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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

December 13, 1941.

Trustees of Yenching University

Dear Friends.

The world has been thrown into complete turmoil since our letter of last Saturday was mailed. True it has been long anticipated but the suddenness and sharpness of the first thrust made by the Japanese has caused much confusion. However, it is but the beginning.

With that explosion, Yenching and the staff became engulfed in obscurity and no direct word has been received by our office. We have waited until this morning with the hope that something might be received which would bring comfort to our minds and hearts.

On Wednesday the State Department issued a press release regarding the safety of American diplomats in Peking, and the Department has interpreted this to mean that all Americans in Peking are safe.

A message for Dr. Bates in Washington indicated that all Americans in North China were being given "highly circumspect treatment" in the hands of the invaders, pending the decision regarding the exchange of Nationals held in custody by conflicting nations.

This is the best we have to offer at the present time, but we are pleading for your continued prayers for the safety of these dear people.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

C. A. Evans

CAE:MM

THE OFFICE OF YENCHING UNIVERSITY

150 Fifth Avenue

New York, N. Y.

December 22, 1941

To the Trustees of Yenching University

Dear Friends:

After telephoning to a number of our trustees this morning, I find that relatively few saw the Associated Press news dispatch from Chungking on December 20th which appeared in the SUN on Saturday and in three Sunday papers. It reads as follows:

> "Word was received today that the American-endowed Yenching University in Peiping, in Japanese-occupied China, was forced to close soon after the outbreak of war between the United States and Japan and that its president, John Leighton Stuart is reported under 'honorable confinement'".

This is nothing more than we had surmised from dispatches received from Shanghai indicating conditions there. Also it has been reported that the China Inland Mission received a cable from Shanghai saying: OCCUPIED CENTERS NORMAL. RECEIVING CONSIDERATE TREATMENT. This is understood to mean that the American people in North China are being treated with circumspection.

As other news becomes available it will be forwarded to the friends of Yenching at once.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

C. A. Evans
Assistant Secretary

CAE:FG

Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue . . . New York, N. Y.

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January 20, 1942

Members of the Boards of
Ginling College
University of Nanking
Yenching University

Dear Friends:

I am sending this letter to you all in this stencilled form to conserve time and expense. Many of you noticed the Chinese reports emanating from Chungking, dated January 19th and published in the NEW YORK SUN yesterday. The following is a quotation referring to the situation in Peking:

> "All foreign and Chinese members of the staff of the Rockefeller-endowed Peiping Union Medical College were said to have been forced to continue their work under Japanese control.
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> "These reports said that Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, President of Yenching University, and other American and British members of the faculty, had been confined in the Peiping legation quarters. Most American and British residents of Peiping were reported still at large but with their movements restricted."

Another message has been reported by the United Christian Missionary Society from Chungking dated January 13th. It is signed by Dr. Lewis Smythe, and reads as follows:

> "NANKING MISSIONARIES FARING FAIRLY WELL. AM TRYING CONTACT OTHERS."

The foregoing will interest all of you who are anxious about the North China situation. Presumably, all of our people will be accorded the same treatment, but we are anxious as to how long they can continue without further financial support. Efforts are being prosecuted to get direct word from someone in close contact with Nanking, Tsinan and Peiping.

I can well understand that you are all praying for the welfare of these dear friends and their Chinese colleagues, and in the mercy of God, these prayers may prove to be the stimulating force which will sustain them during these days.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

C. A. Evans

CAE:VW

January 27, 1942

Trustees and Friends of
Yenching University

Dear Friends:

The following message addressed to the Trustees of Yenching University was relayed through the Washington Red Cross Headquarters, under date of January 26, 1942.

"INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS GENEVA ADVISES QUOTE UNIVERSITY CLOSED SALARIES PAID DECEMBER BRITISH AMERICANS REMAIN IN RESIDENCES WELL TREATED INFORM FAMILIES GALT UNQUOTE"

This is the first direct word we have received from the Yenching campus and indicates for the time being that the staff is safe. It might be interpreted as meaning that Dr. Galt is in charge of the campus and that Dr. Stuart is detained at the American Legation, as formerly reported.

While the above message brings no different word than that previously secured through telegraphic dispatches from Chungking, yet it confirms those previous news items, and indicates that it is possible to get messages through by using the International Red Cross.

Any further news which comes to hand will be sent out at once. Apparently the prayers of friends "Availeth much".

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

CAE:MM

C. A. Evans

Acting Executive Secy.

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February 9, 1942

Trustees and Friends of
Yenching University

Dear Friends:

The following message, furnished us by the Chinese News Service, was broadcast through station XGOY, Chungking, under date of February 7th.

"It is definitely ascertained that eight professors, including one American, of Yenching University, in Peiping, have been detained by the Japanese, who took over the campus of the American university on December 8, 1941. This is according to additional information received in Chungking today (February 7th.)

Those in detention are Dr. C. W. Luh, Dean of the Graduate School; Mr. Gideon Chen, Dean of the College of Public Affairs; Dr. Stanley D. Wilson, Dean of the School of Science; Dr. T. C. Chao, Dean of the School of Religion; Dr. Chao Cheng-hsin, Chairman of the Department of Sociology; Dr. William Hung, Director of Harvard-Yenching; Mr. Teng Chih-cheng, professor of History. Also detained by the Japanese are Mr. Stephen Tsai, Treasurer, Dr. Yuan Wen-pu, lecturer in the Department of Economics, Mr. Tai Ai-chen, director of Admissions, Mr. Hsiao Cheng-yi, secretary to Dr. J. Leighton Stuart. Dr. Stuart has been incarcerated by the Japanese at the American Marine Barracks in the Legation Quarter."

The foregoing is an amplification of previous dispatches and confirms the published United Press dispatch from Chungking of February 6th, which was along the same lines.

No further news has been received from Chengtu regarding the possible opening of a Yenching unit in Free China.

Reports submitted this morning to the Far East Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference indicated that no progress was being made toward transmitting subsistence funds to Americans in occupied territory.

"For the Lord is mindful of His own."

Very sincerely,

C. A. Evans

Acting Executive Secretary

CAE:FG

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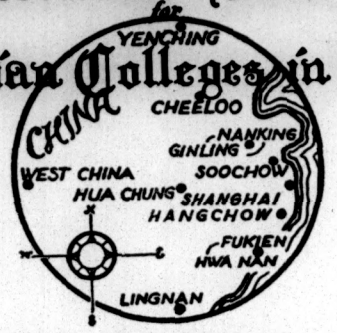

150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 19, 1942

Miss Doris Cummings
207 Watts Street
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Miss Cummings:

I am sorry that I have not had opportunity to answer your letter of March 11th ere this. I have delayed, however, as I wished to ascertain the possibility of loaning Dr. Galt's manuscript as requested in your letter.

A considerable amount of reading has been done by three members of the Yenching Board and the manuscript is now in the possession of one who is doing good work thereon and for the present at least, we would not like to disturb that situation. As soon as it comes back to our hands, I will take your request under further advisement with the hope that it will be possible to accede.

There is no other late news than that which has been sent out previously, although a general letter is going out to our entire constituency. A committee of Yenching interested people has been formed at Chengtu to take care of Yenching refugee students. Dr. H. H. Kung is Chairman, Dr. Y. P. Mei is Secretary and Mr. Dwight Edwards is Treasurer. A limited appropriation has been made with the hope that later on a unit will be established.

As soon as other definite word comes to hand, it will be mailed out promptly.

With sincerest personal regards to you, I am

Very truly yours,

C A Evans

C. A. EVANS

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA

American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

May 12, 1942

Dear Friends:

We wish to share with you the following message from Peking, China, received through the American Red Cross by Mrs. R. C. Sailer:

"SAILER WESTERNERS FINE NOTIFY FAMILIES LONGING REUNION.
RANDOLPH."

This is reassuring news, and we rejoice with the families of those interned in North China.

The following is an excerpt from a letter recently received from one of our staff members now in America.

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

We are including this paragraph because it indicates the spirit of our staff, a spirit which has built Yenching. We also are happy that our letters are appreciated. They have sounded many a responsive chord. These days offer a challenge which calls forth loyalty and courage, and demands a strong faith in the ultimate victory of the goodness of God.

Sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

C. A. EVANS

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA

American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

June 3, 1942

To the Yenching Trustees:

The minutes of the recent Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees have been somewhat delayed by a number of factors in this office. We hope that you have not been inconvenienced by our slowness in forwarding you the official record of this meeting, which is enclosed herewith.

Recently several cables have been received, and we have a much clearer picture of what is happening in West China. It seems certain that 250 to 300 Yenching students will succeed in making their way through occupied territory, and will be on hand when Yenching reopens in Chengtu next September. Plans are being made for the accommodation of these students and their teachers on the campus of West China Union University. We feel that this is a very important project which is worthy of the unstinting support of all friends of Yenching.

The news we have received concerning happenings at Peking is much less cheerful. A private letter from a refugee student now in South West China reports that several Chinese staff members, including Stephen Tsai, Dean Chow, and C. W. Luh, suffered bodily injuries. A group of students were held by the Japanese for a whole month. Most Chinese staff members were allowed to remain in their homes, while the students were obliged to move out of the dormitories on three hours' notice. It is stated that American women in the city were not molested or detained. On the whole it appears that the American community has been treated much better than their Chinese colleagues. Of course, what will happen in the event of serious Japanese defeats by America remains to be seen.

Whatever happens, we can be sure that Yenching will continue to maintain its identity, and to serve the people of China.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

C. A. Evans

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P. S. Since writing the above we have received word from the Department of State that negotiations are now under way with the Japanese authorities, through the good offices of Swiss representatives in China, to effect an exchange of both official and non-official persons. We hope this may make possible the repatriation of our staff members now interned in Peking.

C. A. E.

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American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

July 10, 1942

Dear Friends:

The following is a copy of a post-card from Dr. Howard Galt which Mrs. Galt received on July 7th. As Mrs. Galt says in her letter, "on the whole, it reports conditions much as we have been imagining them to be."

"Yenching University, Peking, March 15, 1942.

"Now one more effort to get a letter to you. I have written a serial letter of more than 30 pages which I have not dared to send. I have posted you several typewritten letters, hoping that somehow they would get through, but perhaps not.

"The University was closed December 8. J.L.S. was absent in Tientsin and I had to act for him in many ways; very busy for about one month; now much leisure. About 50 foreigners residing here, partially interned, mostly in the South Compound, a few in East Compound. Chinese nearly all moved away. We may remain here as far as we can now see. We pooled our finances, reduced living expenses to a minimum, and have funds enough to last through April. After that expect Japanese authorities will support us, as they are supporting some, (L.C. $200 per month per individual) in Peking now.

"I am chairman of our local organization, *Payne and **Cookie treasurers. We keep well and physically are comfortable. Can go and come through the campus gates with gate passes - always recorded. Special passes necessary to go to the City. Today Shef and I took a ride to the Western Hills. Beautiful day. Finest half of March I have seen.

"I have much time for my researches, and most of material needed is at hand, although library not open of course. Am now writing on the T'ang dynasty. #Shef continues his vocation and has reached page 124 in the Mission History. Shef and other young men doing much work, moved coal, furniture, etc. Paddle tennis for sport. Tuesday discussions. Enlarged comprehensive shop club. Wish we could get word of Lawrence and Wendell. Are they in the service?"

Signed Howard S. Galt

We are happy to share with you this report, and we believe that we can rely on its major details. It was received through the headquarters of the American Board.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

CAE/P C. A. EVANS

*Howard Payne is Assistant Controller of Yenching University.
**"Cookie" is Miss Cookingham, Assistant Bursar at the University.
#"Shef" Galt, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Galt, has been printing the history of the American Board Mission.

燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
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American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

August 12, 1942

To Friends of Yenching:

We are enclosing herewith a letter from Dr. Y. P. Mei, the Secretary of the Yenching committee in Chengtu. He has left it to our discretion as to the extent of its circulation and we feel that the Yenching constituency should have the benefit of this communication although there are some duplications with previous mailings.

We believe that these communications should be kept confidential and strictly not for publication. It is our earnest hope that the Yenching unit will be soon established in free China.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

C. A. EVANS

CAE:G

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American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

September 4, 1942

To the Friends of Yenching University:

Enclosed is a resume of various conferences held with people who returned on the GRIPSHOLM.

The most encouraging report came from Mr. John Goette of the International News Service who saw Lucius Porter a number of times.

It would appear that the University had not been looted up to June 13th, and that the staff was accorded courteous treatment and was not suffering unduly. Names have been mentioned in this report, and it is being distributed to a very limited number as it is not desired to permit any information to leak out which might be to the detriment of those remaining on the campus. Please keep it confidential.

Sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

C. A. EVANS

CAE:G

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American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

September 17, 1942

To the Members of the Board of Trustees
and Friends of Yenching University

Dear Friends:

Very seldom do we write with the urgency and intimacy which prompts us to do so today. It is in reference to the staff of Yenching University interned on the campus, and Dr. Leighton Stuart, held in custody in Peiping. We have used telephone connections with the State Department and given authorization to people contacting the Department in person, urging the use of all means whereby those in confinement may be repatriated on the boat now held in Shanghai for that purpose. We have also sought the assistance of the President of the Yenching Board to use his influence in this direction. By repeated inquiries we have sought advice from others regarding other things to be done which might help, but without success.

In this last extremity we are turning to the members of the Board, and to all who will help, in the most simple and yet the most powerful expedient - i. e., that of prayer. It is quite possible that with your combined efforts Almighty God may overrule obstacles and make it possible for these people to be repatriated. Please pray earnestly and repeatedly to this end, leaving in His hands the ways and means through which the prayer may be answered.

Most gratefully,

C. A. Evans

C. A. EVANS

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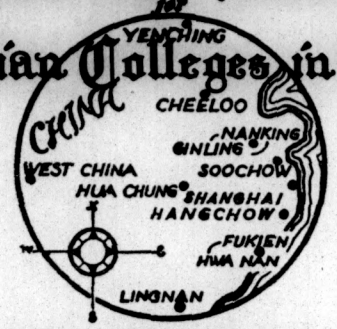

150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

September 29, 1942

Miss Doris Cummings
Concord Academy
Concord, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Cummings:

Thank you for your very appreciative letter. I have been amazed at the fine response which has come from the last appeal to the Yenching constituency. I have no hesitation now in saying that Yenching is not in the hands of the gods but indeed our Lord and Saviour is guiding its affairs.

With many, many thanks, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

C. A. EVANS

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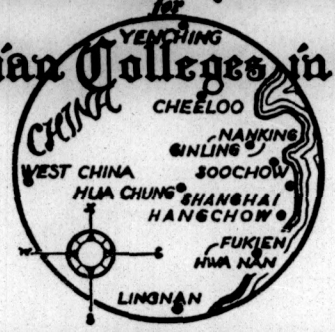

150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

October 20, 1942

Oct 27, 1942

Miss Doris Cummings
Concord Academy
Concord, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Cummings:

I am very glad to hear from you at anytime. It also always indicates a continuing on-going interest in Yenching and for this we are duly thankful.

We have the following on hand of Yenching University at Peking:

1. Yenching Film - Full set of three reels. (Takes about forty-five minutes to show)

2. Same Film - Only cut by Stephen Tsai, still three reels. (Takes approximately twenty-five minutes to show). He said this was long enought for the average audience and contains only best parts of the three-reel movie.

3. A reel of colored film of Yenching.

4. Any amount of colored slides of Yenching and of the city of Peiping available.

5. Small number of large colored pictures and one box of the smaller size. A good collection in the smaller sized pictures, but not so good in the larger size.

As these pictures are somewhat out of date now, there seems to be no reason why you cannot keep them for such a time as you will be coming down to New York.

We have an additional colored film of West China showing the campus and the country, which might be considered bringing your talk on Yenching up to date. This could be loaned to you for two or three days.

We feel that there will be a repatriation of the group at Yenching - but when is another question. A letter from the State Department states that

they have forwarded word through the Swiss Government that they must be assured that Dr. Stuart is on the next exchange list.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

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American Office
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

May 23, 1945

Miss Doris Cummings
Oxford School
Hartford 5, Conn.

