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January 3, 1929.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
Peking, China.

Dear Dr. Stuart:-

This letter is being written, primarily at the suggestion of Mr. Garside, to state fully the situation at the University of Missouri concerning the appointment of a "Missouri-Yenching Fellow." It may be that you will have a cable inquiry from Garside soon after the receipt of this concerning your own opinion and desires concerning the appointment of such a person, and this is to refresh your memory on the proposition and to provide a basis on which to make a decision.

Assuming the successful completion of our journalism fund, I should like to resume instruction in journalism with a staff of three---myself, a Chinese newspaperman, and an instructor in advertising. I hope that the situation may develop so that the advertising man may be provided for us, entirely or principally, by the organization at Missouri, known as the "Missouri-Yenching Association" which we hope will develop into another or even greater, Princeton-in-Peking.

The tentative proposals may be outlined as follows:

1. The Missouri-Yenching Fellow will be appointed for a two-year term by the trustees of Yenching University on recommendation of the faculty of the school of journalism of the Univ. of Missouri.

2. The Fellow during the first two years at least would do half-time teaching and in addition take sufficient graduate work to get an M. A. It is therefore proposed that he personally be responsible for his travel out and back, and we pay him the salary and perquisites of a short-term single teacher. (The full pay for part-time teaching makes it a fellowship. Mr. Garside thinks it will be very difficult even then to get a man, and that we may have to compromise by accepting responsibility for his return travel, the candidate to find his way out..)

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3. The Fellow would be supported directly out of the journalism funds, regardless of the amount obtained from Missouri students, alumni and faculty. They are trying for \$1,000 this first year and had three-fourths of that amount in hand when I left there a month ago. (The real problem of course is what they will do when I'm back in China, and Parker is gone. The hopeful side is that Walter Hearn of Soochow is now a member of the Bible College Faculty and the local student "Y" secretary is quite friendly. They provide a continuing adult interest.)

Dr. Alexander made good on his offer last spring to turn the foreign-work gifts of the Presbyterian Student Association over to the Yenching Fund. It is just sheer good fortune and coincidence that the advertising senior upon whom the faculty committee looks most favorably was president of the Presbyterian Student Association last year. His name is S. D. Groff, and I'm very hopeful that he will be able to accept the place.

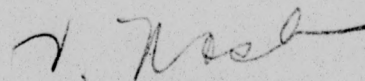
Mr. Garside would want your approval, before negotiating with a candidate for appointment and will either write or cable you about this matter some time this spring.

By this time, you will doubtless have had a copy of the letter from Dean Williams, notifying us of our being accredited in journalism, the first school thus to be accepted other than those members of the American Association of Schools and Departments of Journalism.

While attending the 1928 convention of this Association at Ann Arbor last week, I learned of a possible Chinese faculty member. His name is Hubert or Herbert Liang, a graduate of DePauw University, who worked for some months for the Detroit News. The Executive Editor of The News, Mr. Lee A. White, a former journalism teacher, recommended him very strongly. He thinks that Liang is now in Shanghai. I'm making further inquiries from DePauw.

I'm joining Dr. Jenney tomorrow in what I trust is the final phase of the journalism effort. Lucius was in yesterday and Alice Boring today; it's good to renew such fellowships. It makes me all the more eager to get under way. I presume it is acceptable for us to come ahead, even though we may be too late for any instructional work in the second semester. We may cable a query on that matter. I'd like to come ahead, primarily for work on possible Chinese staff member and language study.

Sincerely,



Feb. 11, 1929.

Dear Leighton:-

The inclosed cable has been sent you today. I trust that it will be understood. The Missions code is none too good for such a purpose. Since it would probably be too late to be of any value, I won't take time to elaborate the causes which led to its sending.

It certainly is most baffling to pass the two-thirds line in a thing of this character and then get stuck on a sand-bar in sight of port. It is proving personally most humiliating to me not to get tangible results more promptly with such a case. I was glad when the trustees authorized Dr. Jenney to spend the month of January with me on the matter in order to find out if the fault lay in me.

Two of us worked Boston, Springfield, etc.; New York and environs, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, and northern New York cities. We got \$500 from a broker here in N.Y.C. who owns a Missouri paper, and he had been previously solicited.

