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February 1, 1930

Dear Mr. Menzies:

The Board of Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute discussed with every sympathy the plans for your connection with its activities. Both Mr. Hung and I spoke with hearty endorsement of your personal characteristics and the importance of the subjects in which you have been doing so much investigation. I trust that Dean Chase is in correspondence with you and that there will be a settlement at the March meeting that will be satisfactory all around.

There seems to be a question as to whether you would not profit more by a period of study at Harvard in the technique of this sort of research, before returning to China, especially in view of disturbed conditions in Honan.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. James Mellon Menzies
113:30 - 94th Street
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

JLS:KK.

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AM
Menzies

February 21, 1930

My dear Mr. Menzies:

Your letter of February 20th to President Stuart has come during his absence on the west coast. He will not return to New York until near the middle of March. We are glad, however, to forward your letter with the hope that he may be able to reply without so much delay.

Very sincerely yours,

Corresponding Secretary

Mr. James M. Menzies
International House
500 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

LM:KK

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December 22, 1924

Mr Van Santvoord Merle-Smith
120 Broadway
New York City

Dear Mr Merle-Smith:

I understand of course that your contributions are put in the Princeton-in-Peking treasury and I am sorry that you got the last letter. It is our error here in not having our list properly marked. I can assure you you will not be bothered by other letters of a similar sort coming to you.

I am glad to report the response to the appeal is quite good and we hope that we can obtain the full amount before next June. In the meantime I think you know that the Methodist Board has provided \$100,000 on their land and this shows us the way out for our mechanical installations.

Christmas,

With best wishes for a Merry

Sincerely yours,

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Merle - Smith

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December 19, 1924.

Mr. James H. Lewis,
Executive Secretary Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lewis:

I have received several letters from you asking for contributions to Peking University.

I have not sent you any contribution because, as you know, I am on the Board of the University as a representative of Princeton-in-Peking. Princeton-in-Peking is now a part of the general enterprise. You have no more difficulty than we have in raising money to meet our budget and needs. Any gifts I made to the University would naturally be allocated to the Princeton work. My contributions therefore, are made directly to the Princeton-in-Peking treasury.

Very sincerely yours,

Van S. Merle-Smith

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Replied to Lion Letter of
October 1st - Interested -
Unable to give now

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BENJAMIN B. McALPIN, COUNSEL
TALBERT W. SPRAGUE
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57 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK

TELEPHONE: JOHN 5330
CABLE ADDRESS: "SMARVAN"

January 5, 1928.

*We called up his sec'y
1-10-28 & asked her
to change their carbon
copy to which she
agreed h.m.*

Mr. Franklin H. Warner, President,
Board of Trustees Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Warner:

I have your letter of December 23d, which was
only received after my return from a two weeks' trip over the
Christmas and New Year holidays.

I shall be delighted to join with the rest of
you in the underwriting of \$1,000 each toward the campaign.
Of course, my interest and responsibility is in connection
with the Princeton-in-Peking effort and I feel that such
sums as I promise will have to be allocated to that branch
of the University work. I presume that this would not be
contrary to the spirit of the idea contained in your letter.

I am sorry I was unable to answer it before
the New Year. With best regards and season's wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

VSMS:HS

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Karl S. Merle-Smith

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January 10, 1928.

Dear Mr. Merle-Smith:

I am requested to express to you the very earnest thanks of the executive committee for your pledge of \$1,000 toward the Yenching University financial campaign. The campaign seems to be getting under way in a very favorable manner.

The committee hopes that the campaign may be completed by the first of April. It would be a great help to have the contributions from members of the Board of Trustees before the close of the campaign. This, however, is a matter which the committee would leave entirely to the convenience of the individual contributors.

The committee recognizes your special interest in Princeton-in-Peking and is glad to have you helping to develop that aspect of the University. They feel that your help in the general campaign now will affect the development of Princeton's share in the University most favorably.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President.

Mr. Van Santvoord Merle-Smith,
57 William Street,
New York City.

