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PEKING UNIVERSITY  
(YENCHING TA HSUEH)

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 20, 1928.

My dear Blanche:

It was ever so kind of you to remember me at Christmas with such a pretty card. Thank you both. I was so sorry to have missed seeing you when I was in New York last spring. You must enjoy having Dr. Stuart with you and hearing all the news. We miss him here, of course, but everything has been going very smoothly this autumn, scarcely a cloud in the sky. All the students are behaving like lambs. The mid-year exams are just over now and the New Year holidays are on, so everything is quieting down for the nonce. We did have one little flurry a few weeks ago. The students gave a play in the P.U.M.C. Auditorium and wishing to cut a dash in town one of the actors borrowed the real uniform belonging to an officer. He came to see the play, and as the character was rather a comic one, he was much insulted, and for a few days things were rather tense. However, our invaluable vice-president flew into town and made our apologies in the proper quarters and it seems to have blown over.

We had quite a puff in the Chinese papers recently over the results of the examinations conducted by the Ministry of Education, Yenching scoring first on four points:

- 1) out of the 509 undergraduates that were required to take the examinations only 7 were absent (one University whose students numbered 1900 only produced 160 on the day of the examinations)
- 2) The Chinese composition of the students was in no way inferior to the standard of the Metropolitan Universities.
- 3) The attitude of students to examiners and the examinations showed good discipline and
- 4) all papers were handed in on time.

Everyone has been much pleased over this, and although no official word has reached us directly from the Ministry of Education (we hear it will come before the end of China New Year) our registrar, Mr. Ch'en Kuo-liang has been told so in a letter from the official who had charge of the examinations.

I am doing my best to satisfy your demands for photos, etc. I have sent you off two batches of photos up to date I think. I note your suggestion to have such things sent in the care of Miss McCoy, and yesterday I sent off a batch of enlargements

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and small prints. Mr. C.T. Huang, who had the enlargements done for me is very disturbed that the colors are not exactly right. He tried having the coloring done by one of the students here but it was not very successful he thinks (see the enlargement of Ninde Hall sent to you some weeks ago) so this time he took them to town, but the difficulty there is that the artist has never actually seen the buildings and it is rather hard to explain all the detail of color. However, we have done the best we can. In the same package with the enlargements are some write-ups with photos attached which may be useful. Everything was rather hurriedly done as the photos were only brought in about half an hour before the American mail went. Today I am sending off another batch of photos of recent events. Please give us any hints about the kinds of things you want. I am thinking of having groups of faculty by departments, but I can't get these until college opens again.

About the films, Mr. Y.M. Lin who is our "official photographer" (he is a student) uses plates entirely and is not at all anxious to use films for various reasons. So, I am not sending the plates. But if there are any plates that you specially want to use, we could have these sent over, but it would be a terrible business to send all the plates. If you want films of everything we send, we will have to make some new arrangement or use a different camera. Let me know about this.

Mr. T.L. Hsiung our Athletic Director has just been in to give me a report of the athletic events of the past half year. Yenching has done very well in the league games, and there is certainly tremendous interest in athletics among the students. He tells me that outside of the students playing basketball and football, practically every student uses a tennis racquet or a pair of skates. The ice carnival this year was a great success. It is amazing how well the students skate. Some of them are really graceful figure skaters and have only been on the ice two seasons.

The office recently received a very attractive booklet issued by the University of Chicago to the Alumni. Have you seen it? Mr. Chuan and I are going to put our heads together during the holidays and see if we cannot get out something like it at this end.

I must stop now as I have much to do. All good wishes for the New Year to you both and regards to others who may know me in the office,

Very sincerely yours,

*Harris L. Hogue*

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PEKING, CHINA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

March 5, 1928.

Miss Louise McCoy,  
Office of Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Louise McCoy:

Many thanks indeed for your letter written in answer to mine to Dr. Stuart. We are always tremendously interested in hearing anything from the New York Office, and especially now that the campaign is "on". I imagine you are all very busy, and that Dr. Stuart is flying all over the place. We are all so glad that his trip to the South did him so much good, and that he is feeling better. He certainly is having a very strenuous time.

Everything is going very smoothly here, the second semester in full swing, and political situation up here in the north quite undisturbed up to the present. Of course, we are now beginning to have the usual "Spring rumors" of war, but having lived here yourself you will know how little one pays attention to those. The weather is getting warmish now, and it is lovely getting off into the hills for a tramp.

We had the cable about the photographs about a week ago, and I am really writing to you this morning to report progress along that line, such as it is. The cable arrived on a Saturday afternoon, and Mr. Hwang the boy who owned most of the films had evidently gone into the city, for I did not succeed in getting hold of him until Tuesday which has caused some delay. However, as soon as I could secure the films I took them myself into the city to the place where Mr. Parr had his work done. I expect that he has arrived in New York long ago and has shown you the pictures that he had colored and enlarged. Mr. Kao, the man who

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does the work come out himself and made notes of the colors of the buildings so I am sure these pictures will be a success. He does all the work himself and can only color four in a day so I am afraid it will be some little time before they are all done. However, I will send off small batches of the pictures to you as they come in.

Three of the pictures belonged to Mr. Lin, and I was able to get him on the phone on Saturday night, and as he is our "official photographer" just now and has been taking our recent photos for us lately, I asked him to go ahead and get the prints done, as he had done this for us before. He brought the pictures in a few days ago. They are the pictures of the dormitories and the view of the campus and Western Hills that was in the "Peking News". He did not take them to Mr. Mao for some reason or other, and I am sorry they are not very well done. The coloring looks a little crude. I am sorry and in future will see about this myself, but I have sent them anyway.

Some little time ago I sent a little batch of enlargements of student activities and some little account of each. I hope these have reached you safely and that they have been of some use.

Today it is snowing again (I didn't finish this the day I started it) and it is quite wintry again. I gave Alice Spring your message and she sends her warm regards. All good wishes and please let me know any time we can do anything here to help,

Very sincerely yours,

*Alice L. Hague*

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TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

March 7, 1928.

My dear Leighton:

Many thanks for your letter written by Miss McCoy soon after your return from your Christmas vacation in the South. We were all so glad to hear that the change did you so much good as we had been quite worried about you. We do hope that you will not overdo during these strenuous months ahead of you.

I know Dr. Galt has kept you informed of everything that is going on here, so I will only add a little gossip this morning. Lucius is tremendously bucked up over the developments in the Harvard-Yenching Institute. He was in a state of deep depression around Christmas time and now is quite his old self again and full of enthusiasm. It does seem the nicest thing that could have happened, that both he and William Hung should be going abroad next year under such interesting conditions. Everyone is very happy to know that the Nash family will be back again in the autumn, and that the Meads are really coming. The Faucetts have settled down in the Yen Tung Yuan, and although they have had rather a trying winter so far with the children ill and Mrs. Faucett in the infirmary for weeks, they are invariably cheerful. They are a most delightful addition to the faculty group. The Wilsons arrived quite safely and seem very pleased to be here again. Flo has already sung twice for us in chapel, and her voice is stronger and lovelier than ever. Sherm arrived with "Hongkong foot" and had to go immediately into the P.U.M.C. but he seems quite all right again now. You heard, of course, of Miss Kao's death. It was very sudden and a great shock to everyone. A Memorial Service was held last week. Miss Wood is her old delightful self, and has taken over the direction of the Short Course in the School of Religion, now that the Wards have gone back to Shanghai. She seems very stimulated by her trip to the U.S.A. and everyone has been most interested in her "impressions". Miss Newell

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has created something of a stir in Women's College circles, and has been proving as great a nuisance as I was in the autumn, in finding a place to live. The Dean's Residence was too cold, but she has now moved down to the Practice House with Miss Gooding, and the Dean's Residence has breathed a sigh of relief. All goes well in the Gardens and at 111. Alice is enjoying her horse and rides regularly with Mr. Sharman. She is looking much better and has gained, I think, about twenty pounds. She is expecting her sister and a friend in about another month or so, and I think they are all planning to go home via Siberia. The Porters are also thinking about the same route, so they should have a jolly party. Grace is as usual busy all the time. The Community Teas she organized this year have been a great success, and I think everyone has enjoyed them. We are hoping that Nancy Cochran may stay on next year and if so, that she will live with us. Farnie and Augusta are most frightfully anxious to be allowed to live in the Porter house, but I believe Mrs. Frame does not take altogether kindly to the suggestion. They are thinking of trying the last court of appeal, so you may hear from them. Everyone is very pleased over Mrs. Frame's invitation to Mount Holyoke, and I think she herself likes it well, though of course, being Mrs. Frame, she doesn't say much.

I had quite a chat with Mr. T.C. Chao before he left for Jerusalem, and he seemed very happy and in good spirits. He feels very encouraged over the work of the Fellowship this year, that the services have been better attended, more interest has been shown among the students, and that the services have been very much improved. He spoke very highly of Mr. Andrew Ch'eng's work and feels that he is quite ready to take hold of things in his absence, that is, the planning for the Sunday morning service and other duties.

We had a very interesting meeting of the Council last week, and there was so much business to be attended to that a special meeting is called for next Monday, at which time the Summer School and Yu Ke will be under discussion. A committee on the Yu Ke is bringing in a report and I have heard that they are unanimous in their opinion that it should be discontinued. The Women's College has also just decided that they will close their Middle School next year.

I sent off a package of enlarged and colored photos a few days ago, and will be sending more as soon as they come in. It takes some time to get them colored. Mr.

Lin Yueh Ming and Mr. Huang Chin Tang have both been very energetic in giving assistance and I know they would be very much pleased if Miss McCoy could some time send a little note to each, thanking them for their help.

