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November 24th 1924

445 - S. Irving Blvd. Los Angeles Cal.

Mr. J. S. Lewis - Ex. Sec. of
Peking University

Yours of Nov. 15th - as also a
former letter of earlier date - is
before me - in regard to Peking
University. You can count on
one for ~~\$100.00~~ check sent to
you in about six weeks time -
or about Jan. 1st

I am slow in making con-
tributions to any thing in
China, owing to the instability
of government and people, we
know not what may happen
from day to day. Our missions
and missionaries have suffered
so greatly from uprisings, anat-
icism & persecutions &c. It all

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tends to shake our confidence in the
stability of things. But oh the pity
should any thing adverse happen to
Peking University

Respectfully

Mrs O. J. Johnson

Notice my change of address -
Three years ago from 1221 - Orange St
S. A. to 445 - S. Irving Blvd - S. A.

December 1, 1924

My dear Mrs Johnson:

I am exceedingly grateful for your good letter of November 24th, and for your generous statement that we may count on receiving from you a check for \$100 sometime within the next five or six weeks. I can understand of course your hesitancy in things Chinese at this time, though I am very happy to assure you that except for a few hours delay in receiving three cars of cement we suffered not at all during the recent trouble. More than this we had assurance from both factions of the complete protection, both of lives and property.

It will interest you I am sure to know that our present Board of Managers includes among other able persons the following: Dr J. . Schurman, American Minister to China; Dr W. . Yen, former Prime Minister of China; Dr W. Y. Tsur, first president of the American Indemnity College, who has since become the president of a large Chinese bank and has from time to time held various important government offices; Dr H. S. Houghton, Director of the Peking Union Medical College (Rockefeller); Mrs L. T. C. Feng, wife of the famous general Feng-Yu-Hsiang; Mrs L. Calhoun, wife of a former American Minister; and Bishop F.L. Norris of the Church of England Mission, Peking.

We hope than an interesting issue of the News will be issued the latter part of this month. It will be more of an agricultural number but I am sure you will find it interesting.

Very sincerely yours,

To
Mrs O. T. Johnson
445 S. Irving Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Replied to Dick Letter #1
October 1st - Gave -

See first letter from
her refusing -

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445 - S. Irving Blvd. - Los Angeles - Cal.
March 12" 1925

Mr James H. Lewis
Ex. Sec. Peking University
American Office

Dear Sir

A few months ago I wrote
you I would contribute \$100.00 to
a fund for Peking University's
pressing needs. Herewith find check
enclosed, hoping the \$300.00 may
be realized.

Cordially Yours

(Mrs C. I. J.) Anna C. Johnson

CR inc \$100

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RETURN TO PEKING UNIVERSITY
150 FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK

MRS. O. T. JOHNSON
445 IRVING BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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Sep. 26th
1923

Ex. Office of Peking University
James H. Lewis

Dear Sir

Yours of Sep. 21st is before
me. And I answer from my bed
in the hospital, where I am ut-
terly confined as a four months
duration occasioned by a slip on
a rotten tomatoe on the fruit
market pavement breaking my
hip and other serious injuries. I
at my age progress is slow, but
hopeful. I have not heard of
Dr Luce since he left here early