Dear Miss Cummings:

I have your letter of the 21st and am glad to know that you are going to talk about Yenching before the Radcliffe Club of Hartford.

As to the films, we can send you at once the three reel motion picture depicting the story of Yenching. There are also two short colored films, one of a Nature Dance done by Yenching students, and the other of scenes on the campus. These two, however, are not available at the moment. They were sent to Boston for a benefit program on May 10th and have not been received back as yet. Presumably we should get them shortly and could then mail to you.

You mention two films of Chengtu, but I think you must have in mind the two colored ones referred to above as we have never had any films or slides of Chengtu.

If you will let us know which of the films you would like, we shall be glad to send them to you for your talk on June 8th.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

CAE:GC

C. A. EVANS

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Mr. Gaus
about the films of ~~Yenching~~.

I would appreciate having the 3 reel motion picture depicting the story of Yenching, and ~~the~~ if possible, the two short colored films, naturedance, & other campus scenes, if they become available, from Beth Chengten.

Enclosed up your letter of Oct 20, 1942 & quote as follows:

I showed these at Concord - and they did help to bring the Yancey picture up to date. However, they are no more, we can do without them -

Our meeting is June 8, so it would be fine to have anything that is available any time. ~~so I and~~

~~Yes~~ Thank you again for your help + cooperation.

~~It is always joy to~~

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Evans

May 28, 1945

Miss Doris Cummings
Oxford School
Hartford 5, Conn.

Dear Miss Cummings:

Your two letters of May 25th and 26th have been received. In response to your request we are mailing you today, by insured parcel post, two packages, one containing the three reel motion picture of Yenching and the two short reels in color of the campus and the dance; and the other a box of 36 colored pictures of Yenching.

We hope these will arrive in due time for the meeting on the 8th of June and will prove of interest to the Club you are addressing.

Sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

CAE:GC

C. A. EVANS

Evans, Ernest A

" , Letitia Thomas

(Mrs. E A)

1921 — 1934

HOTEL UTAH

"THE HOTEL BEAUTIFUL"

GEO. O. RELF,
MANAGER

SALT LAKE CITY June 11 – 1921.

Herbert K. Castley:-
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City.

Dear Mr. Castley:-

I have your communication of May 24th in regard to the need for funds for the current expenses of Peking University. Let me assure you that I am very much interested in Peking University and in Yen Ching especially and that I am already contributing to both thro the American Board and the Woman's Board of Missions. This is all I feel I can do at present. As you know those of us who made annual pledges thro our forward movements two years or more ago are finding it hard

at present to meet these pledges—
But just as soon as business conditions
are better I will be one of many
who will be glad to increase their
contributions toward Peking University.

Very cordially yours—
~~Letitia~~ Thomas Evans—
(Mrs. E. A.)

Mill Valley
California.

To Cont. Rec'd ✓

241 WEST 97TH STREET
APARTMENT 10-L
NEW YORK
N. Y.

August 25-1924-

Mr. James Ferris -
156 Fifth Ave -
New York - N. Y. -

Dear Mr. Ferris:

I wanted to be the first one to send you in One Hundred Dollars for Peking University, inasmuch as I was honored with the first paper weight, but others got in ahead of me I understand, and I lost out on that pleasure -

Please accept my tardy thanks for the "reminder" which I think is very pretty and which I trust will accomplish the end for which it was made - to interest people to the point of helping to establish this Christian

College in China and make it the finest institution of its kind in that land which needs Christianity more than it needs education —

Very gratefully yours —

Letitia A. P. Coates —

August 26, 1924

Dear Mrs Evans:

Really I was not so particular that you should be the first one to send in the one hundred dollars as I was anxious that you and Mr Evans should be the first to receive the Lion. I am very glad that you have it.

I have remembered with unusual pleasure several times, the privilege of the hour spent one afternoon in your home. The college generation is not very long, and the four years there fade away rapidly when one gets into active work. During the time one is in it, however, there seems to be a great gap in human history from the missionary angle. I was raised on the heroic story of Horace Pitkin, and I remember with what eagerness I pressed my face against the window as we neared Paotingfu on our way south from Peking in the fall of 1912, and I caught my first glimpse of the restored compound, forever made a shrine by one who flung out his life in fulfilment of Jesus' commission, nearly nineteen hundred years after Olivet.

To be sure, it is not often in a generation that one's service to his time takes such dramatic form as this. For you I am but a new acquaintance on the scene, but I know that for more than twenty years, tribute has been paid to you by men and women of high achievement and repute. Will you pardon me, however, if, as a quiet person who is trying to serve, I declare to you the continual inspiration to me which deepens as the months increase in my contact with Mr Evans. And sometime in the future, when the chapters of life draw towards their finale, there will be those, among whose numbers I will stand, who will bow with reverence in thanksgiving for the human spirit, so identified with the Divine as to inspire so large an amount of spiritual and material achievement during her generation.

Very sincerely yours,

To

Mrs Letitia A. P. Evans
241 West 29th Street
New York City

Mrs E. A Evans

1875 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
APARTMENT 45
NEW YORK
N. Y.

December 8-1924.

Dear Mr. Lewis —

#100 #923

We have been going over our books this evening taking account of our gifts for the year that is past and find we have a little extra to give away so we are sending a little Christmas present toward the work of Peking University — Mr. Evans wants it to go toward the Lion Fund which he thinks is progressing finely —

Many congratulations to you and Mrs. Lewis over the arrival of your baby boy — I trust that both are well and I know you are all happy —

Cordially yours —
~~Letitia~~ Thomas Evans —

PEKING UNIVERSITY

PEKING, CHINA

AMERICAN OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

Presbyterian Hospital
Corner Congress & Wood Streets
Chicago, Illinois, March 9,1925

Mr. E. A. Evans
c/o Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Thank you for your letter of March 5th, expressing the kindly interest on the part of the Finance Committee in the episode of the wrist. Very fortunately wearing the cast on my arm and the medical treatment which the doctors seem to think necessary for my intestinal trouble, both require about three weeks. I am very grateful that the period of both of these coincide. The doctors seem to think that they will need me for three weeks or until March 26th. After that I hope to be ready to take up whatever task the Finance Committee may see fit to appoint.

Under the general tenor of your letter, I would infer that the Committee felt that I haven't been very obedient to their command, or at least, that I would overstep the work of seeing certain people whom I ought not to see.

I certainly do not have any desire not to work with perfect harmony with any plans that the Committee may make, but I think that since I came all the way from China at a good deal of cost to myself personally and to my family, and since also, I am thoroughly familiar with the field, the Committee should try to give me its reasons whenever possible for any definite acts, for I certainly can work to greater advantage if I understand the reasons back of the plan.

For instance, I telegraphed from Peking, proposing that I go along the Pacific Coast for two or three weeks before I came East. That was apparently in harmony with rules of Mr. Lewis, expressed in his letter of January 5th, which I received at Vancouver. On arrival at Vancouver, I found

telegrams, asking me to come direct to New York. The only reason given then was that it was "imperative" that I confer with Mr. Lewis. The series of circumstances connected with the Weyerhaeuser's and Mrs. Blaine led me to feel it was necessary to take hospital examinations at Rochester, Minnesota and the Chicago Presbyterian Hospital. This was done in part to keep in touch with them, and this led to my going to New York and the hour and a half conference with Mr. Lewis, but I have not been able to find out a single reason yet why it would not have been best to have given eight or ten days to the Pacific Coast that I requested while at a period when of all the year it is best to be on the Pacific Coast and when there were three or four special persons that I felt were fairly hopeful. I knew the Pacific Coast better than anyone else did, and I am sorry that the Committee turned it down without conferring with me as to what I had in mind, but this is past now and I only refer to it to reinforce what I firmly believe - that you cannot get anyone to do this kind of work save in giving the fullest reasons.

I certainly was not conscious that so far as I could understand what the Committee had in mind, that I was not endeavoring to carry out their plans - both in their letter and their spirit.

Mr. Lewis writes that he will be coming on here some time during this week. Certainly either here or in New York we ought to have full conference before we take up the work at the end of my hospital period, which will be about March 27th. There are a good many uncertain items at various points which we can clear up by conference better than any other way.