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Dictated by Mr. Wannemaker but
signed in his absence

Extract from pledge letter: "I shall be delighted to join
dated 1-5-28 with the rest of you in the
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toward the campaign. Of course, my interest and responsibility is in connection with the Princeton-in-Peking effort and I feel that such sums as I ^{from} will have to be allocated to that branch of the University work."

Gift received	1-10-28
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" " contr. list	✓
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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

(Incorporated 1889 as Peking University)

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150 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY

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Assistant to the President

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Merle-Smith

To Mr. Wannamaker

November 5, 1928

Dear Van:

Here is a sort of postscript to my letter addressed to you as a member of the Board of Trustees regarding our imperative need for \$53,000 more money. The postscript is just a question and you will know best how to answer it.

Would the outstanding position now held by Yenching in Christian education in China and the emergency nature of our appeal justify you in presenting the matter to your mother? Would she help us to cover the big gap we must fill before January 1st?

I hope you are entirely well and not allowing insistent and pestiferous persons like myself to drive you beyond your strength!

Cordially,

Olin D. Wannamaker

Mr. Van Santvoord Merle-Smith
57 William Street
New York City

ODW:BB

My mother has heard of this (see BB) as her first interest & love. The need there is great because of civil war damage. I believe she should not be approached. Van S. W. S.

Mr. Wannamaker regretted that he had to leave the office before personally signing this letter.

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Merle Smith

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TELEPHONE: JOHN 5330
CABLE ADDRESS: "SMARVAN"

December 17, 1928.

Mr. Clin D. Wannamaker,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Mr. Merle-Smith requested that I write and acknowledge the receipt of copy of reprints of the article recently published by Dr. Stuart in the Chinese Recorder on "The Crisis in Christian Higher Education", and to say that they will be read with interest. He much appreciates your sending them and thanks you.

Yours very truly,

Maud McDaniel
Secretary to Mr. Merle-Smith.

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International House
500 Riverside Drive
New York City

February 20, 1930

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Your kind letter was sent on to me here as I have been delayed in the east. I have been making rubbings of all the inscribed bronzes in the east that I can get access to, and found a considerable number in the Freer Art Gallery in Washington. Here too I learned that Dr. Chi Li is on the staff of the Freer Art Gallery and Smithsonian and has been engaged with the National Research Institute in excavating at Changte. This was somewhat of a surprise to me. It seems also that there is some arrangement between the Field Staff of the Freer Gallery under Mr. Bishop has some understanding with the National Institute of Research. I understand however that due to the trouble between the local authorities (I presume the Honan Provincial Government) and the National Institute of Research that the work has been suspended.

To my mind however the work must be undertaken on a far more permanent basis than has been attempted. I also feel that the task is much more important than has been realized and that much more systematic work must be undertaken. I pass on this new information to you in order that you may be in touch with the situation. I did not at all discuss matters with Mr. Lodge of the Freer Gallery, although he was good enough to show me photographs and rubbings of the bones exhumed. There was not however any report available. Mr. Lodge knew of my studies in the oracle bones and I told him I had spoken at the Archaeological Institute on the importance of a proper excavation. I did not however have the opportunity to mention that the Harvard-Yenching Institute was interested, nor did I have the letters from yourself and Dean Chase which express that interest.

In your letter you mention the question of my spending "a period of study at Harvard in the technique of this sort of research before returning to China, especially in view of disturbed conditions in Honan."

Dean Chase says in his letter just received by me today although written on January 28th "The final result of the conference was that I was authorized to ask whether you could make an arrangement with your board for leave of absence for next year so that you could accept a fellowship appointment from the Institute to spend a year in Peking working on the publication of what you already have and seeing what could be made out towards the larger scheme of real excavation on the site. We felt so ignorant as to expense that I was also commissioned to ask you what you thought would be a reasonable amount to cover a fellowship of this sort."

I am writing Dean Chase to the effect that such a proposal might be considered as a temporary measure. I cannot say how my mission board would view the matter and after twenty years connection with the board, the question of considering making a decision against their wishes would naturally presuppose some more permanent affiliation than a temporary fellowship.

