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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

Mr. B. A. Garside,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Garside:

I have your note of January 9th about the journal of Fukien University. I suggest that you send four or five copies to Dean Chase and let him undertake any distribution that may be necessary. Sometime when Mr. Barber is in the office, show him one and let him have it if he wants it.

Hasn't Sir Aurel Stein made a mess of things, and all because our Harvard friends were so eager to hitch up with "a distinguished archeologist" that they held an Executive Committee meeting suddenly and without even letting the Yenching members of the Committee know what it was all about!

I now have a letter from the National Association for the Preservation of Antiquities in China explaining what they think of Sir Aurel Stein. I hope they keep a squad of detectives and military escorts on his track wherever he goes.

Cheerfully yours,

Eric M. North

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FURTHER ATTACK MADE ON STEIN BY LOCAL BODY

Withdrawal Of Financial Support Urged By Peiping Commission

Resentment Aroused By Scien- tist's Intention To Export Archaeological Objects

That the three foreign scientific bodies whose financial support made it possible for Sir Aurel Stein to undertake an expedition into Chinese Turkestan last September from India should stop further assistance to the British archaeologist as his undertaking is of a questionable nature in the light of his past activities in that province, which has aroused great resentment in Chinese circles, forms the gist of a statement just issued by the National Commission for the Preservation of Antiquities in Peiping. The statement, which carries the signatures of many prominent leaders of the government including Mr. Chang Chi, Mr. Tsai Yuan-pei and Mr. Li Shih-tseng (Li Yu-ying) reads as follows:

The Statement

Sir Aurel Stein, the well known explorer, came to China this spring and obtained a passport from the Chinese Government to enter Chinese Turkestan from India. In issuing the passport, the Chinese Government was assured by Sir Aurel Stein that the object of his journey was merely to investigate the ancient route of Hsuan-tsang. But recently we have obtained reliable information that Sir Aurel Stein's real object is to undertake large scale archaeological excavations and that he is

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supplied with very large funds from the Harvard-Yenching Institute, the Archaeological Survey of India and the Trustees of the British Museum. From the nature of the agreement made between Sir Aurel Stein's financial supporters which authorises him, among other things, to determine from his collections what are to be considered duplicates, it is evident that he intends, not only to excavate in Chinese Turkestan, but also to export archaeological objects and works of art from this country. Being members of the National Commission for the Preservation of Antiquities, we consider it our duty to place our views before the institutions mentioned above which may not be aware of the questionable nature of the undertaking or the great resentment roused in this country, and ask them to consider whether in the interest of science and international good feeling they should continue their support promised to Sir Aurel Stein.

Own Statements

(1) We want to point out that to carry out such extensive archaeological work in a country like China, where the people take such a vital interest in their own history, under the false pretence of investigating ancient trade routes is altogether inconsistent with personal honor usually expected from a representative of well known scientific institutions. We would hardly have believed it possible had not Sir Aurel Stein's past conduct proved to us beyond doubt that he never allowed any such scruple to trouble his conscience. To investigate the ancient route of Hsuan-tsang is in fact a favorite untruth told again and again by Sir Aurel Stein in his former travels. He says himself:—

"The true historical sense

innate in educated Chinese, and their legendary remembrance of Hsuan-tsang, the great monk of the T'ang period, whom I claimed as my guide, proved helpful in explaining the objects of my explorations, Ancient Khotan. Introduction, vii.

"There was another source of aid to fall back upon the memory of Hsuan-tsang, an appeal to which had never failed to secure me a sympathetic hearing alike among the learned and the simple" Serinda, Vol. 2, p. 805.

There can be no doubt, therefore, of his true intention this time when he uses once more his favorite excuse. Do the scientific institutions that support him endorse his method of obtaining passport under false pretences?

Commercial Vandalism

(2) The export of archaeological objects from their country of origin can only be justified when (a) the objects are obtained legally from their rightful owners, (b) the taking away of any part of a collection will not damage the collection as a whole, or (c) there is no one in the country of their origin sufficiently competent or interested in studying or safe-keeping them. Otherwise it is no longer scientific archaeology, but commercial vandalism. Sir Aurel Stein's conduct during his previous journeys in Chinese Turkestan verges dangerously on the latter. An example will make this clear. There was a sealed library in a cave near Tun-Huang containing a priceless collection of early Chinese manuscripts. Sir Aurel Stein, taking advantage of the ignorance and cupidity of the priest in charge, persuaded the latter to sell to him at a pittance what he considered the pick of the collection which, needless to say, did not in any way belong

to the seller. It would be the same if some Chinese traveller pretending to be merely a student of religious history goes to Canterbury and buys up the valuable relics from the cathedral care-taker. It throws a flood of light on Sir Aurel Stein's character when he gleefully relates the whole incident without the least shame in his book "Ruins of Desert Cathay," Vol. II, pp. 159-219. The Tun-Huang collection of early Chinese manuscripts formed a unit by itself. But Sir Aurel Stein, separating many manuscripts which really belonged together, thus destroying the value of the manuscripts themselves. Soon afterwards French and Japanese travellers followed his trail with the result that the unique collection is now divided up and scattered in London, Paris and Tokyo. In the first two cities at least, the manuscripts lie unstudied for the last twenty years, and the rightful owners, the Chinese, who are the most competent scholars for their study are deprived of their opportunity as well as their own

ship: Do the scientific institutions financing the new expedition realise what they are doing and desire with their eyes open, that Sir Aurel Stein as their representative should repeat his dishonorable act?

Breach of Laws

(3) It is just to prevent such acts of vandalism that all countries have enacted laws prohibiting unauthorised excavations and the export of archaeological treasures, Italy even forbids the selling of old pictures to foreign countries. When R. Pumpelly went in 1903 to excavate in Russian Turkestan he had to return his entire collection to the Russian museum. Even semi-independent Egypt has enforced laws against illegal excavators. On June 2, 1930, the Chinese Government promulgated the Laws of Antiquities, making such work as contemplated by Sir Aurel Stein illegal. Do his financial supporters representing the best known scientific institutions desire him to carry out his work in secret in direct violation of Chinese law and then smuggle the objects obtained

out of the country?

(4) We desire to say that Chinese scholars and scientists do not want in the east to prevent foreign scholars from making their contributions to Chinese archaeology. On the contrary, during the last decade several foreigners have cooperated with us on terms satisfactory to both

parties. While we welcome foreign participation in Chinese archaeological studies, we will use every means to resist any attempt on the part of foreigners like Sir Aurel Stein to carry out excavations under false pretences and to smuggle secretly historical and archaeological objects out of the country. We believe that in so doing we have on our side the sympathy of all true students of scientific archaeology all over the world, and that when the scientific institutions that have promised Sir Aurel Stein their financial support have been informed of the questionable methods used by him and the disastrous results expected, will withdraw their support in the interest of true science and good international relations.

