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My dear Dr.Luce:

During the last ten days I have been hopping about from one meeting to another very much like a grasshopper. As a result I have delayed acknowledging your splendid letter of March 30.

I am mighty sorry that it has not been possible for you to attend several of the meetings we have been holding this week because your presence and counsel at all of them would be warmly appreciated. I know too that in all of them you would again be impressed by the fact that these institutions which you have had such a great share in building up in China are all going forward steadily even though none of them have yet settled all their problems and difficulties.

On Monday of this week we had a very interesting meeting of the Cheeloo Board. It seems that Cheeloo is steadily oworking out its destiny as a great training center for leaders of the non-urban districts of China where close to ninety per cent of the people of China probably are dwelling. Cheeloo has not yet developed its financial resources as rapidly during recent years as it should have, the tendency of the Board being to wait for the development of the correlated program and the launching of a joint financial campaign.

Yesterday we had a most gratifying meeting of the Yenching Board of Trustees. I wish you might have been present to hear what Dr.Jenney said as to the way your name has proven an open sesame to homes he has visited all over America. Wherever he has gone, he said, whether or not people are interested in China or Yenching, they will open their hearts and their homes as soon as he mentions the name of Dr.Luce. Yenching is makingg the most rapid progress both in educational program and financial support of any of our China colleges. We all sincerely appreciate the fact that this is due in large measure to the way in which you laid solid foundations through many years of extremely disheartening and discouraging work.

This afternoon we have a meeting of our Committee of Christian Colleges in China. We feel that the idea of a correlated program too is one of your large family of children. I wish you might be here to help the Committee with the problems it is studying. It seems that we have accomplished about all we could do in America now until the forces in China move forward a little further in the formulation of definite and final educational program.