The difficulty ran in about three equal divisions. About a third of the persons to be seen--among them the most wealthy prospects of course--were in the South. I'm convinced that mid-winter is quite as poor a time for such work as mid-summer. Another third--this almost entirely in the East--would not see us. We wasted literal days in N.Y. trying to get to people. That of course is an old story to you. Not many of those we got to see were unsympathetic to the idea; the trouble is that they are just as fluent in telling of others who can and certainly will help as they are in elucidating why they personally cannot do so. Certain cordial newspaper friends here say that the big problem is that only rarely can a new idea be sold to a man in one visit.

Mr. Strong of Chicago wrote a wonderful letter to 18 fellow publishers; the only one of that group that has yet responded was Mr. Dewart whom we saw together. Altogether Dean Williams has written close to a hundred different men. James Wright Brown of the Editor and Publisher has just written about thirty men who have been seen by me and seemed to be almost persuaded. His letter is so good that it would seem it would get some action from a statue. The N.Y. State Publishers Association invited me to speak at their meeting last week in Syracuse and gave me a most cordial hearing but I could not translate cordiality into cash for a single dollar at the meeting. Since that time, the President has offered to join with two leading members in a letter to the entire membership on the letterheads of the Association urge cooperation for some amount. But strangely enough these very men put me off on the matter of a commitment for themselves. Said they would think it over.

A good many similar instances could be cited to show that we have not been without the connections that usually get results in such work. Perhaps it will yet crack open but my own patience and nerves are about exhausted. After a rather bitter disappointment last Thursday I went home, went to bed and for four consecutive nights, I slept "the clock around." Stayed away from the office for a few days and tried to forget the matter with only middling success.

Just as a gamble more or less, and to give us constructive activity while waiting for some of the migratory birds to return north, we are sending out a letter to about a thousand picked named off the Yenching list, and another letter from Dean Williams office to newspaper editors and executives---not publishers---asking for small amounts. Haven't much faith myself in letters. Not a one of Dean Williams letters---he has written as much as three times to some men---has produced a dime except as they were seen personally.

My equanimity was not helped any in the early part of the week by a luncheon-conference with Mr. McBrier in which he was very emphatic that I was not to sail until not only the \$50,000 gifts were validated by the securing of the total but also the expense account since I got home two years ago. This amount has now run to a gross of around \$10,000 with a net of over \$5,000. The gross figure has to be taken of course is, as in some cases, we want to use cash which has come in during this time, to apply toward making up the \$50,000.

When I suggested that it seemed quite reasonable to me to assume that Dr. Jenney (or any successor of his) would get some amounts each year on the basis of the contacts made and interests created right across the country, our treasurer assured me in quite emphatic language that the trustees did not employ an executive secretary to solicit support for journalism "or any other of the sideshows." I urged upon him that from the very beginning in all conferences as well as in all written prospecti of the journalism work, we had said that \$10,000 was a minimum that we would try to get along with and not a satisfactory maximum by any means. That what he was saying meant either the creation in this country of a separate journalism committee along the lines of Princeton-in-Peking, or that I carry in China the double load of building a journalism curriculum, etc., and carrying on cultivation and solicitation in this country. All of which seemed quite contrary to the spirit of the action of the trustees last November in urging steps leading to the consolidation of the Yenching budget, not its further sub-division.

He constantly confused what I was trying to say with his understanding that I would feel free to spend money before it was raised and then pass the buck home to the trustees. My sole contention and one on which I feel there is real need for clarification was that journalism was accepted as an integral part of the men's college and should have the right to have its budgetary needs considered on their merits and if passed by the China committee should have precisely the same consideration at the hands of the finance committee of the trustees as would appeals from the English or chemistry departments.

If the original policy of the trustees that all funds which would be obtained by the campaign organization must go to the strictly arts and science and administrative needs of the university, then it is quite conceivable that we might find it imperative to get a home organization for journalism. While the situation may grow so gradually that \$10,000 annually would be quite sufficient, it is also possible that the response to a more comprehensive curriculum with a Chinese staff member would be such as to make it impossible to operate on such a budget. If that happens, are we to be estopped from seeking any cooperation from the campaign organization here. Mr. McBrier says we are. Garside (who was present at the debate) told me privately afterwards not to take all this too seriously and I'm not, but it raises an issue that does exist, and concerning which I should hope to have a talk with you soon after my arrival, if that ever comes.

