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Columbia University
in the City of New York
DEPARTMENT OF CHINESE

January 13, 1928

Dr. Leighton Stuart,
c/o Yenching University, 150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Stuart:-

A few days ago, I noticed a statement in the Christian Science Monitor regarding the decision of the Trustees of the Hall Fund to establish the Institute of Chinese Studies in Yenching. Please let me offer you my heartiest congratulations on your success in achieving this desired-for result. I am sure that Harvard and Yenching together will make a great thing out of the Institute.

I judge from this that Lucius Porter will not be coming to this country this spring. If he does, however, I hope that you will include us in his itinerary.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

W. Woodruff

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Columbia University
in the City of New York

OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS

321-322 UNIVERSITY HALL

April 25, 1933

Dr. Leighton Stuart, President
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Leighton:

As you know, we have from year to year two or three applications from Yenching of students who plan to enter our graduate school or our Teachers College.

Some of these men and women come pretty well prepared, and have made a good impression on the university teaching staff. But certain ones, otherwise well trained, have shown decided weakness in English. One such, Mr. Yang Tien-fu, is under discussion now, and the professor in charge of his master's work is very discouraged about his English. I note that Mr. Yang took no more English after sophomore year, in which course he was given the grade of M.

At the present time Columbia University, in company with a number of other American institutions of like grade, conduct examinations in English every spring in various places in Europe. Candidates who apply for entrance are sent to the nearest center and their admission depends in part on their success in this examination. So far these examinations have not been offered in Peiping.

Would you consider it wise to set this machinery going in Peiping to stimulate better English from candidates for admission to universities here? It would mean an expense, in all probability, to the local board, but that might be cheerfully borne if the result would be one of lifting up the grade of spoken and written English among Chinese students in the schools of the Peiping and Tientsin area.

Sincerely yours,

L. C. Goodrich

L. C. Goodrich
Advisor to Foreign Students

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April 29, 1933.

Dr. L. C. Goodrich
321-322 University Hall
Columbia University
New York, N. Y.

My dear Carrington:

I am taking my first opportunity to reply to your letter of inquiry regarding examinations in English for Chinese students. It is easy to appreciate the difficulty you describe and I am sure that a process based on European experience would be of great help and I should be glad to assist in any way in setting this up for the Peking-Tientsin area. I shall be starting back to China about the middle of next month and can be reached at Yenching by the middle of June.

It was quite a disappointment not to have the evening with you, and I shall be in the city so little from now on that another attempt to see you does not seem very promising. If I find time permits, I shall try somehow at least to look in on you in your office.

Very sincerely yours,

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January 25th, 1934

Professor L.C. Goodrich,
Department of Chinese,
Columbia University,
New York City.

Dear Mr Goodrich:-

We are getting together endorsements of the work at Yenching University by several people who have been in China and have known what the University is, what it is doing and what it stands for in the Chinese educational system. We would be glad if you can see your way clear to give us a statement about the institution which we may use in our publicity. Your close touch with what we are doing will give great force to any commendation which you can give us, and we would appreciate your giving us a s strong a statement as possible.

Mr Chevalier was here a few days ago and was telling me about a very fine lecture given at Columbia to the public on Chinese Art appreciation. He suggested that you would doubtless put us on your mailing list to receive notices of any future lectures of such a series. I would be very glad to be kept in touch with these lectures. please.

Thanking you for your assistance, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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Samuel
Bingyou*

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January 30th, 1934

Mr L. Carrington Goodrich,
Columbia University
Department of Chinese,
New York City.

Dear Mr Goodrich:-

I want to thank you for your very prompt and very splendid response to my request for an endorsement of the work at Yenching. Knowing the work intimately as you do, I esteem this letter most highly as one from a person competent to speak. It will prove of much service to us in our publicity. It will also cheer the people at Yenching to have this unqualified expression of approval of what they are trying to do there.

I wonder if you would object to my sending a copy of the personal letter on to Dr Stuart. I would be glad to do this if you are willing for me to send it.

Possibly you appreciate something of our financial situation that makes the salary situation there so desperate. Gifts have almost entirely disappeared and endowment income is small and the rate of exchange at present is less than three for one where we have been getting as much as four fifty to nearly five for one. Very severe cuts are having to be made all around and even teachers are having to be dropped to enable us to carry on. Unless things pick up here or our campaign there in China for one million Chinese dollars realizes a goodly sum we are going to be in a critical situation for the next few years. Yenching has never been in such a critical situation before.

