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To Mrs. Robert Raible.

56 Crescent St. -

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Greenfield, Mass. -

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My dear Mr. Garrod: -

Your letter of Oct. 15, being forwarded from the Iowa address, reached me in due course, and was appreciated. I was surprised to hear of Pres. Stewart's imminent arrival. A letter from him which I find awaiting me here also reports his coming.

We arrived here last evening and expect to make this headquarters for the next six weeks, or more.

I must go to Boston for the coming week-end (Nov. 16, 17) and may need to remain there a day or so longer for (routine) physical examination, etc.

We have visits to be made down the Connecticut valley (a sister at Mr. Hann), later on, and it has been in my mind that I might visit New York on the same southward trip. Pres. Stewart intimates in his letter that he wishes to see me, and there is the general plan for me to call on the New York office, which we have mentioned in earlier correspondence.

As far as I can foresee now, we could take this southward trip the latter part of next week, or later, as occasion seems to demand.

I suppose Pres. Stuart reaches Seattle today, and will be in New York in three or four days. Upon his arrival will you kindly show him this letter and consult with him as to any plans in which I should participate — and report to me the result.

Of course I am not hunting for a job, but if there ^{are} places where I can really be of some service, I am available — subject only to other possible claims by the American Board. In view ^{of} the possibility of them, I suggest that you send me word as early as possible. For the week-end

I could be addressed, 40 - the American Board, Boston.

(Carbon copies of letters might be sent here also.) Also — it occurs to me — if Pres. Stuart should go to Boston to see the Harvard-funding Trustees, perhaps I could meet him there.

Also — because I do not have typewriter and carbon paper here — may I request you to show this letter to Mrs. Macmillan, and consult with her if need be. I have received earlier letters from her.

With best wishes — Cordially,
 Howard D. Pratt.

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YENCHING

November 13, 1935

Dr. Howard S. Galt
c/o Mrs. Robert Raible
56 Crescent St.
Greenfield, Mass.

My dear Dr. Galt:

Glad to learn from your letter of yesterday that you are now here in the east, and that we may soon be seeing you here in New York.

We had a number of letters awaiting Dr. Stuart in Seattle yesterday, in which we referred to recent developments here, made various suggestions as to alternative courses he might follow on his trip across the continent and asked that he wire us the date of his arrival as soon as he decided which course he would follow. We have not heard from him as yet. It seems probable that he may wish to go to Boston for the meeting of the Institute Trustees on November 18th, and in that case it is likely that he will reach New York on the 19th. As soon as we have more definite word I will pass it along to you.

I am enclosing herewith the minutes of a special meeting of our Yenching Trustees held on November 1st, chiefly for the purpose of discussing our promotional plans for the coming months. You will note that the Trustees are planning a meeting with Dr. Stuart on Tuesday, November 26th. We would certainly hope that you can arrange to be present at that meeting.

We will, of course, be glad to have you drop in at the office here whenever it is convenient for you to do so. If you plan to come in during the latter part of next week, we hope you can then stay over until the meeting on the 26th. Or you might prefer to come in on the 25th, or to get here on the morning of the 26th and postpone our discussion of your plans until after the Trustees meeting.

I am passing along your letter to Mr. Sherwood and Mrs. Macmillan.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:NP

Original to Greenfield, Massachusetts.
Copy to American Board.

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YENCHING

536 W. 6th St., Claremont, Calif.,
13 March, 1936.

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

ack 4/6/56

My Dear Mr. Garside:-

I have begun work on a history of Yenching University (in view of the early approach of the 20th anniversary of the reorganization) and have brought from China a considerable amount of source material relative to the University and to the earlier history of the several constituent elements.

Of the earlier Peking University (Methodist) I have the following:

A general statement and catalogue for 1892 (very complete and valuable for earlier developments.)
President Lowry's Annual Reports, with Minutes of the Board of Managers for 1905, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1916, 1917, 1918.

I lack material covering the following: The period, 1892-1899; The efforts (unsuccessful) to effect union in higher education, 1900-1902.

Since you are right there in the building of the Methodist Board, may I trouble you to seek from the Methodist secretarial files or archives anything valuable and available on these two topics--especially the latter. If documents or reports can be sent to me by registered post, I will pledge to conserve them with the utmost care, and return them in the same manner in a few weeks. If this is not feasible, can typewritten copies be sent? What I wish most is presumably Dr. Lowry's reports of the union negotiations of 1901-2, and the actions of the M. E. Board with respect to the same.

I may add that my approach to this task of history writing was approved by Pres. Stuart and the Administrative Committee last spring before I left Yenching. Perhaps it is worth while to report the matter to the Trustees, or to the Executive Committee, for their endorsement. If this can be done I shall appreciate it.

With thanks in advance to you and to our Methodist friends,

Very sincerely yours,

Howard S. Galt

Howard S. Galt

I may add that we have enjoyed Pres. Stuart's visit to these parts. I drove him to San Diego last Wednesday.

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YENCHING

April 6, 1936

Dr. Howard S. Galt
536 W. 6th Street
Claremont, California

My dear Dr. Galt:

Let me acknowledge receipt
of your letter of March 13th .

We have done considerable
exploring in the records of the Methodist
Board as well as our own files and have
assembled the enclosed material. We trust
this will give you all the information you
wish for your work on the history of Yenching.

