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Howard S. Galt read by Miss Cookingham

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Yenching
Peking
13 May, 1942

Dr. B. A. Garside
Secretary of the Yenching University Board of Trustees
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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Dear Mr. Garside:

Without detailed reference here to the local history of the last five months (to be reported in a separate statement), the purpose of this letter is to report to you certain actions and recommendations concerning financial matters.

The field Administrative Committee was reconstituted after Dec. 8th (limited by the number of staff members who remained in the University residences) as follows:

Original members: Miss Margaret Speer, Dean of Women; Mr. Howard Leong, Associate Controller; Mr. Howard S. Galt, Acting President.

Elected members: Miss Mary Cookingham, Bursar; Mr. Stanley D. Wilson, Dean of the Science College; Mr. Lucius C. Porter.

This Committee acted also as an Executive Committee for the British and American members of the University staff, interned in the University residences, in their local Group Organization. The actions and recommendations reported below are from the Committee acting in part in the dual capacity.

Before proceeding further it should be stated that the last month for which salaries were paid was Dec., 1941. Certain unusual features of the December salary payments to foreign members of the staff will be treated in a separate statement.

On February 17 the Committee took action defining, according to its judgment, the "University's Financial Responsibility toward Foreign Members of the Staff During the Period of Hostilities". (The local situation did not make it advisable or possible for the Committee to take corresponding action with respect to the Chinese members of the staff. The Committee, in its thinking, by no means ignored this question, but did not consider it opportune until the present to deal with it -- for which a separate statement is being prepared.) The statement regarding responsibility mentioned above is substantially as follows:

DEFINITION OF UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD FOREIGN MEMBERS OF THE STAFF DURING THE PERIOD OF HOSTILITIES

1. For all foreign members of the staff who did not have other means of support (i.e., Mission salaries or any other paid employment, during the period of hostilities, the Administration Committee, representing the Trustees, will endeavor to secure funds for living expenses and maintenance. These funds will be considered as loans to the individuals concerned, to be repaid to the Trustees after the cessation of hostilities in those cases in which they may need the allowances listed below, which the Administrative Committee believes the Trustees will regard as a moral and legal obligation.

2. A. For full-time American and British members of the staff whose contracts are not on a temporary or annual basis, or for whom the University has accepted obligation for travel from abroad, the University assumes responsibility for the payment of a monthly maintenance allowance until the end of hostilities or until the repatriation of any individual. This allowance shall temporarily be put at (local currency) MRB$200 for each single person and $400 for each man and wife; but the figure may be changed later in accordance with the figures set by the Peking American and British Relief Committees. It is expected that the Trustees will ultimately assume responsibility for full

salaries but the Administrative Committee does not feel it has authority to make such commitments at this time.

B. For full-time American and British members of the staff whose contracts are on an annual basis, and for whom the University has accepted no obligation for travel from abroad, the University assumes responsibility for the payment of the same maintenance allowance designated in 2A up to the end of the period covered by the present contract, i.e., up to June 30, 1942. The allowance may be subject to extension after that date in the light of circumstances and information available at that time.

C. For American and British part-time lecturers the University assumes responsibility for the payment up to June 30, 1942, of the same maintenance allowance designated in 2A in the cases where the individual's salary as of December, 1941, exceeded such a maintenance allowance. In cases where the individual's salary as of December, 1941, was less than the maintenance allowance, the University will be responsible only to the extent of the salary.

3. The University will assume ultimate financial responsibility for all medical and dental bills of all full-time members of the staff mentioned in 2A and B provided that these are incurred with the consent of the Medical Committee (of the local Group organization).

4. Each foreign member of the staff will be informed to which of the categories mentioned in 2 he belongs. Special action will be taken in all irregular cases.

See accompanying sheet for classification of individual staff members.

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DETAILS OF DEFINITION OF UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO AND FOREIGN MEMBERS OF THE STAFF DURING THE PERIOD OF HOSTILITIES

	Maintenance allowance	Salary as of Dec. 1941 US dollars 4:1, ignoring annuity
A. Full-time - indefinite contract (or from abroad):		
Alice M. Boring	$200	$585
Lucy M. Burtt	"	300.75 plus NY payments
Anne Cochran	"	585
Mary Cookingham	"	455
Ethel M. Hancock	"	585
Langdon B. Gilkey	"	200
Martha M. Kramer	"	585
George R. Loehr	salary	471.25
Harold E. Shadick	$400 *	585
J. Leighton Stuart	200	585
Augusta Wagner	200	585
E. O. Wilson	200	585 less NY payments

In all cases there will be later adjustments with the Trustees if payments made in New York result in the portion of the salary to be paid in the field being less than the maintenance allowance.

*Since Mrs. Shadick is here counted as a wife, she is not included in C below.

B. Full-time, annual contract, not from abroad

Shirley Duncan	$200	300.60
Curtis Grimes	100	219.35
Albert Liao	200	168
Stewart Mitchell	"	200
Howard Payne (Mr. and Mrs.)	400	450
James Pyke	100	118.75
Louisa L. Saetti	salary	300.60
Grete Singer	400#	471.25
Mary B. Stanley	200	211.25

#Dr. Singer is included in this group although she is not American or British because it is our belief that the Trustees would approve of having the services of a doctor available for the group.

C. Part-time

L. R. O. Bevan	200	256
Dorothea Smith Mansell	salary	80
Elizabeth J. Irwin	"	128
Thelma Liu	"	128
W. Sheldon Ridge	"	375.50
E. K. Smith	"#	375.50

#Full salary to be paid as long as the combined salaries for Mr. Smith and Mrs. Mansell do not exceed maintenance allowance for two persons.

Special cases

Mrs. Consten, Miss Czech, Mr. Dorland, Mr. Hope-Johnstone, Mr. Speshneff: University salary and all responsibility ceases as of January 1, 1942.
Miss Holland: Presumably Anglican Mission takes care of her, otherwise in Class B.
Miss Hutchison: University assumes no responsibility for whatever period she may be receiving a living wage from any other employer; otherwise to be included in Class A.
Miss Hague: Same as Miss Hutchison, but University continues annuity payments.
Mr. Lowenthal: To be included in Class C if all efforts to find other means of support fail in the meantime.

February 18, 1942.

The above statement was interpreted as primarily applicable to the period, Jan.--June, 1942.

