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March 18, 1940

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

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

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ack by C.A.C.
4/25/40

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am writing to report that Mrs. E. O. Wilson, with her second son, Eric, left on March 14 by rail for Kobe, expecting to take the S.S. "Coolidge" there to arrive in Los Angeles April 2. This leave of absence and journey for Mrs. Wilson and son has been authorized by the University authorities here. About two years ago Eric was taken ill with intestinal tuberculosis, and passed through a long and slow period of convalescence. Later, it was thought possible for him to return to school, but there were various complications and it seemed better for Mrs. Wilson to take the lad to America and try to find a suitable place for his study there. On the basis of a very complete knowledge of the case, the authorities agreed upon this measure. The usual travel and furlough allowances are to be granted to Mrs. Wilson during her absence.

The regular furlough for the entire family is due in the summer of 1941, but in view of this emergency trip of Mrs. Wilson and the second son, the University authorities have approved of Professor Wilson's going on furlough the coming summer, one year in advance of the regular date, and he will take with him the other two sons.

Mrs. Wilson will undoubtedly advise you upon her arrival at Los Angeles, and she may ask for advice and counsel on various matters. To be more specific, she may desire to secure medical advice or attendance after she arrives, and you will perhaps be able to name a suitable physician in Southern California whom she might consult. Professor Wilson, in a letter to me, mentions that Dr. Lasalle, formerly of Peking, is located in Pasadena, and might be willing to offer his advice if called upon.

Regarding this and other matters, you may be able to give counsel and help to Mrs. Wilson.

President Stuart has been absent from the campus now nearly one month, making an extensive trip to Hongkong and West China, as he has doubtless written you. We expect him to return about the end of April. In the meantime University affairs are moving along in quite regular fashion.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours
Howard S. Galt

Howard S. Galt
Acting President

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March 28, 1940

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

ack
4/25/40

My dear Mr. Evans:

President Stuart is absent on an extended visit to West China and is not expected to return before the latter part of April. Your letter of February 20 is before me.

The question of some sort of assistance for Mr. J. S. Lee, a student at Johns Hopkins has been noted, but we cannot find from the data any evidence that Mr. Lee has been a student at Yenching or has any connections here. This being the case, we do not see how we can render any support in the case. We would need more detailed data before being able to trace any possible connections around here.

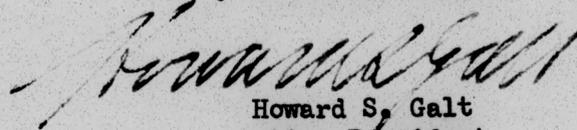
While writing, may I acknowledge the receipt of letters from you dated February 2, February 14, and February 20.

With regard to the matter mentioned in your letter of February 2, I may say that the last mail has brought a letter from Miss Kao Chun-ch'un in which she states that she will not find it possible to return to Peking but hopes to secure a position in Shanghai.

The matters mentioned in the other letters I think do not require a reply now. All of these letters will be placed on file for President Stuart's consideration upon his return.

I may add that we are carrying on in quite a normal fashion during these recent months and have every prospect of completing the academic year in a reasonably satisfactory manner.

Very sincerely yours,


Howard S. Galt
Acting President

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TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

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

My dear Dr. Garside:

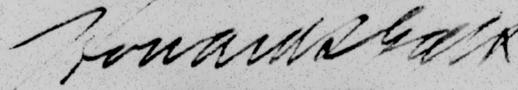
President Stuart is absent on an extended visit to West China and is not expected to return before the latter part of April. Since his departure we have received letters from your office dated January 11, February 7, February 21, and February 26. The first three of these letters I think do not call for any reply from me. With regard to the matter mentioned in your letter of February 26, I may say that since President Stuart's departure letters have come from Dean Donham of the Harvard-Yenching Institute Trustees, and from Dr. Elisseeff, both in reply to the earlier communications from President Stuart. I have replied to both of these letters briefly, only adding a few comments intended to clear up some apparent misunderstandings and stating that President Stuart would presumably write more fully after his return.

I note the paragraph in the latter part of your letter with regard to Cheeloo University. It happened that last evening there was held in my home a reception for a Miss Sun who graduated from our own Department of Home Economics last June, and is now holding a position at Cheeloo in connection with the work for women students there. She made an interesting statement about present conditions in Cheeloo which on the whole are not reassuring. The total student body according to her does not number more than fifty or sixty, and they are divided amongst a number of short or special courses which the remnants of the faculty are able to carry on. It is surely pathetic to have the work at Cheeloo so badly disintegrated.