We are greatly interested in
your task of preparing a history of Yenching
University, for we have long recognized that
such a history is urgently needed. I know the
Yenching Trustees will heartily approve. I
will report the matter to them at the Annual
Meeting on April 23rd. Let us know if there
is anything more we can do to assist. With
all good wishes for the success of your efforts,
I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG:MP
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YENCHING

536 W. 6th St., Claremont, Calif.

9 May, 1936.

ack 5/18/36

Mr. B. E. Garside,
Secretary of Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave., New York.

My Dear Mr. Garside:-

Many thanks for your letter of May 1st, and the enclosed minutes of the Trustees' meeting. I was glad to know of the relative success of the financial campaign.

I note the minute, and your remark, about the history of Yenching. Since I have been working in this field, and thinking the time of the committee members may be saved, I am sending, under separate cover, a copy of my manuscript covering the period up to about 1920. This is of course only the first part of my work. During these months here I may not have time to complete the whole, and it may be better to defer the account of the later years until I return to China.

Received
5/15/36

If you deem it worth while please make the manuscript I am sending available to the Trustees' committee for their research. Any further decisions, as to what should be done with the manuscript when it is completed, should, I suppose, await further conferences at Yenching, and in New York,

With appreciation of your kind words, and with best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Howard S. Galt
Howard S. Galt

*This portion of the M.S.
may be retained in your
office for the present.*

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536 W. 6th St., Claremont, Calif.,

29 May, 1936.

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

Walt 6/2/36

My Dear Mr. Garside:-

5/2/36

Was glad to receive your letter and to know that the writing on Yenching History seemed to be serving the purposes of the Trustees' Committee.

For the sake of completeness I am sending you herewith the remaining sheets to the end of Chapter III. This completes the account to 1926, the date of the removal to the new site. For the present I am stopping at this point. I have some other writing to do here now. If I get it completed in time, I may continue with the Yenching History before sailing, Aug. 3rd. If not, I may let the remaining chapters wait until I am on the ground at Yenching. So far as source material is concerned, this would be better.

Of this first draft of the manuscript I have made three copies. So, for the present at least, I think you may keep one copy in your office. Later on there may be discussions as to the next step, if any.

As to the date of the "founding" of Yenching, there has often been question on the field. The "founding" was a step in evolution. I think the following dates are significant:

April, 1916, The Board of Trustees organized in New York.
September, 1916, The Board of Managers organized in Peking.
June, 1917, the first "joint" Commencement.
September, 1918, the two Men's Colleges combined on one Campus in Peking.
Winter, 1920, The Women's College joins the University.

Accordingly the choice of date may be a subjective matter. As I remember, on the field, a committee chose ~~September~~, April, 1916.

Sincerely yours,

Howard S. Galt
Howard S. Galt.

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YENCHING

June 3, 1936

Dr. Howard S. Galt
536 West 6th Street
Claremont, California

My dear Dr. Galt:

Thank you for sending us the remaining sheets of Chapter III of your manuscript. We are glad to have this material available here in our files as well as your comments on the founding of the University.

We have just received from Dr. Gamewell the enclosed booklet by Dr. F. S. Kao and the statement about the Methodist beginning of Yenching University by Dr. Gamewell. We hope you will be able to use this material to good advantage.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:MP.

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YENCHING

536 W. 6th St., Claremont, Calif.,

14 July, 1936.

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

My Dear Mr. Garside:-

I have had letters from President Stuart and from Mr. Han Ch'ing-Lien (Secretary in the Admissions Bureau at Yenching) about his entering Claremont Colleges for graduate study in Education. There is a request for a cable reply if he is admitted. I now have word from W. Henry Cooke, of the Committee on Graduate Study, that he is admitted.

May I request you to send the following cable to Yenching, "deferred", or by whatever method reduces the cost:

Stuart, Yenta, Peiping. ~~WAM~~ Claremont admits Han without scholarship.

I think the cost may be charged to the field, for President Stuart to take care of.

We are now in the midst of preliminary preparations for sailing for China again--Aug. 3rd, S.S. Pres. Coolidge, Los Angeles. We have had a good furlough and are eager to get back to Yenching.

With best wishes, Cordially yours,

Howard S. Galt

Howard S. Galt.

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學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

March 9, 1938

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

Dr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Garside:

In the absence of President Stuart I am writing you with regard to a matter of income tax which has come up here recently. Perhaps you know that the Chinese government some one or two years ago promulgated a law according to which all regular Chinese incomes from \$30 and upwards were subject to a tax by the central government, and according to the law organizations which paid their employees regular salaries were to subtract from the monthly payroll the appropriate amount of taxes and transmit such taxes directly to the government office. About a year ago Yenching followed this plan, and I think one remittance of income taxes from the salaries of our Chinese faculty was remitted to the government office.

About six weeks ago a communication in Chinese from a tax bureau in Peking representing the new government set up here under Japanese influences, asking that accumulated funds under the income tax law be remitted to the bureau in Peking. This question was the subject of discussion in our Administrative Committee meeting, and we agreed to delay or temporize or make excuses if possible, trying to avoid having to pay this tax, and also trying to avoid a direct issue with the new government. Accordingly, at first no formal reply was sent to the request. Later, upon the receipt of a second letter repeating the request, President Stuart conferred with the Director of the P U M C and with the Rector of the Catholic University in Peking, consulting with them as to the attitude which should be taken, with a view to possible parallel action. Accordingly, all three of these institutions sent word to the tax bureau, the general purport of which was that salary funds for the most part came from abroad, and that since the governments of the countries where the Trustees of these organizations were located, have not recognized the new government in Peking, we raise the question of the propriety of transmitting taxes for which we are directly responsible to the recognized government of China, to the tax bureau in Peking. These letters also stated that it was proposed to consult with the authorities abroad of these institutions seeking advice on this question.