Mildred Wiant phoned this morning and seems very anxious that all your things should be moved into the Vincent house very soon and everything made comfortable for you before they leave the end of May. It seemed to me, however, that we might wait until hearing more definitely from you when you will be here, especially as we hear rumors that the Vincents may be coming back. We are sure to hear at least a month before you arrive, if you cable when you leave America, and that should give plenty of time to make any arrangements or adjustments. However, we will talk it over with Lilian this week, and see what she thinks had better be done with your things. As Mildred and Lilian will both be leaving in the early summer, I should be glad to do anything I can if you will send me your instructions.

Looking forward to seeing you back again, and with all good wishes for the work that you are doing,

Very sincerely yours,

*Anna J. Hogue*

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

March 19, 1958.

Dear Louise:

Please don't call me Miss Vague. You started out by saying Hilda. I was so glad to get your letter of February 21 which arrived yesterday. I have been a little puzzled about the pictures and it is nice to have some comments on what has been sent. You say in your letter that you want more of the enlarged and colored photos and that "two copies of each should be enough at present". However, in the cable sent from the New York office on February 24, we understand you to order one dozen each of certain enlargements specified in the cable or to be exact:

"send by first mail the following duplicate without color all enlargements recently sent except infirmary: also one set as above painted: also one dozen sets painted enlargements as above Washford, Bridge, Gate, also campus buildings latest Peking News and Dormitory".

So, I have gone ahead as above, and have ordered one uncolored each of each of the above and 13 colored of each of the above. At the same time I have had one or two others done for your inspection, some of which you had not yet seen. I do hope we decoded the cable correctly and have not ordered too many for you. If you don't want so many, perhaps you could send them back and we could auction them off here!

Of the above we have already sent on March 7 12 colored enlargements each of the campus picture in the Peking News, 12 colored enlargements of a dormitory unit and 12 colored enlargements of a dormitory single building reflected in the lake. These Mr. Lin Yueh ming, the student who have been taking photos for

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us, took into town himself and had done and I must say I was rather disappointed when I saw the results. He did not take them to Mr. Kao though I had told him that I thought we had better have them done there. However, it was too late then to do anything about it, so I sent them off. By the way, he asks that if you use his photos you put his initials at the bottom of the picture. I believe this is what they do when they use his photos in the newspapers. *He forgot to order the uncolored copies of these, so I am having them done myself (see ①)*

As I was rather disappointed in the results Mr. Lin produced, I went myself to town with the other films which belonged to another student, Mr. Huang Chin Tang, taking these to Mr. Kao, who you may remember is the photographer who did Mr. Farr's work. On March 12 I sent off <sup>each</sup> one uncolored copy, <sup>minus the three mentioned in the same paragraph.</sup> and a few extra ones as well, which we here considered rather effective. Also one colored copy of each of the above (minus the snow pictures and row or dormitories) Lucius Porter, who is a member of the Color Committee saw these and was very pleased with them, although none of us like the color on the Gate picture and I have asked Mr. Kao to soften the color, although he maintains that it is the right "red". Today I am sending 12 copies of the Bridge, enlarged and colored, 12 of the Administration Building (Bashford) enlarged and colored, and 9 of a view of the campus showing dormitories and marble boat and lake. Everyone thinks this is a very effective picture, so I have added it to the list on my own responsibility. This leaves the 12 pictures enlarged and colored of the Alumni Gate and one enlarged and colored of each of the following: Peking News view of the campus, Dormitory Unit and Dormitory single building reflected in the lake (the colored copies of the three latter you have already received). These will go off I hope in a few days. OK -

Mr. Lin is still keeping busy and taking photos of faculty groups, etc. These I will send as they come in. I will send no more enlargements until I hear from you again, beyond those already mentioned above.

We are thinking of getting out a folder for Alumni Day with pictures and write ups and we will send copies of this if it is ever successfully completed.

We have all been much interested in any news of the Campaign which has come through and are always eager to hear anything more. Dr. Galt writes very full letters to Dr. Stuart of academic affairs so I expect you hear all the news through those letters. The main report is that everything is going very smoothly. The usual spring rumors of war have not amounted to anything as yet. In fact, everyone says that this spring is quieter than it has been for many years. Of course, things flare up rather quickly

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out here as you know, so by the time you get this letter anything may be happening! The weather is gorgeous now, still quite crisp and frosty at nights and lovely and warm in the daytime. Our thoughts naturally turn to the hills, and we are all making plans for the Spring vacation the beginning of April. Some fondly imagined that the Government Schools were having a week, but the latest news is that they are only to have one day which would be rather a tragedy if they make us conform to that as our calendar gives from Thursday to Monday. Alice Boring is arranging a party to go to Ta Chieh Su and take side trips from there. Others are planning to go to Tai Shan.

The landscape committee is getting to work and marking out paths and roads, tearing down mounds, raking and smoothing here and there, and accomplishing much destructive and constructive work generally. They are also planning to set in some more trees and bushes. In other words, spring is in the air, and the dust storms, praise be, have not yet begun, systematically.

I see P.U.M.C. people occasionally, but find many changes in the personnel during the two years that I was away. We had Dr. Woods, Bob, and -da Pruitt out for a week end, just before the Woods left, and had a lovely day in the hills. On Saturday the Irish celebrated, having the "dinner" out here. Thirty-six sat down to dinner in the Andersons' house (borrowed for the occasion) and retired after dinner to the E.C. Wilsons' mansion in the rear for the evening program of theatricals, music and dancing. It was a very jolly evening. A few of us who are not Irish were invited.

The Ball on Washington's Birthday at the Peking Hotel, was a great success. A great many Yenching people went in to that, but having lived in Peking it will not be necessary to describe such an event to you. They are all the same.

Much work awaits me so I must stop. Alice appreciates your messages, and sends her salaams to you. With my very kind regards to yourself and Blanche,

Very sincerely yours,

*Helen Johnson*

P.S. It will be a day of rejoicing when the new typewriters arrive. This one is a nuisance.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

April 13, 1928.

Dear Louise:

Just a line to let you know what I have sent to you recently. The last batch of colored enlargements went off some days ago. I think I listed in a previous letter how many I was sending of each. One or two extras we put in which you had not ordered which we thought were rather pretty.

On yesterday's post I sent off a batch of small prints of faculty and student groups, and of the North China Athletic Meet which took place at Tsing Hua last weekend. I scribbled rather hastily on the backs of these photos, as the messenger was waiting at my elbow to take the package into town, so please excuse the scribbling. Mr. Lin always seems to bring the pictures in just about five minutes before a mail goes to New York, and I always like to get them off as soon as possible.

I have also sent to you a few copies of the Statistics which Dr. Galt has been preparing for the meeting of the China Christian Educational Association. I really don't know who he intends these for but you might see that Dr. Stuart gets a copy. The Registrar has also asked me to send a bound copy of some of the Bulletins. He tells me that this copy is not quite complete! But it is the best he can produce at the moment. I think Mr. Carside wants this. I will enclose in the present envelope some copies of a sermon by Dr. Andrew Ch'ang which the School of Religion has asked to have sent. *rec'd*

We are looking forward to Mr. Stuart's return and hope he gets back by the first of June. We had a gorgeous trip to the hills during the Easter vacation. We went to Ta Chieh Ssu and took trips from there. The weather is perfect now, all the orchards in bloom and few dust storms as yet!

Very sincerely yours,

*Harold L. Hughes*

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 17, 1928.

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Dear Louise:

Many thanks for your letters of April 19 and 20. We are always delighted to hear any news of the New York End. I can imagine how frightfully busy you have all been over the campaign, but hope that you get an occasional breathing space. I am rather busy this morning so this will just be a scribble to catch the mail which goes today at noon.

I am so sorry that some of the pictures have failed to turn up. The mailing of parcels is all done in the Business Office, and when I spoke to Mr. H.H.Chuan about the parcels which had gone astray he confessed that he had failed to get some of them registered, so I suppose there is no way of tracing them now. Perhaps I did not explain to him how valuable they were, but I am glad that at least some have come through all right. I think the last few were all done up in boards so I hope it is only the first one that got lost. As it would have been too late for the "Asia" article anyway, perhaps it doesn't matter so much.

About the picture for Mr. McBrier, I sent at once for the students who take the photos, one of them has replied that he is in the infirmary and the other has not turned up. However, I'll do what I can as soon as I can. The main entrance is much improved as all the trees and shrubs are in, but of course they are rather diminutive as yet, and won't show up well in a photograph. We'll try to make it as artistic as we can.

We were much thrilled to hear that J.L.S. is on the way at last. I'm sure he'll be rather sad that he didn't start sooner now that all the excitement is on again. He'll want to be here. We have had the cable saying he is sailing on May 12, but have no idea whether it is Pacific or Atlantic. If its the latter he may not get through.

There was much excitement when the news from Tsinan came through about a week ago, and much indignation over Japan's coup. A day of mourning was proclaimed, but after that the students went right back to work, and have been sticking

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steadily to it, which is a change from other years. We have a splendid man in as head of student government, and I think it is due to his influence. So far, there is little excitement around the campus, although the Nationalists seem to be coming right along, and one day we hear that the Generalissimo has departed to Mukden, and another that he will make a stand. There seems little reliable news from town, as so many wires and cables have been cut.

The weather is gorgeous, no hot weather yet, picnics and tennis are the order of the day.

I must stop now, but I'll try to write soon again.

In haste,

*H. H. H.*

P.S. We are a little in doubt as to how to answer the inclosed slip from the Regents of the University of the State of New York. They ask if there is any change that we indicate where the change was made. In the change from Peking University to Yenching University they would want the action of the Board of Trustees, so I think it had better be sent in from your office.