With thanks and all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely

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File L.C. Goodrich

Columbia University
in the City of New York
DEPARTMENT OF CHINESE

January 29, 1934

Mr. N. Gist Gee, Vice President
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Gee:-

After sixteen years of active acquaintance with Chinese educational institutions, government and private, both in China and - with the products of those institutions - abroad, I have no hesitation in putting Yenching University in the Class A list. I have seen it grow from humble beginnings and dingy surroundings to its present stature and almost unparalleled equipment (for China), and through it all there has been a spirit of fine cooperation, patient insistence on good scholarship, thorough regard for the needs of China present and future, and a leadership that has been able and imaginative. The Chinese have not always looked to the missionary institutions as centers of light and leading, but I think it is safe to say that Yenching has now come to be so regarded.

Even in the field of sinology, in which for a long time the missionary colleges and universities made practically no contribution, Yenching has forged a unique place for itself, with the aid of funds from the Hall estate, so that its library, its staff, and its research associates are regarded as among the best in the land.

It would be a catastrophe for China and for international relationships if this work were not permitted to continue at its present level.

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Sincerely yours,
L. C. Goodrich
Acting Executive Officer

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Columbia University
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OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS

321-322 UNIVERSITY HALL

May 9, 1934

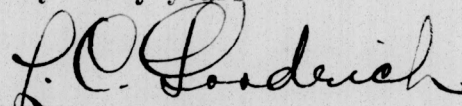
Mr. N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 5th Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Gee:

A question has arisen in regard to the admission of an American girl, now a student in the University of Shanghai (Shanghai College) to our School of Dentistry. She is now taking her pre-medical work.

It is my impression that, other things being equal, a student with a good record in the pre-medical sciences in the University of Shanghai would deserve as much consideration as one with a similar record from, let us say, Deloit. I would be glad if you would confirm this, and give any additional information about the science work that you think would interest us. I am not asking for a detailed report, of course. I assume, for instance, that the P.U.M.C. is still recognizing the institution's candidates. If you do not know this, I can write to Miss Eggleston.

Very truly yours



L. C. Goodrich
Adviser to Foreign Students

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May 10th, 1934

Mr L. C. Goodrich,
Adviser to Foreign Students,
Columbia University,
New York City.

Dear Mr Goodrich:-

Your letter of May 9th has just come.

I think your statement of the case of the student who has done her pre-medical work at the University of Shanghai is accurate so far as I can judge at present. It has been over two years now since I was in China, but they were doing good work in the sciences there before I left China and I have heard nothing to the contrary since I left. The work in physics was possibly the weakest of the three premedical sciences then. I hope they have corrected this recently.

The P.U.M.C. always held their examinations in spite of what opinion they held of the work done at any of the colleges. I do not know what your practice at Columbia is, but Shanghai is doing work equal, I should think, to that of our best smaller colleges.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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Columbia University
in the City of New York
DEPARTMENT OF CHINESE

October 31, 1935

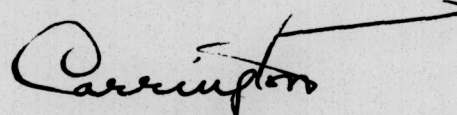
Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter to Dr. Sailer, which is self-explanatory. I hope you will give me a ring shortly after you come to town and let me invite you to lunch here at the Faculty Club. I should like to talk over with you the question of a possible renewal of our exchange and at the same time arrange for you to meet Professor McBain, the Dean of the Graduate Faculties.

With best wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely,


L. C. Goodrich

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[Copy for the information of Dr. Stuart]

October 31, 1935

Dr. Randolph Sailer
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Ran:

Mr. Henry R. Lieberman called yesterday. I told him frankly that we are not prepared to recommend anyone to the Dean for the Yenching exchange fellowship (assuming that the University will consider renewing it) unless he or she had taken a generous amount of our work in the Chinese Department. It is our feeling that any student we should send over should be prepared to get the most of what may be only a brief stay in China. Even at that, we are expecting only a tithe from our candidates of what you would expect of yours. *(in western studies)*

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Stuart and asking him for an appointment as soon as he arrives in New York, in order that we may discuss the question of a renewal.

You may be interested to know that I met your father the other day and that he and Mr. Wells are both taking a course with Dr. Peake.

