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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Personal. February 5, 1936.

Ack 2/7/36

B. A. Garside, L. H. D.,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Dr. Garside:-

I want some inside information and so write this personal letter, which probably should not go into the files.

How is the campaign for Yenching University progressing? Where is Dr. Stuart? I subscribed a thousand dollars, local currency, for the School of Religion from a special fund under my control,,but as I understood it was not to be used until after July 1, I have not forwarded an order for it to be paid,thinking that was the surest way to keep it out of this year's budget. I am very anxious to make what I am sending do the very largest amount of good. If you are too busy to write I will be in New York in two weeks and we can discuss matters, but I would be glad to hear from you. Philadelphia sidewalks are the limit and we are practically imprisoned. Another year,if another is given me, I think I will go south.

Most cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

YENCHING

February 7, 1936

Dear Dr. Gamewell, ack 2/10/36

I have delayed until today my reply to your letter of the fifth, so as to be able to send you complete information as to our Yenching promotional results thus far.

Enclosed is a summary showing the progress made to January 31st. Since that time about six thousand dollars more, chiefly for the current needs, 1935-36, has come in. So at the present time our total stands at about $55,000.00. This is quite encouraging, I believe, though we still have quite a long way to go.

I feel that the designation of your gift of L.C. $1,000 for the work of the School of Religion, 1936-37, is wise as well as generous. The School can get along in fairly satisfaction this year, and its need for next year will certainly be more urgent than for this year. Since we are seeking pledges totalling $25,000 for 1936-37 as a part of this year's objectives, your pledge counts equally much in either catagory. In the enclosed analysis we have shown the pledge you have made as U.S. $300, as the present rate of exchange is approximately 3.33 to 1.

With constant appreciation of your unfailing interest and generosity, I am,

Very cordially yours,

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FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

February 10,1936.

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

My dear Dr. Garside:-

Thank you very much for your full answer to my letter. Whatever you do, you do well,and you gave me just the information I wished.

I hope the meeting with Dr. Stuart can be held on the 21st. as I will be in New York on the 20th. for the Monthly Meeting of the Executive Committee of our Board of Foreign Missions. So far as I am concerned the morning of the 20th. would do equally as well.

Since the pledge to the School of Religion of L. C. $1000.00, as you are reckoning the amount in gold, I have thought it might be better to pay the amount in gold here, possibly adding to it, from an additional amount that has reached me for which I can think of very many ueses. The strength of the institutions I knew of sixty years ago, Amherst, Dartmouth, Williams, Wesleyan, Dickinson, Rutgers etc. was in the very high character and ability of the Professors, with whom salary was very secondary consideration. They were eager to touch and mold life. Doubtless I am old fashion, and out of step with modern life, but there is no appeal to me in the scale of salaries paid in the School of Religion. I know Dr. Stuart can explain them. But enough!

Always cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

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February 11, 1936

Dear Dr. Gamewell,

I have your letter of the tenth.

We are calling the meeting of our Yenching Trustees on Friday, February 21st. Glad this fits in with your convenience. We will have much the same arrangements as for the Yenching meeting on November 26th. Will meet at the Gramercy Park Hotel, beginning at ten A. M., and will have luncheon together. May continue for awhile into the afternoon, though will adjourn in time to permit the ladies of the Yenching College Committee to have a meeting. A docket will be mailed out in a few days.

Payment of your pledge of L.C. $1,000 for the School of Religion can be made either in local currency or in U. S. currency as you prefer. In our general plans we have proceeded along the line of your original suggestion that this would be paid direct to the field treasurer in local currency. In making our tabulations of the results of our promotional efforts to date we used the figure of U.S. $300 as representing the approximate equivalent of L.C. $1,000 at current exchange rates, but have considered that the local currency figure is the basic one. You intimate that if you pay the pledge here you may find it possible to add something from another available source - which would in itself be a powerful incentive to encouraging your paying it here!

Sorry that the question you raise as to the salary scale of the staff of the School of Religion has not been discussed fully and frankly in our meetings of the Committee. I am sure that some other members of the Committee share your misgivings. It would be most unfortunate if we failed to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the fact that the School of Religion is now a topic of active discussion, and Dr. Stuart is now in America, to go into this whole question thoroughly. How can this best be accomplished?

I believe we have already sent you a copy of the tabulation showing the progress made in our Associated Boards promotional work up to January 31st, but that I have not heretofore commented on what has been accomplished by the united group. We have made some rather substantial progress in certain directions, but in others have not done so well. One major difficulty has been that with the coming of Dr. Stuart we have all thrown all our resources so completely into the Yenching program that we have sadly neglected the other colleges and even the comparatively modest demands of our own Associated Boards budget. The time has now come when we must in some way equalize our division of labor. The most urgent point in our Associated

Boards needs is the completion of the special fund of $10,000 which we are trying to build up this year to clear off outstanding obligations and to provide a little necessary working capital for our current operations. Mr. McBrier started the list off by pledging $1,000 on condition that we secured the remaining $9,000 from others. Three other members of the Associated Boards have pledged $1,000 each, one $500, and others smaller amounts, so that our total to January 31st stood at $6,544.28. But we must secure pledges for the remaining $3,455.72 before we can go back to Mr. McBrier and these other good friends and ask for payment on the promises they have made. Meantime our immediate financial problems grow apace. So I'm now engaged in calling this situation to the attention of all the members of the Associated Boards and asking that they help as they can, both with their own personal gifts and with what they can do to enlist the support of others. I know that you yourself have already given so generously to the Yenching School of Religion that there is not likely to be any substantial unallocated balances in the funds you have available for benevolent purposes. But we would be grateful for any aid you can give in enlisting the interest and support of others. This particular need is in a very real sense the key log in the jam, and until we can remove it a long list of other things are held up.

Too bad the weather has been so trying lately. We'll all have to move our headquarters to Florida for the winter hereafter.

Cordially,

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell,
4709 Pine Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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February 20, 1936

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell,
4709 Pine Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Gamewell,

Let me express again the gratitude and appreciation we all feel for your generosity in contributing the sum of five hundred dollars to the support of the Yenching School of Religion for the year 1936-37. This gift comes at a time when the School of Religion is facing particularly acute financial problems, and will be of great assistance in carrying it through this time of crisis. We recognize that it means genuine sacrifice and self-denial.

In accordance with our understanding with you, we will hold this $500 here in New York until the first of July, 1936, and will then transmit it to the Field Treasurer to be used for the support of the School of Religion, 1936-37.

Since in our conversation yesterday we covered the matters dealt with in my letter of February 14th, this will be considered as taking the place of the various suggestions I made in that letter.

Very cordially yours,

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Can this be arranged?
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FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

February 23, 1936.

Dear Dr. Garside:-

An announcement of an address by Dr. Stuart at the Shanghai Tiffin Club has reached me. The place is given as the George Washington Hotel, Tuesday, 25th. instant and we are urged to be prompt. The time of lunch is not given, but I presume it is 12.30 P. M.

I realize these last days of Dr. Stuart are crowded, as I understood him to say he was leaving for China next Wednesday.

I do not know where he is staying, so I am sending this to you. I wanted very much to have a brief talk with Dr. Stuart, but quite understand his time may be fully taken. If he could give me say half an hour, possibly less, Tuesday afternoon I think I will go to the lunch. If you are in touch with him and will ascertain whether I could see him and when, and will secure a reservation for the lunch I will be grateful. Generally they send notice of lunch with application, but if sent it has failed to reach me. I am sorry to trouble you.

I will reach New York about 11 A. M. Tuesday, and could see Dr. Stuart anytime up to say 7 P. M.

If it should be very*stormy I would not make the trip. If the engagement can be made please telegraph me "Collect". Always cordially yours,

*rain or light snow would make no difference.

Frank D. Gamewell

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 10, 1936.

My dear Dr. Thompson:-

Thank you for your letter of the 8th. inst. I doubt if the exact date could be fixed in 1871. The matter might be looked up in the Report of the Missionary Society (as it then was) for 1872. However I rather agree with Dr. Eric North who says:"I have the feeling the effort to determine the beginnings of an institution that is the combination of so many different elements as Yenching University will be a very difficult one. Perhaps the best thing to do will be to head off the fixing of any too exclusive date". The Day Schools were schools under Chinese teachers, following Chinese methods, all the pupils shouting at the top of their voices as they studied, and the addition of some study of the Bible in addition to the Chinese Classics, constituted the only difference.

In 1882 I organized our Methodist School and the curriculum gave the Chinese Classics a part of the schedule. As regards your suggestion that the Peking Academy ended in 1918 when Yenching was organized, that is not the case, as the Academy should be considered a "feeder" to the University. It has had a continous existence since 1882. It was first the Peking Academy, then after the death of Bishop Wiley in Foochow in 1884, in honor of him it was later called Wiley Institute, then after the visit of Bishop Charles H. Fowler, plans were made for higher education and the name Peking Unversity was formed, but there continued "feeders" at Peking, Tientsin, Taian and Tsunhua.

Thank you for mentioning A. Duncan Yocum. I am not sure I can see him. I am just back after a week away and unfortunately I have a cold that will keep me in for a few days. May I speak of one other matter before closing. I wish so much you were here and I could confer with you in person. Mrs. Gamewell is engaged with the distribution of Dr. Ninde's library. Dr. Ninde had given away a considerable number of books, but Mrs. Gamewell finds perhaps twenty valuable books, old editions, and I am inclosing a statement from her. We would be very grateful for your help in this matter.

I am glad you are going to Clifton Springs, for I hold Dr. Taylor and his staff in highest regard and you will find there a delightful Christian atmosphere. Probably you are already familiar with the Sanitarium. My first acquaintance with it goes back to 1887, on my first furlough from China. I attended a Missionary Convention at Clifton Springs and heard Henry Drummond deliver six lectures which he later expanded in his book: THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD. I expect to be at the Meeting of Managers of the Foreign Board (Executive Committee) on the 18th. You know they made me an Honorary Manager and I go on to help manage them!

We do not see very much of each other, but I want you to know I have been much impressed by the splendid work you have done for Yenching University, and your devoted spirit in all your many activities.

With affectionate greetings,

Most cordially,

Frank D. Gamewell.

I see I have not mentioned the degree. I sympathize with all you say about recognizing the devoted work of Mr. Mc Brier, but I am not clear that it would be wise for the China Universities to go into the matter. Peking University conferred an LL.D. on Paul Monroe.

Francis Dunlap Gamewell

Probably no man in the United States today can lay claim to greater interest in the development of Christian teaching in China than can Dr.Francis Dunlap Gamewell, who went as a missionary to China in 1884 and served for a half a century in that country.

His was a varied record of service . . professor, administrator secretary, superintendent of various educational and other movements. At one time he was chief of staff in charge of fortifications for the British Legation at Peking, this on the occasion of the Boxer outbreak and famous legation siege.

Whatesoever he found to do he did with all of his might, strengthened with the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Those who have appriased this man and his service have done so with uncovered heads.

It is as a living memorial to that man that we propose to carry on the work he holds so close to heart by establishment of an endowed professorship in the School of Religion at Yenching University. Through it the high standards of cultural training for which Yenching is noted will be maintained while, at the same time a signal contribution to China's national life will be made through emphasis upon truly Christian ideals.

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Dr.Young:

I'd go over the rest of the text (China paragraph and beyond) with Dr.Thompson or his steno. I find it almost impossible to make changes therein.

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SUGGESTED PLAN FOR CAMPAIGN
IN CONNECTION WITH
FRANK D.GAMEWELL FOUNDATION

I. In conference with Mr. McBrier, Dr. Thompson, and possibly two or three others whom they might choose, select names of twelve to twenty persons, men or women, to whom the plans should be submitted personally for the purpose of (a) informing them of the plan; (b) eliciting their interest and cooperation.

In this connection, it would seem advisable that Mr. McBrier and Dr. Thompson do whatever preliminary work may be necessary with the Methodist Bishops in, at least, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania areas that they may be fully apprised of our intentions and their recommendations secured.

II. As soon as possible, call these people together in either a luncheon or conference to further project the plan and crystalize it into action along the following lines:

(a) If possible, have certain persons primed in advance to definitely commit themselves in a financial way to the project.

(b) Have them agree to act as sponsors or patrons.

(c) Suggest names of additional persons whose interest might be aroused.

III. Enlarge the list of sponsors by mail, telephone, or personal contact until the satisfactory number has been secured.