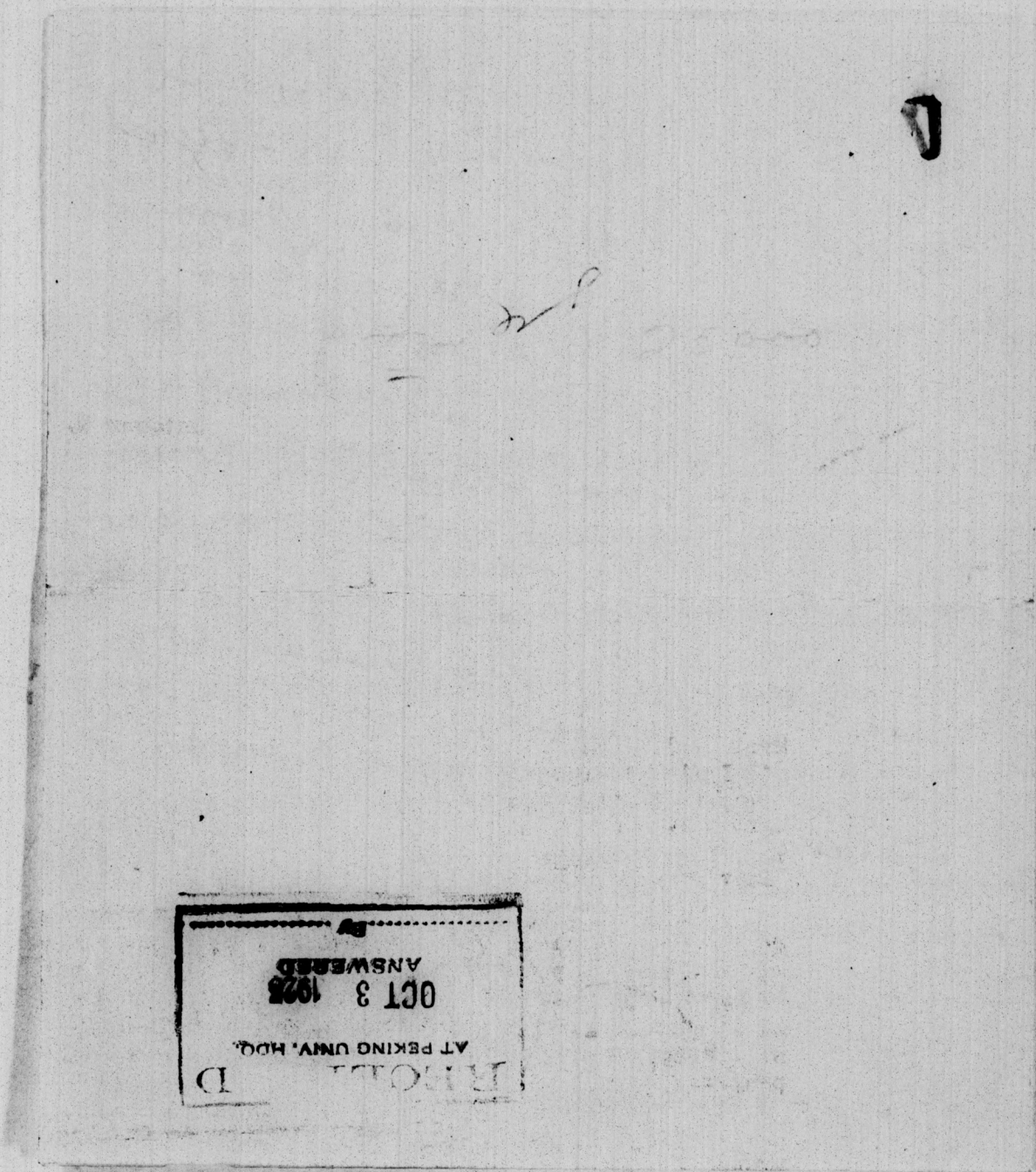
in the summer. Be sure he
keeps me well informed as to
the needs & interest of Peking
University. And while I am
interested, I have always
told him I did not see my way
clear to do even a little, as
that which I would desire to do,
owing to prior pledges of large
amounts for my means, and which
are hanging over me for some time
to come. With financial losses
in the meantime. ~~This~~ My
friends insist upon my having the
best possible care and treatment
possible for my recovery; expenses^{are}
heavy. and to the curtailment
of many other things I would
like to do for many people, places,

and things - I write thus at length to say - unless Pres. Stewart has other business calling him to Los Angeles, it would not be worth while his coming to see me alone; and might not be able to see him should he call. And I may not be able to be released from the hospital for some time yet.

The Bulletin you speak of will always be of interest, and I am sure would be appreciated.

Kindly Yours

Mrs E. G. Johnson



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TO PEKING UNIVERSITY
150 FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK

October 6, 1925

Mrs. O. T. Johnson
445 Irving Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

I am terribly sorry to learn of your accident and confinement in the hospital though I am relieved to know that the accident happened to your body and not to your spirit! However, it is extremely trying to one's soul, particularly when so active in all things good as you are to suffer such pain and trouble. We will remember you there at the hospital in our thoughts and in our prayers.

I am sending your letter on to Dr. Luce and he will probably want to write you by hand.

Dr. Stuart sails today for Peking from Seattle. He is compelled to leave at this time in order to get back in time for the meeting of the Tariff Conference.

With warm greetings,

Very sincerely yours

(signed) *James H. Thompson*

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February 27, 1927.

O.T.
My dear Mrs. Johnson:

Los Angeles

Recently while we were having our pleasant conversation together, and you were expressing the definite hope that you might cooperate with us in the inspiring task there at Peking by putting up one of the residences, at that very time a letter was on its way from President Huart, telling me of the very great urgency for residences for professors still unhoused, and placing this need as one of the most urgent at this time.

You did not say how soon you thought that you might be able to cooperate with us in this fine task, and I only write to express the hope that you could let us know soon when we might expect your cooperation in meeting this very great need. Perhaps if you did not feel you could do it all at once, you might do it in a series of payments, and making the thing sure of eventual accomplishment by putting the matter in your will.

All those in whose judgment I have a great deal of confidence, feel that in spite of these troublous times in China, now is the time to get ready for the greater days ahead. During the thirty years I have been in China I have noted that after each period of unrest, the Christian movement has gone forward with ever increasing strength.

I have just received from China a few pamphlets telling of the opening days of the University on the new site. I take pleasure in enclosing one to you and I am sure you will read it with no little interest. It is possible that you have seen the last Peking News but I also enclose a copy of that to make sure, as it contains some very interesting and important material.

Greatly encouraged, far more than I can tell, by your sympathetic interest and proposed cooperation, believe me,

Very earnestly yours,

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學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MAY 28 1927

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

May 6, 1927.

Doctor H. W. Luce,
Yenching University,
New York City.

