May 4, 1932.

Mr. C. T. Ludington,
Atlantic Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Ludington:

You were not present at the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University. I wish you had been present.

We are under a perfectly terrible financial burden at this time. You know how almost impossible it is to interest anybody in any cause, no matter how good, at present. I wish you would read over the mimeographed "Statement" which was ordered prepared by the Trustees at their recent meeting, copies of which I am sending to you under separate cover. It will set the facts before you better than I ~~could~~ can in this letter.

The Rockefeller Foundation has, you will observe, positively declined to extend the time for us to complete our campaign. I think Dr. Jenney saw you in regard to this matter. We simply must get this $75,000, or it is going to strike a vital blow not only at the Department of Natural Sciences but also at our standing as a University. Upon the maintenance of this department depends our status as a University. We cannot longer function as the leading Christian University in China unless we maintain this department.

At the Trustees' meeting the plain statement was made to the Trustees that unless each one of the Trustees did his or her utmost, and unless each one personally undertook responsibility in reference to the matter, we were sure to fail. I see no possible way to raise this fund unless the Trustees assume personal responsibility.

I am giving all of my time to the matter, and several Trustees are cooperating splendidly.

What can you do to help us? Can you open the way to approach some new people, some who have not as yet been interested in Yenching? If

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