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April 22, 1946

Dr. Sidney D. Gamble  
347 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Gamble:

Early in the '20's Mr. Frank B. Wallace donated certain contracts on properties located in the State of Michigan in the area of Detroit and Mt. Clemens to the Trustees of Yenching University. This involved the collection of payments upon these contracts and to facilitate the process two real estate concerns were selected to carry on the business. At the same time the Trustees of Yenching University were required by law to be registered in the State of Michigan, with the Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission.

Practically all of the accounts collectable have been cleaned up and there is no need to continue paying a license fee for business in the State of Michigan, and we have filed a Notice of Withdrawal with the Commissioner of the Corporation Division.

The laws of the State of Michigan require that a meeting be held of the Board with a majority present, all voting in favor of closing out the business in the State. To do this is impossible both from the standpoint of securing a majority of the old Board of Trustees of Yenching and also from the standpoint of legal action as a Board, it having been absorbed by the United Board for Christian Colleges in China.

We have, however, secured permission to use an individual affidavit which is enclosed herewith. Will you not kindly, therefore, have your signature affixed to the enclosed document before a Notary Public and return to our office in the enclosed stamped envelope.

We are grateful for this liberal arrangement with the Commissioner of the Corporation Division and I trust that you will return the affidavit promptly.

Very truly yours,



C. A. EVANS

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509 West 121st St.,  
New York 27, N. Y.  
December 3rd, 1946.

Dear Dr. Gamble:

You will find from the enclosure that we Yenching alumni are going to have our annual reunion at which we expect some faculty members to be present too. I wonder if you could honor us by your presence and give us a fifteen-minute speech on behalf of the Yenching Committee and Yenching Office in New York. We are also expecting messages from Dr. Stuart and Chancellor Luh from China. With high anticipations of your gracious consent and looking forward to seeing you at the reunion,

Very sincerely yours,



Pao-Ch'en Lee,  
National Secretary of  
Yenching Alumni Ass'n.

*Yenching*

December 9, 1946

Mr. Pao-Ch'en Lee  
509 West 121st Street  
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Lee:

Mrs. Gamble and I appreciate your invitation to join the Yenching Alumni faculty and friends at their annual reunion on Thursday, December twenty-sixth. Unfortunately, another engagement makes it impossible for us to accept. I hope you will all have a good evening.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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September 15, 1947

Yenching University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

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If you will send me the official receipt, I will forward it with a letter of thanks to Mr. Bocker.

Sincerely yours,

SDG:mf

Check Enclosure

September 15, 1947

Dear Leon:

This is my first day back in the office after vacation. Tomorrow I must take Louise up to college, so I cannot do more now than write you a note to acknowledge receipt of your check of \$600.00 for Yenching University. I will have the official receipt in a few days and at that time will hope to write you a more appreciative letter and give you some family news and gossip.

Thank you for your very generous gift to Yenching University.

Hastily yours,

SDG:mf

Mr. Leon M. Bocker  
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Seattle 1, Washington

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
PEIPING, CHINA

January 4, 1948

Mr. Sidney D. Gamble  
347 Madison Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sid:

Dr. S. D. Wilson, Stephen Tsai, Dr. Chu (physics) and myself went to Tientsin yesterday and met (from eleven to three) with over twenty of the heads of the largest cement companies, cotton mills, mines etc. in North China. It seemed very significant to us that these hard pressed men should leave their businesses at this time of crisis and give valuable time to helping Yenching University work out still further their Industrial Training Program. These are the men who to the present have actually raised \$69,000.00 for the program and have given still further promises which if fulfilled would amount to about \$90,000.00. They were naturally very anxious to know what we had done with their money and we were equally desirous to show them what we had spent and what had been accomplished. I have the feeling that they were well pleased with the results. I have a shrewd idea that we didn't tell them much they didn't already know from various of their sons who are studying with us. They are going forward to organize means of giving practical experience in their companies to our boys during their first practice period which will begin April 1949. They have also asked for summer school classes for their employees. These we might be able to give during the summer of 1949 but could scarcely manage this coming summer. I am sure that they are going to continue to back us up financially but not to the extent we at first hoped for the simple reason that they themselves are hard put to it at present due to circumstances about them. It is fortunate that we have done things more modestly than they asked for and I think they themselves now feel the same way about it. Just at present we have 86 engineering students in the first, second and third years of the five year course. We also have 21 students in the foreman's training course.

The attitude of the Science College Students in general and of the engineering group among them in particular evidently pleases a lot of the more conservative people of this part of China and especially these business men. For instance during the student strikes the engineers stuck pretty tight to making up work in the unsupervised class rooms and to work in our shops. Our staff did not go to class but were on tap in our offices and students came and went all day long with their problems. They feel in any case that we load them rather heavily and were glad to have the time to catch up.

Young Higgins has pitched in and done very well. He does almost everything better than could be expected or hoped for except teaching. He is excellent in his extra curricular work on the campus and in his engineering work but to present he hasn't quite discovered how to present the subjects in a way suitable to Chinese student psychology. This he is getting and we are all sure that in time he will make an excellent teacher. His strength is probably in administration. He is very meticulous, hard working, can take responsibility, is efficient, practical and has a fine Christian spirit.

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I have no doubt but that you have heard rumours of the big upheaval being worked toward here at Yenching. All ranking professors have been sitting weekly discussing the matter for months and expect to do a great deal of further work on the matter during the coming six weeks winter vacation. There simply is not enough available money to run this University in the way it is now going. Naturally everyone wants some other department to be cut out and their own to be strengthened. Something very drastic will have to be done. The procedure seems to be to find first what departments are supported by definite funds which cannot be used elsewhere and then to strengthen the work about these oases in a financial desert. Added to this seems to be the policy to have fewer professors, have everyone handle more work; pay Chinese staff better salaries and keep only the best and most needed faculty members. It seems to be planned to strengthen faculty salaries at the expense of other running and upkeep expenses. At this point I have had to warn that the physical plant is by no means in repair, that it is limping along with fewer men available to both repair and service a poor plant than we had before the war to run a good plant and that much of the work we were doing was actually restoration and not servicing work at all. A few more cuts to our servicing staff and budget and the Yenching Physical Plant will be like the old man's horse that was taught to eat sawdust. There just wont be any such plant in operation.

Dr Stuart has been here over Christmas and New Years. It has meant much to the morale of the whole campus to have him here. He looks well and is as active as ever. His theme song is, "America will help China just as soon as she can discover how to do it in such a way that China as a whole (and not merely a few persons) will be benefitted."

We have been having rather a tight time to get thru the winter with one third the pre war coal supply to run the campus with and the same buildings to be heated. This coupled with patched and wrecked boilers and the only coal we could procure being so high in ash content that we wheel out about as many cubic feet of ashes as we shovel in cubic feet of coal, has kept us on our toes.

Some of the equipment ordered by New York is starting to appear. 96 cases are in Tientsin in the hands of Bryner and Co. a Swiss firm. Before the war they were the most reliable but just now they are hamstrung by the fact that being neutral they worked with the Japanese during the war so the Chinese officials wont let anything get thru that they handle. Nice situation, but we know it now. Evidently we are to be taught a lesson, namely to use the government agency China Travel, for Goods sent thru them more recently has come right thru spinning while goods has been in Bryners hands in Tentson for six to thirteen months and cant come up.

I suppose that you have been up to your neck in the save the China Colleges campaign, that we hear has made everyone work so hard. In all this fuss about what can and what cannot help the Chinese people it would seem that money raised for the China Colleges is certainly money which is going to be used properly and which will raise leaders for the country.

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I hope that you yourself and all your family have successfully gotten thru the old year without feeling too many ill effects from its percussions. I hope that Cathie and her new family are well along the road toward real married happiness. Ruth joins in wishing all of you a very happy new year.

Yours very sincerely,

Samuel M. Dean

*Sam. Dean*

Dr. McMullen requested five copies  
of this letter, which were sent to  
him 1/12/40

— GS

Feb. 3, 1948  
Yenching Univers.  
Peiping.

Mr. Sidney D. Gamble  
347 Madison Avenue, New York.

Dear Sid:

All who have seen it are most interested in your childrens picture. It certainly is a family to be proud of. Some think Catherine looks like her mother Betty and others say she resembles her aunt Catherine. All agree that she is a typical Mt. Holyoke type; charming, self contained, capable and yet unspoiled. Why they think Mt. Holyoke especially produces that type I dont quite know. I have an idea that your own family training and the ancestry played a big part as well.

I am strong for the young people of this generation. Most of them among the young missionaries are like Higgins in such a continuous hurry that they are always out of breath. Even the young Chinese are catching the dither fever and all these youngsters go about tripping over red tape at a great rate.

The University Council is still slowly planning how to so reorganize the University that it can run on available funds. Dr. Adolph is doing a slow, careful, efficient and tactful piece of work. He is carefully collecting data as to student registrations in courses, funds definitely allocated to certain programs, duplications of courses in various departments and eternally suggesting that something better could be done about the matter. Everyone agrees to cut out the other fellows courses. In fact sometimes insists on cutting out other peoples courses. I believe he has discovered that 72% of the students are registered in five out of twenty offered courses. Namely in order- Pre Medicine -----Applied Science---Journalism---Western Culture-----Economics.

On the whole the Applied Science students please me. Some of them are spending the save coal six weeks winter holidays working hard with our engineering staff (eight hours a day) to build up our laboratories from second hand apparatus and box boards. There are of course those who dont like to get their hands dirty.

My greatest pleasure is derived from the "Foremans Training Class" boys. For one thing they cost \$25.00 a year outside of earnings to train while the college boys cost nearer \$200.00 a year above tuitions (not including fitting up buildings or laboratories) For another thing their training is entirely in the hands of the Controllers office and our engineering staff while the training of the college boys is one continual compromise. And not least of all is the fact that with the reduced staff of skilled workers available to service our still unrepaired systems we would be sunk without the ability to assign several of these willing boys to one of our skeleton staff of skilled workers and have them make the needed repairs.

The North China Industries have not by any means kept their promise s but still they have done pretty well, well enough so that when they now promise us \$30,000 a year running budget for the Industrial Training program , we think they can be depended upon for \$20,000 a year and work out our future on that basis. To the present the foremans training budget is voted yearly from the above funds.

(Over--postage dear--paper scarce and dear too)

When I was in America you one day said that should there be something which we could work out together as we did the Institute, you would be glad to think it over. I did not answer then nor until the present because I wanted to be sure before putting any proposition before you. Yenching itself may or may not be able to run, depending on political situations out here. To the present it can run and there is even chance that it can go on. In the same way the Industrial Training Program may or may not be able to go on. Certainly should the North China Industries fail to finance the program we must stop the Applied Science Courses, at least on the present scale.

The foremans training course is similar to the type work we did in the Institute and is well proved both as to its low cost to run, its ability to maintain a large portion of self support, its value to the running budget of the University etc. Also the place of the graduates in Chinese Industry and the Church is well proved. In case there is a Yenching at all, the foremans training program can be maintained.

My present suggestion is that should you be interested, we call this course "The Gamble Foremans Training School" and that you finance the yearly \$1,000.00 U.S.A. needed to train the boys. This would care for thirty entering boys on alternate years in a five year course (since after a time about twenty are actually left in each class) It would pay for the teachers, chalk, heat, light and equipment. One class would study in the morning while the other worked and then they would exchange places in the afternoon. Furthermore at least part of the money used would go to hiring worthy College students to teach various branches of their specialties as is now being done. This years budget up to September 1st. has been provided. Should you think this a worth while plan, your budget would commence next September 1948. You may say with real reason, "Why should I take this on when the North China Industries already are carrying this budget?" There is real possibility that in a place like Yenching when more and more Chinese Engineers with doctors degrees take over the courses, the Sub College course will be shoved aside. I am anxious to establish a precedent while there is yet time so that the Controllers office, which is the most practical part of this University, will determine the fate of the Foremans Training Course rather than the Doctors of what have you. We are now being urged by the donors behind the Industrial Training Program to take on certain very able return students who have been teaching engineering in America but who have had very little engineering experience. This is typical Chinese procedure in the existing technical colleges. I have been thru all that before. I foresee the gradual change of this program to one so full of higher theory and broadening subjects that it will form a delta rather than a canyon. Maybe a delta is right. I wouldnt know but I am out to build canyons.

Ruth goes out two days a week to teach in the orphanage near to the Jade Fountain. Some of the best boys in the Foremans Training Course come from the Christian Orphans. The rest are largely picked from among the sons of the lower bracketed staff members of the campus, sons of gate keepers, cooks, gardeners, clerks, typists etc. These boys have no chance to go on with their education though their parents have done much to make Yenching possible; no matter how humble their services. I feel it a real obligation to help these faithful servants of the University train their boys to earn a living. The workmens center of the University is given over during the day for the use of the Foremans training classes because it is considered to be a part of the work for workers.