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June 20, 1928.

Dear Blanche:

Many thanks for your letter of May 21, and please thank Louise for various and sundry notes received recently from her regarding photographs and such things. I was so glad to hear that all the enlargements had turned up at last. I still have a few photographs of recent events which have not been sent off yet, and a colored enlargement of McBrier Hall which I will try to get off on this mail. It is the best we can do at present from the artistic standpoint. In another ten years! when the trees have grown a bit it will be looking much more beautiful.

A few little bits of business first. Dr. Stuart asks that you telephone Miss Bogue to find out if Mrs. Elmhirst approved of the grant of \$500 for the pamphlet published in Peking known as "Truth and Life": and that you try to get Miss Bogue definitely to get information about it somehow and let us know.

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Miss Bogue  
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Put Miss Victoria Wiss, 2322 15th Street, Meridian, Miss. on the ordinary mailing list.

Put on 5/8/28

Please send out 12 copies of Dr. Stuart's pamphlet on Confucianism.

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I am inclosing with the photos the Peking Leader containing an account of the Commencement Exercises. When you have read this please send it on to John Stuart.

he has seen this

The copies of the Certificate of Incorporation, etc. of the Harvard-Yenching Institute have been received.

Told K.H.

Three or four copies of the latest illustrated pamphlets issued from the New York office have also been received and have been much admired by all who have seen them. Dr. Stuart suggests that if you have more copies of these which you could readily spare, they would be very useful to us out here, as we have

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many visitors who like to carry away with them some little reminder.

I am sending with the photographs some copies of our Commencement program. There were some slight changes which I might indicate. H.E. Hsiung Hsi Ling, scheduled as the chief speaker retired just before Commencement to the German Hospital in the Legation quarter as a political patient. He was a little aggrieved over something the nationalists did, and Mr. Y.T. Tsur, secretary of our Board of Managers replaced him. The American Marine Band which usually supplies our warlike music on these occasions was not allowed to come out, and Ruth Stahl at the piano and a theological student performing on a bugle made very good substitutes.

I am also sending two copies of the little pamphlet we issued here on Alumni Day, Saturday, May 5. As it is all in Chinese I don't suppose you would have any use for any more copies, but I hope you and Louise will have no difficulty in reading it.

And now, I will try to give you a little news of recent events. The two most important of course are 1) that we are now under the Nationalist flag. It waved from the campus flagstaff on the morning of June 9, the day after the first of the soldiers reached Peking and on which every store in the city was ordered to hang out the flag. And 2) that Dr. Stuart arrived in time for Commencement. A cable was sent the office on the morning of Commencement bearing the glad news.

The political change took place with very little excitement and no disturbance whatever. About four or five days before the soldiers reached Peking, Chang Tso-lin gracefully retired carrying most of the rolling stock of the railway with him, and leaving a committee of prominent citizens in charge of the safety of the city and 1500 soldiers to keep order. The city gates closed and we were shut off from communication with town except over the phone. Several members of staff got unexpectedly caught in town and Professor Needham (Cornell) was stuck out here and made frantic efforts to get in, but the gates opened for no one, and the American Legation declined to intervene in his behalf. Meantime we knew that President Stuart was hurrying on towards Mukden and we wondered if we could hear from him and if he could get through. The students went steadily about their business and prepared for exams, after one effort by a small group to close early without exams. This proposal I am proud to say was voted down by the group as a whole and we have the proud record of being, I believe, with one exception, the only University that carried out its schedule of exams and commencement and finished without a hitch. (The exception was the Customs College and they

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*Save one to Mr. Lee*

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rushed their exams through early) Tsing Hua carried through exams for the graduating class going to America, but postponed all others till the autumn. We had told our students that if any were nervous or were ordered home they might leave and make up their exams in the autumn. Only 28 went off. The city gates opened the day after the Shansi troops had made their peaceful entry into the city, and a wire came through from President Stuart sent from Harbin I think stating what day he expected to reach Tientsin. We were a little skeptical. A few days later another came from Mukden saying he was catching a boat at Dairen. The telephone and telegraph wires were down between Peking and Tientsin, and on June 13 two days before Commencement a message came from him over the American Naval Radio that he was coming up from Tientsin by car the next day and expected to arrive at noon. Much excitement! *Left Tientsin June 6 AM* Thursday morning Dr. Galt and a few others motored in to town to meet him and arranged to phone out when they were leaving Peking on their way to Yenching which would give the students and others interested time to come down to the gate to meet him. While we were all at lunch the message came and everyone started assembling at the main gate. Thrills and cheers when his car appeared. He looked somewhat travel stained and weary but very glad to be back with us all again. That night the students banquetted him, and the next morning Commencement went off without a hitch, Lucius Porter leading the procession in with his cherished Muh Ti (I think that is what he calls it) It was a three hour performance and I must say I found it somewhat long and tiresome before it was over. But everyone was happy and pleased to think that we had been able to finish as usual in spite of all the excitement around us, and that the President had arrived in time. As I was on the decorating committee I may say that the stage looked very well. Our new soft green curtains made a beautiful background for the two brilliant flags (the Yenching banner, yellow and blue, and the new nationalist flag, the white sun in the blue sky which arrived from the tailor's just in time) the old carved chairs and our distinguished Presidents and Deans and the speaker of the day.

The next day at a very early hour, the Porters, Alice Boring, Mrs. Hildabrand, Miss Gooding and several others started off in three cars for Tientsin. We have just heard that Rosamund's little friend at Tsing Hua, Dorothy Smith, has just developed Scarlet fever, and are hoping and praying that Rosamund will escape. We heard they all got down safely and were leaving the next day by boat. I forgot to mention there were several errors in the newspaper account, this was our 10th Commencement and the woman M.A. was not the first woman to receive this degree in China. Our B.A.

graduates for the first time exceeded the one hundred mark.

Yesterday was the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers. Dr. Stuart reported on all the amazing things he has accomplished during the past nine months. The meeting went off quietly, though nothing very vital was accomplished. Several such matters were referred to committees.

Well do I remember Macbeth, and nothing would ever induce me to miss the joys of a Bentley Shakespeare performance at Yenching. Alas, they will be no more, for Mr. Bentley leaves us forever on Saturday. I wish I had time to tell you of the fun we had over Julius Caesar this year. Each one seems better than the last.

Grace Boynton and I who are living together in the Lang Jun Yuan are expecting T.T. Lew's wife and small daughter out to spend the rest of the week with us today. She is Grace's god-daughter and a very engaging child.

I must stop now this garrulous letter. The mail is going and lunch is ready,

Very sincerely yours,

*Anna L. H. H. H.*

P.S. So glad to hear that Roswell is so much better.

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Yenching University

July 17, 1929

Miss Hilda L. Hague  
Yenching University  
Peiping West, China

My dear Miss Hague:

Mr. Garside has already acknowledged your letter of June 6th in which you explained, in reply to an inquiry of mine, that the minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Managers held in June 1928 were not printed, but that Mrs. Sharman's "An Interpretation" should be considered a substitute for the minutes. In view of the fact that it is customary for us to distribute to the Trustees the minutes of meetings of the Board of Managers, I am now writing to ask that you forward us as early as possible the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Managers held this past June, informing us as to whether or not printed copies are coming, and whether or not the minutes are to be supplemented by the Annual reports of the Deans and of President Stuart or Chancellor Wu.

In addition to distributing these items to the Trustees, we rely upon the minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Managers for many important facts concerning the life of the University during the academic year. I think you will realize, therefore, that even if the reports are not printed for a general distribution, it would be very helpful for us to receive official copies which could be kept on file here for reference.

At the same time I should like to go into the matter of publicity material. I believe that Miss McCoy has recently written to you on the matter of sending both her office and this office an adequate supply of copies of the Announcement of Courses for 1929-30. Possibly the request for 75 copies for this office seems rather large, but I think that you will realize that when we have distributed copies to the full Board of Trustees, reference libraries on our lists, and various publishers who desire to keep up to date lists of the faculty, that this supply is merely adequate. We have not had any "catalogs" for Yenching University for some time; the latest bulletin of general information which we have had is the bulletin entitled Announcement of Courses 1927-28 which I am sure you will realize is now quite out of date. We have found the Address List of Faculty and Students issued for 1927-28 and 1928-29 very helpful. We should appreciate having copies of the list for 1929-30 at as early a date as possible.

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As I believe Mr. Garside wrote you early in 1928, our regular list of Yenching Trustees and officers of interested boards and organizations comprises 35 names; therefore, of publications of value chiefly to the Trustees we should have a minimum of 40 copies; of publications of wider interest we should have at least 50 copies. We have requested 75 copies of the Announcement of Courses, as this is an item for which we have an especially large demand. It would be helpful if you could give us some idea of the probable date of publication of the Announcement of Courses, the Address List of Faculty and Students, printed reports and general items, so that we may know when to expect them.

I know that when you receive this letter you will probably be in the midst of preparations for the exceedingly important ceremonies for the Dedication of the University. I hope, however, that you may keep this request in mind, for it will assist us greatly in this office in intelligently answering inquiries from friends of the University.

Very sincerely yours,

*Kathryn J. Lincoln*

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

October 23, 1929.

