May 8, 1939

My dear Mr. Ludington:

Your letter of March 23rd, indicated that it was not possible for you, at present, to make any substantial payment on your pledge.

In my letter of March 20th, I asked you to do two things.

"First, send us a check for as large an amount as you possibly can to apply on your pledge."

"Second, send us a smaller amount for this current year's needs."

Your answer refers only to the first request, namely that you felt that you could not send a substantial payment on your old pledge at present. This answer I took as conclusive, trusting that the day may soon come when you will be able to conclude your payments.

It is in reference to the second request that I made, that I wish to write you at present. Last week I wrote every trustee that has not made a contribution to our current needs this year. I did not write you because of your previous reply. I am herewith enclosing a copy of the letter I wrote. It is our hope that each and every trustee of Yenching University will send at least a token subscription this year. We feel that we cannot, in good conscience, ask the public to give us $330,000 this year, most of which comes from people who are not in any way related to the colleges, unless we show that our trustees are "doing their bit".

It does not matter to us how large or how small the subscription is; but we do feel that we are fortified morally by the backing of our trustees, only when they manifest at least a small interest in meeting the need.

The response has been very gratifying. This morning I recieved one $5.00 check from a devoted servant of God, whose income I know is exceedingly small and one moreover who gives sacrificially. It is not the size of a contribution that counts in this appeal; it is the fact that each and every tfustee has made some contribution.

Ma e it as small as need be, but will you not kindly give us a small token of your interest, toward our current needs?

Sincerely yours,

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