Ruth joins in sending her best to Betty and yourself:

Yours, sincerely,  
Sam Dean.

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547 International House  
1414 E. 59th Street  
Chicago 37, Ill.

Feb. 20, 1948

Dr. S. D. Gamble  
c/o UBCCC  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Gamble:

I am on a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship to refresh myself in the United States for 12 months. I arrived Chicago on Feb. 13th. My plan is to stay here at the University of Chicago until the end of May. I wish to spend the last four months of the year in Princeton. During the interim, I may visit Michigan, Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Washington, D.C. My work will be along the line of general methodology in the social sciences, industrial relations and population. I wish that I may have a chance to meet you and other members of the Board of Princeton-Yenching Foundation.

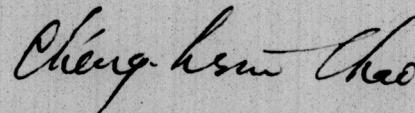
While in Shanghai I met Mr. Wang Ho-ch'en. He wants me to remember him to you and sends you his best greetings. I am forwarding his two cans of tea to you by parcel post. He is in CNRRA and doing very well. He has visited many Communist-occupied areas and has good stories about them.

The Yenching College of Public Affairs is working very hard to rebuild its work. The three Departments of Political Science, Economics and Sociology still remain to be the administrative units in the College, but we are contemplating to develop areas or lines of specialization along international relations, industrial relations and social administration in order to meet the demands of the nation.

Members of the Faculty always remember your very generous assistance to the development of the College program and they all send greetings to you.

Looking forward to visit you in New York in June and with best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Ch'eng-hsin Chao, Dean  
College of Public Affairs.

February 25, 1948

Dear Sam:

I have recently had two good letters from you but have not been able to do much about them as I have been in the hands of my doctor. Right after Christmas, we had 25 inches of snow, which meant tough traffic and brought on some leaks in our house. Trying to clear some of the ice from the roof, brought on a heart attack that put me in the hospital for two months and has greatly limited my activities. I am now allowed to sit up most of the day but am still only allowed a few steps around the room. I am trying to be a good patient and let the other fellow carry on the activities in which I have been interested.

When I get a little farther along, I hope to have energy enough to think about your request for help with the support of the industrial department. One thing I know now is that I certainly don't want to have my name attached to the school. How much I can help with the budget will have to be determined later.

Betty joins me in best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Sidney D. Gamble*

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Dictated but not read

Mr. Sam M. Dean  
Yenching University  
Peiping West  
China

Via Air Mail Letter

March 17, 1948

Dear Mr. Chao:

I am very glad to hear that you are in this country for a fellowship year. I hope that it will give you a good chance to visit some of our American universities and learn what they are doing in your field and also give you a chance to get away from the strain of the war years in China.

Thank you for the message from Mr. Wang Ho-ch'en. If you have not yet sent the tea, if you will mail it to me at 4730 Fieldston Road, New York 63, New York, it will save remailing. I am having to spend this spring at home because of a heart attack and so do not get down to my office or that of the United Board.

I note that you are hoping to spend some months at Princeton next fall. I hope you have written to them so that they may plan for accommodations for you. Like all of our American colleges, Princeton is badly crowded and it is difficult to find a place for anyone who is not a regular student.

I will look forward to seeing you when you are in New York in June.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Sidney S. Gamble*

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March 21, 1948

Dr. S. D. Gamble  
4730 Fieldston Road  
New York 63, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Gamble:

Thank you for your very kind letter of March 17th. The tea had made a round trip and come back to me. Your address was detached from the package. The error was mine as I did not have much experience to use the right kind of paper for wrapper. The package was sent to Princeton-Yenching Foundation just shortly before I received your letter yesterday morning. I hope it will reach you this time.

I already wrote to President Dodds and Dean Brown about my visit to Princeton in the next fall, and I am very happy to receive their letters of welcome. Mr. Chi-ang Chiang and other Yenching friends are in Princeton and I am certain that they will help me to find a room.

I certainly look forward to visit you in July with great pleasure. My schedule is to leave Chicago for Michigan on May 20th, for Harvard on June 1st, for Yale on June 20th, for New York on July 10th, for Washington on August 10th. I shall then take up residence in Princeton from August 20th to the end of the current year.

I hope you will return to good health after having a brief period of rest.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Ching-hsin Chao*

Ch'eng-hsin Chao.

March 26, 1948

Dear Mr. Chao:

Thank you very much for sending me the tea that Mr. Wang Ho-sh'en asked you to bring me. We are very glad to have it as our supply of Chinese tea is just about exhausted. I am sorry to hear that you have had so much trouble in getting it to me and that it had to come back for a second start.

I am happy to know that things are moving along for you in Princeton. I hope your friends will be able to locate a room for you. I note from your schedule that you will probably not be in New York until next July. I am afraid that by that time I will have taken my family to the seashore for the summer vacation. I imagine you will be coming to New York occasionally from Princeton and hope that we will have a chance to meet in the fall.

My doctor feels that I am making good progress but at best it is slow going.

Again thanking you for the tea and with best regards,  
I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Sidney D. Gamble* &

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June 3, 1948

Dr. Sidney D. Gamble,  
Fieldston Road and 250th Street,  
New York 63, N. Y.

My dear Sid:

For the past couple of months I have been trying to get away from other duties in order to give myself the pleasure of another visit to you. I had determined to get out there this week. Now it seems that this will not be possible and next week I am to be gone from the city to help the Methodists in a conference in Pennsylvania. I hope for better luck later.

For fear that I may miss you, I wish to make a report that I had hoped to make in person regarding the correspondence with Dr. Adolph in connection with the proposed training school for foremen. You will find below full correspondence regarding this matter.

Letter to Dr. Adolph, March 24, 1948:

A few days ago I went out and had a good talk with our mutual friend Sid Gamble. We talked about Yenching to which he is thoroughly devoted. He brought up one matter that had been presented to him by Sam Dean and about which I wish to consult you.

As you know, Sam Dean ran a school to train foremen. This was while he was in the city. You will recall how this school was moved to Yenching and Sam joined your staff. Sam is now asking Sid to support such a school which would be named "The Gamble School to Train Foremen" or some such name as this. Bearing his name, he is asked to support this school by a donation of a thousand dollars a year. Sam proposes that the students should come from the lower classes, sons of servants on the campus, etc. Nothing was said about academic entrance requirements. He proposes to take in thirty students on alternate years, requiring that a student spend five years in the school studying a half day, working a half day. He is opposed to this being a part of the general engineering course and expressed a rather poor opinion of the faculty who are teaching in this Applied Science Department. He thinks of them as entirely technical whereas his work is entirely practical.

Sid was quite interested in this proposal and didn't seem to object to having the school carry his name. He asked me what I thought a school of this kind would have in the Planning Committee's picture for Yenching. My reply was that the Planning Committee only thought in terms of full standard university work, that

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that this school at best would be a junior college and perhaps not more than of middle school grade, that it had therefore not been considered by the Planning Committee. I suggested that I write you confidentially, as I am doing, and get your reaction. Do you think that running a school of this kind on your campus is advisable? Would you recommend that Sid Gamble give a thousand dollars a year to its support? What would be its relation to the rest of the university if any? Questions of this kind arise in my mind and I would appreciate a frank answer. Personally I can see the value of a school to train foremen. I can also see the need of laborers of this type though I would think that Yenching might well conserve its shops for its regular general engineering students, that they might have a bit of practical work along with their theoretical training. Why should they not do plumbing and machinery repair, etc.? If this were done there would be no need for the services of the students of the foremen school. Altogether I wonder whether or not this plan fits into the Yenching picture. It might be better to run it in the city as Sam has done before, or some place off the campus so as not to mix the two types of students. I leave the answering of these questions to you and hope that you will be very frank with me as I have been with you. This letter is confidential. I hope that you will not show it about but after consulting others send me your reply which I would like to show to Mr. Gamble.

Dr. Adolph's reply dated April 2, 1948. Since in my letter I had stated that my letter was confidential and would consider his reply as such, I was not in a position to transmit to you his reply, which is as follows:

I had not known about the proposal for the "Gamble School to train foremen." Our power plant and repair service have always taken on apprentices from time to time, but a year or two ago, this was systematized and the arrangement called the "Foremen's Training Class." The apprentices are paid as workmen, and my impression is that occasional classes in English and related subjects are given for their benefit. This new proposal presumably suggests that there would be set up a regular course of study, which would be of sub-university grade, presumably with a regular curriculum. This has not yet been put before the university administration for action. I would like the new administration which comes in soon to act on such a proposal. Meanwhile, may I as an individual member of the university staff suggest that we have enough to do with our university grade curriculum, without adding on a program such as Sam Dean's proposal seems to suggest.

Sam Dean has some very fine ideas with regard to the practical training of workmen and mechanics. I think he did a very fine piece of work in the School of Engineering Practice, with which he was formerly associated. There is no doubt a very crying need for that sort of a school, and Sam's talents I think lie in that area and along that level. My own conviction is that a university grade institution is not the place where such a program can be most appropriately developed. I am keeping your letter of March 24th quite confidential.

On April 26th I wrote to Adolph as follows:

May I quote the two paragraphs in your letter of April 2nd, on page two, to Sid Gamble? I have not done so but think that it would be helpful to him if I should pass this on to him for his guidance. I thoroughly concur in what you say and would like to let him know that you concur with me in what I have said to him. I will not do this until I get word from you. If you should prefer writing him directly I can pass it on or you can address him at his home: 250th Street and Fieldston Road, New York 63, N. Y.

In Reply I received a letter from Adolph dated May 13th as follows:

Your letter of April 26th refers to my letter of April 2nd, which contains

two paragraphs concerning the Foreman's Training class. I have no objection to your showing these to Sidney Gamble, if you will make it clear that these represent my own personal reactions.

About two weeks ago, I asked the Industrial Training Program group, a committee of which Dr. Wilson is Chairman and Mr. Dean is a member, to consider the place of the Foreman's Training class, and they have passed on to me the following thoughts:

The power plant and repair services here at Yenching find it most satisfactory to receive recruits and train replacements on the workmen staff by means of an apprenticeship system. This is necessary and justified purely from the point of view of university services, and the cost of this is a legitimate charge against our buildings-and-maintenance budget. Moreover, we have adopted a policy of accepting only sons of employees in this apprenticeship class, which means it is regarded as one of the benefits extended to our employees, as an educational bonus, so to speak.

Now Sam Dean has taken a special interest in the training of these apprentices and feels it represents a fine field of service, and he wants to do it well. To do so, he wishes to arrange a few special classes for these boys and secure a bit of equipment, to teach them the rudiments of drafting, etc. To do this will require a little bit more in funds than our ordinary budget can stand, and I am sure any subsidy which Mr. Gamble would be willing to add would be used constructively in training these men, who will ultimately, I am reasonably sure, enter Yenching service.

Both the committee and Sam have reached the conclusion that it would be unwise just now to enlarge this apprenticeship group, and that it would probably be unwise to set it up as a special school. I think therefore, we will go ahead on our present plan of receiving apprentices once every couple of years, very informally; give them very informal instruction, depending upon the amount of special funds available, and allow the boys to receive pay for work performed for the university on grounds and buildings as well as in the power plant. I think we can be reasonably certain that there will be no urge to set up a full-fledged Foreman's Training School within the near future, and any contribution which should be made to assist Sam in this work, I think might be a gift either to Sam or to the University, designated to aid in this training work, without specifying the setting up of a training school.

No further correspondence regarding this matter has been received or is expected. I think that you have the full picture before you and we will be glad to cooperate in carrying out your wishes, whatever they may be.

We miss you more than we can say, especially as we are trying to determine what we shall do next year regarding our relationship with the USC. It seems apparent that the AOA will secure very little if anything above their expenses. Every one feels that their campaign will be such a failure that they will not attempt to put on a drive next year. What shall we do then? Shall we assist the USC to start over again or shall we withdraw from them and go entirely on our own?

The difficulty with the second plan is equal to the difficulty in increasing the gifts made to the China Colleges. The USC might raise some money and we need all we can get. On the other hand, if we are limited in our drive or people give less than they would otherwise do since they expect the USC to support us, we may lose more than we can gain through the USC. What shall we do?

Dr. Sidney D. Gamble

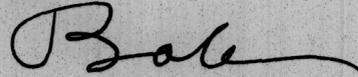
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My own idea is that we should put on a vigorous campaign unrestricted by agreements with the USC and that if the USC wishes under these circumstances to incorporate us as one of their agencies in a rejuvenated program - O.K. We will be glad to get what they will give us, if the amount budgeted for us justifies the trouble. I believe that this should be at least 50% of the total USC budget.