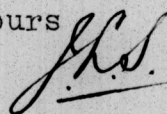
Dear Harry:

I cabled today asking you to use your utmost influence with Mrs. Johnson of Los Angeles to authorize us to use her gift of \$8,000 Gold for a residence. We are having a very difficult time in attempting to house our whole faculty next session. We do not need to build and I would myself oppose the building of any more large foreign houses. They are already a problem to us. But we do need to have a few more of the simpler type Chinese houses, either built or bought in the neighborhood and renovated. This gift could either be used for such purposes or we could designate one of the existing foreign style houses as hers, making a book transaction of the adjustments. In any case we could not build a foreign house and have it ready for occupancy next autumn, although we could do this with the Chinese houses.

If this source proves unavailable, and you have any other leads, by all means try to get authorization for our going ahead at once, and send this word by cable indicating the amount.

As to political conditions, we continue undisturbed, and for the present at least there seems no likelihood of any material change. There is, of course, the possibility that a radical group might get in control here for a time, and force certain demands upon us or attempt to control the property for sometime. This is very unlikely and would not result even then in serious injury to the physical plant, nor would it probably be of long duration. We ask our friends to trust us as to such judgments, to believe the best, and to help us in a critical struggle by relieving us of the financial phase of our burdens. We have enough others without these. I hope this cable and letter will strengthen your hands in this important part of our common task.

As ever, yours



JLS:B

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

Memorandum

May 10, 1927

Dr. Luce ✓
Mr. Evans:

A cablegram from President Stuart contains the following statement:

"Luce, do your utmost to obtain permission Los Angeles California Johnson for the present use gold \$8,000. residences. Telegraph if proposition is accepted. Letters with full information follow."

I have not the least idea to what Dr. Stuart is referring. In order that we may be clear on the financial aspects of the matter I should be glad to be posted before any conclusion is reached.

E. M. North
EmN

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Miss O. T. Johnson

May 18, 1957

Dear Dr. North:

Recently you handed me a cable from Dr. Stuart, asking me to urge the Johnson house. He refers to Mrs Johnson of Los Angeles who when I was there in January said she had in mind to put up a residence, but was not ready to do so yet. His thought was that in the urgency we might urge her to do so now, and I am planning to write her.

Very sincerely yours,

HWL:LM

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May 25, 1927.

Mrs. C.T. Johnson
445 South Irving Place
Los Angeles, Calif

My dear Mrs. Johnson:

Few things enheartened me more on my visit to the Pacific coast in the winter than learning from you that you were entertaining the thought of putting up a residence at Peking.

Just at that time I was writing my colleague President Stuart and telling him of your hope. I knew it would enhearten him because I realize so fully how concerned he is about not being able to house the wonderfully fine faculty in an adequate way, and that in several cases two families were living in houses intended for only one family. This is bad in any land, but when one is living in an alien land under the strain and stress of facing great national issues it is doubly serious.

I have just received a cable from Dr. Stuart in which he asked me to write to you and to ask if you would not give your permission for the erection of the house at the present time. This is the great building season of the year, and if you could so decide he desires me to cable him so that by winter the residence situation might be somewhat better.

If would be fine, of course, if you could grant us the entire amount (\$8,000) at once, but if that were impossible and you could give a statement to me that you would make payments on same at intervals (in payments covering a period of two or three years on definite dates, against which we could arrange a loan to build the residence), and that in case you were not able to finish them personally you would have it arranged that your estate could care for it, then our trustees would be willing to authorize the starting of the building.

We do not expect any serious trouble there at Peking, as you will see from the marked passages in the enclosed copy of the Peking News. I have drawn a circle around five of our large buildings which are now in process of construction, and the building is going right ahead on the belief that now is the time to get ready for the greater day we see ahead.

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Mrs. C.T. Johnson.

5/25/27.

Only a few minutes ago I received a letter from Dr. Stuart direct from Peking. The trouble in China is about a thousand miles away at the present time, and Peking has never been more quiet in several years than it is now. Everywhere there is the utmost friendliness on the part of both officials and the people of all classes. We have a wonderfully careful Board of Managers there at Peking.

Dr. Stuart was born there 50 years ago and reads the psychology of the Chinese with the utmost accuracy. *and consequently the University has recently attained a position of exceptional prestige.*

I am sure this matter will have your most careful consideration, and I trust that you can write us soon saying that you are giving yourself the joy and us the inspiration of cooperating with us at this very important time.

With warm personal regards, and with happy memories of our pleasant fellowship which dates back now a good many years, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Henry W. Luce
Vice President

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Encl.

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Res. - Mrs. O. T. Johnson

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445. S. Spring Blvd. June 1st / 27 - Los Angeles

Dr. Henry W. Luce

My Dear Sir

Your communication of May 25th is before me, and is certainly very appealing, and as usual has provoked before my sympathies, as all good "causes" do. Some times to my financial embarrassment, particularly - when the demands were never so great as right here at home! While it is embarrassing to always be making excuses and apologies for not being able at once to accede to your wishes and desires in the erection of a teachers residence, it is simply impossible. The whole Presbyterian Church, both local and at large, are taxing some of us - tremendously. Our own Immanuel church is but fairly started after five years of trying delay. With it they assumed in addition, the New Hampshire Great Branch Church - of building - maintenance, and all attending expenses at a cost of \$40,000. This will soon become an influential independent church and a credit to Immanuel.