I am comfortably situated here at the hospital and am endeavoring to yield my mind to the "rest cure" which is the main part of my treatment, even with the terrifically urgent Peking needs ever before my eyes.

Hoping to be ready for fuller service by March 27th, believe me

Sincerely yours,

H W Luce

12-8-25

1875 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
APARTMENT 45
NEW YORK
N. Y.

$200
$153

Dear Mr. Lewis —

Mr. Evans and I want to send a small contribution to Peking University before the year closes — We only wish our resources made it possible for our gift to be as large as our interest in the work —

Mr. Evans is enjoying the work on your committee and the friendship he feels for you personally is very deep — We are both pleased that Harry Luce has come through his hospital experience so well —

With every sincere wish for

a happy Christmas season
for you and your little family
too -

Most cordially yours
Letitia Thomas Evans -
(Mrs. Ernest A.)

December 8 - 1925 -

Replied to Lion Letter of
Oct. 28, 1925 - Gave -

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Evans

Lions Were sent to the following:
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" C. E. Albert (All C/o U.S. Playing Ca
" E. G. Kinkead) Cincinnati, Ohio

12/16/25

December 14, 1925

Replied to this letter of Dec 28, 1925 Dave

Mrs. Ernest A. Evans
1875 University Avenue
New York City

Dear Mrs. Evans:

In addition to the gratitude of the University, I want to express my own personal deep appreciation of the continued share of you and Mr. Evans in the University affairs, both in time and money. I know that this past year there has been unpleasant surprises and unpleasant disappointments in the University building program and in some of the problems of personnel, but I want to say this to you - that I would not have felt the confidence I do have nor would we have been able to do the financing we have done had it not been for the counsel and practical inspiration of Mr. Evans. If we can get three or four more men like him added to our Board I will be personally very happy and feel entirely confident in the continued progress of the University.

From all I hear you are having a glorious time readjusting the women of the Congregational Church. When you get that happily accomplished, I wish you would take hold of the women of the Methodist Church as I have quite a number of relatives mixed up in their various organizations and I quite assure you that they give me the jim-jams in their apparent delight over the great indoor sport of "peanut-rolling". The bold step which is being taken by the Congregational Church will be watched eagerly by some of the rest of us and I trust for our profit.

With very warm personal greetings and brightest wishes of the season.

Sincerely yours

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w/ Stuart 3/9/27

March 7, 1927.

Mr. Ernest A. Evans,
1875 University Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am writing to inform you of the circumstances regarding the proposed President's house, promised by Mr. and Mrs. George R. Kurrie, 333 South 21 Street, Philadephia.

After some delay they started last October for China by a long sea route, received malarial infection in India and have been trying to recover from its effects in Hongkong. I have just learned that Mr. Kurrie especially was quite seriously affected, his heart being involved, and that they have finally decided to return to America without coming to Peking at all.

Unfortunately, while in Hongkong they received the worst kind of impressions as to what was happening in China from the British sources with which they were in daily contact, and this was accentuated by what they learned from some Chinese radical extremists. As their ship passed through Shanghai they saw the worst of the coolie strikes on the dock. The net effect of all this - malaria and unfavorable impression of China - has been that they are not quite sure whether they want to put money into this house or not. Meanwhile, we are very much pressed for room, and it would be of the greatest advantage if this house could be started without delay. It would not only accommodate me, but I am planning to take in the Wiants during the coming session, who will take care of me while at the same time being provided for. With the Formal Opening ahead, it is all the more important that this particular house be ready.

I am writing to them, asking them to cable me definitely whether they still care to make this investment or not, and stating that we will have the working drawings ready, so that immediately on hearing favorably we can start work. This is to inform Doctor North and yourself of the situation, so that you can deal intelligently with any communications received from them.

It also occurs to me that if Nash or Lew are available, one or the other of them might make a trip to see the Kurries and reassure them as to conditions in China.

There is a certain personal aspect to the question, in view of the possibility that Nationalistic tendencies may

require that I soon cease to act as President, and the Kurries are giving this house largely because of their personal friendship. What I imagine will happen is that we shall establish some form of committee government, a majority of the committee being Chinese, and that my functions will continue essentially as they are now, in which case there would be nothing out of place in my occupying this house as long as I am in active service. With this explanation I hope we can cooperate to put this much needed project through.

Our plant problems are now chiefly one or more dormitories, residences and improvement of the grounds. The plan for a dormitory to be given by Chinese is meeting with cordial response so far as friendly interest is concerned; but the political situation has been steadily becoming more uncertain, and that has interfered with the getting of actual cash. My young secretary has also been continually sick and may have to quit altogether. It occurs to me that someone might give $10,000 Gold to be matched by $25,000 Silver already in hand from Chinese sources, in which case we could actually start work. I am very anxious to get this building up in time to receive students next autumn. It means a considerable increase, not only in the number of students, but in the fees they will bring in as well.

Very sincerely yours,

JLS:B
cc Doctor North

Return to Peck

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燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

Ans by Mr Evans 8/1/8

April 23, 1927.

Mr. Ernest A. Evans,
26 E. 10 Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Mrs. William Boyd of Germantown has written to Mrs. Frame advocating the importance of our securing an endowment of a million and a half dollars for the University and the Women's College combined. This happens to be just the amount I have had in mind as enabling us to carry on effectively in the maintenance of our present program, and such expansion as is implicit in it. We shall have to allow for reduction in Mission Board assistance, and ought to make plans for pensions, increase of salaries and wages, reserve funds, etc. My estimate is based on the assumption that the Hall Estate endowment will finally come through.

Would it not be advisable to begin now definite efforts to secure this amount within the fiscal year beginning July first? In writing to Mrs. Boyd I said that if the present political uncertainty permitted, I should be willing to return to America next autumn or winter to help in such a project if it seemed sufficiently important. Meanwhile, necessary preliminary arrangements could be going ahead.

Our Executive Committee on the Formal Opening has decided it is unwise to attempt this next autumn, and we cabled to that effect. For various reasons we have clung to the hope that this would not have to be abandoned. The considerations which finally determined us were as follows:

1. The improbability that Americans of the sort that we would like to have come could be induced to do so in sufficient numbers at this time.

2. The uncertain military outlook and the possibility that there might be disturbances in this area about that time.

3. Chiefly, the inadvisability of holding a function which would be as conspicuous and attract as much attention as this would when the Nationalist Government will either not have secured control of Peking or would have very recently done so. In the former event, we might be regarded as having identified ourselves more or less with the Northern militarists who

would continue to be in power. In the latter we would not have become established and on terms of friendly understanding with the new regime. It would seem, therefore, as though we were ~~either~~ flaunting our achievements and our independence in the face of the new movement with the danger of provoking unfriendly reactions.

It was also felt that a year later our buildings and our campus would be more presentable and attractive. The cable message included the recommendation that a commission of the Trustees come out in the early autumn to confer with us about adjustments to the new political conditions. Our Chinese urge that such a Commission come earlier; in fact, they would like to have the recommendation take effect immediately. I argued that it would be impossible for the men we most want to have come to make plans so suddenly, and that people from the West would be advised against coming to the Orient in the summer. Mr. McBrier seems to intend coming next autumn anyhow, and Mr. Stock apparently has this in mind. If the Warners and Mrs. Evans and you could also be included, we would give you a hearty welcome and it would help all around.

I am enclosing herewith a letter just received from Britton. It is not clear whether he actually showed it to you or furnished you with a copy.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

JLS:B

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May 16, 1927.

TRANSFER

Mr. Ernest A. Evans,
~~26 E. 10 Street,~~
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:

W. E. Chamberlain: I have a fine letter from Mr. Chamberlain, giving also a copy of the one sent to the Trustees offering his resignation. This should by all means be allowed to take effect at the date he named, September first, in order to give him an adequate opportunity for securing another position. I am glad that he has taken this advice in such good spirit, and hope that our home office will keep in touch with him and render such help as may be possible.