Before proceeding to present and explain the University obligations considered to result from the above-mentioned decisions in their application to individuals, it is necessary to explain the origin of certain other elements in these obligations. Quite early in the period following Dec. 8th the members of the group living in the University residences pooled all their cash funds and adopted a scheme for the monthly apportionment of cash from the common fund for the maintenance of individual members. The amounts of cash which members could put into the common fund varied greatly due to all sorts of fortuitous circumstances. Some could put in much more than the total required for their maintenance, and the amounts which others could put in were much less than maintenance requirements. Thus there arose, with respect to the common fund a list of creditors and a list of debtors. The creditors are "considered as making loans to be repaid to them later, either by funds in the hands of the Finance Committee, or by their respective Boards i.e., the Board of Trustees of the University, or the Mission Boards, with funds charged against the salaries of others" i.e., the debtors . This meant that, so far as staff members of the University were concerned, the Trustees would be expected to subtract from the accumulated salaries of the Group debtors, funds sufficient to repay the loans made by the creditors. The "operating period" for which this scheme was in effect came to an end in April, at which time all University-paid members of the group

began to accept maintenance grants from the fund for the relief of enemy nationals established by the Japanese authorities in Peking.

The plan above described involved the adoption of a standard rate of exchange between local currency and U. S. currency. Facing all the uncertainties the Committee sought data and advice from all available sources and finally adopted (arbitrarily, to be sure) the rate of 5:1. This rate has been applied upon the financial accounts for all individuals concerned.

[illegible] decisions and [illegible] Financial Officers Class Committee and Mr. Payne) [illegible] of the University [illegible] at single [illegible] for the whole staff, [illegible]:

Name	6 mos. maintenance (or salary)		less debit	plus credit	Total LC	Total US
L. R. C. Bevan	1800.00		351.86		948.14	189.63
Alice Boring	1800.00			258.48	1458.48	290.48
Lucy Burtt	1800.00			111.84	1911.84	382.37
Anne Cochran	1800.00			602.[illegible]	1402.[illegible]	280.57
Mary Cochingham	1800.00			102.[illegible]	1902.[illegible]	380.46
Langdon Gilkey	1800.00		682.05		1117.97	[illegible].59
Ethel Hancock	1800.00			87.16	1887.16	377.43
Martha Archer	1800.00			611.52	1411.52	282.32
Albert Lice	1800.00		260.60		1539.40	307.[illegible]
Stewart Mitchell	1800.00			326.15	1526.15	[illegible]
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Payne	2400.00		205.21		2194.79	438.96
James Pyke	600.00			157.27	757.27	147.45
Mr. and Mrs. Shadick	2400.00		582.90		1817.10	[illegible].42
E. K. Smith and daughter, Dorothea Harnell	2400.00		777.45		1622.55	324.51
Mary Stanley	1800.00		771.58		428.42	85.69
E. O. Wilson	1800.00			350.05	1450.05	290.01
Augusta Wagner	1800.00		17.29		1182.71	236.54
Shirley Duncan	1800.00		401.82		798.18	159.63
Curtis Grimes	600.00				600.00	120.00
Elizabeth J. Irwin	800.00	(salary)	582.20		265.80	52.76
G. R. Loehr	1800.00		557.91		642.09	128.42
Mrs. L. L. Saetti	1803.60		1698.41		105.19	21.04
Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Ridge	2253.00	"		368.55	2621.55	524.31
Mrs. Thelma Liu	768.00	"			768.00	153.60

In May, inasmuch as the end of the academic year was approaching, the environmental conditions had not changed in any substantial way, and members of the staff concerned were naturally becoming anxious with respect to security for the period subsequent to June 30th, the Committee took further action defining, according to its judgment, the obligations of the University for the six months' period, July-Dec., 1942.

It was considered that, for a number of members of the staff in classes B and C the financial obligation of the University would come to an end on June 30th. With respect to others to whom an obligation was thought to continue it was decided that, for the six months' period under consideration, financial obligations determinable by the present committee should not extend beyond a maintenance allowance, and this not beyond the date of repatriation of the persons concerned, provided opportunity for repatriation (in the judgment of the Committee) presented itself.

The members of the staff for whom the Committee feels justified in recording in the "Certificates of Indebtedness" the University's further obligations are the following:

In list A, page 3, all members, namely:

A. M. Boring	M. M. Kramer
L. M. Burtt	G. R. Lochr
A. Cochran	H. E. Shadick
M. Cookingham	J. L. Stuart
L. B. Gilkey	A. Wagner
E. M. Hancock	E. O. Wilson

In lists B and C, page 3, the following:

L. R. O. Bevan	Mr. and Mrs. Howard Payne
Shirley Duncan	Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Ridge
Albert Liao	Mrs. L. L. Saetti
Stewart Mitchell	E. K. Smith

With respect to these persons in lists B and C, circumstances affecting employment and obligation varied greatly, and the Committee discussed each case upon its merits. Probably the chief consideration leading to inclusion in the present list was the conviction that these persons, under conditions of normalcy such as have obtained during the past few years, would have been invited to remain in university service for the next academic year, 1942-43.

For the above-mentioned individuals then the Committee recommends that the university recognize an obligation for a maintenance allowance of L.C. $1200 each for the said six months. At the exchange rate adopted by the Committee the $1200 per individual would amount to U.S.$240, and the $2400 for man and wife, to U.S.$480. If during the period individuals are repatriated, or if the standard maintenance allowance should be changed, the amounts of obligation to individuals will be correspondingly altered.

Because of the possibilities of repatriation, or other eventualities leading to the whole or partial separation of members of the Group, or leading to the dissolution of the Committee, or its inability to act, it has seemed wise at this stage to issue to the individuals concerned "Certificates of Indebtedness" based on the decisions and recommendations of the Committee, which, if and when opportunity presents itself, may be presented at the office of the Treasurer of the Trustees in New York for settlement of accounts.

The present statement is intended primarily as an explanation to the Trustees of the purpose and basis of the said "Certificates of Indebtedness" in the hope that the Trustees will recognize their validity.

The chief factor in determining the amounts recorded in these certificates has been the standard for maintenance allowance decided upon by the Japanese authorities and British and American Committees in Peking. In adopting this minimum the present Committee has desired to encroach as little as possible on the authority of the Trustees with regard to financial obligations subsequent to Dec. 8th. In the statement on page 2, section 2, A the Committee was considering minimum necessities but expressed the conviction "that the Trustees will ultimately pay full salaries". Believing now that the Trustees will welcome suggestions from the Field in this matter, the Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That, to persons in list A (above) the University, when it is possible to do so, pay full salaries, beginning Jan. 1943, throughout the duration of hostilities, or until repatriation is possible, and also be responsible for any necessary travelling expenses connected with repatriation. Provided, that the above-mentioned obligations shall be discontinued for any portion of the period during which the individuals concerned are able to accept positions with salaries sufficient for support.

   If there be some members of the Faculty who, after long terms of service with the university, and after repatriation, are in financial need, the Trustees would be expected to make suitable provision for them.

2. That for persons in lists B and C (above) the University accept obligations for the payment of full salaries for the period Jan. to June, 1942, and maintenance allowance for the six months, July to Dec., 1942. Decision concerning further obligations beyond Dec., 1942, for this group, shall rest with the Trustees, with or without, the advice of the present committee.