It seems quite shortsighted from the point of view of the general university funds, not to urge Jenney or any one else when in a city, to follow up the connections I've made. In most such cities, the publisher is not only high influential but even better is a man who is thoroughly familiar with local conditions and whose advice is quite valuable. The chief resentment I get out of the conversation (even when making such allowances as I know should be made) is that if one shows any willingness to attempt to raise money, they're prepared to say that you must raise it all and then some. This is in no sense any criticism or complaint as to the home office generally. Garside and the others have been cordial and cooperative to the limit.

As I face the return, I am distressed at the thought that optimistic hopes caused you to hold a house open, and probably led to similar inconveniences there that could have been avoided, had we been less sure of quick results. I am sorry. It still does not seem real, that we could have had such a start, with such influential names, such cooperation, et al, and not have been able to wind it up before this.

We plan, when the fund is completed, to come ahead as soon as possible, no matter how ~~unconvenient~~ late in the spring it may be in order to help find the Chinese staff member, (2) work out the starting curriculum, (3) get back into language study, and (4) get a rest at Peitaiho, which would beat anything possible in this country. We also want to get through India and Straights before real hot weather. The expense on the university would doubtless be less, or at least no greater, by my coming ahead than by staying on here.

Had a good hour and a half with Jimmie Yen the other day. He is quite interested in my suggestion that we work out a scheme whereby our department handle the publication of his little papers as our laboratory work. The question of what conditions should obtain before we would be justified in creating a "school" of journalism is also a crucial one from the viewpoint of cultivation and financing in this country. It has been virtually impossible to differentiate in the solicitation work; and perhaps it will make no difference that we have not a school, but a department. ~~Some~~ Certainly I do not want to urge anything that will be anomalous either academically or administratively, but if we have the permanent financing to look forward to a few years ahead, there are important considerations to be weighed in the matter of terminology and its psychological influence.

V. Nash

JOURNALISM

February 28, 1929

CONTRIBUTORS TO JOURNALISM FUND FOR YENCHING UNIVERSITY

(Subscriptions made on condition that a total of \$50,000 is raised.)

Mr. W. T. Dewart	The New York Sun	\$5,000
Mr. W. A. Strong	The Chicago Daily News	5,000
Mr. R. P. Scripps	The E. W. Scripps Co.	5,000
Dean Walter Williams	Mo. School of Journalism	5,000
(Underwritten; to be raised by him among Missouri publishers)		
Mr. Jas. W. Brown	Editor and Publisher, N.Y.C.	2,500
Mr. G. B. Dealey	Dallas Morning News	2,500
Mr. E. K. Gaylord	The Daily Oklahoman (Okla. City)	1,875
Mr. Marcellus Foster	The Houston Press	1,250
American Society of Newspaper Editors		1,000
Missouri Press Association		1,000
Mr. C. W. Palmer	St. Joseph (Mo.) News Press	500

Mrs. Leonard K. Elmhirst (formerly Mrs. Willard Straight)	3,500
Mr. E. C. Winters	Lion Oil Co., Kansas City 2,500
Mr. J. F. Porter	Kansas City Power & Light Co. 2,500
Mr. A. A. Hyde	The Metholatum Co. 2,000
Others (chiefly Kansas Citians) in Miscellaneous Amounts	<u>4,000</u>

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February 28, 1929

The School of Journalism of the University of Missouri - first and largest of such professional schools in America - has permanently associated itself with Yenching University for the development of a school of journalism in Peking. A group of outstanding American newspapermen has subscribed \$40,000 for the support of the project.

All these contributions have been made on condition that a total of \$50,000 is raised with which to provide a minimum budget of \$10,000 annually for the first five years. It is our belief that a record can be made in that time which will sufficiently commend the work of the school to some foundation or individual and thus lead to its endowment.

The radical simplification of the Chinese written language is leading to phenomenal increases in literacy. Proportionate increases in the number and circulation of Chinese newspapers and other periodicals steadily continue. This fact in turn is creating a large demand for trained personnel.