For the most part, this list of sponsors might be secured from members of the Methodist Church more easily than from other denominations. They should be enlisted without consideration to geographical bounds, if, by this method, it would seem to enhance the possibilities of success. Too much time should not be devoted to this phase of organization, since it would seem more than likely that the total financial objective of $50,000 might be secured from a relatively small group of people, if sufficient interest could be aroused.

IV. While these steps are being taken the booklet, and necessary material should be prepared. Also the list of possible contributors should be enlarged with a view to (a) personal solicitation; (b) mail appeal.

V. The personal element in this campaign will be the dominating factor - therefore, should be capitalized insofar as propriety and good taste will permit. While personal loyalties are frequently not as deep as one would suspect when financial participation is involved, yet it seems safe to predict that no large sums will be secured unless this aspect of the undertaking is put well to the fore. Aside from personal contacts which might be opened up in Detroit, and possibly two or three cities at a distance from New York, it would seem that the most of this money will have to be secured in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and the New York areas. The exception to this would be where Dr. Gamewell, Dr. Ninde and Bishop Ninde have a large personal following. Once the campaign is under way it would hardly seem practical to plan luncheons and other meetings, unless some circumstances justify.

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FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Not dictated. October 5, 1936.

Mr. George G. Barber, President,
Board of Trustees, Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Mr. Barber:-

On returning home after an absence of a little over a month, I find your letter of August 27, and the most interesting account of the celebration of Dr. Stuart's sixtieth anniversary. In some way they failed to forward this with other mail matter.

I wish to thank you sincerely for your letter and for the account of the celebration. I am writing Dr. Stuart and also Dr. Porter, for I think he has been most successful in portraying the events of June 24.

Cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

October 14, 1936

Dear Dr. Gamewell,

As a rallying point for the work of the year, our Yenching Trustees are considering holding a dinner meeting here in New York sometime during the last week in October. The dates being considered are October 27, 28, 29, 30. Which will be chosen depends upon the availability of a number of the people we are seeking to secure.

The main purpose of the dinner is to bring together the trustees and Yenching College committee, with their wives and husbands, and with a few of the other loyal friends of Yenching, to take stock of what has already been accomplished and to evaluate the task which still lies before us.

We are all anxious to have the dinner, if at all possible, when we could be sure of having you present. We would also be happy to have Mrs. Gamewell there if at all possible.

Will you indicate on the enclosed postcard whether you could be with us on the four dates mentioned above - October 27, 28, 29, or 30?

With greetings and good wishes for you both, I am

Very sincerely,

October 20, 1936

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

We enclose herewith an invitation to the Yenching dinner on the evening of October 27th. As I wrote you some days ago, we hope that you can be present and that you can also bring Mrs. Gamewell. (I suppose that Oscar will expect us to put on our dinner coats.)

Since Dr. Luce has so recently returned from his trip to China, the Yenching Trustees are planning this dinner primarily as a testimonial to him. About fifty persons are invited to be present - the Yenching Trustees, and the Woman's College Committee, together with their wives and husbands, and some of the contributors to the University whose interest and support were secured in part, at least, through Dr. Luce's efforts.

I believe Mr. McBrier was hoping to see you today to talk over some special plans which we hope to carry through later on in the year.

In the hope that we may see you next Tuesday, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell
4709 Pine Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

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FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

January 21, 1937.

YENCHING

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

My dear Dr. Garside:-

I am not quite sure about my return to New York from Madison on Saturday, but do not think it will be possible for me to make an engagement with Dr. Young to meet him at 150 Fifth Avenue before 5 P. M. In view of the uncertainty I think the best I can do is to say if Dr. Young cares about meeting me at 5 P.M. Saturday in the Main Waiting Room of the Pennsylvania Station, New York, I will try to meet him. My train, or the train I expect to get, is due in Hoboken at 4.41 P. M. which ought to put me in the Pennsylvania Station about 5 P. M. I might get there 25 minutes earlier, but better plan on 5 P. M.

As I said, I do not think I can be of any special service to Dr. Young so far as cultivating Phila. is concerned, and as regards the small amount of money I control, its use for the current year is determined.

It might be well in case Dr. Young does not care to try to meet me on Saturday at the time stated to send word by a Special Delivery letter to-morrow.

With kindest regards,
Cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

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January 22, 1937

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

This morning Dr. Young has a slight touch of influenza and his doctor advises him to stay in bed over the weekend. I had just sent off a wire to you stating that Dr. Young is indisposed and that we would write concerning a later conference with you, when your letter of yesterday reached me. Since it is quite obvious that it would be quite inconvenient for you to keep an appointment with him here at five o'clock tomorrow afternoon, it is just as well from every angle that the meeting must be deferred.

Dr. Young expects to be about again by Monday, and would be glad to see you at your convenience almost any day next week. He would prefer in the earlier part of the week if that is satisfactory to you. He would be glad to come down to Philadelphia if you are to be at home, or could see you here if you are making a trip to New York City anyway.

While Dr. Young has not told me just what he wants to talk over with you, I believe he wishes to have your counsel on a number of matters in connection with our Yenching promotional plans.

I hope that both you and Mrs. Gamewell are keeping well. This weather seems to be good for the flu, but rather unsatisfactory for all other purposes.

Very cordially yours,

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

January 25, 1937.

YENCHING

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Executive Secretary
Associated Board for
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

The Report on Audit for Yenching University and for Yenching College for Women reached me just as I was leaving Philadelphia for a week. As the Report is for the Year ending June 30, 1936, and was prepared in September I have assumed the return did not call for Hughes transcontinental speed!

I congratulate the Executive Secretaries, Treasurer and all concerned in the fine work done. There are one or two matters of which I will speak in person.

Sincerely yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

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YENCHING

Saturday, February 13, 1937

Dear Dr. Gamewell,

We are in need of a photograph of your honorable self. The size is immaterial, and it need not be mounted. A print on glossy paper is preferable, though not absolutely essential.

We enclose a return envelope for your convenience in sending such a picture. Trust we are not asking for something you don't possess, for no doubt you have had a picture taken during the last few years.

With warmest good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

February 16, 1937.

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

ASSOCIATED BOARDS

My dear Dr. Garside:-

I have your letter regarding photograph. Having one's picture taken I classify with vaccination, and it is a long time since I have had one. But I note that when one who has been on the road a long time dies, or does something that attracts momentary attention, a photograph that dates years back may be used. I am expecting to go to New York Thursday and will show you the possibilities with material on hand.

Always cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell.

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4709 Pine Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
February 18, 1937.

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Dr.B. A. Garside,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

YENCHING

Dear Dr. Garside:-

You know my reluctance regarding the proposal for the Professorship. Since returning home this evening and discussing matters with Mrs. Gamewell, when you face up to the actual facts of the situation so far as we in our relationships here are concerned it develops into an intolerable situation, and the matter simply must be called off.

Both Dr. Ninde and Mrs. Gamewell are the ones who were known and who through the years multiplied contacts in Phildelphia. I belong in New York and am only slightly known here.

Methodism is weak in New York, but strong here,and in the nature of the case this is where any effort giving promise of any degree of success would have to be made. Our relationships to the cemparatively few who might give are such that it would put us in an intolerable situation.

When you face up to the facts, you are proposing an effort to capitalize the great love these people bore for Dr. Ninde and their love for Mrs. Gamewell under circumstances that make her feel that she wishes at once to get right out of Philadelphia,so distasteful is the very thought to her. Mr. McBrier mentioned Mr. Boyd might be interested. We know that recently they have been straining every nerve to meet the indebtedness on First Church, and the last thing we would wish would be that any request be centered about my name.

All along I have not wanted this thing butwhen I see how deeply Mrs. Gamewell feels, and I feel with her, I must request that nothing further be done about this matter. Nothing since her Brother's death has more completely upset Mrs. Gamewell than this proposal, which neither of us fully realized until we faced up to all the implications to-night. I am going to New York to-morrow but please let this be final. I will gladly meet any expense already incurred.

Always cordially yours,

Frank A. Gamewell

It is nearly 10 P. M. and I have been pretty steadily at it since 5 A. M. and have written very hurriedly, so please read between the lines, but understand THIS DECISION IS FINAL WITH NO POSSIBILITY OF MODIFICATION.

YENCHING

February 18, 1937

Dear Dr. Gamewell,

Herewith the rough dummy copy of the material for that brief 4-page folder we are planning to prepare.

While the material seems over-crowded in this typewritten form, it will of course be much more condensed when set up in type. The shift will then permit most or all of the paragraph concerning the Minde Memorial Divinity Hall to come on page 3, where it more appropriately belongs.

We trust that you and Mrs. Gamewell will go through all this very critically, and make changes at any point you desire. You are to consider whether you prefer the more formal "Francis Dunlap Gamewell" or the "Frank D. Gamewell" which is more familiar to some of us.

The pictures we are planning to use are familiar to you, as we went over them together this afternoon. We are sorry to trouble you about that new picture to be used on page 1. But the importance of this is emphasized by the remark one of the girls around the office made today when I showed her the picture you brought us, taken some years ago. Quoth she spontaneously "Why, Dr. Gamewell is much better looking than that now!" It's quite a feat to grow younger and handomer as the years slip by!

Since the time seems ripe to move on this undertaking in which we are all finding such a great pleasure, we know you'll get the material and the picture to us as soon as you can conveniently do so.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially,

HaG/G

Enc.

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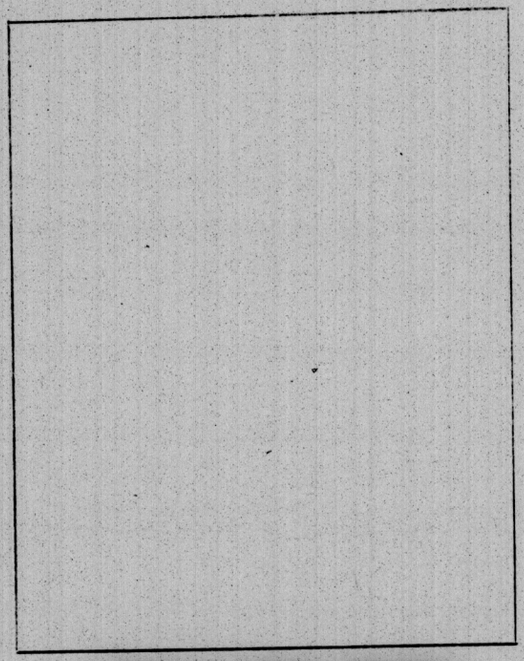

Francis Dunlap Gamewell

Dickinson, A.B., 1881, A.M., 1884, Ph.D., 1901; Columbia, M.S., 1901; Syracuse, LL.D., 1908; Northwestern, D.D., 1926.

FEW men have rendered such long and distinguished service to the Christian enterprise in China as has Dr. Frank D. Gamewell. None has served Yenching University over such a span of years as has he.

Dr. Gamewell had already given eight years of service to China when, in 1889, he became a member of the staff of the school which was one day to become Yenching University. He found the institution in the midst of its transition from the status of a secondary school to one of collegiate rank. The name of Peking University had been proposed a few months before his arrival, and the next year - June 25, 1890 - a charter for this new Christian College in the Orient was granted by the authorities of the state of New York.

During all the forty-eight years which have passed since then, Dr. Gamewell has had a continuous and important share in Yenching's work.

From 1889 to 1900 he was Professor of Chemistry and Physics, and for a time was the Acting President of the University.

During the memorable summer of 1900 he was Chief of Staff and fortifications of the British Legation in Peking throughout the fifty-six days of siege by the Boxers, and was given an official citation by the

British Foreign Office for his share in preserving the lives of the 3,500 people crowded together within the Legation.

From 1901 to 1908 he was Field Secretary and Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with headquarters in New York - a position which still allowed him to serve the interests of Yenching.

In 1908 he returned to his adopted city of Peking as Superintendent of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church in China.

From 1912 to 1925 he was Executive Secretary of the China Christian Educational Association, with headquarters in Shanghai. During this period he had an active share in Yenching's reorganization and in its removal to the beautiful new campus it now occupies.

In 1925 he returned to New York City and became the Secretary for Eastern Asia in the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions. He was immediately elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University - a position he still holds, and in which he has constantly rendered valuable service and given much wise guidance.

