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169 Daly Avenue,
Ottawa, Canada,
August 19, 1926.

TRANSFER

Dr. Eric North,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Eric,

How goes the world with you? I hope you are getting a well earned vacation and that you've been able to dodge the worst of the sweltering heat that we've read about in the New York papers. It's been quite the other way here in camp on the shores of this charming little lake - Lake Bernard - thirty miles north of Ottawa. For a week it's been so cool that it's required considerable courage to take a dip in the lake and blankets and quilts have been welcome at night. This simple outdoor life is doing our whole family heaps of good. A week from now we expect several more of the Machados and in-laws to arrive to be here over Labor Day for an almost complete Machado reunion. To-morrow Mrs. Mead's next younger sister gets here with her little daughter from her home in France. Her Swiss husband and their baby son will be the only missing members from the three generations of Machados and immediate in-laws.

The last time I saw you I told you of hearing in Northampton more about the merits of the Department of Phonetics at University College, London. I have since corresponded with Daniel Jones, the head of the Department, and with the Secretary of the College and have received copies of the latest catalog. While I was in New York I made several visits to Columbia and Teachers College and talked with some members of the English Department faculty. The information gained from my conversations there confirmed my previous impressions that I would find the work in London more definitely related to problems of teaching English to Orientals. I made two or three attempts to connect with Dr. Wm. F. Russell but haven't yet seen him to get his judgment as to whether or not I could get better training in London or here in the United States for my job in Peking.

Mrs. Mead and I have fully faced the prospect of being separated through this next school year, and are prepared to see it through, if London is the place to study. If there still remains some question in your mind about London's prior claims, you may wish still to consult with Dr. Russell as to what he would recommend in my case. I am enclosing a copy of the letter I wrote to Dr. Cummings, thinking that perhaps it will furnish Dr. Russell with an adequate background of my previous training and experience to assist him in advising about where to study.

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If you feel it important that I should come to see you at your office, either to discuss my plans for study for this next year or for any other reason, please let me know as soon as possible, because, if there remain only matters that can be handled through correspondence, there's a good deal to be said in favor of my not making another trip to New York but of sailing, instead, direct from Montreal. In order to allow leeway of a week in London before the beginning of the term's work, I should sail from Montreal about September 20th.

In a conversation that we had earlier in the summer reference was made to the question of the probable source of my support. I wish here to indicate my strong desire to be related directly to Yenching University, not through the Presbyterian Board.

from Peking / I shall want to be kept in touch with news of Yenching, especially if I am to be over in London. May I count on information being sent to me periodically from your office or do you advise my requesting to have news bulletins sent to me direct from Peking?

Thanks a lot for the packet of literature that you mailed to me just before the Fourth of July. The friend to whom I turned it over is deeply interested in Christian work in China and if he chose could be a large contributor. I have hopes that something may come out of my conversations with him.

I should be glad to have the enclosed copy of the London catalog returned after you have had a chance to look it over. The only other copy I have had, I sent on to Dr. Cummings, and I can't be sure that it will get back to me.

Very sincerely yours,

Lawrence M. Mead

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169 Daly Avenue,
Ottawa, Canada,
August 24, 1926.

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TRANSFER

Dr. Eric North,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Eric,

This letter from Dr. Cummings came last night. It rather interests me that he only mentions his own school as an alternative to London.

I'll be very interested to get your impressions and Dr. Russell's, if you've had a chance to consult with him.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Mead

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New Wilmington, Pa.,
August 20, 1926.

My dear Mr. Mead,

I have examined the catalog of phonetics offered at London University, and it seems very full and complete, and it makes it difficult for me to advise, at least to offer anything by way of choice. I am enclosing a bit of information which shows how one may get an M.A. in our Biblical Seminary and New York University. This may meet your need.

I contend that although phonetics has caught the public attention, it is only one-fourth of the problem of linguistics. True linguistics will of course include phonetics, but the phonetic inductive method of attack on a language is so very much more that I feel like urging you to stay with us, take your M.A. and specialize on those things that will best suit your future work, and at the same time get some of our B.S. Bible work, for, after all, a missionary wants to teach the Bible. The problem is one which involves right methods of inculcating English, and of eliminating the well grounded errors of the Chinese students. My experience in India gave me an especial insight into the problems of teaching old tongues new tricks, and I have no doubt that we could solve that problem together as it relates to Chinese students. It is a problem that varies not a little according to your pupil and his age, and habitat. The best work that I know of along that line is being done by the Dep't of Spoken English of Tokyo, by Prof. H. E. Palmer, formerly of London. It would be well to plan to investigate his work on your way out.

We, the B.S. offer a special course in Language Method, using by way of illustration, French as a medium, and along with it a special study of the phonetics of the individual. I mean of the particular language which interests said individual. Mr. Jones is certainly an authority on the subject of phonetics, but he seems to look on it too much as an end in itself, rather than to realize that even if one were to pronounce a language perfectly, there is still a world of work to be done before one has mastered the language. Jones never has, apparently, dealt really with this problem. Palmer has done so, and his review of my book, HOW TO LEARN A LANGUAGE, in the Oct. 1916 Int. Rev. of Missions leaves little unsaid in praise of it, but even he might do better, it seems to me, with the problem of memorizing the new language.

I was astonished, and Pettus confirmed my conclusions, at the generally backward state of Continental phoneticians in linguistics. Palmer was the only one who ever seemed to me to have any insight into the problem, and even he misses one or two vital points, so far as I can judge from his books. He may have missed putting all he knows and practices into his publications, but the matter of timbre and rythm do not, so far as I can tell, get their due treatment.

If you conclude that I can help you further, I shall be glad to do all I can toward a solution of the Chinese-English problem. I should like to see an American really tackle it. One of the Korean Methodists has written me that he has adapted the method to teaching English to the Korean with great advantage.

If you conclude that you have a better chance of fitting yourself for your future work by going elsewhere, you will save me some work, perchance, and I shall be glad to hear from you as to what you find out and its future application to your work.

I am enclosing an M.A. slip and returning the London prospectus.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) THOS. F. CUMMINGS

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

August 25, 1926.

Mr. Lawrence M. Mead,
169 Daly Avenue,
Ottawa, Canada.

My dear Mr. Mead:

This note is merely to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 19th and to let you know that while Dr. North is this month supposedly on his vacation, he was in the office on Monday, and wrote to Professor Russell, in accordance with your suggestion. Upon his return from his vacation, about the first of September, Dr. North will undoubtedly write you himself.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Eric M. North.

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169 Daly Avenue,
Ottawa, Canada,
August 31, 1926.

TRANSFER

Dr. Eric M. North,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Eric,

Miss Linehan's note told me of your having received my letter. Thanks a lot for writing on to Dr. Russell. In the meantime you have probably also received the copy of the letter Dr. Cummings wrote me.