Yours sincerely,

L. C. Goodrich

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Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF CHINESE

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November 25, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

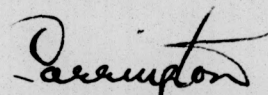
Dear Leighton:

I enclose a copy of my letter to Dean McBain and trust that it meets with your approval. I have also sent a copy to Dr. Sailer and asked him to let me know how Freyn is progressing and whether or not he thinks a second year at Yenching would be advisable. I have likewise written to Mr. Freyn asking him if he would like to apply for a renewal of the scholarship.

I presume that the next move is either to have your office here get directly in touch with Dean McBain on this subject or to request the Institute of International Education to act for you as before. Either way would be acceptable to us.

It was pleasant to see you again. I hope that we may meet often before you have to return.

Yours sincerely,



L. C. Goodrich

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November 25, 1935

Dean Howard L. McBain
Havemeyer Hall

Dear Dean McBain:

I am sorry President Leighton Stuart of Yenching University and you and I could not get together on Friday to discuss the question of a possible continuation of the Yenching-Columbia exchange scholarship. He and I, however, talked the matter over and seemed to be in general agreement.

Briefly, our thought is as follows: - we believe that mutual benefits result in such an exchange; that it is probably well to keep the number of scholars from each institution limited to one (at least for the time being); and that, in cases where it seems desirable, a scholarship holder be given the opportunity - provided that he seems to be a worthy student - of holding the scholarship for a second year.

The present situation is probably typical of what we may expect in the future. Our Columbia man, Mr. Hubert Freyn, is eager to write a dissertation on the Chinese Theater. He could not possibly gather all the necessary material and consult all the proper authorities, in addition to improving his knowledge of the language, in the short space of one year. A second year would be welcome, I am sure, though I would have to consult him on this. Furthermore, from the Columbia side, we hardly have more than one competent advanced candidate every two years. The Yenching man, Mr. Yen Ch'un, has already approached me on the question of remaining here for a second year. He is enrolled in the philosophy department and would like to be a candidate for the Ph.D. degree. At present he is taking what might be called introductory courses and cannot register for seminars under Professor Woodbridge and others until next year. So for him too a continued opportunity is essential.

I would like to recommend, therefore, that we enter into an agreement with Yenching University for the continuation of the single exchange scholarship for the academic year 1936-37.

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I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Stuart
for his information.

Yours faithfully,



L. C. Goodrich

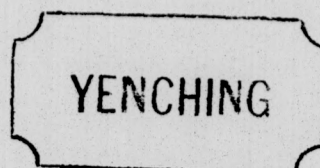
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Columbia University
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L. Carrington Goodrich

DEPARTMENT OF CHINESE

LOCAL



December 2, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
President, Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Leighton:

You will be glad to hear, I am sure,
that Dean McBain approves of the tentative arrange-
ment for exchange scholarships between our two in-
stitutions. I presume the next step is to find out
if Mr. Yen and Mr. Freyn wish to continue under the
present arrangement. I have already written to Mr.
Freyn. I will expect to hear from you about Mr. Yen
in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Carrington
L. C. Goodrich

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Columbia University
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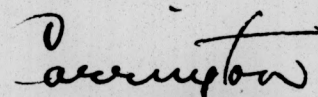
December 2, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
President, Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Leighton:

I have a personal matter which I should like to discuss with you. On June 4, 1936 my father would ~~have been~~ 100 years old if he had lived. For some months I have pondered the question of doing his memory some honor on that day. I have not talked this over with my sister but it occurred to me that we might possibly have an enlargement of a good photograph of him made and presented to Yenching to hang in one of the halls of the Theological Seminary. As you doubtless know, he was Dean of the Seminary for some twenty years. What do you think of this proposal?

Yours sincerely,


L. C. Goodrich

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December 20, 1935

My dear Carrington:

Your two letters have been long delayed because of my absence from the city. I am glad that the arrangement for the exchange scholarship is working out with the approval of Dean McBain. Mr. Yen would like very much to continue a second year at Columbia.

The suggestion of an enlargement of your father's photograph to be put in our Divinity Hall appeals very strongly to me. We shall be most happy to have this, and on June 4th we could quite fittingly have a special ceremony at the time of its hanging.

I shall be away for the holidays but on my return next month we may take up the matter further.

With the Season's Greetings to Anne and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

Professor L. C. Goodrich
Department of Chinese
Columbia University
New York City

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