While Dr. Gamewell has always had a warm interest in every department of Yenching University, the development and work of the Yenching

School of Religion has been particularly close to his heart. The funds for the main building of the School of Religion, the Hinde Memorial Divinity Hall, were given in a most sacrificial way by Mrs. Gamewell's brother, the late Dr. Edward S. Hinde. The building is named in honor of the parents of Mrs. Gamewell and Dr. Hinde, Bishop William X. Hinde and Mrs. Elizabeth F. Hinde. In 1919 Dr. Gamewell, in company with the American Minister to China, Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, laid the corner stone of Hinde Hall, the first major building erected on the new Yenching campus. In 1929, at the Formal Opening of Yenching University, Dr. Gamewell gave the dedicatory prayer for Hinde Hall.

For half a century Dr. Gamewell has served Yenching and China with great ability, and even greater devotion. Modest and self-effacing, he has always shrunk away from any word of praise or richly deserved honor. Of him, one of his fellow-trustees recently said, "Those who have appraised this man and his services do so with uncovered heads."

For some time the Yenching Trustees, and many other friends and admirers of Dr. Gamewell, have been studying ways of providing a living memorial which will be a worthy tribute to this greatly-beloved leader and servant of Yenching. At last they have agreed upon the creation of a $50,000 endowment fund to be known as the Francis Dunlap Gamewell Professorship of Religion in Yenching University.

Such a fund will give permanent aid at the most vital point of Yenching's Christian service to China. It will assist in the training of the young men and young women, both of this generation and of future generations, who go out from Yenching for definite Christian work among their people. It will carry down through the years the spirit of devotion and self-forgetfulness which has always characterized Dr. Gamewell's life.

It is the hope of the Yenching Trustees and of Dr. Gamewell's other friends that this memorial may be completed before the occasion of his eightieth birthday on August 24, 1937.

(Copy of letter to Mr. McBrier inclosed.)

Not dictated.

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

February 22, 1937.

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

Dear Dr. Garside:-

I inclose a copy of a self-explanatory letter to Mr. McBrier, at the end of which I say,- "I deeply regret it was necessary to tax the time of two such devoted men." This is literally true, and I shall have to try to banish thoughts of last week, for they distress me.

In my hurried letter of Thursday night, 18th., inst., I said the decision was final, a statement based on the supposition that there would be intensive cultivation of this Philadelphia area. It is easier to face Boxer bullets, than the distress of one confronted by a seemingly impossible situation. But we have talked it through, and if you will please destroy that letter of the eighteenth we will try to forget it.

I am returning the copy of the dummy for folder. Mrs. Gamewell thinks it is excellent and has no suggestions to make. In case it is used please put the name Frank D. You probably have full enough detail in your statement. Three of the first eight years you mention were given to organizing the secondary school to which you refer. Your statement covers all necessary facts. If I find you still wish it I will try to send the photograph.

Thank you for your patient friendship.

Cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

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February 23, 1937

Not dictated.

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell,
4709 Pine Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Gamewell,

Since we saw you last Friday we have been giving much thought to the matters we discussed at that time. We have all been greatly moved by the two fine-spirited letters from you which arrived at the office today - one addressed to Mr. McBrier and the other to myself. Since Mr. McBrier is writing also, I will confine my own comments chiefly to the matters dealt with in your letter to me.

But first of all, let me say how thoroughly I appreciate - and I believe, understand - the feelings with which Mrs. Gamewell and you have viewed some aspects of the proposal we have been discussing with you. More than a month ago we pointed out the necessity of guarding certain points very carefully - but since then I myself have not always been careful to guard these very points. Both of you are absolutely right in feeling that nothing must be done which would in anyway embarrass personal relationships or seem to capitalize on feelings of personal loyalty to or affection for Bishop Minde, Dr. Minde, Mrs. Gamewell, or yourself. We are all the more grateful to you for reminding us of this because we know what discomfort it has caused you both to refer to the matter at all. As we go forward with our plans, we must check with you at every step to see that nothing is done - or contemplated - which will in any way over-step these limitations.

Looking at the matter more constructively, this undertaking must be, from beginning to end, one of joyous participation in an objective in which we all have such a warm personal interest. I know that everyone who has thus far participated in our planning and has pledged his or her assistance, has done so in this spirit of eagerly welcoming an opportunity to share in an enterprise very close to each one's heart. While much of this response comes spontaneously from personal affection for Mrs. Gamewell and yourself, it is not that alone. All of these friends are desirous that the Yenching staff and students both of this and of future generations shall have some fitting memorial of these long decades of service you have given and are still giving to Yenching University and to the Christian enterprise in China of which it is a part.

Thank you for the additional bit of information you give as to your first three years in China. I had intended to ask you whether these first three years were related either directly or indirectly to the the beginnings of Yenching, but the matter had slipped my mind for the time being. I attach a suggested redrafting of the second and third paragraphs of our little folder for your criticism.

You will note I am leaving three blanks which I hope you can fill in:- (1) I understand you arrived in China about August 1881, but do not have the exact date. (2) What was the original name of the small primary school originally organized in 1870? I've seem it referred to many times, but never with a specific name mentioned. Did it have such a name, and can you give it to us? (3) I find a statement that the secondary school which you helped to organize in 1881-84 was known as the Wiley Institute after 1885, presumably until the name of Peking University was proposed in 1889. But did it not have some other name for the years immediately preceding 1885? (If names did not exist, or you do not now remember them, we can omit the phrases including the second or third blanks.)

I am not entirely sure of the statements in the first sentence of the third paragraph, and would be grateful if you would check and correct them. Was your stay in West China considered as three or four years?

We will use "Frank D. Gamewell" consistently, rather than "Francis Dunlap Gamewell", and will welcome the change for the latter form seems to us rather strange and unfamiliar.

If your patience and forbearance isn't already too sadly overstrained, we would be grateful for that photograph we have been discussing.

Then when these details are disposed of, I trust that you and Mrs. Gamewell will no longer trouble yourselves about this undertaking, which our Yenching friends ought to be able to carry forward quietly and without any general publicity. Our discussions of recent weeks have reminded me somewhat of the dilemma I face each December as the Christmas season approaches. I have found it wise to make a few discreet inquiries of my wife as to just what would be the most appropriate remembrance from her hubby at Christmas (otherwise I am likely to turn up with something not at all to her taste). But having gotten the information I require, I always ask her to forget the matter entirely, and to be quite properly surprised at anything Santa may have for her on Christmas Day in the morning.

With affectionate greetings to you both, I am,

Most cordially yours,

Not dictated.

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

February 24, 1937.

Ack 2/25/37

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

Dear Dr. Garside:-

Thank you very much for your Special Delivery letter which reached me at 11 A. M.

Mrs. Gamewell and I appreciate more than I can express your full understanding of the situation that confronted us and our hearts go out to you in gratitude. Thank you very, very much for all you have written.

As regards the page from the dummy, I have written rather fully in order to give you a background for your brief statement.

1. As regards the date of school there was a Primary Day School, taught by a Chinese teacher, eleven years before, but the Boarding School came later. The first was a Chinese School with some study of the Bible.
2. As regards the name, the school was at first simply the Boys' Day School, then the Boys' Boarding School, and "later the Wiley Institute".
3. You will know how to briefly state the call to West China in 1884 etc. Possibly something like this:"After sometime in West China, and again in North China and on furlough he returned to Peking in 1889."

Once more expressing our deepest appreciation of your letter and with our affectionate greetings,

Gratefully yours,

Frank D. Gamewell.

YENCHING

Not dictated February 26, 1937

Dear Dr. Gamewell,

Many thanks for your letter of February 24th, with its helpful information and suggestions relative to the material for the little folder.

I enclose herewith a first proof of the folder, and would be grateful if you and Mrs. Gamewell would go through it critically and would make all the corrections and suggestions which may occur to you. We are trying to make the little folder as simple and unpretentious as possible, for we know you would prefer it that way. We have tried to avoid any glowing expressions of praise, merely letting the facts speak for themselves.

We debated on whether we ought not give a separate paragraph to your adventurous years in West China, which certainly deserve more than the five words we have given them, but decided against any amplication at this point because it would have necessitated condensation somewhere else.

We pondered over what in the opening sentence might seem to you an over-statement. At last we decided that the word "distinguished" might sound a bit too pretantious. It does have a faint hint of the pomposity one sometimes finds in the bishops of - well, let's say the Episcopalian persuasion - and therefore inappropriate for one so modest as yourself. So we are suggesting the substitution of "devoted" instead. The calendar proves the accuracy of the adjective "long", and a multitude of voices on both sides of the Pacific would shout their approval of the word "devoted", so we trust that the opening sentence is now clothed with due modesty.

You will note the place and size of the photograph which is to be the crowning glory the folder.

As soon as we have your corrections and the photo, we'll probably be ready to move ahead with the printing.

I am enclosing a copy of a tentative outline of our proposed proceduse in going ahead with this very pleasant undertaking. If you and Mrs. Gamewell feel that modifications should be made anywhere in these plans, please point out these places frankly and unhesitatingly.

With every good wish for you both, I am

Cordially yours,

SUGGESTED PLAN OF PROCEDURE
in connection with
THE FRANK D. GAMEWELL PROFESSORSHIP

1. In conference with Mr. McBrier, Dr. Thompson, and possibly two or three others whom they may choose, select names of 12 to 20 persons, men and women, to whom these plans will be submitted personally for the purpose of (a) informing them of these plans; and (b) eliciting their interest and cooperation. In this connection it may be advisable for Mr. McBrier and Dr. Thompson to consult with the Methodist bishops in the areas likely to be reached, for the purpose of apprising them of our plans and of securing their support.

2. As soon as possible, call together the 12 to 20 key people just mentioned, either at a luncheon or a conference, further to project the plan and to crystalize it into action along the following lines:-

   (a) If possible, have certain persons prepared in advance to commit themselves definitely in a financial way to the project.

   (b) Have them agree to act as sponsors or patrons.

   (c) Suggest names of others whose interest might be aroused.

3. Enlarge this list of sponsors through the use of mail, telephone, and personal contact until a satisfactory number has been secured. While most of these sponsors will probably be secured within the Methodist church, other denominations should also be represented. They should be enlisted without consideration of geographical boundaries if they can be of genuine assistance. Too much time should not, however, be devoted to this work of organization, since it is hoped that the objective of $50,000 may be secured from a relatively small group of people if sufficient interest is aroused.

4. While these steps are being taken a folder and any other necessary material should be prepared. At the same time, a list of possible contributors should be compiled.

5. The actual efforts to secure contributions should be based largely upon personal approach to friends who are deeply interested in Yenching and in Dr. Gamewell, and who will welcome an opportunity to share in this undertaking. Care must at all times be taken not to approach personal friends of Dr. and Mrs. Gamewell in any way that will be embarrassing to them - particularly friends in the Philadelphia area.

FEW men have rendered such long and distinguished service to the Christian enterprise in China as has Dr. Frank D. Gamewell. None has served Yenching University over such a span of years as has he. ????????

*** Dr. Gamewell first arrived in China on October 6, 1881. Some ~~Eleven~~ years before there had been organized in Peking the small primary school, known as the Boys' Boarding School, out of which Yenching University was ultimately to develop. One of Dr. Gamewell's earliest tasks, during the years 1881 to 1884, was the reorganization of this primary school as an institution of secondary grade, known at first as the Boys' Boarding School and later as the Wiley Institute. the Methodi contribu tion to

*** *** After spending ~~three strenuous years orgnising educational work~~ (four?) in West China, and another year on furlough, Dr. Gamewell returned to Peking in 1889. He found the Wiley Institute emerging from secondary school status ~~to~~ into collegiate rank. The name of Peking University had been proposed a few months before his arrival, and the next year - June 25, 1890 - a charter for this new Christian College in the Orient was granted by the authorities of the state of New York.

(O. K.) From 1889 to 1900 Dr. Gamewell was Professor of Chemistry and Physics in Peking University, and for a time was its Acting President.

During the memorable summer of 1900 - - - (etc. as in original draft)

***I quetion the correctness of the statement "Eleven years" etc. There was a Day School with a Chinese teacher, of the type you probably know so well, eleven years before, but the Boys' Boarding School had six boys in 1879 and twelve boys in 1880, and the number was between 25 and 30 when I took hold of the school. At first they were housed in a three "chien" Chinese buidling, but in 1882 a new school building, patterned after a good western school, was constructed, the best at that time in North China. I had taught in a good New England Boarding School and did not adopt, but adapted things learned there as I sought organize the school in Peking.