— cleared 6/22

R. S. Britton: Mr. Britton continues to write letters to various people here, more or less incoherent and always dealing in innuendoes or criticisms of Trustees or various ones of us here. In the last mail I have one which I am returning as a sample, in which he uses stationery with my name. This is sufficient evidence of his mental derangement, and it might be worth while to threaten him with legal action, as he is continually doing with us, because of an entirely unwarranted liberty. This might have some effect in suppressing him a little. I am sending this just as I received it.

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H. S. Vincent: Mr. Vincent has just offered his resignation to take effect May 31st. Fortunately there is only a pleasant feeling all around, and his action is because he feels his work here has been largely completed, and can be taken over by the fine Chinese whom he has equipped to carry it on. By leaving now he relieves us of that item in our budget, and furnishes one more instance of carrying Chinese leadership to the point where it can take charge. It is only fair to add that Mrs. Vincent's family are especially nervous over recent disturbances in China, because she is a sister of the ill-fated Mrs. Hodge who perished at Paotingfu in 1900. Vincent himself has also become quite nervous over conditions here. This has led them to do a year earlier what in agreement with me had been suggested by themselves to take effect next year.

I am proposing that this be treated as an ante-dated furlough, thus keeping at least a nominal connection with Yenching, and making it possible for him to return later, if only for a short period, should there be a need for his help. The

immediate practical issue is that in our income on next year's budget, we ought to claim $3,000 Silver from the Presbyterian Board, since hs is resigning from the Board at the date mentioned and will no longer receive a salary from them. He wishes to take this up upon his return to New York after some five months' travel via Suez and Europe. My suggestion is that record be made of this matter to be worked out upon his arrival. In any case we want to keep in close touch with them as Mrs. Vincent has some money, and he can be helpful in raising more especially for the work which he has started.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

JLS:B

TRANSFER

Peking University

August 23, 1927

Mr.Ernest A. Evans,

Mill Valley, Cal.

My dear Mr.Evans:

For a time this office forwarded unopened mail addressed to you. It seemed from your letters to Miss McCoy that you preferred having our New York office open such mail and check up on matters which can be properly handled without referring them to you. For the last few weeks, therefore, we have been following this policy. Please let us know if this is not in accordance with your wishes.

From time to time during the summer I have taken up with Mr.Warner matters having to do with the Peking campaign. I have also handled direct such matters as I could.

During the last few weeks we have received quite a quantity of publicity material from Peking addressed to you. About a fortnight ago we received from Dr.Stuart a copy of an article prepared by Mr.Randall Gould for publication in The Nation. Dr.Stuart suggested that we get in touch with Mr.Gannett, Editor of The Nation, and learn whether Mr.Gould's article is to be printed. He suggested also that if the article were used it would be worth while for us to send out a large number of copies of the issue containing Mr.Gould's material; also, that we might wish to make use of some of this material in the next number of the Peking News. This article is filled with warm praise of Yenching and I hope The Nation will make use of it. Mr.Gannett has been away on vacation during the last month and I have not been able to learn definitely whether the article is to appear in The Nation or not.

Just this week we received from Dr.Stuart sufficient material for a rather large pamphlet descriptive of Yenching. What use the Campaign Committee may wish to make of it I do not know. Miss McCoy, who has gone over it fairly carefully, seems to think it is very excellent. I have not as yet shown it to anyone else.

Do you wish us to forward to you in California all or a part of this publicity material I have just described? Are you planning to issue a number of the Peking News early this fall? If so, do you wish us to send out to California such material as you may desire to use in preparing an issue of Peking News, or will you wait until returning to New York before under-

taking the matter?

Please let us know if at any time we can be of assistance in the Peking campaign activity.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary
Peking University

BAG-H

CC: Dr.Stuart

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PERKINS

October 1, 1927

Mr. E. A. Evans,
Mill Valley, Cal.

My dear Mr.Evans:

Working under instructions from the Finance Committee, Dr.Luce and I have during the past few days been attempting to prepare a tentative schedule for Dr.Stuart's itinerary from the time he arrives in Seattle until he reaches New York the last of the month. We are suggesting to Dr.Stuart that, if the plan meets with his approval, he travel via San Francisco, arriving there late on October 18th or early October 19th, and leaving the night of October 20th or the morning of October 21st. There is, of course, the possibility that Dr.Stuart will wish to come more directly to New York and not to take the added time necessary for a trip to San Francisco. This he will himself have to decide on arrival. We are writing him sending the proposed itinerary, together with a large amount of detailed information which he will need in following it out, and are requesting him to get in touch immediately after arrival with the people he is expecting to confer with in the different centers he will visit. We are particularly asking that he write you, giving his opinion of the proposal that he come by way of San Francisco.

We suggest that you write to Dr.Stuart in care of the Gowman Hotel, Seattle, Washington, giving your own views as to the advisability of his coming to San Francisco for two days at this time. Such a brief visit would, of course, not permit more than the laying of the groundwork for a later and more intensive period of work in this field, together with opportunities to see a few individuals whose interest in the University is of the greatest importance. Dr.Luce suggests that, if Dr.Stuart is in San Francisco, you might wish to arrange a conference between him and your friend Mr. ~~Green~~ KUCK. You are in the best position to know whether there are others in the vicinity who might also be advantageously approached at this time.

We would suggest that in writing Dr.Stuart you send one copy of your letter to Victoria, addressed "Passenger on S.S.President Lincoln October 10th". This will give him several hours in which to formulate his views on matters of itinerary before he arrives in Seattle and plunges in the midst of the busy times which will begin there.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG-H

Mr. E. A. Evans
New York City

Jan. 18, 1928

$1000 as Trustee's pledge
1928 Campaign

~~Ltr~~ received 12-23-27 = Trustee letter signed by him
Receipt sent #
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" " stencil

January 18, 1928.

Memorandum to Mr. Evans:

Dr. Mott and Dr. Warnshuis are once more bringing the most urgent pressure to bear upon Dr. Stuart to get him to attend the Jerusalem conference. The National Christian Council of China takes the same position. You will recall that Dr. Stuart has always felt that he must, if possible, leave here in any case by the end of February - although he would almost certainly have remained until the first of April if absolutely necessary for the success of the campaign. I have been discussing with Dr. Stuart and T & B's representative the situation created by the urgent request of Dr. Mott and others. We feel that perhaps the actual gain to our campaign might be obtained by the proper handling of this situation. Our judgment is that if we use the situation very carefully we might be able to secure the immediate help of persons deeply interested in the Jerusalem conference who have great powers for raising money - Dr. Mott and some of the leading ministers of the city. The plan we feel inclined to adopt is this: -

That you sign a letter somewhat like the one I have drafted, which is attached. Dr. Stuart will then send a copy of this letter to Dr. Mott and Dr. Warnshuis as an indication that he does not feel free to accept the invitation. It may be that Dr. Mott will spontaneously begin some move to meet the conditions stated in this letter in the name of the Finance Committee so that Dr. Stuart can go. If he does not immediately make such a move, some other means may be found for getting this under way. In other words, we wish to work out some method by which we may obtain $100,000 or more quickly, because of the urgency of many persons that Dr. Stuart be released to go to Jerusalem.

If you approve the letter attached, please sign it officially as Chairman of the Finance Committee. If you wish it modified, please suggest the modifications required. We must act very quickly since Dr. Mott leaves the city February 3rd and is now tremendously busy.

O. D. Wannamaker

ODW:O

Dictated by Mr. Wannamaker but not reread by him.

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

(Incorporated 1889 as PEKING UNIVERSITY)

PEKING, CHINA

AMERICAN OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

January 18, 1928 Noted JLS

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

I have your memorandum of the 18th together with your suggested letter to Dr. Stuart, and I am unalterably opposed to this plan.

When the Trustees agreed to employ Tamblyn & Brown it was with the distinct understanding that Dr. Stuart would remain in America and see this campaign through. Tamblyn & Brown very definitely stated that they could not raise this money without Dr. Stuart's presence.

Looking over the pledge cards, I can find but $31,600 pledged, so that your amount of $125,000 is inaccurate, because the pledge of $100,000 of Mr. McBrier is not for publication and is the last $100,000 to be given, so that we cannot count that in our pledges until the other $400,000 is raised. To attempt to raise an additional $200,000 after Dr. Stuart leaves America to my mind is impossible. If Dr. Stuart's presence at the Jerusalem Conference is so important, then the friends here must put their shoulders to the wheel now and see that the amount of our campaign is raised before the sailing date, and then we will send him off with our blessings. Otherwise he must stay.