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In these days of large and foolishly costly churches, Immanuel is not going to be a Turk behind, which I do not approve of, but we have to grind out the dollars. I have just paid off my \$5,000 pledge for the cottage at Mount Vista for our disabled and superannuated ministers & their wives. The San Anselmo Theo. Sem. are also clamoring for one, which I would like to give at once, but cannot. Then comes Occidental College. Was there ever a time when Colleges were so insistent and persistent as at present?

What shall I say more of our Presbyterian Extension work: Our Board of National Missions - so sadly in need? The Ministerial Pension Fund - &c. &c. &c! O yes! and our Rescue Mission work, building a needed new Home for its increasing work, which takes another big check. If Presbyterianism were all it would be enough; but 'tis only the half.

I do see, feel, and realize the needs of more and better homes for your instructors; I have expressed the wish that I might be able some time to do this - without a definite promise. But as to time I cannot tell. But this much I will say - if there are others like myself who would like to do something - but not the whole - if we could unite our efforts, and put up one cottage or home, I would be one of four to give \$2,000. How is this?

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You speak of our newspaper
accounts of conditions in China
as being ^{as being} overstated & stated, magnified &c.
we have nothing else to go by.

This morning's paper gives rather
disquieting reports, and what
they portend and the outcome may
be we can none of us foresee. A
few days even may make great
changes. I have watched Peking
carefully and glad that so far
it has been out of the danger
zone; but we cannot tell what
a few days may bring forth.

You speak of the Chinese being
a peace loving people. Yes, but
when they smell war powder
they are ferocious and inhuman
and they are bitterly opposed to

foreign nations and people
coming into their country and
usurping their rights. They want
to get them out and keep them
out - just as we would do under
like circumstances. While friendly
in a way to our schools - churches
hospitals - Universities - missionary
work, &c. - they ^{would} gladly see them
all depart - and China for the
Chinese". So you see we Amer-
icans are slow about putting
our money in China at present.

On the other sheet I have ven-
tured more than I think I should.

I have prattled on at great length
as I am prone to do in our
social visits. Excuse me.

Sincerely As Ever

Mrs C. J. Johnson
{Anna C.}

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CABLE: "CAUSTIC" NEW YORK
CODES: A.B.C. LIEBERS-WESTERN UNION
PLANT-CARTERET, N.J.

NEW YORK

June 30th, 1927

Dr. H. L. Luce
Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Luce:

Regarding notes for \$2,000. resident^{ee} money from
Mrs. O. T. Johnson of Los Angeles;- since we have taken this
matter up with you we find that we have sufficient funds
in hand together with Mrs. Johnson's \$2,000. to erect
another residence for Peking University. A cable from Dr.
Stuart appreciates this gift and upon receipt of the money
we will be very glad to forward it to China for that purpose.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Franklin H. Warner".

copy to HW
7-1-27

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July 6, 1927

Mrs. O. T. Johnson
445 S. Irving Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif.

My Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Since your letter came saying that you felt that you could not meet the entire need of a residence at the present time but would cooperate to the extent of \$2000, I have been trying to arrange matters in a way that would be acceptable to all.

We have now arranged for the extra amount but in such a way that it can be liberated for the much needed residence if and when (in case you carry out your cherished desire which you expressed to me) you can make up the balance of the \$8000 and then have a complete residence there as your own gift to this great and ~~thrilling~~ task there at Peking.

extending I quite fully realize all the wonderful ^{mention} claims that come to one who has the sympathy and spirit of Jesus for advancing the Kingdom of God in the world. All of the eight or ten very important items which you ~~love~~ and which claim your heart and interest are, every one of them, most worth while, and the range is very great, from your home church (Emmanuel Church) to San Aselmo Theological Seminary and the great Pension Fund; but to one who is looking at that great land of China, he is reminded that all of these items to which you refer, center in our home part of the Kingdom of God. I realize it is quite possible for me to see it in a biased and narrow way but it does seem to me I have never let anyone in all my thirty years of connection with China that seemed to be giving in a disproportionate degree to that part of the Kingdom of God beyond our home land. On the other hand, the great mass of those who give liberally assume that their giving must be done in their own land and then when I think of the colleges and Theological Seminaries in this land, I realize that they must be one of six hundred colleges or over one hundred Theological Seminaries in over one hundred million people, while at Peking, we have the only (and one only) University and Theological Seminary in the same population, namely, one hundred million. At any rate, I am quite sure that you could not find a square half mile anywhere else in the world in which to make your gift that would give greater returns in the things that you and I regard worth while. *Amelma*

You will be glad to know we recently received a cablegram saying that the University had closed its academic year both successfully and peacefully; and yesterday Professor Terman of our faculty, just arrived from Peking, said that he thought the last year was the best year in the history of the University. Our position in the minds and hearts of the officials and people was never higher than at the present time, and the very seriousness of the situation during the past years has welded our faculty and students together in forming a Christian spirit and outlook such as I have never known to exist in China before.