****** In the Fall of 1884, after I had spent three years in Peking, I was appointed Superintendent of the West China Mission, with headquarters at Chungking. It took two months to the day to reach my new station. We were pressing forward with the needed equipment for our work; a church, men's hospital, woman's hospital, boys' school, girls' school, etc., when in July 1886 all Foreign work in Chungking, including the *British Resident's quarters, was utterly destroyed, and after 2 weeks imprisonment in the latitude of New Orleans in July, 16 or 18 in a room, we got away in an open boat on the flooded Yangtze, but that is ancient history! I spent the following year in Peking adjusting matters and working with the Chinese as opportunity offered- country work.

As regards name: At first Boys' Day School, then Boys' Boarding School. I have a photograph somewhere, taken about 1883 of the main school room, and on the blackboard just before I took the picture I had written "Peking Academy", the name now used for the Methodist School in Peiping. However, I think the school was known simply as the Boys' Boarding School until called "Wiley Institute".

All this is simply to give you a background for a little more accurate statement, and what you have written needs only slight modification except the opening sentnce!

*Chungking was not a Treaty Port.

Not dictated.

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

February 27, 1937.

Feb 3/3/37

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

Dear Dr. Garside:-

Thank you for your letter inclosing first proof of folder. Mrs. Gamewell thinks it is in fine shape and is exceedingly pleased with it. You will notice I started to change 1925, but concluded to leave it as it is. As a matter of fact there was some overlapping, for while I was appointed to work in America I was still responsible for work in China, and I accepted work here on condition I be allowed to spend six months in China the following year to close up matters there, and this I did. This detail is unimportant, and it is better to leave it as you have it.

Regarding the picture of the Ninde Memorial Divinity Hall on page two, I have an excellent picture which Dr. Stuart had made for Dr. Ninde. I am having it photographed and I am sure you will think it much more effective. If there is any expense connected with this change please let me meet it.

I have not felt fully assured you would decide to go forward with this plan until your letter this morning and so did not have a photograph taken. I went to-day and both photographs are promised by next Tuesday, and I hope will prove satisfactory. I am afraid this matter has been adding to the demands on your already overburdened time. If occasion arises we will write you regarding the proposed procedure. Thank you for all your kindness. Cordially and gratefully yours,

Frank D. Gamewell.

Not dictated.

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

March 2, 1937.

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

Rec'd 3/3/37

Dear Dr. Garside:-

Inclosed please find a photograph of myself which I hope will answer.

I am also sending two photographs of a picture sent to us by Dr. Stuart of the Ninde Memorial Hall. You will know which will give the better result for the half tone, if that is what they are using now.

Thank you for all your care in this matter.

Cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

March 3, 1937

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell
4709 Pine Street, 10-K
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

Thank you for your last two letters, and for the photograph of yourself and the two of Ninde Memorial Hall which you enclosed with your letter of yesterday.

We have now sent the proof of the folder, along with your photograph, to the printer for final corrections and for printing.

I went over with all of our publicity experts here in the office the pictures of the Ninde Memorial Hall which you sent us, and compared them with the one already proposed for use in the folder. It was the consensus of judgment that, while the picture which you sent gives a clearer view of the entire building, it is, in some ways, not quite so attractive as the other one. The presence of the loose stone and builders' materials, together with the rather unattractive tree in the center, serve to detract somewhat from the effect. On the other hand, the angle from which the picture is taken, together with its glimpses of pleasing landscaping, help to give a more attractive appearance so we hope that you and Mrs. Gamewell will not mind if we keep the cut which was first proposed to use.

We are returning one of the prints of the Ninde Memorial Hall which you sent us and are taking the liberty of keeping the other for our files here.

With greetings and good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

March 4, 1937.

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YENCHING

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

Dear Dr. Garside:-

Thank you for your letter and the picture returned. The photograph Dr. Stuart sent of Ninde Hall is colored and disguises in good part the things to which you refer and I sent the reproduction without critical examination. We are perfectly satisfied that you use the other picture as at first proposed, although it gives but little conception of the building. That, however, is unimportant. I hope now you will have no further trouble regarding material for the folder.

With kindest regards,

Very cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell.

By the way, early in December I saw a twenty-cent typewriter ribbon in a Woolworth store and got it expecting I would get about what I paid for. I have been using it for three months, addressing over 400 envelopes at first and it is still in pretty good condition. Of course you need the standard product, but I thought this might interest you. Wanamaker charges $1.00 for a Carter ribbon.

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MAIL OFFICE

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

YTNOTING

March 18, 1937

Ack 3/27/37

My dear Dr. Eyerside:

You are so alert that I am sure it is not necessary to call your attention to the fact that the paper of the sample you gave me will not stand folding, as it cracks. I presume this can be avoided. Cordially yours

Frank D. Gamewell

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Not Dictated

March 27, 1937

Dear Dr. Gamewell,

You are quite correct in pointing out that if the little folder is creased across the half-tone on the first page it shows a crack. We had to choose here between several desirable features. We had to have a smooth finishtpaper to get good half-tone reproduction. Also we wanted heavy paper so the four-page folder would not seem too flimsy. But it is impossible to get a heavy, smooth-finish coated paper which will not show more or less of a crack when folded across a half-tone.

For our purposes, most of these folders will probably be mailed flat, or used in other ways which will not involve folding. We enclose a dozen copies herewith.

We hope that Spring is making a graceful entrance into Philadelphia despite the way she has been greeted by the chilling breezes of March.

Cordially,

YENCHING

Yenching

May 6, 1937

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell
4709 Pine Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

Dr. Eric M. North, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations and Audit, is in China, and will not be present at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University to be held on Friday, May 14th.

It is my understanding that you intend to be present at that time, and it will be in order for you as Vice Chairman to present the findings of the Committee, both as to the audit, and the nominations for office to be presented to the Board of Trustees. Your committee is as follows:

Dr. E. M. North, Chairman
Dr. Frank D. Gamewell, Vice Chairman
Dr. W. J. Thompson
Mrs. J. H. Finley
Miss M. E. Burton

Miss Burton has been ill for some time, but is recovering and hopes to be present at some of the meetings next week. We can check more definitely when a time has been set for the convening of this committee.

I am enclosing herewith copies of the audit for the University and the Women's College for 1935-36, and also a copy of the list of officers of the University. You will also find a copy of the findings of the Nominating Committee for the year 1935-36.

If I can be of any further service to you, please let me know.

With sincerest personal regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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PRINCE GEORGE HOTEL
FIFTH AVENUE & 28TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

May 16, 1937.

Feb 5/17/37

YENCHING

Dr. D. A. Garside,
Executive Secretary,
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China.
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Dr. Garside:-

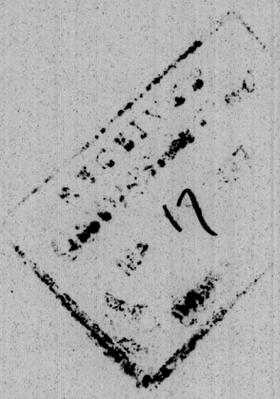
I hesitate to add another letter to claim even brief attention, after the heavy pressure you have been under during the past week and the preparations days leading up to it.

But I do wish the privilege of again expressing my sincere and deep appreciation of the wonderful way you handle your work. I have never known any work anywhere handled with greater efficiency. I get a little anxious about yourself, and do hope after you have tied up the things that must be looked after following annual meetings, you will plan to get away for a rest. I will be here till Friday.

With all best wishes,

Cordially and affectionately,

Frank D. Gamewell.



YENCHING

(Not dictated)

May 17th

Dear Dr. Gamewell,

Many thanks for your cordial letter of yesterday. It is always both a pleasure and an inspiration to be associated with you in service to the China Colleges.

We are glad that you found grounds for encouragement in our series of meetings last week. Progress seems slow and halting at times, but so long as we can see measureable gain from year to year we have every reason for gratitude.

I appreciate your personal comments, and your expression of hope that we can get away for a bit of a change. I have been planning to spend the latter part of next week in Rochester, attending the institute of the Movement for World Christianity, and will then stop off for a couple of days' visit with my wife in the Adirondacks. That should provide a very good opportunity for rest and relaxation.

With all good wishes for Mrs. Gamewell and yourself, I am

Most cordially yours,

ALBURN M. GUTTERSON - MANAGING DIRECTOR

PRINCE GEORGE HOTEL
FIFTH AVENUE & 28TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

YENCHING

ASSOCIATED BOARDS PROMOTION

May 21, 1937.

~~Brief Ack~~
Ack 5/25/37

My dear Dr. Garside:-

Mrs Gamewell deeply appreciates, as do I, the beautiful flowers that reached her from the China Colleges. Thank you very, very much. She asks me to say that just as soon as she gets to her typewriter she will try to express her appreciation, as writer's cramp prevents her using a pen.

While writing may I mention that I left with Mr. McBrier ~~two~~ (2) photographs of myself traveling in China, one by boat, one by sedan chair. If another leaflet is prepared, I think either of these would be better than the one used. Later I would be glad to have the photographs returned.

Cordially & gratefully yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

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JOINT OFFICE

YENCHING

Yenching

May 24, 1937

Mr. Frank D. Gamewell
4709 Pine Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

I find that Mr. McBrier is sailing Wednesday, June 2nd on the S.S. GEORGE WASHINGTON of the United States Steamship Lines.

You will recall that I promised to get this information to you.

Very truly yours,

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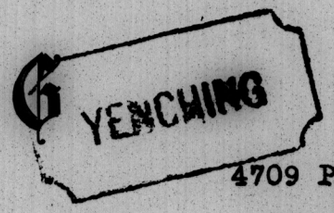

Apl 5/25/33

4709 Pine St. Phila.Pa.

Saturday afternoon.

My dear Dr.Garside;-

We are just back in our home, and before I turn my attention to a single thing, I want to thank you from my heart,- you and the others with you, for the beautiful flowers I received last evening. I can hardly express how touched I am, and also gladdened, by your thought of me on my birthday. The lovely blossoms now fill four vases,-my very best,- and brighten our living room in a wonderful

way! One of the vases stands on a lacquer stand beside a picture of Brother. I wish that all you dear Friends could pull our latch-string this very hour, and see for yourselves the joy and blessing you have brought to us. Neither of us shall ever forget your kindness. The loving "human touch" and remembrance does mean so much in life, does it not?

With deep, and abiding gratitude to you and every one, I am yours

Faithfully,

Mary N. Gammell

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

June 3, 1937.

Dr. B. A. Garside,
Associated China Boards,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Dr. Garside:-

Thank you for your letter from Rochester. I was glad to hear but sorry you had taken that portable machine with you!

In the leaflet, or whatever the designation should be, is a picture of myself in a donkey cart It was used simply from house to station, and is not at all a representative method of transportation. I left with Mr. Mc Brier two pictures both of which he said he liked better- one traveling by sedan chair the other by boat, bona fide methods.

May I ask:-

1. Will anything further be printed and if not will you please send me three or four copies of the other.
X 2. Will you kindly return the pictures left with Mr. Mc Brier, if you can locate them.

I hope you found Mrs. Garside steadily improving and that you got some rest.

Cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

Pictures returned to Phila - 9-10-37. see letter signed by Geo C. A.

June 5, 1937

Dear Dr. Gamewell,

We have your letter of the third.

It is now planned to print a revised edition of the leaflet, and we will consult our printers as to the desirability of substituting one of the two new pictures you left with Mr. McBrier.

We will also try to get back to you the various pictures you have left with us in connection with this leaflet.

Since it may be a little while before the revised leaflet is off the press, I am enclosing four copies of the present one. A supply of the new ones will be sent when they are ready.

Thank you for your good wishes concerning Mrs. Garside. I found her feeling quite a bit better in general, though it appears she still has a long and difficult road ahead.

With best of wishes for both Mrs. Gamewell and yourself, I am

Cordially yours,

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell,
4709 Pine Street, 10-K
Philadelphia, Pa.

Not dictated.

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

July 1, 1937.

Dr. W. J. Thompson,
Prince George Hotel,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Thompson:-

I assume two things in connection with any efforts in the Philadelphia Area regarding the Yenching Professorship:

1. That the emphasis will be on the necessity of making and keeping Yenching predominantly a Christian institution.
2. That while probably no reference should be made to the gift of $3000.00, if mentioned the nature of the gift and that it is from Mrs. Gamewell would be kept in mind. It seems to me it would be better no mention should be made of this particular gift.

I greatly enjoyed the visit with you and hope I did not over tax you.