Dear Louise:

I have your two letters, or rather three, of July 5, 9 and 17 concerning photographs, waiting for an answer for some time. In the first letter you mentioned having these in hand by November 13, and in your letter of July 17 you say that the big package I sent on June 10 had just arrived. I concluded that these would probably be sufficient for the present and so have not taken time to order more until today. We had a lot made for the formal opening to be sold or given to guests, and with economical purpose I planned to send to the New York office those that were not sold. We are only just now taking breath after Dr. Stuart's departure last Sunday and I have this afternoon been sorting out the photos and will send you tomorrow the following lot: (these have proved most popular out here)

	colored	uncolored
Bird's Eye View	20	20
Pagoda with tree	10	10
Prince's Garden with pool	3	5
Pagoda (lengthwise)		5
Gate with Lions	15	

These may be more than you had thought of but as we have them on hand anyway it seems best to send them to you, as you have more use for them probably than we do here.

The tidying up of the grounds has seemed a source of much inspiration to our amateur photographers and we are still getting such lovely pictures that it is hard to choose. I sent you another lot this morning. I shall now, however, pick out a few new ones that I think you have not had before and have them enlarged for you. I will send you a smaller size which I think is just as effective and not so expensive.

As to the price, the enlargements cost us in Mexican dollars \$1.50 for the colored and \$1.20 for the sepia. The new size I going to have made will cost in sepia only \$.80.

In addition I am sending you in this package a few small sepia pictures made for the formal opening and which weren't sold. The "Barber's Pole" of Bashford was the only one we had of it at the time, but it may be used for people who are interested in the building architecturally.

I have a very lovely set of the Library, and will send a good one of Bashford, The President's House outside and--inside, of the Lakeside Dormitories, Sage, Bridges, Residences, Gym, Pavilion, Ninde, and any others that I think specially good. I will only

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~~will only~~ order a few of these, three or four of each, and you should receive these in a couple of weeks after you get this lot I am sending you today.

I have something else I want to write about, but have no time this afternoon, and that is Mei Lan-fang. I have been left in charge of his arrangements for his American visit since the President and Phillip Fu have departed hence. I have been in to see him several times and he is having made for me some of his photos in costume. I have in mind several persons in or near New York who could make use of these and will probably send you some for the same purpose.

One thing I am sorry about. In our rush to get the small pictures of the F.O. off to you as soon as possible we did not differentiate which were taken by Lin and which by Chou (a new boy who is helping us with pictures) You will note that they have both numbered their photos but independently. If you order by letter it is best to send the copy. If by cable, then add one word describing the picture, for instance, "Pagoda 1174", or whatever it may be. This should guide us in case there are two numbers the same. From now on I will try to indicate which pictures belong to which boy. They use this system because they keep their films in shops in town and order by number over the phone.

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I must run now,

As ever,

Hudson

P.S. I am this wasty saint

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

October 24, 1929.

Dear Louise:

Another note today. I inclose copies of cables sent within the last few weeks also one sent you this morning regarding the Trustees' approval of the amendments to the Charter. They had all scattered before your request arrived, so it has taken us some time to get replies from them.

I went to the Construction Bureau office this morning and found that the map they were making for you is just finished and we are sending it this morning. Mr. Tang tells me the only unfinished buildings on it are the Women's College Gymnasium and the Lakeside Dormitory contributed by Chinese friends. These we have marked with a red cross (small) The position of the Korean Garden (Yen Nung Yuan) occupied by the Department of Agriculture is marked by a large red cross on the right hand side of the map. The Lang Jun Yuan (Prince Tsai Tao or Tao Pei Ia's Garden) is given in entirety. A tiny corner of the Wang Huai Ching Garden is shown in the lower left hand corner. This latter is rented this year for a very small sum. It is a very beautiful place in perfect repair belonging to an old General in Tientsin (see recent photos) Young unmarried Chinese members of staff live there. Mr. Tang also tells me that a piece of some other garden near the Wang Huai Ching garden is rented and some students are living there. I did not know of this before so cannot tell you any more about it. Dr. Stuart will be with you so soon, he can explain everything. This map is the most recent we have.

I also inclose copies of letters sent to various universities for Mr. Yu Ch'en-ch'eh. You will see that I am asking them to reply to you so that, as the time is so short, you can cable us if he will be admitted this coming semester. He will be very anxious to know. Could we not use some such system in referring to well known universities as using the first five letters, i.e. Harvard (HARVA) Princeton (PRINC) Columbia (COLUM) these when used in connection with the name of student and the word center should be quite intelligible, think you not?

No time for more,

Yours,

Hua

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to BSB  
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YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
PEKING, CHINA

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 14, 1929.

Dear Louise:

This is just a note to inform you that I am sending today in your care three very wonderful and expensive books of photos containing Yenching pictures. These are to await the President's arrival. He may want to present them to someone who is eagerly pushing forward to present us with a dormitory, or some little thing like that. As a matter of fact we had them made for the formal opening and presented them to our Trustees who were present and some Chinese possibilities. These happen to be left over and the President wasn't very anxious to carry them with him. I hope they come through the mail all right. Mr. Chuan assures me they will. I hope I haven't been sending you too many pictures. There were so many lovely ones taken at the time of the formal opening that I have been tempted to send you more than you asked for. There are some more enlargements coming in a day or so and that will be all until you ask for more. I have sent Mrs. Judd pictures of the President's House and land surrounding. She promised him \$500 I think for the landscaping of the house.

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Life is still very hectic these days. There is so much going on, on the campus and elsewhere. Today is a farewell reception to the Millers and a long deferred welcome to new members of staff. We are economically combining both events. Tonight some of us go to town to a Gilbert and Sullivan evening at the Fuggetts, tomorrow afternoon the Kung Ch'ang Christmas sale and in the evening the Je Nao, and so it goes every afternoon and

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evening. You will soon be seeing the President  
and hearing all about us.

In haste,

*Truman*

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

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January 8, 1929.

Dear Louise:

I inclose the new list of personnel for the Missions Code Book. In order to give it plenty of time to reach you we will say it becomes effective on February 15. Send back any names you may wish to add at the other end with the numbers attached.

*list has been  
written by  
BA 6*

Referring to your letter of Nov. 26, I have asked that a large blueprint ground plan of the campus be sent your office for Mr. Garside's use.

I am sorry the Directory is so late this year. It was really the fault of the printer (The Peking Leader) They had our proof for months before we could get the book from them. The Registrar tells me he has already sent you the required number of copies.

*They  
will  
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Referring to your letter of November 30, I have consulted with Dr. Galt about the matter and he refuses to give permission to order the pictures until we hear your reaction to a letter he sent you some time ago about the payment for such pictures. He thinks we should hear from you on the next mail, but if not, I think I will order them on my own responsibility and charge them to our office here as the sum is only a small one.

*referred  
to BA 6  
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With regard to Mr. Garside's comments on my suggestion for cabling regarding our students going to American Universities, we here have not been satisfied with the procedure. I think the difficulty lies in the fact that the students themselves do not fully understand what is involved and they rush into the President's Office at the last moment asking for a recommendation, not leaving sufficient time to receive word by letter from America before they must set out from here. I have been urging the Registrar's Office, and have also asked if the Department of Education could not take up this question, and prepare a statement giving full information and insisting that they make their plans for going abroad well in advance, in order that they may be sufficient time to make all preparations by letter.

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*ditto  
tell her*

When I spoke in my letter of the use of the word "enter" in connection with the name of a University, my idea was that it should only be used at your end after all the necessary documents had been received, and in case there was not sufficient time for a student to receive the decision through the mail. We have in the past occasionally asked the registrar of an American University to let your office know their decision regarding the entrance of one of our students in order that you could include this in a cable message.

*Noted by BA 6*

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We fully agree with Mr. Garside that negotiations of this kind should never be handled by cable from this end, and will do our best to see that it does not happen in the future.

You will be interested to hear that Mr. Yu Cheng-tse after all our efforts to arrange for his going abroad this spring has now decided that he will not go until the autumn. In the meantime he has been admitted to at least three universities for the spring term! I have written the universities concerned notifying them of his change of plan.

Enough for the moment,

Yours,

*John*

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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

February 26, 1930.

Dear Louise:

We sent off yesterday the pictures of the Scranton-Luce Pavilion. I hope they are all right. Mr. Lin attended to it and tells me they are according to your order. They seem a little late having been ordered on November 30! but I think I explained to you why I didn't order before.

We are sending today the Faculty Information cards of members of staff whose names are listed in pages 1-9 of the Directory of 1929-30, and also the names of any other foreigners, (secretaries, etc.) whose names are not listed, on those pages. Chinese clerks, etc. we are not sending. I mentioned in a letter some time ago that I was sending these cards, I have forgotten whether it was to you or Mr. "annamaker, or Mr. Carside I said I would send them, but at any rate, here they are.

*Rec'd 3-26-30*

I also inclose a cable received a day or so ago which you will see is an application for a secretarial position. Some little time after we received the news that Miss Olga Jahr was not coming as secretary to the H.Y. Institute, we had an application from a Miss Elizabeth Koons, the daughter of a Presbyterian missionary in Seoul. She had been for two years secretary to the head doctor of the Severance Hospital (I forget his name at the moment) had had three years at Mount Holyoke College, and although young in years, sounded fairly suitable. We felt that if she did not prove the perfect secretary for Lucius, it would not involve much expense in sending her back. He, however, could not make up his mind, and finally felt it was so late in the year that he had better wait until next fall. Consequently, we wrote telling her that would not need her now. I do not know whether he reported all this to William Hung who was looking for a secretary for him, or not. He is in Tientsin today, but when he returns I will ask him whether he has told Miss Koons to apply through your office, and if not, perhaps we had better send her letters and credentials to you for your consideration. The above probably explains the above as no doubt Miss Banty heard of the position through Miss Koons.

Do you want any more copies of the "Guide to Yenching University" to give to people coming this way? We have a reprint of it now with some extra information including the history of the campus. Let me know if you can use any more.

Yours,

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*P.S. I enclose some odds and ends for Dr. Smart.*

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

December 4, 1930.