Insofar as the Trustees accept suggestions or recommendations in this statement which may affect the terms of settlement set down in the Certificates of Indebtedness, the Trustees will be expected to make the necessary changes in each individual case.

Hoping that this statement serves to clarify a very unusual and complicated set of circumstances, and with cordial greetings to all,

Yours sincerely,

Howard S. Galt

Howard S. Galt

P.S.

The above statement has dealt in its essential parts with only the foreign faculty and staff members on the University salary list— or in other words, has not included the Mission Boards personnel. But in the financial arrangements connected with the pooled maintenance fund mission board members have been involved, in the relationship of creditors or debtors to the common fund.

In settling up accounts at the end of the operations period, it was found possible for mission board members who were debtors to the fund to discharge their indebtedness. There remained four mission members who were creditors, as having made loans to the common fund, as follows;

	Credit in F.R.B.$	Equivalent In U.S.$
L. C. Porter, American Board M'ssan	727.62	145.52
S. D. Wilson, " " "	2421.81	484.37
Ruth Stahl, Methodist Mission	1794.33	358.87
Louis E. Wolferz. Presbyterian "	719.61	143.92
		1132.68

It is our expectation that the Trustees will pay these debts, and we are accordingly issuing to these four credotors Certificates of Indebtedness covering the items. Reimbursement to the Trustees' account should take place through debits on the salaries of University employees who borrowed from the common fund.

For your further information we are enclosing a detailed Reconciliation Statement with a copy of the Trustees 'Account. As a matter of additional information and interest we are enclosing also a copy of the "Yenching Group" Statement and Balance Sheet.

Yours sincerely,

Howard S. Galt

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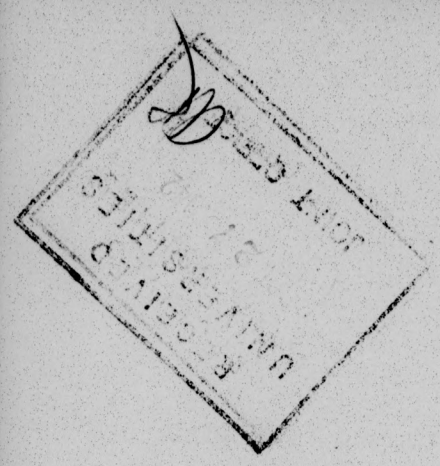

CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS

No......

This certificate has been issued in duplicate, either copy of which, having been duly honored by the Trustees, renders the other null and void.

To the Board of Trustees
Yenching University
150 Fifth Ave., New York

South Compound
Yenching University
Peking, ... *1942*

This is to certify that, according to the recommendations and decisions of the re-constituted Administrative Committee on the Field, the University, as of June 30, 1942, is indebted to .....
(or order) in the sum of dollars .....
..... U. S. currency, in accordance with the particulars stated below:

Items in "Federal Reserve Bank" local currency:

Maintenance allowance, Jan.-June, 1942, at $.....per mo. $.....
Or, Amount of salary, Jan.-June, 1942, at $.....per mo.

Add, credit by cash loaned to the Group Fund, $.....
Or, subtract debit to cash borrowed from the Group Fund
Total, local currency, ... $.....

Total in U. S. currency, at exchange 5 : 1, $.....

By the authority of the Administrative Committee

.....Bursar

.....Associate Controller

Note. For the detailed explanation of this certificate and the method of reckoning, see the advice of May 13, 1942 from the Acting President to the Trustees.

South Compound
Yenching University
22 May, 1942

Dr. B. A. Garside
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

Under date of May 13 we have sent you a statement setting forth our ideas and suggestions regarding certain financial obligations of the University to foreign members of the faculty and staff.

The present statement deals with the same questions with respect to Chinese members of the faculty and staff.

Salaries and wages for Dec. 1941 were paid. Since then the Japanese authorities in whose hands are the available funds of the University in the field, have not permitted any further payments of any kind, except: (1) payment of wages to a very limited number of workmen continued in service for the grounds and buildings; (2) payment to the workmen of their accumulated savings funds, which, according to the plan in operation for a number of years, stood to their credit in the bank.

With the above exceptions, therefore, all Chinese employees of the University had their means of support suddenly cut off and have had to shift for themselves as best they could, many of them in the midst of great hardship.

The reconstituted Administrative Committee (see below), in whose name I am writing, believe that the Trustees will recognize certain financial obligations toward the employees thus suddenly reduced to straitened circumstances, said obligations to be met as soon as possible after the close of hostilities in the Orient, or earlier if there can be found ways of doing so.

Believing further that the Trustees will welcome suggestions from the Committee regarding this matter, we beg to offer the following recommendations:

1. That, as a general obligation, the University agree to pay to all employees, faculty, staff, and workmen, salaries and wages for the three months -- January, February, and March, 1942-- on the same basis as corresponding payments for November, 1941.

2. That, for all employees above the status of workmen, using as a criterion the University personnel as listed in the "Faculty Directory" for 1941-42, the University be responsible for payments beyond the first three months as follows:

a. For employees in service five years and less than ten, salaries for one additional month.

b. For employees in service ten years but less than fifteen, salaries for two additional months.

c. For employees in service for fifteen years or more salaries for three additional months.

3. That the University continue in full all premium payments through June, 1942, for all employees who are participating in the University's Annuity Plan with the Sun Life Insurance Company.

4. That those members of the faculty and staff who have been imprisoned shall receive full salaries and adequate rent allowances for the terms of imprisonment, and, from the date of release, the provisions in sections 1 and 2 above shall be applicable to them.

5. If, during the period of hostilities, employees of the University have been able to find other adequately compensated employment affording adequate financial support, the payments listed above may be correspondingly reduced at the discretion of the persons to whom the Trustees entrust the execution of the plan.

As already indicated, the Committee presents the above as a statement of minimum obligations. More than five months have now elapsed since Dec. 8th, and a large number of Chinese staff members have not been able to secure other positions and many of them are in urgent need of relief. If the Trustees have available resources, and are not limited by adverse circumstances at the time when the plan can be put into effect, the Members of the Committee, out of deep sympathy with their Chinese colleagues, hope that more generous treatment will be possible.

Sincerely yours,

Howard S. Galt

Howard S. Galt
Acting President

Note: The "reconstituted Administrative Committee" as explained in the letter of May 18, consists of the following:

Miss Margaret Speer
Mr. Howard Payne
Miss Mary Cookingham
Prof. S. D. Wilson
Prof. L. C. Porter
Howard S. Galt
Howard S. Galt

P.S. Since writing the above we have gathered the data in order to prepare an approximate estimate of the amount of funds involved, with the following result:

Item 1.	Three months' salaries or wages for all ranks, based on Nov. 1941 list (Local currency $71,849.03)	L.C.$215,547.09
" 2.	Employees in service 5/10 years	8,814.10
	Do. 10/15 years, 2 months at $9,605.61	19,211.20
	Do. 15 y'rs plus, 3 " " 9,435.50	28,306.50
" 4	12 persons at an average of L.C.$600 per month for 3 months, L.C.$7,200, at 3,	21,600.00
	TOTAL, local currency	$293,478.89
	Or, at exchange 5:1,	U.S.$ 58,695.78

South Compound, Yenching
Peking
1 June, 1942

Dr. B. A. Garside
Secretary, Board of Trustees of Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

Among the communications we are endeavoring to send to you at this first opportunity there should be one concerning our good President, Dr. J. Leighton Stuart.

