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To the
Members of the Board of Trustees of
Yenching University
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I want to send my most appreciative thanks to you for the very gracious Testimonial Dinner you gave to ~~me and~~ Mrs. Luce and me on October twenty-seventh. I could hardly believe that such a dinner was for us, and even now I can hardly find the adequate word to express all that fills our hearts in regard to your kind thoughtfulness.

I had thought that I was to be just one of two speakers at a Yenching dinner, and I was very glad that, starting with the incident of Marshall Joffre and the Marne, I was able to say what was truly on my heart: that in bringing to pass the miracle of Yenching many hands had a share in the wonderful result.

Now that last year I had the opportunity of seeing this miracle in all its beauty, and its wide, pervasive influence throughout China, I can say without the slightest hesitation that all of us who had a share in building up the University can know that without doubt we have had part in one of the greatest works in the Kingdom of God of our time. In all the forty years I have known China with some degree of intimacy I have never for the thirtieth part of a second lost my confident belief in its basal potential qualities, and that in the long run she will always win out. In the