As you know, the Annual Meeting appointed a special committee of which you are a member to consider this matter. We will meet in the Chart Room on the 32nd Floor, Time and Life Building, at 4:30 on June 17th. Nothing would please us more than for you to be present. We fear that this would be too good to be true and is more than we should hope for. If you have time and feel like it we would like to get your reaction to this whole matter. If you are here when I return on June 14th I will try to get out and see you and discuss this matter with you.

With warmest personal regards, I am,

Yours cordially,



Robert J. McMullen  
Executive Secretary

RJM:D

June 11, 1948

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your good letter, passing on to me the information you secured from China about the workmen's program at Yenching. Because of my interest in Sam Dean and his work and since the matter has been cleared with the University authorities, I am inclined to accept Sam's suggestion that I make a contribution to that work for the period beginning September 1st. I will write him in detail about the matter.

I am sorry not to have had another glimpse of you this spring. I know you have been busy with many problems and a lot of traveling.

We are off to Martha's Vineyard for the summer, next Tuesday.

Sincerely yours,

SDG:gs

Dr. Robert J. McFullen  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, New York

June 14, 1948

Dear Sam:

We are off tomorrow for Martha's Vineyard, Mass. for a summer by the sea. Before I go, I want to send you a further response to your letter of February 3rd about some help with the training of the apprenticeship group. I think it would be very unwise to have my name attached to any training school and I DO NOT want to have it so used. I also understand that the University feels that they will not be setting up a full-fledged Foreman's Training School but that the work will go forward in a quiet, informal way.

Some of the letters that have come from Peiping recently seem to show that there is some question as to just where Yenching will be located when it opens next fall. Of course, we are all hoping that the political situation will clear and that the work can go ahead on the home campus. I presume that if a rule is to be made, the work to be continued will have to be determined by conditions and opportunities in the new locality and that large sections of the present program may have to be discontinued. I wonder what a move would do to your program.

From your letter, I understand that the work is financed until September so that we still have some time to see what the summer campaigns may bring forth - at least the usual "spring madness" apparently has not made any great change in the situation around Peiping.

If the work is able to continue on the Peiping campus, I am willing to contribute to Yenching University approximately \$1,000. to finance the work that you are doing in training the boys in your industrial program. I say "approximately \$1,000.", as I will probably want to make my contribution in stock and therefore cannot, at this time, fix the exact number of dollars. I will arrange with the University office here as to the time and manner of payment but will work it out with them so that the necessary funds will be available to continue the program after the 1st of September.

Of course, if the University is forced to move from Peiping, I would want to reserve the right to consider my contribution in view of the new situation and the opportunities available in the new location.

It must make difficult days for you and the University's administration to make any plans for the uncertain days ahead. At least you have finished up a good year. I hope you will have a good summer and will be able to open with a full enrolment next fall. Although classes are over, I imagine you and your group will be busy most of the summer.

We are looking forward to a quiet summer at the seashore but the doctor is ready to permit me considerable activities - swimming, sailing and even golf. Evidently he is quite satisfied with the progress I have made this spring.

Cathie's husband is graduating from Princeton tomorrow. He gets his degree Summa Cum Laude on the basis of his work in the School of Public and International Affairs and he has just been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. They are going to Summer School at the University of Pennsylvania, where Jac's program calls for at least a Master's degree.

Louise will be discussing the international problems at one of the Foreign Students Seminars, organized by the Friends Service Committee. Anne is going to a ranch in Wyoming, and David will be working in the shipyards on Martha's Vineyard. It looks like a busy summer for the younger generation, at least.

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Betty joins me in best wishes to you and Ruth.

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Dictated but not read

Mr. Sam M. Dean  
Yenching University  
Peiping West, China

Sincerely yours,

*Sidney S*

June 14, 1948

Dear Bob:

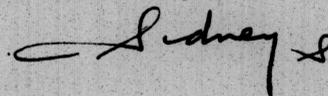
I am today writing Sam Dean to tell him that if the political situation holds together and Yenching is able to continue work on its Peiping campus, that I will be willing to provide for the support of his industrial training program during the year September 1, 1948 - August 31, 1949, the sum of approximately \$1,000.00. I say "approximately \$1,000.00" as I will want to make my contribution in stock that may provide somewhat more or less than that amount.

The time of transfer, I will work out next fall but I trust that Sam can be advised that he can have available the sums necessary to carry on his program for the early part of the fiscal year starting September 1, 1948.

If, during the summer, the political situation develops in such a way that Yenching is forced to move from the Peiping campus, I will, of course, want to reconsider my gift in the light of the new situation. I would plan to make it only if the industrial training program can be carried on.

Hoping that you will have a good summer, I am,

Sincerely yours,



SDG:gs  
Dictated but not read

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June 24, 1948.

Mr. Sidney D. Gamble,  
340 Madison Avenue,  
New York City,  
N.Y.

Dear Sid:

A recent letter from Mr. Evans did not state but seemed to indicate that you had not been feeling well. I believe he said that he had not been seeing as much of you as before and felt that they had lost a great deal from the previous more constant contact and advise. In fact I had already written you a letter and was about to send it when your letter arrived. I will now rewrite the letter but you will still get the original envelope. I am glad to read in your recent letter that you are feeling better. Is it just a general run down condition brought on by carrying to heavy a schedule during the war years? Everyone about New York remarked on how hard you had worked and what a burden of worries you had shouldered. You have always been so very conscientious about every load that people put on your shoulders that it is understandable that you should be worn out. I hope it is nothing chronic.

I see you are transferring your summer from Michigan to Martha's Vineyard. When home we made a trip up to Cape Cod to visit the Steinbecks who were summering there. The whole south New England Coast and Cape are certainly most interesting places.

Cathie's Husband must be a real brain. Is he going into diplomatic work? How this world does need idealistic but hard headed diplomats at this time. We have had some pretty good men in Peiping recently. Tony Freeman can't be beat and Clubb is a very good man. Dr. Stuart is still doing a great and difficult piece of work. He has been spending the last two days here celebrating his 72 birthday and looks as strong and active as ever.

Louise also working on International Problems! Before this last furlough I should have wondered. Now I don't. The two weeks I spent at the Students Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. conference at the University of Illinois (during Christmas vacation 1947) opened my eyes to the real interest and knowledge that young people now have in world affairs. War is a terrible thing but the last one without doubt did take our young people everywhere and open their eyes to world problems which they brought on to the campuses.

Anne I see is going to rough it a bit on a Wyoming ranch. That is one great thing about American young people. They seem frivolous on the exterior but they really are not so very far away from their pioneer ancestors under the skin. They can take it right on the nose when life requires it and put themselves out to prove to themselves that they can take it.

You write of the uncertain days ahead for Yenching. One step removed and our uncertainty is that of the whole world,

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You will realize better than I, how very much our Yenching problems are merely part of a world picture. Here in Peiping area only two Universities, namely Fu Jen Catholic and Yenching Protestant, are free from Government subsidy control. (Founded by and financed by American and British Funds to the largest extent) Both of these institutions are carefully watched by the people to see whether we are jittery or are going to move or not. Naturally, should we start to make plans to move and ship out equipment, fail to repair and carry on what is here, interested parties will explain at great length that America and her Ambassador feel this area is lost. There will ensue a panic which is just what some desire to take place. For this reason there is some concentration of effort to break up this institution thru ever available and insidious means. To the present we have tried to keep calm and continue as though there was nothing ~~wrong~~ wrong. We have repaired the badly leaking roofs, straightened out heating and plumbing and brought in fifteen hundred tons of coal. We brought the coal in, in horse carts, rather than by truck, to let one and all know we are getting ready for a peaceful coming year. We have made much of every single box that arrived from America or England to let all know we are still getting ready to stay.

It is very true that should some great change come we may lose the whole thing, not to say some of our freedom or even life. But we must take the same chance that America is taking everywhere in the endeavor to help do our share to stabilize the peace of the world into constructive channels.

It is my own personal attitude that all American Missionaries are guests of China. It is not our work to meddle in Chinese politics. China must finally find her own solution as to government. I am here to help the people of China find a better way of life, which is to my mind Christianity, and to find a way to utilize their raw materials so that they need not use up our American resources, but can live happily and peacefully thru their own efforts. This last student strike against America and Dr. Stuart on the ~~basis~~ basis of America's supposed policies in Japan were not supported by the students of this University or any other, as far as I can find. It fizzled right out. I told the boys very straight that I would never do anything ~~against~~ against my own country or my friends and actually all but three of the engineering students attended all classes during that strike (which was half hearted and only a day in any case) In fact I think only a few over two hundred students were gotten out on that strike and certainly nearly all science college students attended classes.

Even the other strikes, which many more students seemed to think they had to support, worried out Science College boys tremendously. In engineering we have a very heavy and tight schedule which they never were able to make up though they have worked until late at night to catch up. Some few students never went out on any strike for any reason. Certainly whatever they are, except some of the professional students, the great majority of Yenching students are neither anti American nor Anti Dr. Stuart.

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I think that the recent announcement of the appointment of Bill Edwards as president of Yenching has settled the atmosphere considerably. Two very able Chinese candidates, Dr. Lui Chih Wei and Dr. Mei could neither of them carry the fully backing of the Chinese faculty. Much against everyone's desire it seemed there must be, for the time, another American President. Bill Adolph had done a fine job and was sick; had been sick the whole time. Had decided to leave here and go to P.U.M.C. to head up their Bio Chemistry to get away from the Presidency. He is by nature a research and not administrative man, though he does the latter well.

The not too available finances made absolute reorganization of Yenching imperative. We have discussed it all year. All agree we must cut out departments. No one will cut themselves and dare not cut others for fear of reprisals to his own work. A analysis by the Dean of studies pointing at retention of seven departments which contained over 70% of the students was not popular with the majority of the professors who happened to be teaching in other departments. The idea seemed to be, if you will cut out the departments the ~~the~~ students all want to study, they will be forced to study my course which is more important but which students are too young to appreciate. (There is of course something to this thought.) In any case only an outside man of great prestige and financial experience and organizing ability would do. Bill Edwards has a clear and judicial mind. He will study the situation and if there is a Yenching he will see that we have the most useful possible institution within the limits of our available funds. He will be much more able to cut and reorganize without fear or favor than anyone who is now here could possibly do. Personally a great feeling of relief accompanies the knowledge that he is to be president. He wants nothing for himself and is as impersonal and as accurate as a fine pair of scales.

Regarding the Foreman's Training School. There has been some fear on the part of some professors that these boys of High School Trade School grade would go out and claim to be Yenching University Graduates. It seems there was some unfortunate trouble of that kind on the part of the two year Leather course students. As a result all have agreed that these boys will be called definitely the apprentices of the Servicing department. The Industrial Training Program committee agreed to vote a budget of \$800 to this work for next year in case there were no other funds available, such funds to be used to pay the class work program. This was done because the original agreement with the Industries which furnished the I.T.P. funds was that we would train this grade foremen for them. To this was added the fact that on asking the campus workers what form of social assistance they desired from the University they answered that they wanted their sons to be trained in trades by the University. Actually I think everyone agrees to the need for these boys. They are doing good work in our upkeep program, make satisfactory connections with our lower bracket (salaried employees) easier and satisfy the people who gave us funds for the I.T.P. program, most of which funds are being used for College grade instruction. If there is a Yenching and if you feel able to help this program as you indicated, I really think it is worth while to the stability of the Physical Plant of the University as well as in useful boys trained. Whatever you can manage to help will enable us to utilize that many more

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available I.T.P. China given funds, for the Engineering Courses in the Science College. However I should understand it in case you found it illogical or impossible to put funds into this kind of work. You are doing so much for Yenching in any case that I would be the last person who would desire to add to your already heaped up burdens.

Just at this moment the campus is a peaceful spot. Students are very busy with examinations. The sounds of battle and soldiers marching too and from past the front gate, aeroplanes overhead and earthquake tremors from distant ~~inning~~ bombing have faded out. The big present local trouble seems to be that Fu Tso Yus southern soldiers were all full of malaria. The Peiping mosquitoes are spreading the trouble fast and hospitals are full of malaria cases this summer.

We are getting ready for six weeks summer school. Andrew Wang, Susies husband and one of the men I trained in the old days, is in charge of the shops and power plant. He is a great lad and worked his head off heating the campus with 1500 tons of 39% ash coal last winter (instead of prewar 4,000 tons of good coal) Now he is using the apprentice boys to get the shops ready for summer school and he will help me teach the summer school classes. We shall have 67 students in shops this summer. We scheduled them six hours a day but they have asked to work eight and be allowed to work off their summer school fee in the extra two hours per day so we are trying it. We need to make a lot of apparatus to get our engineering laboratories ready for next year. We have our first senior class in engineering. I am using the third year men in the drafting rooms to make the designs for the apparatus and the sophomores and freshman, after they have gotten off their summer school hours, to work with the apprentices under the supervision of the third year men to make the apparatus for testing etc.