On Saturday, Dec. 6th, last, Dr. Stuart had gone to Tientsin on university business, not being aware, of course, that hostilities were imminent. He being absent still on Monday, the 8th, it fell to me to carry on as best I could while the Japanese military authorities took control and closed the University. Of this, and ensuing events. Dr. L. C. Porter is preparing a historical statement.

At Tientsin the Japanese authorities promptly took Dr. Stuart into custody, and in a day or so escorted him under guard to Peking. There, in association with Dr. Houghton, Mr. Bolton (Controller) and Dr. Snapper, all of the P.U.M.C., he was confined in the barracks of the American Embassy Guard -- the latter, of course, having been disarmed and interned by the Japanese military.

At the barracks Dr. Stuart and his companions were kept in quite comfortable, but close, confinement. They were supplied with food similar to that supplied the members of the Embassy Guard. Otherwise they had to do their own housework. They were allowed reading matter and were given a little time outdoors each day, under guard, for exercise. Some communications from outside, censored, were also allowed.

They were detained here for several weeks and then were removed together to the residence of Dr. Houghton ("Ying Compound") near the P.U.M.C. Here they were confined to the enclosing courtyard, but the grounds, buildings, and equipment were ample, and accomodations lacked nothing in comfort and convenience -- except the confinement. Occasionally, a few people were allowed to enter and converse with them, but such instances were exceptional (I, at one time, taking some of his winter clothes to Dr. Stuart, was allowed to converse with him -- in the presence of the guard -- for about five minutes). Letters, censored, and usually much delayed, could pass back and forth, to a limited extent. While in the Ying Compound the group were allowed their own servants, and conducted their own household affairs. Dr. Stuart acted as housekeeper, in charge of the servants and accounts. Funds for his living expenses were supplied in part from University funds (his December salary was paid) and in part from the maintenance fund for enemy nationals administered by the Japanese Embassy.

From the beginning, and during this period, the control and the guarding were in the hands of the gendarmerie (hsien ping). While at the Ying Compound the guarding was not too irksome. Dr. Stuart and others were allowed to go out occasionally (under guard) for dental or medical appointments. Dr. Stuart was escorted out to the University in a car on two occasions to permit him to enter his residence and get needed clothes and personal effects. On these occasions he was allowed to lunch with his foreign colleagues in the South Compound and to converse with them quite freely.

During the period at the Ying Compound Dr. Stuart was escorted several times to the Gendarmerie Headquarters for questioning. These sessions of the inquisition were strict and exacting, but involved no personal violence. The purpose of the authorities was to discover (or confirm) to what extent Dr. Stuart was in communication with the Free China Government; to what extent he had aided and abetted students and other in activities and operations for the Chinese Government; and to what extent he had supplied significant information to the American Embassy and to the American Government. The alleged activities and attitudes in these matters were the reason why Dr.

Stuart (Dr. Houghton, and others) were subject to the treatment we are describing.

In April there was an administrative change. The custody of Dr. Stuart and his colleagues was transferred from the Gendarmerie to the North China Military Headquarters direct. With this change of control there was a transfer of the men from the Ying Compound to the former residence and office compound of A. C. Menning and Co. (a British commercial firm in Wai Chiao Pu Chieh). The Ying Compound, it was reported, was desired by the Japanese as the residence for one of their generals. At the new location the accommodations are much more limited, and the control is more strict. Letters for Dr. Stuart have been accepted when handed to the guard at the street gate, but it is not known whether such letters have reached him or not. Almost no word has come from him or his colleagues as to their present condition and treatment.

For many weeks efforts have been made by Dr. R. J. C. Hoppli (Representative of the Swiss Consul-General) and others to arrange for the repatriation of Dr. Stuart and his colleagues on the first boat which is being arranged by the governments concerned for the exchange of their diplomatic and consular personnel. Thus far, all such efforts have failed, and at the present writing there is no evidence as to arrangements for the repatriation of these men. It may be presumed that they will be subject to repatriation along with other British and American civilians in North China later on.

All evidences, direct and indirect, are that Dr. Stuart has endured well the ordeals through which he has passed, and has maintained his courage and his spirit in just the way that all who know him would expect.

It goes without saying that he has the deepest sympathy of all his friends and colleagues, who have endeavored to be of help to him in every possible way, and who most earnestly hope for his early release.

Yours sincerely,

Howard S. Galt

Howard S. Galt

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PRINCETON-YENCHING FOUNDATION
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

July 10, 1942

Dear Friends:

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

"Yenching University, Peking, March 15, 1942.

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

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

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

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

Signed Howard S. Galt

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

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

CAE/P C. A. EVANS

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

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Noted CEK.

October 3rd 1942

Ans 10/14/42

Mr. G. A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans, -

Your letter of Sept. 26th was forwarded to me here. The report inclosed of the opening of a new Teaching University in Chengtu is most interesting. Certainly I rejoice that the spirit of Teaching prevails, but at the same time my mind is filled with conflicting emotions — just a bit of

sadness as I think of the beautiful buildings at the site outside Peking, and of course even more when I think of the dear friends of the faculty still in that city unable to come to United States or to get into free China to the work they love. Just now patient waiting seems to be their part. Nevertheless I say Hurrah for the new Christian. She is sure to prosper!

In a round about way I have known of a letter which went out from your office a few weeks

This letter did not reach me, no doubt because of my several changes of address since August first. As I understand, this letter to which I refer had some information concerning the repatriation of the American members of the teaching faculty now in Peking. As my husband is among that number, I am most eager to see that letter to learn all that is known about the prospects of his coming this autumn.

During October my address is as the heading of this letter. After the first of November please address me 460 W. 7th St Claremont Calif.

Rec'd ack

Rec'd by Miss Van Alstine 10/6/42

Sincerely yours

Louise W. Galt

(Mrs Howard)

October 7, 1942

Mrs. Howard Galt
3619 Princeton Street
Highland Park
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Galt:

Thank you kindly for your letter of October 3rd giving us your recent address as well as that for November. This change has been noted on our files.

Enclosed your will find the more recent letters which were sent to our Yenching list of friends. Your name, of course, is included in this list, but the letters went to your old address.

We have no further knowledge of the repatriation of the Yenching group.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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(not dictated)

Here life goes on without much change, on the one hand going quite comfortably about our daily affairs, such affairs as we find we can undertake at this time, and on the other hand living expectantly with respect to repatriation. We still have no definate word as to when this can take place. In the two houses here at Teng Shih Kou there are 18 of us in residence, a good and congenial company.