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If you will send your gift of \$2000 to us making it payable to Peking University, I will report it at once to Peking, possibly by cable. Our President Dr. Stuart is right on the ground. He was born in China fifty years ago, knows the Chinese situation thoroughly and is regarded, I think, as the most able University administrator in China. We have perfect confidence in him and you may be sure that he is taking the greatest care of affairs there. Many of us see before us an opportunity which is likely to be so great that when it comes we shall not be as fully prepared for it as we desire and we are attempting to get ready for this great opportunity. On the other hand, we are rejoicing that Yenching is, in a measure, prepared and we hope that each passing month will find us more and more ready for the great day that is ahead of us for Christ in China.

I thank you for your letter and enjoyed reading every word of it and I appreciate very much your writing me so at length. We have known each other so happily through so many years that, in taking your gift, I rejoice not alone in the great good it will do the University but also a personal joy I have in that you are having a share of what seems to me one of the most inspiring single tasks in the world.

In the best of bonds,

Ever most sincerely yours,

H W Luce

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445 - S. Irving Blvd.
Los Angeles - Cal^a July 26th
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Dr. H. W. Luce

My Dear Sir

I am obliged to pre-
face my letter with an apology
for delay in answering yours of
July 26th which had accident-
ly, unopened, got in a mix up
with other letters and papers and
"side tracked" for many days; and
for several days has given me
serious thought and considera-
tion. Your word and that of
Dr Stewart is always reliable
in regard to conditions - con-

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cerning the situation and
conditions, not only of Peking
University, but of China in
general. Christian and Educa-
tional work of all kinds has
necessarily received a great
set back because of the fearful
uncertainty of the future, and
even so yet and now, which
in spite of encouraging words
and reports from you all,
friends in this country - are
still fearful and halting when
it comes to putting their money
there. A friend of mine now
here in Los Angeles who has
spent several months in service
within the Compound and is
familiar with the situation
says - go slow - not now - wait
and see" - &c. - &c. As I have
said to you, I cannot possibly

meet half the demands made
upon me from my limited in-
come. But because of my words
sake, when you assure me the
other \$6.00 is actually in hand
for a Prof.'s residence July, I will
send my check as requested,
although at the present time it
seems almost impossible owing
to an unfortunate happening where
a \$25.00 suit is pending. For
injuries to a six year old child
who dashed childishly-heedlessly-
right in front of my car - un-
attended by any one at 10.30 P.M.,
as we were returning from the
Annual Presidents' reception at
Occidental College. The parents
were quietly at home a block
away where the child should have
been in bed hours before. What
the outcome will be cannot now
be determined. But I am extremely
anxious

Let me hear from you again
in regard to this matter,

Ever Sincerely Yours

Mrs Q. S. Johnson
(Anna C.)

November 14, 1927

My dear Mrs. Johnson:

In regard to the residence question at Peking University, I have been delayed in writing you partly because our Committee wanted to re-canvas the whole residence situation and partly because news came that our President, Dr. Leighton Stuart, was coming from Peking to New York on a trip in the interest of the University.

You will recall that your thought was that, with reference to building the professor's residence, you could at this time cooperate to the extent of \$2000. In July I wrote you:

"We have now arranged for the extra amount but in such a way that it can be liberated for the much needed residence if and when (in case you carry out your cherished desire which you expressed to me) you can make up the balance of the \$8000 and then have a complete residence there as your gift to this great and inspiring task there at Peking."

The only real change that has come since then is that Dr. Stuart brings word that no matter presses more urgently at the present than the housing of our missionary professors. If you could cooperate with us as you suggested, we could arrange at once for the purchase of material in January (the cheapest buying time of all the year in China) and the residence in all probability could be ready for occupancy by the summer.

You will be interested in the enclosed "Peking News" just off the press. Letters just at hand from Peking this morning indicate matters are going on there in a normal way and with no anticipations of any difficulties.

Hoping this finds you well and in wonted health,
believe me

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. O. T. Johnson
445 S. Irving Blvd.
Los Angeles, California

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Johnson

445. S. Irving Bld - Los Angeles - Cal.
Dec. 1st 1927

Dr H. W. Luce

My Dear Sir

Your of Nov. 17th has remained too long unanswered simply because I did not know what to say in reply - or how to say it. You know the interest you have impressed me with in regard to Peking University during your two or three personal visitations and solicitations - without any pledges on my part, but hoping at some future time I might be able to grant your request, and which still seems to be as urgent as ever in spite of the awfully troublous times enveloping China and her institutions, with the murderous destruction of precious lives and property. And the end is not yet, which makes supporters in our home land slow in further contributing to these institutions of learning which are so offensive to the masses of the Chinese. So far Peking has

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been wonderfully undisturbed, though of course more or less affected.