Cordially and affectionately yours,

Frank D. Gamewell.

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

July 19, 1937

Mr. B. A. Garside
General Delivery
Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

It is quite like your gracious self to send a word of greeting and congratulation on the Hampton gift. I presume Mr. Evans must have told you about it and, of course, I shall have to settle with him. Now that you know the deep secret, I shall have to say that I am glad, but on the other hand I was rather holding it as a surprise for you upon your return.

Mrs. Hampton is one of the most gracious and delightful women I have ever met. Her interest in seeing the fund completed by Dr. Gamewell's eightieth anniversary is very genuine. She loves the man so much and is so delighted that he is receiving this recognition that she feels it will be all the more fitting if it could be completed by August 31st, his eightieth birthday.

I was in Point Pleasant again on Friday to see another party and took the occasion to have a brief visit with Mrs. Hampton and thank her again for her gift. She has signed a Gamewell pledge card for $10,000 payable in two annual installments of $5,000 each in August, 1937 and 1938. I am also in receipt of a letter from her this morning in which she encloses a check for $100 from her mother, Charlotte G. Tuttle, a sister of Dr. Gamewell.

Your idea about sending greetings to Dr. Gamewell on his eightieth anniversary is both proper and fitting. I am glad you thought of it. Since, however, it comes on August 31st you will be back on the job in time to give the matter attention.

I am leaving August 1st for my vacation but doubt if I stay the full four weeks. I am so intent upon completing the Gamewell Fund that I can hardly persuade myself to leave at all.

I was at Philadelphia in conference with Mr. Pilling Thursday and found him most responsive and helpful. He and Mr. Boyd have borne the brunt of the indebtedness of $190,000 on the First Methodist Church of Germantown which fund has just been completed. It seems, however, that it has put a serious tax on all members of that church which adds to our task of securing adequate gifts from that source. Mr. Pilling is sending in five hundred dollars, but I feel that if we are unsuccessful in reaching our objective, he may supplement this gift at a later date.

Mr. Boyd is desperately ill and can only be seen by his most intimate friends and them for a period not to exceed five minutes. Mr. Pilling was expecting

to see him the day after I was there, at which time it was his purpose to acquaint Mr. Boyd with developments on the Gamewell Professorship. There is a real question in my mind as to Mr. Boyd's response in these days of great anxiety for himself. He has still found strength enough to keep in touch with the secretary of the church in what seems to be the last great effort he will ever put forth in behalf of a religious or charitable enterprise. He is very anxious that his church should be out of debt before his departure. To make circumstances still more aggravating, Mrs. Boyd is in a deplorable mental state. So much so that she has been taken to a sanitarium, and there is grave doubt as to any restoration of her normal functions. mental

Mrs. Sherman P. Young is rather critically ill - the outcome of which is as yet very uncertain.

Dr. Thompson is at Buck Hill Falls in the Pocono Mountains on a vacation for two or three weeks.

I am delighted that you are having such a fine place for your much needed rest, and I hope you will take plenty of time for rest, since I know you have worked yourself almost to the point of exhaustion. The pleasant hours you will spend with Mrs. Garside will, I am sure, add to the enjoyableness of your vacation.

With cordial good-will,

Yours sincerely,

George C. Aydelott.

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P. S. It would be fine if you wish to write a note of appreciation to Mrs. Charles H. Hampton, 206 Curtis Avenue, Point Pleasant, N. J., thanking her for her gift; also her mother, Mrs. Charlotte G. Tuttle, same address for her gift of $100.



The Lebanon
H. E. V. PORTER
Manager

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CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y., July 29, 1937.

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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Assistant Secretary,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in forwarding information regarding the situation at Yenching, and for your letter of the 28th.

Of course I am very anxious, as are we all, over recent developments. The situation parallels in many respects the experiences we were passing through at just this time thirty-seven years ago, for we were in the Siege in Peking, under fire, June 20/August 14, 1900. I can easily realized what they are passing through. The New York Herald Tribune in to-day's issue reports anxiety for eight persons who are remaining at Yenching, among whom I see the name of Dr. Stuart. My experiences in Peking in 1900 and many years before that in West China, brought vivid realization that in struggles of this sort, once begun, the individual is as naught. Certainly we should be much in prayer for the lives and the great issues at stake at Yenching and that in some way God will overrule the wrath of man.

Again thanking you for your letter and with kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Frank W. Gunsaulus

August 13, 1937.

To the Philadelphia Friends of the Rev. Frank D. Gamewell:-

Mr. Frank Baker	Mr. and Mrs. Charles Felin
Mr. William Boyd	Mrs. William Fort
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. G. Budd	Mr. W. S. Pilling
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Faux	Mr. William Tunnel

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Faux,

The life and labors of Dr. Gamewell during his fifty-six years service to China include him in our observance of the New Testament commands "Honor to whom honor is due."

The Trustees of Yenching University announce their intention to honor him by establishing in the Yenching School of Religion the FRANK D. GAMEWELL PROFESSORSHIP IN RELIGION.

Dr. Gamewell consents provided his friends be not importuned. Happily this does not prevent informing them of the contemplated honor.

China is the longest-lived nation. Religion and Education are the longest-lived institutions. The proposed honor to Dr. Gamewell combines both longevities.

The $50,000 which endows the GAMEWELL PROFESSORSHIP will be held in the United States under the supervision of seasoned financiers.

Approximately $40,000 has been subscribed. Five additional subscriptions of $1,000 each and ten of $500 each will consummate the $50,000 needed. To complete the fund by August 31st would make Dr. Gamewell's eightieth birthday anniversary supreme in his four-score years.

Willingly would I call on you, but a cardiac ailment compels me to shift from travelling to correspondence.

Mr. William Boyd and Mr. W. S. Pilling heartily approve this

honor to Dr. Gamewell. Mr. Pilling will gladly reply to any inquiry. Also would Mr. Boyd, but I spare him because his health at present is impaired. (Here I digress to acclaim this nobleman of God. Eleven years ago in India I was with him as a fellow commissioner. A layman like William Boyd every ten miles in this or many land would dispel its darkness and illumine its twenty-four hours with justice, peace, and good-will among men.)

To honor Dr. Gamewell is to honor one of the most worthy ministers I have known during my seventy-two years. To do this as herein stated

would advance higher Christian education in a nation which comprises one-fourth of the people of the earth, who - as Lincoln's Secretary of State, Seward, forecasted - may mightily influence the future course of nations.

This timely tribute to a most faithful and beloved servant of God and man I lay before you, and join it with hope triumphant over fear.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. J. Thompson,
Chairman Gamewell Professorship Committee.



The Lebanon
H. E. V. PORTER
MANAGER

Not dictated. CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y., August 14, 1937.

Mr. George G. Barber, President,
Board of Trustees, Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Mr. Barber:-

Thank you for your reassuring message regard-faculty and property. It is thirty-seven years to-day since we finished that 56-day struggle in Peking. I am glad to be reassured, but as long as present conditions exist, anything may happen at any time. Witness the terrible events in Shanghai to-day. Dr. Rawlinson was for some time our neighbor in Shanghai, occupying the other side of a double house and for years we had offices in the same build ing. As you doubtless know, he was one of the ablest missionaries. So far as we now see we will remain here till Sept. 2nd. and will be glad if any further information that may reach you may be forwarded here up to Sept 1st., mailing from New York.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Frank L. Janeway



The Lebanon
H. E. V. PORTER
MANAGER

CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y. August 19, 1937.

Ack. 8/20/37.

Dr. B. A. Garside,
Associated Boards for China,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Dr. Garside:-

Some time ago word reached me through Mr. Evans that Dr. Stuart had modified his request and asked that certain persons be sent to the University this summer. Later a letter came signed by Mr. Barber with additional information. I acknowledged both communications.

I assume the developments of the past week in Shanghai and North China will cancel all outgoings for the present. I will be grateful if you will keep me in touch with such information as may reach you.

I hope you have secured the rest you so richly deserve and that Mrs. Garside is constantly gaining in health.

Very cordially yours,

Frank D. Ganewell

Address till September 1st.
The Lebanon, Chautauqua, New York.
After that date, 4709 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA

August 19, 1937

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

To Members of
the Board of Trustees

Dear Friends:

On August 31st the senior member of the Yenching Board of Trustees - Dr. Frank D. Gamewell - will be eighty years of age.

No further hint than this is necessary to inspire each member of the board to send Dr. Gamewell a warm and friendly message of felicitation and good wishes. At the present time he and Mrs. Gamewell are staying at the Lebanon, Chautauqua, New York, and plan to remain there through September 2.

All of you will be gratified to learn that excellent progress has been made toward the establishment of the Frank D. Gamewell Professorship of Religion in Yenching University. To date we have received about $41,500 in cash and pledges, leaving around $8,500 still to be secured to attain our goal of $50,000.

This progress has been due largely to the generosity and leadership of a number of members of the Yenching board. We know that the other members of the board who have not thus far taken an active interest will wish to assist as each is able to do, both through your personal gifts and through enlisting the interest and support of others. We enclose for your use a few copies of the folder describing the proposed fund and also of the special subscription card we are using.

It would of course be doubly pleasant for Dr. Gamewell and all of us if it were possible to announce the completion of the fund at the time of his birthday.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Very sincerely yours,

B.A. Garside
Secretary

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August 20, 1937.

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell,
The Lebanon,
Chautauqua, New York.

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

Thank you for your letter of yesterday.

You will probably be receiving this morning the latest letters sent off to the Yenching Trustees a day or two ago. You will note that when Dr. Stuart last cabled - about four days ago - Yenching was still planning to open as usual. From all we can learn, the shifting of the center of the fighting to the Shanghai area seems to have relieved in some measure the tension existing in and around Peiping. The Japanese seem to be in fairly complete control of Hopei at the present time, and both they and the Chinese seem content to leave the situation in the Peiping area in as quiet a state as possible. Presumably Yenching is hoping that this will continue long enough for the University to begin its work in September, and carry on in some sort of fashion throughout the year. As I talked with Dr. Randolph C. Sailer, who has just arrived in America, he expressed the hope that the University might be able to carry on this year, even though the student body may be greatly reduced, and many of the Chinese staff who have been outspoken in their pro-Chinese sympathies will probably have to stay out of North China for the present at least.

Of course we are all constantly aware of the possibilities that new disorders may occur at any point in North China at almost any time. It appears that both the Japanese and Chinese armies in the North are making preparations for a major conflict, and the ebb and flow of the battle may at any time bring Peiping once more into the scene of actual fighting. But it seems to me that our friends at Yenching are following the wisest, as well as the most courageous course, in going steadily ahead with their plans just as long and as far as they possibly can. We all realize that many of the threatened crises in China never develop just as we expect. There is much to be gained by an institution carrying on that would be lost as soon as it suspends operations.

Yes, we have had a very pleasant and restful vacation this summer. Our family spent three weeks in the Adirondacks, not far from Saranac Lake. Margaret was able to get a leave of absence from the Trudeau and be with us during the entire time. She has made most encouraging gains during the past fifteen months in weight, strength, and in improved health. We are hoping that she may be able to return home by the end of the year.

We know that you and Mrs. Gamewell are both greatly distressed by the tragic happening now taking place in China. But we do hope that both of you will continue to have a pleasant and restful stay in Chautauqua during the remainder of the month. We look forward to seeing you here when the weather is a little cooler.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG/am



The Lebanon
H. E. V. PORTER
MANAGER

CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y. August 27, 1937.

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

Ack 8/31/37

Dear Dr. Garside:-

I am eager to receive without delay any information you may receive from Yenching and so write to say that up to Sept. 1st., my address will continue,
The Lebanon, Chautauqua, New York.
On and after Sept. 1st. my home address:
4709 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Over forty years ago, I had frequent occasion to go up through the Nankow Pass to Yenching Chou, and I know the country west of Peiping well. As you have probably noticed the line from Mentoukuan to Nankow is not far from the location of Yenching and I will feel a good deal easier when the conflict is not located in that region. We expect to return to Philadelphia Sept. 2nd., leaving before mail from New York of the 1st. would reach us. I expect to be in New York about the middle of Sept. and will hope to see you.

With kindest regards,
Most cordially yours,

Frank K. Sanderson.

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August 28, 1937

Dear Dr. Gamewell,

As your eightieth birthday approaches, a great host of your friends scattered over the world are thinking of you and are hoping that the day will be a very happy one indeed. I am sure that many of them will be sending you their greetings and felicitations. Even more will be unable to convey their remembrances to you in words. None of us can adequately express the admiration and affection we have for you as you round out four-score years of years of able and devoted service in a world all too sorely in need of such servants.

