Mr. Hu Shih is one of the most thoughtful and friendly men of the modern group and intense interest was manifested by our whole group in a way that I have rerely seen it before.

I am doing some teaching in History, being especially interested in our course of "Background of History," which we give to every entering student. The course takes as its starting point the universe in nebulous state, brings the student down through evolution and traces in outline the history of the world up to 1924!! Of course it is bound to be superficial when you have a week of four recitations for Greece and the same for Rome. We are going more rapidly through the first part as we plan to take more time and stress more carefully the movements of the modern age. I am also trying out Sharman's "Jesus in the Records" in a voluntary class. The Building and Grounds Committee and kindred committees require a good deal of time, as does also the endeavor to organize our committee on University information. I hope in some way you have seen the gist of what I have written to Mr. Lewis in regard to the new site and buildings. When I arrived here I was fearful that I might be disappointed in the concrete results because the previous experiments at Changsha, Nanking, and Tsinan had fallen so far short of what I believed to be possible. Indeed I had begun to think I was cherishing an impossible ideal ~~but~~ when ~~I then when~~ I saw Ginling and later the new buildings going up on our site, I felt that in large measure the ideal had been approximately attained. I have not gotten over wondering yet why it has taken the architect so long to reach this result. All I can think of is that it was lack of a certain daring, boldness, and adventure in the architectural world. It seems to me something creatively has been done; and while probably not the last word has been said ~~for~~ regarding harmonizing Chinese architectural lines and the utility of modern educational buildings, yet a great big long paragraph has been written and a great contribution made to the educational architecture in China.

I would appreciate from time to time if you would send me any printed matter or typed reports that may keep me in touch with various general educational plans centering at New York, and especially with those matters which have relation to our work in China.

It is good to know that your hand is on the affairs of our Union Universities office.

Ever most truly,

Harry W Luce

You will appreciate, I am sure, that we do not always secure exact typing out here. My stenographer takes a third of her words down in long-hand — so you see difficulties arise, as is evidenced in this & many of your letters. But 25 years ago we couldn't get it done at all — "so we ought to be thankful for that"