Signatories

Signed: Chang Chi, Member, State Council of the National Government, Chairman of the Commission; Tsai Yuan-pei, President, Academia Sinica, Nanking; Li Yu-ying, President, National Academy, Peiping; Yi Pei-chi, Director, Palace Museum, Peiping; W. H. Wong, Director, National Geological Survey of China, Peiping; Pu Szu-nien, Director, National Research Institute of History and Philology, Peiping; Chu Chia-hua, President, National Central University, Nanking; Philip L. Yuan, Professor of Geology, National Tsing Hua University and Field Director, Scientific Mission to the North-western China; J.S. Lee, Director, National Research Institute of Geology, Shanghai; Li Tsung-tung, Secretary-General, Palace Museum, and Director, Division of Historical Research, National Academy, Peiping; Siu Ping-chang, President National Teachers College for Women,

Peiping; Ma Heng, Professor of Archaeology, National University, Peiping; Li Chi, Head, Division of Archaeology, National Research Institute of History and Philology, Peiping; Fu Liu, Professor National University, Peiping, and President, National University for Women, Peiping; T. L. Yuan, Acting Director, National Library, Peiping; Chen Yuan, professor, Yenching University, Peiping; Shen Chien-shih, Professor, National University, Peiping; T.K. Yu, Administrative Secretary, Palace Museum, Peiping; Hwang Wen-pi, Lecturer, National University, Peiping.—Kuo Wen.

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EXPULSION OF AUREL STEIN IS ASKED FOR

**Petition Is Addressed To
Government By Peiping
Association**

**Speech Made By British
Archaeologist In U.S. Highly
Defamatory To China**

Immediate expulsion of Sir Aurel Stein, well-known British archaeologist, from the province of Sinkiang and cancellation of the passport which the National government issued to him last spring, are urged in a petition which the association for the preservation of ancient relics in Peiping has just addressed to the government.

This request is made on the basis of some utterances which Sir Aurel is alleged to have made at a meeting of the board of trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute in Massachusetts last year when he asked for an annual grant of £20,000 to finance his expedition into Sinkiang. According to the account of the proceedings given by the local organization, there were present at the meeting several liberal American professors who favored co-operation with Chinese cultural organizations in archaeological research, pointing out that things in China are different today from what they used to be under the Manchus. The British archaeologist is reported to have countered with this statement.

Stein's Statement

"I only know Old China and do not pay the least attention to the slogans and catch-words of Young China. The Kuomintang is most disreputable and should not be heeded by foreigners. There have been several cases where foreign scientific organizations co-operated with similar bodies in China, but invariably the result has been negative. Moreover, Sinkiang is not Chinese territory, and there is no central government in China. Sinkiang is not fully civilized. I think I can do with Sinkiang officials today what I used to do with those of the old regime. If you can give me some additional money with which to bribe them, I can have everything my own way in Sinkiang.

"The days of the Chinese race are numbered. J. O. P. Bland is right in every way in his diagnosis of the Chinese situation."

Funds Provided to Bribe

The petition goes on to say that the majority of those present were pleased with Sir Aurel's speech and voted \$1,000,000 for his expedition in addition to \$25,000 as a secret fund to bribe the officials of the Sinkiang provincial government. "It was also decided that Harvard University should get the entire collection of the expedition, and that only duplicates should go to the British Museum and the Indian government, both of which also contributed to the expenses of Sir Aurel's party. The few Chinese present as well as some of the liberal American professors were indignant at the Briton's tirade against China and the Kuomintang, but they were outvoted by the millionaire members of the institute, several of whom were formerly in the canned goods business in New York."

Sir Aurel Stein has at least \$2,000,000 with him, according to the Chinese organization. This is really too much for an expedition the ostensible object of which is to discover the ancient route between Central Asia and Europe. The petition then recalls that when he was

in Nanking last spring seeking for a passport to enter Sinkiang, his movements were most mysterious. He was asked to address the Central University, but he declined the invitation under various pretexts. "This shows beyond a shadow of doubt that he has some sinister motive in view. Later the British minister made a statement to the ministry of foreign affairs on his behalf that he would not send archaeological finds out of the country, but this obviously cannot be believed in the light of what he said at the American meeting".

First Went to Sinkiang 30 Years

Ago

The first time Sir Aurel went to Sinkiang was about 30 years ago and since then he has made several trips to that province, most of them financed by the Indian government. It is stated that on one of these expeditions he made military maps of Kansu and Sinkiang, and took away all the treasures at Tung Wang. The grant of the British museum to Sir Aurel is £2,000 a year and for a period of three years.—
Kuo Wen.

HARVARD-YENCHING
INSTITUTE

Yenching University

January 19, 1931

Sent by Western Union messenger

Dr. E. M. North
Bible House
Astor Place
New York, New York

Dear Doctor North

The following cablegram has just been received from Yenching University:-

DR. E. M. NORTH: ON ACCOUNT OF LOCAL AGITATION AGAINST STEIN EXPEDITION, ADVISE HARVARD-YENCHING TRUSTEES AT ONCE AUTHORIZE STATEMENT IN CHINA THAT STEIN ONLY INVESTIGATES OLD TRADE ROUTES, THAT SHOULD IT BE DECIDED UNDERTAKE ARCHAEOLOGY EXCAVATION, HE WILL CONSULT WITH CHINESE ORGANIZATION(S) ACCORDING TO AGREEMENT IN CAMBRIDGE LAST WINTER. OTHERWISE PEPING OFFICE YENCHING UNIVERSITY PUBLICLY MUST BE SEPARATED FROM EXPEDITION AND ANNOUNCE CONDITIONS ON WHICH OUR CONSENT WAS SECURED NOW VIOLATED APPARENTLY BY STEIN. PLEASE TELEGRAPH DEFINITE ANSWER IMMEDIATELY. J. LEIGHTON STUART.

