

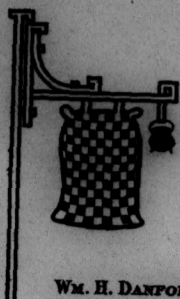
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ST. LOUIS, MO.

WM. H. DANFORTH
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

February 25, 1936

President J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear President Stuart:

Mrs. Danforth and I would esteem it a great honor to have you in our home during your stay in St. Louis.

I have been in conference with Dr. Howard and Mr. T. W. Van Schoiack and a rather full but interesting program has been planned for your visit here.

You may recall that Mrs. Danforth and I had tea with you in Hong-Kong with our good friends the Gees.

Our home address is 17 Kingsbury Place. If you will send us a wire telling us the time of your arrival, we will be glad to meet you and bring you direct to our home.

Looking forward to your visit.

Very truly yours,

Wm H Danforth

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February 27, 1938

Dear Mr. Danforth:

Doctor Stuart left New York yesterday to spend a few days in Pittsburgh, before he goes to Saint Louis. I have forwarded to him your letter of the 25th and know he will be very glad to accept the invitation you and Mrs. Danforth have so kindly extended to him to stay in your home while he is in Saint Louis.

I do not know the time of his arrival Monday morning, but am sure Doctor Stuart himself will wire you as soon as his plans are made.

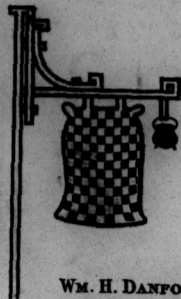
Doctor Howard has written Doctor Stuart about the very interesting schedule made for him in Saint Louis and I know that he will be very grateful to you all for the help you are giving him.

Sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

Mr. Wm. H. Danforth
17 Kingsbury Place
Saint Louis
Missouri

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RALSTON PURINA COMPANY
ST. LOUIS, MO.

WM. H. DANFORTH
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

June 28, 1937

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

Here's a favor that you can do for President Wm. J. Hutchins and me. In our new building program at Berea College, we are erecting a very beautiful little chapel. In its walls I am suggesting that we place some very significant stones which have some historical value and at the same time bring challenge to our 3000 students who come to the college each year.

There must be in or around Peiping a stone of unusual interest. Maybe one from the great wall of China, or one from some old temple that has a spiritual significance, or one that might have to do with the Boxer Uprising. You see I am just shooting in the dark, but merely trying to give you an idea that we would like to have something from somewhere in China which would be appropriate and be very significant in the wall of our new Berea Chapel.

We are in more or less of a hurry because the ground has already been broken for the chapel. Consequently, I am going to ask if you find such a stone which need not be any bigger than 6 inches long, 6 inches wide, and 3 or 4 inches thick, that you endeavor to ship it immediately to President Wm. J. Hutchins, Berea College, Berea, Kentucky. There will be some expense in packing and shipping such a stone; so I am enclosing my check for \$10.00 which may or may not cover this cost.

If any further thoughts come to you which are better than I am suggesting, just act on your thoughts and try to get something for us. When you come to America next fall, we hope you will see your stone in our chapel.

Sincerely yours

Wm. H. Danforth

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Enc.

*Maybe Mrs. Ingram or Mrs. Pratt
or Dr. Patton might be of some
help. A stone from Yenching Univ. to
Berea from the Wall of China would be
most acceptable.*

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January 6, 1938

Dear Mr. Danforth:

I have just arrived from Peking in response to the call of the Trustees. I sent to Dr. Hutchins from Seattle, the piece of stone from the Berea College's new chapel building. It came from the old summer palace near Peking. The carving on it represents clouds, which being a heavenly phenomenon, is regarded as supernatural. I hope it is befitting for the purpose.

Dr. Stuart asked me before I left to send you his warmest greetings. Yenching is functioning normally with a slight decrease in students enrolment. The faculty remained practically intact throughout the recent troubles. For inside information, please read the enclosed letter from Dr. Stuart, then destroy after your perusal.

