February 11, 1929

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

My dear Mr. Ludington:

I expected to have ere this some definite information to give you in regard to our proposed plans for the trip to China next autumn. I also had hoped to see you in Philadelphia before this writing, but due to the tremendous pressure in closing up our campaign and the many calls upon me during January, it has thus far been impossible.

Before the week is over I hope to have definite itineraries to suggest. Probably you and Mrs. Ludington will wish to go "on your own" rather than join any party.

Mr. William Boyd of the Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia, whom perhaps you may know, and Mrs. McBrier and myself will probably be leaving late in July for the Orient, stopping at Hawaii for a couple of weeks, then on to Japan where we shall spend two weeks or more, then via Korea to Peking, where we will arrive in time for the opening exercises of Yenching University dedication, which will be held from September 27 to October 1.

I gathered from your letter that you would not care to leave as early as this. There will probably be a later party, going direct to Yenching and arriving in time for the dedication.

I trust your business affairs will so adjust themselves that you will be able to make this trip. I think it will be a very interesting occasion and personally I am very anxious to see China at this particular time. The presence of a special delegation at the dedication will mean much for the future of the institution and will, I believe, create a favorable impression in general.

Very truly yours,