The provision of a preliminary training for journalistic work in the outstanding Christian university of China will not only serve students in a strategic vocational field but will also render a great service to China and the world by stimulating a better type of young men and women to enter the profession. It is highly important that these future leaders of the public opinion of a quarter of the human race should have strong characters, be well educated, and possess a broad international outlook. If it is possible for us to develop such work in Yenching, we may properly expect that many of China's dominant editors and publishers will be Christians.

It now appears certain that the final \$10,000 of our journalism fund will have to be obtained in small amounts from many friends to enable us to secure the \$40,000 in conditional pledges already obtained from American publishers. Otherwise we must soon face the advisability of abandoning the undertaking. Will you not help us with a subscription for some amount, however small it may have to be, and thus help us to meet what Dean Walter Williams of Missouri calls "one of the really great challenges for constructive far-reaching effort in our time?" A prompt reply will be especially appreciated as our time is now quite limited.

Sincerely,

Vernon Nash

Head of the Department of Journalism

VN:LM

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YENCHING

TRANSFER

March 7, 1929.

Dear Leighton:-

We sail for China---Oh Joyful Thought!---March 21, which will mean that we have been home exactly two years and two weeks. That's been a long time, but it's too good to be able to come back at all for me to indulge any regrets at the length of the interval.

As you will note by the attached tentative schedule, I expect to get to Peking in time for commencement, barring accidents and wars. I'm sure glad that we have the main journalism effort in such shape that we can now validate the conditional gifts, for Chang Chung-chang is getting considerable publicity here and friends are again "nervy" (as the British use the word) on the China situation.

Jenny has sure set the woods afire since he started back-tracking on me through the middle west and pacific coast. Seven thousand in Kansas City, another thousand in Oklahoma and Texas, and then \$5,000 from Miss Ellen Scripps. Using all the gifts of any amounts obtained since I started working on future plans we have passed the \$50,000 mark.

Wanamaker wrote the trustees outlining the situation recently and Mrs. Finley phoned that Dr. Finley was going to have a final try at Mr. Ochs. I don't know anything that would send me away with such a fine taste as to get that five thousand. Mrs. Finley is also to try to get an interview with Mrs. Whitelaw Reid who has never acknowledged a communication to her of a month ago.

The communications from here to Mrs. Elmhirst and your cable reached Mrs. Elmhirst while she was in hospital, bringing a little Elmhirst into the world. Consequently, she read your cable but not the letters, misunderstood your message and cabled Miss Bogue asking "why her pledge had not been paid." Miss Bogue cabled the situation back and seemed favorable, but we have heard nothing further. I sure would like \$10,000 more from her to clear expenses entirely and give us a start toward a residence.

My thoughts now are all turning toward the resumption of work there. I appreciated the generous invitation contained in your cable. I feel that the most vital element in determining whether we do the job as it should be done is the finding of a well qualified Chinese. I note in a recent Shanghai publication the retirement of Fong See from the Commercial Press. Many months ago you mentioned the possibility of his being available for our staff. If there is any chance of getting him, I believe he would fit the bill nicely.

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In a recent letter to the office here, you mention that your Chinese secretary is planning to go to the East Indies in the early spring. He could doubtless be of very great service to me in interviews with Chinese publishers and the principals of middle schools. I would also be glad to make any calls possible with him while there. A letter from you to me could doubtless reach me at Calcutta by May 3 % Thos. Cook and Sons, on which date I sail for Singapore.

The arrangement of my itinerary proved rather baffling. I spent some hours with the Methodist transportation man here, then with Cooks and the P & O offices. ~~Unfortunately~~ The China steamers reach Singapore on Saturday; one Dutch line makes a round trip of the three principal cities (which Huang Chin-t'ang recommended) taking ten days for the trip. These boats leave every Friday, which would mean a six-day wait in Singapore. Then they get back on Mondays, two days after the next China boat has sailed, requiring a twelve-day layover in Singapore.

It therefore seemed little more expensive, if any, to ride the large P & O steamers to Bombay, cross India and go down on a British India boat to Singapore, arriving on a Tuesday, and getting back on the Monday before the next China boat sails, thus having a total of seven days in Singapore instead of eighteen, and still getting to Shanghai on the same boat as if I went directly from Marseilles to Singapore in the much smaller steamers. (The size of the boat is a considerable factor to me, being a rotten sailor.)