I hope I will have the pleasure of meeting you during my visit in this country. With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

S. TSAI

Mr. William H. Danforth
17 Kingsbury Place
St. Louis, Missouri

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ST. LOUIS, MO.

January 24, 1938

Mr. Stephen I. O. Tsai, Controller,
Yenching University,
150 5th Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Tsai:

Your good letter of the 6th is on my desk unanswered because of our absence on a business trip. We are all very grateful to you and Dr. Stuart for your kindness in getting us a stone for our new chapel building at Berea. The chapel is almost completed and I hope there may be a place for this stone which has such a significant meaning. Anyway, we are grateful to you and Dr. Stuart. We have read his letters and know something of his problems.

On Saturday I met Dr. Reginald Wheeler in Washington. I told him at that time that I didn't want our gifts to go into the general college fund; that I knew President Stuart intimately and accordingly wanted Yenching University to receive directly our contribution. Accordingly, you will find a check from Mrs. Danforth and me for \$500.00, which I understand you will forward intact to Dr. Stuart for his work.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. H. Danforth

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Enclosure.

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January 31, 1938

MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. TSAI

FROM: MR. WHEELER

Dear Mr. Tsai:

Mr. Tsai, herewith is a letter dated January 24 received from William H. Danforth, of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Danforth gave a thousand dollars after I had seen him in Washington January 20, \$500.00 of this to Yenching and \$500.00 to Nanking. Will you write to him and thank him for the Yenching gift as I am doing for the Nanking one?

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Return
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January 31, 1938

My dear Mr. Danforth:

Thank you for your letter of the 24th, and the enclosed check for \$500, which I am forwarding to Dr. Stuart. I am sure he can use this generous gift of yours to the greatest advantage at this hour in China. One great consolation to us in China is the deep interest and sympathy that friends of China like you are expressing.

I am sure you will hear from Dr. Stuart as soon as he receives my letter.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Stephen I. O. Tsai

Mr. William H. Danforth
17 Kingsbury Place
St. Louis, Missouri

Encl.

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Mr. William H. Danforth
Purina Mills
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mr. Danforth:

I have intended for some time to write you regarding the fund you so generously put at my disposal. My original plans have been seriously disrupted by hostilities, and it has been impossible to reach a final decision regarding some cases. In view of these uncertainties I have also been very conservative because of the emergency needs that might present themselves at any time. In general, I have used this, as you suggested, for aiding promising young men to go abroad, especially those whom we look forward to having back on our own faculty. The first of these, and one of the choicest, is C. L. Han, one of our fine Christian students, who, after graduation and some teaching experience, came back to our Registrar's Office. His intelligence and loyalty have led to his advancement, and it is our intention to put him in full responsibility after further specialized training. He is now in the University of Minnesota, where he also won an assistantship which in addition to aiding him financially, gives him insight into American administrative methods. He has no funds of his own and a family dependent on him here. I took responsibility for \$400 but from another source interested in him. Some of this will probably be repaid, in which case I can help one of several others whom we are anxious to give a similar opportunity.

The next man is Gerald Tien of whom what I have said above applies, with the only difference that he has gone into Alumni promotion. This is not only something that needs to be developed in China for the sake of our graduates, but ought to lead to Alumni support in due time, as has become so generally true of our American private universities. On his way to Shanghai to take his steamer he was caught by the sudden outbreak of hostilities, and has since then had an exciting and extremely tedious series of experiences, visiting his old home in Kiukiang, helping in the family refugee problems, and now waiting with them in a secluded spot. He has repeatedly tried to get through the lines, but it will be too late now of course for the present session. He was to have gone to the University of Michigan and will doubtless do so for the coming session. He writes that the checks I gave him, together with steamer credits amounting to \$357, are all safe.

Another LC\$100 went to C. W. Lin, whose case is analagous to that of the t

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College, New York, doing graduate work in this.