Miss Linehan said that you expected to get back to the office from your vacation about the first of September. I suppose there is some question as to whether you will have had your answer from Dr. Russell by that time.

We shall be getting back to Ottawa on the 7th. If by then you know whether or not you want me to come down to New York to see you I should be glad to have word from you upon my return to Ottawa. If it still should seem advisable to go to London to study there will be none too much time for making the necessary preparations.

I hope you're getting some of this gorgeous weather for your holiday. We've had very few really summer days all the time we've been up here and now the nights are really cold and the leaves are already beginning to turn.

Faithfully yours,

Lawrence M. Mead

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DR ERIC M NORTH

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Peking University

September 7, 1926

Mr. Lawrence M. Mead,
169 Daly Avenue,
Ottawa, Canada.

My dear Harrie:

Replying to your letter of August 31st, I have word from Dr. Will Russell that he has no judgment upon the question that you have in mind concerning study in London. It seems to me, therefore, necessary that this matter be left with you for decision and I shall await with interest your judgment. I have a note from President Stuart which says that I can assure you that "we shall probably have a house large enough for his family when the time comes".

It may become necessary for us, in taking care of you, to take you on the budget somewhat earlier than September 1927. This is a matter which we had under negotiation with Wannamaker but which has not been settled, pending word from President Stuart. I now have his word but Wannamaker is abroad and the matter cannot be adjusted at present. Dr. Stuart confirms the understanding which I had from his previous letters, that it was the expectation that you would not come on the University budget until August or September 1927.

May I ask whether Stuart is correct in his thought that you will not find it necessary to put the whole cost of your children's allowances upon the University?

If you decide to go to London will you not let me know the schedule of times involved and the date of your return and the address at which you can be reached. Please also leave such word as we may need as to ^{now} any salary payments should be made to you should those become necessary before your return.

Cordially yours,

Secretary
Peking University

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P.S. I wonder whether you can suggest to me four or five books

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that would be thoroughly valuable to a young man who is going out to teach English at Shantung, and who has not had a much experience as we would like in the teaching of English to foreigners. I think the book should cover the various ranges involved in the teaching of English, - that is, not only phonetics and literature, but rhetoric, grammar and the other phases involved. If you could send me such a list it would be very much appreciated.

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169 Daly Avenue,
Ottawa, Canada,
September 11, 1926.

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Dear Eric,

Thank you for your letter of September 7th. Since it had no definite suggestions from Dr. Russell I am carrying on with my plans for going over to London. I have secured passage on the C.P.R. "Montrose" which sails from Montreal for Liverpool next Friday, September 17th.

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The first term's work at University College starts on October 4th. By arriving a full week ahead I will have time to arrange to take other courses than those offered in the Department of Phonetics of University College. The University of London also includes a number of other colleges in one or more of which I am likely to be able to find courses in subjects related to English teaching.

You ask for the schedule of times involved in the course at University College. The dates of the terms are

First Term - October 4th to December 17th

Second Term - January 11th to March 23rd

Third Term - April 26th to June 30th

There is the likelihood that I will be coming home for a short visit during the Christmas holidays. My Mother expects to have our entire family with her for Christmas.

At present I don't know just where I'll be living in London. Mail should reach me all right if addressed care of the Secretary, University College, London, W.C.1., England. I am making arrangements now to have my mail handled through one of the American banks in London and will let you know when I know which it is to be. Till then it may be safer for you to send mail addressed here to Ottawa and Mrs. Mead will forward it.

Dr. Stuart is correct in his understanding that we hoped to relieve the University of a part of the cost of our children's allowances. Mrs. Mead and I have talked it over together and have decided that we can do without the allowance of one child, in other words, as far as the University budget is concerned, we will consider that the family consists of Larry, Eleanor, Margaret and Elizabeth, aged 8, 6, 4 and 2 respectively. If we find we can do more later on we will reconsider it but this is all that we feel we can do just now.

I enclose a few suggestions some of which may prove helpful to the young man who is going out to Shantung to teach English.

Cordially yours,

Larry

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(Original sent to Mead)

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

March 31, 1927

Mr. Lawrence M. Mead,
Yenching University,
New York City.

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My dear Lawrence:

I am writing this letter with the utmost reluctance, and may as well confess that I have had it in mind to do so more than once, but shrank from it.

I want to raise with you the question of the advisability of your return to Peking next autumn. First of all there is the increasingly threatening political situation. Sympathetic as I have been and am with the Nationalist movement, and while trying to keep in close touch with its leaders and other Chinese competent to advise, yet I have been amazed at the extent and the violence of the recent outbreaks. It is not a question of the protection that those in our University would receive under any responsible government. On this I have never had any anxiety, but our danger is from the loosening of irresponsible forces, instigated by deliberate propaganda and skillful technique, especially in the turnover after one group will have given up control and before the successors will have gotten the situation in hand. This is what happened in Nanking, and is likely to occur again anywhere including here. The immediate issue will probably be settled before you are due out here, perhaps before this letter reaches you: but we can have no assurance that there will be no recurrences until conditions become much more stable than the present outlook indicates.

The thought of your bringing out a wife and family of little children gives me much concern. Furthermore, the same Nationalist tendency is speeding up the policy to which, as you know, we have always been committed, of having Chinese take a large part in the control of University affairs. It is probable that in the next few months I shall have resigned my office and that we shall work under some form of commission government, in which there will be a majority of Chinese. They are going to scrutinize all expenses and have much to say about the economy and efficiency of all members of our staff. I have had indications from one or two of those best informed and most actively interested that they would have preferred for us not to have committed ourselves to the agreement with you. Frankly, they feel that the amount of money involved could be used to better advantage. My personal opinion remains unchanged, but you ought to know of a questioning on the part of others whose influence is certain to increase, and it may be that you will want to anticipate any eventualities.

This attitude is very much aggravated by the financial stringency we are facing. Recent happenings in this country are apparently making it more difficult than ever to raise money, and the Nanking incident with whatever may happen in the near future, still further reduces hope of constant results from our financial campaign upon which our program has been perhaps too optimistically based. We are now preparing to study for a second time all possible reductions in the budget we have sent to our Trustees, which they probably will be unable to approve.

If you should decide to come at all, I would strongly urge that you

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accept the invitation of the local mission to come out under the Presbyterian Board if this is at all possible. That very considerably eases the financial problem for us, and gives you much more assurance of a permanent position somewhere in China, together with protection in the case of unexpected happenings, which a small unit such as ours cannot possibly offer to its members.

I am sending this letter first to Doctor Eric M. North, who will use his judgment about transmitting it to you, or making any comment of his own.

Assuring you of my deep regret in feeling forced to write as I do, and in the hope that the situation will clear for all of us, so that we can be perfectly sure that the right position has been reached, believe me, as always,

Very sincerely yours,

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Peking University

May 9, 1927

Mr. Lawrence M. Mead,
26 Bedford Place,
London S.W., England

Dear Larrie:

I enclose a letter from President Stuart to you over which I have thought much but upon which I have concluded that there is little judgment I am able to express other than to conclude that it is best that I send this on to you for your consideration. You and Mrs. Mead will be able to appraise the conditions quite as well as I and my own conclusions would be guided to no small degree by your own.