Your letters will be placed on file for President Stuart's consideration upon his return.

The last post brought an interesting account of a meeting of the Yenching Alumni Association in New York. We have also received word of the remittance of US\$45 by this Alumni group for scholarship or relief work here. The disposition of this fund will probably wait for President Stuart's counsel after he returns.

Very sincerely yours,



Howard S. Galt
Acting President

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March 30, 1940

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

*ack. 6-14-40
JSP*

Mr. Joseph I. Parker
Secretary of the Associated Boards
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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My dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of February 26 addressed to the Presidents of the Christian Colleges in China is before me. President Stuart is absent in West China for several weeks.

On receipt of your letter I conferred with Dr. C. W. Luh, chairman of our Graduate Division. We have not yet finished dealing with the matter as a whole. The plans you mention seem to require further consideration by our academic administrators.

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However, following up Dr. Luh's initiative, I am enclosing herewith a recommendation for Miss Wu Tien-min, the blank being filled out in accordance with the form of the blank which you sent. I may add that I have known Miss Wu for many years and am glad to cooperate with Dr. Luh in recommending her for further study. Her financial resources, however, are very limited, and she would require financial aid sufficient for tuition and living expenses both.

Later on, you will probably hear from us further with regard to more general aspects of the plan.

Thanking you for the prospects held out in the communication,

Very sincerely yours,

Howard S. Galt
Acting President

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March 30, 1940

Rev. Wynn C. Fairfield, D.D.
Secretary, American Board Mission
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Wynn:

It is now two weeks or more since we received from our New York office the following cable:

"American Board asks would Yenching want Douglas Rugh replace Galt when latter retires-cable - Garside"

Within a day or so I sent a cabled reply:

"Concerning Rugh await letter".

President Stuart was away at the time on an extended visit to West China and we do not look for his return until near the end of April. Accordingly, it was necessary to deal in a tentative way with this message during his absence. There seemed to be no regular procedure at hand for dealing with such a problem. I could not think of any University body to which logically the matter should be referred in the absence of President Stuart. Accordingly, I took the matter up in an informal way, seeking advice from two or three different sources.

In the first place I called a meeting of our Kung Li Hui representatives here at Yenching, i.e., the Porters, the de Vargasses, and Miss Boynton. We had a very pleasant and informal discussion on the whole subject. At the same time I addressed letters to Mrs. Frame and Robert Chandler - to the former because of her official position in the Mission, and to Bob because of his recent experience in, and acquaintance with, the situation at the home base. I have now received replies from both of them and I had a verbal conference with Mrs. Frame in Peking two days ago.

At first we were very much limited in our consideration of Douglas Rugh because of lack of information about his present status and future plans. Later, we were able to turn up correspondence in this office which indicated that he is now on leave of absence from Puget Sound College, and studying for his doctor's degree in the University of Washington. There was a report on the subject of his doctoral dissertation and a statement that he was pursuing one course in the Chinese language. From these data we gained the impression that he is himself perhaps looking for an opportunity to return to China for service.

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Summing up the situation, I may say that there is no enthusiasm regarding, and no positive approval of the proposal that he be appointed to the American Board Mission with a view to service here in Yenching. We knew him of course when he was a teacher here, and found him an amiable and satisfactory member of the community, but no outstanding qualifications which would suggest him as exactly the man for a permanent position here under the mission seemed apparent.

There is amongst my colleagues a very high ideal for the next person to be appointed representative of the American Board Mission on the Yenching staff. The ideals include high quality in personal character, adequate specialization in some one field of University study, and residence and experience in some mission station before definite assignment to the University staff. We realize that these are very high ideals, but we should like to urge that they be kept in mind, and that a careful search be made for just the right person. Because of these considerations, we did not wish to be, as it were, stampeded into a decision on the matter by the cable received.

Bob Chandler in his reply to me mentions a Mr. Peter Pierson Parker, regarding whom he has had some conference with President Stuart. Perhaps you know about this proposed candidate. His qualifications would prepare him for a position in our School of Religion. I find that President Stuart, in replying to Mr. Chandler on this point, indicates that the School of Religion is quite well staffed at the present time, and he does not favor an addition in that division of our work. Apparently Mr. Parker would not be qualified for a position in any other academic subject.

We have no definite candidates to recommend, and simply wish to throw the whole matter back to the American Board authorities for careful consideration and the best and wisest possible action.