This, then, is the matter with which this letter is concerned today. Does the Board of Trustees have any suggestions or advice to offer with regard to this matter, and do the Trustees desire to confer with the govern-

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ment in Washington regarding the matter? Do you consider it important enough to take such a step? I may add that the accumulated funds held here in our Bursar's Office now amount to LC\$1400, or so, and if the request of the Peking tax bureau is to be complied with, we should have to begin to tax the salaries of our staff for the present fiscal year also.

Of course we desire the honest opinion and advice of the Trustees or/and the American government on this matter, but naturally if that advice is such that it helps us to maintain our position with regard to these funds, we shall welcome it in a special way. //

I will only add that we continue to go on with our University work here in quite a normal way and even in the absence of President Stuart, we find that no special difficulties in administration are arising.

Howard Green

Very sincerely yours,

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April 19, 1939

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

Dr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

ack 7/11/39

Dear Dr. Garside:

I have before me the copy of the letter which President Stuart wrote to you on March 20. Shortly after writing that letter President Stuart started for Hongkong and the Southwest expecting to return the latter part of May.

Last week in a meeting of our Administrative Committee, the local economic conditions were considered in relation to the University payroll. The steadily mounting costs of living here are affecting all members of the University community and are bringing hardship into the living conditions, especially of those in the low brackets of the salary schedule.

In view of these conditions the Administrative Committee voted, beginning with April salary payments, to add amounts of approximately ten percent to all wages and salary below the figure of 1c\$75.00.

We discussed also the increasing need of adding to salary payments of the entire faculty and staff in view of the steadily increasing cost of living. The Committee felt it was not necessary to take that step now but if present trends continue, it is probable that such a step may be decided upon in a few months, perhaps beginning with the fiscal year commencing July first. We feel that in our financial administration, we should be prepared to take that step. The Controller, Mr. Stephen Tsai, has made an estimate of the additional amount which will be needed for the coming year by increasing all wages and salary by approximately ten percent. This additional sum reduced to American currency amounts to \$8,000.00.

Accordingly I am writing by authority of the Administrative Committee to request that the Trustees in making plans for the University budget for the coming year change the sum of \$15,000.00 mentioned on the second page of President Stuart's letter of March 29 to \$23,000.00. Such a sum, if present exchange rate continues, should give us sufficient income to make the change in wages and salaries which I have mentioned.

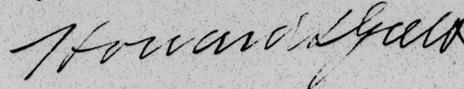
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I suppose that the increasing cost of living is always an accompaniment of prolonged armed conflict and that as long as the present conflict continues the University will have to make adjustments to meet the needs of its faculty, staff and workmen.

President Stuart has been gone nearly half a month. Although we are always anxious when he is absent, there have been thus far no untoward events to disturb our academic work. Religious conditions in the University have been especially favorable. We had a large attendance at the Easter Service which was held outdoors. At this service there were some twenty-five baptisms, more than half of whom were students.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,



H. S. Galt
Acting President

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Dr. Howard S. Galt

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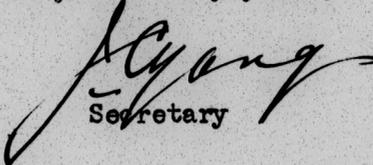
TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

Dr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Garside:

Dr. Galt asks me to send the enclosed copy of a letter
to Hartford Seminary Foundation to you for your information.

Very sincerely yours,


Secretary

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Copy to New York

April 25, 1939

Secretary
Hartford Seminary Foundation
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:

President Stuart is absent from the University for some weeks and I am writing for him.

We have just received from our New York office the following cable:

"HARTFORD OFFERS HSIEN SCHOLARSHIP COVERING TUITION PLUS THREEHUNDRED DOLLARS EXPENSES CABLE WHETHER ACCEPTED"

In looking up the records I find that on November 11, 1938, President Stuart wrote to Dr. B. A. Garside, Secretary in our New York office, requesting that efforts be made to secure a fellowship for study in the field of Religious Education, for Mr. C. S. Hsieh of our University staff here. We assume that this cable is a response to that request.

I have just consulted with Mr. Hsieh regarding the matter. We much appreciate this generous offer from Hartford and hope that Mr. Hsieh can take advantage of it. If he does so, however, he will need further financial assistance - to cover travel, and other expenses - and we cannot make arrangements to deal with this need in the absence of President Stuart. The President is absent in an extended trip to Hongkong and Southwest China, and is not expected back before the middle of May.

Accordingly we are cabling our New York office today acknowledging receipt of the cable, and requesting "Await letter". If President Stuart returns promptly and arrangements can be made without delay it is possible that another cable may be sent before this letter reaches you.

I may add that as a graduate of Hartford I am specially gratified at this offer to Mr. Hsieh, and have been telling him of the excellent opportunities in his field at Hartford. I had an interesting visit at Hartford in December, 1938, on my last furlough, being Mr. Hodous' guest. I receive regularly reports and printed matter from Hartford, which are appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Howard S. Galt (Hartford, 1899)
Acting President

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燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping West, China.