Now, as to providing means for the erection of a \$6,000 home for a Prof., it is simply an impossibility with me, even at the terms at which you suggest. And as I said in a former letter the most and best I can do is to fulfill my promise of uniting with the other possible interested parties, who cannot do more, in giving \$2,000 toward the building. And here it must end. Here I possessed of the means which I have not - but should have - I would be happy in responding to one half of the demands made upon me. I might name them indefinitely, but why so. Hoping the other \$6,000 is in sight, and the building may soon be commenced & finished to the joy and comfort of some of your Professors, I must await further orders as to sending my check or draft - the manner of address &c.

To have seen, known, and had pleasant conversations with you, will always remain a pleasure.

Most Sincerely
Mrs Q. T. Johnson

Mrs. O.T. Johnson

January 27, 1928

Albany Hall
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My dear Mrs. Johnson:

We have now fully arranged for the \$6,000 which, with your \$2,000, will enable us to put up the much needed residence at Peking University. We should be glad to receive your check or draft at your early convenience. It may be made out to "Peking University" and sent to me in care of the Peking University Office, 150 Fifth Avenue.

I think you can be fully assured that your gift has been placed at one of the most strategic places in the world today. I wish I could sit down with you and tell you how, since I last saw you, the University in every way has advanced in prestige and influence almost with every passing month. The latest is a cable from Peking saying that, in examinations which the government has required in order to fix the academic standards of its institutions of higher education, the students of Peking University led all the rest. The very difficulties of the time there in China seem to be aiding us in our work. The difficulties that have occurred during the last two or three years seem to me (viewing it in the light of thirty years' experience there) to be necessary items in the great transition which we did not expect to see in our day -- a great transition that is making over China. The Kingdom of God has ever advanced through difficulties, trials and sacrifice. Wherever the eye of faith can penetrate this there is always cause for rejoicing, as the apostle Paul pointed out so many times in his career.

It is a great personal joy to me that you are sharing in this wonderful task. The happiest hours that I have spent in Los Angeles have been with you as you with such great patience and appreciation listened to the story of the development of Peking University. Not all with whom one talks appreciate the situation as you have from the first and you can have no idea of how it lightens the task when one is received with a cordial and understanding heart which ever characterized your welcome.

Deeply appreciating all that you have done, I am believe me,

Mrs. O.T. Johnson
445 S. Irving Blvd.
Los Angeles, California

Very sincerely yours,

HWL:BB

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445 - S. Irving Blvd. Los Angeles - Cal.

February 10th 1928

Dr. Henry W. Luce

My Dear Sir & Friend

I am enclosing
my draft for \$2,000 according to promise
for a one third share in that I have spoken
of Professor's residence for the Peking Uni-
versity. Would that I could see my way
clear to appropriate the whole ^{to myself} but which
I simply am unable to do with a dim-
inution of income, and "so much to do at
home", with demands unceasing and
almost exasperating. And in this case I
am afraid I am "robbing Peter to pay Paul".
But in our occasional interviews in
regard to Peking University you have so
interested me, that I am glad to be able to
do this much toward the comfortable and
pleasant housing of some dear family con-
nected with the work and institution.

It is amazing that the number of students is not only maintained, but more would if could be admitted. It certainly is destined to be a power for China. And how many promising young men who would, in countless hundreds of thousands, have given their lives in sacrifice in this unholy war! May the dear Lord over rule all for good some how - in some way - for the betterment and advancement of His Cause and Kingdom and for the Nation

Continued friendships are often more or less prolonged by the size of the gift, or check for personal use or some special "Cause". But I hope our occasional interviews ~~may not be~~ may be none the less because of the size of my gift, and shall be pleased always to receive a friendly call from you whenever Los Angeles lies in your course. You, yourself, your family, your University, have always interested me, of which I shall hope to hear more anon.

Always Faithfully Yours
(Mrs C. J. J.) Anna C. Johnson

Residence

Johnson, Mrs. O. T.

Los Angeles, Cal.

February 14, 1928

\$2000

Gift received	2-14-28
Receipt slip #	1858
Entered on control record	✓
" " class card	✓
" " class card	✓
Serial No. on class card	5-106
Pledge signed	
X-file card	
Letter ack. sent	2-14-28
Checked for O L	✓
" " class card	✓
" " stencil	✓

The above is in payment of a pledge made by Mrs. Johnson in June 1927 that she would pay \$2000 as soon as the rest of the money needed for a residence had been raised. Dr. Stuart now wishes to have this count toward the residence to be given by Albany people and be known as "Albany Hall."

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Mrs. O. T. Johnson

February 20, 1928

My dear Friend:

I want to thank you for your last letter not only because it contained the much needed and helpful gift for the residence for a professor at Peking University, but also because you called me "friend" to which my heart responded instantly and completely. My relationship with such a friend as you are is never dependent upon the size of the gift. When I know in my heart what I know of you, namely, that your interest in the Kingdom of God as it reaches out from our own land to the ends of the world is the same as mine and held in utter devotion to our common master, then I always take the position that when my friends see this so clearly that the decision must be left with them entirely. It is their problem to decide in the interest of the world-wide kingdom just how much their gift should be and where it can be placed where most it would advance the Kingdom of God.