Perhaps no group of your friends could possibly be thinking of you with more love and gratitude than are those who have some special connection with Yenching University. During almost fifty-six years you have been so intimately associated with all the development and operation of this institution that the Yenching of today would never have been except for your leadership and service. All of the thousands of the Yenching friends both in China and in the West would wish to add their own personal and sincere wishes for your health and happiness on your birthday, and for many, many happy returns of the day.

All of us remember, too, with equal gratitude and affection, Mrs. Gamewell. As she has shared with you so ably and so loyally in all the activities and joys and cares of these many years, may she share with you the happiness of this birthday, and many another to follow after it. It is an inspiration and a benediction to us all to think of the beautiful companionship you two have had down through the years, and will continue to have through this and the fuller life beyond.

Affectionately yours,

Not dictated

August 28, 1937

Dear Dr. Gamewell,

During these recent months the admiration and affection in which you are held by a great host of friends has been strikingly demonstrated by the spontaneous way in which they have asked to share in the establishment of the Frank D. Gamewell Professorship of Religion in Yenching University.

For at least a year before any definite steps were taken, a number of your friends both within and without the Yenching board of trustees urged that some such fund be established and asked that they be privileged to share in it. Since plans for the fund were drawn up last winter the response has been very heartening indeed.

Those who first proposed the establishment of the fund told other friends of the plan, and these in turn passed the information on to others. There has been no organized promotional effort, no special publicity. Indeed, no one has even been asked to make a contribution to the fund. Each of your friends who has heard of the proposal has spontaneously expressed a desire to have a share in it, both through personal pledges as each may be able to give and through enlisting the interest of others.

At the present time the total of the pledges we have received is between forty and forty-five thousand dollars. We have every confidence that the remainder will soon be pledged. It would have been quite possible to have the entire fifty thousand dollars subscribed by your eightieth Birthday as some of your friends at first hoped, had it seemed appropriate to press the proposal somewhat more vigorously. But we all knew that such an undertaking as this should be allowed to develop naturally, spontaneously, and unhurriedly. Any other plan of procedure might detract somewhat from the beauty of the personal tribute to you which the fund will represent, and - what is vastly more important - it might take away some part of the happiness which we want you and Mrs. Gamewell to derive from this effort of your friends to perpetuate something of your influence and personality to the succeeding generations of Yenching students down through the years.

In the confident hope that before many weeks we can announce the completion of the fund, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

August 30, 1937.

Mr. E. M. McBrier, Tresurer,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dear Mr. McBrier:-

One who had seen the circular regarding the Professorship of Religious Education sent me the inclosed check for Ten ($10.) as a contribution to the Professorship. Inclosed please find check indorsed to you. Kindly send receipt to my Philadelphia address.

Sincerely yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

August 30, 1937

My dear Dr. Gamewell:

I wish to add my felicitations to the scores of others that will reach you on the occasion of your eightieth anniversary.

It is quite impossible to say in words what we so deeply feel in our hearts. Mere phrases are elusive and a sense of futility overwhelms us when we rely upon them as a vehicle of expression. The love and esteem in which you are held by scores of friends, not only in America but throughout the world, rise above any poor effort upon my part or that of anyone else to reveal. Many of them will take this occasion to express to you anew their fealty and devotion, but above and beyond anything they may say, there is that all pervasive and penetrating power of love which they will poorly phrase, regardless of how well they try.

What I say for you is likewise true of Mrs. Gamewell. None of us can think of you apart from her. Your lives have been so intertwined and filled with good deeds that multitudes in many lands, audible or otherwise, will in a very real sense lift their voices in thanks to God for such noble and unselfish friends.

Yours very sincerely,

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell
The Lebanon
Chautauqua Lake, New York

August 30, 1937.

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell,
The Lebanon,
Chautauqua, New York.

My dear Dr. Gamewell:

Through some messages which I have seen here this morning, I am apprized that tomorrow is your eightieth birthday. May I take this occasion to congratulate you and wish you many happy returns of the day.

Your life has been an inspiration and a blessing to all of us who have come in contact with you. May the Good Lord continue to bless you.

With kind regards.

BMH/am

FRANK D. GASKELL PROFESSORSHIP OF RELIGION

Pledges and Payments:

McBrier, Mr. E. M.	$25,000.00	(Proposed Pledge)
Cunningham, Mr. R. G.	200.00	($100 paid)
Hampton, Mrs. Charles H.	10,000.00	($5000 paid)
Tuttle, Mrs. Charlotte G.	100.00	(paid)
Evans, Mr. William C.	500.00	(pledge)
Pilling, Mr. W. S.	500.00	(paid)
Moore, Mrs. William H.	500.00	(paid)
Joy, Dr. James R.	100.00	(pledge)
Welch, Bishop Herbert	25.00	(paid)
Thompson, Dr. William J.	1,000.00	(proposed Pledge ?)
Gaskell, Dr. and Mrs. Frank D.	5,000.00	(proposed pledge)
Welch, Mr. Edgar	2,000.00	(verbal pledge)
Kantor, Mrs. John Frisbee	100.00	(paid)
Hedrick, Mr. B. M. Aydelott, Mr. G. C. Young, Dr. S. P.	500.00	(verbal pledge)
Bigelow, Mr. W. F.	250.00	(pledge)
Smalley, Mrs. Jennie M.	5.00	(paid)
Finley, Mrs. John H.	25.00	(paid)
Baker, Mrs. Melville G.	10.00	(paid)
Rounds, Mr. L. R.	100.00	(paid)
Porter, Mr. H. E. V.	10.00	(paid)
Ryder, Mr. Frank H. [illegible]	100.00	(pledge)
McAfee, President Mildred H.	50.00	(paid)

September 3, 1937 - Total $44,075.00 ($37,550.00 pledged
6,525.00 paid

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The Lebanon,
Chautauqua, New York,
August 31, 1937.

Reb 9/3/37

My dear Dr. Garside:-

It is impossible for me to make you know my deep and abiding gratitude for all that you and the Board of Trustees of Yenching University have done in connection with my eightieth anniversary. It has not been my habit to pay much attention to the annual milestones, but the eightieth will always be closely associated in my memory with Yenching. After all that you have done in connection with the Professorship of Religion, to-day a most beautiful basket of flowers has come from "The Trustees, Staff, Students, Alumni and Friends of Yenching." All I can say is, I thank you all with my whole heart.

To you personally I want to express appreciation of your letter, of your friendship, and of all you have meant to me. I have greatly rejoiced in your devotion and in the marked ability with which you have carried on your work. Having a somewhat large contact with men in responsible positions here and abroad, I have never known a man who seemed to me to measure up more fully to the demands of his task. My only anxiety has been lest you were overtaxing yourself. While I am writing a telegram reaches me from Mrs. Garside. I have just time to get off this one letter to-day, but please thank Mrs. Garside for me. It will be a joy and a privilege to acknowledge the cummunications that have reached me at my first opportunity.

We are not escaping the heat at Chautauqua, but there is less humidity.

Most cordially and gratefully,

Frank D. Gamewell

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August 31, 1937

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell
4709 Pine Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

This is sent to greet you on your return to Philadelphia as well as to acknowledge your letter of August 27th.

We can understand the solicitude with which you have watched the China news from day to day. All of us have been watching fearfully lest we have some word of serious interference with Yenching. But thus far it appears that both the Yenching campus and the Yenching personnel have remained safe and unmolested. To the best of our knowledge, Yenching is still planning to open early in September as Dr. Stuart has cabled us several times.

In last night's paper I noted an Associated Press dispatch which gave a very inaccurate statement with reference to some of the effects growing out of the Japanese domination of North China. The correspondent who sent the dispatch was reporting on the difficulties which the American portion of the Boxer Indemnity Fund has encountered as a result of the probable shutting off of its income from Chinese sources as a result of war expenditures, together with the possible default of interest on Chinese bonds in which their endowments are held. Apparently the correspondent was laboring under the impression that these Boxer Indemnity funds represented practically the only income being supplied from American sources for higher educational work in China, for the article states that all higher educational work in China supported from American sources would have to be closed up because of the loss of income from these indemnity funds. The dispatch included Yenching University as one of the institutions dependent upon Boxer Indemnity Funds for its support. It did not go so far as to say that Yenching would have to suspend, as it predicted in the case of the other colleges, but stated that its opening this fall might be postponed.

We will try to see to it that all information which comes to us from time to time is sent along to you promptly.

In the hope that your homecoming to Philadelphia will be a very pleasant one, I am

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP
Encl.

F. D. [redacted]

His educational preparation was in Rensselaer Polytechnic, Cornell University and Dickinson College. His work began in China in 1884 and continued for over fifty years. He was professor, administrator secretary, Superintendent of various educational organizations and movements. He was chief of staff, fortifications, of the British Legation in the siege of Peking. Whatsoever he found to do he did with all his might, with the charm of his personality, strengthened and adorned with grace Divine.

"A college education", William James said, "enables one to know a good man." Graduates and non-graduates with uncovered head and steady finger point to F. D. Gamewell. To endow the F. D. Gamewell professorship in the School of Religion of Yenching University, to equip teachers, and continue his quality of work is the laudable enterprise to which we invite your attention and beg your cooperation. H. A. L. Fisher, author of a monumental History of Europe and recently honored by King George VI, says, that the nation which employs the best teachers will be the best governed and therefore the greatest nation.

The 593 approved colleges and universities in the United States question the suitability of some to pursue higher education. Apply this to the Chinese. China has governed more people for longer time than has any other nation. Nations are not born to die. Accordingly, expectancy of China's longevity is justified.

The printing press, moveable type, Mariner's compass, were invented by the Chinese. The drug, ephedrine, in crude form, was used by them for colds 200 years before it was used by us. Heretofore research has not been her concern. What if it become such?

Their culture, the contribution of imperial intellects, has a continuum of 3,000 years. Ours came from the Greeks, sank in the dark ages

but emerged six centuries ago. Up to 1750 the Chinese published more books on serious subjects than appeared in all other languages combined. One of the world's largest publishing houses is in Shanghai, operated by the Chinese for the Chinese. The Harvard University Library currently receives about one hundred and eighty Chinese periodicals. There is one glory of western culture and another of Chinese culture. The glory of the latter, though different, is not less than that of the former.

The T'ai P'ing rebellion, a civil war in the middle of the last century, is said to have cost more lives than the entire world war. Tested friends, the Chinese press to their bosom in warmest friendship. Her menials have shared their crust with "outer barbarians." In morality the Chinese can dunk as low as hell and rise as high as heaven.

These one-fourth of the inhabitants of the earth, a people of inventive, cultural attainments, moral capacity, baptised and astuted by the principles and attitudes of Christian education - what might they not achieve?

Yenching University in its 47th year has higher standing and deeper rootage than Harvard had three hundred years ago. Her moneys are secured in this country. The F. D. Gamewell professorship in the School of Religion would perpetuate Dr. Gamewell's quality of work and accordingly bless all posterities. If there be any other cause with more potentiality for greater good to a larger number of people than this one for which we crave your aid, we have yet to learn of it.

Gamewell Line

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell arrived in China October 6, 1881. He might have remained in America. He was a young man endowed with such qualities as would have doubtless brought him distinction in the field of science, education, politics, one of the professions, or a purely business career. Moreover, had he chosen the active ministry of his church for which he was so well endowed, his deep natural capacity, unimpeachable honesty, ability to make friends, powers of penetration, indefatigable energy, superior mental ability and educational training, would have taken him to any heights he desired. The greatest pulpits or a college presidency would unquestionably have been open to him. Who would be so bold as to predict what might have been his laurels had he chosen to remain in America. But, he went to China. He carried a thin white life line to that country when the personal hazzards and privations were so great that only those of undaunted courage, great faith and stern resolution were equal to the emergency.

Frank D. Gamewell possessed those qualities of the hardy pioneer who take hold of stern realities with bare hands and are unafraid. Going to China as a missionary in 1881 was not the result of a whim or caprice, it came only after deep meditation, long hours of prayer and with great travail of soul. It was not the avocation of a dilettante, it was the free choice of a hero. Work, hard work, devastating work was involved, and all this with such patience, and forebearance, and spirit of Christian service as could only come from a life dedicated to human betterment.