11 June '39
Oct 7/13

Dear Mr. Garaid:-
President Stuart
has shown me recent corre-
spondence from your office in re
the manuscript of the History
of Yenching. In your letter I
note that you report the reception
of pp. 1-96 (?) - being the first
part of the three first chap-
ters.

According to my correspondence
records - spring of 1936 - I sent
you on May 9th, the first in-
stallment, and you acknowledged
the receipt of that on May 18.
On May 29 I sent a second in-
stallment, which completed the
first three chapters - about 140 pp.
to the year 1926. I do not have
any record of your receipt of that
second installment.

But I am wondering if you
do not have it in your files - per-
haps in a place separate from
that where the first instal-
ment was kept? Kindly in-
vestigate and report.

燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping West, China.

President Stuart and I expect to confer soon on the next steps in the matter — one thing being presumably some revision of the manuscript, and another, the last chapter on recent events, which Pres. Stuart has mentioned. We certainly agree that the full M.S. should be sent to you as soon as it is in shape. —

General plan —
Part I. Chaps. 1-3. Origins and Early History
Part II. " 4-22. The University on the
Permanent Site, 1926-1936.

Yours sincerely,
Howard Gold

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July 11, 1939

Dr. Howard S. Galt
Yenching University
Peking, China

Dear Dr. Galt:

I do not find that any acknowledgment was sent to your letter of April 19th addressed to Mr. Garside.

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge it, and let you know that the matter concerning the increase in wages and salaries was taken up at the Annual Meeting, and the amount needed has been included in the total of special askings presented to the Associated Boards.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

JIP:D

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July 13, 1939

Dear Dr. Galt

Thank you for your letter of June 11th.

We have now checked through our files more carefully, and find that we have all of the first three chapters of your History of Yenching - totalling 143 pages.

We await with interest the second part of the manuscript, containing chapters four and twenty-two, describing the work of the University on its present site from 1926 to 1936. and perhaps the most interesting chapter of all will be the one you are now considering - that describing the happenings during the last two or three years.

As soon as the Trustees have in hand the complete manuscript - or even the first twenty-two chapters if your last chapter on recent events is not finished - it will be easier for them to reach more definite decisions as to the possibility of publishing it.

1940 should be made a significant anniversary in Yenching history. It is the seventieth anniversary since the establishment in 1870 of the Day School out of which Yenching University grew. It is the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the institution on a University level, and it marks the completion of twenty-one years of remarkable growth under the Presidency of Dr. Stuart. It seems to me that we should all give some very special recognition to these three significant anniversary dates in 1940. If your history could be published at that time it would be of special interest and value. But to accomplish this means that we would have to move quite rapidly.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Howard S. Galt
Yenching University
Peking, China

BAG:MP

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November 8, 1939

Dr. Howard S. Galt,
Yenching University,
Peking, China.

Ack
12/21/39

Dear Dr. Galt:

It is hard for us to believe that on December 8 you and Mrs. Galt will have completed forty years of service to China. There is a perennial youthfulness about your appearance, your quick grasp of new situations, your continuous search for new truth, and your courageous tackling of difficult and discouraging problems.

Yet on further thought we realize that your maturity of judgment, your wisdom in handling delicate and perplexing situations, your unflinching poise in times when far too many of us lose our balance and our sense of perspective, must have grown out of a long and rich experience. You have seen dreams become realities, dreaded disasters avoided, and hopes that seemed impossible at last fulfilled.

During these forty years, you and Mrs. Galt have been privileged to witness one of the most amazing periods of China's long history. You have seen the passing of the old China, the rise of the new. You have watched the intense struggle through which the new China has fought to attain social and economic reform, political solidarity, and national unity. You have watched the widespread extension of Christian influence throughout China, and have seen almost from its beginning the growth of Christian higher education there. Yet in all these years you have been not merely an observer but a participant and a leader.

Throughout these four decades your life has been intimately intertwined with the formation and development of Yenching University. During the first nineteen years, as a teacher and later as the President of North China Union College, you led not only in the development of that one of the three institutions which united to form Yenching but also worked indefatigably to bring about this union.

When the union was consummated twenty-one years ago, the new "Peking University" was a small and struggling institution, meagerly financed, and inadequately housed in cramped and crowded quarters. During the next few years you were one of the leaders, along with Leighton Stuart and Harry Luce, who saw the vision of what the new university might become, and realized that before that vision could become a reality the institution must have room to expand and must possess a far more adequate physical plant.

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Dr. Galt

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November 8, 1939

As the Chairman of the Grounds and Buildings Committee during the search for a suitable site for the new Yenching and during the years in which construction was actively under way, you had a vital share in planning and creating "the most beautiful university campus in Asia, if not in the world." Here in New York our Yenching University files contain more than a score of thick folders of correspondence with you in your capacity as Chairman of the Grounds and Buildings Committee - eloquent testimony to the care and fidelity with which you carried this heavy responsibility.

In the years since then you have served Yenching in many other important positions of administrative leadership. For a long time you carried the heavy burden of the Field Treasurership. Again and again you have been asked to assume the Acting Presidency of the institution for shorter and longer periods. As we think back over all these general administrative tasks you have performed so well, it is difficult to realize that during all these years you have also been carrying full-time responsibility as a teacher and leader in your own department of Education.