My dear Louise:

The last of the pictures ordered by you are going off today and tomorrow. These packages include those ordered in your letters of September 18 and October 4, with a few extras (new pictures from which you may want to order; of these new pictures I think we have only sent one copy each.) I have sent three copies at least of all the pictures ordered, and do hope that you will keep one set of these in your office which you can use for reference and which are all numbered according to our new plan. You could of course, when you have time? transfer these numbers and descriptions to the back of the small prints which I have already sent you and keep these in a book, and order from these instead of the large ones. As you wish.

I am following your plan of numbering according to the list dated Oct. 1 and enclosed in your letter of October 4. You will see that after each number I am adding a series of alphabetical sub-headings so that we can add indefinitely in the future without disturbing the original list. Every picture that I have sent you so far has a number on this list, and you will find the number also on the back of the picture. Whenever we send new pictures we will carefully number them on the back and you can add them to the list yourself. This should make ordering in the future very simple. Although the student who takes most of these pictures for us (Mr. Lin Yueh-ming, L.Y.M.) expects to leave the University at the end of this year, he will leave all his films at the photo shop in Peking, and I can order them for you next year even if he is not here. And, I hope the same will be true of Harold Chou, H.C.

As to the numbering, the first lot of pictures mailed to you in November in three or four packages, are all pictures taken by Harold Chou or H.C. These pictures you will notice only carry the number given on your list, and that is all that is necessary in ordering these pictures. The packages that are being sent this week, however, all are taken by Mr. Lin Yueh Ming, L.Y.M. and these pictures not only are marked with your number, but carry another number as well. Please be most

P.S. Shall we not get the numbers for 2A and 9. will have to send them later.

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Careful to see that these two numbers are indicated when ordering these. In each case be sure to put the initials of the boy who took the picture. If this is done there should be no confusion. Here is a sample of how we should like it done:

- 3 copies colored, size 11½ X 15, No. 7b Jenkins Dormitory Unit, L.Y.M. 918
- 1 copy sepia, size 9 X 12, No. 12a President's residence-end view-close up, H.C.

You might also indicate whether the size given includes a border of white and how wide you would like this border. You will notice that H.C. took for granted from your letter that the whole picture should be 11½ X 15, whereas L.Y.M. in ordering his included a border. I might mention that the H.C. pictures without the border were much more expensive than those with the border ordered by L.Y.M. I am sorry that this difference of opinion has resulted in the two sets of pictures not being uniform.

You will remember that we had some difficulty last year in the payment of these pictures. This year we have charged them all to our office budget here and would ask your office to remit to our treasurer the amount of \$435.00 local currency. I don't suppose it is necessary for me to supply an itemized account. The pictures cost us here:

Sepia enlargements H.C. ....	2.00
Colored " " .....	3.00
Sepia enlargements L.Y.M. ....	1.20
Colored enlargements L.Y.M. ....	1.50

I enclose our new numbered staff list to be used in connection with the Missions Code Book. In order to play safe we will say it goes into operation on January 10.

Everything goes well here. The issue over Mrs. Frame and the expelled student has dragged along a long time but seems near its end. It's been a great bother to everyone, and a cause of real anxiety to the administration. The students are sick and tired of it themselves and say they hope it will all be settled soon so they can enjoy their holidays. The weather is gorgeous. Skating has been going on along the edges of the lake for some weeks. The weekly bulletin I hope keeps you somewhat informed of our doings.

As ever yours,

*Anna J. Hagne*

P.S. A new contributor, Tseng Lin Tung, T.M.T. took the picture

lc; also llf. If the pictures sent have varied somewhat from your order all I can say is we have done our best.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 3, 1931.

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS  
"YENTA"

My dear Louise:

A few items of business. (1) I enclose the Faculty Information Card for our new member of staff, M. Montmollin who has just made his appearance among us. (2) Also some photos taken recently by a member of staff, all rather dark I fear, but send them anyway, for your collection. It will not be possible to order from these. (3) Also some new words for the Code Book to become effective April 15, 1931. (4) Also some publicity material on the Kung Chang work which I believe Mr. Hannamaker specially wanted.

I hope by this time the money for the books has reached you. Thank you very much for the books; they arrived in good condition.

I have spoken to the Registrar's Office about the Departmental Bulletins. According to a new arrangement, these are no longer printed in the Registrar's Office but are entirely under the direction of the departments concerned. The Registrar's Office tell me they cannot be responsible for sending these copies. We have sent notices to all heads of departments requesting that 75 copies of each new bulletin be sent to your office. We hope you will have no more difficulty.

As to the names of the Men's Dormitories, there was some confusion in the Comptroller's Office for some time as to which was which. However, the brass plates have been affixed to each, and they are as follows, numbering from Ninde Hall: 1) Finley, 2) Wheeler, 3) Gamble, 4) Forbes.

I might mention that the last envelope which arrived from you was one used by the Peking News and pretty well fell to pieces in transit. These are evidently not strong enough to use for mailing to China. Everything arrived I think, but the envelope was well pasted together by the P.O. authorities.

I have done my best with Isao I concerning the reporting to you of alumni going abroad. Perhaps if you could write him a letter from the office requesting this formally it would wake him up to the importance of keeping you informed. We could at least send you the names of those preparing to go abroad, and the universities to which they make application. You could confirm this if you wished to later, but it is not possible for him I suppose to know whether they actually go, and to which college, as in many cases they apply to three or four, and do not keep us informed of their movements. Could you find out how they check up on this in other institutions in America. Mr. Isao is anxious to do his best, but I think so far his activities are confined to the alumni in China. A little help

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and advice from your office as to what you want him to do would no doubt be useful. He has never been to America himself.

Your letter about the pictures has arrived and I have gone over with Mr. Lin very carefully the new order. I am glad you appreciate the amount of work he has put into this, and how difficult it is. He is leaving us at the end of this year, and before he goes we hope to have all the pictures he has taken of the University in books and carefully numbered. He is leaving his films in a photo shop in town, so it will be possible for you still to order even after he leaves. We are hoping to send Mr. Lin's pictures you have ordered with Dr. Stuart when he leaves on Saturday. I shall retype the list of Picture Sets, and send you a copy so that we may have duplicates. We will continue to send you new pictures when we can, and whenever you want one added to the list you will let me know.

Harold Chou (H.C.) has already left college, graduated this spring but as he lives in Peking we may be able to make use of his films for some time longer. I have been trying to get hold of him, but he has been in Tientsin. As soon as he comes back and makes a trip out here I will get him to order the pictures you want. It may be possible for us to buy from him the films of the pictures in the Picture Sets. I asked him about this once before but neither he nor Mr. Lin seem anxious to sell us the films, though they are quite willing to have us use them.

The President is off for America on Saturday, somewhat reluctant to go, and expecting to be back for commencement. Everything is quiet and peaceful at the moment and no doubt all will go smoothly, though there are many changes in the administration, the Chancellor away, Mr. Tsai taking over the Comptrollership, etc., which may require some oiling of wheels at the start, and in the absence of the chief "oiler of wheels" there may be some little friction.

Spring weather is coming fast. I wish we had a longer spring vacation to spend in the hills. We are already making plans for Miao Feng Shan this time next month. I wish you could come with us.

All good wishes,

As ever,

Andis

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### A RETREAT AT THE JADE FOUNTAIN PARK

On the first Sunday of October I was privileged to attend an all-day Retreat of the Christian faculty members of Yenching University. After an early breakfast we set off for the Jade Fountain Park where the Retreat was to be held, some on bicycles, some in rickshaws and some on foot. It was a beautiful, still day of autumn, with tawny colors showing on the hillsides and fields, and with the mistiness peculiar to the season lying low over the land. All along the road that led to the Western Hills, the country people were busy with the old, old labor of the harvest. The grain had been gathered to the threshing floors, and there was a continuous murmur of flails and of the happy voices of women and little children who had come to watch their winter food stored safely away. But we had little occasion for feeling light-hearted that morning, for to the south in the flooded Yangtse valley the tragedy of the starving and the homeless was still being enacted, and from the northern province of Manchuria came daily menacing rumors of war with Japan. Even as we went, we passed little bands of young students setting out to rouse the country people to a sense of national consciousness.

From the gateway of the Jade Fountain Park we climbed a winding stone pathway that led up the bare hillside to a spot just beneath the famous pagoda, and above the fountain of fresh water that bubbles out into a small reed-fringed lake. Here little groups gathered and chatted waiting for the conference to begin. Shortly after nine o'clock the chairman for the day collected and led us off to a quiet temple enclosure where we settled ourselves informally on the steps and flagstones of the open court, Chinese, Americans and British sitting happily together as of one family. Among the foreign members were those whose faces were wise with the experience of years, but the Chinese members were almost without exception youthful, the oldest of them scarcely middle-aged and youngest obviously not long out of the classroom.

The morning's program was to consist of a discussion of the Christian life within the University, how could it be encouraged and maintained; how could the faculty best develop its own corporate religious life, and foster that of the young people in its care? It was the kind of discussion that I had listened to many times elsewhere, but never under circumstances just such as these. Here were represented the old, traditional methods, fixed habits of thought and expression of the western members; and over against them, the penetrating, practical and sometimes mystical thinking of their eastern colleagues, many of whose Christian affiliations were scarcely older than their student days.