We have had many cases of students whose homes and family fortunes have suffered heavily, and who could not continue their studies without emergency aid. Knowing that this would be the case, I have jealously kept the remainder of this fund for such use. Fortunately, however, a working fund has been built up in other ways which thus far has seemed sufficient. I shall, therefore, be able to keep your gift for its single purpose, probably with the exception in the case of Dr. T. T. Lew. You doubtless know him by reputation as one of the outstanding Chinese Christians and a representative of the American Board in our theological faculty. His addresses and writings both in Chinese and English, together with his passionate devotion to the "Church", place him among the half dozen or so Christian leaders whom anyone would name in this country. It seemed very important to all concerned that he go to the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences of last summer, and I agreed to advance \$200, with the understanding that, if the expenses could not be covered from other sources, this would be contributed. In view of all that he has suffered personally and the strain upon organizations that might have helped out, I am afraid that this is gone. There could not be a better use for it, but I had been hoping to aid some other deserving young men to have opportunities such as came to him long ago.

I write thus in detail in order that you may be reminded of the great joy you have given me in being able to help these splendid young fellows, and through them the future molding of Yenching University. I wish you could know them, as may be possible some day. In this case, you would have a still more vivid satisfaction.

My most cordial regards to Mrs. Danforth. You are doubtless keeping informed regarding our affairs through the New York office.

Very sincerely yours,

J. I. Stuart

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June 9, 1938

Mr. William H. Danforth
17 Kingsbury Place
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Danforth:

We deeply appreciate the check for \$1000 which you handed to Mr. Tsai when he visited you on June 2nd. Our formal receipt is enclosed.

This gift is being turned over immediately to Dr. Stuart, with your message that you wish it to be used as he may direct.

With the generous support which you and other American friends of Yenching University have given this year, it will probably be possible for the University to complete its fiscal year on June 30th without any serious deficit as a result of loss of Chinese income and the war conditions under which it has had to carry on. We trust that it will be possible for the University to continue its work in the autumn, even though the disturbed conditions in China seem likely to continue, and even to grow worse during the months just ahead.

With appreciation for your friendship for Yenching and Dr. Stuart, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer

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SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

June 2, 1938

Dear B. A.

The enclosed check is from
Wm. H. Danforth. He wishes this to be used
by Dr. Street as he likes on the same basis
as his other \$500.00 which he gave some months
ago.

I am rushing to the station to catch
the train. I have had a very busy day and will
reply to you in detail later.

Yours sincerely
Arthur H. Hays

C O P Y

RALSTON PURINA COMPANY
St. Louis, Mo.

July 7, 1939

Mr. Reginald Wheeler
University of Nanking Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

Attached you will find two checks for \$500 each, one for the University of Nanking and the other for Yenching University.

In the past I have sent Yenching University money through the National City Bank directed to President Stuart, and I prefer to do that again; so you will find attached a letter addressed to the National City Bank, asking them to forward the \$500 to President Stuart.

Later in the year I may be able to do more.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wm. H. Danforth
Chairman of the Board
RALSTON PURINA COMPANY

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C O P Y

RALSTON PURINA COMPANY
St. Louis, Mo.

July 7, 1939

Mr. Ferris Campbell
National City Bank of New York
New York City, New York

My dear Mr. Campbell:

Attached you will find a check for \$500 which kindly
send to your bank in Peiping, China to be delivered
to President J. Leighton Stuart of Yenching University.

Thanking you for attending to this as you have our
other remittances in the past, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Wm. H. Danforth

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Chairman of the Board
RALSTON PURINA COMPANY

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Mr. W. Reginald Wheeler

C O P Y

July 7, 1939

President J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear President Stuart:

At this time of the year I want to make available to you another \$500. I am writing the National City Bank of New York as per the attached carbon.

This is to be a part of the President's Fund, to be used at your discretion, as you have so wisely done in the past.

Mrs. Danforth joins me in good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Wm. H. Danforth

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RALSTON PURINA COMPANY
St. Louis, Mo.