Yours very sincerely

Assistant Treasurer

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Bible House, Astor Place,
New York City.
January 23, 1931

Mr. C. A. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Dr. North has asked me to ask you to code and send off
the following cable to President Stuart:

Before receiving your telegram
Harvard-Yenching Institute
has (or had) telegraphed

Antiquities
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Is there anything further we can do
North

Very truly yours,

Margaret T. Hills
Secretary to Dr. North

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



Bible House, Astor Place,
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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

HARVARD-YENCHING
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Dear Mr. Garside:

This note is officially to inform you of the following action of the trustees of HARVARD - YENCHING Institute concerning the adjustment of the unexpended balances for the appropriations for the year ending June 30, 1930:

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Voted:
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(a) To meet from unexpended balances the following deficits, totalling L.D. \$1,522.57:

Library	L.C. \$	198.41
Museum Aid		1,123.54
Publication of valuable manuscripts		- 200.62
		<u>\$ 1,522.57</u>

(b) To continue the balances of L.C. \$1,860.79 in the "Preservation of Antiques" account and L.C. \$532.75 in the "H.T. Tien Travel Account" and L.C. \$901.53 in the "Sino-Indian Research Account" until it can be learned whether the field must meet further charges against these accounts in line with the original appropriations.

(c) To continue the balance of L.C. \$1,200.00 in the "Reserve for Salary Increases" account.

(d) After deducting from the following remaining balances, totalling \$12,830.62, the sum of L.C. \$ 1,522.57 to meet the deficits listed in (a) above, to credit the remainder, L.C. \$11,308.05, as a single lump sum advance on the 1930-31 budget:

Research materials and casts	L.C. \$1,039.00
Salaries	2,627.59
Rent	779.00
Scholarships and fellowships	1,883.00
Journal of Chinese Studies	1,667.12
Translation work	2,001.65
Investigation and survey	2,000.00
Office expense	352.82
Contingent Fund	<u>480.44</u>
	L.C. \$12,830.62
Less amount to clear deficits	<u>1,522.57</u>
	L.C. \$11,308.05

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Mr. Garside-2

Feb. 3, 1930

You will note that the addition of L.C. \$931 in the Sino-Indian Research Account is an addition to your recommendation as this is because we understood that Professor Von Stael Holstein had not received his whole amount within the year and there was some question as to whether this could be available. It was understood that this is to be available.

One other item I should record which I think administratively should be handled directly between you and Mr. Shattuck. It is as follows:

with check
Voted: That, for the convenience of fellowship men in Peiping,
T-154 funds for their accounts shall be sent by the Bursar of Harvard University to the Treasurer of Yenching University, to be disbursed by him monthly to the holders of fellowships.

Faithfully yours,



Eric M. North

P.S.

Another item I wish to call your attention to, but which I do not know whether it is paid through Yenching or not, is the following:

Voted:
T-152 To accept the recommendation of the Educational Committee that \$750 be appropriated from the Contingent Fund to enable Mr. S. A. Yao to continue his studies in Germany.

E. M. NORTH

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

17 Boylston Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.,
February 13, 1931.

Dear Professor Porter:-

I have now had a chance to get the reaction of most of the Trustees on the votes of the Administrative Committee at their meeting on November 10th, which you submitted to me with your letter dated November 27th. In general, everyone seems to be quite in favor of the change of name to the Advisory Committee in China.

Vote 2, however, raises one or two problems on which most of us are not quite clear. Everyone, I think, approves of the arrangement for the number of the committee, -- not less than seven or more than eleven members, - but several have wondered how the vote would be related to Article III of the By-laws and the vote of January 4, 1928. In Article III of the By-Laws, the statement is

"The Board of Trustees may appoint an Administrative Committee in Peking, China, a majority of which shall be members of the Board of Managers, or faculty, of Yenching University, or members of similar boards or faculties in one or more other educational institutions in China."

This was modified by the vote of January 4, 1928,

"That until this Board shall otherwise vote, a majority of the Administrative Committee in Peking shall be members of the Board of Managers of Yenching University."

I assume that, if the Board of Trustees approve Vote 2 of the Administrative Committee, they would thereby rescind their vote of January 4, 1928, but the By-law would still stand, so that, in effect, the adoption of vote 2 would mean that the Advisory Committee in China would thereafter

"consist of not less than seven or more than eleven members, to be hereafter appointed by the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute from among any persons resident in China whom the Trustees shall consider qualified, a majority of whom shall be members of the Board of Managers or faculty of Yenching University, or members of similar boards or faculties of one or more other educational institutions in China."

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Professor Porter,

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So far as I can gather, the Trustees would decidedly favor amending Article III of the By-laws so that the first sentence would read:

"The Board of Trustees may appoint an Advisory Committee in Peking, China, to consist of not less than seven or more than eleven members, to be appointed from among any persons resident in China whom the said Trustees shall consider qualified."

In regard to Vote 3, several Trustees feel that it would be better to amend "recommendation and report" to "an expression of opinion", so that the vote would read:

"That the Board of Trustees adopt the policy of referring to the Advisory Committee for an expression of opinion all projects for expenditure of funds in Asia."

Others have suggested the amendment of "Asia" to "China". We should like to know the feeling of the Advisory Committee on this point. Several, too, have suggested that, if this vote is passed in its present form, it might some time be held to cover the income from restricted funds which is now divided among what we have come to speak of as the "six institutions". Most of us imagine that there was no intent on the part of the Administrative Committee that the vote should cover these funds, since the Trustees have always held that the six institutions are responsible directly to the Trustees for expenditure of the moneys assigned to them, but we wondered whether it would not be well to make the whole perfectly definite by adding to the vote, "with the exception of income of special funds held in trust."

Of Vote 4 there has been no criticism, and this seems to everyone a desirable formulation of what we had agreed upon as a matter of practice.

Vote 5, of course, meets with full approval, and so does Vote 6, except that several of the Trustees expressed the opinion that the revisions of budgets for expenditure in China should have to do with changes in individual items, but should not contemplate appropriations in excess of the total budget appropriation for any given fiscal year. This, we assume, is the intent of the phrase in the vote "within such limits as the Trustees may consider it advisable to impose."

In regard to Vote 7, it is again not clear to several of us whether the appointment of an Executive Secretary to "serve as the channel of communication between the Trustees, on the one hand, and the Advisory Committee and all persons and institutions in China, on the other hand" would mean that communications from the six institutions would pass through the hands of the Executive

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Professor Porter,

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Secretary in China. Here again, the feeling of a majority of the Trustees is that the six institutions are ~~indirectly~~ directly responsible to the Trustees and that the vote should be made clear on this point.

In conclusion, Mr. Boyden, in commenting on the budget, raised the point that you speak of the present low exchange as an argument in favor of certain increases in expenses. He goes on: "It would be a mistake for us to be seriously influenced by this idea. Exchange may go up and, if it does not, expenses in China will adjust themselves to the low exchange, so that sooner or later our increases there would be reflected in our expenses here." It seems to me that this is a good point and that the Trustees are bound to make their appropriations on a gold basis without involving themselves in the complications of exchange - at least at the present time.