The Retreat opened with the reading of scripture and prayers by one of the western members, which was followed by a few remarks from the chairman on the nature and purpose of the Retreat. Very boyish he looked, standing bare-headed in the sunshine, the Director of Studies in the University, himself a student of Chinese, American and German universities and the author of a dissertation on one of China's great philosophers. He was very much in earnest, but he touched in somewhat whimsical vein on the fact that it is not very easy to change the habits of the older members of staff who have long ago fixed upon their own individual methods of expressing their religious life. He regretted the fact that many of the Chinese members were not regular supporters of chapel services and religious discussion groups, and he urged most seriously the responsibility of all faculty members towards the students, whose characters are being influenced and moulded by the actions of the teachers whose leadership they admire and follow.

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The second speaker, who was to lead the discussion, a young Chinese with a keen, clever face, also prominent in university circles, prefaced his remarks by stating that he would have been an atheist had he not been so deeply attracted to the person of Jesus. He admitted that he rarely spoke publicly of what religion meant to him; that for himself, as for many another Chinese, attendance at church services and discussions on religious matters were not felt to be essential elements in religious growth; those particular modes of expression being to them as to him somewhat alien and unconvincing. His central theme was the importance of the spirit that lies behind all action; something that is far more essential than formal or external expression. To him religion meant so much a part of everyday life that to do slovenly work in classroom or office was in itself an unchristian act. He emphasized the significance of conserving the spiritual values of the Chinese civilization, of seeing clearly what is the real essence of Christianity, and of realizing in our task of education, and in our common life together, only what is best and what is true.

The western members joined readily in the discussion that followed the two speakers, and they seemed one and all to be feeling after some more vital method of expressing their religious life in some outward form. This appears to be a western need. The Chinese members were more reticent, and evidently found it less easy to talk about religious matters. One of them regretted some of the militant and imperialistic traditions that during the course of the years had grown up about the name of Jesus, and which modern social and democratic movements were rendering very unattractive to young students of the present day. The president of the University spoke not at all, but with alert and sympathetic attention he followed every turn of the discussion, and one was very conscious that he was as much a part of it as if he had spoken. Probably, because I am a westerner myself, I was more interested in what was contributed to the discussion by the Chinese members. We know at times only too well what we as westerners think of religion, and sometimes we take it all so much for granted that we do not think at all. But what were these young Chinese men and women thinking of this new religion brought to them from over the seas? How do they regard the vast accumulation of historical association and traditional practice, so precious to us as being very bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh? Is it a wonder that they seem to us at times to too lightly brush all this aside as unessential, and to prefer to go straight to the source to seek for themselves inspiration from the life and teaching of Jesus? Yenching University is indeed fortunate in possessing so many Christian Chinese members whose thinking is independent and thorough, and whose contribution to the corporate Christian life of the institution is surely for this reason the more vital.

At noon the morning session ended, and everyone descended the hill to the shady precincts of the fountain, and here lunched from picnic baskets. At two o'clock the afternoon session began. The sun was now hot upon the hill, so we forsook the temple court and met in one of the shady gardens, beautiful still with its fine old trees, and its once splendid buildings weatherworn and crumbling away.

The afternoon session was to consist of a devotional service and the speaker had been invited out from town. When all that was said and done at this Retreat will have been long forgotten, I shall still remember that afternoon, because I heard then done a thing that only a really brave man could do. It was just fourteen days since the Japanese forces had invaded portions of

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Dear house  
 Just a line to wish you a very  
 happy Xmas and New Year. It  
 doesn't really look like a very  
 promising one for anyone anywhere.  
 Does it? You have your financial  
 depression, and dear knows where  
 China is coming out of this mess  
 She is in. Still, I expect we will  
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the Russian Primer you mentioned  
 in your letter. I've been wanting it  
 for ages. I've heard so much about

it, and I think I forgot to ask you  
to get it for me. Tell me if you  
need any more money and I will  
send it at once. It was such a  
surprise and pleasure to have  
Roswell Britton walk calmly  
into my office last week. I  
had seen his name in the paper,  
but I didn't dream it was the  
same person, he looked so well,  
but a little sad, I thought. It  
must have been hard for him  
coming back.

Everything is  
going on well here. We have  
had a fugitive stream  
of visitors in the campus  
and are quite exhausted  
with them. People coming to  
and from the meetings of the Institute.



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to be sure. I am just getting Larry

# HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



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YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
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February 5, 1932.

My dear Louise:

I am afraid you have been rather neglected during this very busy autumn. I find a number of your letters here which I am sure have been long unanswered. This morning there seems to be a brief lull so I am taking this chance to write.

You are probably hearing much news of China these days, and indeed most unexpected things are happening in Shanghai. The Japs seem to be exceeding all bounds. Perhaps it will bring things to a head and force the nations to interfere. At any rate all is quiet up here in the north at present. The President was expecting to leave tomorrow for Hongkong to be present at the Layman's Enquiry Commission conference, but has had a wire that that is called off. He is still, however, planning to go to the U.S.A. The campus is quite undisturbed. Last week he had the American Minister and his bride out to tea, and yesterday the new German Minister and other members of the Legation, with Mei Lan Fang and others to lunch. So it goes in China. We had a good deal of Flu here at Xmas time, and everyone is feeling the strain of the autumn. Speaking of Xmas, the President asked me to send you a write-up of events here at that time, but I went down with the Flu the day after New Year's, and when I could take pen in hand it seemed rather late to send anything. The services and carol singing were just as always, and we had no public entertainments only parties in private homes, so there seemed little to write about. At any rate the Gazette is giving you most of the facts, and with these in hand I imagine Mr. Wannamaker prefers to write things up himself.

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Now as to specific items in your letters. You probably know that it is quite all right to release the news of the erection of the Marble Columns. Their erection was finally paid for from H-Y Funds, I think Preservation of Antiquities. The old pine has gone. I am sorry too, but there was not enough air getting at its roots. *KK  
XS*

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11-4-31*

I am sorry that I did not mark the photos on the back. They went off when I was in a terrible rush, and I dared not delay them any longer. I had much work to do not only upstairs but down in the President's office as well then, and everything had to be done in a hurry, so I hope you will forgive me. Early in the autumn I consulted with President Stuart about the question of Photos of the Campus, and we decided that as both the students who had done so much of this work for us had left,

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that we would ask Larry Mead to take the whole thing over. You see, I personally know nothing about photos, and do not even possess a camera, so it seemed rather foolish for me to carry on when we could put a real expert in charge. I think he will do it all right eventually, but is very slow in getting started. I have tried several times to get him to come upstairs and go over your recent letters re photos but he has always been too busy or something. As a matter of fact, he has been very busy all autumn preparing for an exhibition of his photos in aid of Famine Relief. This is just over now and I will try again. I would suggest that you or Mr. Wannamaker write him a really formal and official letter telling him that you hear he has been appointed to this work, and explaining again what you want. I think as spring comes on and the trees begin to turn green, we might get a new set of photos of the buildings to replace what the students have taken, this time with more life (people) in them. Larry is very methodical and systematic once he gets started doing a thing, and will take any amount of pains to make it right. He is I know rather more interested in the architectural side of photography, so if you want people you must emphasize this. I think a letter from your office will make him feel the importance of the work much more than what Dr. Stuart or I can say, or even than letters from you to me passed on to him. There will be plenty of time to get good views this spring.

I have been reading over your letter of April 11 which was in answer to mine on the subject of publicity. When I wrote my letter to you I had no intention of transferring up to the Harvard-Yenching office, and would have gladly ~~have~~ continued the publicity work, but the sudden shifting around this summer has put me out of touch with so much of what is going on in the main offices. I wonder if it would not be well to have a good talk with Dr. Stuart again when he comes over, and see whether Miss Cummings, who is to be his secretary next year, could not take this on. I think too that what you want is simply the facts, so that you may write things up in the way you wish. This really should not mean very much trouble or work. I still feel, as I have always felt, that this should be the work of the Journalism Department, but Mr. Nash does not see it that way. It seems to me that all items of news concerning the University that can be released for the general public ought to be assembled there, and could easily be sent to you. Dora Dent will be here for another year so you can probably count on her for news of the College of Public Affairs, although next year I hear she is only to give one third of her time to that college.

I have also another suggestion to make; that is, that a newsy little magazine be published out here and sent from China. The news by the time it gets over to New York and finally printed is somewhat out of date. A magazine or News-Letter sent from here direct would at least have the advantage of being "hot". As to who could run the thing if the Journalism people won't take it on, I have no special suggestions. It is possible some members of the English Department would do it. The Catholic University (Fuh Jen Ta Hsueh) which is very up and coming have got out some very good and interesting stuff in the form of News Letters, Bulletins

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and now the first issue of the "Fu Jen Magazine". I wonder if your office has seen any of these. The work I gather is all done by the professors, and is excellent publicity. *four Dept. ?*

*X to S.D. Gamble*

It is rather late now to be reporting on the asphalting of the roads. The statement in the Gazette is quite correct as far as it goes. Mr. Gamble who was on the spot last autumn was persuaded to advance the money without interest to be paid back over a period of ten years out of money saved out here.

To come back to publicity (I've been home to lunch since I began this letter and have been consulting Dora Bent about your letter of June 1) with regard to the theses she tells me that these are practically always handed in in Chinese, and that it is practically impossible to get them put into English. The Department has offered money to students to have this done, but so far they have not been able to find anyone.

*ref. to all items put in with idea of raising funds for Dept. of Agriculture*

The Chengfu Dispensary would make an extremely interesting write-up, but unfortunately, Mrs. Dearmonth, who is entirely responsible for it dislikes very much any kind of publicity. It is her own private project, and she raises the money for it herself in England, and apparently has no lack of funds. So, it is not in need of money, and I imagine any that came in as a result of the write-up would be for this specific object, and she has never asked the university for any. Dora tells me that it was her idea last year to have an attractive little pamphlet printed giving write-ups and photos of all the social service work that is going on under university auspices of one kind or another, but this was discouraged apparently, I don't know in what quarter. However, I still feel it would be an excellent pamphlet for us to have on hand here to give to stray visitors. I think we should have one of that type and also one giving the latest news of university development, printed afresh each year.