We are very comfortably situated on our little Chinese house in the middle of a lake full of lotus flowers (on an island) It is one nice thing about Yenching and that is that we dont need to go anywhere for a vacation. I feel sorry for those who live in Peiping. We are trying to havethem out here all we can, during the summer.

Ruth is very busy with the gardens she has planted all about our small garden. Unfortunately the weeds seem to grow better than the flowers or vegetables. She is also teaching in a near by orphanage and helping run a Yenching clinic for nearby villagers. I believe they give a lot of attention to baby clinic and children.

Please give my best to Betty. She must feel pretty proud of her family these days.

Yours very sincerely,

Samuel M. Dean

*Sam Dean*

*June 25/48.*

*Cannon sounded again last night in some distant battle.*

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 15, 1948

Dr. Sidney D. Gamble  
347 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Sid,

I am writing from Yenching University. At long last a plan which seemed to be the most advisable one has been put into operation in part at least, and I am getting my first introduction to the administrative task of helping Yenching University.

A great deal of the problems of the university center around the questions which can be solved only by the developments of the political situation. So far the immediate vicinity of Yenching is quiet, people are going for vacation to Pa-ta-chu and Hsiang Shan, and report quiet conditions. Wo-fu-ssu is not considered quiet and safe. Of course, in the region near Pa-ta-chu are located the electric light works, the Shih-ching-shan foundry, and a few other institutions which must be very heavily guarded by the nationalist forces.

Student agitation is still active. During the past few days it has centred on the case of the Northeastern students. Their demonstrations and activities have resulted in loss of life. One of the newer developments is the organization of popular groups, to eliminate the communists and bandits. Thus, the situation has turned into a conflict between students and the town people and villagers. Probably both groups are incited by professional agitators. The heads of some Yenching students and the windows of Yenching and Tsinghua buses have suffered as a consequence. Tsinghua was picketed day before yesterday by these new groups. So far they have not appeared on the Yenching campus.

I hope that you have fully recovered from your sickness and will soon be able to continue your various service activities, even though there must be some let-up in their tempo.

My very best regards to Betty. Mary would join me in this if she were here, but she is now in Kuling for a visit with Ann, Frank and Billy. I hope to join them before long.

Very cordially yours,

*Dwight*  
Dwight W. Edwards  
Executive Secretary

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PEIPING, CHINA  
July 31, 1948

Mr. Sidney D. Gamble,  
347 Madison Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sid:

I don't know whether your letter of July 22 does more to increase or to relieve my apprehension as to your health. Certainly it is very bad news to hear about those five weeks in hospital and four weeks recuperation, not to say the present go slow campaign. It is of course good news to know that you really have improved and feel better and to realize that a multitude of people (including my own father) have lived to a ripe old age and done a lot of very useful work in spite of a bad heart condition by treating the case with due respect and care. You may have some trouble training the many people and organizations who have been accustomed to lean on you to twine about some other strong support.

Louise could meet a number of real communists on this campus. However she would be a lot better than most of us are in case she could spot them. They are here alright and very busy kicking up trouble in a very clever way but they never come out in the open. You can easily know who the pinks and the hot heads are among the students and professors alike but it isn't easy to definitely be sure that a certain person is really a professional, trained Communist Party organization agent.

Our sixty more Engineering Students have had several tough times. They refused to join the Anti American strike last Spring and this summer said they were working hard eight hours a day in the shops to learn how to construct China and had no time to join the parade to raid and wreck the Peiping Municipal offices (when a number of students were shot) As a result the I.T.P. was placarded as Unpatriotic, on the University walls. (At the order of the student government) They went out and tore off the placards and said any time they were so libeled they would tear down the similar signs. They may be in for trouble next year but are a rather husky and stubborn bunch. It seems that certain of the professors and students alike in Journalism, Sociology, Political Science etc. consider that their strikes and political moves are part of their training and laboratory work. It also seems that the engineering students consider that their job is to learn how to work and build. They are not very interested in each others courses or laboratories. Unfortunately the strikers and marchers seem to think that every one must join them or he is unpatriotic. The engineering boys don't mind the others doing what they want but object to being ordered about and told they can't do what they want to do as well.

The other day Vice President Li Tsung Jen visited the campus and went thru the shops. The boys and girls were all hard at work. Most of the boys only had on shorts. Many in bare feet. All as dirty as could be. As to the professors, well personally I was pulled out of the foundry to meet him and was dressed about like the boys. (I did have a tee shirt, shorts and old army shoes on.)

Tongshan Engineering College has decided to move south. Every time Yenching thinks they have a good professor signed up, he moves south.

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There has been plenty of fighting near the campus. I heard some big guns booming in the distance this morning. However all is quiet now. The other day Ruth came back from teaching at the orphanage near the Jade Fountain and passed 171 big military trucks loaded with soldiers on their way out. Most of the soldiers here now are from the south and have brought an epidemic of malaria with them.

I don't believe that Yenching has any plans to move south. However Cheeloo has such plans and has not actually moved. I hear that the St. Johns, Hangchow, Soochow amalgamation has about broken up.

Mr. Edwards arrived. Everyone is happy to have him here. He is so cool, logical and stable. For some reason Dr. Luh Chih Wei is called the chairman and he is called the executive secretary of an administrative committee which is to run the University.

There still seem to be plenty of applicants who want to enter Yenching. The students from Mission Schools have done the best work and a large number were accepted from those schools first. I believe that over 3,000 applicants had to be examined to choose the rest. I am glad I was too busy running our shop and surveying "summer school" to be drawn into that.

Everyone on the campus is very enthusiastic about the Fullbright Bill and the prospect of the various professors who will be here to implement our part of it. Miss Cochran is working hard on next year's schedule for Western Culture.

You ask the size of the Chinese abacus. Just now we state everything in ten thousands. For instance ~~an egg~~ an egg does not cost 110,000 it costs 11 wan. A pound of beef does not cost 1,200,000, it costs 120 wan. We did not get 160,000,000 food allowance for July from the Presbyterian Board. We got 16,000 wan. A ton of coal costs 6,000 wan. 49 pounds of flour costs 2,000 wan. A catty of cornmeal costs 30 wan. A catty of rice costs 50 wan. The cheapest food is one catty of tomatoes at 4 wan over against a catty of apples at 30 wan etc. I am sure you are glad you are no longer making price curves in China. What a curve that would be.

Dr. Wilson, who is Dean of the Science College, asked me whether I thought you would be able to give us the \$1,000 toward the Foremans training budget this year (since North China conditions shut off a lot of our expected gifts from Chinese Industries) I urged him to leave the \$800 on the budget so as to give you a chance to see at the end of 1948 whether it was convenient or not. You have so many other obligations. You will of course realize that in case you could manage it without too much difficulty, it will help us to that extent on our 1949 budget which we have to start getting ready for now. I do hope that you will not feel obligated in this matter. You have made our industrial work possible for so many years that I have a sentimental reason for wanting to have you share in it still. Frankly we either have to raise a very substantial budget in China soon or do something drastic. But should you be behind the foremans training we might at least save that should the China Industries fail us elsewhere. Then again as you write, circumstances may close us entirely down. All too true.

I hope Betty keeps you on a tight rein. Live Long Sid. Live Long.  
Yours sincerely, Sam Dean.

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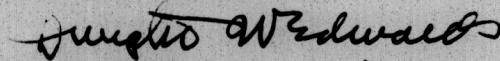
My dear Sid:

Your letter of July 23 reached me on my return from my first trip to Yenching in my new capacity. I am replying to it just before going back on the second trip. This time I shall be gone about three weeks. For your information and understanding, I write to say that the plane ticket will cost me \$512,000,00 0. A few weeks ago it was \$277,000,000. However, the issuing of new currency on a US\$ reserve upsets the whole financial picture and it is even uncertain as to whether I shall be able to find ways and means by which I can pay the CNAC before Monday. We are all wondering just what the result will be. On the surface it would appear that a currency with US\$ back of it would have much more meaning than the present one with nothing except the government stamp back of it.

I have written Bob McMullen stating that I do not anticipate there will be a military capture of Peiping or Tientsin, or any of the large cities. There is more danger of a peace by negotiation and the establishment of a coalition government. In the latter case Yenching and similar institutions could, I believe, carry on without too much interference and difficulty. At least I am betting on it and making plans accordingly. It would be unfortunate for Yenching to move at the present time. I shall look forward to see Don and Helen and Dr. Webster when they arrive.

With very best regards, I remain

Cordially yours,



Dwight W. Edwards

DWE:IS

Box 791, Oak Bluffs, Mass.  
August 23rd. 1948.

Dear Dwight;

Mr. Evans reports that he has been in touch with the Princeton campus fund people, Mr. Burton McLean particularly, and that he is very enthusiastic about what he hears of PYF work in Peiping and that he sees in it a program that can be presented to the campus on a strongly religious basis. We will do all we can to encourage him and give him any material that he needs.

I understand from Mr. E. that Mr. McL has drawn around him a group of students who are both outstanding and interested in religion, and that he thinks of one or two of them as men who could do a good job as a Princeton representative at Yenching. I understand he also visualizes an increased campus interest if it were announced that a P. man was going to be sent to Yenching with money raised on the campus. He also sees the 50th anniversary as very helpful in our promotional work.

You have been close enough to Yenching to know some of the problems that go with having a fresh P. graduate come out to Y. to do work with the students. Some have done well, others not so well. I think most of them have felt it something of a problem to try to promote much work with the Chinese students. Bob Barnes did a grand job if I remember rightly. Perhaps we have another such in the offing. McAfee, on the religious program, came home for further work after a year on the campus.

I have asked Mr. E. to write to you the whole story as he sees it. At present he is much closed to the Princeton interest. I am writing to ask what your feeling would be about the project. Are there any special reasons at this time that would work against a new comer on the campus. Would another foreigner coming out when numerous Chinese have to retire make for difficulty for him or for you. Would you have a place to use such a person. (I don't know the departments of the men who might be interested) Would he work on the campus religious program, teach English, teach basic courses in his department etc. etc.?

We naturally would not want to start talking about sending a man to Y. unless we were sure that he would be welcome next fall. So we send our questions on to you. The uncertainties of the political situation of Sept. 1949 can be discounted I think. If it blows up it would be influences beyond our control which would absolve PYF of the charge of starting something it wouldn't finish.

I am quite thrilled by the enthusiasm of the campus people for our PYF work in China. As they are starting a new era on the campus I am anxious to go along with them in every way for I see it developing campus interest, campus money, and starting a lot of boys contributing while in college and continuing after they graduate. So if their suggestions of sending out a man can fit with your program I think it would be well to encourage it. If however it will not work well at Y. we have no desire to put a fresh grad. up against an impossible situation. So please advise us what is our best move now.

If they are to get this item in as a campus chest object we will need to give the campus the green light fairly soon. I think the campaign is usually around November 1st. I trust you will be able to find a moment to cogitate on this problem ere long and will let us know the Y. reaction to the Princeton suggestion.

I hope you have been able to get away for a good rest at Kuling. We are having a good summer here on the Vineyard.

Mr friends tell me that I am looking better all the time so I hope I am making progress.

Please keep the pressure on to send publicity material on College of Public Affairs. We need it more than ever if we are to make the most of our 50yr. story.

As ever,

June 21, 1949

Mr. E. M. McBrier  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Mac:

Thank you for the booklet written by William King giving the history of the Yenching campus. It is an interesting story and certainly should not be lost. It is good of you to take the time and trouble to have the booklet reproduced so it will be available to friends of Yenching.

I hope you have a good summer. I am taking all of my family to Europe, sailing next month.

In September, my oldest daughter and her husband are to sail from England for Bombay for two years of post-graduate study in India. I think they are fortunate that they did not plan their foreign experience in China!

Sincerely yours,

Sidney D. Gamble

SDG:gs

July 5, 1949

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PEIPING, CHINA

Mr. Sidney D. Gamble  
347 Madison Ave.  
New York City. N.Y.

Dear Sid:-

Trains are going thru to Shanghai so I hope letters get thru as well. In any case I will try.

The University is understaffed all along the line and seems to have plenty of students. We are busy enough. Students are crowding into engineering. We have over sixty engineering freshmen and this years graduating class turned out seventeen mechanical and one chemical engineer.

The Trade School boys whose budget you financed, now are fifty in number and are a fine, hard working lot. When the fighting was in progress they armed themselves with pipes and patrolled the shop and power plant area day and night, so nothing was damaged by the retreating troops. That is one good thing about having equipment so largely made by the boys them-selves. They appreciate it more and protect it.