As to the matter of the relation to the Presbyterian Board, I can say that if this was an arrangement which you would be prepared to accept we would endeavor to hold for you the relationship to the church in Sewickly, Pa. which Mr. Corbett had, and I think that you would not find relationship to that church as its missionary irksome as they are liberal and well-to-do people both financially and religiously.

For your interest I may add that the Trustees have taken action looking to the appointment of a Chinese chancellor or similar official though, of course, with the hope that a large part of the actual administration will still remain with President Stuart.

In Stuart's note to me covering his letter to you, he anticipates the criticism which he knows I would be sure to make, that this situation ought to have been foreseen and dealt with before now, and says:

"I admit the charge of not seeing far enough ahead and acting too slowly or sympathetically. However, in view of conditions that are coming more rapidly than any of us have been able to anticipate, I am trying to make amends by avoiding difficulties that will almost certainly come in the future."

I can assure you that we are all anxious to deal most sympathetically with the whole matter.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary
Peking University

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Peking University

June 8, 1927

Mrs. Lawrence M. Mead,
Sunnyside,
Plainfield, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Mead:

Lawrence has no doubt sent you a copy of his letter of May 23 to Dr. Stuart as he did to me.

I think the bearing of one or two matters in my letter Lawrence does not quite catch. I have no knowledge of a definite invitation from the North China Presbyterian Mission for you to come out under that mission except what may have been contained in Stuart's letter to Lawrence which I do not have before me. As to the relationship to the Sewickly church, this is the church which supported Mr and Mrs. Corbett, and as they have left the Board there is a vacancy at that point. We would like for various reasons to hold the interest of that church in Peking University rather than to have the Presbyterian Board assign some other person than a University staff member to that church to support. The relationship of Mr. Mead and yourself would, of course, be with the Presbyterian Board in the first instance, and we could not say for sure that the secondary relationship with the Sewickly church could be maintained, but we would hope that this could be done.

Cordially yours,

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Secretary
Peking University

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169 DALY AVE.
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Dear Dr. North.

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In reply to your letter of June 8th, about the invitation from the North China Presbyterian Mission. Dr. Stuart said in his letter, "I would strongly urge that you accept the invitation of the local mission to come out under the Presbyterian Board," etc. That was what Lawrence was referring to.

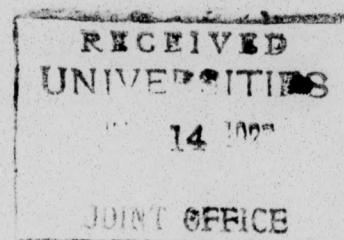
I have sent him on your letter, to the boat. He is due on Wed. of this week and you will see

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doubt hear from him very soon.

Cordially yours,

Eleanor M. Mead.



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169 Daly Avenue, Ottawa, Ont.,
July 9, 1927.

TRANSFER

Dr. Eric M. North,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Eric,

Please let me know if, from now on, I should address correspondence to Mr. Carside or to someone else in the Office. Since my dealings in the past with the Office have been with you, I am writing to you again this time.

When I last saw you before I left New York, on June 20th, I told you that, if I decided not to return to China this year, my plan would be to continue my studies, probably at Columbia and Teachers College, aiming to secure an M.A., and return to Peking, if conditions permitted, a year from this autumn. Since seeing you I have had a letter from Prof. Daniel Jones, head of the Phonetics Department at University College, informing me that I succeeded in obtaining a 2nd Class Certificate in my examination. I am hopeful that this will count some 'credit' towards my M.A. at Columbia. You understood from the copy I sent you of my letter to Dr. Stuart and from our conversation together that I have no intention of holding Yen-ching to the terms of my contract made before I left Peking. I said to you, however, that I hoped Yen-ching would be able to give me assurance of a position on the English Department faculty in the autumn of 1928, conditioned by my receiving appointment in the meantime under the Presbyterian Board, and asked you to take this matter up right away with Dr. Stuart. If this meets with Yen-ching's approval, details relating to holding open for me that place in the Board's Yen-ching quota, can, I feel sure, be worked out satisfactorily. I am applying for appointment under the Presbyterian Board with the understanding that the Board will not assume my budget until the time of sending me out to Yen-ching.

Hereafter I shall expect no further budget payments from the Yen-ching Committee. I consider that I have acted in complete good faith in accepting my salary up to the present, since it has only been within the last two weeks that we have decided finally that we would not consider returning to China this autumn. If we had been returning this year under the Presbyterian Board, the division of responsibility for our budget would have been worked out between the Yen-ching Committee and the Board.

Kindly inform me of any further developments.

Faithfully yours,

Lawrence M. Mead

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July 21 **TRANSFER**

Mr. Lawrence M. Mead
169 Daly Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario

My dear Larry:

I am very grateful to you for your letter of July 9th and for your clear and fine stand on the matter of your relation to Peking University. I certainly think that it will be to your advantage to have the advanced degree under any circumstances.

Of course, we shall stand by the payments that have been made to you on account of salary in past months and will not expect any refund of these payments.

We understand that you desire assurance as to the possibility of your having a position in the English Department in the autumn of 1928, subject to your securing appointment by the Presbyterian Board. This I am taking up at once with President Stuart and requesting him to let you know.

Hereafter it would be well if your correspondence would be addressed to Mr. Carside, as I shall be much less actively in touch with the Office.

I want to express for myself and for the University a sincere appreciation of the frank and generous way in which you and Mrs. Mead have dealt with the contingencies that have arisen from time to time in your relation to the University, and to trust that the development of the future, whatever it may be, will be found to be God's leading of you into finer opportunities for effective service.

Faithfully yours,

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Secretary

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Peking University

August 2, 1927

Mr. Lawrence M. Mead,
169 Daly Avenue,
Ottawa, Ont., Can.

My dear Mr. Mead:

Your letter of July 9th was presented to the Executive Committee of the Peking Trustees on July 15th. They took the following action:

"EF-2129 VOTED that Mr. Lawrence M. Mead's plans, as outlined in his letter of July 9, 1927, be approved, that they be reported to President Stuart, and that the matter of his return to the University in 1928 be left open."

May I express the sincere appreciation of the Trustees for the generous proposals you have made and their hope that in the future they may again be associated with you in carrying on the work at Peking.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary
Peking University

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Peking University

September 7, 1927

Mr. Lawrence M. Mead,
169 Daly Avenue,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Mr. Mead:

A few days ago we received from Peking University the following cablegram:

"Referring to the correspondence about Mead we approve of the appointment (of) for next year."

We understand that you will work out with the Presbyterian Board your plans for returning to Peking University in the future.