*original letter
sent to J. H. S.
908 L. Wells
Hollywood
Calif
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There is also the definite question which Dean Chase asks as to a reasonable amount to cover such a fellowship. I am not able to definitely indicate. I am not a young man just from college. In my mission I am one of the senior members. I have a family of wife and three children of high school age. Were we to return to China there is the question of their travel and living facilities for a family. There are also the questions of the expenses of preparation of material on hand. I have had three Chinese writers at work. All these questions are involved. I am sure I would find it difficult to say what sum would cover it. Dean Chase speaks of fellowships being granted to Mr. Bowles and Mr. Liang. It would seem that my needs as mentioned above would be much more than an individual young man beginning and yet a great discrepancy in grants of fellowships might not be considered wise.

On the other hand I could not expect my museum to meet any of my expenses if I were given leave of absence. If there were some other definition that put my work in another category such as the Institute's undertaking to finance the project of the preparation of the dictionary of the characters on the Oracle Records, and the publishing of the plates of the rubbings of the Oracle Bones this might remove any question of comparisons. It must also be apparent to yourself and the Trustees that for a man in my position in life, who has lost nearly everything in the looting in Honan, in the way of household equipment and library, that it is just as necessary that my legitimate needs to support my family be met for this temporary arrangement as for any permanent one.

I should much prefer to have some suggestion from the Institute and then I would be able to calculate whether the arrangements for grant and allowances were equivalent to the allowances, etc. made by the mission.

There is another piece of important work that I have begun and that is to prepare a Corpus of the inscriptions on Bronzes in America and Europe. It has not been done. Indeed here very little interest is attached to inscriptions for few can distinguish the most manifest forgeries from those of real value. I have found a number of bronzes which have been lost to Chinese students for a hundred years, both in Boston and in Washington. The preparation of such a work with the history of the Bronzes so far as we can find out is a necessary part of our work on the Language. It would be similar to Mr. Jung's work on the Bronzes of the Imperial Collection. It would entail however visiting all the museums and private collections where these are to be found. A photograph, measurements, an ink rubbing, a transcription of the inscription with an interpretation, and history of the bronze, giving its former owners and those who have recorded it would make up the work. This work would be done in America and Europe, if the idea were extended to Europe. If the way to other activities were barred this is a necessary project. I have already begun, and have partly executed. It is strange that in all these years of Bronze collecting in America and Europe that the inscription has not played an important part. I feel that a proper emphasis placed on the inscription would alter many of our preconceived ideas of the Chinese art of casting Bronzes as now conceived in our museums.

Again regretting the delay in my receiving your letter and my consequent delay in reply, I remain

Yours sincerely
James M. Menzies

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V.S. Merle-Smith

✓ to Carson misc

May 17, 1932

Dear Mr. Merle-Smith:

At the special meeting of the Trustees I was requested to ask every Member of the Board to help us get access to all available prospective donors in the hope of meeting our critical situation before June 30th. Can you approach directly any one of those whose names appear on the enclosed list? If you cannot make any personal approach, would you be willing to give a letter of introduction for use by Dr. S. P. Young, who has been engaged to help us? All those names initialed on the margin in pencil have been selected by various Members of the Board. In case of those not initialed we have at present no good means of introduction.

I send you herewith a specimen copy of the kind of introduction worked out after a good deal of thought and used by Mrs. Finley. I send also a copy of the mimeographed explanation of the situation we are in, and a copy of a resolution passed by the Board at the special emergency meeting.

Our time is so brief that I shall be very grateful if you can give us some letters of introduction, and if possible send the packet of such letters to us today. There is a good deal of lost motion just now because of the fact that we have not enough contacts already established for Dr. Young. I shall be grateful if you will return the list of names with the letters of introduction.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Van Santvoord Merle-Smith
Roosevelt & Son
30 Pine Street
New York City

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~~6-7-32~~
May 31, 1932

no reply

Dear Mrs. Merle-Smith:

I am very sorry Doctor Stuart did not have an opportunity to see you while he was here for such a brief visit. He went back to China very much disturbed about the University and eager to see whether he might possibly do something there to help meet the worst crisis it has ever faced. Unless we obtain the balance still needed to meet the condition set by the Rockefeller Foundation by June 30th - about \$62,500 now - we shall lose their offer of \$250,000 toward endowment of the natural sciences and also their annual grant of \$12,500.