Very sincerely yours,

E. A. Evans
Per LM

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

EAE:LM

Referred to JLS.
ODW

COPY

June 5, 1928

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am wondering whether it would be desirable to have a meeting of the campaign committee. I have discussed this with Mr. Garside this morning but decided instead to write you a brief summary of the situation on several pending matters and leave to your judgment the question of calling a meeting of the committee.

1. The McCormick-Blaine pledge. I am writing the personal secretary of Mr. McCormick asking his confidential advice as to any move that we might make to secure confirmation of his verbal pledge of $100,000 for endowment. It is a very delicate matter and I have been warned that Mrs. Blaine is an incalculable sort of person. I doubt whether anything should be done unless Mr. Stilwell advises something.. At the same time it is a serious matter to allow this thing to lie in the present state.

2. Mr. Ludington's pledge. You probably know the situation there. Mr. Ludington assured Dr. Stuart of his very earnest interest in Yenching and his intention to contribute to the campaign. He wished to interest, if possible, one or more sisters and brothers. He consented to become a member of the Board of Trustees provided he was really desired. In order to assure himself that the Board really wanted him as a member, he asked that the election be unanimous. I discussed carefully with Mr. Strong and Miss Dick the question as to whether I ought to approach Mr. Ludington prior to the announcement to him of his election to the Board. They were strongly of the opinion that it would be wiser to wait until after that announcement. I should add that Dr. Stuart tried to introduce me to Mr. Ludington but we could not see him while we were in Philadelphia. Dr. Stuart wrote Mr. Ludington later mentioning that I had been with him on that occasion when we called to see Mr. Ludington.

Mr. Ludington's election to the Board is now held up temporarily through two checks. Dr. North personally approves but doubts the regularity of an election by mail. Dr. Scott prefers to have a regular called meeting of the Executive Committee or the Board for such a purpose. Mr. Garside is ready to do anything possible to remove the obstacle now existing which prevents me from approaching Mr. Ludington. Meanwhile June is passing. I wish to see the gentleman personally before it is too late. He might even leave for the summer. Please consider this matter carefully and see what move you would suggest.

3. The Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial has granted $20,000 annually for seven years to strengthen the group of the

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June 5, 1928
Mr. E. A. Evans (cont)

social sciences in the University. A letter just received from Dr. Day seems to be the final official confirmation of this grant. I am writing him to make certain of this interpretation. In any case the matter is really settled.

I am confident that Mr. Boyd can be induced to consider this $140,000 just as satisfactory as if it were applied to the express objectives of the campaign. If necessary the question should be taken up with him shortly before the end of June.

4, School of Applied Economics. We are asking consent of a committee of the American Asiatic Association (Messrs. Froelick, Egan, and Cole) to print their names (as such an official committee) after a statement we have prepared to seek funds for a school of economic research and experimentation. Mr Froelick will see Mr. Egan tomorrow. I believe we shall secure these names. This is far better than to have Yenching itself making such a statement and then seeking funds. We have the cooperation of Mr. Froelick and of Mr. Chevalier of the Bankers Trust Company in further following up, with the help of this statement, a luncheon held at India House. Mr. Burgess will also help next week upon his return from Chicago. We are rather optimistic about securing funds for an initial budget for the school of approximately $10,000 a year for five years. Naturally, much work remains to be done. Mr. Strong is cooperating fully in this matter.

5. The Albany situation. Dr. Jenney has sent us a pledge signed by him for $2500 to complete the Presbyterian Albany fund and thus render possible the confirmation of the Gibson Methodist fund. Dr. Jenney has written Dr. Ralph Ward at Albany asking him to take up this matter in detail. I have immediately written Dr. Ward to the same effect and given him full information. Since his wife is a guest at the home of the Misses Gibson he is in a fine position to handle the matter for us. I am also asking him to arrange for a full conference with me as soon as convenient. At the same time I am asking Dr. Jenney to interpret a little more to my satisfaction his pledge of $2500.

6. Mr. Groner. Mr. Eldridge failed to inform me, as he agreed to do, of the result of his interview with Mr. Groner scheduled for last Friday. I have been unable to get in touch with him since. Am trying again today. The situation is a little embarrassing in view of the relationship with Dr. Ward.

7. School of Journalism. Dr. Stuart has written that Mrs. Elmhirst agreed verbally to a grant of $3500 a year beginning 1929-30 but he was not explicit in his letter as to the duration. I am now seeking an interview with Mrs. Elmhirst's secretary, Miss Bogue, to secure confirmation of this report. We can use one year's amount of this grant in stating to the newspaper publishers and editors how we stand in reference to the $10,000 annual grant for five years which we are seeking from newspaper people for the school. I am trying again,

after many failures, to get Dr. Finley to secure $1,000 a year from Mr. Ochs of the New York Times. Mr. Nash is doing fine work in trying to fill up the gap in this fund.

8. The Penney Foundation. I have consulted both the secretary of Dr. Poling and also Mr. Miller, Assistant Secretary of the Penney Foundation, regarding the desirability of my pressing the effort to secure an interview with Dr. Poling in order to secure a grant from the Penney Foundation for some aspect of agricultural education at Yenching. Upon the friendly advice of Mr. Miller I am postponing this effort until the middle of September, Mr. Miller will then do his utmost to arrange, under favorable conditions, for a real presentation of our case to Dr. Poling. I understand that the latter has great influence with Mr. Penney.

9. Mail campaign. Dr. Stuart's farewell letter, accompanied by printed matter, has gone to our entire mailing list of approximately 9,000 names. I am about to draft a letter to carry the facsimile signature of Mr. Warner (or pen written signature) asking for contributions to complete the fund of $500,000 sought by Dr. Stuart. We shall be in a better position for this final mail effort if we could say definitely that we lack only $50,000 for completing this amount. I think the first letter by Mr. Warner should be followed by one, or even two, other letters before we should decide that we had exhausted the possibilities of this sort of effort.

I shall be glad to have your suggestions and also your judgment as to the desirability of a special effort to hurry a decision in regard to Mr. Ludington and also in regard to the calling of a meeting of the campaign committee.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. E. A. Evans
Clark, Childs & Company
120 Broadway
New York City.

ODW:BB

Yenching University

January 1, 1929

Mr. E. A. Evans,
Clark, Childs & Co.,
120 Broadway, New York City
Mr. George G. Barber,
Graybar Building, New York City

My dear Mr. Evans & Mr. Barber,

Mr. McBrier has asked me to call to your attention the fact that our Finance Committee at its meeting on January 3rd should consider a number of important questions relating to the investment and reinvestment of endowment funds.

Briefly the situation is this:- (a) The Committee should examine the list of securities the University has just received from the Hall Estate to see whether it is advantageous to sell any of these and to reinvest the proceeds in more suitable securities; (b) We now have a little over $8,000 in cash awaiting investment concerning which instructions should be given.

I enclose for your study the following material:-

(a) List of securities received from the Hall Estate
(b) Recommendations by Harris Forbes as to the sale of certain of these securities and the reinvestment of the proceeds
(c) Prospectus by Merrill Lynch in regard to Merchants' National Properties' 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds

With regard to item (c), Mr. McBrier asks me to state that Mr. Lynch unqualifiedly recommends these Merchants' National Properties Bonds as an unusually good investment.

These are the only copies of this material I have, so I trust you will bring them to the meeting with you on Thursday.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

BAG/G

Enc. 3

January 22, 1929.

Mr. E. A. Evans,
26 East Tenth Street,
New York City.

Mr. G. G. Barber,
420 Lexington Avenue,
New York City.

About the only way I have to check up the values of securities is to consult with those who are dealing in them on a large scale. My three sources of information in the past have been, for the most part, The Bankers Trust Company, Harris Forbes & Company, and Spencer Trask & Company.

I have close personal relations with high officers in each of these firms, and when I consider investing in trust securities I advise with them.