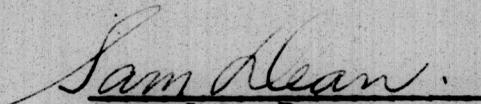
The University is solving alot of difficult problems under it's able Chinese leadership. Dr. Luh Chih Wei has really proved his capacity. He is going right ahead in full faith that all problems financial and otherwise will be solved. It takes a lot of courage and faith. Both he and all of us were enheartened by the news that our American friends were still behind the University.

The Theological School graduated seven in a separate and well attended graduation exercise. To the present there does not seem to have been any opposition on the campus to the religious life of such of us as are Christians. There is and always has been, opposition on the part of some students, from every class.

The housing problem at Yenching is a very present one. Previous housing took care of professors only. Now of course everyone must be housed. We are working on the matter.

Best to every one.

Yours as ever,

  
Samuel M. Dean.

Received 8/8/49

Ack'd By \_\_\_\_\_

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July 10, 1949

總務處  
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

Mr. Sidney N. Gamble  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sidney:

I have just returned from a Sunday noon meal with Ran and Louise Sailer. On their library table I found your splendid letter of April 15th to the supporters of the Princeton-Yenching Foundation. It was an inspiring letter and one which I am sure will bring the results you wish to have.

We have been compelled this year to carry on in the spirit of the S.S. song for children: "you in your small corner and I in mine". However, we hope that in the near future this state will have passed away and once again we can freely communicate with you and all the wonderfully loyal supporters of the venture we are carrying on here at Yenching.

As I look back over the past six and more months and consider what we have experienced it is almost unbelievable that Yenching is still here, running normally, campus in beautiful condition, life peaceful and people generally happy.

Last December 6th, Dr. C. W. Luh and I wrote replies to a letter of inquiry from Rev. Robert J. McMullen in which he asked for answers that demanded some prophetic vision. In looking over the questions and our answers recently I was truly astonished at the accuracy with which the answers have been realized. It seems to me that the esprit de corps which was generated among us all by a courageous talk which Dr. Luh gave before the University Council last December has been the power which created the new situation. Dr. Luh said at that time that come what may, life, death or persecution he would remain at his post and see Yenching through the crisis. It was a thrilling utterance and one which united us all into a solid and unified family. Those who left us were apparently unfitted for the strain which loomed before them.

I feel that we have lived through days somewhat similar to those which the children of Israel experienced when they saw the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, symbols of God's will. No one will ever likely know how much influence our act of faith had in shaping the future. It is vision, courage, determination, loyalty to ideals which create a new world. These qualities have been amply expressed in the lives of our colleagues during the past few months.

The College of Public Affairs has adjusted itself most admirably to the changing scene. Ho Kuo-liang left in December but all the other faculty members remained. They have taught their courses as usual and have had a normal teaching life during the past semester. For the coming year there will be some courses offered which will be in keeping with the present regime but the body of the curriculum will be the same as before. Yenching is considered as an international institution where a broad outlook upon the problems of humanity is drilled into our students. The College of Public Affairs is carrying out this commission with fidelity and signal success. The detailed reports concerning the College Dr. Chao Ch'eng-hsin will be the person to provide.

Mr. Sidney N. Gamble  
July 10, 1949

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Commencement exercises took place on June 28th. There was a total of 170 students graduated about half of whom had already left the campus for various reasons. It was a unique occasion in several ways. For the first time that any person can remember it rained during the time of the usual procession. But this did not mean that caps, gowns and hoods were ruined by the rain. Also for the first time, it was decided that no gowns of any kind would be worn by either the faculty or students. All the gowns we formerly had were removed during the Japanese occupation. Since then not a one has been replaced. We have had to rent gowns if we used them. This year it seemed entirely improper for us to spend money on gowns when students cannot afford to have food of the kind they formerly had much less to rent academic gowns. Furthermore, we all felt that the time has come when Yenching should have an academic outfit which would express our own campus life, something newly created. Perhaps by a year from now we will have new gowns a la Yenching's own creation.

We surely do thank you, Sidney, for the Christmas greetings you send us. Your family is growing up, every year marks a distinct change. Our generation is being pushed into the category of the "old folks". But life at every station has its fascinations and rewards. So we thank God and take courage! We hope that you are all well and happy. Our family has been unusually happy this year because Leighton (21) has been in Yenching this year and has profited tremendously by this unusual year. Our oldest son Allen is married and in the GE plant in Schenectady. He is planning to join the Yenching staff two years hence. Cecilia (18) is taking the Yenching entrance exams next month and Ben (14) will be in high school if such there be in the city this autumn. Miss Alice Moore, who has raised so many generations of youngsters, will retire this summer. We hate to see her leave but there are other efficient teachers around.

Mildred and I are in fine health. She has carried a full schedule of voice teaching this year and I have acted for Stephen Ts'ai as controller in addition to teaching. Were it not for excellent helpers and a wonderful spirit of cooperation among all members of the staff we could not have pulled through the year. As it was, the Yenching Chorus sang Mendelssohn's difficult oratorio "Elijah" both in Asbury Methodist Church, Peking and in Bashford Memorial Auditorium here. The Peking audience was the largest we have ever sung to I think. In spite of a long program not a person left. People stood in the aisles, sat on window sills, crowded every available space. We had prepared the programs so that the English words had Chinese equivalents immediately under them so that the full sense of what was transpiring could be followed easily.

We want most of all to feel the undergirding spirit of your support, your sympathy and your inspiring leadership in our exciting and new venture. Yenching has a unique role to play. You are an integral part of it. So we need your criticisms as well as your help in other ways. Please write us soon. We are so hungry for restored connections with you all.

With kindest regards,

Yours faithfully,

*Bliss*

Bliss Wiant

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Received

Ack'd By

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

法學院院長室

July 12, 1949

Dr. S. D. Gamble  
Princeton-Yenching Foundation  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Gamble:

Taking the opportunity of Dr. Lucius Porter's leaving for America, I am writing you this letter to extend the warmest greetings from members of the College of Public Affairs to you and all Princeton friends.

In the first place, let me say, inspite of the assistance given to the reactionary national government by the American government, the relations between the common citizens of the two nations are as ever before warm and unshaken. We hope the people in America by now can fully grasp the meaning of the liberation movement in China, which movement is undoubtedly supported by the majority of the Chinese population in all walks of life.

In the second place, Yenching had been doing very well to render her best services to the people even under the control of the reactionary government, we here all feel that we shall have better opportunities to serve the people. The chief task of the people's government at the moment and for some time to come is to increase production for the welfare of the common people. The techniques of production and the organization of the people for production will have to be improved. The government is doing her best now to achieve this and Yenching education with the spirit of Christian service can certainly help to accomplish this.

The College is doing well. About one-fourth of the student-body left us early in the last semester to join the liberation work. Both faculty and students are in the best spirit. As to the details and plans for the coming school year, I shall write you more when the opportune moment comes.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Cheng-hsin Chao*

Ch'eng-hsin Chao,  
Dean.

CHC/epo

July 14, 1949

Dear Sam and Ruth:

We have thought often of you and have been glad to have occasional reports of your activities. It is good to know that the boilers finally arrived so that Sam can run the power house and heating plant without expecting trouble at any moment.

I take it that the ITP is very popular these days and that that and the pre-engineering courses can make a big contribution to North China these days. I can imagine how busy you both are with your many activities. I hope they won't go full speed all summer and that you will have a chance for some vacation and rest.

The Gambles are starting off for Europe on Friday. Cathie and her husband come over after Summer School closes, in August. We are going to spend some time in London, Scotland, Scandinavian Capitals, Paris. I may go to Germany for a few days to see some of the programs carried on by Church World Service.

David will be flying back early as he goes to Wesleyan University in September.

Jac and Cathie are going on to India for two years of postgraduate study and experience. I am afraid they won't find a Princeton Court in which to live but they ought to have a grand experience. They have both been studying Hindustani and other things Indian this past year.

I have been taking life easy, coming down to the office only three days a week. The doctor seems to approve of my progress. As long as I don't try to push or hurry, I get along pretty well.

We had a good visit with Dwight Edwards when he was here. He was given a Doctorate of Philanthropy by Princeton at his 45th Reunion.

This is the 50th anniversary year for Princeton in Peking and Mr. Evans and I have been working up a 50 year record. It has been lots of fun to remember the days in Peking.

I saw Larry Sears and his family in Berkeley last Spring. They are all very enthusiastic Californians. Larry is enjoying his work tremendously.

I called on Pop Gailey and found him bedridden and partially paralyzed. We had a very good visit, which the nurse said was quite unusual. Mrs. Gailey died in a sanitarium last February.

Stew Burgess has left Temple and gone back to Claremont. He has not been well this Spring but hopes to pick up his teaching again after a period of rest.

Unfortunately, the gang is all getting older and some of us are showing it!

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Dean  
c/o Mr. E. E. Waline  
11-A Carnarvan Road  
Kowloon, Hongkong, China

(Please forward)

Betty joins me in best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. Will you need a renewal of my contribution to the ITP? - SDG

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Nov, 28, 1949.

Mr. Sidney D. Gamble,  
347 Madison Avenue  
New York City,  
N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Sidney:-

Mr. Wiant has told me what he claims is a sure fire way to get letters thru to America so I am trying it. I do not know whether other letters to yourself and other friends got thru or not. I am pretty sure that a lot of letters written to me have never arrived. Mr. Wiant's formula is to send the letter directed to the "American or Yenching" person enclosed in an envelope addressed to:

Rev. L.M. McCoy  
22 Hennessy Road.  
H ongkong

Yenching University is going ahead with unusual problems which have to be solved by the administration as they arise. However I should say that on the whole they have been solved with real cooperation on the part of everyone whether government, students, staff or faculty.

Finances are the acute problem and how they will be solved I don't know. China's new economy is tied to the value of grain. A flood has thrown the grain value up with regard to U.S.A. gold. This has upset previous budget calculations of the Administration considerably.

We now have about 200 students in Mechanical and Chemical Engineering and these together with the Pre-Medical students make up a large share of the Science College. The University tried to make other courses easier to enter and Engineering and Pre Medicine harder to enter, even so the push to enter these courses is hard to carry with the small available equipment and funds. We have been able to obtain some very fine Chinese professors for engineering courses, but they haven't much equipment to teach with. This is rather embarrassing to experienced engineers trained both in China and in America or England or both.

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The Foremen Training students, ~~whom I have~~  
~~mentioned~~ are 46 in number. I am teaching them personally 13 hours a week since they have turned out to be very worth while young men. One class will graduate next August 1950 (22 men) and we already have a number of place asking to have this type of men since they have both learned the trade thoroughly and at least the most useful elementary theory. In fact I find that though it needs a different approach and method of teaching, many things are grasped more quickly by these boys than by the college students.

The churches in Peking and many of the Mission Middle Schools, are greatly interested at present in working out a program to train pastors, church members and children of Christians to earn a living thru trades. Some members already have certain skills which do not meet present marketable demands but which could be redirected and added to. Previous Mission Middle Schools could not obtain a large proportion of Christian children in recent years because most Christian families must get their children into earning positions early in life. Many propositions have been given. Now all the Peking Protestant Churches are working together as the Federation of Christian Churches. They asked me a lot of questions I could not answer. Conditions have changed and we on Yenching Campus have not known too much as to what new conditions make desirable or possible. I was able to get together a small fund to have a very able young Christian engineer investigate the various possibilities. The fund was only enough to run for two months but during the first month of work we have already gotten together some very interesting data. Entirely too much Church and Mission endeavor is done without any such investigation. If they would appropriate even a small part of their funds to have experts find out what is the most desirable thing to do, they would save a lot of waste money and effort. I am writing to Shanghai hoping to get our Presbyterian Office there to further back up such an investigation.

Truth Hall wishes to change the whole Middle School to Apprentice Training type work like you are supporting here. However, they like everyone else have no real data as to what to teach in order to really

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meet the needs of training Christian boys by day and Church members at night.

Personally I think that before they get done the churches and all the church primary and middle schools will have to work out a unified city wide educational program and I hope the present investigation ( no matter how small a beginning ) may help them to decide what that program should be.

We hear very little news from America . Our magazines have not come thru recently and we have only an occasional letter that gets thru. One of Don Carruthers bulletins and a Penn State Alumnae bulletin got thru and were read with great joy.

The College students are all working very hard and regularly now. Yenching has gone on to a new Program. A student takes only four big courses a semester. But these courses have 4 or 5 or 6 credits each and are really awfully stiff. The students are beginning to show signs of over work under present poorer food available.

We had 32 Americans eat Thanksgiving dinner together at Yenching and thought about our many friends in America . Our best to Betty.

Yours sincerely

Samuel Dean

*Sam Dean*

*Merry Christmas to all.*

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COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

December 1, 1949

Dr. S. D. Gamble  
Princeton-Yenching Foundation  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y. 11, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Gamble:

On July 12th, I wrote you a letter which was in the care of Dr. Porter.