Just at this time the Yenching trustees, and all of the American friends of Yenching University, are looking forward eagerly to the completion and publication of the History of Yenching University, into which you have put so much labor and talent. We are all deeply gratified that, in the midst of your busy life, you have somehow found time to compile this record of the origin and growth of the institution in whose development you have played so conspicuous a part. We hope that during the coming months the publication of this History may help to serve as a commemoration of your first forty years of service to Yenching, to Christian higher education, and to China.

Yet even as we express appreciation for all that you have accomplished in the last forty years, our thoughts on this anniversary will be turned even more to the future than to the past. Yenching, and China, still have pressing problems to be solved, obstacles to be overcome. They count upon you to continue for many years, with your combination of youthful vigor and of mature poise and judgment, your unselfish service and your wise leadership.

All of the members of the Yenching Board of Trustees and of the Committee of Yenching College for Women, join in extending to you greetings and felicitations. We hope that, despite the abnormal conditions now prevailing in China, December 8, 1939, may be a very day on the Yenching campus, and one which you and Mrs. Galt will long look back upon with many happy memories.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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THE
FACULTY AND STAFF
OF
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
IN COMMEMORATION OF THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ARRIVAL IN CHINA
OF
PROFESSOR AND MRS. HOWARD S. GALT

燕京大學
高厚德教授及夫人
蒞華四十週年慶祝會



民國二十八年十二月八日(星期五)下午七時半

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 8TH, 1939

7:30 O'CLOCK

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自西徂東(詩經)

積四十年之經驗(孫中山語)

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成允成功(書經)

得天下英才而教育之(孟子)

是謂大同(禮記)

'Tis an old maxim in the schools
That compliment's against the rules;
Yet now and then your men of wit
Will condescend to take a bit.
Swift

So much one man can do
That does both act and know.
Marvell



PROGRAM

節目

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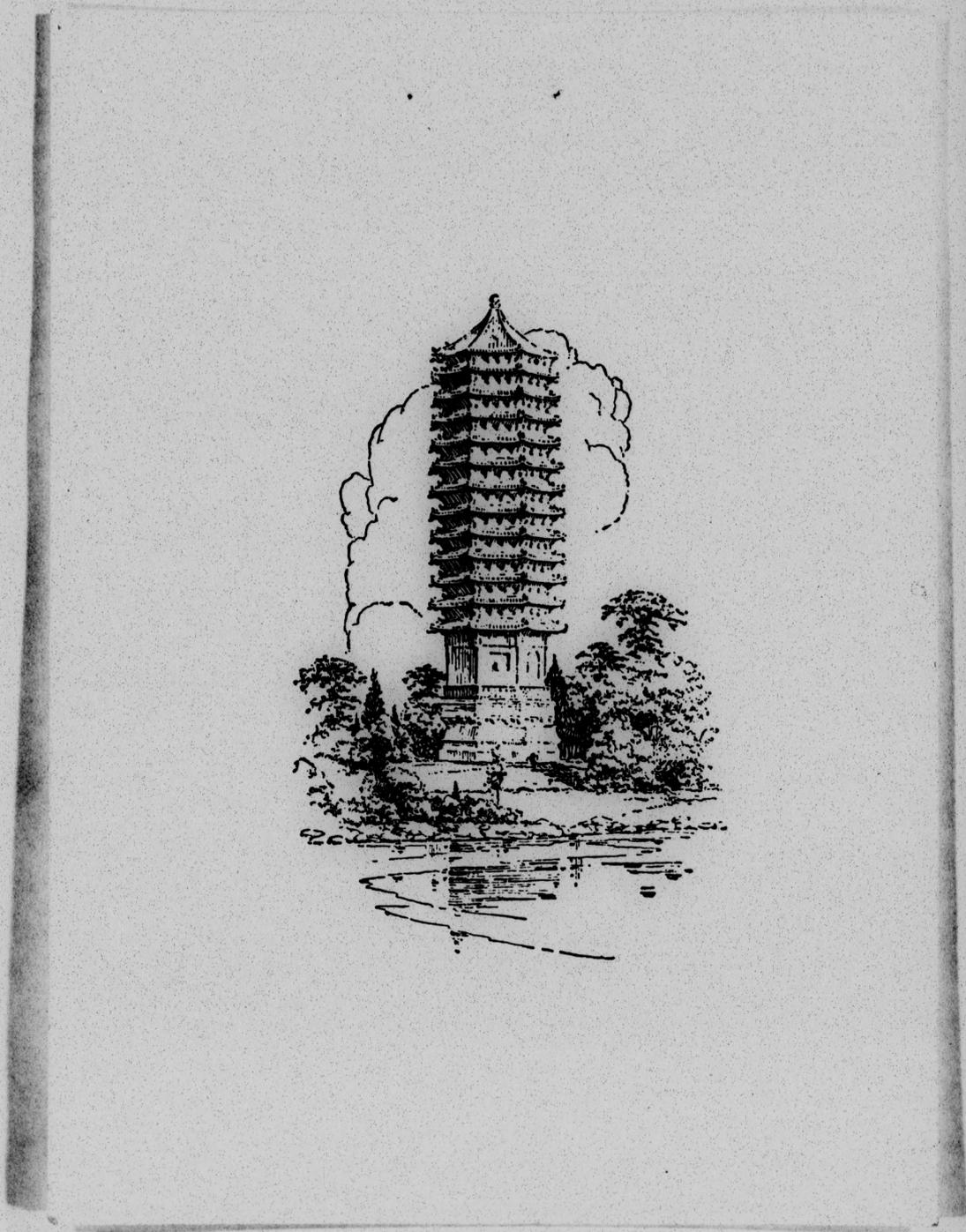
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The Galts' Fortieth Anniversary Celebration

December 8, 1939

Whether or not it is possible for people to be worn out with congratulations, appreciation, and good wishes, is something Dr. and Mrs. Galt could reveal if they chose. For the past month or more every organization in Peking and environs with which the Galts have been associated in the course of their many years of work, has been having meetings, dinners, and entertainments to express their affection and gratitude. On the night of December 8 it was Yenching's turn, and the fortieth anniversary of the coming to China of these honored members of our community, was kept in a most festive spirit.