It was for this reason that I asked these three firms to submit suggestions for the investment of Yenching University funds. Mr. Walter Bell, of Harris Forbes & Co., who has been a close personal friend of mine for years, is just as interested in Yenching University as any of us, and is anxious that we should invest our money in only those securities which are strictly high grade.

I think there has been perhaps a little tendency for us to speculate in our desire to increase the income to the largest possible extent. No serious danger has threatened this course in the past, because for the last few years we have had a constantly advancing market. It cannot last for ever, however, no matter how prosperous this country may be. There is a top to everything. I believe we should continue to endeavor to get as large an income as is consistent with absolute safety; but I fear that we now have some securities - and if we are not careful we are liable to get more - that do not measure up to the standard that should be maintained for trust funds of this character.

It is quite possible that the trustees of the Hall Estate may come in some day to ask us how we have invested these funds, and I want them to approve the list when it is shown to them. Not only so, but I want the investments to be right for our own sakes.

For this reason I think we should lay down very clearly the rules that should govern our investment of these trust funds. I will attempt to formulate some rules although I realize it is a hard thing to do, but SAFETY FIRST should be the first and last rule.

My impression is that the backbone of our investment should be bonds of high approved type, where large income is not the chief objective sought, but where security and safety are the principal factors. These bonds should be wisely distributed between railroad bonds, industrials, public utilities, real estate and investment trust, in a fair proportion.

It goes without saying that we cannot expect to get 6% income on high-grade bonds in the above classes, and in order to average something like 6% I think we should have a percentage of foreign bonds, and high quality preferred stocks; and when I refer to preferred stocks I would apply the rule that Andrew Carnegie applied, "Preferred stocks of American industrial corporations, public utilities, or railroads of high grade who have a continuous, consistent dividend record over a period of five years previous to the time of investment."

At our next meeting I hope we can have an unhurried investigations of just one thing, namely, the list of stock and bonds which have been recommended to us. In order to get these before us in the best possible form I have obtained the best recommendations made by the Bankers Trust, Harris Forbes and Company, Spencer Trask and Company and Mr. George Barber, in a list of which you will find a copy enclosed.

I am also sending you a copy of Mr. Redman's letter written to me in response to my request that he give me his best judgment on International Paper and Power 7% Preferred Stock.

I gave him over the telephone a list of the securities suggested by Mr. Barber, asking him for such information as he might be able to give. A copy is herewith enclosed.

I also send you a copy of a letter from the Bankers Trust Company regarding two stocks which I selected from their list, about which you made inquiry.

Very truly yours,

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Very truly yours,

For fear I may be thought to have blunder, I think we should let every effort and interest be directed to the immediate two matters, namely, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation. I have a very high opinion of Mr. Rockefeller and the Rockefeller Foundation and I am also of the opinion that we should be able to secure from them a very liberal grant for the purpose of the Institute. I am also of the opinion that we should be able to secure from the Carnegie Corporation a very liberal grant for the purpose of the Institute. I am also of the opinion that we should be able to secure from the Carnegie Corporation a very liberal grant for the purpose of the Institute. I am also of the opinion that we should be able to secure from the Carnegie Corporation a very liberal grant for the purpose of the Institute.

Perhaps Mr. Rockefeller Jr. would be willing to give us a letter to the Carnegie Corporation in which he would say that he is very much interested in the Institute and that he

March 25, 1929

Dear Mr. Evans:

It seems scarcely in order for me to write members of the Board of Trustees regarding pledges. On the other hand, if I do not do so the Board of Trustees may reprove me for failing to meet my responsibilities.

Will you accept this letter, therefore, as our usual inquiry - addressed at the present time to certain other members of the Board also - in order that we may know at what date those who have pledged wish us to remind them of their pledges? In your case the pledge was for $1,000 toward the recent campaign and was made in December 1928.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Ernest A. Evans
26 East 10th Street
New York, New York

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Excerpt from Executive Committee minutes 6-19-29, page 6.

The Chairman presented a letter from Mr. E. A. Evans under date of June 12 wherein Mr. Evans states that, inasmuch as he and Mrs. Evans are returning to San Francisco about July 1 and expect to make their permanent home there, he feels that he should present his resignation as Chairman and member of the Committee on Finance, Property and Investment. All members of the Committee spoke in the warmest terms of the important share Mr. Evans has had in building up Yenching University and expressed their deepest regret that he is unable to continue in his present position as Chairman and member of the Finance Committee. It was

E-2628 VOTED to accept with sincerest regret the resignation of Mr. E. A. Evans as Chairman and member of the Committee on Finance, Property and Investment.

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April 20, 1934

Mr. Ernest A. Evans
Mill Valley
California

My dear Mr. Evans:

It has been a long time since I saw you or since any of us have heard from you.

There has been delegated to me the responsibility of following up some of the unpaid pledges which are still open on our books and which we, as you may appreciate, very much need.

Looking through the files, I find your pledge of $1,000 made during the 1928 campaign.

I very much dislike taking this matter up by correspondence but there seems no other possible way open at present. I would much prefer to have a chat with you about the matter because I know your interest in Yenching, the close association you had for years with us, and your keen sense of obligation to carry out your undertaking.

I find in the file two copies of letters dated July 11,1930, at which time you were a member of the Board, and another one written in May 1932 by Mr. Wannamaker. I do not find any replies to these communications although it is quite possible you may have answered same.

I write to inquire if you can at this time outline a program of payment, even if payments should be made from time to time in instalments and even if the instalments should be made in small amounts.

As you may well imagine, Yenching has had its serious troubles in the last two years. We are in desperate need of funds, and any amount you could pay would be very much appreciated.

At any rate kindly let us hear from you and remember this note is written in a friendly spirit without any desire to apply any pressure and yet written out of our dire need for every dollar of assistance we can get from every possible source.

I recall with sincere appreciation that Mrs. Evans and yourself went out of your way to see us off on our 1929 trip around the world. It was the first time I had ever had the honor of meeting Mrs. Evans. I recall the beautiful flowers which she brought for the ladies, and how much they were enjoyed.

You may be interested in knowing that Mr. Boyd has been in rather bad health for about a year and is now on his way to California by boat for rest and recuperation.

Apart from Mr. Boyd, other friends of the University are working along at the same old problems that you used to work at, and are carrying on to the best of their ability, which in these times, believe me, is some job.

With best personal regards and kind remembrances to Mrs. Evans, I am,

Most truly yours,

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A. J. ERSTED
E. A. EVANS

NEW YORK OFFICE
90 WEST STREET

THE AUTO-CAT CO.
524 Second Street
SAN FRANCISCO
EXbrook 3360

May 3, 1934

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

My dear Mr. McBrier:

Your considerate letter is very much appreciated and I feel very humble in my inability to keep my pledge at this time, and am very much embarrassed that it has not been paid.

In 1928 when I made the pledge I was amply able to pay it and delayed doing so for no very good reason. I was using a great deal of money at the time and expected to pay it when funds were easier--this was at the time of high interest rate.

For over twenty years I had been buying and selling stocks and making few permanent investments, excepting one, and while I had been warned time and again that the Tobacco Products - United Cigar Stores outfit were crooked I thought I knew their business and prospects better than others - 1929 proved the judgement of others better than mine and I held the bag with all our fortune in the balance, which was completely wiped out.

Since then I have just managed to keep my head above water, with no surplus for any purpose. I have kept my eyes and ears open for a favorable opportunity without success until recently. I believe that my future is now assured if I can raise enough capital to put the business over the first year. I will in the next few days send you a letter I am addressing to a number of my friends.

My interest in Yen Ching is as always and I hope the future will permit me not only to keep my old pledge but to continue to give substantial aid from time to time. I look back upon my association with your group with much pleasure and am confident that my future is bright enough to warrant my optimism.

When you passed through San Francisco and we saw you off it grieved me very much not to be going with you as we had planned.

I am very sorry to here of Mr. Boyd's illness and should like very much to see them if they come to San Francisco.

Trusting you can appreciate my position and know that my heart is still in the work, I am

Yours sincerely

Earl A. Evans

EAE:MR

May 8, 1934

Mr. E. A. Evans
542 Second Street
San Francisco, Calif.

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My dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you so much for your good letter of May 3rd. I want to say that I very much appreciate the fine spirit of your letter.