For thirty years I have placed my life in China and I cannot conceive how it could have been spent to greater value and I believe that in the next two or three decades we are going to see greater things there in China than we have ever seen before. Looking on the surface of things it seems somewhat chaotic, but to one who sees and understands the deeper currents the movement is steadily forward and upward. The sympathy of our hearts leads us to regret the suffering incident to these changes but somehow it seems inevitable in the very constitution of our race that we progress in a sort of a zigzag way which often involves much suffering. In China the general trend means progress.

You will be interested to know that, owing to family matters, Mrs. Luce and I will not be able to return to China. We regret this deeply and would regret it all the more if (as would not have been possible two or three decades ago) we were not able to serve China here in this country. To this end I am taking this full year in study following up my former interest in China along biblical and historical lines. I am also studying very carefully the whole question of the movements of the nations in the Pacific basin as they are related to the

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United States historically, politically and religiously. I think there is nothing that the young people of this present generation need to know as much and with greater intelligence than ever before as the situation as it is developing in these nations whose shores are washed by the Pacific Ocean.

It so happens that this year in Columbia University there is a wonderful array of teachers who are experts in that situation and I am having the great pleasure of studying with them. I hope later it may eventuate in sharing in the work of developing this interest in some college. If this should be on the Pacific coast where I might have the pleasure occasionally of a little visit with you, it would be a real personal joy to me.

Thanking you again for your gracious gift to the University and assuring you of my deep appreciation of all your kindly interest and friendly regard toward me in the memorable years that have passed, believe me,

Ever sincerely yours,

Mrs. O. T. Johnson
445 S. Irving Blvd.
Los Angeles, California

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Res - Johnson

June 29, 1928

Dear Sidney:

The following are the facts with regard to Mrs. O. T. Johnson's gift to which you referred in a brief telephone conversation we had this morning. Dr. Luce probably saw Mrs. Johnson in January 1927. There was some talk of the possibility that she might give \$6,000 for a residence. She later wrote Dr. Luce that she would give \$2,000 provided the remainder could be secured. In January 1928 Dr. Luce wrote her that we had arranged for the \$6,000 which, together with her \$2,000, would enable us to put up the much needed residence at the University. (Originally it was supposed that \$6,000 would be sufficient, but experience had shown that \$8,000 should be the figure for a residence.)

Mrs. Johnson's gift of \$2,000 was received here on February 14, 1928. Dr. Stuart acknowledged the gift on the same day with the official receipt and with earnest thanks to her for paying a part of a professor's residence. On February 20th Dr. Luce came to the office and dictated a long and very friendly letter to Mrs. Johnson thanking her for the "much needed and helpful gift for the residence for a professor at Peking University."

I do not quite know what further we should have done in this matter. Somewhat later we should, of course, send Mrs. Johnson a photograph of the residence into which her gift, together with that of other friends, will go. Naturally we shall not be in position to do this for a good many months more. We are certainly deeply grateful to her for so generous a contribution.

I shall be very grateful to you if you can extract from this letter whatever you think diplomatic and send it along to your mother so that she may use it in the proper way with Mrs. Johnson. When I receive the check your mother has so generously sent through you I shall, of course, wish to write her a letter of thanks.

Sincerely,

X
Mr. S. D. Gamble
347 Madison Avenue
New York City

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445. S. Irving Blvd. Los Angeles - Cal.
November 24th 1928

Mr E. M. McBrier

My Dear Sir,

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Your letter of Nov. 16th is before me with pleasing suggestions of a possible trip to China to attend the Dedication ceremonies of Jenching University of October - 1929. Would that I could respond with a glad and enthusiastic - yes - I'll be there - God willing! but alas! I cannot roll back the wheels of time, with the activities of former years, being now in my 85th year with added restrictions resulting from a severe accident, I most unwillingly have to yield to the inevitable. So do not count me in!

I have had pleasant visits and conversations with Dr Luce for some years past in regard to the truly wonderful University in Peking, and hoped sometime to really see it. But alas! not now. Having gone over the charts & plans so frequently with Dr Luce, I became not

only interested, but could almost see it
from afar. I regret his retirement from
the work. - I hoped to be able to erect a
teachers home all my own. But with so
many home demands made upon me, with
limited means, I could only join four
others whom he might be able to find, in
erecting this home. Writing me this he
had done, I sent him my check for \$2,000.
I hope this dwelling is already occupied
and giving cheer and comfort to some
good family. But as to this I have not heard.
"The Oeking News" is received and read
with interest.

Yours in the interest of Teaching

Mrs O. L. Johnson

Johnson
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June 12, 1951

Dear Dr. Luce:

You will be sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. O. T. Johnson of Los Angeles. This morning we had returned to us an appeal letter addressed to her on which the postman had written "Deceased."

I thought you might like to write to some member of the family whom you may know.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. H. W. Luce
741 Milbrook Lane
Haverford, Pennsylvania

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Dec. 21, 1932

History of gift of \$2,000 given by Mrs. O. T. Johnson (Deceased)

X to "Albany Hall"

Feb. 27, 1927 Dr. Luce wrote to Mrs. O. T. Johnson of Los Angeles, Calif., after seeing her personally a little before that time, stating to her his understanding that she would cooperate by putting up one of the residences at Yenching, but that she had not expressed any opinion as to when she could make this gift.