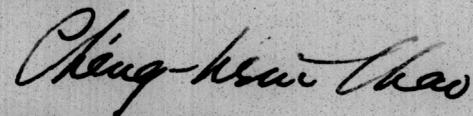
Everything is going on well on campus. The University total enrollment is about a thousand with one third women. The Sciences College has above five hundred, Arts three hundred and Public Affairs two hundred. The Departments of Economics and Sociology are doing survey work in the local district which we hope will be of service to our national reconstruction.

Your two old students, Meng Tien-pei and Wang Ho-chen, are working in the National Industrial Cooperatives. They are doing very well and both wish to be reminded to you.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and our Princeton friends for their contribution to our College budget.

With best seasonal greetings,

Sincerely yours,



Ch'eng-hsin Chao,  
Dean.

CHC/o

Addressed:  
Dr. Ch'eng-hsin Chao  
Yenching University  
Peking, West  
Hopei, China

January 18, 1950

Dr. Ch'eng-hsin Chao  
Yenching University  
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Chao:

I was very happy to have your letter of December 1st and know that work is going on so well at the University; that you have a goodly number of students in the College of Public Affairs, even though that College is not as popular as it used to be. I am glad to hear that the students in Economics and Sociology are getting experience in survey work in the local district and hope that their studies will help them work out plans for programs that will be of assistance to the national reconstruction. I know from experience how interesting and even exciting such survey studies can be to those who are making them and how the results will often point out things that need to be done in the general program.

Your letter of July 12th reached me when I was in Germany, where I was spending a week looking over the Church World Service program for Displaced Persons. I am Treasurer of CWS and as I was in Europe with my family this summer I thought it a good opportunity to see some of the activity that was being financed by the contributions from the American churches. It was a very interesting experience and I found a group of people hard at work doing everything they could to expedite the emigration of DPs to America and other countries. Another letter from the Yenching campus reached me at the same time. In answering that, I sent a message to you. I hope the letter was not lost in the mail. Another letter I tried to send to Peking was unfortunately returned to me.

We are just now making plans for the Annual Meeting of PYP on February 2nd. We are hoping to have Lucius Porter with us to bring personal word from the campus. The budget for 1950-1951 will, of course, be one of our big problems. Needless to say, we are finding it more and more difficult to raise funds for work in China.

We were fortunate to have a week-end visit from Dr. Stuart before he was taken sick. Some of my friends have seen him in the hospital and are glad to report that he is improving.

Please give my greetings to Meng Tien-pei and Wang Ho-chen. I am glad to hear that they are helping with the program of the Industrial Cooperatives.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

SDG:gs

Sidney D. Gamble

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PEIPING, CHINA

Jan 22, 1950

Mr. Sidney D. Gamble,  
347 Madison Ave,  
New York 17, N.Y.

Dear Sid :

I just received your letter of July 14th saying you were going to go to Europe. It came after your recent Christmas card which said you had been and proved it visually. Since we have had no new magazines since a few May and June copies, we are starting to reread some old geographics which we found. Some are about 1920 and very interesting to see the Bi Plans over Africa, the cannibals still cannibalizing, the old car models and people starting to learn the reasons they must use tooth paste. I hear that about the only people who still get their magazines are those who take the Christian Science Monitor. I don't know why that gets thru since I have never happened to read it much. We did get a few copies of the Ladies Home Journal some months ago.

Up to the present there seems to be no Anti Religious or Anti Christian movement in this area. If we missionaries are at times not too popular it is not because of our religion but because we are Americans. I do not suppose that most of the missionaries are very politically minded. Personally I have not much interest in anything outside Christianity and Engineering and certainly none in politics. The Chinese have the right to choose their own form of government and there seems little doubt but that they have so chosen. That may or may not mean that we as Americans can still work here. Whether we stay or go, as long as the Chinese Christians can carry on the work in hospitals, schools, Universities and churches, it seems that Christians anywhere in the world should back them up, because ~~CHRISTIANITY~~ Christianity is international, intersacial and interspiritual and has nothing to do with political differences. And such backing should not have any political strings attached.

Of course at no time have all of the students in this University been Christians. I am told that at present there are over 120 students on the campus who can be called really out and out Christians. Possibly that would not be a bad average for a college of this size in America, I don't know. ~~NOISE~~

I have been asked by various members of the University to express the appreciation of all for your contribution of \$U.S.A. 1,000.00 for the Foreman's Training Apprentices courses. There are now nineteen of these boys in the fourth year class. They will graduate this next August. There are also twenty four in the second year class. I have felt these boys were doing so well that besides my college classes I have been teaching them thirteen hours a week.

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So many of the ablest and brightest students signed up for Engineering, Pre Nursing, Pre Medicine, Journalism and Western Culture as first choice courses that all these departments are over crowded at the expense of the others. To have refused them entrance to their choice would have meant the loss of the brightest entrance candidates and the lowering of the University Standards. It is a very serious problem. Either Yenching has to somehow take care of these larger numbers of students in the popular courses or be degraded to a second rank type college .

We are struggling the best we can with the engineering end of the problem. We have obtained seven very well trained specialists in various fields of engineering. (Professors and assistant professors) We also have two lecturers and seven assistants in engineering. To the present we are only offering Mechanical Engineering (80 entrance freshmen now reduced to sixty) and Chemical Engineering (Thirty five freshmen left) Our staff find freshmen and upper classmen alike to be able and diligent students and are well satisfied with them. They feel very worried by the lack of adequate equipment. The fact that they have their degrees from Cornell, Univ. Pittsburg, Univ. Michigan etc. and have held responsible positions in China makes them feel even more keenly than I do the inadequacy of what we have.

I understand that America has ordered the American Consular staff to leave. I do not know yet what that will mean for the Americans out here in Mission work. Some Missionaries feel that our presence hinders the work of the Chinese Christians who may be misunderstood as long as we are here. Here at Yenching the Chinese Administration seems to want us to stay. There are very able Chinese leaders who can now do almost everything better than any of can do it. I myself am an example. Several of my Chinese associates are far better engineers than myself and they are earnest Christians too.

I was certainly happy to hear ~~how~~ how much your health has improved. Heart trouble is no fun. Ruth has been having a touch of it at the doctors have kept her on the bed for the last week, now she is allowed to get up some each day. Your family must have been very happy to have you feeling strong enough to be with them on the European trip. Now you start to scatter over the world with Cathie and her husband in India. Your family and part of yourself have become even more international than ever .

I think that it is more fun to teach in a University than to do the work you have done all these years of raising money for them. It must have become increasingly harder as the years went on and the numbers of schools all seeking for funds increased. You have always taken the problems of so many institutions so seriously and helped them so modestly that no one but your wife and secretary and God could possibly know (except by an occasional whisper) what you have done.

Yours sincerely,

*Sam Hearn*

YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
Peking China

Jan. 29, 1950

*Yenching*

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Dear Dad:

The official notice of the receipt from you of \$ 1042.12 for the Apprenticeship Training and Industrial Program has just come. We are truly grateful for this wonderful gift. I will let Sam Dean give you details concerning the program. I do know that a lot of fine boys are being trained in this important phase of China's program and that the boys are appreciative of this training. The parents are especially vocal in their gratitude to the university for such a program of training.

Your welcome Christmas card brought us  
a new flash of your grown-up family.  
Such pictures make us realize that  
25 years added to our own puts us in  
another category. You've got a mighty  
fine looking bunch of young people to  
look after. Hope they are all as good  
as their "pa". Our "baby" is 15 and  
taller than his parents so we are beginning  
too to feel our new place.

Today we had lunch with Wm. Adolph  
and Harriet Louckes. Those of us who were  
the newcomers in Peking only a few years  
ago have now become the old-timers.  
But how long we can't and will  
survive only the good Lord knows.

All we can say apropos to the present situation is that some people are due for a lot of activity on the part of the Greek god Nemesis. We simply cannot believe that we are now in such a China. But our exercise of patience, forbearance, goodwill and forgiveness will, we fully trust, bear appropriate fruit. After all, this is still God's world and will remain so until the crack of doom. Much as some of our good X<sup>tn</sup> friends of another color would have us believe, we are not living in the "last days" but in a highly challenging time of men and affairs. We need the

new 200-inch telescope to give us proper  
perspective now - it just came in time!

Our 18-year-old Cecilia will likely go  
home this summer to continue her education. You  
will remember that she had polio in 1933 & has a  
flail right leg but gets around with no support  
in an admirable way. We are trying to choose a  
campus for her which will be easy to negotiate all  
year round - likely Cal. She has a very charming  
personality and will get along everywhere.  
Write & tell us about your family.

Meredith joins me in sending affectionate  
greetings to you & yours.

Ever your friend

Bliss Wiant

Copy to Dr. R. J. McMillen

March 17, 1950

Dr. Harold Dodds  
Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Dodds:

Since receiving your letter of February 22nd, I have taken time to do a bit of investigating on the retirement problem of people connected with the China Colleges and the Mission Boards.

I find that Dr. Loehr joined the Yenching retirement on July 1, 1930. The College plan was set up on a five and five basis - 5% of his salary from the Professor and 5% from the University. I believe the five and five plan was felt to be a reasonable one in those days and that the 5% from the Professor would be about what his budget could provide.

If my figures are correct, I believe Dr. Loehr's salary, at the time that he joined the retirement plan, was \$2,000. That may seem to be a low salary but it was the basis on which the University hired teachers beyond the number allocated by the Mission Boards. It was the scale that he accepted when he joined the University faculty.

While you will probably feel that the Yenching retirement policy, even if carried to retirement time, would provide an unduly small amount, I find that it is quite a bit larger than would be the case if Dr. Loehr had gone out under the Methodist Board. I am told that their annuity is \$17.50 per year, multiplied by the number of years of service. I do not have the figures for the other Boards at hand but understand that they are similar. I got the Methodist figures inasmuch as Dr. Loehr is a member of the Methodist Church.

I am advised that Yenching paid its half of the retirement charge for Dr. Loehr through 1947, or for some time after he had returned from China and left the employ of the University.

I know that you will feel that Church and Mission Boards and Mission College retirement funds provide a pitifully small allowance for an individual who retires after long years of service. I can agree with you on that but, at the same time, I think you will agree with me that given a definite retirement program covering a large number of individuals it is practically impossible to make an exception for any one individual - especially after he has, of his own volition, given up his connection with the institution quite a number of years ago.

Dr. Harold Dodds

March 17, 1950

Dr. Loehr at least has the advantage of being able to take with him the accumulation covering the years he was with Yenching. I know that in the case of many American universities if he had left after twenty years of service to take other employment, even in the educational field, he would take nothing with him. One of my good friends recently changed teaching positions and while he would have had retirement provision if he had stayed to sixty-five with the University where he had taught for fifteen years, when he left he took with him no provision for later retirement. That, of course, was a non-contributory retirement plan.

You and I could philosophize for a long time over what such retirement plans are doing to the mobility of college professors, the advantages of the T.I.A.A. or government Social Security whereby retirement credits are not forfeited with change of employment but those are problems that will have to be hammered out in the years ahead.

You may be interested to learn that cables from Yenching have asked that the University discontinue its payments on the retirement contracts of the Chinese professors - apparently part of the new day in China.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney D. Gamble

SDG:gs

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June 28, 1950

Mr. Sidney D. Gamble  
347 Madison Avenue  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sid:

I am having a fine time these afternoons teaching the fourth year class of your Trade School boys. They finished their last three month shop work jolt on May 31st and June, July August finishes them up and sends them out into the wide world. Twenty should graduate and they are as satisfactory a group of boys as I have ever taught. Andrew Wang, who selected and guided their early years here and Mr. Shao who now has them in charge, as well as many others, are to be congratulated in the thorough training given in class and shops. I have not to present had much contact with the 24 boys in the class that follow but they seem to be a fine group too and I welcome the idea of giving time to them next year.

Since coming back to Yenching I don't think I have taught the College men the same subjects twice in succession. As we one by one found specialists for this subject and that, I changed to meet the need. Now we are finding M.I.T., Purdue, and Michigan men of wide experience to take over the Machine Design and Steam Power courses I carry at present. Next year we start Civil Engineering and I will join that staff to teach my own subjects of "Building Construction and Reinforced Concrete Structures". It has been a very interesting and enforced (some times strenuous) review of the subjects of my youth. At times the students have kept me on my toes. With Mechanical Engineering well under way with 116 students and an able faculty; (Chemical Engineering also is well started with 56 students) I can now resign as chairman and let an able Chinese administrator take over. C.E. has a very able man to head it up who helped build the Burma road, Air fields, was chief engineer of the road built from Changsha to Nanchang etc., so I can now join the minor prophets.