If our office can at any time be of assistance, please feel free to call upon us.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary
Peking University

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"Sunnyside",
Plainfield, N.J.,
January 7, 1928.

TRAIN SLEEPING

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Leighton,

I am writing simply to have confirmation of the understanding arrived at between us in our conversation of last night.

The following are the main points agreed upon as I remember them:

1. We assume responsibility for providing our own salary.
2. Yenching expects me to take up my duties on the faculty ~~of the faculty~~ of the English Department at the beginning of the fall term of this year, 1928.
3. Yenching will provide us with a suitable residence.
4. Yenching will provide us, when necessary, with the medical services of the University physician and will assume responsibility for the expenses of such hospital services as shall have been recommended by the University doctor.

We are happy to say that after consultation with the family we find that it will be possible for us to go out under these conditions.

Would it be advisable to draw up a form of contract as a matter of record? We will be glad to conform with any formalities which you may recommend. We shall leave it to you to notify the proper authorities.

We are happier than we have been in months in knowing clearly where we are headed and in being able to look forward definitely to having a share in the great undertaking there at Yenching.

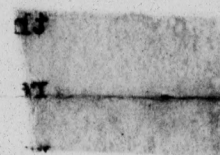
It was so good to have you here with us at "Sunnyside" and to be able really to talk things through. We wish for you every success in the work still ahead of you before you return to China and will hope to see you again before you leave.

very sincerely yours,

Lawrence M. Mead ✓

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Peking University

March 2, 1928.

Mr. Lawrence M. Mead,
"Sunnyside",
Plainfield, N. J.

My dear Mr. Mead:

At its meeting last week the Executive Committee of the Peking Board of Trustees took up the matter of your appointment to Peking University. All members of the Committee expressed their warm gratification over the fact that you are to be with Yenching again this fall. The Committee is deeply grateful also to your family for their willingness to assume the burden of your support.

The Committee looked over the formal agreement entered into between the University and yourself on January 30th. They heartily approved of the terms of the agreement except that they felt that in one or two places it was not quite fair to yourself. They noted, for example, that the original form of the contract specifies that "The University may terminate this contract at any time upon giving three months' notice in writing" but does not give you the same privilege. They therefore instructed that we amend this clause and also make one or two other minor corrections. I am attaching hereto a copy of the agreement with the changes recommended by the Committee. If you will compare it with the copy you now have you will note the differences. If these changes are all satisfactory to you I would suggest that some time at your convenience you drop in the office and we will have the revised agreement signed by yourself and Dr. Stuart.

I understand from Mr. Hassmayer that you are making progress with your sailing arrangements. If we can be of any assistance at any point please feel free to call upon us.

Very cordially yours,

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Enc.

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Sunnyside
Plainfield, New Jersey

April 1, 1928

Dear Leighton:

I have just received a letter from Flo Wilson about the question of schooling for the children of the foreign faculty. I am sorry it didn't come while you were still in this part of the country as it would have been easier to talk it over than write about it.

The mothers at Yenching have had a meeting and appointed me a committee of one to do something about it in this country! Lawrence had a letter from Dr. Galt too, from which I gather that he has written you something about it direct. There will be ten children including the Nashes and some of ours, in Grades I-IV, and the mothers are all agreed that they must have a good primary teacher, preferably "an older woman of experience." The mothers would be able to supplement her work, and I agree with them that if we could get such a teacher it would mean a great deal. We will have to do something on the campus, as it would be out of the question to send the children into Peking every day.

Now as to the financing of such a teacher, Flo says that the mothers at Yenching are willing to contribute \$100 Mex. per child per year to her budget. I think in general that they feel that they couldn't afford more than that. That would only make \$1000 Mex. which of course wouldn't cover her salary - not to mention her travel. Can you give me any suggestions as to how we can go about raising the rest of the necessary money? Would the University be able to help at all? Would the University physician take care of her, if necessary? What is the single missionary salary and what would be your suggestion as to length of contract and arrangements for paying for passage? They have authorized me to engage such a teacher, but at present - with the question of support so nebulous - I don't feel as if I could start right out and hunt for some one. I shall certainly keep both ears and eyes open and be enquiring as to possibilities. Florence Warner gave me the name today of a teacher who was in Nanking for five years and who came back on the same boat with her in 1926. She lives in Calgary - some one from the Coast would save on travel money! For a five year contract at, say \$750. Gold a year with a \$1,000 more for travel out and back, we would have a budget of \$4,750 Gold altogether. If the mothers contributed \$500 a year or \$2500, that would leave \$2250 to raise. That seems like quite a lot somehow!

As I read this over, it seems like a long list of questions and a cry for help! I know you have plenty of worries of your own, but if you could just give me a few suggestions I would appreciate it enormously. I am going to write Mrs. Nash too, and see what she can suggest. I understand that last year the little school paid \$100 Mex. on some land belonging to the University where there was a building which they used for the school. Wouldn't the University be willing to give that small piece

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of land for the use of the faculty children for school purposes? It is off the East compound, I understand, and if it is one that I remember it is not very large and might be spared without too much loss to the University. It might well make a small playground for all the Faculty children - Chinese and foreign.

I am just wondering whether, in the list of needs for the University that is printed on the circulars, something might be included about the teacher for the foreign faculty children. That is almost the first question that people ask when they hear we are going back. The question about what we are going to do about the children's schooling comes right after the one as to whether it's safe to go back, so people seem to be interested. Whether to the extent of going into their pockets I don't know!

Any light you can give me, I will be most grateful for, and if you can spare me a little while to talk it over when you do come to New York next, I will meet you any time you set. Three months is not very long to settle it, especially as I find my days pretty full any way - but I feel this is of prime importance.

Sincerely yours

Eleanor M. Mead

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SUNNYSIDE
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

April 3rd, 1928

Dear Leighton,

After I wrote you about the school the other day I was talking to Dr. Moment about it, and he said he thought our Church would give the amount we needed, above what the Mothers could give. The subject of a ^{residence} ~~residence~~ was also mentioned and I felt that I wouldn't want to run any chance of jeopardizing the chance of getting a residence by having the Church take on the teacher proposition. I suggested writing you first, to which Dr. Moment agreed - as he felt just as I did. He would like very much to have

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again the figures for a residence
both Chinese- and foreign-style. He
thought he put them down when
you were here, but he can't find
them now. There is a meeting next
Wednesday, the 11th, and he would
like them before then. I said I thought
you could get them to us by then-
by telegraph if necessary. Lawrence &
I are going away on Thursday of this
week for a little holiday - spending
Easter in Washington - but we will be
home Easter Monday night.

It certainly would be wonderful
if the Church here would give a
residence. I know they could if they
wanted to!

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor M. Mead

April 17, 1928

My dear Eleanor:

I have your letter and am sending you only a hurried note during the few minutes I have in the office before leaving the city again for a week or more.