May 6, 1927 Dr. Stuart wrote to Dr. Luce to use his influence in getting Mrs. Johnson to use "her gift of \$8,000" for a residence as they needed a few more of the simpler type of Chinese residences, suggesting these might be built ready for occupancy the following autumn, or to designate her gift to pay for one of the foreign style houses already put up.

May 25, 1927 Dr. Luce wrote her, asking if she could give the entire amount of \$8000 for such a residence or make payments on that amount at intervals.

6-1-27 Mrs. J. replied ... "simply impossible to accede to ~~his~~ wishes" giving a number of reasons concerning demands by her own churchmates. "But this much I will say - if there are others like myself who would like to do something - but not the whole - if we could unite our efforts, and put up one cottage or home, I would be one of four to give \$2000. How is this?"

June 30, 1927 Mr. Warner wrote Dr. Luce, "We have sufficient funds in hand, together with Mrs. Johnson's \$2000, to erect another residence for Yenching University."

July 6, 1927 Dr. Luce wrote to Mrs. Johnson that he had been trying to arrange matters in a way that would be acceptable to all and that "We have now arranged for the extra amount but in such a way that it can be liberated for the much needed residence if and when (in case you carry out your cherished desire which you expressed to me) you can make up the balance of the \$8000 and then have a complete residence there as your own gift to this great and inspiring task there at Peking."

July 26, 1927 Mrs. Johnson replied:

"....Your word and that of Dr. Stewart is always reliable in regard to conditions concerning the situation and conditions, not only of Peking University, but of China in general. Christian educational work of all kinds has necessarily received a great set-back because of the fearful uncertainty of the future, and even so yet and now, which in spite of encouraging words and reports from you all, friends in this country are still fearful and halting when it comes to putting their money there. A friend of mine now here in Los Angeles who has spent several months in service within the compound and is familiar with the situation says - "go slow - not now - wait and see" etc. etc..... But because of my words sake, when you assure me the other \$6,000 is actually in hand for a Prof's residence only, I will send my check as requested, although at the present time it seems almost impossible, owing to an unfortunate happening where a \$25,000 suit is pending for injuries to a six-year old child who dashed childishly-headlessly right in front of my car - unattended by anyone at 1):30 P.M...."

Aug. 1, 1927 Dr. Luce wrote Dr. North for his opinion as to what should be done in regard to Mrs. J's letter. And he wrote to Mrs. J. Nov. 14, 1927, quoting from

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History of \$2000 gift of Mrs. O. T. Johnson

his letter to her of July 6, 1927, as above and saying that there was no change in the situation other than that Dr. Stuart had written urgently giving the needs for missionary professors' houses; and asked her to cooperate as she had suggested.

Dec. 1, 1927 she replied, "..... Hoping the other \$6000 is in sight and the building may soon be commenced and finished to the joy and comfort of some of your professors, I must await further orders as to sending my check or draft - the manner of address etc."

Jan. 27, 1928 Dr. Luce, at Dr. Stuart's suggestion, wrote her again, repeating that "we have now fully arranged for the \$6000 which, with your \$2000, will enable us to put up a much needed residence." He did not tell her it was "Albany Hall" funds that he had in mind, nor does such a statement appear in any of the correspondence up to this point.

Feb. 10, 1928 Mrs. Johnson sent a draft for \$2000 "for a 1/3 share in the oft-spoken of professor's residence." She wrote cordially and with interest in the fact that more students wanted to be admitted to Yenching than there was room for, and invited Dr. Luce to continue to follow up their friendship.

Feb. 14, 1928 Dr. Stuart wrote to Mrs. J., thanking her for the gift. He stated to LMC for the office record that this \$2000 could count for the "Albany Hall" residence being raised by the Presbyterians in Albany (to match the Gibson sisters' gift of a residence through the Methodist church there). This is the first time a statement of this kind occurs in the files. Record was so made.

Apparently there was some complaint made by Mrs. Johnson to Mr. S. D. Gamble's mother for on

June 29, 1928 Mr. Wannamaker wrote to Mr. Gamble, telling of the above-mentioned steps in the securing of the \$2000 gift and saying, "I do not quite know what further we should have done in the matter and suggesting that later we should send Mrs. Johnson a photograph of the residence when this could be done - naturally not in a position to do this for a good many months more."

Nov. 16, 1928 Mr. McBrier wrote her one of the invitation letters to attend the Yenching formal opening, to which she replied that she was then 85 and disabled because of a serious accident and was sorry she could not go. She added that she had heard nothing regarding the completion of the residence for which her \$2000 was to be applied and hoped that the residence was giving comfort to some family.

Dec. 4, 1928 Mr. McBrier wrote her that her \$2000 "was a real help to us in our building program and that all the buildings were going up as fast as the money was paid in. There was no statement in his letter specifically telling her that such a residence had been put up.

In June 1931 the Yenching News sent to Mrs. Johnson was returned marked "Deceased."

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