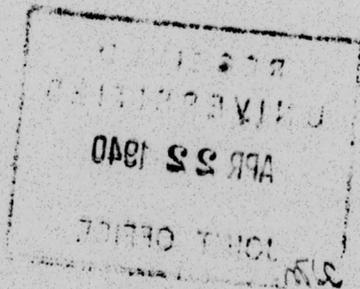
I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Carside of our New York office.

With greetings and best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Howard S. Galt
Acting President

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

March 30, 1940

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

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

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My dear Dr. Garside:

Ever since your cable regarding Mr. Douglas Rugh arrived we have been giving consideration to the matter in various informal ways. You can understand that we did not wish to reach a decision in the matter in the absence of President Stuart.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter just written to Dr. Fairfield, secretary of the American Board. This indicates the procedure we have followed, the results, and our general point of view. You will note that there is nothing very determinative to report now. After President Stuart returns, which we suppose will be within a month, he may desire to communicate with you further regarding the matter.

While writing, I should acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 9, which I think I did not mention in my last letter to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Howard S. Galt

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"YENTA"

Mr. Joseph I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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My dear Mr. Parker:

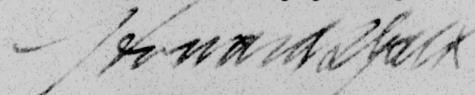
President Stuart is absent for a number of weeks and your letter of February 26 addressed to the Presidents of the Christian Colleges in China is before me. When this letter arrived some time ago, I immediately took counsel with Dr. C. W. Luh, Dean of our Graduate Yuan. The only concrete result of the consideration of the matter at the present time was the sending to you of an application filled out for Miss Wu Tien-min. Miss Wu had been an assistant for Dr. Luh for some years and he and I were quite ready to recommend her for further study.

Beyond that we do not feel able to go at the present time. It now seems too late to make arrangements for others to go abroad for study for the next academic year. If your general offer holds good for the academic year 1941-2, we shall be glad to consider further the matter of candidates. In the meantime may I ask a question or two. You speak of your plan to secure "fellowships from certain foundations to cover the expenses of all candidates acceptable to Columbia". Most of our potential candidates here would need quite extensive financial help beyond the items of tuition, board, and room. As you probably know, exchange rates are such now that it takes 16 or 17 Chinese dollars to purchase one American dollar, so that the matter of travelling expenses alone is almost prohibitive for most of our young people who would like to study abroad. May I inquire, then, whether in the case of candidates thus circumstanced, we might expect fellowships or grants-in-aid to cover at least all study and personal expenses while in America, and even possibly help toward travel? If financial assistance of this kind is not available, the number who could take advantage of your generous offer would be very limited.

We shall be glad to have your general reply to these inquiries and any other information which bears upon the enterprise. We certainly appreciate your thought and plans in the matter, and the generous attitude of Columbia University and the foundations which may be approached.

It is possible that President Stuart after his return may wish to write to you further regarding this matter.

Very sincerely yours,



Howard S. Galt
Acting President

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April 24, 1940

Dr. Howard S. Galt
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Dr. Galt:

It is refreshing to receive a letter over your signature and I welcome a chance to reply.

You have been doing a magnificent piece of work at Yenching, and just recently I had the chance to glance over the voluminous and carefully prepared history of the University. May the Lord be praised for your loyalty and devotion to this institution and to His cause.

I had little hope that anything would be uncovered regarding J. S. Lee, and you might be interested in learning that he was taken to the West Coast and there to be joined by a doctor who is returning to China. I do not know what will happen as he is completely unbalanced. A sorry case indeed.

We all rejoice in the manner in which Yenching has been conducted during these years of occupation, and cannot help but feel that out it will come a deepened spiritual life for the students and faculty, as well as a deep consciousness of a service well rendered among those who have extended such a masterful leadership.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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April 25, 1940

Dr. Howard S. Galt
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Dr. Galt:

I am taking occasion to acknowledge your letter of March 18th regarding Mrs. E. O. Wilson and Eric.

Mrs. Wilson has already been in contact with our office, and we are endeavoring to find a suitable place for Eric to continue his work. We will do our best in rendering such assistance as is necessary.

With sincerest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

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Dr. V. Nash
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 29, 1940

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

Mr. Joseph I. Parker
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Parker:

Although President Stuart is expected home in a few days, I think I need not await his return to deal with your letter of March 29.

According to our procedure here we do not refer matters of staff appointment or resignation to the Board of Managers, but deal with such questions by internal administrative action.

