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TRANSFER

Dear Garside:

Thank you for "the last check." I hardly know what we should have done without this coming as it has been during these last months and am corresponding grateful to the university and to those who made it possible.

Yes, my interest will ever abide in Yenching, for one can hardly put so much of life and blood into an institution without having parted with part of himself, even though the institution as a whole knows nothing about it. The same is true of Shantung. It is a great privilege to have had a part in helping to build up either university and it is even a greater joy to think of having part in both universities as has been your privilege as well as mine.

I went out to China in 1897, not thinking and not knowing much about educational missions; but it did not take long, even with the narrow out-look we had in those days at Teng-Chow to see the bearing of it all on the Christian movement; and I think it is not only a matter of joy but an evidence of wisdom on the part of all related to them that we have now two universities like Yenching and Cheeloo there in the northern half of China.

But even greater than all these is that unified movement for a nation-wide coordinated plan which is now under way. The situation in China hinders this movement no doubt. China often seems to us her own greatest enemy; but I feel that no one should be other than optomistic if they but glance at the marvellous changes that have come over China and Christian education since 1900. The wildest dreamers then would not have been listened to for a fraction of a second if they had said that there would be such universities ( so useful, so adequate in material plant, so high in academic standard, and so wide in their influence and prestige) as Lingnan and Fukien, Shanghai, Nanking, West China, Shantung and Yenching.

I hope to be in New York on April twentieth and twenty-first, when there is a meeting of professors of missions at Union Seminary. I am really meditating going down on Wednesday or Thursday preceeding, though I am not quite sure of this yet. I truly hope that I shall have the pleasure of greeting you at that time.

Ever sincerely,

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