Can you possibly help us in this matter by a pledge payable at your convenience? Will you be so good as to discuss the matter with Doctor S. P. Young, who represents Doctor Stuart?

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. Wilton Merle-Smith
Hotel LaSalle
30 East 60th Street
New York City, N. Y.

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*report of S.P.Y. 6-7-32 then
he wrote her a letter
hotel clerk; could not get address.*

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Roosevelt & Son,

TELEPHONE ANDREWS 3-0440-0455

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E. M. McBRIEF
RECEIVED ATTENTION

June 21, 1932. JUN 22 1932

E. M. McBRIEF

Mr. Edwin Merton McBrier,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. McBrier:

I have your letter of June 20th. I thoroughly appreciate the difficulties you are having and the fine work you are doing in connection with raising the necessary sums of money to meet the Rockefeller pledge to Yenching University. I have not been active in the campaign on account of the sister difficulties which Princeton-Yenching Foundation is going through. My membership on the Yenching Board is really in a representative capacity for the Princeton-Yenching Foundation. Unfortunately, our financial problems are just as serious and I feel my first responsibility both financially and from the point of view of raising money from others is to see that the Princeton group should not fail in discharging their responsibilities to the best of their ability. I had hoped that it might be possible to make a contribution to the Princeton-Yenching Foundation through the University which might be counted in this special campaign of yours but I discovered that your pledges must be applied to the natural sciences so that such a plan would not be workable.

Wishing you well-merited success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Van S. Markham

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June 22, 1932.

Van S. Merle-Smith, Esq.,
Roosevelt & Son,
30 Pine Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Merle-Smith:

I greatly appreciate your letter of the 21st.

I am fully aware that your first duty is to the Princeton-Yenching Foundation, and it is just as much of a help to Yenching for you to invest your effort and make your contributions in that direction as it is direct to Yenching.

I was advised of your telephone message and it was very kind of you to endeavor to have your gift to Princeton-Yenching credited toward the Trustees' Fund to match the special \$25,000 challenging gift which was made. Under the conditions imposed, this could not be done but the spirit you manifested was appreciated just as much, and we are grateful just the same.

I am afraid the last \$7,000 of our Trustees' Fund will come very slowly. Happily I was able to secure a pledge of \$5,000 from a friend, which materially assisted in matching this gift.

Our hope is that our Trustees may feel constrained to solicit subscriptions from acquaintances and friends and thus assist in matching this gift. If we could have three or four more gifts from \$1,000 up, it would certainly be a great lift.

I am sure you will not misunderstand me if I send you reports of this Trustees' Fund from time to time. I am sending same to all the Trustees that they may know just how the fund stands.

Appreciating your courtesy, and thanking you, I am,

Most truly yours,

EMMcB.A
Enc.

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September 20, 1932

Mr. Van Santvoord Merle-Smith
Roosevelt & Son
30 Pine Street, City

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Member of Roosevelt & Son, investment bankers
A.B. Princeton, LL.B. Harvard
Began law practice N. Y. 1914
On Secretariat of Peace Conference, Paris
3rd Asst. Sec'y. of State of U. S. 1920-1921
Served in France as major; awarded D.S.C.
Trustee of Hill School and of Princeton-Yenching Foundation
Member of N.Y. State Bar Assn. and Assn. Bar City of N. Y.
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October 20, 1932.