*not JHS*

*ref. letter 12-8-31*

As to your last letter concerning the Crop Improvement Station, our agricultural work here has entirely been taken over by the University of Nanking. I think you had better ask Dr. Stuart about the advisability of featuring that particular news item. There has been quite a bit of bickering and trouble of one kind and another between the old employees here and the new people from Nanking. That has all quieted down now I believe, but I think you had better ask his advice before you do anything about it.

Your letter of December 5 asks us to clear up the confusion between Alumni Day and Founders Day. I have just consulted Dr. Y.P. Mei on this knotty point. He tells me that the ruling is that "Home Coming Day" (Alumni Day) and University Anniversary Day (to celebrate the founding of the University) from 1932 will be one and the same day. Last year two separate dates were used because

*date still not stated - see JHS*

preparations had been made for the two days before the ruling came into effect. Christmas is still called "Founders Day". I think this was done to ensure a holiday on Christmas Day, but so far I have not seen any special celebrations to commemorate the founders on that particular day! Dr. Stuart may be able to throw light on this too.

It certainly is frightfully hard for you to keep pace with all that is going on here. I can't keep up with it myself. New government regulations are frequent, and cause constant changes. I think I have now attended to all business matters.

Many thanks indeed for the books. "Shadows on the Rock" arrived quite safely, and I enjoyed it tremendously. It is now on the Faculty Book Club shelves. If there is enough money left after buying the Russian "Primer," would you mind getting me "Mere Marie of the Ursulines". It is a new book last year and I think came out under the one of the book of the month clubs. It is the story of the settlement of Quebec prior to the period of "Shadows on the Rock". Any news of new books that are worth buying is a great help to me, especially this year when I am chairman of the Faculty Book Club. I have just collected the fees which amounted to \$100.00 mex, not so much when turned into gold. We are buying this year's books in England this year, as exchange is more favorable there. The books you have bought for me were for myself, but members of the club loan their new books to the shelves also. I have just found out that the book "Mere Marie, etc", is by Agnes Rettlier, price \$2.50.

sent to her about 1921-1922

The Peking Leader were ordered to suspend business by the Japs last week, and for some days when the Shanghai incident was beginning, we were without a paper. A sporadic bulletin of events was published twice, and now the Yenching Department of Journalism has taken over the issuing of a regular daily news sheet, and supplies Peking with this as well as the campus. I hope they won't print anything to offend our friends, the Japs! The de Vargas family who arrived in Shanghai just as things were warming up we hear are arriving in Tientsin tomorrow, having got safely away. Mr. Montmollin went down to Shanghai to meet his bride whom they were bringing out with them, and I don't know what has been their fate.

The length of this letter will I hope make up somewhat for my long delay in answering your letters.

Yours,

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P.S. I have just asked the Journal Dept. to send you their new issue of current events published since the Reader expired. Rec'd.

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Mar. 10, 1932  
Sent to all  
Trustees

A RETREAT AT THE JADE FOUNTAIN PARK

On the first Sunday of October I was privileged to attend an all-day Retreat of the Christian faculty members of Yenching University. After an early breakfast we set off for the Jade Fountain Park where the Retreat was to be held, some on bicycles, some in rickshaws and some on foot. It was a beautiful, still day of autumn, with tawny colors showing on the hillsides and fields, and with the mistiness peculiar to the season lying low over the land. All along the road that led to the Western Hills, the country people were busy with the old, old labor of the harvest. The grain had been gathered to the threshing floors, and there was a continuous murmur of flails and of the happy voices of women and little children who had come to watch their winter food stored safely away. But we had little occasion for feeling light-hearted that morning, for to the south in the flooded Yangtse valley the tragedy of the starving and the homeless was still being enacted, and from the northern province of Manchuria came daily menacing rumors of war with Japan. Even as we went, we passed little bands of young students setting out to rouse the country people to a sense of national consciousness.

From the gateway of the Jade Fountain Park we climbed a winding stone pathway that led up the bare hillside to a spot just beneath the famous pagoda, and above the fountain of fresh water that bubbles out into a small reed-fringed lake. Here little groups gathered and chatted waiting for the conference to begin. Shortly after nine o'clock the chairman for the day collected and led us off to a quiet temple enclosure where we settled ourselves informally on the steps and flagstones of the open court, Chinese, Americans and British sitting happily together as of one family. Among the foreign members were those whose faces were wise with the experience of years, but the Chinese members were almost without exception youthful, the oldest of them scarcely middle-aged and youngest obviously not long out of the classroom.

The morning's program was to consist of a discussion of the Christian life within the University, how could it be encouraged and maintained; how could the faculty best develop its own corporate religious life, and foster that of the young people in its care? It was the kind of discussion that I had listened to many times elsewhere, but never under circumstances just such as these. Here were represented the old, traditional methods, fixed habits of thought and expression of the western members; and over against them, the penetrating, practical and sometimes mystical thinking of their eastern colleagues, many of whose Christian affiliations were scarcely older than their student days.

The Retreat opened with the reading of scripture and prayers by one of the western members, which was followed by a few remarks from the chairman on the nature and purpose of the Retreat. Very boyish he looked, standing bare-headed in the sunshine, the Director of Studies in the University, himself a student of Chinese, American and German universities and the author of a dissertation on one of China's great philosophers. He was very much in earnest, but he touched in somewhat whimsical vein on the fact that it is not very easy to change the habits of the older members of staff who have long ago fixed upon their own individual methods of expressing their religious life. He regretted the fact that many of the Chinese members were not regular supporters of chapel services and religious discussion groups, and he urged most seriously the responsibility of all faculty members towards the students, whose characters are being influenced and moulded by the actions of the teachers whose leadership they admire and follow.

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The second speaker, who was to lead the discussion, a young Chinese with a keen, clever face, also prominent in university circles, prefaced his remarks by stating that he would have been an atheist had he not been so deeply attracted to the person of Jesus. He admitted that he rarely spoke publicly of what religion meant to him; that for himself, as for many another Chinese, attendance at church services and discussions on religious matters were not felt to be essential elements in religious growth; those particular modes of expression being to them as to him somewhat alien and unconvincing. His central theme was the importance of the spirit that lies behind all action; something that is far more essential than formal or external expression. To him religion meant so much a part of everyday life that to do slovenly work in classroom or office was in itself an unchristian act. He emphasized the significance of conserving the spiritual values of the Chinese civilization, of seeing clearly what is the real essence of Christianity, and of realizing in our task of education, and in our common life together, only what is best and what is true.

The western members joined readily in the discussion that followed the two speakers, and they seemed one and all to be feeling after some more vital method of expressing their religious life in some outward form. This appears to be a western need. The Chinese members were more reticent, and evidently found it less easy to talk about religious matters. One of them regretted some of the militant and imperialistic traditions that during the course of the years had grown up about the name of Jesus, and which modern social and democratic movements were rendering very unattractive to young students of the present day. The president of the University spoke not at all, but with alert and sympathetic attention he followed every turn of the discussion, and one was very conscious that he was as much a part of it as if he had spoken. Probably, because I am a westerner myself, I was more interested in what was contributed to the discussion by the Chinese members. We know at times only too well what we as westerners think of religion, and sometimes we take it all so much for granted that we do not think at all. But what were these young Chinese men and women thinking of this new religion brought to them from over the seas? How do they regard the vast accumulation of historical association and traditional practice, so precious to us as being very bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh? Is it a wonder that they seem to us at times to too lightly brush all this aside as unessential, and to prefer to go straight to the source to seek for themselves inspiration from the life and teaching of Jesus? Yenching University is indeed fortunate in possessing so many Christian Chinese members whose thinking is independent and thorough, and whose contribution to the corporate Christian life of the institution is surely for this reason the more vital.

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## YENCHING

Received in New York  
October 24, 1932

### A Sunday Picnic.

A Sunday picnic? Yes - and no. For it was a very serious-minded group which started off together early on the morning of September eighteenth for the Jade Fountain Park; serious because of the significance of the day itself - the anniversary of the Japanese seizure of Mukden, which would be celebrated all over China as a new "day of humiliation"; serious also because of the purpose of our going - the thinking and praying together about the new year of work just beginning for the Christian Fellowship, our University Church at Yenching.

Perhaps the seriousness made us all the more sensitive to the beauty of the place to which we went, that play-place of royalty for many generations. A tiny lake, fed by myriad springs which bubble up to its surface, clear as crystal, and of the lovely green color which gives it its name of "Jade Fountain"; around it acres of hills; here and there in the spacious enclosure pavilions, pagodas, and other buildings which would add to its beauty or to the convenience of the royal owners who once frequented it; and from the hill-tops views which one loves to remember, of mountains to west and north, of palaces and temples and pagodas, of tiny fields and dusty villages, of donkeys and camels and folk threading their way down narrow paths or newly-built roads. Here in the historic quiet, in the presence of the Eternal Spirit to whom yesterday and today and tomorrow are as one, we could think together and with Him of our responsibility to our own today. The leader of our morning session reminded us that the pavilion-court in which we were gathered, and the long winding, climbing walk by which we had reached it, were nearly two hundred years ago favorite haunts of the Emperor Ch'ien Lung, in which he loved to wander with his flute. And in the afternoon we gathered at the base of a beautifully-carved white stone pagoda, on the faces of which, in skilfully-engraved pictures, are portrayed the important incidents in the life of Gautama Buddha. Was the spirit of that great seeker after truth disturbed because in the shadow of his memory we talked of, and sought fellowship with Another? I think not; would he not rejoice with us in the revelation of that greater Truth?