Accordingly I have referred the matter of Dr. Vernon Nash's resignation to the Administrative officers concerned, and can now report that action here is in favor of accepting his resignation.

We do this with much regret, for Mr. Nash made a large contribution to the life of the University, and chiefly to the achievements of the Department of Journalism. We must face the realities and recognize that the support necessary for his return would be very difficult to secure in America now. Accordingly we have concurred with the Trustees in accepting his resignation.

Looking back over the correspondence, I judge that President Stuart has overlooked this item.

Very sincerely yours,

Howard S. Galt

Howard S. Galt
Acting President

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June 13, 1940

Dr. Vernon Nash
P. O. Box 12
Las Cruces, N. Mex.

Dear Dr. Nash:

You will recall that some months ago you were in our office discussing with Mr. Garside the question of official word from Yenching regarding your resignation. We have now received, under date of April 29, a letter from Dr. Galt, who was Acting President during Dr. Stuart's visit to West China.

In his letter, Dr. Galt says that he has referred the matter to the administrative officers concerned, and that their action is in favor of accepting your resignation. May I quote the following paragraph from his letter:

"We do this with much regret, for Mr. Nash made a large contribution to the life of the University, and chiefly to the achievements of the Department of Journalism. We must face the realities and recognize that the support necessary for his return would be very difficult to secure in America now. Accordingly we have concurred with the Trustees in accepting his resignation."

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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June 14, 1940

Dr. Howard S. Galt
Yenching University
Peking, China

Dear Dr. Galt:

The other day I wrote to Dr. Stuart, informing him of the action taken by the Committee on Scholarships of the Associated Boards in reference to Yenching faculty members nominated for assistance.

We have had two letters from you dated March 30 and April 11, in which you nominated Miss Wu Tien-min. This was in relation to the prospective scholarships at Columbia University. Unfortunately, these have not developed as rapidly as we have hoped, and therefore we have been unable to give consideration to anyone coming in the year 1940-41. It is hoped that during the summer and fall arrangements can be completed whereby consideration can be given. May I ask whether or not you would like to have Miss Wu's application taken up for consideration later than this year? In other words, will she be able to come if anything is available for the year 1941-42?

In your letter of April 11 you ask for information regarding the amounts available. The indication has been that each case would be taken up individually, and funds sought in accordance with what each candidate needed. Determination of the amount of the grant in each case would depend upon the consideration of that particular application, and it would not be completed until a report had been received on the reactions of the foundations approached. It would be hoped that the amount could be secured in each case as might be required.

I also wish to acknowledge your letter of April 29 regarding the resignation of Dr. Vernon Nash. I think this settles the matter so that our records are clear.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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June 15, 1940

Dr. Howard Galt
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

My dear Dr. Galt,

During the busy weeks of our Annual Meetings I have failed to send any definite acknowledgment of two letters which came from you some time ago. I believe, however, that no specific action is called for in either case.

Your letter of March 30 touches on the subject of the possible appointment of Mr. Douglas Rugh, and transmits a copy of a longer letter you sent to Dr. Fairfield at that same time. I believe there is nothing further to be done by our Yenching office in regard to this matter just at this time, and that if any further negotiations are called for they will be conducted between the University and the American Board.

The other letter is a still older one - the one you wrote on December 21 (though this was somewhat delayed in reaching us). Since you are now well along on your second forty years of service to China, any further comment on the accomplishments of your first four decades would seem a bit out of date!

As we look at the condition of the world just now, it seems that the next forty years (or even the next forty months) may have even greater difficulties and problems than the last forty. About all we can do is to go along from day to day doing our regular jobs, and hoping that somehow the truth that is "forever on the scaffold" may once more succeed in triumphing over the wrong that is "forever on the throne".

The matter of the publication of your absorbing history of Yenching has been actively discussed by our Trustees during recent months, but any final decision has been held up while leading members of the Board have had an opportunity to study the manuscript. This, as you may imagine, is rather slow business, as this year seems about the most hectic and crowded time in history. We will write you more about this within the near future - I hope!

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

June 18, 1940

Dr. Howard S. Calt
Yenching University
Peking, China

Dear Dr. Calt,

I note that when I was acknowledging various letters from you a few days ago, I failed to include the mention of your letter of March 28.

This does not require any special action, or any prolonged comments, since it is largely in clearance of previous correspondence. Most of the letters addressed to Dr. Stuart which accumulated during his absence have now been taken up in letters from him which have reached us during the last fortnight.