The matter is complicated by the seeming necessity of having my family with me. I have been absent from them so much during these two years that I'm not keen at the idea of our going separate ways. Moreover, I find that the passport situation is such that we would have to cancel the ones we have, get two new ones and then have double visa cost in every country requiring same. It would be close scratching to get such passports through also in the time we have.

The fare on the Dutch boats for the roundtrip is such that we are advised that it would be little more than the hotel bill if one remained in Singapore. The difference of course we should be glad to pay for the greater comfort and interest of the trip.

Arriving as we will in China in the early summer, it seems wise for the family to go directly to Paitaiho. Since the facilities from Shanghai to Peking seem uncertain and the fare from Shanghai on to Yokohama additional is only two pounds, and since the cost second-class from Japan to North China is but little more than from Shanghai to Tientsin, the family are buying to Japan and expect to come that way. Since the boats remain so long in the various ports, it is amusing to note that they can live two weeks for \$10 a piece, Shanghai to Yokohama.

I've gone into considerable details concerning our schedule that you may understand the unusual length of the trip. I earnestly hope that it may be possible to get something done in the East Indies worthy of the stop-over cost. Of course, both the Kansas City doctor and Dr. Vaughn have recommended a rest of some duration for me before I start back. If I can get it on such an extended bunch of voyages, it should be no more expensive than a vacation in the U.S. on home-side salary.

(signed) J. N.

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TRANSFER

March 14, 1929.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

Herewith a summarized statement of the status of the Journalism Fund to date:

From Newspaper sources (pledges in writing in hand)---	\$36,850
From Kansas City Friends and other Lions Club members	7,605
From Mrs. Elmhirst, Miss Scripps, Mr. Hyde	10,500
From miscellaneous group	998
Grand Total	\$55,958

In addition I was given verbal pledges of \$500 from C.M. Palmer, and Dr. Jenney a verbal pledge of \$625 from EK. Gaylord which I believe to be good, though we do not yet have the signed pledges---\$1,125.

Against this there ~~is~~ is a total expense bill to date (against Journalism campaign) of approximately \$10,000.

If further sums are obtained (such as an expected further subscription from Mrs. Elmhirst), I would earnestly hope that the Finance Committee would approve the allocation of the item above listed from Kansas City and Lions Club members to the construction of a Nash residence. Failing that, I would specifically request that a residence for myself and family be given Dr. Jenney as an immediate objective. This is a most serious personal matter with me; in the three years we were out before, we never lived alone and moved five times in ~~less~~ less than three years (some of this of course due to the change in site.)

It seems to me that approval should be given for Dr. Jenney to continue his efforts on behalf of journalism whenever he is near a likely prospects, of which he has the names of several in each important city in the country. The \$10,000 a year fund has never been considered or stated to be the maximum needed for our work, but rather the minimum on which we were willing to go ahead.

The extra cost of the return trip by me via England and the Dutch East Indies to see Mrs. Elmhirst and to interview Chinese newspapermen, principals of secondary schools, and prominent Chinese in this area where the greatest number of wealthy Chinese is concentrated should, I believe, be chargeable to Journalism campaign rather than to the field.

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March 15, 1929.

Dear Jenney:-

The \$56,000 figure which they ~~wrote~~ ^{wrote} to you the other day included a subscription of \$1,000 from the United Press. This morning I got a pledge of \$500 from Oswald Garrison Villard of The Nation, and a confirmation of his 50 per cent increase from Mr. Gaylord, together with a \$100 pledge from Henry R. Hatfield of Philadelphia, and \$15 from Mrs. Wolfe in Kansas City. This brings the total to \$57,228, which does not include the \$500 increase of Mr. Palmer for which we have never had written authorization.

Miss Bogue phoned us today that Mrs. Elmhirst had declined to break her rule of not pledging over a period of years but all but promised Wannamaker that a request for renewal would be favorably recommended by the committee. So we can feel that the fund and expenses have been covered. I surely will get something from Ridder and Gannett next week. James Melvin Lee, head of the Dept. of Journalism of New York University, is giving us a large list of books on journalism for our library (duplicate copies in his own library, he having bought the library of Talcott Williams. He also gets review copies, as he does a book page for Editor and Publisher.)