Two weeks ago I was suddenly called upon to make a trip to THE campus. The local authorities had evidently received a large questionnaire sheet, about 2'x2', calling for a financial report of our institution at the time of suspension. The recipients of the sheet evidently had little or no earlier contact with the institution and knew not where to get the information. One day, by previous arrangement a car under the direction of a gendarme, called here at the gate and conveyed me, with seven others, a small Chevrolet, out to the site. We found about half a ton of Busar office records stacked up, like a straw pile, with about a ton of other office remains in one of the rooms. I was requested to hunt out financial reports for the most recent years, which. with the aid of muscular workman, I was able to do after a time. These were carried to the big tables in the Bursar's office, and I settled myself to hunt for relevant data and answer questions. Soon getting beyond my depth in technical questions, I told them that Miss Cookingham was the competent person. They immediately despatched the car to fetch her In the mean time the hour for "tiffin" had arrived and the members of our "round table" group were quickly served, each with a capacious bowl of "mien tiaorh", about half a gallon in each bowl, with with soup and vegatables. "Ting hao" After tiffin Miss C. arrived. She opened the vault and there were the most important reports, which, with our explanations, quite satisfied the questioners. Toward evening back we drove to the city, and that was that. I was very very glad to get out of the city again and see the Campus and the maples in all their golden glory. But---------

A few days ago I had a call from Mr. Wu Lei-Chuan. He has rooms in the rear court of a semi-private library in the N.W. corner of the Pei Hai park-- a perfect environment for the old gentleman. He and I visit back and forth quite often. He likes to get news other than the vernacular press, and likes to keep up-to-date on institutional matters, and our plans-so far as there are such. From him I heard reports, supplementing such as I had earlier, about institutional beginings in your vicinity which stem from the things we ~~we~~ were trying to do here. Reports are that there has been an opening near you and that the learners and didactors number ten score or more and that the roots in mammon are fairly firm.

Copy of a part of a letter written by Howard Galt in Peking Nov. 22 1942

460 West Tenth Street
Claremont, Calif.

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

Recently, I received a letter from my husband, a portion of which I believe will interest you. It was dated last November - was written to Miss Grace Boynton to be sent on to me here.

Last week then copies of letters from Miss Speer, Miss Lin and Miss Boring came to me. I am greatly interested in them and most grateful for them.

It is good to hear of the new beginnings of Yenching in Ching Tao. We can look forward hopefully to the day when the university may go back home to Peking - to the beautiful campus there.

Sincerely yours
(Mrs Howard) Louise W. Gale

April 9, 1943

Mrs. Howard Galt
460 West Tenth Street
Claremont, California

Dear Mrs. Galt:

I have been trying to find an opportunity to answer your letter which came to hand March 30th. The excerpt from Dr. Galt's letter is most welcome as it gives us a new link in the history of doings in Peking. Some day these letters will be written up to form a continuous picture and in that form will be a classic addition to the archives of Christian Education in North China.

We receive the American Board letters, but if anything else comes to your hand, I certainly will appreciate it.

With added thanks, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Rio de Janeiro
November 14, 1943

Mr. C. A. Evans
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

From Goa we sent a telegram reporting the names of members of the Yenching staff on board, mentioning that Pres. Stuart was still detained in Peking, and that the few colleagues remaining in Weihsien were well.

Our voyage on the Gripsholm thus far has been highly satisfactory, and we are eagerly looking forward to seeing you and members of the Board of Trustees in New York.

We are wondering to what extent you will wish to confer with us upon arrival at New York? Whom will you wish to see and for how long a period? I raise these questions not that we can expect replies now, but to serve as a background for the suggestions which follow.

Those of us who are connected with Mission Boards anticipate the use of certain head-quarters facilities, arranged for us by our Board secretaries -- more specifically, for many of us, temporary lodging in the Prince George Hotel. But on our Yenching staff are the following: Shirley Duncan, Hilda Hague, Mary Hutchison, Martha Kramer, and E. O. Wilson who are not connected with mission boards, and who, so far as we know, do not have friends or relatives in New York with whom they might lodge. If the Trustees desire that they remain in New York for one or more conferences or reports, would it not be well for your office to engage rooms (say, in the Prince George Hotel, if available) for them also. Dr. Brown would also appreciate having a room engaged. And furthermore, even though from the Trustees' point of view, their presence be not required, but because it seems probably that they all may need to remain in New York over a night or two in order to make further plans, we suggest that rooms for them be tentatively engaged. We feel sure that they will appreciate this.

The above, on our part, are only inquiries and suggestions. You will know what action, if any, should be taken.

Of the persons listed above, two call for special comment. Miss Hague is a Canadian, and she has no way of knowing how long -- if at all -- she may be allowed to remain in New York. She was detained and interned in Shanghai and could report conditions there better than the rest of us.

Professor E. O. Wilson has an illness which has grown gradually worse ever since he returned from the U.S. Indeed, some have the feeling that he should not have returned to the field. All agree that now in New York, or at the Trustees' advice, he should undergo a careful examination. We think that the first question on which such an examination should throw light is: Should he remain in New York (where, so far as we know, he has no friends or relatives to offer a convenient lodging place) for treatment; or should he proceed as early as possible to Claremont, Calif. to be with his wife, and presumably to receive advice and treatment there? The

second question we suppose to be decided by the examination is: What kind of treatment does his case require?

Because we lack technical knowledge, and his case is an unusual one, we have requested Dr. H. H. Anderson, of the P.U.M.C., who has had charge of Prof. Wilson's case for some time, to write a brief note from a professional point of view. A copy of his note appears at the bottom of this sheet -- intended as a guide for you in making preliminary plans.

Of course we cannot ignore the financial aspects which his case may involve. So far as I know, Yenching University has neither regulations nor precedent to cover his case, if treatment must needs be prolonged and costly. All we can say is that Prof. Wilson has been a most valuable and faithful member of our Science College Staff, and that misfortunes of illness in the family have been heavy. Such circumstances, we feel, should suggest a liberal attitude and generous treatment.

You and all the Trustees will share with us the deep regret that Pres. Stuart is not with us. His name, with those of his two colleagues, was cancelled from the list at the instance of the Peking Japanese military. The last we knew he was well. I read postcards from him written about the middle of August.

At Goa and subsequently we received letters and mimeographed reports from the Yenching center in West China. We now feel much better informed in this enterprise, for in Peking we could get only fragmentary or indirect reports. These reports I now speak of have all doubtless reached New York.

We are all deeply grateful that recent world happenings point toward a not-too-long-delayed settlement of the great struggle -- and therefore toward a time for the full restoration of Yenching. Toward such a time we look forward with hope and faith and prayers.