It is encouraging that the Yenching Alumni Association has continued to be quite active and loyal. The remittance of US\$45.00 which you mention undoubtedly represents a substantial amount of real sacrifice.

These are troubled days in which one hardly knows what to hope for or even what to pray for.

Very sincerely yours,

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July 4, 1940

To the Board of Trustees:

Many times amid the turmoil of recent years have I planned to write you of features concerned with the inner life of the University that have nothing to do with either money or war. But the incessant preoccupation of rapidly passing days - due largely to these two causes - have either hindered me from writing you at all or forced me when I did so to deal chiefly with those engrossing issues. In this communication I shall comment on certain of these other happenings or hopes.

The Non-academic welfare of Men students. Our Women's College is rather unique among co-educational institutions in that while the scholastic and administrative conduct of the University is thoroughly integrated, yet the non-academic interests of the girls are efficiently cared for by the Dean and her women colleagues. I earnestly hope that the essentials of this policy will be permanent whatever adjustments as to detail may be made in the light of further experience. But we have never found a wholly satisfactory equivalent for the much more numerous and perhaps less tractable men students. A plan has recently been inaugurated which has more promise than anything attempted hitherto. The occasion was created by the departure of Mr. Gerald Tien to carry out a long deferred intention of further study at the University of Michigan. Mr. Tien had been our Alumni Secretary but when prevented by hostilities alike from going abroad and from promoting his regular work he has been doing admirably as Secretary of Men Students' Welfare. One of the gains of the last few years has been the increasing readiness of the Deans to assume responsibility for all that concerned the welfare of the students of the three undergraduate Colleges and of the Graduate Yuan. The significance of this is accentuated by the fact that these are all Chinese and that the tradition in native institutions has been to confine their duties entirely to academic affairs. They have now for the second year elected Dean Speer as Chairman of the Deans Committee and under her capable leadership have included the non-academic welfare of the students in their accepted task. When functioning in this capacity Mr. Tien has served as their executive secretary, in association with Dr. C. T. Lin, Director of Studies and as such Secretary of the Deans Committee. This explanation will supply the setting for the new idea. It starts from the assumption that Chinese students will not take very seriously any one undertaking to regulate their affairs who is primarily employed for that purpose or who lacks academic prestige. The suggestion was made therefore that some teacher of full professorial rank, respected by students for his scholarly attainments, and known to be interested in them as human beings, be appointed to succeed Mr. Tien. Dr. R. C. Sailer was obviously the one best qualified, and very fortunately he has consented. With him was to be a younger Chinese, closer to student life and able to look after details. Mr. Hou Jen-chih, who since his graduation has been assisting in the Department of History while working for the Masters Degree awarded him last month, seemed about as ideally suited for Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Men Students Welfare as was Dr. Sailer to be the Chairman. For thought on the problem had early led to the need of such a Committee working with and under the authority of the Deans. Being for men students but with problems constantly impinging on the relationships with women it seemed desirable to seek next for a representative of the Women's College, and Miss Agnes Chen was heartily approved. After a brilliant record at Bryn Mawr where she won the Doctor's Degree she returned to us last winter. C. T. Lin (Ph.D., Liverpool) has since returning to us been teaching Psychology and acting as Director of Studies, but from now on will have the latter title and full-time responsibility. This Committee will have a recognised place in his office, where all records will be kept.

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and he as its Secretary will further integrate its activities with those of the Deans Committee. Dr. Chu Sheng-lin who, after completing post-graduate study in U.S.A. and teaching elsewhere for several years, returned to us last autumn, represents the College of Natural Sciences, the Colleges of Arts and Letters and Public Affairs being represented by others. Mr. Wang Chung-han, like Mr. Hou an M.A. of this year in History and on the faculty in that Department, has agreed to give part-time as Secretary of the Christian Fellowship, succeeding Mr. Y. C. Wei who is leaving us for further study at Union Seminary. Mr. Wang will thus relate this Committee to the organized religious efforts on behalf of students. Except for Dr. Sailer of course, they are all our own former students with the full measure of the advantages to be looked for from that fact. All are beyond question as to intellectual and scholarly recognition, and are earnest Christians. They are already discussing enthusiastically among themselves a wide range of reforms, constructive projects and suggestions that have in general the improvement of the habits, ideals, economic or other needs, health etc. of the boys who will be in their care next session.