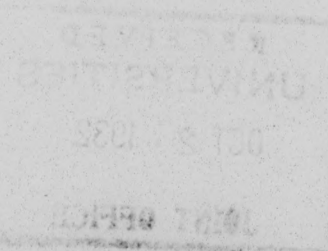
Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary,
Board of Trustees Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

// I have found that the pressure of business and certain other important charitable obligations make it imperative for me to reduce my membership on boards of institutions of various character. My membership on the Board of Trustees of Yenching University has been most pleasant and interesting. I regret to sever my relations with the Board but feel that circumstances require it. The Princeton-Yenching Foundation is entitled, I believe, to two representatives on the Board. I feel it would be in their interest to have a representative on the Board who is able to give more time and thought. I will not be able to attend the next meeting of the Board and suggest that it might be advisable at that time to consider my resignation and appoint some other representative. If the Board feels it cannot act at this time, at least my resignation should take effect at the end of the fiscal year.

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Cordially yours,

Van S. Marsh-Hunt



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Yenching University

October 22, 1932.

Mr. Van S. Merle-Smith,
Roosevelt & Son,
50 Pine Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Merle-Smith:

Mighty sorry to learn from your letter of October 20th that the pressure of business and your numerous other philanthropic interests have forced you to the conclusion that you should resign your membership on our Yenching Board of Trustees. We know you have been finding it increasingly difficult to get to our Yenching meetings, but have been hoping that within a year or two you would be able to come somewhat more frequently. And we have been quite confident that, even though you could not attend meetings, you still retained the same warm interest in the University.

We recognize, however, that you are carrying a double burden for Yenching so long as you are serving as a trustee both of the University and of the Princeton-Yenching Foundation. If we must believe you of one of these obligations, it should certainly be that of the trustee of the University, because you are indispensable as a member of the Princeton-Yenching group.

We will bring your letter to the attention of the Yenching Board at the meeting next week.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-LH

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TRANSFER

Yenching University

November 22, 1932.

Mr. V. S. Merle-Smith,
Roosevelt & Son,
50 Pine Street,
New York City

My dear Mr. Merle-Smith:

We sent you some days ago the Minutes of the meeting of our Yenching Trustees on October 28th. At that same time I should have written a covering letter with regard to the action taken on your letter of resignation. I am sorry that a succession of other meetings delayed my writing you.

When your letter was presented to the Trustees on October 28th, there was an unusually warm expression of hope from many of the Trustees present that you might be persuaded to reconsider your resignation and continue to serve as a Yenching Trustee. We all appreciate the fact that you are extremely busy and cannot afford to give much time to the Yenching Board, and we also are agreed that we must not try to persuade you to continue giving time to the Trustees at the expense of the even more important service you are rendering to the Princeton-Yenching Foundation. But we do have a special need for you in our Yenching Board, and we hope that you can fill it without too great expenditure of time and energy.

These matters can, if necessary, come up again at the Annual Meeting next spring, but we sincerely hope that by that time we will have succeeded in persuading you to continue as a Yenching Trustee.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:PW

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Van S. Merle-Smith

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30 Pine Street

New York

CABLE ADDRESS: ROOSEVELT

*Form turned over
to Mr. McBrier
for action with
lawyer. 12/21/32.*

December 21, 1932.

Miss Louise McCoy, Secretary to
Dr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss McCoy:

Mr. Merle-Smith asked me to acknowledge your letter
of December 20th and accompanying form upon which Dr. Gee would
like advice.

I return herewith the form as Mr. Merle-Smith suggests
that inasmuch as he is no longer engaged in the active practice
of the law having become a banker about a year and one-half
ago, Dr. Gee refer the matter to someone else for attention.

Yours very truly,

Estelle Ross

Secretary to Mr. Merle-Smith.

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November 3, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHARLES CORBETT, 9th floor.

While in San Francisco recently I arranged a conference with Prof. Thomas Breece, one of our Methodist representatives on the Yenching faculty.

We discussed the cabled request that he return to China to serve with the Yenaching group in Chengtu. Inasmuch as Mrs. Breece could not return to China, because of State Dept. restrictions, Mr. Breece does not feel led to go. At their age he feels they should not be thus separated for an indefinitely long period.