A recent survey shows that 95% of this years graduates from Senior Middle in this area intend to enter industrial training. This combined student pressure and government policy necessitates expansion of technical programs by all China Universities including Yenching. By 1954 there will be 850+ Mechanical, Electrical, Civil and Chemical Engineers on Yenching campus. Every one has been working hard at the problem and none harder than President Dr. Luh Chih Wei who has to find China raised resources to carry such a program. ( present

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Yenching finances are budgeted for existing work other than engineering )

One of the problem will be that of dormitories. Doubtless by 1954 there will be 1,400 students here. instead of 800. Three beds ( one double deck ) to a room instead of two will be the solution.

Staff housing is another problem. Professor Li and myself went over all the houses and found over twenty can easily be divided into apartments and doubtless that will gradually be done. Fortunately Yenchings early professors had big ideas of their own needs that none of us have now. We have all learned to need less in the years we have passed thru and the big old houses are here to be divided.

You will wonder how we can run technical courses in M.E. - C.E. - E.E. and Chem.E. with our available equipment. It has been a real puzzle to work out but we have had some able men and are getting more. Men make things and we have taken junk and made equipment:- are making equipment:- will make equipment. Our present equipment would not make a good American Technical College envious but thanks to what we recovered from the Japanese of the University Power Plant, what we have been able to buy second hand and rebuild, what we have made ourselves and what Dr. Wilson and myself were allowed to purchase while in America and we will compare very favorably with the other technical colleges in this area, when certain further logical equipment is added.

What we need the worst is a good Electrical Engineering Laboratory. We are using the north side of the power plant for Direct and Alternating Current Lab. and the south side as our heat power Lab. We have picked up junked motors and generators, rotate small classes in Labs. in large numbers of groups, and do the best we can. Our present plans include building up the electric Lab. year by year. When I was home we expected Westing house to give us equipment but we got none. Our motors and generators are British, American, Italian, German, Austrian, Japanese junk - picked up cheap and repaired. We expect to get further equipment as funds are available from year to year and in time will have the most international Electric Lab. in China.

The government is asking all Universities to add two year short courses to train super foremen type men. What we shall do here has not yet been settled. Should courses be so set up that some of this years trade school men could enter it for further training, would you agree to some of the fund you allocated to this work being used as scholarships for such boys?

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The government is making 100,000 animal power well irrigation water wheels to supply the farmers of this area. Our school shops have been assigned 1,000 to make. We made 250 stoves for our faculty last winter and are now making 30 machines to expand our shop training facilities so the trade school students have plenty to keep them busy. The leather tanning shop has made hundreds of shoes from their leather and the ceramics shop is coming along too. The Mongolian government is going to pay Professor Sun's salary and establish a paper (pilot) plant here to train their people to make paper. The Chee Hsin Cement Company is going to give Yenching a pilot cement making plant and furnish a professors salary for cement specialization.

Prof. Chao Chung Hsin, Dr. Yen, Dr. Chang and others from the College of Public Affairs are very busy reshaping their courses to train people to go into Shop Welfare Work - Safety first Campaigns - Industrial Cost Accounting - etc.etc. Many previously offered courses do not now lead any where.

Science, Premedicine, Pre Nursing, Engineering, Public Affairs revamped courses all have government approval as meeting China's present needs. Liberal Arts has a harder row to hoe but is working on the matter. Education and Languages seem most able to attract students who specialize to teach certain courses ( History, Music, Philosophy, Psychology, Geography etc.) or to go into diplomatic work perhaps.

The "School of Religion" seems to meet neither with approval nor disapproval from the government. It's students and faculty have a large place in the life of this campus, a place far beyond the size of it's student body. It is the nucleus of the Christian Fellowship of some 120 members ( I am told ) who in turn have a still wider influence for good.

The present general attitude toward missionaries seems to be a mild suspicion of all American's and British but tolerance toward those who have been in China long enough so it is well known that they have no political connections of any kind and are here only to do religious, educational or medical work. The evangelists are possibly less welcome than educators and doctors and nurses since they are rated unessential by the government. For some time to come it is not likely that new American or British missionaries will be able to easily enter though doctors and engineers might have more chance. However just now a fine engineer, Mr. Sauer, is in Hongkong ready to come here from the Presbyterian Board; we need him but Yenching Administration does not dare to invite him for fear he might embarrass them should he be illogical;

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Ruth was very sick but is better now having been operated on for thyroid. She sends her best to yourself and Betty.

We have recently read several letters to people on the campus from Dick Ritter. He has been having a most interesting experience.

I imagine you are receiving interesting news from Cathie and her husband from India.

This new government certainly has done a marvelous job with all kinds of transportation, roads and rivers and with cleaning up Peking Streets, Sewers and canals.

Yours sincerely,

*Sam Hearn*

MANSFIELD FREEMAN

Mansfield Freeman, President of the Asia Life Insurance Company, was born in Waltham, Mass. on September 16, 1895 son of Luther and Bertha Frances (Mansfield). He was educated in public schools of Tennessee and Missouri; Morningside Academy, Sioux City, Iowa; Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, A.B. 1916, and Edinburgh University, Edinburgh, Scotland 1919. He married Mary Houghton October 15, 1919. He has one child, Houghton. In 1917 he was engaged in private tutoring in Manchester, Mass. From 1919-23 he taught English and philosophy at Tsing Hua College, Peiping, China. He was branch manager of the Asia Life Insurance Company from 1923-24, assistant secretary, head office, Shanghai in 1925, secretary 1926-30, vice president 1931-32, and president from 1933 on. He has been Chairman of the Board and president of the United States Life Insurance Company and on the board of directors of that company in New York City since 1935, director of Asia Life Insurance Company since 1928, Underwriters Savings Bank since 1930, Post Mercury Company since 1935, and vice-chairman of C. V. Starr & Company since 1934. He served with the A.E.F. Base Hospital No. 1 Vichy, France, 1917-18. He is the author of Yen Hsi Chai, a 17th Century Philosopher, The Ching Dynasty, Criticism of Sung Politico Philosophy, The Philosophy of Tai Tung Yuan (published in the Journal of North China British Royal Asiatic Society, Vols. LVII, LIX, LXIV, respectively). He plays tennis and golf. His home is at Closter Dock Road, Alpine, New Jersey and office at 84 William Street, New York, N. Y.

*Yenching*

Harbor Point, Michigan.  
July 3rd, 1950.

Mr. Mansfield Freeman,  
84 William St.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mansfield;

It certainly is good news to hear that you are in the process of becoming the Treasurer of the United Board for C.C.C. (Its a terrible long name but they do a lot of work under that title and it needs to be something of an impressive title to unite all the C.C.C.s). I certainly congratulate the Board on your election and acceptance for I know you will be a good one to keep an eye on the fiscal activities of the Board and keep them in order.

You will find Henry Seaman a good person to work with, quiet but efficient. He seems to have things under good control. He and I have even been able to work out together a simplification of the accounts for Princeton Yenching Foundation. I hope the new system will make the monthly reports more readable to the ordinary trustees

The news from the Orient is not so good these days. I wonder how many other places the Russians will get their errand boys to break out with fighting. It may keep the fire department very busy running around to put out the fire. I hope that the general reaction to the communist move will put an extra lift behind the support of the Colleges in China. As an American foot in the door they ought to be able to do good work, for a time at least. The Princeton Grads have stayed with Princeton Yenching Foundation very well this last year. With the help of a big gift that came in just before the end of June we should equal last year's record in amount though down some in the number of contributors.

Its been good to work with you on USC. I'm glad that we can do it for UBCCC. The best of luck with the new job.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. Our boy David has just gotten his Freshman marks from Wesleyan.

Air Mail

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August 24, 1950

Mr. Sidney D. Gamble  
347 Madison Ave.  
New York, 17  
N. Y.

Dear Sid:

Your letter of July 17, 1950 was the most reading I have had from home for a long time. We don't get magazines thru.

One by one your children are climbing up the ladder. I quite expected Louise to graduate with all sorts of honors. Even in her younger pictures she always looked like a personage.

Jack and Cathie's house boat remind me of the big steel one costing \$10,000.00 that I used to look at almost every night when I was last in New York. It was in the big store window of a company who specialize in boats. I couldn't make up my mind whether on retiring Ruth and myself had best plan to live in a "Jeep and Trailer" or "House boat". Both seem equally fascinating to me. Poor Ruth, she is out of luck to have me as her husband. She has stuck by pretty bravely - internment camps and all.

In case you do go to India I wish you lots of health for the trip. I hope you can make it since I know how the sand must be irritating your feet.

The Ting Hsien Story will be something if it equals the Peking survey. As the years pass your books will be increasingly sought in libraries by those doing research work. Dr. Smith said of China "There are no facts" but you have collected some very useful ones.

Every eye in Yenching is mightily encouraged by the great backing given thru the friends of Princeton Yenching and other sources. I think they do realize the hard going and are the more amazed and pleased.

Most Americans with children have left this area. The doctors at first thought we ought to leave be-

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cause of Muth's bad heart. But finally seem to think we can stay.

At present the only Presbyterian Missionaries in North China are Miss Witmer and Miss Logan at Paoting Fu - The Lewis Family ( who may go soon ) and Miss Barnes in Peking - The Deans and Wolferz and Miss Cochran at Yenching. The doctor ordered Miss Cochran to go but she wont.

As to the "Foreman Training" Program :- We are graduating 19 this summer of the 30 more we took about 5 years ago. I am teaching them 21 hours a week. None of our Engineering faculty has any summer vacation (since the College Engineering Students are in Summer School as well). Every boy in the "Foremans Training" Graduating Class has five to six possible positions.

The graduates of our five year engineering course obtain 284 Catties of grain a month as starting salary. Your " Foreman Training " Boys obtain 250 Catties of grain a month to start so you can see the need for them. Some are going to the mines -- some to the railway repair shops -- some to electric power plants etc.

Next summer we shall graduate another 26 of your boys. They are already spoken for.

The college graduate engineers obtain higher salaries than any other department save medical people ( 284 Catties per month to start) This government is doing every thing it can to build up Public Health - Sanitation - Education - Agriculture and Industry

The College of Science has become the College of Science and Engineering with Dr. Ralph Lapwood - (Cambridge) (Mathematics ) as Dean. and Dr. Chu Sheng Lin (Chicago Univ. Physics ) Assistant Dean. This years freshmen plan for 40 Chemical Engineers - 40 Mechanical Engineers - 30 Civil Engineers - 40 Pre Medical as well as Physics - Mathematics - Chemistry - and Biology Majors.

The engineering budget had to be China raised (with the exception of the \$1,000.00 you gave for Foremans Training) Dr. Luh had raised \$ U.S. 33,000.00 equivalent of a needed U.S. \$ 60,000.00 equivalent budget for engineering for equipment, buildings and running for 1950/51 but to present don't

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know where the rest will come from. He seems to believe he will get it some where.

We are supposed to have four new Chemical Eng. faculty and three new Mechanical Eng. faculty this year. To present we didn't find them at Yenching salaries since the outside demand for engineers is so strong. Those of us who are here will have a terrible schedule next year. We have all five classes of Mechanical Engineers to teach and they are bright boys.

We are changing 20 of the professors houses into apartments. It has been some job. Every-one had his choice of houses according to rating based on Size of family - position and number of years at Yenching.

It has been difficult to satisfy every one with the changes when not over \$ 400.00 to \$ 500.00 could be spent to change a house into apartments. Some people desire to change one ordinary house into two big apartments with a lot of rooms. We engineers are as usual the bad fellows.

You will realize that previous to the war Yenching only housed big shots. Now we are all big shots, which is a lot more fair if you ask me.

Luckily Ruth and myself had previously chosen to live in a little Chinese house with cement floors and Stove heating so people were kind enough not to ask us to move. However forty faculty members are moving ( I understand ) in a regular game of "Pussy wants a corner ". Some are not pleased with the arrangement. I am glad we lived in an internment camp. Everything looks wonderful to us now.

Dr. Bliss Wiant the Controller, (and head of the Music Department ) asked me to be sure and find out what chance we had for the \$ 1,000.00 U.S. for Foremans Training next January 1951.

We hope that you and Betty and the whole family keep well.

Yours sincerely,

*Sam Dean*

SMD/sw

Samuel M. Dean

*P.S. Under separate cover I am sending you a picture of your this years graduates.*

Mr. Sidney D. Gamble:  
347 Madison Ave,  
New York.

July 22, 1951  
Yenching Univ.  
Peking, China.