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy. This is not yet awarded anywhere in China. We have ourselves refrained rigorously from too ambitious or carelessly formed aspirations in this direction. But the advantages of its possession are almost as real in China as in the States, and the costliness of the investment involved in study abroad has been enormously aggravated by present exchange. Furthermore, we venture to feel that if we lead off in this final stage of modern education the Chinese standards will tend to be fixed from the beginning more as they ought to be. Our New York charter apparently gives us full authority. The realization of our dream at this stage is limited to two possible developments. One is in advanced work in Chinese subjects, under the auspices of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, as the climax of the Five Year Plan we have presented. Professor William Hung is expecting to spend the autumn semester at Harvard in response to an invitation to discuss this whole program with the H-Y Institute Trustees. Whether or not we can offer the Ph.D. in this field will depend on their decision. The second possibility is more nebulous as to possible sources of additional income but is otherwise nearer to attainment than any of us had conceived. A recent study of Natural Science courses here led to the surprising discovery that we could offer this Degree in certain strictly defined subjects with relatively slight expansion. The eagerness of students to specialize in this general field and the advocacy of Government and other leaders encourages us in the hope that possibly a local Foundation might aid us sufficiently to make a modest beginning.

The Garden that Mirrors the Spring (^{Ching} ~~Ching~~ Ch'un Yuan). This is the ancient and poetic name which we have revived for the property adjoining our campus to the north and connecting it with the leased "Garden of Moonlit Fertility" (Lang Jun Yuan) where we have been housing some twelve faculty units. You have already learned that we recently purchased this Garden of 28 English acres from the family of the first President of the Republic of China to whom it had been presented by the last Manchu Emperor. Before the Revolution Hsu Shih-ch'ang had been his tutor. Even in its present ruins it is easy to imagine what a lovely place it must once have been. To restore and make any adequate use of it would require a large outlay. Meanwhile we are making temporary repairs on the buildings which are not too dilapidated to meet some of our urgent requirements. We can accommodate at least four faculty units. One building is, however, being fitted out partly for the private library of a well-known scholar donated to us by the family and reproducing his study as he kept it. By moving this out of Bashford Hall we release needed space there. Another section will be reserved for the invaluable archaeological material presented to us by those who have discovered the famous "Peking Man". We are to be given all duplicate pieces. Dr. W. C. Pei, the Chinese scholar working with Dr. Weidenreich, is also to give a course here on this general subject next session. This may be the simple beginning of research in this field, in collabora-

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Increased Enrollment. Because of the plight of students in this area we are being urged to take in as many as we can. Our normal limit of 800 went up this year to virtually 1000, and we are planning next session for what seems to us our present utmost capacity of 1100. We are also yielding to pressure from sources we acknowledge by starting a Boys Senior Middle School with two classes next autumn. The "Wei Hsiu Yuan" (Garden of Beautiful Elegance) opposite our main gate - formerly the Garden of the father of the last Boy Emperor - is being vacated for this purpose. We can not take care of more than 130 boys but the examinations are being held today with nearly 600 applicants. It gives a pathetic insight into their desire for escape from the conditions being enforced elsewhere. We may get into difficulties with the local authorities over this venture but we are making the attempt because of the benefit it brings even to the few who will be accepted.

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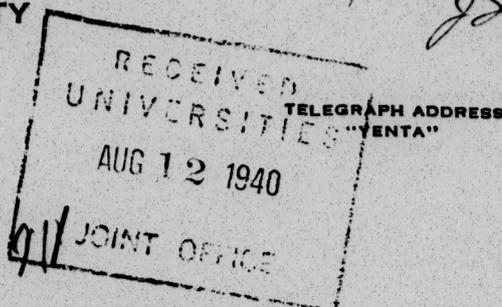
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 15, 1940

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



My dear Dr. Garside:

We are enclosing herewith the usual copies of the Statistical Reports of the University for the New York State office. In the absence of President Stuart (to be reported later), I have taken these copies to the American Embassy for Notary Public service. I hope they are all in order and that they will not arrive in New York too late. President Stuart's absence from the office earlier in the spring and at the present time has been the cause for considerable delay. In taking these documents to the Embassy I have found that the payment of US\$2.00 for each document was required, making a charge of US\$8.00 in all. This sum, translated into terms of local currency, seems to make the transaction very expensive but I suppose there is no way to avoid this charge. If the statistical blanks from the New York State office could be unified somewhat, this charge could be reduced. I presume, however, that there is no way to effect such a change, and we shall have to bear the cost.