He and his wife have accepted temporary teaching posts under U. S. Civil Service, working in one of the great reallocation centers for Japanese evacuees, the one at Tule Lake, Calif. The opportunities for Christian service are great, the hardships many, and he recommends it as a fine type of work for educational missionaries who are temporarily debarred by the war from returning to their fields.

I send this for the information of the ABCCC.

Cartwright

Frank T. Cartwright

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November 2, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE

This in San Francisco recently I discussed a conference
with Prof. Thomas H. Morgan, one of the leading representatives of
the American Academy.

He discussed the various requests that he had received
to serve with the American group in China. He stated that
because of his position in the American Academy, he could
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Very truly yours,

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January 29, 1943

Dr. Frank T. Cartwright,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Cartwright:

President Y. P. Mei of Yenching University in Chungtu has written saying he does not have a list of the University's Board of Managers, and that he would like to secure one. Unfortunately, no list of the Board has been sent to this office in the last two or three years so we are endeavoring to reconstruct one by writing to the missions participating in the University to see if they can tell us who their representatives are on the Board and when their term of office will expire.

Will you please send us the information if you have it about your representatives and any other information you may have about the composition of this Board. We shall appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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June 1, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. Y. P. MEI (re Yenching University need for
T. E. Breece)X

For the record I am giving the gist of our conference held a few minutes ago.

You stated the great need of the University for missionary faculty members and, in particular, for Mr. Breece in the Department of English. We both recognized the almost insuperable obstacles in the way of civilians' going to China now.

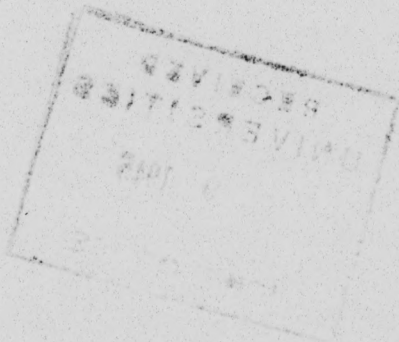
I assured you that, if the University is able to succeed in a "test case" so that some man is permitted to go out now for University work, I would gladly recommend to our Division of Foreign Missions that The Breeces be reinstated as active missionaries (They are now "missionaries on emergency furlough temporarily on other support") and that financial provision be made for Mr. Breece's out-going.

This memo is being prepared and a copy sent to Mr. Breece so that, in case of my going to China this Fall, no delay need be caused in our Methodist preparations to implement the informal agreement reached by you and me.

It is understood, of course, that our agreement does not bind the Breeces in any way. The decision to go or not to go at the present time would remain with them.

Frank T. Cartwright
Frank T. Cartwright

s/
Copy for T. E. Breece.



June 1, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. Y. P. WU (re Yenching University) and
T. W. Prescoe

For the record I am giving the list of our contributions
held a few minutes ago.

You stated the great need of the University for mission-
ary faculty members and, in particular, for those in the
Department of English. We both recognized the most important
able obstacles in the way of such a plan.

I assumed you felt that the University is able to handle
in a "test case" so that some one is permitted to go out and
University work. I would gladly recommend to our Division of
Eight Missions that the Prescoe be permitted as a test case.
They are now "missionaries" on emergency financial basis.
If on other support) and that financial provision be made for
Mr. Prescoe's out-coming.

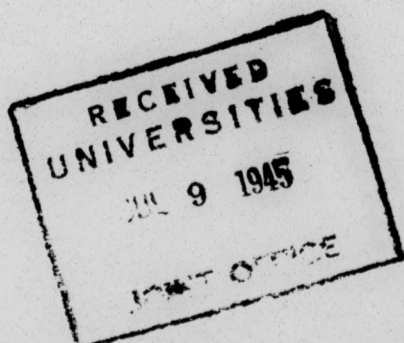
This means is being prepared and a copy sent to Mr. Prescoe
so that, in case of my going to China this Fall, no delay
be caused in our Methodist preparations for implementation of the
and agreement reached by you and me.

It is understood, of course, that our agreement does not
bind the Prescoe in any way. The decision is to be made by
the present time would remain with them.

Frank T. Prescoe

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Copy for T. W. Prescoe.



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