My suggestion would be that you act on behalf of all of us in making inquiries as to a suitable teacher for this school. Meanwhile, I shall ask the Finance Committee of the University to take some action regarding the expense involved. When I reach New York again, a week from today, I shall be glad to make further inquiries myself or consult with you as to what is to be done and shall also institute inquiries here.

Was glad to hear of Lawrence's success in his examinations.

With affectionate greetings to you both and the dear little children and with pleasant memories of my visit with you,

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. Lawrence Mead
Sunnyside
Plainfield, New Jersey

JLS:O

Copy of Mrs. Mead's letter of
April 1st given to Mr. Garside
instead of the original

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Return to
Mrs. Britton

SUNNYSIDE
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

May 7th, 1928

Dear Mrs. Britton,

Lawrence won't be able,
probably, to go to the tea for Dr. Stuart
on Thursday, but I shall be very happy
to ~~call~~

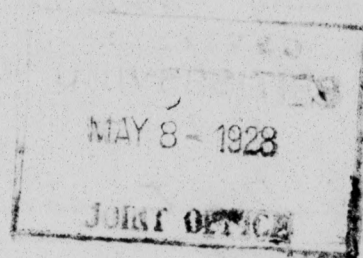
Would you be good enough to send
me - as soon as possible - a copy of
the contract for Teachers for the men's
university and a scale showing a
single person's salary for the men's
university? I asked Mr. Farside for
the contract some time ago, but I
guessed it slipped his mind and I
want to send it on to the teacher

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I have written to for the children's school.
The news from Isman is pretty
upsetting, isn't it. I do wonder what
will happen next.

Sincerely,

Eleanor M. Mead



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Peking University

May 8, 1928

Mrs. Lawrence M. Mead,
Sunnyside,
Plainfield, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Mead:

Mrs. Britton has called my attention to a request in your letter of yesterday for a copy of a blank contract form used by Peking University in employing members of staff. I had not really forgotten this matter for this question of a teacher for the foreign children of the University staff is one that has caused all of us a great deal of concern. We brought this matter to the attention of the Finance Committee at its meeting last week, and while the Committee expressed greatest interest in the problem, it found itself unable to take any action. It suggested that the matter be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee and I will see that this is done as soon as that Committee meets.

The situation, as far as the Board of Trustees is concerned, is briefly this: - Everyone is keenly interested in seeing that proper instruction is provided for the children of the foreign staff of the University, but as yet we have not been able to find any solution to the problem of providing in part for the support of such a teacher. The budget for the next year has already been prepared by the field and approved here in New York without providing any funds that could be applied to such a purpose. There are no special funds available here in America which the Trustees are authorized to use in this way. It is Dr. Stuart's hope that as soon as he gets back to the field he will be able to discuss some means of securing there whatever amount is necessary to supplement what the parents of the children will be able to provide.

We quite appreciate that in the meantime you may find it necessary to conclude some arrangements with anyone you may be able to secure for such work as this. I am enclosing a copy of blank contract used by the University. It contains, as you see, the salary schedule for the first term of single members of staff. For the second 5 years the salary schedule is US\$912.00 or Mex.\$1,824.00; for the third 5 years, US\$984.00 or Mex.\$1,968.00; for the fourth 5 years, US\$1,056.00 or Mex.\$2,112.00; for the fifth 5 years, US\$1,128.00 or Mex.\$2,256.00.

Hoping this provides the information you desire, I am

Very sincerely yours,

W. H. Board

BAG-H
Enc.

CC: Campaign office ✓
Salary schedule enclosed

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SUNNYSIDE
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

May 9, 1928

J. Leighton Stuart,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City.

Dear Dr. Stuart,

In confirmation of our talk
the other day, I want to write out the
points talked over to be sure that I
have them clearly in mind.

In regard to securing the teacher for
the American Faculty children, you
agreed that I should go ahead and
try to find one qualified, and willing
to go out this summer.

In regard to the contract, we agreed

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SUNNYSIDE
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

to use the one in use in the men's
University and the same salary scale
as for a single person in the men's
University.

In regard to the necessary money,
the University office will underwrite
her expenses, and they will clear thro'
the office; the parents of the children
agree to pay \$100 Mex per child a year,
and we will all do everything we
can to raise the remainder.

Does this agree with your memory
of our talk? Halway like to get things
written down, as it saves confusion.

Yours sincerely,
Eleanor M. Mead.

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April 30, 1932

Dear Mr. Mead:

Dr. Stuart has blown on past like a wind. Almost the last minute of the last day he was here, he was good enough to squeeze in a few minutes to talk with me about publicity material from China. The final outcome of that conversation is that we now have high hopes that our troubles are over as regards getting the right sort of photographs for our publicity purposes, since Dr. Stuart feels sure that you will help us out. He brought with him a number of very beautiful enlargements of pictures which you had taken of the campus after the big snow last winter. In Yenching Gazette we had seen that you and Dr. Parr had given an exhibit of photographs during December.

While Hilda Hague was in the President's office, she was invaluable in arranging for the filling of orders for pictures taken by the two Yenching students, but the students have left and at best were rather amateurish in their attempts. They naturally could not be expected to know what pictures would be good for reprinting and as publicity material for the American public. Hilda would be willing to continue to take the orders for pictures, but it seems to us here that that would not only be a duplication of work by two people, since you of course could handle that part, whereas the students could not, but at the same time would be less satisfactory than to have one person do both the photography and filling of orders.

Perhaps Hilda has told you that we have a list of pictures chosen to form a set from which to order additional copies. I am sure she would turn over her copy of the list to you. Each picture is listed according to the photographer's designation and also our list number. When ordering, we give both numbers and the description.

Formerly we have been sending for enlargements about 12 X 15 inches in size. Owing to limited funds and because it seems that most of our people here prefer carrying smaller pictures, in the future we shall want a standard size enlargement - 12 X 9 inches, including the white mat. Unless otherwise indicated, all enlargements are to be colored.

Whenever you send us a new enlargement - I mean some view we have not seen before - please send also two small prints of it so that we may have one available for reprinting and one for our file book. Unless you are certain we shall like a picture, send only the small prints, and we can order enlargements later. You will see that where your own photographs are listed, we have in some instances changed the title to make it shorter or more definite, to distinguish it from a very similar view.

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Lawrence Mead ----- Apr. 30, 1932.

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On July 16 last year we sent Hilda an order for pictures which we wanted at that time. Some of these have been received and others are now included in the attached new list herewith, so I'm writing Hilda to cancel the old order. If you do not have access to the films of the pictures taken by the two students, in each case please take a duplicate of the view indicated in our order.