July 3, 1940

Mr. Reginald Wheeler
c/o Board of Foreign Missions of the
Presbyterian Church
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Through you I am passing on to the Associated Boards a
check payable to the treasurer of the University of
Nanking for \$500.00 from Mrs. Danforth and me.

Today I am writing to the National City Bank to send
to Dr. Stuart at Peiping \$500.00 for Yenching University.

I feel the work needs to be carried on and we are very
glad to have this part in it.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Wm. H. Danforth

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May 16, 1941

Dear Mr. Danforth:

I am sailing from San Francisco for Shanghai on the PRESIDENT PIERCE on June 4th. I will be in Chicago the weekend of May 24th, and will leave for the Coast the following Tuesday or Wednesday. I would like very much to route my way via Saint Louis to report to you as a member of the Board of Trustees, my work in this country during the past seven months. Dr. Stuart would be particularly pleased if I could bring him the latest news from you.

Will you please let me know at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, whether or not I may see you some time before I leave for the Pacific Coast?

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Danforth, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Stephen Ts'ai

Mr. William H. Danforth
Ralston Purina Company
St. Louis, Missouri

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Yenching File

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TRUST COMPANY

SIDNEY MAESTRE
PRESIDENT

ST. LOUIS



May 28, 1941.

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Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Attached is Cashier's Check #969850 of the
First National Bank in St. Louis, payable to the Yenching
University. This check was given to the St. Louis Committee
United China Relief by Mr. Wm. H. Danforth of St. Louis and
we in turn are forwarding it to you.

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to Mr. Danforth
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Yours very truly,

Treasurer
St. Louis Committee-United China Relief.

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Yenching File

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June 3, 1941

Mr. William H. Danforth
17 Kingsbury Place
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Danforth:

We have received a check for \$4,000.00 through the Treasurer of the St. Louis Committee of United China Relief, for which we wish to express our very sincere gratitude. A receipt for same is enclosed herewith.

By this process, Yenching University secures the full benefit of this very generous donation, and the Trustees will likewise greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and very substantial demonstration of your interest.

We are acknowledging this gift to Mr. Sidney Maestre, Treasurer.

With added thanks, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS,
Assistant Treasurer.

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June 3, 1941

Mr. Sidney Maestre
Mississippi Valley Trust Company
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Maestre:

Thank you for your letter of May 28th enclosing check
for \$4,000.00 from Mr. William H. Danforth for Yenching University.

We are acknowledging same and sending a receipt to Mr.
Danforth who is one of the Trustees of Yenching University.

With many thanks for the favor involved, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS, Assistant Treasurer

CAR/s

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October 27, 1941

Mr. William H. Danforth
Ralston Purina Company
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Danforth:

We are sending, under separate cover, the 1941 Yenching Year Book recently received from China.

This book is for your personal files and, as a Yenching Trustee, I am sure, you will find some of interest.

It is interesting to note that the entire cost of this publication was handled by the student body without any obligation whatsoever to the University.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 23, 1942

William H. Danforth, Adda B. Danforth
and Donald Danforth, Trustees
835 South 8th Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Friends:

I take great pleasure in acknowledging your contribution of \$1,000.00 toward the needs of Yenching University as evidenced in your letter through the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.

In addition to establishing a new unit at Chengtu, the Trustees are setting up a relief fund for immediate use of those whom we hope, will be repatriated in the near future. The faculty escaping to free China from Peking likewise will need relief and subsistence, and this very substantial gift will be of great benefit at the present time.

Gratefully yours,

C. A. Evans
C. A. EVANS

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May 23, 1942

Mr. William H. Danforth
Ralston Purina Company
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Danforth:

I am acknowledging with gratitude your letter of May 19th enclosing two checks for \$1,000.00 each, payable to the Associated Boards and designated for Yenching University. These were from separate trust funds and accordingly I am enclosing acknowledgments with receipts covering these very generous contributions.

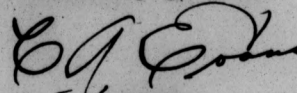
These gifts, of course, are reported to the United China Relief and your Committee, and the entire program will receive credit therefor.