In my publicity in the Editor and Publisher and Missourian, as well as in letters, I am using the expression that the gifts have reached the point where we can validate conditional gifts. I do not consider that the fund will ever be completed as we shall need and can wisely use any amounts that we are likely to get. So I feel that you can continue to ask for help from newspaper men on that basis. I realize that it is not quite as good a lever for immediate action. It may be that a plea for a residence for me would be better. Wannamaker tells me that the finance committee approved this project being made an immediate one by you. I want to build a Chinese style house of modest proportions so six or seven thousand would do the job. It may be that they will approve the allocation of the fund given from Lions Club sources for my residence, in the belief that amounts coming in from letters, further Elmhirst gifts, etc., will take care of the expense budget. If this is done, we shall still have the problem of housing the Chinese newspaper man on our new staff. This project might appeal to some donor. Five thousand ought to be sufficient for this, unless we happen upon a man with a large family.

You can just imagine how happy I am these days. Sure appreciated the work in Pasadena. If there is anything that I can do in China for you, please call upon me---either for some personal commission or for material to help you in your work. I'll reach Peking by commencement.

Cordially,

Vernon

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March 15, 1929

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Mr. E. P. Scripps	The E. W. Scripps Co.	5,000
Dean Walter Williams	The Mc. School of Journalism	5,000
Mr. James Wright Brown	Editor and Publisher	2,800
Mr. G. B. Daley	Dallas Morning News	2,500
Mr. E. K. Gaylord	The Daily Oklahoman	1,875
Mr. Marcellus E. Foster	The Houston Press	1,000
Mr. C. M. Palmer	St. Joseph(Mo.) News Press	1,000
American Society of Newspaper Editors		1,000
The Missouri Press Association		1,000
The United Press		1,000
Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard	The Nation	500
Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Ellsberg	Pasadena, California	500
Others in Miscellaneous Amounts		<u>600</u>

Total from Newspaper Sources \$38, 475

Miss Ellen Scripps	La Jolla, California	\$5,000
Mrs. Leonard K. Elmhirst (formerly Mrs. Willard Straight)		<u>3,500</u>
Total		8,500

GRAND TOTAL \$46,975

Kansas City friends and members of Lions Clubs- - - - -	7,605
Miscellany from you, results from letters, my friends, etc., - -	<u>3,448</u>
(Hyde's \$2,000 in this)	\$57,728