Even on the Yenching campus it was difficult to find a place large enough to hold all the friends who wish to be present at the dinner which the university gave on this occasion. Finally one of the great dining halls for men students was selected, - a room of grand proportions, with a heavy beamed ceiling and leaded windows, which made a fine background for the Christmas wreaths and garlands and poinsettia used as decorations. The speakers' table stood on the platform at one end, where Dr. and Mrs. Galt, President Stuart, Mrs. Frame, Dr. and Mrs. Wilder, Dr. Harry Martin, Mr. Wu Lei-chuan, revered former Chancellor of Yenching, and Dr. C. W. Luh, master of ceremonies, looked down upon two hundred and fifty guests from Yenching and the American Board Mission. It was interesting to glance about among the tables and to see Professor Torii, newly added to the Yenching Faculty, who came in western evening dress, accompanied by his wife and two daughters and a little grand daughter. These ladies wore the Japanese dress and made a harmony of exquisite color in the midst of more sober Chinese costumes.

At the end of the Chinese meal, Dr. Luh introduced Mrs. Frame who read two letters of congratulation: one from the Trustees in America, and one from the Ministry of Education in Chungking, although that fact was not explicitly mentioned in public! Mr. Wu followed with an address of congratulation which concluded with wishing the Galts Wan Sui (a thousand years of happiness). The honors of the evening's speaking went to President Stuart who was never in happier vein. He offered a tribute which was movingly personal. He recalled the work which he and Dr. Galt had done together in choosing the new site, in creating the new plant, and in carrying university responsibilities in subsequent years. He pictured himself as the impulsive dreamer of dreams who needed the check and sagacity of the older and more experienced man, but he confessed that at times Dr. Galt's progressive views had out-distanced his own. His debt to Dr. Galt was held in true perspective as a part of a working comradeship between two men who were profoundly united in aim, and most fortunately able to complement each other in the qualities with which those aims were pursued.

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The serious tributes of the evening then merged into the most hilarious of celebrations. When the guests of honor left the dining hall on the way to Sage where the program was to be continued, they found a red Chinese wedding chair waiting for Mrs. Galt and white donkey waiting for her husband. This was reminiscent of the manner of their first arrival in Tungchow. The other guests were given lanterns, and the procession marched off to Chinese music with the gay paper globes of light bobbing over the dark campus hills under a fine spread of winter stars. Fortunately the night was mild and the walk was part of the fun.

No chronicler can do proper justice to what went on in Sage. The small auditorium with its little stage, was crowded. Dr. and Mrs. Galt were assisted to chairs in front of the gray curtain where they could see and be seen. Mrs. Porter, Dr. Wilder, Mrs. Frame, Mr. Porter and Mr. Stephen Tsai gave full accounts of informal aspects of the forty years in China, which were then deliciously burlesqued in dramatic form by gifted Yenching actors. To see Mrs. Galt's charming smile, as the ludicrous followed the fantastic - to see Dr. Galt craning his neck to get a better view of himself in all sorts of astonishing guises, and then shaking with amusement - all this was to behold Yenching keeping high mirth.

Yenching lights are usually out at 11:00 o'clock, but on December 8, at 12:30 they were still burning. It was difficult for us to crowd the celebration of forty devoted and distinguished years into one short evening.

Grace Boynton

Dec. 1939

Address by J. Leighton Stuart

In Commemoration of the Arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Galt

in China Forty Years Ago

December 8, 1939

The gathering this evening to commemorate the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. Galt in China forty years ago gives me the opportunity to say a few words more by way of personal tribute than in the nature of general comment. I have often wished for a suitable occasion to say these things. The record of these forty years is well known to those present, and this spontaneous celebration is a more eloquent testimony to the affectionate esteem in which our friends are held than all that is being printed or spoken about them. Of the former half of these forty years I can add nothing from personal knowledge except in so far as they form part of the harmonious pattern with and preparation for the latter half. But of the second twenty years I can speak from close and constant association. They represent in effect the first twenty years of our University history. Dr. Galt has written a history of Yenching University and a brief history of the history. I should like to add as an appendix a sort of history of the historian - not the well-balanced, carefully documented, genuinely objective and tersely comprehensive type of history which we would expect any manuscript of his to be, but one colored and circumscribed by personal relationships. And if this requires talking about myself as well this may be permissible in the intimacy of our fellowship. It will at any rate have a sincerity and an emotional emphasis which would not otherwise be possible.

Twenty years and a few months ago I accepted with many misgivings the invitation to come to the university newly formed from the union of two old mission colleges. I had never had any connection with college administration. My interests had been of a very different nature. No one could have been more amateurish and inexperienced. Not only so, but everything in the situation seemed to summon to new and untried ventures, to making progress away from what already existed. This probably affected one who came into it for the first time, as did I, more than those who had long been familiar with it. Only to such a one could the old site at Hsuei Chia Ch'ang have seemed as dusty, dreary, and dilapidated as it did to me. To get away from that location was my first overpowering reaction.