I am sorry it has taken so long to get together the necessary information and to get this letter in form. I think, however, since the Trustees probably will not meet until April, there will be time enough for you to send me a reply with your further comments. If there appears to be any question on this point and if the suggestions of the Trustees meet with the approval of the Advisory Committee, perhaps you will cable me "Trustees' revisions approved." Then I can understand that I will bring before the Trustees just what ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ is in this letter. I suspect, however, that you will want to make some further modifications, and I hope very much that the mails will serve us well and you can get a written reply to me.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) George H. Chase

Professor Lucius C. Porter
Yenching University,
Peiping, China.

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March 28, 1931

Dean George H. Chase,
Harvard-Yenching Institute,
17 Boylston Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Chase:

We are now approaching the period of the year when final decisions must be reached by practically all of our Universities in China as to the details of the budgets for the year 1931-32.

Several of our Universities have written during recent months and have asked for fuller information as to the conditions which the Universities are expected to observe during 1931-32 in the use of the income from the funds held in trust for these institutions by the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

I have been hoping that it would be possible for Dean Donham and yourself to meet with the representatives of the various Universities before final decisions must be reached with regard to the budgets for 1931-32. All of our Universities are anxious to follow out the wishes of the Institute in expending the income from these trust funds. But the situation in each University is somewhat different from the others, and the interpretations that have been given to the instructions received from the Institute are rather widely divergent. As a result some of our Universities are adhering more closely than are others to the strict letter of the instructions received from the Institute under date of July 2, 1929, wherein, in accordance with action E-112 of the meeting of the Harvard-Yenching Institute Executive Committee held on June 14, 1929, the Universities were informed that

"It was the intention of the Trustees that funds from the Institute should in general be used to strengthen the departments of Chinese language, literature, and history. It is assumed that each institution benefitted is in fact spending some money for this work. It was not the intention of the Institute to displace these expenditures and make amounts so displaced available for other departments. The Institute further assumes that over a period of years the departments thus enlarged will grow and be strengthened with the other departments of the institutions. The Trustees of the Institute do not wish this year to impose any definitive limitations other than those expressed in the original communication but they feel that they should

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call attention to the dangers involved in starting on a policy inconsistent with that defined above."

It would be unfortunate if this growing diversity of procedure on the part of our different Universities should continue for a prolonged period, because the ultimate result is likely to be both discontent on the part of such institutions as have adhered most closely to these regulations, and also danger that some other institutions which have not adhered so closely to these regulations may sooner or later find themselves working along lines unacceptable to the Institute.

All these considerations point to the unecessity of an early meeting between the special committee appointed by the Trustees of the Institute, and the representatives appointed by the governing bodies of the several Universities in China. No doubt the coming weeks will be unusually busy for Dean Donham and yourself; and certainly they will be very full for the representatives of the various Universities. I earnestly hope, however, that it may in some way be possible for us to arrange a meeting in the fairly early future. If it is not convenient for you and Dean Donham to come to New York City it might be possible that we could have at least a few of these representatives meet with you in Cambridge. If nothing better could be arranged for the time being I would be glad to come to Cambridge myself for a day to talk over informally with the two of you the wishes of the Institute as to the use of this income during the fiscal year 1931-32.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG-H

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Cambridge, Mass.,
April 23, 1931.

My dear Lucius,-

The annual meeting of the Harvard-Yenching Trustees took place yesterday afternoon and evening, closing shortly before eleven o'clock. It was carried through with the finest spirit, and I was gratified at the growing esteem in which the work at Yenching seems to be held. Every proposal of ours was considered with sympathetic interest. Fortunately, letters from you and William, dated March 20th and later, reached me in New York the day before as I was starting for the train, so that I had all that material to guide me. You will probably be hearing from Dean Chase officially on the various actions, but I am sending this letter at once to give the essential items that concern our end of things.

The budget was passed, as I recall, with only one change, which is in keeping the item for translation as it was last year, but increasing the Contingent Fund sufficiently to cover this and allow for some increase in salaries. In other words, it was increased to \$7500. I cabled today regarding several items which you would want to know at once, and am confirming these..

It appears that there was no intention in the postal vote to limit the fellowship for Ch'en Yuan-an to one year, the thought being that action taken in that form should only be regarded as temporary. The Trustees are quite willing to look forward to this as an annual item in our budget. The additional grant asked for Ku Chieh-kang was quite cheerfully agreed to. The list of fellowships was quite large and had already exceeded the G\$20,000 originally decided upon, but T. T. Chang and Chi Szu-ho were given fellowships, the former G\$1500 and the latter G\$2000, with the understanding that both are to study at Harvard next year. William's index was renewed, and it was understood that the Trustees were virtually committed to this, not only for next year, but for the year following also. An item of G\$2500 was included for your residence at Cambridge and they are looking forward to your spending one of the two semesters here. I wonder if you feel that, in view of the American Board arrangements, you will need all of this? If not, could you not arrange with William and Mrs. Frame to relinquish whatever you feel would not be needed by yourself to compensate for the time William will give from the Department of History in order that someone else may be found to help in that department. The Trustees understand that some such procedure may be followed, and it will create no questioning on their part. So much for our own budget. William was approved as acting Executive Secretary until the proposed reorganization will have been effected.

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The most significant part of the meeting was the discussion of future policy, especially in reference to the work in China. I presented as strongly as I could the advantage of a somewhat narrow educational program, concerned primarily with the undergraduate work in the other colleges receiving grants and the graduate work with us, into which all other grants would fit as supplementary features to be helped if funds were available after the primary objects had been sufficiently cared for and to be thought of in relation to this primary purpose. Somewhat to my surprise, I found a cordial endorsement of this point of view, the chief anxiety being as to the relations between the other colleges and Yenching. I made the remark that, if approved in general, it would seem to me worth while to call a conference of the other colleges, and that we had, among ourselves, discussed such a plan more than once. The Trustees seized upon the idea and thought that the formation of the Administrative Committee should be delayed until that conference had been held, and that the Advisory Committee (which name they also prefer) should be recommended by the whole group. I am instructed to arrange for such a conference after my return to China. This, therefore, practically cancels the suggestions made by Greene and ourselves regarding personnel and goes much further in a restricted policy than even I had contemplated. It ought entirely to remove the anxieties which Galt expressed in a letter to me regarding the danger of the whole project's slipping away from Yenching into some form of more general sinological activity. The main gain in this outcome, as I see it, is that the Trustees, with one or two possible exceptions, are entirely in favor of concentrating on an educational program which, to begin with, will be in the institutions now benefiting, but need not hereafter be limited to those. Another corollary of such a policy is the emphasis on fellowships, especially for Chinese students, who would come to Yenching from their undergraduate studies and, when it seemed worth while, to Harvard. There would also be a tendency to reduce the number of westerners, and I think Dean Chase expressed the views of the Trustees generally in feeling that the present list, including the one proposed for next year, is longer than should be maintained hereafter.