It is gratifying in extreme to learn of the success of the nation-wide drive for China Relief. From sources where China has received little publicity in the past, comes news of interest and contributions which are stimulating indeed.

It is of especial interest to us here in the office to know that many of our Trustees are taking places of leadership in the United China Relief Campaign. Along with the fine work you are doing, Dr. Eric North is heading up a campaign in a group of cities in New Jersey. As a matter of fact, more than half of the Yenching group are involved more or less deeply in the United China Relief Campaign.

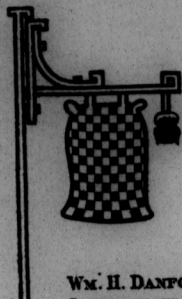
With added thanks, I am

Very sincerely yours,


C. A. EVANS

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RALSTON PURINA COMPANY
ST. LOUIS, MO.

March 26, 1943

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Mr. C. A. Evans
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Evans:

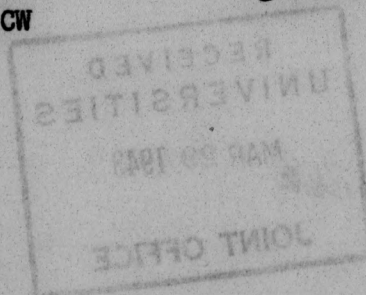
It is with deep sorrow that I learn of the losses by fire in Yenching. I remember those buildings very, very well. While it may not be time now to replace these buildings, I am enclosing a check from Mrs. Danforth and me of \$1,000 to be used for that purpose.

If there is any way of getting word to President Stuart, please convey to him our sympathies in this loss and our good wishes for the days ahead. In fact, I am attaching a thin carbon of this letter, if you have any way of sending it to him.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. H. Danforth

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RAISTON PURINA COMPANY
St. Louis, Mo.

March 29, 1943



W. H. DARTMOUTH
1000 1/2 N. 10th St.
St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. C. A. Evans
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Evans:

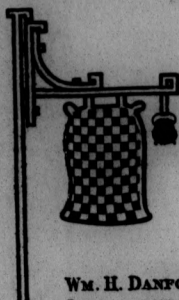
It is with deep sorrow that I learn of the
losses by fire in Yenching. I remember
those buildings very, very well. While it
may not be time now to replace these
buildings, I am enclosing a check from
Mrs. Dartmouth and me of \$1,000 to be used
for that purpose.

If there is any way of getting word to
President Stuart, please convey to him our
sympathies in this loss and our good wishes
for the days ahead. In fact, I am attach-
ing a thin card of this letter, if you
have any way of sending it to him.

Sincerely yours,
W. H. Dartmouth



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WM. H. DANFORTH
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

RALSTON PURINA COMPANY
ST. LOUIS, MO.

April 2, 1943

Mr. C. A. Evans
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

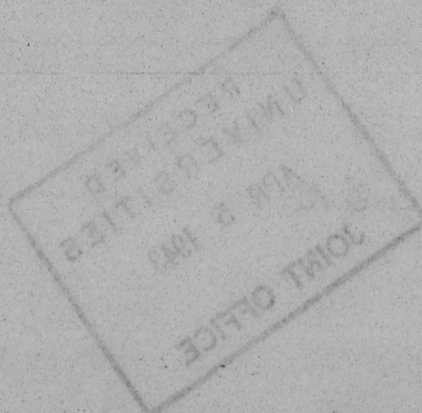
Dear Mr. Evans:

My love for Yenching causes me to tell you to keep the check that I sent you and use it as you think best.

My first preference would be to have it go through Dr. Stuart's hands, but I imagine you have very few contacts with him. It would be great to have him home with us.

Sincerely,

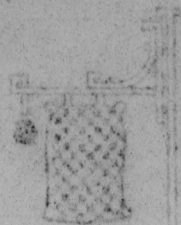
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RAISTON PURINA COMPANY
St. Louis, Mo.