Dear Sid:

I am certainly happy to learn from your letter of July 10 that the strenuous India trip did not hurt you physically. Going about with "up and coming" young people like Jack, Cathie and Louise and seeing things both thru your experienced eyes and their young eyes must have kept you physically and mentally on the jump. I think that Betty must have been pretty lonesome with all of you so far away. She will be happier with Jack and Cathie so near as Univ. of Penn. I had never heard of the Institute of International Education but then I know nothing recent about America, since we have had almost no magazines for two years time and actually none for over a year. I hear that British magazines still come thru but of course I never see them.

I cannot but hope that David continues to miss the draft since I can see no good to anyone that has come from the past few wars nor can I conceive of any further good from any future wars. I myself never cared much for swimming and boats and have always liked the mountains so would, like Anne, choose a ranch and camping every time. I suppose she is going to be a senior in the high school (private school) near your home that you and Betty once took me to visit when Cathie was small. I remember that the children put on some very well acted Shakespeare plays. Soon enough she will be in college and riding head on the professors at Holyoke (I suppose).

Gilkey (Methodist), Lapwood (London Mission) and myself are still here. Our salaries are now paid by the University on the Chinese staff basis according to our rank. It is a very satisfactory arrangement since it is not good to have mission funds sent to us. Lapwood and myself have rather higher ranks, since we have so many years experience and have accumulated a few diplomas and degrees. Gilkey is not married, so perhaps can live cheaper. I get about \$60.00 a month equivalent and a house so we can obtain good and simple food. I report it to our mission treasurer in Hongkong.

A ten day Christian student conference is now under way on the campus. Do you remember the old student conferences at Wa Fo Ssu? Yenching seems to now be the center for such conferences since the Theological School is still going strong. In fact there seems to be no interference with Christian work in this area as long as the organization, leadership and funds are purely Chinese. Dr. Chao ran about and somehow got together China raised funds to go ahead for next year. He looks very tired and older these days, but very tranquil and happy. Miss Burt, who was teaching history of religion in the theological school was the last of their foreign staff to leave. Now their whole staff is Chinese. They have been assigned the theological building, several residences for professors, the Quaker Student Center and a good portion of the N.W corner of ~~Cing Chin~~ Yuan part of the campus. Their students are raising crops on their portion of the campus to help their expenses.

There are possibly about two hundred engineering students in summer school this year. (Shopwork, surveying, drafting etc) Andrew Wang (Susie's husband) and myself are running a joint course of four hours each morning for six days a week in Machine Design, Steam Engines, Boilers and Steam Turbines; for two months. (About 200 hours total) In the afternoons I am working on my courses for next year. I am on two committees of engineering staff members to work out two new courses on a new basis. The first in (Steam Boilers, Steam Engines and Steam Turbines) for Mechanical Engineers and the second in (Machine Design and Heat Power Equipment Used for High Way Construction) for Civil Engineers. Present courses must teach all theory based on step by step calculation and design examples and projects. It seems to me a very sound way to teach and I am very happy to cooperate with my associates to work out the portions assigned to me. In the new method of teaching, several specialists each give their own portion of a course and besides the above two courses I will be cooperating in teaching reinforced concrete to the Civil Engineers, next year. (God willing).

Yenching is erecting new dormitories for 200 men, a new dining hall for 500 women and a new combined electrical and drafting (engineering) building.

I am very thankful to say that I no longer have any administrative duties. There is some compensation in having passed the sixty year old age mark. Now I have nothing to do but teach. Our able Chinese run everything far better than it was ever run before. Some things are gradually different but on the whole better, not worse. Many interesting educational experiments are being discussed and tried out. Generally they have to be continually modified but get better all the time.

Neither you nor I know the China of today. This is my thirty seventh year in China and there have been more far reaching changes in the last two years than in all the first thirty five. The old general feeling of apathy and hopelessness that extended from the small farmer and skilled worker right up thru the business classes and college professors, is gone. Everyone is going somewhere and doing something about every China problem. The movements are so vast and far reaching and so many people are involved over so huge an area that no one completely understands just what is going on everywhere. One thing is sure and that is the fact that from the humblest to the highest, this huge population of over 500,000,000 people over a vast area is on the move to build up their country. They are super zealous in the idea that all organization, leadership and funds must be Chinese. If foreigners want to help them, they must fit into the scheme on the basis of their comparative ability and the need for that ability over and against the available supply of Chinese experts in their definite field. The number of Chinese engineers and doctors of ability and training and experience is now very large, compared to the available supply when I came out in 1914. They speak and read and write Chinese perfectly and besides that are excellent engineers and doctors. There are without doubt hundreds of Chinese engineers who could teach any subject I am connected with better than myself and I have greatly wondered whether or not I should stay. However, to the present, the University seems to feel I should remain, at least next year, since the country is so huge and the work of building up the nation is proceeding on such a vast basis that they still are glad to have engineers of my experience in China teach certain subjects. How long I shall be further needed is a question since the students arriving at Yenching have less and less English preparation and receive less here. Furthermore all text books in engineering are being translated or rewritten in Chinese. Beginning with this summers class I am teaching in Chinese (speaking) and only use an English word when I get stuck. Lapwood is doing the same in "athematics, though we write English notes on the Board when needed.

I am sure that many people wish that Ran Sailer were still on this campus. He and Louise Sailer were certainly appreciated here as teachers. He would find many new things being done in education, with which he would certainly agree.

We live on a very small island in the Ching Chon Yuan part of the campus. It is full of rocks and trees and we have a little Chinese house. Ruth spends most of her time (when not working in the clinic) trying to make the rocks grow her type plants. They have their own ideas and insist on growing other things. Now she has started taking some of the better looking weeds and started planting and growing them methodically. They look very nice along with a few plants like butter balls and zinnias which consent to grow in the sun and lilies than will grow in the shade. Our ash pipe grows out into the lake behind the house and grows good tomatoes.

Susies two little girls, Ruthie and Rhona are a real blessing to us. They and Susie and Andrew pop in with their dog Berber (who chases our cat B.B.) and liven up the place. The other day a Chinese student from Java came to see us and remarked that in Java these lotus ponds around us would be full of crocodiles who would sun themselves on our rocks, moo like cows and eat people. Ruth has decided to keep away from Java.

Our best to everyone. Yours sincerely, Sam Dean *Sam*

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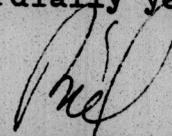
December 18, 1951

Dr. Sidney D. Gamble,  
347 Madison Avenue,  
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Sid:

Our very careful treasurer wants some sort of authorization to cover payment to Lucy Burt for the typewriter she left with the School of Religion. You will recall that you and Eric and I agreed that that would be a legitimate charge against School of Religion funds. Will you, as Chairman of the Yenching Committee, drop me a note stating such approval so that Henry Seaman will be satisfied for a while?

Cordially yours,

  
William P. Fenn  
Executive Secretary

WPF:D

December 21, 1951

Dr. William P. Fern  
United Board for Christian  
Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, New York

Dear Dr. Fern:

I understand that when Miss Lucy Burt left  
Yenching she turned her typewriter over to the School  
of Religion.

I feel that it is quite in order for us to  
reimburse Miss Burt for the value of the typewriter  
and approve payment of such an amount from the  
Yenching School of Religion funds.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney D. Gamble  
Chairman, Yenching Committee

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UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Tel. WAtkins 9-8703

Cable: ABCHICOL

January 26, 1953

Dr. Sidney D. Gamble  
347 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Gamble:

Among the Endowment accounts of Yenching University, there is included the Mary Huggins Gamble Fund amounting to \$25,000.00 which the University received as the result of a bequest in the will of Mrs. Gamble.

Although the bequest was invalid under the laws of the State of Ohio of which Mrs. Gamble was a resident, the residuary legatees made an arrangement through you as Trustee to make certain payments over a 4 year period which resulted in establishing this Fund.

The purpose of and the conditions surrounding this gift are described in your letter of February 6, 1930 from which the attached is extracted.

As you know, the principal condition of this gift, that the income only therefrom be used for the work of Yenching University, can not now be fulfilled by reason of the present political situation in China.

It is the desire of the United Board, the legal successor by Charter of consolidation to the Trustees of Yenching University, that the income from this Fund be used for purposes within its amended charter.

It would be appreciated if you as Trustee could give your consent to the use of the income from the Mary Huggins Gamble Fund for such purposes of the United Board and that the 25 year limitation on the use of the principal of the Fund as described in paragraph 5 of your letter of February 6, 1930 be extended to the United Board as successor to the Trustees of Yenching University.

Very truly yours,

*Henry B. Seaman*

HENRY B. SEAMAN  
Associate Treasurer

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March 17, 1953

United Board for Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, New York

Gentlemen:

Beginning in February 1930, I, as Trustee of a certain Trust Fund, made various payments to Yenching University, amounting to a total of \$25,000.00. That gift is known as the Mary Huggins Gamble Fund.

Under the terms of my gift, as set forth in my letter of February 6th, 1930, certain limited restrictions were placed on the use of the principal. The income was to be used for the work of Yenching.

Since present political conditions in China make it impossible to send any funds to China and Yenching has been taken over by the Communist Government, I, as Donor, hereby consent to the use of the income from the Mary Huggins Gamble Fund for the general purposes of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, the successor to the Trustees of Yenching University, as set forth in the amended charter of the United Board.

I also consent that, on the expiration of the twenty-five year limitation on the use of the principal of the Fund, as set forth in paragraph 5 of my letter of February 6, 1930, the authority given to the Trustees of Yenching University to use such funds for current expenses, if such action seemed advisable to them, shall be granted to the United Board for Christian Colleges in China as the successor to the Trustees of Yenching University and the funds may be used for the work of the United Board.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney D. Gamble

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Copy to:  
Mr. Cecil H. Gamble  
Dr. Clarence J. Gamble

UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

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Cable: ABCHICOL

March 27, 1953

Dr. Sidney D. Gamble  
347 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Gamble:

As I explained over the telephone the other day, the reason why I have failed to acknowledge your letter of March 17th before this is that I have been without a secretary.

We are grateful for your letter which releases the income from the Mary Huggins Gamble Fund in Yenching University for the general purposes of the United Board and which also states that on the expiration of the 25 year limitation on the use of the principal of the Fund the authority to use the principal of the Fund as set forth in paragraph 3 of your letter of February 6, 1930 is granted to the United Board as successor to the Trustees of Yenching University.

Very truly yours,

*Henry B. Seaman*

HENRY B. SEAMAN  
Associate Treasurer

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April 30, 1954

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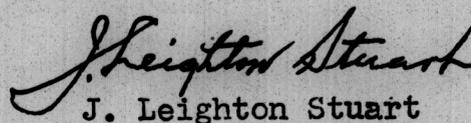
Dear Dr. Gamble:

I have been thinking of the way in which we can spend the income of two thirds of Mrs. Blaine's bequest to Yenching University under these I hope only temporarily altered circumstances legally, in the spirit of her wishes and most usefully for our purpose. Before anything else I want to ascertain your ideas as to how this should be done. Tentatively, I think that scholarships and other aid for carefully selected Yenching former students stranded in the United States or other free countries would be a splendidly Christian manner of trying to accomplish this, and I have spoken to one of Mrs. Blaine's lawyer about it. He said that he could see no legal objection to it.

Even the women students' dormitory could possibly be delayed for a time and the income be included in this project.

We all would probably be happy to have a memorial to Mrs. Blaine's mother, whatever the objects chosen.

Very sincerely yours,

  
J. Leighton Stuart

May 14, 1954

Dear Leighton:

I can well imagine that you have been having lots of fun thinking over ways of spending income from Mrs. Blaine's bequest to Yenching University. From what I hear, I am afraid you will have time to make and unmake your plans at least a dozen times before we have any possibility of receiving the money. I believe we cannot expect it before November or December at the earliest.

After we have made and unmade our plans they may be radically changed by order of the Probate Court handling Mrs. Blaine's estate. Because of the situation in China and what has happened to the Yenching campus, the Court may feel that they would want to give us instructions as to the use of the money - possibly naming some cypress objective.

When those two hurdles are crossed, then it will be time for the Yenching Committee to discuss possible plans with you and decide which one to recommend to the United Board. I understand you have given the college office the details of your conversations with Mrs. Blaine.

It is good to get occasional news from and about you. Stanley Hornbeck was my latest visitor from Washington and he spoke of having several good visits with you.

I unfortunately had to miss the meeting and dinner of the United Board as I had been overdoing a bit and have been put on a restricted schedule. It gives me a chance to enjoy the dogwood and azaleas in Fieldston.

Betty joins me in best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Sidney D. Gamble

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May 22, 1954.

Dear Sidney,

I was very happy to receive your fine letter. It gives me a great deal of fun to plan for things even though they cannot be quickly realized because this is one of the few diversions in my present life. I am much concerned over your health because I know that you have heart trouble. Should you happen by any chance to come to come to Washington by all means let me know.

With regards to Betty and best wishes to you both.

Sincerely yours  
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