With cordial greetings from us all,

Sincerely yours,

Howard S. Galt

Howard S. Galt

Copy of a note written by Dr. H. H. Anderson under date of November 13, 1943.

Dr E. O. Wilson of Yenching University, Peking, is suffering from Parkinson's Disease, a continuation of an illness he had on his return from his last furlough. His course has been progressively downhill despite symptomatic and special therapy which had been previously outlined for him in the United States. He requires a check-up examination vis-a-vis his future care.

(Signed) H. H. Anderson, M. D.
Peiping Union Medical College
Peiping, China

At Rio — evening of Nov. 14. Many thanks for your letter and Radiogram, received here. As to the content of my suggestions, you have "beaten us to it"! We all appreciate this much. I have also received Dr. Vansen's letter in re medical examinations. This also — careful advance preparations — we appreciate. I shall distribute his notices to our Yenching group. So far as I know we are all well but Prof. E.O. Wilson. He should receive special attention — as above. Charles Corbett's letter ("Associated Boards") was received at Goa. We said tomorrow so glad to hear from him. Shall want to see him. — Cordially yours Howard S. Galt.

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150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

December 10, 1943

Dr. Howard Galt
American Board
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Galt:

The enclosed plan has been prepaid, without final figures, by the Special Committee on Salary Adjustments for Yenching University.

It is forwarded to you for your study and comment. Please make any suggestions or corrections. Your immediate comments will be appreciated as we wish to work out the details and present the results to the Finance Committee of the Trustees as soon as possible.

Very good. approved - Howard S. Galt

Enc/ mp

Please excuse haste. - Greetings

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham
Margaret Speer
C A Evans

Dear Mr. Evans,

I should consider this letter from Dr. Galt together with Miss Speer's letter of January 10, 1944 sufficient authorization for the payment of $400, which at the exchange rate of 5 was equivalent to Chinese $2000, to Robert S. C. Hoo. He is evidently the son of Mrs. Clementine Hu. In writing him you might inquire where he studied in America and his mother's American name.

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460 W. 10th St., Claremont, Calif.,
25 Jan., 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

The enclosed copy of a letter should be, for the most part, self-explanatory. I remember the transaction quite distinctly, although I would not have been sure of the amount. For confirmation I suggest that you consult Miss Speer and/ or Miss Wagner. It may be that Miss Cookingham did not know of the matter at the time. Miss Speer can doubtless give you the whole background of the matter. There were some other borrowings of the same kind.

Whether or not you will feel justified in taking any steps twoard payment, in the absence of the signed document, I suppose will be for you and the Trustees to decide.

We reached our home in Claremont on Jan. 14th, and are having a very enjoyable experience settling into the first residence we have ever owned. I have been able to resume my research and writing, based on materials sent here earlier.

With best wishes, Cordially yours,

Howard S. Galt

Howard S. Galt.

460 w. 10th St., Claremont, Calif.,
25 Jan., 1944.

Mr. Robert S. C. Hoo,
1601 V Street, N.W.
Washington 8 D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoo:-

Your letter of Dec. 31, addressed to "Dr. Ralph Galt", in a copy made by my brother, Elmer W. Galt (wuO is the father of Ralph Galt, my nephew) reached me here a few days ago. The letter was evidently intended for me. It had gone to Boston and New York before coming here.

I think that the information from your brother is correct--that (in the spring of 1942, as I remember) I signed a document asking the Yenching Treasurer in New York to pay $400.00 as the equivalent of a sum in Peking currency which our Administrative Committee was borrowing for the support of families of Yenching professors who were in prison. I possess no written record of the transaction, for we were not allowed to bring away from China any kind of written or printed material. It is very unfortunate that the note mentioned by your brother has failed to reach you. I think that all I can do now is to suggest that you take this my letter to the office in New York (150 Fifth Ave.,) and consult them regarding the matter. I shall send a copy of this letter to New York, and add some further word.

Regretting the inconvenience caused you,

Sincerely yours, Howard S. Galt.

Howard S. Galt

* Evidently the note signed by me H.S.G.

February 25, 1944

Dr. H. S. Galt
460 W. 10th Street
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Galt:

We are trying to clear up our financial obligations to members of the faculty of Yenching University who returned on the Gripsholm. Miss Cookingham has told me that the Japanese authorities allowed two salary payments to be made to the Mission Board supported members of the faculty which amount to $1,000.00 Can you recall how you stand with the University now? Do you owe the University money or does the University owe you money?

Since it was impossible to bring any financial statements from Peking to America it seems best to settle these accounts in accordance with the figures each member of the faculty can recall or estimate. If later some adjustments are necessary they can be made if and when we are able to procure our records in Peking.

Sincerely yours,

CAE:EW.

C. A. EVANS

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460 W. 10th St.
Claremont, Calif. - 1 March. '44.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Your letter of Feb. 25 is here. In reply to your inquiry I can report as follows:

The first L.C. #5-W^m went:

Either as an extra allowance for the support of President Stewart; or

As relief funds for families we felt responsible for caring for in the winter of 1942.

I am not certain which.-

The second L.C. #5-W.^m was used for further relief for dependent families.

I am certain that the full L.C. #1000 was used in such ways as we mentioned. There are two reasons for lack of records: During those early months our relief work was done in great secrecy, and records were not kept for fear of search. Any records which were kept could not be brought away from Camp.-

I sympathize thoroughly with you and Miss Corkingham in your efforts to untangle the accounts.-

Cordially yours,

Howard S. Galt

460 N. 10th St. -
Claremont, Calif. - 1 March - '44

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Enclosed please find check for $200.00 repaying the University for certain funds loaned to Mrs. Hsieh Ching-sheng (whose husband was studying in this country) for family maintenance during the period Dec. '41 - Feb. '43. Some of my own funds were included in the loan. Mr. Hsieh has recently sent me a check in payment of this sum, and this $200.00 (to the best of my reckoning) is the share of the University.

We are comfortably settled in our own home here and enjoying the California winter.

With best wishes -

Cordially yours
Howard Spalt

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Yenching Univ.

March 15, 1944

Dr. Howard S. Galt
460 W. 10th Street
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Galt:

I am trying to clear up some old items which have been pending with the Finance Committee and the Special Committee of Yenching repatriates. In this connection may I report that we have settled the matter of $400.00 which was borrowed from the Hoo family, by sending Robert S. C. Hoo this amount of money. As this is in accordance with your communication with Mr. Hoo and your letter of January 25th I believe this closes this particular matter.

Most sincerely yours,

CAE:EW.

C. A. EVANS

May 2, 1944

Dr. Howard S. Galt
460 W. 10th Street
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Galt:

I am trying to clear up an accumulation of correspondence covering the Yenching situation and find your letters of March 1st are unanswered. One letter enclosed $200 representing certain funds loaned to Mrs. Hsieh Ching-sheng. This has been credited accordingly on our books.