When, in 1900, the hordes of Boxer revolutionists swept up in tidal waves against the gates of Peking, Dr. Gamewell was there and with a thoroughness such as would become an army captain, he fortified the British legation and for fifty-six days held the murderous Boxers at bay and saved the lives of thirty-five hundred people. In words of gratitude and praise his name was then upon the lips of thousands of people. He was in the white light of publicity and was given an official citation by the British Foreign Office. But that was in 1900.

Today Dr. Frank D. Gamewell is advanced in years. On August 31st next, he will celebrate his eightieth anniversary. How altogether fitting and desirable it would be to remember him in some conspicuous and suitable way while yet his physical and mental powers are intact. The solid reasons for doing so will readily suggest themselves to every thoughtful individual.

First, as a sort of general principle, may it not be that a day has arrived when a new era should be ushered in respecting memorials. With our city parks, public squares, national, state and county buildings filled with the statues of those who achieved distinction on the field of battle, may it not be that the harbingers of peace and good-will, education, Christianity, culture, literature, the arts, and science, should be exalted to positions of prominence and esteem. Is it not time that we should give prestige and praise to these architects of greatness, these men whose brains have wrought all human miracles. Dr. Gamewell is a conspicious example of these outstanding men - dreamers they are sometimes called - whose vision lies within their souls. They never see the mirage of fact, but peer beyond the mists and veils of doubt and pierce the walls of unborn time. With their dreams and undaunted courage, they chart new courses and explore new continents of thought. So now we wish to honor one such man, our friend, Dr. Frank D. Gamewell, exponent of all that is high, and true, and pure and lovely.

Second, he went as a missionary at great personal sacrifice.

Third, he laid a deep and abiding foundation for the Christian religion in China.

Fourth, his very natural commanding personality and deep devotion to the underlying foundations of good-will made him influential in establishing amicable relations between China and America. These abiding principles are still the fabric of our political, commercial and educational ties which bind us so securedly.

Fifth, he was of outstanding service to America in that the result of his work has brought great gains to our country in the realm of business relations.

Sixth, blasting away, as he did, the old foundations of superstition, ignorance and prejudice, he helped lay the understructure of the new republic of China which is now emerging as a dominant power in the Far East. That many of the leaders of this vast new enlightened country have come from Yenching University which Dr. Gamewell helped establish, is of deep significance. Everyone agrees that China is a strategic spot in world civilization. For more than seventy years men and women have contributed of their means and their time to create the present opportunity for the Kingdom of God in China. To fail to carry on the school which has become the outstanding institution of learning in all North China would be a waste of all we have done up to the present.

Yenching University, through its School of Religion, is laying hold of the realities of life and by this agency is supplying a type of Christian leadership which has already had far-reaching effects throughout China.

Seventh, the Christian religion and his devotion thereto has been the absorbing motive of the life of this great man. It has been the pole star of his existence around which has revolved all of his activities. It was his deep awareness of the vital place Christianity must hold in all world progress that took him to China and kept him there for more than forty years. There he gave unsparingly of his talents and genius to the enrichment of those people who stood so much in need of what the Gospel had to offer. What better than a Professorship of Religion at Yenching University could embody the idealism and spiritual content of this great man's life. Through this agency he would become immortal, and we, who assist in this worthy undertaking will thus, through him, immortalize ourselves.

Eighth, the crucial need of China is Christian education. William H. Seward, former Secretary of State, at one time said, "The shores of the Pacific Ocean and

the vast region beyond will become the chief theater of the events in the world' great hereafter." Now after an elapse of seventy-five years, we recognize the reality of this statement. Everyone is agreed that what takes place in China, which now has one-fourth of the population of the globe, cannot do otherwise than affect all civilization. It has affected America and will continue to do so to an ever-increasing degree. We cannot escape it. It is now for us to use every legitimate agency to establish within China Proper those foundations of peace and good-will which so vitally concern us. The basic nature of Chinese and Americans are so much alike that what Christian education has done in the United States we rightly reason would transpire in China.

Yenching University now has eight hundred twenty-five students, a campus comprising of acres, buildings and an endowment of $. A full sixty years of growing usefulness lies behind her. The culture of China is very old and with the influence of Christian teaching on this historic background, it will rapidly become one of the world's outstanding nations. We, in America, are well aware of the powerful affect of Christian education upon our own national and religious development. The early Colleges of America were founded for the express purpose of supplying the church with a trained clergy. The academic standards were established with this in view. Every College in our country prior to the nineteenth century was founded under the auspices of the church. Yale, William and Mary, Pennsylvania, Princeton and Columbia were in that group. In England, Oxford has recently celebrated her one thousandth anniversary. The historic traditions of these institutions of learning reach into the remote past. The day will come when China will look back upon the institutions we have thus helped to establish, and who can foresee the rich heritage that will accrue therefrom.

Wherever the Christian cause is honored in China, there Dr. Gamewell is likewise honored. Forty years is a long span of time, but forty years is what

Dr. Gamewell spent in China. Thus do we propose to establish the "Frank D. Gamewell Professorship of Religion at Yenching" and by so doing give immortality to our money and to this man whose life has so enriched that nation.

It is our desire to complete the $50,000 necessary to the establishment of this Professorship by August 31, 1937 which, as has been stated above, is Dr. Gamewell's eightieth anniversary. Already $25,000, a gift from Mr. E. M. McBrier, is available when the remaining $25,000 has been secured. It is our conviction that the obvious propriety of doing this is so great that the friends of Dr. Gamewell, and others interested in perpetuating his idealism in the land of his adoption, would respond in such a manner as to bring this desired result quickly to pass.

Yenching University will become the Harvard University of China, therefore, a Professorship of Religion in the School of Theology is destined to be one of the most powerful forces for rightousness that can possibly be created in that country.

REASONS WHY A METHODIST SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE FRANK D. GAMEWELL PROFESSORSHIP

Among a number of reasons, two stand out in my mind as having special importance and appeal. First, the cause itself is the cause of Christian education in the leading Christian university in China. This institution is rendering, through its contribution of trained leadership to religion, education, government and business in China, a service of transcendental importance not only to China but to the world at large.

Everyone agrees that China is a strategic spot in world civilization today. Christian men and women for generations have contributed of their means and their time to create the present opportunity for the Kingdom of God in China. To fail to take advantage of this great opportunity would be a tragic waste of resources and opportunity.

Yenching University, through its School of Religion, undertakes to carry on important work in this field, and this proposed professorship is an important element in the School of Religion. Yenching now has an endowment of $2,044,278, its plant is valued at $2,572,528, and it has 825 students. Well established as she is, she cannot hold her own and keep pace with her expanding opportunities without additional endowment and support from abroad.

Second, this professorship will be named for one of those Christian heroes who has spent forty-four years in China and who has thereby made a sacrificial contribution of a large part of his own life to this cause. We can have a share in this work by providing the funds necessary to carry on the work begun by him. In fact, for many of us a contribution of our money is the only way we can give expression to our desires to have part in these important works of the Kingdom. It is very appropriate that this professorship should be called the "Frank D. Gamewell of Religion" because it serves to challenge us to the realization that great men do give their lives to such causes and that we too are challenged to share ourselves in service for the benefit of the world at large. Therefore, this Professorship is not a mere means of honoring this great soul, but it is of honoring Him in Whose name this man labored.

September 1, 1937

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell
The Lebanon
Chautauqua Lake, New York

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

Mr. Porter's gift is only typical of the response which would be almost uniform from your friends if they all knew of the proposed Gamewell Professorship. Unfortunately we do not have the names of all of your friends; therefore, many of them will never know of this token of affection until too late to participate.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge this gift of $10.00 and I am sure you will see that the receipt is handed to Mr. Porter.

I hope you and Mrs. Gamewell had an enjoyable day yesterday, in celebration of your birthday.

With sincere good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

George C. Aydelott

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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Philadelphia, Pa
Sept. 2, 1937.

My dear Dr. Gyroside:-

I am sending by this mail in your care, 150-5th ave., a letter to Mrs Gyroside, in which I try to express my appreciation of her birthday telegram to me. You were both most kind in planning for such remembrance and I am very grateful.

I note you on the 31st, for I wanted the letter to reach you promptly. I want to speak again of the flowers. All agreed they had never seen a more beautiful basket. It was exquisite. A wonderful combination of color beautifully arranged in a beautiful basket. We looked and looked at it, until Mrs Gamewell said it was photographed on her heart! The flowers greatly added to the many precious memories of the day. Affectionately and gratefully yours

Frank D. Gamewell.

September 3, 1937

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell
4709 Pine Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

Many thanks for your kindly note of August 31st. All of us were thinking of you and Mrs. Gamewell on that important date, and were hoping that you were finding the day a very pleasant one. We are delighted to know that the flowers and the messages from your friends arrived in time to add to your enjoyment of the day.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Sept. 6, 1937.

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

Dear Dr. Garside:-

I write for Mrs. Gamewell. If you can spare them she would be glad to have about ten of the folders you issued in connection with the Professorship of Religion in Yenching University.

I hope you were able to get away and to get some rest during the week end.

Cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

Please Dr.Garside, I should like a good many more of the folders if you can spare them! Thank you so very, very much for your beautiful birthday letter to Mr.Gamewell. I can't tell you how greatly he appreciated it and I too.

Yours sincerely,
Mary H. Gamewell.

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September 7, 1937

Dear Mrs. Gamewell:

Thank you for the note which you and Dr. Gamewell jointly wrote me yesterday.

Under separate cover we are sending you two dozen of the folders with regard to the Professorship of Religion. We have a good supply of these folders and will be glad to send you more if you need them.

We are all very happy at the response being received to the proposal that we establish this Professorship in Dr. Gamewell's honor. Gifts are coming in every day, some of them from friends whom we did not know had heard of the Professorship.

With all good wishes for Dr. Gamewell and yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Frank D. Gamewell
4709 Pine Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 7, 1937

My dear Dr. Gamewell:

I was on vacation when August 31st arrived, and as I did not have your summer vacation address with me, any felicitations I might have written would have been delayed anyway.

You are a fine example of how young a man can be at eighty years, and I congratulate you most heartily. May you live to celebrate many more birthdays, and may your good health continue to bless you.

With sincerest personal regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell
4709 Pine Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

CAE:RC

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Sept. 8, 1937.

My dear Mr. Aydelott:-

Thank you very much for your kind letter and your good wishes for my eightieth anniversary. The day will always be closely associated in my thoughts with Yenching University, for all of you did much to make it a memorable birthday. As I have written others, most of us as the years increase pay but little attention to the annual milestones, but great kindness of many friends has emphasized the eightieth in a way I can never forget.

When you called on me at Chautauqua you mentioned the gift of Mr. Edgar Welch and in this connection I said I would be glad later to have the names of all who had contributed to the Professorship, as I wished to write each one. By this mail I am writing Dr. Garside, making the request that when the matter is completed, that is when you have forty-seven thousand exclusive of Mrs. Gamewell's gift, a list of the names, not the amounts, except in cases where that may seem desirable, be sent to me.

Once more thanking you for your letter and with cordial best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

Mr. George C. Aydelott,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

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FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

September 8, 1937.

My dear Mr. Evans:-

Thank you very much for your birthday greetings, which I sincerely appreciate.

All of the Yenching group and all of you connected with the Associated Boards have been most kind and have so impressed upon me the eightieth milestone that I shall not forget it.

I expect to be in New York next week and will hope to see you. Will you please send me word on the inclosed postal[x] as to when Mr. McBrier will return.

Very cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

[x] No postal at hand!

Not dictated.

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Sept. 8, 1937.

My dear Dr. Garside:-

When Mr. Aydelott called on me at Chautauqua he mentioned the gift of Mr. Edgar Welch to the Yenching Professorship of Religion, stating the amount, and I told him when the fund was completed I would be glad to have a list of all the donors, the names not the amounts, except in such cases, if any, where you might think it desirable I should know. I wish to express my heart-felt appreciation to each one who has contributed to this fund, "which will give permanent aid at the most vital point of Yenching's Christian service to China."

May I ask that when the fund has reached forty-seven thousand dollars, exclusive of Mrs. Gamewell gift, you will kindly send me a list of the donors.

As usual, you were most kind in having a letter to greet me and in sending the latest information from China. What is going on there puts us all under a certain physical and mental strain as we go through the days sharing to some extent the terrible experiences through which the Chinese and others are passing.