I know your interest in Yenching has not in the least waned and I feel confident that you will "come back" in due time and not only be able to pay any pledges you have made in the past but be able to make additional contributions to the work of the Kingdom in the future.

I desire to wish you every possible success in your present business and hope you will succeed in raising the necessary money to establish your business thoroughly.

Very frankly, I was "caught" in much the same way as you. I was able to pay all my pledges to Yenching and everything else except one very large pledge which I made when I was in China in 1929. At that time I was very confident that the years 1930 and 1931 would see the pledge paid in full and here it is 1934 and I still have half of it to pay. Of course when the pledge was made I had no idea of what had just recently happened in America. The pledge was made in November and we had heard rumors of trouble but I thought I was so thoroughly entrenched that it would not make very much difference to me. As a matter of fact it did make a great deal of difference because the income on which I thought I could depend was materially reduced.

I wish to thank you sincerely for writing as you do. I can fully appreciate your position as I am in the same "boat." I realize that neither of us can do the impossible just at present but hope we will both be able to make good all our pledges in the future.

With sincere personal regards, I remain

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May 9, 1934

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have your letter of May 5th describing the "Auto-Cat."

I really think that you have struck something worthwhile. When I see good automobiles that have a lot of service in them still thrown on the scrap heap, it seems to me like a tremendous waste. I rode with a man a few days ago in a car that he had bought for $75.00 and he has been running it for three years and it is still giving good service.

Allowance for second-hand cars is smaller than ever this year and it would pay many a farmer to buy a cheap second-hand car and equip it for service.

I would be inclined to go along with you for a moderate amount were it not that I am in the financial position that I explained in my yesterday's letter. It really looks good to me. I am sorry I cannot ride along with you on the "Cat."

Sincerely yours,

E. M. McBrier

Mr. Ernest A. Evans
The Auto-Cat Company
524 Second Street
San Francisco, Calif.

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May 27, 1937

Mr. William C. Evans
65 Overlook Circle
New Rochelle, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I wish to sincerely thank you for your willingness to serve on the Sponsoring Committee of the Frank D. Gamewell Professorship of Religion in Yenching University. The Committee now consists of the following:

W. F. Bigelow	c/o Good Housekeeping 57th Street & 8th Avenue, NYC
William C. Evans	65 Overlook Circle New Rochelle, N. Y.
A. B. Hatcher	c/o Guaranty Trust Co. 140 Broadway, NYC
Frank A. Horne	c/o Merchants Refrigerating Co. 17 Varick Street, NYC
Robert C. Morris	c/o Bankers Trust Company 16 Wall Street, NYC
H. A. Reed	c/o Bankers Trust Company 16 Wall Street, NYC
Paul Sturtevant	c/o Baker, Weeks & Harden 52 Wall Street, NYC
Dr. Wm. J. Thompson	The Mayfair House Park Avenue & 65th St., NYC
Mr. William Boyd	250 W. Tulpehocken Street Philadelphia, Pa.
Dr. James R. Joy	Plainfield, N. J.
Edgar Welch	Westfield, N. J.
George B. Hodgman	c/o Watson & White 149 Broadway, NYC
E. M. McBrier	150 Fifth Avenue, NYC

It is a great pleasure to have such a fine group of my best Methodist friends associated with me in this project.

I am leaving on June 2nd for England. I hope, as opportunity offers, you may be able to cooperate with Mr. Hedrick and his associates, to whom I have turned over the leadership during my absence. His assistant, Mr. Aydelott, is usually in the office.

I am enclosing a few extra copies of the little circular which I trust you will either mail or hand personally to some of your friends whom you think we might interest in this very worthy undertaking. When the names of such people occur to you, will you please call Watkins 9-8703 and ask for Mr. Aydelott or his secretary, Miss Brown, and give such names and addresses, or drop a line to Mr. Aydelott at this address.

Thanking you sincerely, I am

Most truly yours,

E. M. McBrier.

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June 17, 1937

Mr. William C. Evans
65 Overlook Circle
New Rochelle, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Under date of May 27, you have a letter from Mr. E. M. McBrier in connection with the Dr. Frank D. Gamewell Professorship of Religion at Yenching University. At that time he advised you that he would leave for Europe on June 2nd.

Prior to sailing, Mr. McBrier requested me to act as chairman of the Committee during his absence. This I will do, for I share with you and other members of the Committee, the high worth of our task in hand.

I am authorized by Mr. McBrier to announce that he will contribute $25,000 provided the remaining half of the $50,000 be secured. That truly was Bon Voyage to us on land. With this accomplished, what a celebration we could have on Dr. Gamewell's Eightieth Anniversary, August 31st.

Mr. W. S. Pilling of Philadelphia, I am happy to announce, has just become a sponsor.

K. A. Wee, Ph.D., in his doctoral thesis, Columbia 1937, states, from a Chinese source, "Although only one twenty-fifth of one per cent of China's population attend Christian institutions, twenty-five per cent of the nation's constructive leadership is from these institutions." Yenching University is in the very forefront in this overwhelming contribution. One-fourth of the inhabitants of the globe are in China. How much the Dr. Gamewell Professorship may add to the welfare of these 450,000,000 people, to us in America, and to future civilization, is left to your imagination, tempered by reason.

Will you please write me - tell me what you deem wise.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Thompson, Chairman

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WILLIAM C. EVANS
65 OVERLOOK CIRCLE
NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y.
TELEPHONE NEW ROCHELLE 548

June 23-37

Dr William J. Thompson
c/o Yenching University
150 Fifth ave
New York City

Dear Dr Thompson:- Your letter of the 17th duly received. Mr McBrier has surely backed up his interest with a substantial subscription. It must be most encouraging to the committee.

I am afraid that any contribution I am now able to make will seem insignificant.

You may put me down for $500.00 but as I explained to Mr McBrier I cannot take any active part in the solicitation

With my kindest regards and best wishes for the full success of the plan

Sincerely yours
William C Evans.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA
American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

December 1, 1937

Dear Mr. Evans:

In your subscription of $500 to the Frank D. Gamewell Professorship of Religion, you indicated your desire to pay the first instalment of $125 during the month of October. I think you would wish us to remind you of this, since your mind is doubtless preoccupied with many matters of importance.

You will be pleased to note that we have $45,655 now in hand, in cash and pledges. There are two sources from which we have every reason to believe that sizeable gifts will be forthcoming, but decisions have not yet been reached. If the gifts are of the dimensions which we anticipate, the fund will be practically completed. Definite word should be had in both of these cases within the very near future.

Dr. Gamewell was in this morning and was very much interested in the progress that has been made. We hope to complete the fund by Christmas.

Thanking you for your continued interest, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George C. Aydelott

George C. Aydelott

Mr. William C. Evans
65 Overlook Circle
New Rochelle, New York

Dear Mr Aydelott
I am enclosing my check for $125.00. I would appreciate your sending me a statement from time to time.
Cordially
W C Evans 12/4

December 10, 1937

Mr. W. C. Evans
65 Overlook Circle
New Rochelle, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your gift of $125.00 first installment on your subscription of $500.00 to the Frank D. Gamewell Professorship arrived this morning and I hasten to acknowledge it with great appreciation.

No recent development with respect to the Gamewell Professorship has altered the total of $45,600, but with at least two major gifts pending we have reason to hope that there may be something tangible to report within the near future. We all earnestly desire that this fund be completed as soon as possible--perhaps by January first.

Very sincerely yours,

George C. Aydelott

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WILLIAM C. EVANS
65 OVERLOOK CIRCLE
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Mr E. M. McBrier
Treasurer
Board of Trustees
Jenching University
150 Fifth Ave
New York City

Dear Mr McBrier:- I am enclosing my check for $125.00 as second installment payment on my subscription to the Frank D Gamewell Fund of the University

With kindest regard and best wishes for the new year

Sincerely
W C Evans

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January 20, 1939

Dear Mr. McBrier:

I am enclosing my check for $250.00 completing payment on my pledge to Yenching University.

I overlooked this in the absence of a statement.

With my best wishes for a pleasant trip to Florida and my hope of seeing you at Highland Park.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) William C. Evans

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