includes Palmer's extra \$5000

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WESTERN UNION

NIGHT LETTER

Charge to University

Columbia, Mo.
March 17, 1929

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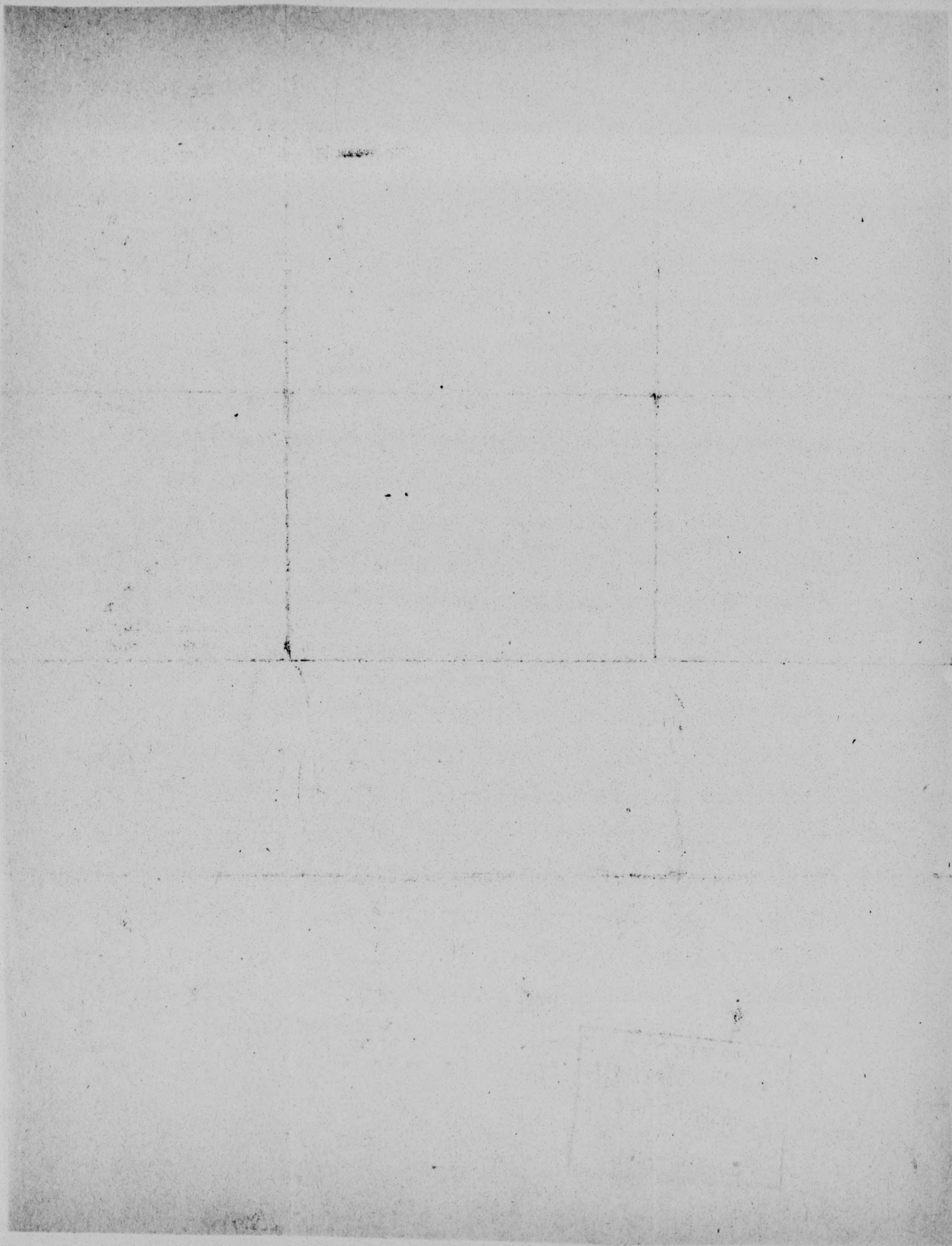
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March 20, 1929

My dear Jenney:

My deepest appreciation goes out to you for your fine letter of the 12th. You will know without my emphasizing the fact how glad we are to be on our way. We are all ready to sail tomorrow afternoon.

I am keeping on the heels of Victor Ridder and Frank Gannett and expect to right up to the last minute. I am quite hopeful that we shall be able to get at least a thousand dollars apiece from them. There are other good prospects whom I have not been able to see. I will not load you up with the details of them at this time but I am leaving some memorandums with Miss McCoy.

If you are back in New York the third week in April, I think it may be possible for you to get some additional help in sizable amounts. The American Newspaper Publishers Association is meeting at the Waldorf and Victor Ridder and Mr. Brown, of the Editor and Publisher, say they would be very glad to help you in any way in making contacts with men. The Editor and Publisher has a booth in the Waldorf which they would be glad to have you make your headquarters.

Mr. Chandler wrote me a short note in answer to a letter which I sent concerning you, in which he used the term "several months" before he would know definitely. Mr. Jesse Jones has never replied to any communication from you. Mr. Dealey of Dallas wrote him and then passed on to us Mr. Jones' reply to him. In this, Mr. Jones says something about hoping to find time soon to go through the material and says: "I think it quite likely that I will feel as you do about the matter when I have gone into it." Mr. Jones' office in New York told me sometime ago that Mr. Jones would probably be in New York in April. I think he is an excellent prospect.

Last week-end we sent out 15 night letters to the most likely prospects including Baker and Hanna of Cleveland, Pulitzer and Ray of St. Louis, and so on. The only favorable response to this was

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a subscription of \$500 from the Kansas City Journal-Post.

The finance committee last week authorized the expenditure of \$25,000 for faculty residences and expressed a pious wish of some kind that we receive a house assignment out of this fund. I have not much hope of anything coming of that. The folks who are on the ground are always much more successful in pressing their claims than those on the other side of an ocean. Furthermore, I suspect that Dr. Stuart will feel that keeping us unassigned will result in the continuing of the effort for journalism at least until the fund includes not only the \$50,000 and expenses but also sufficient for a house. For this reason as well as for others, I hope that you may find it possible to include efforts for journalism with the other work you do in various cities.