President Stuart's absence from the office is due to an accident which occurred a week ago last Saturday. Shortly after lunch he went out for a horse-back ride in company with Robert Chao, of our Physical Education Department, who often accompanies him on his rides. They had proceeded to a point not more than a half mile from the University when President Stuart's horse threw him headlong to the ground. He struck on the left side of his head and shoulder. His nose and face were somewhat bruised, also the shoulder slightly, but the most serious injury was to his head on the left side of his forehead. He was unconscious for a moment or two, when he was picked up. Robert Chao was able to send for help at once, and the President was brought to our own infirmary. After brief examination there, he was sent to the P. U. M. C. hospital in Peking where he has had most careful care and treatment. Last Saturday, one week after the accident, I had a conference with Dr. Hill who is the physician in charge. His report to me, similar to what we had heard through other sources, was that the injury to the head affected the brain somewhat and caused slight hemorrhage, revealed by neurological examinations. However, the President's mind has been practically clear from the beginning and at the present time his mental actions and speech seem entirely normal. He is kept in bed in a prostrate position, and only a few visitors are allowed to see him. Dr. Hill said that there were no serious complications and every prospect of complete recovery. He said that the President must remain in the hospital for one or two weeks longer, and after his return home, he should

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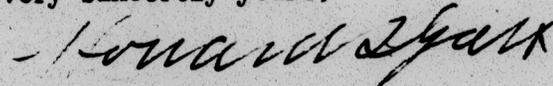
not be allowed to assume full responsibilities for a longer period.

I have been helping out in his office for the last few days, and no serious matters necessarily demanding his attention have arisen. My vacation of one month, planned for Peitaiho from July 15 to August 15, is being postponed for at least one week, and can be cancelled altogether if necessary. On this point, however, President Stuart is quite concerned, and Dr. Hill thinks that it will relieve his mind if, after a delay of a week or so, I am able to go on my vacation as planned. Dr. Stuart in his generous way does not like to think of being the cause of my change of plans.

Affairs of the University are proceeding in quite a normal fashion according to summer vacations, events, and procedures. Entrance examinations in Peking and Tientsin were held the latter part of last week. Sitting for the examination in Peking were nine hundred or more applicants. I presume President Stuart has reported to you that the University authorities have agreed to receive even a larger number of students for the coming session provided that the new candidates for admission are fully up to standard. The maximum has been fixed at eleven hundred, and dormitory arrangements for this larger number are under way.

During the last few days, two or three letters from you or your colleagues have come to hand addressed to me, in view of my presence in this office earlier in the spring. I think, however, none of them demands attention now.

Very sincerely yours,



Howard S. Galt
Acting for the President

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

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My dear Dr. Garside:

Substituting ^{for} President Stuart in his office these days (as I wrote to you yesterday), I find here the enclosed statement. It is signed and was apparently ready to be sent when Dr. Stuart's accident occurred. Without waiting to consult with him, it seems best to transmit to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Howard S. Galt
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Acting President

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August 13, 1940

Dr. Howard S. Galt
Yenching University
Peking, China

Dear Dr. Galt:

This will acknowledge your letter of July 16, enclosing Dr. Stuart's letter of July 4 to the Board of Trustees. It will also acknowledge your letter to Dr. Garside of July 15, in which you enclosed the reports for the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York.

I note your concern over the payment of the fees at the American Embassy for the signing of the documents. I think hereafter if Dr. Stuart will sign these reports and send them to us without passing them through the hands of the Embassy, we will be able to certify his signature here through a notary in our own office. This arrangement will be satisfactory to the Board of Regents, and will save you expense for the notarizing in Peking.

We are greatly concerned over your report of Dr. Stuart's accident, and we sincerely hope that he has by this time made a satisfactory recovery. We will await with interest further word regarding his progress.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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Via S.S. "Pres. Taft"
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Feb. 27th 1941

Dear Dr. Jarvies,

Dr. Stuart put this letter of his into my hands, asking me to post it after going aboard the Coolidge. He gave me permission to read the letter. This has reminded me how much I should like to be on the mailing list of the New York office. Being away from Yenching, unable to know what is happening there, is going to be a real hardship for me. So will you be good enough to put my name on your list and

send me letters of news
etc. —

Mrs. Howard S. Galt

4185 Klump Ave

North Hollywood Calif.

Thank you so much.