Quite a large variety of projects were presented, but almost all of them were rejected, primarily because it was found that the budget as approved for the regular work at the two centres and the special undertakings to which the Institute is already committed was in excess of our regular income, - in fact, it draws quite considerably upon the surplus from past years. For this reason, the An Yang project was quite reluctantly voted down. I fully appreciate the value of this work, but, apart from the more objective statement just made, I soon realized that the Chairman would have opposed it even though it had been urged by other Trustees. As I had pointed out the danger of making grants to activities unrelated to our own program as creating precedents for similar appeals and leading to pressure which we might find it difficult to resist or jealousies and resentments which would embarrass us in the end more than the good-will created by positive actions on our part, I could not very consistently do more than express my judgment of the value

of this work, if the Trustees felt that they had funds for it. I hope you will make this clear to the Chinese who have been hoping for favorable action.

The proposals affecting Mr. Richards and his colleagues would probably not have passed in any case, but any chance of favorable action was squelched by an epigram of Mr. Whitehead's quoted by one of the professorial members and laughed at so heartily by the others that it would have killed almost any such proposal.

I felt so gratified at the cordial readiness to support the general program which I had been advocating and the specific items concerned in it that it seemed to me unwise to weaken my personal influence by advocating causes which are really out of our own scope. The one exception to this - although in another sense it is an application of it - was a special grant to Lingnan somewhat analagous to the one made to ourselves for science work, the circumstances of which I happen to know intimately as producing a very serious problem for the administrative officers in that institution and which probably would not have been passed otherwise.

Please share this quite informal and chatty report of what seemed to me a most encouraging meeting with William and with Galt.

As ever yours,

Professor Lucius C. Porter,
Yenching University,
Peiping, China.

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



Bible House, Astor Place,
New York City.
April 24, 1931

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

HARVARD-YENCHING
INSTITUTE

Dear Mr. Garside:

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In behalf of the Trustees of Harvard-Yenching Institute
I have to advise you that the appropriations for the Institute's
expenditures through Yenching University for 1931-32 have been
voted as follows:

		LC	Gold
Y-1	Library (Book purchase only)	\$ 30,000	\$15,000
Y-2	Archaeological working laboratory	3,000	1,500
Y-3	Salaries and fellowships	23,420	11,710
Y-4	Rent of residences	3,000	1,500
Y-5	Scholarships	4,000	2,000
Y-6	Journal of Chinese Studies	7,000	3,500
Y-7	Translation	2,500	1,250
Y-8	Investigation and Travel	2,000	1,000
Y-9	Office Expenses	2,000	1,000
Y-10	Clerical assistants to reasearch staff	2,500	1,250
Y-11	Stenographer	2,500	1,300
Y-12	Contingent Fund	7,500	3,750
Y-13	Sino-Indian Research Institute	26,000	13,000
Y-14	Library for purchase of foreign books		10,000
Y-15	Preparation of sinological indexes		6,000
Y-16	Scientific Endowment		12,500
Y-17	Special fellowship (Ch'en Yuan-an)	8,000	4,000
Y-18	" " (Ku Chieh-kang)	2,000	1,000
		\$125,520	91,260

You will note that, as compared with the budget requested,
the change has taken place in the reduction of the translation budget from
L.C. \$8000 to \$ 2,500 and an increase in the Contingent Fund from \$2,500
to \$7,500. I think that it was the trustees' judgment that the program
in this respect, involving as large an increase, might be looked at a second
time by the Administrative Committee.

You will understand that in the schedule above the appropri-
ations in L.C. are the amounts which will be furnished where they appear
both in L.C. and gold. Where items appear in gold only, the gold amounts
will be furnished.

Faithfully and hastily yours,

Eric M. North

Eric M. North

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



24 Milk Street

Boston, May 6, 1931.

Mr. B. A. Garside, HARVARD-YENCHING
Yenching University, INSTITUTE
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Garside:

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Since sometime before I became Treasurer there has been an item on my books of \$640.44 representing a gift from the late W. S. Bigelow for the purchase of a Kanjur Tanjur. I am told that a Kanjur Tanjur has been purchased in Peiping, and have seen a copy of a recent letter from you to Dean Chase regarding the purchase and the handling of an unexpended balance in the hands of the Field Treasurer of Yenching University. Your suggestion regarding the disposition of this balance appears to be satisfactory, but I am somewhat at a loss to know what to do with the \$640.44 received from Dr. Bigelow. Perhaps you can throw some light on the question.

Yours very truly,


Treasurer

(Henry L. Shattuck)

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June 2, 1931

Mr. Henry L. Shattuck, Treasurer,
Harvard-Yenching Institute,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Shattuck:

I am sorry to be so slow in replying to your letter of May 6 in which you ask for suggestions as to the simplest way to clear from your books the item of \$640.44 representing a gift from the late W.S. Bigelow for the purchase of a Kanjur Tanjur. The chief reason for our prolonged delay has been our inability to collect the information necessary to make any intelligent suggestions on the subject.

I have gone through our files of recent correspondence with Yenching, and also with the Harvard-Yenching Institute, without discovering any very definite information as to the purchase of a Kanjur Tanjur. I have discovered a number of references to the purchase, or contemplated purchase, of various compilations of Chinese classics and possibly the Kanjur Tanjur is included in this list under some other descriptive title. Or possibly I have overlooked some report on this purchase which may be available somewhere in our files.

Before making any worthwhile suggestion as to the simplest way to clear this item from your books it would be desirable that we have such information as the following:-

1. What did the Kanjur Tanjur cost in local currency, and what gold equivalent is the most equitable one to use?
2. What was the date of the purchase of the Kanjur Tanjur, and was the item included in the budget for 1929-30, or 1930-31?
3. What is the relation between the purchase of the Kanjur Tanjur and the balances remaining in the hands of the Field Treasurer on June 30, 1930? That is to say, did the purchase of the Kanjur Tanjur reduce any of the balances that would otherwise have been available, or was it purchased with other funds which are to be reimbursed as soon as settlement can be made?

I do not know whether you have any of these items of information available in your office. Unfortunately I have not been able to locate the answer to any of them here in our New York files. If your own

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information on this subject is scanty it may be necessary for us to write to the field for full details in regard to these matters.

