He has recently returned to China to take up Christian work in Peking.

Mr. Fei Ch'i Hao

Union College 1898. Studied in America at Oberlin and Yale. Returned to China to enter Y.M.C.A. work first in Tientsin and now in Peking where he is acting general secretary.

Mr. Li Pen Yuan

Union College 1897. A Christian minister of wide experience and ability. For several years he was pastor of the Congregational Church, Tengshink'ou, Peking, where his vigorous preaching attracted many students and educated men. Mr. Li now gives general supervision to the evangelistic work of the Congregational churches working in Chihli Province.