April 2, 1943



W. H. DAVENPORT
St. Louis, Mo.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

My love for teaching causes me to tell you to
keep the check that I sent you and use it as
you think best.

My first preference would be to have it go
to Mr. Evans, but I imagine you
have very few contacts with him. It would be
great to have him home with us.

Sincerely,

W. H. Davenport

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March 31, 1943

Mr. William H. Danforth
Ralston Purina Company
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Danforth:

I have discussed your letter of March 26th and enclosure with Mr. McBrier, our Treasurer, who has not been in the office for the last two or three days.

Our first reaction was to return the remittance on the grounds that we had misrepresented the loss sustained by Yenching University through the fire of March 13. However, a re-reading of my letter to the Trustees would appear to make the fact clear that the fire was in Chengtu and not in Peking, which you assume to be the case.

Yenching University opened up new work on October 3rd at Chengtu renting some Methodist Board properties--among them being the Hwamei Girls School. This is the property which was burned, entailing a total loss of what appears to be \$30,000. Mr. McBrier, being a good Treasurer of Yenching University, sets aside his loyalty to the Methodist Church and seems to think that, as the property was only rented, the Methodist Church should rebuild it. Confidentially, I am doubtful that the Methodist Board will look at it in this manner, and if we wish to have the use of the property, we must provide the funds for rebuilding.

Under these circumstances, I am withholding your check and will return it to you if you so desire after you have read the foregoing.

I am hoping that the buildings at Yenching, which you remember very well, are still intact. We know that some are being used by the Japanese for various administrative purposes, but up to the present they have suffered no damage. Dr. Stuart is still confined with Dr. Houghton and Mr. Bowman of the P. U. M. C. and, we believe, they are not suffering any discomfort.

Your ready response to this appeal was most stimulating. Personally I want to thank you for the new strength which it gave when I realized the quick response to a great need.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/s

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April 15, 1943

Dear Mr. Danforth:

Your very gracious letter of April 2nd, came to hand promptly. I waited to talk with some of our other Board members before replying. In view of the emergency which arises, and on account of the destruction of the faculty dormitory at Chengtu, it seems best to hold this in abeyance temporarily until we receive further details. It will, however, be used for the most pressing requirements at Chengtu. I wish to God that it could be possible for Dr. Stuart to handle this fund, but at the present moment there seems to be little prospect of immediate repatriation.

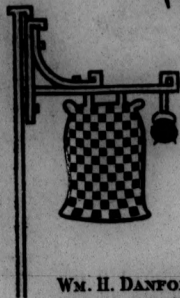
On behalf of the Yenching Trustees and all of us in the office, I wish to repeat my thanks for your generous cooperation.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

Mr. William H. Danforth
17 Kingsbury Place
St. Louis, Missouri

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WM. H. DANFORTH
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

RALSTON PURINA COMPANY
St. Louis, Mo.

March 28, 1946

President J. Leighton Stuart
Associated Boards
Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear friend:

A very good friend of ours, Mr. J. L. Boscio, President of Monllor & Boscio, Sucrs. Inc., Ponce, Puerto Rico, has sent me \$100 to be used in China. I know of no better object than to put this \$100 in your hands to be used especially for Yenching University for both relief and educational purposes. If you will be good enough to acknowledge this \$100 to Mr. Boscio, sending me a carbon, I will greatly appreciate it.

I am sorry that up to date our paths haven't crossed. I certainly hope to see you before you return to China.

Sincerely,

WHD:gs

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April 6, 1946

Mr. William H. Danforth
Ralph M. Company
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Danforth:

I have your letter this morning just before I start to-
night for San Francisco where I am sailing for China on April 12.
I am arranging to have the gift of \$100 from Mr. Boscio credited
to our rehabilitation fund and am enclosing a copy of my letter
to him.

With keen disappointment that I have not been able to
see you during this trip, but in the hope that this will be pos-
sible before too long, and meanwhile with hearty good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

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J. Leighton Stuart

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