But this and all else that had to do with looking forward - once the previously inherited controversial issues could be forgotten - involved the use of money, and of this there was none. The obligations of the four constituent mission boards for capital outlay had been entirely discharged by the purchase and improvised equipment of that city site. And the whole annual budget for that first year was, as I recall, about fifty thousand dollars local currency, with an income of twenty-five thousand. The teachers, with two valued exceptions who are fortunately still with us, were all westerners, selected largely from the convenience of their mission boards rather than the requirements of a university faculty. The dearth of Chinese was as glaring as the lack of an attractive campus and of funds. As to students, I asked Dr. Lowry, the retiring president of one of the original institutions, how many were on mission scholarships and his

answer was perhaps about 102%. In other words, they had come up through mission middle schools and were studying there as their only chance.

The new university did not even have a Chinese name and its English name of "Peking University" not only caused practical confusion with the flourishing National University of that name but was properly resented by its constituency and made ours ridiculous in comparison. Incidentally, it was Dr. Ch'eng Ching-yi, whose death last month caused a painful shock to his many friends, who first suggested the name of "Yenching" as at once avoiding all conflict with the government university and retaining the local meaning with the glamour and romance of ancient history. Incidentally again, one of the most pathetic ironies of what has been happening around us is the contrast between the old red building that housed Peita in those days, as it was then and is now. Then it was the famous centre of the Intellectual Awakening, the Literary Revolution, and all that was most brilliant and progressive in Chinese scholarship, the fountain head of the Hsin Ssu Ch'ao and of patriotic enthusiasm. Now its basements are the dungeons in which those guilty of thinking at all, Ssu hsiang fan, and of patriotic activity, are being cruelly tortured.

You may be wondering what all of this has to do with Dr. Galt. It is only the foil against which his excellencies stand out the more vividly, the outline of a president who because of ignorance and temperament and the real of fancied need of getting things going was restlessly promoting any wild, visionary scheme that he or some one else conceived, only to be restrained or kept from more serious blundering by the ripened wisdom and mellowed experience of his senior colleague. Even then I had some dim awareness of how harassing it must have been to him to be forced to attend incessant committee meetings to listen to some latest fantastic proposal and quietly point out its folly or futility. But even then I at least had enough intelligence to appreciate the value of his judgment and how indispensable it was to one with my special deficiencies and the urge to adventurous plunges which our modest beginnings compelled.

It is out of those early years of struggle that I learned to respect his unruffled patience, his blend of caution and creative instinct, his careful examination of each problem, his whole-hearted support of any project once he had been convinced of its worth or it had been approved by the proper constitutional procedure. Long since I have come to feel that if Dr. Galt and I both agreed on any proposal it was pretty sure to be sound, and - believe it or not - we usually have through all these years agreed together in the end. The two of us have been somewhat like oxygen and nitrogen in the atmosphere, the one which quickens life and action and the other which tends to neutralize and conserve. It is well for all restive reformers to remember that in the atmosphere the more active element exists only in the proportion of one to five.

But Dr. Galt's function has far exceeded that of merely steadying a too rashly impetuous colleague. There is scarcely any phase of university life in which he has not made a needed or distinctive contribution. He was tireless in exploring the environs of Peking on all four sides during the year and a half when we were hunting for a new site and were thwarted

in all directions by the ubiquitous cemeteries which made it an increasingly grave problem. He was usually titular and always actually chairman of a Grounds and Buildings Committee, the extent of whose labors and whose efficiency are revealed in the present campus. So with the changing or constantly recurrent academic and administrative, social and religious, hopeful or harassing, aspects of our affairs. It is not easy to think of any one of these in which he has not been actively and invariably helpfully associated. I have referred to myself because no one else has been better able to appreciate all of this, the more so in that the University has been so very fortunate to have him to complement or correct one who peculiarly needed just the help that he could give.

In all this the impression might be given that Dr. Galt's part has been one of restraint or of being negatively conservative. Not at all. That only applies to unwise or immature proposals that were forced upon his attention. Left to himself he has always been forward-looking, dynamic, often radical. Even I still feel appalled by his calm advocacy of such revolutionary ideas as joint faculty and student management of university affairs. He sometimes seems to be the most progressive person in our group.

Conscious as I am of my personal debt to Dr. Galt through the twenty years or more of our association, there is something far more precious and significant than the work he has achieved and the reasoned judgment he has invariably revealed. This is the affection one unconsciously comes to feel for him, in which I am sure that I am speaking for all who have worked closely with him. It is the deeper because it rarely finds visible expression.

What I have tried very imperfectly to describe of our mutual relations has wider implications. It suggests the way in which those of differing qualifications or emphases can supplement one another in the smoothly efficient functioning of a team the corporate achievements of which are the greater because of their variations and their mutual recognition of one another's strength or weakness. In the years to come those who trace back the Yenching tradition of happy harmony to its earlier sources will doubtless see in the record of these twenty years and the twenty that preceded one of the most potent causes.

Not much has been said of Mrs. Galt's share in her husband's record, but it has been by no means slight, even though so gently unobtrusive. She should be tacitly included throughout the comments made in this commemoration as she emphatically is in the hearts of those who are attending it.

