From H. W. Luce

Greetings to Wei Hsien on its Fiftieth Anniversary! What a flood of memories press through our hearts when we stop to think of all that the name "Wei Hsien" connotes--for those who through the long past even to the present hour have labored there in devoted toil, to the thousands who have been helped by its influences as they radiated out through the County of Wei, through the Province of Shantung, and even to the uttermost parts of China.

Since my life was so constantly bound up in the development of the college from Teng-Chow days (the ~~town~~ Wen Hui Kuan) to 1917 when it was established on its permanent site at Tsinan, perhaps it would be appropriate for me to confine myself to college experiences and memories which may contribute to the memorabilia of our Station.

After being in Teng-Chow about a year (October 1897-8) I had come to the conclusion that the college was not well placed for the task of the coming years. It took no great acumen to see this. Most of our students were coming from Wei Hsien and farther west; Teng-Chow was situated on a northern extremity with a poor port, with little likelihood of having a railroad. I could see no future for Teng-Chow as an educational center for the only Christian University ~~for~~ in the vast province of Confucius and Mencius and the provinces beyond.

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