As soon as we have obtained an answer to the questions I have suggested above it should not be difficult for us to suggest the proper procedure for the clearance of the item of G3640.44.

Very cordially yours,

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

June 1931

The Board of Trustees is composed of three representatives each from the Harvard Corporation, the Trustees of Yenching University, and from the trustees of ~~the~~ the Hall Estate from which the endowment was obtained.

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

17 Boylston Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

June 26, 1931. #2

Dear Mr. Garside:

Arrangements have now been made whereby Mr. ²Saenger, Bursar of Harvard University, will send you, on or about July 1st, October 1st, January 1st and April 1st, the quarterly payments for Harvard-Yenching Institute fellows resident in Peiping. These payments will be \$2,500 on July 1st and October 1st, and \$3,000 on January 1st and April 1st, and from these funds five men should be sent \$500 on all four dates, namely, Bowles, Liang, Schuster, Sickman and Taylor. The sixth man, Bodde, should be sent \$500. on January 1st and April 1st. The reason for this difference is that Mr. Bodde is going to Peiping for the first time this year and has drawn one-half his stipend before leaving Cambridge.

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If this is not all clear, or if the sums from the Bursar fail at any time to reach you, of course you will let me know.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) George H. Chase.

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

P.S. The full names of the fellows are as follows:-
Gordon T. Bowles
S. Yung Liang
Carl Schuster
Laurence C. S. Sickman
George E. Taylor.

They have been informed that the remittances will be sent to them in gold through the Field Treasurer of Yenching University.

*card made
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24 Milk Street

Boston

August 1, 1931

Mr. B. A. Garside, Treasurer
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Garside:

Inclosed please find our check for \$18,108 in payment of the first quarterly installment of the 1931-32 budget as noted below. All items are paid on a 35¢ exchange basis with the exception of Y-14, Y-15, and Y-16 which are paid on a gold basis. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this check.

Y- 1	Library (Book purchase)	\$2,625.00	7,500.00
Y- 2	Archaeological Laboratory	262.50	750.00
Y- 3	Salaries & Fellowships	2,049.25	5,835.00
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Y-11	Stenographer	227.50	650.00
Y-12	Contingent Fund	656.25	1,875.00
Y-13	Sino-Indian Research Inst.	2,275.00	6,500.00
Y-14	Library (Purchase foreign books)	2,500.00	7,125.00
Y-15	Preparation of Indexes	1,500.00	4,250.00
Y-16	Scientific Endowment	3,125.00	8,750.00
Y-17	Fellowship - Ch'en Yuan-an	700.00	2,000.00
Y-18	" - Ku Chieh-kang	175.00	500.00
		<u>\$18,108.00</u>	

Very truly yours,

Treasurer

(Henry L. Shattuck)

\$18,108.00 check incl.
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September 2, 1931

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

// Mr. R. W. Boyden says that Dr. Stuart received two subscriptions of \$250,000 each for Yenching University when he was here in America, contingent upon his raising like amounts, in one case the time allowed being two years, but he wasn't sure about the other. The donor or donors would like to know what progress has been made toward raising the funds, and Mr. Boyden called me on the telephone this afternoon and asked me if I would write to you or Dr. North to find out. //

Will you be good enough to let me know, if you have any information on this subject.

Yours very truly,

Flanice T. Boyden

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HARVARD-YENCHING
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Yenching University

September 10, 1931.

Dr. Eric M. North,
American Bible Society,
Astor Place,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

A few days ago I received from Miss Bayley a note in which she makes the following request:-

"Mr. R. W. Boyden says that Dr. Stuart received two subscriptions of \$250,000 each for Yenching University when he was here in America, contingent upon his raising like amounts, in one case the time allowed being two years, but he wasn't sure about the other. The donor or donors would like to know what progress has been made toward raising the funds, and Mr. Boyden called me on the telephone this afternoon and asked me if I would write to you or Dr. North to find out."

I am somewhat puzzled to know what Miss Bayley means by saying that "the donor or donors" would like to know what progress has been made toward raising the funds" for the Rockefeller Foundation would certainly come to us rather than to Mr. Boyden for information of this sort.

I am enclosing a letter I have written Miss Bayley on the subject. I would appreciate it if you would read through the letter and see if it fills the bill. If I have said either too much or too little, I will be glad to do the job over. If you find the letter satisfactory will you have your secretary put it into the mail.

Very cordially yours,

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Yenching University

September 10, 1931.

Miss Florence T. Bayley,
Harvard-Yenching Institute,
17 Boylston Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Miss Bayley:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 22nd. In this letter you ask for information as to the progress being made in securing subscriptions to match the two conditional gifts made by the Rockefeller Foundation to Yenching for the endowment of work in Natural Science.

In the Spring of 1929 the Rockefeller Foundation made its first conditional appropriation for work of Natural Science in the amount of \$250,000.00 contingent upon the University raising a like amount from other sources within the five year period. During the following months President Leighton Stuart was able to interest a wealthy and influential Chinese business man who made a proposal to Yenching University in which he would have contributed the local currency equivalent of G. \$250,000.00 to match the Rockefeller Foundation gift. It was our hope that this gift could be accepted by the Rockefeller Foundation as matching its own gift of \$250,000.00, and for a time the Foundation did consider the conditions of the Chinese donor's gift as satisfactory, and accordingly paid for their gift of \$250,000.00.

At about the same time they made a second conditional appropriation of \$250,000.00 provided the University would match the gift with an equal amount of other contributions within a period of five years. Later it developed that the conditions of the Chinese donor's gift were not satisfactory to the Foundation and accordingly the Yenching University returned the G \$250,000.00 we had received from the Foundation. The Foundation restated their first appropriation in such a manner that the University was given until June 30, 1932 to match the Foundation's gift of G. \$250,000.00.

The Yenching Trustees have therefore been making every possible effort to match the first conditional gift of \$250,000.00, on which the time limit, as now set, expires in a little more than nine months. A number of the wealthy men throughout the country have shown an active interest in the matter, but as yet no large gifts or pledges have been received. Numerous small gifts, and a few substantial contributions have been received toward this fund, but as yet the total of actual cash and valid pledges is not large.

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Miss Florence T. Bayley

September 10, 1931.

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We all earnestly hope that before June 1932 it will be possible for the University to meet the conditions of the Foundation's first gift of \$250,000.00. If this should prove to be entirely impossible, because of the continuance of the present economic depression and other factors for which the University is in no way responsible there may be a possibility that the Foundation would extend the time limit for matching the first gift.