The reality the testimony I have tried to give to my sense of the benefit and the joy it has brought to have Dr. and Mrs. Galt as comrades in this exhilarating adventure that Yenching spells for all of us is the hope with which I conclude these remarks that the bond which has deepened through these twenty years will continue as long as possible into those that lie ahead and that December 8, 1939, is only a halt to take a look backward on a road that runs far into the future.

December 16, 1939

Dr. Howard S. Galt,
Yenching University,
Peking, China.

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Dear Dr. Galt,

Mr. And Mrs. Arthur Rugh brought with them your last twenty chapters of the history of Yenching University. Mr. Rugh is still on the Pacific Coast, but Mrs. Rugh has come on to New York, bringing this manuscript and other Yenching material with her.

Some of us here in the office have had a chance to go through these last twenty chapters very hastily, but not yet to study them with any care. Of course we find them of great interest.

Within the next weeks we will try to get some of the leading Yenching trustees to read the manuscript, and will then secure a meeting of the Executive Committee or one of the other committees of the Trustees, to discuss in a definite way what the next steps should be.

On the basis of a very hasty estimate, I would say that the manuscript runs to about 125,000 words. That would be a rather expensive job of publication, and the resultant volume might seem rather formidable to Yenching friends whom we would want to read it. But we shall see what our Yenching trustees think as they study the material.

Certain Yenching is deeply indebted to you for all the time, ability, and scholarship you have put into the compilation of this history. For many years we have been needing such an account, and rejoice that you have supplied it.

Greetings and good wishes for the new year.

Sincerely yours,

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December 21, 1939
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Dr. B. A. Garside
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New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Garside:

Your letter of November 8 reached Yenching in time to be read at the celebration of our forty years in China on the evening of December 8. Mrs. Galt and I were quite overwhelmed at the preparations which had been made for that event. For ourselves, we had no plan to celebrate the occasion beyond that of inviting a few of our older friends to our home. When President Stuart some weeks earlier said that plans were under way for a celebration I was very much surprised and tried to head off the plans or at least keep them as simple as possible, but in spite of this, our friends here in this community put on quite an elaborate show. Your letter was read by the secretary of the Board of Managers while we were at the banquet table. Your letter caused mingled feelings of gratifications and embarrassment. I feel that you rather over-emphasized the things I have been trying to do during this period of service. I have been only one of a large number who have made their contributions to the development and progress of Yenching. An effort at faithfulness in the daily tasks is all I can claim. For the multiplication of the days until they reach the decades and a period of forty years I can take no credit. It certainly has been a rich privilege to be in China during this period of great change. There is a passage in Mencius which I discovered many years ago, and which is constantly in my mind. It is to the effect that one of the greatest pleasures of the "superior man" is to secure the selected talent of the empire and educate them. Not that I assume that I am one of the superior men, but I have certainly had an opportunity to participate in the education of selected youth of China for many years, and while I deem it a great privilege, it has been a heavy responsibility, and I often think of the scores and hundreds of young people who have been in my classes, who are now out in the different walks of life in China, performing their service for society or for their country, and so far as they are successful in their work, and I think a large number of them have been, it is gratifying to think that one has had some share in this great enterprise.

Your reference to the "score of thick folders of correspondence" when I was chairman of the Grounds and Buildings Committee brings back many memories. I, too, have a number of thick folders, but I am surprised when you say you have a score or more of such. I had not realized that the correspondence at that end would bulk so large. Although I enjoy work with grounds and buildings, I am glad that our University grounds and buildings now have reached a stage in which they do not require much attention and nature is doing her part to make the campus more beautiful every year. For one thing, we never cease to rejoice in the earlier decision to use Chinese architecture for the academic buildings. In this connection, I recall that you have not yet had an opportunity to come to China since the campus was completed, and I do hope sometime that opportunity may be yours. Your long and faithful service

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in New York would, it seems to me, entitle you to the opportunity to visit the Orient.

You refer to the possible publication of the manuscript on the History of Yenching University. This manuscript was sent home by the hand of Mr. Arthur Rugh, and I suppose has reached you ere this. I, for one, am not urging its immediate publication because of the various uncertainties. If it were to be published at once there may be some paragraphs in a few chapters which should be revised, in view of present political conditions here in the Orient. If the publication is to be an attractive one, I presume we all agree that there should be some illustrations, and I presume you have on the whole, as good a set of pictures of the University in New York as we have here on the field, and the judgment of yourself or others at that end would be best in such a matter. As I say, I am not at all urging the early publication of the manuscript, but leave that for your judgment at that end in conference with President Stuart and others at this end.

Thank you cordially for your letter which was deeply appreciated, and with sincere personal regards,

(delayed in posting!)

Very truly yours,

Later - your letter of Dec. 16 is now here.

Mary Hunter -

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Christmas Morning

Dear Howard,

Your letter arrived on Christmas Eve and was the best sort of message for the season. It is the first letter I have had and the first news of you since I was there. All the items are interesting and on the whole encouraging. I am thinking wistfully of the events described as planned for today.

My life here continues essentially as I reported. I am keeping in good health and not too restless in spirit. There is no assurance as to how long it will last. Individual cases and general policy are both under consideration.

Yesterday evening I led a Christmas service attended by practically all the officers, men and civilians. We had a decorated tree and burning making the room quite festive in appearance. It all went off in fine spirit. Today we are to have a special dinner with turkey, cranberry sauce, mince pie &c. So there is no need for ~~any~~ relatively agreeable fare. Greetings to all.
as ever. Hamilton