Last week as I left, the
new semester was just
opening, with the usual
peace and confidence on
the campus. I must ad-
mit that among the students
there was a bit of unrest
caused by the departure
of several of us for U. S. That
was too bad. The return of
the president will have a
steadying influence. I hope
he got off yesterday, although
flying is uncertain with
these overcast skies

With kind greetings,
Sincerely yours Louis W. Galt

April 10, 1941

Mrs. Howard S. Galt
4185 Klump Avenue
North Hollywood, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Galt:

We have had your letter of February 24th on hand for some days, also the letter written by Dr. Stuart in Shanghai and his covering communication.

We are grateful for the receipt of this letter from Dr. Stuart which we read at once with deep interest, but its trend was of such importance that three of us on the Yenching Board decided to submit it to the State Department. While the Department is unwilling to dictate any decisions on such issues, the personal opinion was expressed that such communications should not be distributed. We have, therefore, allowed only two or three others access to the letters and it may be limited to a reading before the Board of Trustees at an early meeting. After replying to this decision ourselves, there came another letter from Dr. Stuart stating that he had changed his mind about "lifting the ban" and requested us to limit the circulation of the letter.

Such material being mailed to a list of nearly four hundred can well be extended to include a coverage of over two thousand people, and it is amazing that a discovery has not been made prior to this.

Mr. Garside has been accepted by the United China Relief to act as Executive Director of that organization until July 31st. During the interim, I have been asked to act in his place, and with a limited staff, it is none too easy a task.

With best wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS,
Acting Executive Secretary and
Associate Treasurer

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 16, 1941

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
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Mr. Joseph I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

President Stuart is absent and your letters of March 12 and 14 came to his desk yesterday.

With regard to a candidate for the position now held by Mr. Fulton, I will try to consult Mr. James Pyke who is now here and report to you what bearing his decision may have upon the matter.

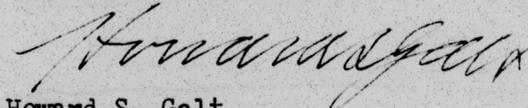
Your letter of March 14 does not seem to require any reply now.

I should acknowledge also your letter of March 7 which arrived at the same time as the others. I am transmitting to our Admissions Office your letter with enclosures, suggesting that that office reply directly either to you or to the candidate concerned.

A recent letter from Mr. Ts'ai reports the organization of "United China Relief Campaign, Inc." and the result of the organization upon the Associated Boards and upon Mr. Garside's services. These developments interest us very much and we hope that the new organization will meet with even greater success than has characterized the separate organizations which are now merged.

President Stuart is making his annual trip to the South, attending a meeting of the Trustees of the China Foundation in Hongkong and perhaps also going further West. He expects to be back here early in May.

Very sincerely yours,



Howard S. Galt
Acting President

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P.S. After writing the above I interviewed Mr. Pyke and find that he personally would be glad to remain here for one more year. He says, however, that he cannot make a final decision until he has an opportunity to consult with the new Bishop of the Methodist Church who is expected in the North about the middle of May. We expect President Stuart home before that time and after consultation with the Bishop and with President Stuart upon his return probably more definite word can be sent you.
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May 24, 1941

Dr. Howard S. Galt
Yenching University
Peking, China

Dear Dr. Galt:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of April 16, in which you tell of the possibility of Mr. James Fyke working at the University another year in the McBrier Foundation.

We have now received from Dr. Stuart a cablegram indicating that he has accepted this proposal.

We are very happy indeed to know that this arrangement has been made.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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Via S.S. "Pres. Pierce"
From San Francisco, Calif.

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Greenfield Mass

Dec. 16 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave
New York

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Dear Mr. Evans, -

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Thank you for sending to me
a copy of your letter to the Board
of Trustees of Yenching University
as of Nov. 29th. This went to my
former address in Calif. and was
forwarded to me here.

May I ask you to send any words
which may come to you in New York
in regard to the people in Yenching
to me here in Greenfield. I believe
you will remember that my husband
Howard Galt is among the number
of those left in Peking, so naturally
my anxiety is very great. We can only
hope and pray that some way will be
found for them to get out.

Yours truly
Mrs. Howard) Louise W Galt

December 19, 1941

Mrs. Howard Galt
55 Crescent Street
Greenfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Galt:

I share with you the suspense during these days without news from North China.

Every week the Foreign Missions Conference holds a meeting of the Far East Committee for the purpose of pooling information regarding China. No definite news has been received to date. Every effort is being made to find a channel through the Swiss Government and that may be established eventually.

The nearest approach to any news is a cable which was reported to have come to Dr. Swann from his daughter in Chefoo saying that she was safe.

Just as soon as any further word is received, it will be sent out immediately to those closest to Yenching University.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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