As yet the University has not made any definite progress toward matching the Rockefeller Foundation's second gift of \$250,000.00, the time limit on which expires June 30, 1935. It is in connection with this second gift that the Harvard-Yenching Institute has made his special appropriation of not to exceed \$12,500.00 per year for work in Natural Science at Yenching. However, there is ground for hope that if some of the men approached by Yenching University for assistance in this matter should take a sufficient interest to match the first Rockefeller gift they might be willing to make a contribution large enough to match both the first and second gifts.

I trust this will supply the information Mr. Boyden is seeking.

Very sincerely yours,

DAG:FC

Secretary.

Copy for Dr. North

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



17 BOYLSTON HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

September 29, 1931

Ack. 10/3

My dear Garside, -

I am just reporting my arrival in Cambridge, ready to take up the work here at Harvard from now until January.

You will know where to get hold of me if I am wanted on anything that concerns Yenching University or the Harvard-Yenching work. Will you please let me know particularly if Dr. Eric North desires any change or supplement to the report on the Research School of Chinese Studies at Yenching University which I sent to you from Yenching in June.

I was very glad to have the word of Miss Hague's appointment as secretary for the Harvard-Yenching Institute office at Yenching and feel sure that she will work into that position effectively.

I will let you know whenever I expect to be in New York. There are a number of things that we could profitably discuss when we do meet.

Very cordially yours,

Lucius C. Porter

Mr. B. A. Garside,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

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CONFERENCE OF THE HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

The Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute have authorized President Stuart to call a conference of the Union Universities in China in which the Harvard-Yenching Institute is interested. This conference will be held at Yenching University next week, October 6-7 and the following institutions will participate:

Fukien Christian University:	Pres. C.J. Liu Prof. Wang Chi-sin
Lingnan University:	Dr. J.M. Henry (one other delegate)
University of Nanking:	Pres. Y.C. Chen Prof. Tsu Yang-chiu
Shantung Christian University:	Dean T.I. Linn Prof. T.F. Luan
West China Union University:	Prof. Fong Shu Hsuan
Yenching University:	Pres. J.L. Stuart Prof. William Hung

Dr. Henry of Lingnan University together with the two delegates from the University of Nanking will be guests of President Stuart; the two delegates from Fukien will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Hung; the two delegates from Tsinan by Dr. and Mrs. Galt; and the remaining two will stay at the Dean's Residence.

The meetings will be held all day Tuesday and Wednesday in the President's House, where on both days the delegates will be entertained at lunch and tea, and also at dinner in Wednesday evening. There will be no official function on Tuesday evening, and if any members of the staff or student body may wish to entertain them privately at this time they are asked to consult with their respective hosts.

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...to secure these certificates beforehand may apply to Mr. Ho of the Office of the Director of Studies on Saturday morning.

- (2) Upon inquiry it was found that the Power House truck has already been engaged for the week-end for some other purpose and therefore no truck service may be counted upon.
- (3) On account of new arrivals this year and people returning from leave of absence, the mailing list is not quite reliable. Those who have not received the detailed Fellowship notice about this Retreat may secure copies on application to Mr. Ho also.

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF STUDIES**

For the balance of the present semester Mr. Mei will keep office for consultation every morning 9:30—12:30 except on Tuesdays when the consultation period will begin at 10:30. At other hours he will appreciate appointment beforehand for consultation.

Members of the Office Staff will henceforth take week-ends off by turn to make up part of their vacation.

This announcement is hereby made to the public in order to avoid disappointments.

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BURSAR'S OFFICE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Oct 16 1931

YENCHING

Mr. B A Garside,
Treasurer Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am very sorry that through an error
in this office no money was sent to you October 1
for transmission to the Harvard-Yenching fellows
who are now in China.

I am now enclosing herewith the Uni-
versity's check to your order for \$2,500 for trans-
mission as follows:

Gordon Bowles	\$500
S Y Liang	500
Carl Schuster	500
L C S Sickman	500
G E Taylor	500
	<u>\$2,500</u>

No money is included in this check for
Mr. Bodde or Mr. Kwei for the reason that both of
these men have already received the second quarter
of their fellowship stipends.

On January 2 we shall send you another
check for the third quarter of these stipends.
Regretting the difficulty caused you by our failure
in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Saeger
W. C. Saeger, Bursar.

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BOSTON

24 Milk Street

Boston, October 31, 1931

Mr. B. A. Garside, Treasurer,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Garside:

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Yours very truly,

Treasurer

(Henry L. Shattuck)

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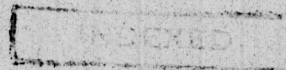
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HARVARD-YENCHING
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University of Nanking

December 9, 1931

Dean George H. Chase
Harvard-Yenching Institute
17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Dean Chase

I have just received through the kindness of Miss Bayley a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Institute held on November 9.

In looking through the minutes I have been very much disappointed to discover that there is no reference to the University of Nanking matter concerning which we corresponded in June, relative to the request of the University of Nanking for permission to use a portion of the surplus accruing from gain on exchange in 1930 for the construction of residences to house the members of staff engaged in the work of the Institute of Chinese Cultural Studies. I understood at the time of our correspondence in June that this matter would be brought to the attention of the next meeting of the Institute Executive Committee or Board of Trustees, and have been encouraging the field to hope for some early action in the matter. Undoubtedly, however, I have been at fault in not sending you a reminder, so as to be sure that the item was not overlooked this fall.

From action T-207 it appears that minutes of the Institute meetings sometimes do not make any reference to items that have been acted upon unfavorably, so there may be a possibility that this proposal was brought to the attention of the Trustees and was disapproved. I would appreciate it if you would let me know just how the matter stands at present. As a matter of reference you will find that ~~the~~ discussion of the proposal appears in the letters I sent you under dates of May 27, June 9, and June 24, 1931, and in your replies dated June 3 and June 17, 1931.

Very cordially yours

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Yenching University

Peking, China

December 18, 1931.

Dean W. B. Donham,
Graduate School of Business Administration,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dean Donham:

I have your letter of November 19 and can readily understand the difficulty you find in coming out here this winter.

The matter of the new building is of sufficient importance to us to make me feel that with the encouragement you hold out, I had better plan to make the trip. I am taking the matter up at once with our New York headquarters and shall ask them to communicate with you as to a date that would make it possible for you to be present. In general, I could scarcely get away from here before early February, and should like to have the consultation take place within the first two weeks of March. If the project is approved, word could be sent by cable and construction begun with the opening of spring weather about the middle of March. We shall, meanwhile, be making tentative working drawings, construction estimates, etc. Unless therefore our own trustees disapprove of my making the trip, I shall look forward to seeing you before many months.