The other letter had to do with the LC$1,000 which has now been cleared up and I am grateful for the explanation which you have made. We believe that things are progressing now so that we have a clearer idea of the financial picture. Certainly you have been a great help to us and I want to tell you how deeply I appreciate your sympathy and understanding. I am glad to know that you are well located and may the Good Lord be with you.

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:EW.

C. A. EVANS

460 W. 110th St.
Claremont, Calif.
16 Sept. 44

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Please note the enclosed and transmit the fund of $100.00 to Y.P. Mei at Nanking University at Chungking when communication. My letter may be typed as a part of a letter written by you — to save weight — if necessary.

Received Miss Cockingham's much appreciated letter recently.

With best wishes.

Cordially yours
Hundley Gill

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Dep. 9/22/44
Pending Univ.

Many thanks for letter from Genkins often transmitted Dec.-

September 26, 1944

Dr. Howard S. Galt
460 West 10th Street
Claremont, Calif.

Dear Dr. Galt:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 16th enclosing check for $100.00 which is being sent to Y. P. Mei as requested. We have also sent him your letter of the same date.

I regret exceedingly that you are on the West Coast where there is so little chance of our having an opportunity of seeing you. I do hope, however, that the day will not be distant when you can take a trip east, for there are many things which I long to talk with you about.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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460 W. 10th St., Claremont, Calif.,
2 Oct., 1944.

Mr. C. . Evans,
Secretary of the Yenching University Trustees,
150 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

I assume that you ~~and others~~ in the Yenching office have seen copies of letters from Messrs. Band and Lapwood, in West China, to S. D. Wilson, written about April 1st (much delayed in transition) both of which speak of the need for a committee (appointed by Dean Wilson--they suggest) which should, as soon as possible be making plans for the restoration and development of the College of Science, as soon as Yenching can resume Operation on the Peiping site.

Stanley and I have discussed this item in the letters and it was agreed that I should write to you on the subject.

We believe the idea is a good one and endorse the plan for adoption as soon as it is practicable. But there is one aspect of the matter to which this letter is intended to call the attention of yourself and the Trustees/ Before leaving Peiping, early in 1943, our field Administrative Committee took formal action appointing a small group of persons at Peiping including Mr. Porter and/ or Mr. de Vargas, and a few of our most mature and dependable Chinese colleagues as a committee to take up Yenching matters as soon as any tentative action is possible and called for, and to be a body on the field ~~to~~ with which the Trustees may communicate as soon as this is possible.

In matters of record for that period I have to depend on my memory, but I think we, at the time or later, took steps to report to your office the action referred to and the personnel of the group. No doubt Miss Speer and others have discussed our action with you and perhaps others in the New York office. At any rate Miss Speer can give you further details of the matter if required. I should add that our action was reported to and approved by the Chairman of the Board of Managers, Dr. S. T. Wang.

I am writing to call the attention of your office to the matter and to suggest that any action taken by the Trustees in the direction of concurring in the appointment of a Science College committee should be coordinated with any action recognizing or dealing with the committee at Peiping, which was supposed to act for the University as as a whole. The importance of this is so obvious that I suppose that I hardly need to mention it, but it seemed to us here that a letter might make it more certain that the point is not overlooked.

(Thanks for your letter of Sept. 26th, just received.)

With cordial greetings and best wishes,
Sincerely yours,

Howard S. Galt

Howard S. Galt.

Copies to Miss Margaret Speer
and to Dean S. D. Wilson.

November 9, 1944

Dr. Howard S. Galt
460 W. 10th Street
Claremont, Calif.

Dear Dr. Galt:

Your letter of October 2nd came to hand in due course and I noted that copies have been sent to Miss Speer and Dr. Stanley D. Wilson. I also shared your letter with Miss Cookingham and had hoped that Miss Speer would be in town to discuss the situation which you set forth.

You are probably familiar with efforts which were made a year ago to establish the College of Science at Chengtu. There was an effort to get Dr. Adolph to return, but quite naturally he was due for furlough and his Board would not listen to such a proposal. Another aspect of the situation was regarding expenses and the possible use of other facilities at Chengtu rather than to build up a splendid organization for Yenching. There is no thought in the minds of any of us but that Yenching will return to North China and it seems quite natural, of course, that the College should be established at the earliest possible date. There are, however, some other circumstances which are being considered. For instance, the possibility of getting a considerable amount of equipment from either the United States Government or UNRRA after the war is over.

I talked with Dr. Claude Forkner about this situation before he arrived in China and, I am sure, that he will have in mind the Yenching situation. Incidentally, he is very much impressed with the ability of Dr. Y. P. Mei.

Of course, the Planning Committee of the Associated Boards is thinking very largely along the same lines of reconstruction and rehabilitation, and there is a plan on foot to raise three and a half million for reconstruction purposes in such colleges as will survive the war. We hope to raise this through several sources including foundations and relief agencies. All departments of all Christian Colleges available will share according to needs.

There is to be a meeting of the Yenching Board on December 1st and in preparation of post/war plans it would seem wise for a committee to be appointed

to give thought to the situation. We will make recommendations accordingly at that meeting.

With many thanks for writing us, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

460 W. 10th St. - Claremont, Calif.
7 April - 1945.

Mr. C. E. Evans -
Secretary Yenching University
New York

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Dear Mr. Evans:

When next remitting funds to Yenching University in Chengtu, please send this $50.00 contribution from me, labelled, Care of Miss Lu Hsi-Ching Head of the Health Division, to be used as she considers best for faculty or students whose health conditions make them most in need of it.

We enjoyed the visit here of Miss Grace Boynton. Her reports about Yenching were most interesting.

Also appreciate the recent word concerning Pres. Stuart. -

Greetings to all friends in the N.Y. Office.

Cordially yours
Howard Galt

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460 W. 10th St. - Claremont, Calif.
26 Apr. 45

Rev. Earle Ballou -
Secretary "Associated Boards"
150 Fifth Ave. - New York.

Dear Earle:-

I send the enclosed M.S. for any use which can be made of it in the Lynching University Office. The attached letter (which need not be returned) explains, in a rather labored manner, why it was not accepted for publication.

I feel that Mr. Vin certainly deserves some words *in memoriam* and suppose that the Lynching Office, in some future publication, may be in a position to use the enclosed, in whole or in part.

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And incidently, a question of procedure — should letters, such as this, or on general matters concerning Lynching, be addressed to you or

to Mr. Evans? I am not quite sure as to the personnel function as at present organized.-

We are all well and happily occupied here. I am still carrying on my study and writing on the Old Education in China. Have reached the beginning of Hsien Feng's reign (1850) in the last dynasty.

Just now — at the suggestion of President Emeritus Blaisdell (Pomona and Claremont Colleges) I have undertaken to write the story of the Boxer Movement, the Siege, the Indemnity, the Remission of the Indemnity by the U.S. and other powers, with all the educational and cultural activities, and influence on international relations, which have resulted, — emphasis on the latter points.