May we call your attention to a few of the errors that occurred when the students were taking pictures for us. Mr. Wannamaker felt very strongly that these things should be avoided:

- (1) Poor grouping of the people photographed
- (2) Staring or smiling at the camera instead of attending to the business in hand - whether doing work in the laboratory, taking part in sports, or whatever the activity might be.
- (3) Students slouching or toeing in. We had an otherwise very good picture of a girls' home economics class in which about half the girls toed in, so that the picture could not be used unless we amputated the lower half of it.
- (4) Lack of student life in the campus pictures. Mr. Wannamaker has always thought that a picture of just a building, without students going to and fro, looks as if there is no life on the campus.
- (5) Blurred details. Large groups of students should be taken with a camera large enough to make the individual faces appear clear. We should have a picture of the entire student group at the University to show just how large it is.

All of us are looking forward with much pleasure to the association with you in this undertaking and assure you of our very grateful thanks for your help.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Lawrence Mead
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Copy to H.H. 4
To Miss Cunningham

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L.M.
Approved by O.D.W.

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*This was
sent by Mead,
prob. by mistake*

Sept. 26, 1933

SPECIAL NEEDS IN PHOTOGRAPHS

Residences

House No. 28 to be presented to The Old South Church, Boston, donors.
(This promised to them last Feb. 1932)

House No. 24 to be presented to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Miller, Edgewood, Pa.,
donors. (Promised to them last Feb.)

Houses No. 29 and No. 38, to be presented to Miss Anne I. Laughlin,
Philadelphia, Pa., donor. (Promised in Feb.)

Full view photo of each of the residences, whether allocated to some
donor or not; including some human interest. (See letters of
Oct. 1, 1932 to H.H.; Nov. 4, 1932 to H.H.; Feb. 4, 1933 to
D.I.C.; Feb. 8, 1933 to D.I.C.; Apr. 15, 1933 to D.I.C.;
and July 11, 1933 to D.I.C., and her various replies.

Special list of Oct. 21, 1932 (Letter to L.M.)

*Rec'd small print
enlargements
made here*

-Two Science Buildings (Nov. 30, 1932 to D.I.C.)

Water Tower Pagoda with Flower Temple Gateway (promised to the wife
of the minister of the Flushing, N.Y. Cong. Church)

General panorama including the first big dormitory of the lake front group
(promised as above)

Two pictures of the Moon Gate taken by Mr. Mead.

Full view of Hindu Div. Hall

*However,
(L.M. says
the west view
is still ragged
looking - no
shrubbery - The
east view shows
the main entrance.*

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YENCHING

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between YENCHING UNIVERSITY and LAWRENCE M. MEAD this 15th day of May, 1934 WITNESSETH:

That the YENCHING UNIVERSITY hereby agrees to and does employ LAWRENCE M. MEAD for the position of member of faculty for a term of five years, upon the following schedule as to salary and allowances:

1. Responsibility for salary, outfit allowance, children's allowances and travel expenses to and from China will be assumed by Mr. Mead and not made a charge against the University.
2. Yenching University will provide suitable residential quarters, rent free.
3. Yenching University will provide medical attendance for sickness without charge: also one-half dental bills if incurred with prior consent.
4. At the end of five years a furlough of fourteen months including time spent in travel will be granted.
5. It is understood that Mr. Mead will resume his duties on the faculty of the English Department of Yenching University at the beginning of the fall term of the year 1934.
6. Either the University or the appointee may terminate this contract at any time upon giving three months notice in writing.

Mr. Lawrence M. Mead hereby accepts the said employment on the foregoing terms and conditions.

It is further agreed by Mr. Lawrence M. Mead that he will give his whole time and attention to the work for which he is hereby employed and that he will not engage in any outside occupation or activity for profit, except as may be agreed upon in conference with the President of Yenching University.

This agreement may be extended for a further period if signed by the parties hereto ninety (90) days prior to its expiration.

WITNESSETH the hands and seals of the parties hereto this 15th day of May, 1934.

ATTEST:

W. A. Gassid
Secretary

On behalf of YENCHING UNIVERSITY

By George G. Warner
President of Trustees

WITNESS:

Eleanor M. Mead

Lawrence M. Mead
Appointee

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ENLARGEMENTS:

Photographs purchased from Mr. Mead

Black and white - tinted - 15" x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at \$.55 each 4 ---- \$ 2.20 ✓

- (2) ? Close view of bell t'ingtsu and large pine - snow
M-157 Bell t'ingtsu on top of hill - snow on foliage in foreground
M- Campus inside gate - two marble pillars and large flower bed in foreground

Black and white - uncolored - 11" x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at 35¢ each 14 ---- \$ 4.90 ✓

2 sets of #1 to #7 inclusive of model of Yenching quadrangle

Sepia - uncolored - 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at 35¢ each 1 ---- \$.35 ✓

West view of Warner Gym. with full reflection in lake

Sepia - uncolored - 12" x 8" at 40¢ each 1 ---- \$.40 ✓

Small bell and tingtsu on snowy mound - large pine at left foreground

Sepia - tinted - 12" x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at 75¢ each 8 ---- \$6.00 ✓

"Twins" - wisteria arbor in foreground - tiny tingtsu at rear right
Warner Gym - bridge and students standing on it - rock embankment
- pagoda at right

2 Women's College Gym - rockery and willows at right - small leaf-
less tree at left center

Main gate - boys with bicycle in door - sign at right

Main Gate - large lions - left view

South half of Bashford - large near view marble pillar

Fellowship annual meeting at new gardens (Wei Hsin Yuan) - Y.P. Mei speaking to them

Sepia - uncolored - 10" x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at 35¢ each 9 ---- \$ 3.15 ✓

M-165 Pagoda - snow on slope in foreground

M-166 Row of dorms. and bldgs. across lake

M-174 Pagoda - foliage in snow - Flower Temple gate and large trees in
right foreground

2- M-157 Bell and tingtsu - big pine - students on steps - snow

M-104 Dr. Chao addressing meeting at Scranton-Luce Memorial

M-162 Bridge in snow - winter mist - Japanese water color painting effect

M-170 Scranton-Luce - corner of pavilion - tree - snow

M-102 The "Twins" - small tree at right - snow

M-169 - 25a - Bashford etc. - foliage in snow

Sepia - tinted - 12" x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " at 75¢ each 8 ---- \$ 6.00 ✓

2 M-169 - 25a - Bashford etc. - foliage in snow

4 M-101 - Women's College Dorms with wisteria - 2 girls

2 M-158 - Scranton-Luce Memorial - pagoda and tree - snow

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ENLARGEMENTS (Cont'd)

Black and white - 11" X 7 - uncolored - at 45¢ each . . . \$.45 ✓

M-37 Bell

Black and white - tinted - 11" x 7 - at 55¢ each55 ✓

Row of four Women's College bldgs. - 2 dorms and "Twins"
looking north

GLAZED PRINTS:

7½ x 5 - - - - at 10¢ each..... 23 2.30
~~12~~-----~~\$ 1.20~~ ✓

KC-30 Bell
KM- 3 Model
KC-47 Library
KC-19? Pagoda
KC-42 Lion at Bashford steps
KC-54 Sage Hall and the "Twins"
KC-13 Flower Gate and Pagoda - close view
KC-46 Berry Library & Biology Bldg.
KA-49 Wed. A.M. Assembly and Dr. Shu-Hsi Hsu
KC-44 Bashford - snow
KC-56 Miner Hall and Dean's Residence - side view to south
KC-59 " " " " " " " " north
KA-43 Students on way to class passing Sage Hall - JLS' house in background
KC-43 Lions in front of Sage - corners of bldgs.
KC-20 Pagoda between two white pines - snow
KC-60 Sage Memorial - corner
KC-26 JLS' house & pagoda near end of house - snow
KC-24 " " & " at extreme right - snow
KC-28 Dorms. behind bell - snow
KC-27 Bell - big pine - snow on slope
KC-53 Sage and "Twins" in background
KC-23 JLS' House - snow
KC-15 Pagoda and tree on mound to right

5½ X 3¼ - - - - at 6¢ each..... 7-----\$.42 ✓

KC-15 Pagoda and tree on mound to right
KC-20 Pagoda between two white pines - snow
KA-43 Students on way to class passing Sage Hall - JLS' house in background
KC-54 Sage Hall and the "Twins"
KC-53 Sage and "Twins" in background
KA-40 Students making dressings to be sent to the "Front" during Jap. Invasion
KC-19 Pagoda behind the infirmary and between branches of tree - snow

3½ X 2¼ - - - - at 1¢ each..... 5 -----\$.05 ✓

2 7# DeVargas House - snow
7# Jung Keng's and his family in front of their house
C-5 Artist at work on eaves
M-207a Dean Nettie Ssu-t'u - hand on doorknob

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GLAZED PRINTS (Cont'd)

Postcard size - - - - - at 3¢ each.....19-----\$.57

- M-223 Student in Chemistry Lab.
- M-220 Girls' tennis in action
- M-215 Warner Gym with rock embankment in foreground
- M-179 Bashford Memorial with stone pillar in middle of picture
- M-104 Annual meeting of Yenta Christian Fellowship on Scranton-Luce Island-
Dr. Chao speaking to them
- M-209 Miss Nettie Sst-T'u in garden of Dean's residence
- M-208 " " " " " " " "
- M-210 JLS by the "Spirit Walk" at west entrance of Bashford Hall
- M-203 Student and faculty committee of Yenta Chr. Fell. meeting in
Sept. 1932 at foot of Marble Pagoda in Jade Fountain Park
- M-192 Girls of 1932 grad. class with the Misses Myfanwy and Glwadys Wood
- M-221 Practicing strokes
- M-154 Campus from foot of Pagoda
- M-169 27-2 Bashford, Library, End of 1st Dorm. - snow Dec. 1931
- M-179 Stone Pillar- Bashford in background
- KA-40 Students making bandages for wounded at time of Jap. invasion 1933.
- ? Dr. & Mrs. T. T. Lew and Grace - Summer Palace Picnic - Yenching
Freshman week, Sept. 1931.
- ? Scranton-Luce Memorial - T. C. Chao speaking at Easter Service.
(Is this the same as M-104?)

NOTE the rest of the postcard size pictures (28) which were billed for
Mr. Mead were not listed as they were put into the file box before
listing and it is now impossible to tell which they were. For the
same reason the 7-5x 2½ at 2¢ each were not listed, and the 68 size
5½ X 3¼ were not listed.

Mr. Mead also advanced 20¢ to Mr. T. Kao for 2 pictures he took and I Mead
turned over to us.

The amounts listed total \$ 27.44
1.84
4.08
1.14
32.50

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August 30, 1938.

Dear Mr. Mead:

As we begin another year of the work for the China Colleges, we are planning to have our publicity program move along in a somewhat more orderly fashion than was possible last year. A year ago the situation was a constant question mark, and we had to live from day to day, almost from hour to hour. Perhaps at the present time we know a little more definitely what to expect, and this is an advantage. On the other hand, it may be that the friends of China are not so compellingly challenged by the picture of China's difficulties, and that it will be necessary for us to use all the intelligence we possess to raise the funds which the Colleges need for 1938-39.

All this is a preliminary to asking you to keep the New York office constantly in mind in the letters which you write, and particularly in the work which you are constantly doing with cameras. If you can include me directly in letters to this country (sending me carbons of letters addressed to others), I shall appreciate it. I am being asked to plan and carry through the publicity program, and we shall need every bit of material we can secure. Photographically we need pictures to tell the story of steady constructive work on the part of Yenching, glimpses showing the University sticking to its task of training in education and at the same time doing its bit for the North China community. All of this is an old story to you, but I am writing it again in order that you may know how deeply I will appreciate anything which comes from you.

It will help also to have over your own signature the news of what is being done in your phase of the English teaching and its very practical application to the current situation. In our publicity plans we can make a normal think compelling, but we do need to have descriptions come from those who are actually doing the work.

I had a delightful conversation yesterday with your mother over the telephone. She sounded happy and well, and was looking forward to an evening's visit with Dr. and Mrs. Cochran, who have come so immediately from you.

It will be good to have you in this country, although I am staggered in thinking of the loss your departure is to mean in the Yenching program and in the life of the Peking community. Please give my cordial greetings to Mrs. Mead.

TDH:am

Sincerely yours,

Professor Lawrence M. Mead,
Yenching University,
Peking, West, China.

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File

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Oct.
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1939

X Craftwork

Dear Miss Van Sciver,

I should have answered
Mrs. Macmillan's letter direct, but I find
letter-writing time a bit scarce these
days -

Many of our customers get their
goods direct from the Kungchi'ang
office at Yenching (Yenching Craftwork,
Yenching University), but I have also
been supplying people ^(at the office) around here
from stock which they have sent
to me direct. At the moment I
have not a very great surplus stock,
but I am expecting a large con-
signment of handkerchiefs for which
I have received the invoices already,
and I hope they will be followed

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by more cross-stitch and applique.
Apparently they have been very busy
with orders at the office, or I would
have received more stock by now.
The Japanese are making things dif-
ficult by requiring export permits
for every shipment of more than
Yuan \$ 100., so they are trying to
ship things out in lots of less than
this amount.

I am planning two sales, - one
this week on the 26th and one
next ^{week} on the 31st, - and after that I
could send anything I have left to
these people you speak of. For
a group of that sort (as well as
for regular gift shops and retailers)
~~the~~ I have a wholesale price which
covers cost, duty and the actual cost
of handling. That means a cash trans-
action. Some people like to take it

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on commission, which means I give them a commission of 25% on my retail price, but I much prefer the first arrangement, and if they have the capital, ~~they~~ to pay cash, they can make more that way for whatever they are interested in.

