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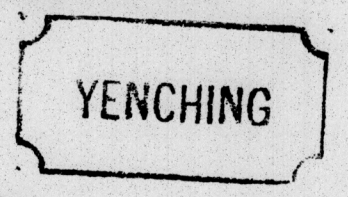

Dr. and Mrs. Henry W. Luce
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Dear Harry and Mrs. Luce:

You have already received many tributes of admiration and gratitude from your many friends, but I want to add mine to the imposing collection already assembled.

The gathering last night was a visible sign of the esteem and affection of the friends of Yenching. Democracies are notably ungrateful, and it did my heart good to see that the Christian democracy represented by Yenching really seemed to understand and appreciate some of the service that you both rendered with such great courage, unselfishness, and patience during so many years, to Yenching. I remember well the beginning of those years, and I marvel at your faith and courage, and at the accuratenoss of your vision as you planned for the future of the University. I remember with keen pleasure the year and a half that I helped to carry water for the elephant's trunk. Mrs. T. H. Pfieffer and I were speaking last night of the investments which our families have made in the University. There is a real pressure on us now for funds, but we both agreed that no money spent by members of the family, during recent years, had been more richly invested, or was so sure of dividends that are actually everlasting as are the funds invested in Yenching. You have helped to create two great Christian institutions in China, and the verse that has been so often applied to our Lord can also be said of you - "He shall see of the travil of his soul and be satisfied."

I was happy to have the privilege of sitting next to Elizabeth, and of meeting again Sheldon and Henry, and Emmavail. Your children are most useful and ornamental, and you must have great joy in being the father and mother of two such growing offspring as Cheeloo and Yenching in China, and of such handsome and gifted sons and daughters in this land. May God bless and keep you, and cause His face to shine upon you now and always!

Affectionately yours,

W. Reginald Wheeler.

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