As I think I wrote you, I expect to be at the meeting of the Executive Committee of our Board on Sept. 16th.

Very cordially and gratefully yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

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

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September 9, 1937

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell
4709 Pine Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Gamewell:

Your letter of the 8th at hand.

Everyone who has written you feels very keenly and sincerely everything that has been said. The only thing about it is that our words are inadequate to express our feelings.

Mr. McBrier is already here, having arrived on the S.S. MANHATTAN last Thursday, and was in the office for the first time on Tuesday. I am sure that he will be glad to see you any time. He is in high spirits and raring to go.

With sincerest best wishes to you, I remain

Most cordially yours,

CAE:RC

September 10, 1937

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell
4709 Pine Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

Your letter of September 8th has been shared with Mr. McBrier, Mr. Hedrick, and Mr. Aydelott.

You may be sure we will be quite happy to send you a list of the donors to the Frank D. Gamewell Professorship of Religion at Yenching University as you indicate. And we all hope very much that the fund will soon arrive at the requisite figure, so that the list may be sent you before many weeks have passed.

The news which comes to us from China day by day is certainly most disturbing. I am afraid that we will have to fortify ourselves against a continuation of the crisis for a good many months. Yet at the same time we can only believe that the Christian Colleges of China, together with the other aspects of the Christian enterprise there, will in some way continue to carry on through the crisis, and will be more urgently needed than ever before as soon as the crisis has passed.

We are glad to learn that you are planning to be in New York City on September 16th. We are planning to have a number of Associated Boards committee meetings during the next fortnight, and have sent out inquiries as to the availability of the committee members on different dates. It would be splendid if we could select a date for our Associated Boards Executive Committee meeting which would permit you to attend it while you are in New York next week, though I am afraid that this particular Committee will not be able to meet until the following week.

Very sincerely yours,

RAG:MP

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Sept. 11, 1937.

My dear Dr. Aydelott:-

We have found it best to modify our plans and I wish to get in touch with Dr. W. J. Thompson. I understood him to say he would be in Philadelphia for the next week. Do you know his address, or can you tell me how he may be reached by telephone, if still here.

Mrs. Gamewell tells me your name should be pronounced A long. I am sorry I got it wrong, but we will charge it to China, for if you ever go there your name would be "Ai Hsien Sheng", and the Ai is pronounced I. The Ai would be the surname for Aydelott, and the Hsien Sheng, is "Teacher", the name by which missionaries are known.

Thank you for returning the two photographs.

With kindest regards,
Sincerely yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

Before this letter is mailed further developments lead me to carry out my original plan for a visit to New York and so it will not be necessary to send me Dr. Thompson's address.

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

September 30, 1937.

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:-

Thank you very much for your cordial letter with its invitation to Mrs. Gamewell and myself to attend the luncheon to Dr. Hsü on October sixth.

We would like to be present but cannot determine our plans until Monday. Yes, Dr. Hsü is indeed a fine illustration of the good work accomplished by Christian institutions in China.

Sincerely yours,

Frank D. Gamewell Jr.

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Not dictated.

October 2, 1937.

Ack 10/4/37

Dear Mrs. Macmillan;-

Of course I am deeply interested in all that affects the welfare of Yenching, and hope you will have a most successful luncheon in honor of Dr. Hsü on the sixth inst.

As you wrote I heard Dr. Hsü, and I presume he will cover substantially the same ground. It is a little difficult to attend a luncheon from West Phila. when the luncheon is at the Commodore, New York, and not at the Benjamin Franklin, Philadelphia!

It is interesting that October sixth will be fifty-six years to the day of my first arrival in China. I have recently been in New York twice, the last time for a week, and unless there is a special reason why we should be present next Wednesday, other than the general reason that it would add two more to those present and that of course we would be glad to be there barring the trip, I think we will not plan to go. On the other hand if there is a feeling that by all means we ought to be present, we will plan to be present unless Wednesday should prove a stormy day. I do not wish to trouble you or to take either ourselves or our attendance too seriously, but I will be glad if you will telegraph a brief reply Monday.

With kindest regards,
Very sincerely yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan.
150 Fifth Ave., New York.

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

October 4, 1937.

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Dear Dr. Garside:-

Thank you for your telegram which reaches me this evening. As I wrote Mrs. Macmillan we were ready to go on Wednesday if there were special reasons for going. In a note from Dr. Thompson he intimated that possibly the Professorship Fund might be completed by October sixth, but I take it he was too sanguine. Of course if that were the case I would celebrate the 56th anniversary of my arrival in China by being in New York. But having heard Dr. Hsü, and knowing from repeated experience that one gets but little opportunity to see others at these luncheons, I scarcely felt the trip with its investment of time and money was justified.

I presume you saw the fine statement by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler in to-day's New York TIMES, or possibly you heard the broadcast yesterday, in which Dr. Butler calls the Japanese invasion of China "governmental assassination".

Again thanking you,
Cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
October 7, 1937

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

We missed you sadly at yesterday's luncheon, and that is a good deal of a tribute because there were three hundred and twenty five people there, and a great deal of real enthusiasm. Last night's New York Sun and this morning's Times gave fairly good reports of what Mr. Hull is saying. I wish you might have heard him.

I hope that you are taking real satisfaction in the news that is coming to us from our own State Department.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Dr. F. D. Gamewell
Apt. 10-K
4709 Pine Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

October 30, 1937.

Mr. E. M. McBrier, Treasurer,
Yenching University, 150-5th.,Ave.,N.Y.

My dear Mr. McBrier:-

A friend in the south who heard of the proposed Professorship sent the inclosed check asking that we "accept this very tiny token". If you will send receipt at your convenience I will forward it to her.

Cordially yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

November 1, 1937

Mr. Frank D. Gamewell
4709 Pine Street, 10-K
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gamewell:

Thank you very much for the enclosure of five dollars which has just been received. The enclosed official receipt you will doubtless wish to forward to the contributor.

We now have $45,500 in cash and subscriptions. If any one of two or three large contributions which we have under cultivation should break, I hope we may complete the fund in the very near future. You know, of course, how eagerly we are looking forward to bringing this project to completion, and may I assure you that it is on our hearts at all times.

With personal regards to yourself and Mrs. Gamewell, I am

Sincerely yours,

George C. Aydelott, Secretary.

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Not Dictated.

December 1, 1937

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell,
4709 Pine Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

In accordance with our conversation of this morning, I am sending herewith two lists. The first gives only the names of those who have made gifts toward the Frank D. Gamewell Professorship of Religion. The second list gives both the names and the amounts of the gifts.

Up to today the amount of pledges and payments toward this professorship, including the $3,000 from Mrs. Gamewell and yourself, totals $45,655.

We hope that within the next few weeks this fund will "go over the top".

With all good wishes both for Mrs. Gamewell and yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours,

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

December 21, 1937.

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My dear Dr. Garside:-

I hope you know me well enough to know I am not lacking in gratitude, and that I appreciate with an abiding appreciation all that my friends have done in connection with my eightieth birthday.

Under existing circumstances, probably it would have been better not to have spurned the names of the donors to the Fund until it was a fait accompli, for I find it impossible to deal with matters now as my heart would prompt me to do. I have tried to express my gratitude to a few persons in propria persona, but at this time, with conditions as they are in China

I cannot write and say what I want to say. I would be tempted to regret the effort, if I did not feel as you folder puts it, "Such a fund will give permanent aid at the most vital point of Yenching's Christian Service to China".

Thank you with all my heart for your own generous gift to the Fund, and thank you for all that you are, and all that you have meant in my life for many years. The eightieth birthday will always be closely associated in my thoughts with you.

Affectionately and gratefully yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

December 28, 1937

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell
47th & Pine Sts.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

Although you have doubtless heard from Mr. McBrier, Mr. Garside and others in the office, I wish to add my personal word of greeting at this festive season of the year. I hope you and Mrs. Gamewell have had a very pleasant Christmas and that the New Year will be unusually fruitful in good health and happiness.

All of us had earnestly hoped that the Gamewell fund would have been completed ere this, but due to unavoidable delay it has not been accomplished. From one or two promising sources there was evidence that the remaining $4500 would be secured by this time which fact accounts for a lessening of activity on smaller gifts. Just prior to Christmas one of these who had been having business complications seems happily to have cleared; and, although an actual decision has not yet been reached, it is more than likely that by January 15 we will have the answer. You well know the uncertainty of money-raising, therefore, will understand the painful delay which has been occasioned in this case.

Wide confusion and distress in China is reflected in the uncertainity of American participation to specific projects, but the increased financial support for the Colleges is most gratifying. Within recent weeks there has been a fund of approximately $100,000 assembled, most of it in cash. We hope, of course, to complete the $250,000 as the ultimate objective.

If you are in New York, please give me a call.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Gamewell, I am

Very sincerely yours,

George C. Aydelott, Secretary

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FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

December 29, 1937.

Mr. E. M. McBrier, Treasurer,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Mr. McBrier:-

A few months ago you advised me to wait until January for the payment of Mrs. Gamewell's pledge for the Professorship of Religion in Yenching University. I now write to say that I expect to be in New York on January 5, and will have with me a check on The Central Savings Bank in the City of New York for the amount of the pledge-$3000.00. The check will be drawn to Mrs. Gamewell's order and indorsed to you. I hope this will be in satisfactory form.

May I once more try to express our deep appreciation of your kindness and great generosity in connection with this Professorship. While most grateful for the kindness of my friends in connection with this Professorship, I feel that the significant thing is, as the folder states, "Such a fund will give permanent aid at the most vital point of Yenching's Christian service to China."

Cordially and gratefully yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

Personal.

FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

December 29, 1937.

Dr. B. A. Garside,
Associated Board for
Christian Colleges in China.

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Dear Dr. Garside:-

I planned to see you during my last visit to New York, which kept me over-night, but unfortunately caught cold and prudence prompted a return home.

However, I expect to be in New York next week and will certainly see you. I hope you read between the lines in my last letter to you, so far as was necessary, for I have only the deepest appreciation of all that has been done in connection with the Professorship, and realize the extremely difficult present conditions.

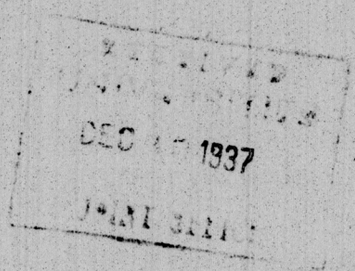
Thank you , both Mrs. Gamewell and I, so much for your Christmas card. I was much interested in studying the pictures, the sending of which is a very happy thought.

We are very much shocked at the word that reaches us to-day of Naomi Cartwright's tragic death. Our hearts ache for them.

Always affectionately and gratefully,

Frank D. Gamewell

Will you please see that in the list of contributors, only Mrs. Gamewell's name is used. It is her gift.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FRANK D. GAMEWELL
4709 PINE STREET, 10-K
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Not dictated. December 30, 1937.

Dear Dr. Garside:-

You ought not to be bothered by a letter from me the last day of the year, but I want you to know I have overcome that peculiar inability to put into writing the deep appreciation I feel in connection with all that has been done regarding the Professorship.

The attempt to secure this fund has been carried on since last summer and I knew of the list only this month, so I have said in writing the contributors: "Only recently have I seen a list of the contributors" etc., which of course is the case.

I have written to all but those whose names are given below. I am not sure of the addresses of these persons, or in most cases can I identify them.

1. S. D Bausher. 2. R. G. Cunningham. 3. George E. Deming.
4. Mrs. J. W. Kinnear. 5. Mrs. William H. Moore.
6. Leslie R. Rounds. 7. Frank H. Ryder.

I will be glad to receive the address of the above persons. Thank you.

Always cordially and gratefully yours,

Frank D. Gamewell

The tragic death of Dr. Cartwright's daughter fills us with sorrow,

December 31, 1937

Dr. Frank D. Gamewell
4709 Pine Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

Let me acknowledge with sincere appreciation your recent notes relative to the Frank D. Gamewell Professorship in Religion. In the note you wrote yesterday you asked for the addresses of certain friends who have contributed to this fund. The names and addresses are given on the attached list. Mrs. Kinnear, who made her gift some months ago, died last month.

We trust that the next few weeks will see the final completion of this fund in which so many of your friends have a deep personal interest.

In the hope that 1938 will be a very pleasant year both for Mrs. Gamewell and yourself despite the tragic conditions throughout the world under which the New Year is beginning, I am

Very sincerely yours,

RaG:MP
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