{All the fine work my North China Mission colleagues are now doing makes me feel quite proud!}

With best wishes —

Cordially yours

Howard S. Galt

May 1, 1945

Mr. Howard S. Galt
460 West 10th Street
Claremont, California

Dear Howard:

Thank you for sending us the appreciation of Wu Lei-ch'uan. I suppose under such limitations of space the "Post and Mercury" was justified in returning it, especially as they had given brief notice of his death. It is too bad, however, and we shall try to make some wider use of what you have written. It will be presented to the Trustees' meeting next week and perhaps later on circulated among others who would know something about Mr. Wu. By the way, a letter from Y. P. Mei says that he died of a stroke in the Central Hospital and was buried the next day, October 30, outside of Tu-Cheng-Nen.

Y.P. also sent us the sad news that Henry Chou had recently died in Peking when he wrote on March 16th. It was evidently a stroke but few details have been received.

We are expecting word of Dr. Mei's arrival in Washington now at any time. We know he started on his journey April 10th and if air transport was not too crowded he should be here in ample time for the annual meetings next week.

You are quite right in sending letters of a general nature to me. Mr. Evans is more than loaded with financial matters and items that concern that aspect of work when contained in general letters are shared with him.

More strength to you in your studies of the old education in China. I have just received a digest of Alice Gregg's dissertation at Teachers College on the Protestant Missionary's Share in Chinese Educational Development during the Past Century.* It looks interesting, none the less so because I am inclined to challenge several of her contentions. Evidently Dr. Stuart is to figure prominently - though this is not one of the things I would challenge!

I suppose Rowland has taken over the secretaryship of the Committee on East Asia of the F.M.C. this morning. He and Adelle are staying for the time being as guests of Douglas Horton in his very attractive Riverside Drive apartment. It is nice to have Rowland and Wynn as nextdoor neighbors, but I wonder how often we shall see each other - perhaps as often as when Rowland was in Tungchow and I was at Tengshihk'ou.

With heartiest good wishes from Thelma and myself for all of you, I remain

Cordially yours,

* not the spot title

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460 W. 10th St., Claremont, Calif.,
May 9th 1945.

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Mr. Earle Ballou,
Asspciated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Ave., New York 11.

Dear Earle:-

Many thanks for your good and informative letter of May 1st. Your mention of Trustees Meeting(Yenching) reminds me of a request I have often wanted to send in. Would it be possible to have my name placed on the Trustees' mailing list, so that I might receive copies of the Trustees' Meeting minutes, and of minutes of important committee meetings. Also of similar material pertaining to the Associated Boards—if this is not asking too much?

Although I am on the "retired list" I still hold to my old interests, and if feasible would like to see the university affairs reports which Leighton always shared with me at the field office of Yenching.

Your account of Alice Gregg's Teachers College dissertation is interesting. I hope to see the published work some time.

We are glad to know that Y. P. Mei may be expected soon. Of course we are anxious to welcome him out this way. May I trouble you to hand him the enclosed letter*—on the supposition that he will make an early appearance at your office.

We have just received with much appreciation Y. P.'s report of Yenching for the autumn semester.

Did I report to you that, following a quite insistent suggestion from President-emeritus Blaisdell (Pomona and Claremont Colleges) I am writing up the Boxer Movement the return of indemnities by the U. S. and other nations, and the good results for education and culture, and on Sino-American and other international relations—with emphasis on the latter aspects. Somewhat to my surprise I am finding ample sources in the libraries here. At my "insistent suggestion" Dr. Blaisdell has undertaken the task of finding a publisher. A brochure of perhaps 100 pages.

Greetings to my friends, your colleague-
Cordially yours Howard S. Galt

* just as I finished this letter, a letter from Y. P. arrived. I am writing him direct.- H.

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May 14, 1945

Dr. Howard S. Galt
460 West 10th Street
Claremont, California

Dear Howard:

We will indeed put your name on the mailing list for documents of interest concerning Yenching and the Associated Boards. I had not realized that it was not already there.

Y.P. has enlivened us with his enthusiastic presence and the reports he has given on at least four different occasions to groups of various sizes. Last week was our most hectic one of the year and I hope it will be possible to visit with him in a somewhat more leisurely manner in the days to come. I know he is planning to go to Boston to talk with the Harvard-Yenching people a week from today but his schedule for the summer is not yet made. It includes, however, presence at Oberlin for commencement and, I fear, a sojourn in a hospital.

I am much interested to learn of the brochure which is in preparation. It should be of real value.

By the way, I found that Grace Boynton had prepared a memorial minute regarding Wu Lei-chuan which, at Dr. Mei's suggestion, she read at the Yenching Trustees meeting. It was naturally somewhat briefer than yours and will be incorporated in the minutes of the meeting. It was, in fact, really moving and there were a few moments of silence when she concluded when it would have been difficult for several people around the table to have spoken without their voices breaking. Grace, by the way, continues to improve. When I visited with her Saturday morning she was looking much the best of the several times I have seen her.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Galt and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

EHB:mcc

May 31, 1945

Dr. H. S. Galt
460 West 10th Street
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Galt:

A recent letter from Mr. A. C. Hausske, Treasurer of Yenching University in Peking, China contains the following paragraph:

"From the Ministry of Education we have recently received N.C.$100,000. This is for faculty members who have served for a number of years and is in the nature of a special grant. In talking this matter over with Dr. Mei, it was thought that the equivalent in U. S. currency be kept in New York. With that in mind will you kindly credit U. S.$32.25 to each."

You are included among the names listed and we are glad to enclose herewith check for $32.25 representing your share in this distribution among ten honored people on the staff of Yenching University. You will be interested in knowing that Dr. Stuart was named and also Dr. Ph. DeVargas, both of whom are still in Peking, but under widely different circumstances. They are, however, under conditions which make it necessary for us to credit their accounts for the time being.

Very sincerely yours,

E. M. McBRIER, Treasurer

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June 1, 1945

Dr. Howard S. Galt
460 W. 10th Street
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Galt:

You should have been told before this that the $50.00 which you sent in your letter of April 7th has been sent to China. This has been made available for Miss Lu Hui-ching, head of the Health Division, to be used as she considers best for the faculty and students.

Miss Boynton was at the recent meeting of the Board and has greatly improved since she returned from China.

The following confidential note has come to hand very recently:

"Swiss note May 3rd states Swiss Consular agent Hoeppli at Peking, reports he delivered to Dr. Leighton Stuart a communication from Dr. Elinor Watkins, San Francisco, dated September 18th, 1944 and that Stuart received two letters from Americans interned Weihsien."

This would seem to indicate that Dr. Stuart and his associates are not entirely cut off from the outside world.

Most sincerely yours,

CAE:EW

C. A. EVANS

cc: Accounting Office