The "picnickers"? About twenty of us; the group which last spring was chosen to represent students, faculty, and workmen, on the executive committee of the Yenching Christian Fellowship, together with a few others working on sub-committees. Of that inner group of ten, one is a gateman, four are students, two represent the secretarial staff, and three are faculty members - and of them all only one is a "foreigner". Of the twenty gathered there on that Sunday, there were three "foreign" women - feeling very much at home, for our Fellowship knows no distinction of sex or class, of University ranking or of nationality; yet it was significant that those three were not prominent in leadership or discussion - had they been absent, it would not have materially affected the work and thought of the day. For Yenching's church is essentially a part of the Chinese Christian Church, and its leadership and its workers are Chinese.

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The discussion of the morning centered around the question: How can the Fellowship increase its influence in the life of the campus? In the presentations made by a faculty member and one of the students, we were brought face to face with many facts. New students, many of them far from their homes, lonely and wanting friends; many of them Christian, but tempted in a new environment, under the influence of the materialistic thinking of present-day China, to let go their Christian loyalty, and needing the kind of friends who will help them be true; students ill and discouraged in their work, wanting sympathy, and often help in very definite ways; a group of anti-Christian, anti-foreign students, entirely misunderstanding the purposes of the University and the Christian movement, and therefore using their influence against them - needing the kind of understanding that personal touch with Christian students and teachers might give them; still others nominally Christian, yet for some reason feeling that the Fellowship is not theirs and that they have no responsibility to it. All this and more we tried to face frankly and honestly, yet not with any feeling of discouragement, for did we not know, as our leader of the morning had brought to our thought, that "the Kingdom is coming", the Eternal Will is working out His purposes, and that we are privileged in it all to be co-workers with Him?

And then in the afternoon we brought for consideration together the plans for the year's work, as they had been thought out by individuals and committees; ways in which we hope at least partially to meet the challenges which the facts of the morning had given us. The workmen's committee was there, with its statement of the needs of the group it represents - four hundred men and women without whom the work of the University could not go on, yet who, because of the handicaps of their material, mental and spiritual background, can share so little in its life - but also with plans for work through our Workmen's Center which shall lift material levels and give opportunity for mental and spiritual growth. A member of the faculty brought to us suggestions of ways in which as teachers we may more really share with each other the life of the spirit, and thus have more to share with our students. And then the plans of faculty and students for students: the membership campaign to begin immediately, together with an inquiry into the particular interests of each student member; small groups to be organized around these interests - in the out-of-doors, in hand-work, in music, in study, and so on; discussion groups led by faculty members around such subjects as "Christianity and War", "Christianity and Chinese Culture"; Bible classes; play-times, "hikes", and "sings"; a weekly prayer-group of student leaders; monthly meetings of all the student members of the Fellowship. Nor was the community outside of our campus wall forgotten, for the Social Service committee, also student-led, brought its plans for country-trips, preaching-tours into the villages, and other forms of service to the unprivileged about us.

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But did we forget that it was China's day of humiliation, and that the country we love was in mourning? The little group which had planned the day had not forgotten; they had said, "Our opening devotional service ought to keep the day's significance in mind"; but they wanted it remembered in a way which should be in harmony with their Christian purpose. Who should lead that service? Only two were suggested, both of them faculty members who are outstanding for their Christian spirit; and when the one was decided upon, it was with the comment from one of the students, "Yes, he will do it well; for he talks of international friendship". No spirit of hatred or revenge was to intrude itself into their day - and their leader did not disappoint them. Do you in America catch its significance - that here, in a country deeply wronged and feeling intensely the injustice of it, here where they are surrounded by bitterness and constant talk of resistance by force - "justified" if such talk and such feeling can be justified - that here is a group of students and teachers feeling just as deeply the inconsistency of hatred and war with their Christian loyalty, seeking for themselves His way of life, and reaching out and out to share that way of life even with those called "enemies"? Do you sometimes wonder if the Christian message is counting in China's life? If the Church in China can be depended upon to pass on that which has been committed to it? Does this little group help to bring you the answer?

Hilda Hague

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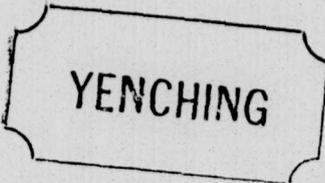
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**TRANSFER**

My dear Mr. Garside:

This is just to inform the office that I have at last reached Canada, and from now on will have a settled address. I do hope that you will send me regularly any news of the University that you are in the habit of distributing to members of staff on furlough. As I have had practically no news at all from either the Peiping or the New York office, since I left Shanghai on May 1st, I should be most grateful if there are any old bulletins, or scraps of news available. At any rate please put me from now on on the regular list.

I arrived in Canada a little over a week ago and after two days in Montreal, had two days at my home in Kingston before coming on here to Banff to attend the meetings of the Institute of Pacific Relations. I consider myself most fortunate to have this chance to attend, even in the very humble capacity of secretary in the Secretariat Group of the China Council. I am the only foreigner on the Chinese Delegation. I don't think we shall have very much to do in the office, and it is tremendously interesting to meet the delegates and listen in on the discussions. I hear very complimentary things of Yenching, of Dr. Stuart and Dr. Hsu Shu-hsi and other members of our staff whom many of these delegates have met at one time or another. Dr. Luce, our former Vice President, arrived at lunch time today. He is accompanying his son who is one of the regular delegates. Dr. Kreps has given me some Yenching news from the New York end which seems quite encouraging. I should think, however, the financial crisis which we have been going through, must have been quite sufficient to turn you all grey-headed.

The weather here at Banff is glorious, and everyone seems in splendid spirits, except possibly some members of the British delegation who seem slightly incensed that Canada has dared to erect anything quite so luxuricus as this hotel we are staying in. They seem to think that we should still continue to conduct ourselves like a very humble little British colony!

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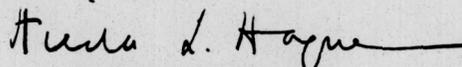
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I shall be here in the Hotel at Banff until the Conference breaks up about August 28. From then on any mail can be sent directly to my home  
132 University Avenue,  
Kingston, Ont.  
Canada.

Just before I left Peiping the Harvard-Yenching office asked me to make as complete a study as possible, during the year I am to be in America, of the processes of book printing and binding, with the idea that this knowledge might be helpful if we are able, in the not too distant future, to set up in a small way our own printing machinery. I had intended, if I had not been appointed to the Conference, to stay on in Germany and see what I could do of book publishing there. As soon as I get back to Toronto I am going to see what can be done there in the way of getting permission to enter some publishing firm, as it has been possible in the past to enter factories in the U.S.A., and actually learn as much of the business as I can first hand. I have not as yet been able to start any enquiries along this line, though I may here be able to get some contacts before I go east again, through some of the Toronto delegates. I would, however, appreciate it very much if you could give me advice as to how to go about the preliminary stages of gaining permission to enter some publishing house in the U.S.A. in case I can't get what I want in Toronto. I feel I should begin as soon as possible as the time is so short.

With all good wishes to other friends in the office and especially Mr. Gee and Miss McCoy,

Very sincerely yours,

  
Hilda L. Hague

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Yenching University

August 18, 1935.

Miss Hilda L. Hague  
Banff Springs Hotel  
Banff, Canada

My dear Miss Hague:

I am answering your letter addressed to Mr. Garside as he is absent from the office on vacation.

There is not much news to report subsequent to May 1st. As you probably know the graduation exercises proceeded as usual with a portion of the class being absent, all of which was planned before you left the campus. The principal speech of the commencement exercises was delivered by Dr. Wong Wen-hao, director of the Peiping Geological Survey. Dr. Stuart delivered the Baccalaureate address.

Undoubtedly you know that the Nashes are returning to Yenching, the last we heard being from Honolulu. We will note your address for future news items.

You all must be having a very interesting time at Banff, and we will look forward to hearing more about it later.

We have very carefully read the paragraph referring to the desire to investigate the publishing business, to the end that at some future date a printing establishment might be organized at Yenching, and unfortunately your letter has not fallen into very sympathetic hands. Eight years of my younger life was spent in direct contact with the publishing game, and during the five years on the field as treasurer and general business agent, I had control of a mission press. My conclusions have been that wherever it is possible to avoid establishing a printing department or bindery, a great deal of money would be saved. I know that a tremendous amount of money which has been lost in various establishments of this kind, and the printing business is such a cut-throat game, that ordinarily money can be saved by not owning the equipment. It would seem that Peiping would possess facilities for doing this work, but of course you are the best judge, and we do not wish to say anything to be construed of as critical of any action that has been passed.

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Miss Hilda L. Hague

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If I was to start out on such a task, my first step would be to procure a copy of "Commercial Engraving and Printing" by Chas. W. Hackleman, published by the Commercial Engraving and Publishing Company, Indianapolis, Indiana. This is the best publication I know of for this work which will form the basis or rather a point of departure for practical application which is to be followed in case you can gain access to some large publishing establishment.

We take it that you desire to stay in Canada if possible, but if you cannot make a good connection there, that you are willing to come to the U. S. We have one or two channels through which we can work if you find it necessary to come to New York, but we cannot do it just now, as the ones through whom we would have to make our approaches are on vacation.

It would also be better to have a more definite purpose when making our investigation or establishing any contacts, and so we deem it wiser to defer any action until we know how you are making out in Canada.

Dr. Gee is on the West Coast for vacation, but Miss McCoy sends her best wishes.

Looking forward to the opportunity of meeting you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

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