Very sincerely yours,

J. L. Stuart

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Yenching University,
Peking, China.

December 13, 1951.

Dr. Eric L. North,
Little House,
Rector Place,
New York City.

My dear Eric:

You know something of the earnest hopes I have had that we might secure a building out of the Harvard-Yenching funds to be the headquarters for that work on our campus. Donham suggested when I raised the matter with him, that we wait until he had made a trip out here as he has been hoping to do this coming winter, and I felt that this would be the best possible method of securing favorable action. He wrote early in the autumn that the chance of getting out this season was improbable because of the general economic conditions in the country, to which I replied that if he really found himself unable to make the trip, I should like him to consider the advisability of my going to the States to present the case, the argument being that our present library facilities are very much congested and are proving inadequate, chiefly because of the development of our Chinese work; that there is insufficient space for offices, seminar rooms, etc., and this problem will become increasingly acute; that with a building for Chinese studies we already have a prospect of some quite valuable museum collections, and these could be added to as we become better known, especially in the present disturbed conditions; that exchange is now more favorable perhaps than it will ever be again, that silver may rise rapidly at any time in the near future; and that building costs are going up at the rate of roughly 15% per annum. Therefore, if we are ever to put up such a building, it will be very much to our advantage to be able to start construction work with the beginning of spring weather, soon after the middle of March. The only hope we have is from this source. There is not an individual nor an organization known to us from which we have the slightest reason to hope for such a gift. My thought could be that this would be the fourth of the series of academic buildings and completing the group at the north end of our campus being with McFrier Hall related to Ninde Hall as are the two science buildings to the library. We should also hope that enough be included to endow the operation and maintenance of the building, or that it be understood that an item for this be allowed us for this in our annual budget.

I proposed in my letter to Donham that the Harvard-Yenching Insti-

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tute and the University share jointly in the expenses of such a trip, and he replies that he would favor my charging any proportion to the former that seemed right. I should be very grateful if you could take the time to consult with Garbide and Wannamaker, and as many of the trustees as can be gotten together to consider the other questions involved in my making such a trip. I have already written Wannamaker, and shall send Garbide a copy of this letter, but am writing you because you will especially understand the considerations affecting the Institute.

I fully realize, of course, that this is not the time for anyone to try to solicit money, especially for an enterprise in China, but there may be matters of general policy or cultivation that would justify the expense even under present conditions. I have in mind especially the precarious outlook of our College of Public Affairs, and have written Wannamaker who is fully conscious of this problem.

My own conviction, which is strongly shared by the only other two persons here with whom I have taken up the question, is that the advantage to us of securing the new building is alone worth the trip. On the other hand, I hesitate to ask the Institute trustees for the total cost. As to the advisability of my leaving here, conditions are essentially as they usually have been when I faced this problem before. Internal affairs are well organized. Everyone responsible is carrying on with fidelity and success. I shall try to clear off the budget for next year, and other major issues with a view to getting away early in February. I seem to be busy enough when here, but it is none the less true that things go along quite satisfactorily when I am away. As to the political disturbances, these are not apt to be any worse than they have been during the past few months, and the Chancellor can be counted on to help so far as needed in this respect. With this statement of the case I shall await decision which I hope will be sent by cable as soon as practicable.

Very sincerely yours,

J. L. Stuart

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17 BOYLSTON HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

December 22, 1931
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Dear Mr. Carside, -

Miss Bayley has written you in regard to the oversight as to the request of the University of Nanking for permission to use a portion of the surplus accruing from gain on exchange in 1930 for the construction of residences to house the members of the staff engaged in the work of the Institute of Chinese Cultural Studies.

I now have the consent of all members of the Executive Committee to the use by the University of Nanking of approximately \$2500 from surplus in the Restricted Fund for construction. Because the Trustees realized the extraordinary need at Nanking for housing facilities, they voted contrary to their general principle that saving in exchange should not be made a basis for increased expenditures or for expenditure for plant, and they do not wish this to be regarded as a precedent.

Regretting the month's delay that this has caused you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. B. A. Carside,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

George H. Chase

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Bible House, Astor Place,
New York City.
Dec. 30, 1931 #1

ad. 12-31-31

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Pursuant to the responsibilities placed on me in the Harvard-Yenching Institute Board, I convey herewith to you formally the actions of the Trustees on November 3th voting the appropriations for work in Yenching University as follows:

The Treasurer presented certain recommendations of Mr. Garside for a clearance of balances on June 30, 1931.

VOTED: (a) That approval be given to the disbursement
T-188 within the 1930-31 account of the balance of
G\$2,519.96 of General Budget funds paid out on
July 1st and 2nd to complete this 1930-31 appropriation.

(b) That similar approval be given to the disbursement within the 1930-31 accounts of the balance of G\$2,691.00 of the Sinological Index Fund paid out on July 2nd to complete this 1930-31 appropriation.

(c) That approval be given to the disbursement within the 1930-31 account of G\$3,086.89 paid out during July and August from balance remaining in the 1930-31 fund for the purchase of Foreign Books, and that the remaining G\$1,054.16 in this account be continued as available for disbursement in addition to the 1931-32 appropriation for this same purpose.

VOTED: That the following balances in the Field Treasurer's
T-189 accounts be continued:-

	G.	L.C.
Preservation of Antiques Fund	\$ 326.29	\$1,863.29
Reserve for Salary Increases Fund	486.00	1,200.00
Sinological Index Fund	3,150.83	14,205.89
Sino-Indian Research Fund	1.75	7.43
Oriental Collections Fund	449.93	1988.67
Special Fund for Printing Mss.	759.49	3330.50
	\$ 5,774.29	22,595.78

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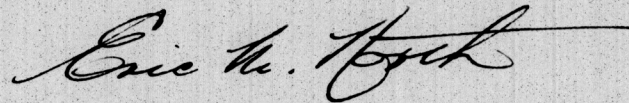
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VOTED: That the following balances be cancelled and the sum
T- 190 of LC\$5,620.83 be considered an advance on the 1931-32
General Budget Appropriation:

Rent	331.77	1,200.
Library Fund	174.80	615.29
Material for Study of Ancient Culture	1.41	5.18
Scholarship Fund	235.90	850.
Journal Fund	28.26	100.55
Translation Fund	568.54	2,054.00
Office Expenses Fund	5.57	20.20
Assistants to Director Fund	220.87	775.61
	<u>1,567.12</u>	<u>5,620.83</u>

Cordially yours,



Eric M. North

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