If they should prefer to write to Yenching direct, they should send a check with their order made out to Yenching Craftwork. It will take between 3 and 4 months, ^{at the earliest} for them to receive a package back in response to their order, and if the goods have to be made it will take even longer. They might like to try sending an order direct for spring sales and then let me know

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know what sort of things they
are interested in and I might be
able to send them some things
sooner. This business of the Japanese
restrictions makes things very hard.
It's all part of their game to force
their currency on N. China.

I hope this tells you what you
want to know. Let me know if
things are not clear.

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor M. Mead

25 Alexander St.
Princeton, N. J.

November 10, 1939

Dear Mr. Mead:

In checking up the slides selected by Mr. McBrier and numbered according to his "lecture" he has prepared, I find that one is missing - #36 - Picture of the Panorama, showing the Western Hills; on the left, half way up the hills, is the Jade Fountain Pagoda. Main group of buildings just inside the front entrance. This slide also has on it the old number of #1106.

Will you be good enough to see if this has become mixed in with any of your own lantern slides? We sent some of the slides from this box out to Dr. Ament in Claremont, but according to the numbers of those we sent him and which he has returned, #36 did not go to him. It may possibly have been broken and Mr. McBrier did not think to tell me about it, but I would appreciate it if you will look your slides over and see if it is among them.

Thank you for sending back the movie of Yenching. I have just had a postcard from Dr. Jenkins, and she asks about it, as she is planning to give some talks in her own neighborhood. Her address, in case you do not have it and want it, is "Olive View Sanitarium, Olive View, California." We will reply to her card, giving her some statistical information she wants about enrollment, finances, etc., at the university this year, and will also tell her that we can send her the movie film when she needs it.

Dr. Josephine Rathbone, who is now a member of the Women's College Committee, is planning to give a tea at the Women's Faculty Club, Columbia University on December 5th. Invitations are not yet out, but I have put your name and Mrs. Mead's on the list to receive her invitations, and we hope it may be possible that you can be in the city on that day and that you can be present. The purpose of the tea is to have some of the friends and supporters of Yenching meet the students who are here in the city this year.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. L. M. Mead
25 Alexander Street
Princeton, New Jersey

Elvena Van Sciver

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25 ALEXANDER STREET
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

April 29.
1940

Dear Miss Van Sciver,

I have to make a "speech" next Sunday to my young son's Sunday evening group and wonder if the box of Yenching slides that Lawrence borrowed once before is available. I have some movies of our own which I think will supplement the others if they are available.

I am going into town on Wednesday for a sale at the Y. W. C. A. - 600 Lexington Ave. - and will call you from there. If they are not easy to mail we might get a Western Union Messenger to deliver them to me or something of that sort.

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Lawrence was going over his slides today and much to his surprise he found the panorama view that was lost. He hunted for it before but didn't find it and he can't understand how it got where it was - but I am relieved that it is found because it is a lovely picture. We'll see that it gets back now without fail - but if I can have the rest of the pictures for next Sunday, I'll wait and return it then.

Isn't it a blessing to have it getting warmer!

Ever sincerely,

Eleanor M. Mead

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May 9.
1940

Dear Mrs. Parlin,

I wish we might
give generously to the Women's
College Fund. At the moment
we have put all our efforts
into relief of one sort or
another and are not in a

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position to do anything ² more.
I am keeping the card in
the hope that before June 30th
I may be able to scare up
a few dollars to send you.

If you have not done
so, you might send some
literature and an appeal to
my parents, Mr. and Mrs.
J. A. Machado, Cornwall,
Conn. — but please do not
mention my name or say that
I suggested it. I know they
are interested in the Uni-
versity but I don't want
them to feel embarrassed
by knowing that I suggested
their name.

I do hope that you will
have good luck in getting
the money. We do hear from
the field quite often and hope
to get in to some of the
meetings next week.

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor M. Mead

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29 July 1940

Dear Mrs. Mead:

We are delighted to help the music on its way to Yenching, and are now putting our combined wisdoms together as to who can best take it on its way. Perhaps the Stanley Wilsons. At any rate, you can be sure that it will get safely to the end of its journey. We shall try to see, also, that Eleanor has word after the Yenching Department of Music has had a chance to become acquainted with the scores.

I am glad to have this note from you, with its glimpse of your summer holidays. I am looking forward to seeing Freddie during August.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Mrs. Lawrence Mead
25 Alexander Street
Princeton New Jersey

Silver Bay, NY.
July 25 1940

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29 November 1940

Dear Eleanor:

A note has just arrived from Miss Ruth Stahl of Yenching in which she says,

"The music reached Yenching last week. We are delighted to have it, especially the volume of Beethoven Sonatas. We can use all kinds of piano music - elementary as well as more difficult. Our teaching material has been rather scanty this year."

I know you will be glad to have been the means of giving this valuable help to Yenching's work in music.

Miss Stahl adds that the Miss Wolpert who has been teaching piano is one of the two teachers who have decided to leave Yenching because of recent events. Miss Jacobs of the Physical Education department is the other one. It seems that in both cases it was considerations of health which have caused them to make the decision.

With the hope that your college ^{work} is going very well this year, and that you will have plenty of time at home to enjoy Cambridge and Boston, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

May 7, 1943

Dear ~~Mrs.~~ Evans,

We have been greatly distressed to hear of the loss that Grace Boynton and the other women faculty sustained when their dormitory burned. I would like to have the enclosed check go toward the fund to help them replace some of their belongings. I suppose a great many are really irreplaceable and that is the great tragedy of it.

This check represents the money

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which my dry cleaning establishment paid me when they run a silk-wadded Chinese garment, mine recently. It somehow seems suitable to use it for helping, even a tiny bit, to replace some other much more needed, ruined garments in China.

We have just received from Miss Lydia Boring a long letter which her sister Alice wrote to Grace Boynton. I think she was sending the office extracts from it, so you have probably received them by now. It was good to get so many details about so many different people, and comforting to hear that Leighton Stuart is keeping well in spite of everything.

Have you any word about the moving of all foreigners to Weihsein, Shantung? We heard from the Presbyterian Board this week that all their people from N. China, including Adolph. Sailer, Wolfert and Speer, were to be concentrated there, - and speaking as if all the other foreigners were included in the order. The Yenching News, received to-day has nothing in it about that.

kindest regards from us both,

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor M. Mead

May 14, 1943

Dear Mrs. Mead:

I wish to thank you for your letter enclosing check for \$5.00 for which we send receipt herewith. We understand it is for the loss of faculty women in the annex burned recently in Chengtu. Miss Boynton was not in that group. There were only two foreigners included so far as we are able to determine. However, we are crediting this to the account which we have established for this particular purpose.

Yes, we have received the letter which Miss Boring wrote regarding conditions in North China, and it is most comforting to know that Dr. Stuart had so much done for him at Christmas. It is also good information to have on hand, to combat false rumors started by well meaning friends.

With added thanks and best wishes to you, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

Mrs. Lawrence M. Mead
5 Phillips Place
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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