Editor and Publisher is running this week a story about the matter but I was careful to word it that we had simply secured enough to validate conditional gifts. I think that your talking point can be that the \$50,000 was set as the least we could go ahead with and that we can wisely and effectively use any amounts which we are likely to obtain. Another effective point, I feel, is the possibility of a shrinkage in collection due to the fact that some of our gifts are subscribed by older men. I also feel that a stressing of the point that we want as wide-spread co-operation as possible in America and that we want an outstanding paper, such as the one you may be talking to at any given time, to be associated with the other leaders of the profession represented on our present list.

This morning in the mail we received a pledge of \$250 from a teacher in the Department of Journalism at the University of Kansas. He is a close friend some years younger than I and I doubt if we have secured a subscription that represents a more real sacrifice or more genuine interest in our work.

With cordial farewell greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Vernon

Dr. Chester E. Jenney
Gowman Hotel
Seattle, Washington

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Nash, Vernon
YENCHING

March 21, 1929

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Williams for approval
from individual*

Memorandum to Mr. Garside concerning Dean Williams' subscription
to the Journalism Fund.

1. Attached hereto is a night letter from Dean Williams of March 17, 1929. To this should be attached copy of my reply which was given to your office. The content of these telegrams seems to me to be summarized in the statement that we are willing for Dean Williams to retain the amount underwritten by him to be expended by him at his own discretion.
2. Dean Williams desires this because it will thereby be possible for him to secure most if not all of his \$5,000 subscription from the surplus funds of the Columbia Missourian, the daily newspaper published by the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri. It is Dean Williams' intention, of course, to keep the office in New York informed in detail as to the projects carried out by monies expended by him.
3. It is a matter for future determination whether the subscription of the Missouri Press Association will come to us as an additional general subscription or be retained by Dean Williams for expenditure by him as a part of the \$5,000 underwritten by him. Similarly, there is some possibility that it may seem wise for the Missouri-Yenching Association, an organization of students, alumni, and faculty of Missouri, to turn over such sums as it raises to Dean Williams either for him to expend at his discretion or to be passed on by him to our general fund. It is my recommendation to him that in the case of the latter association the money be sent by that organization directly to the campaign office.
4. The expenditure of this amount directly by Dean Williams will not appreciably affect our field budget since the money will be spent for objects which we would otherwise appropriate money for from the budget. This is specifically true with reference to any help which we obtain in the matter of the support of the Missouri-Yenching Fellow. It is equally clear that we should not hesitate a moment to appropriate from the regular field budget whatever money was necessary to make it possible for Dean Williams or some other member of the Missouri faculty to spend a period of time with us, especially in our formative years.
5. Dean Williams reports that a faculty committee has approved the name of S. D. Groff as the nominee for the first Missouri-Yenching Fellow and that the faculty as a whole will doubtless approve the action as soon as it is clear that Groff will accept. Some months ago I wrote concerning this matter quite fully to Dr. Stuart and, if it is necessary to have his approval before taking final steps with Mr. Groff, I hope that the necessary queries will be made by cable so that we can be sure of having Groff with us at the opening of school next fall. If there should be any hitch in this matter, I should like to be cabled at the proper port at any given time prior to my arrival in Peking in the middle of June.

Vernon Nash

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March 21, 1939

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Vernon Nash

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On board S.S.
op ten Noort
May 25, 1929.

Dear Louise:-

McCoy

The trip to Java is over and how I wish I had back the worry expended previously as to whether I would be able to do enough to pay for the side-trip. (The rest of this page was copied 20 times by Mary and Ruth while I was cavorting around and I've added beginnings and endings for friends.)

Our two weeks in Europe were chiefly spent in the typical tourist fashion of rushing from one place to another, but we did have a wonderful day renewing associations at Oxford. We hit India in the hottest season and so took only a week crossing from Bombay to Calcutta. Two days were spent with a Missouri school mate who has charge of the agricultural engineering in the world famous agricultural school run by Sam Higginbotham.

It then took thirteen days on a coastwise steamer from Calcutta to Singapore, since we stopped from two to three days each in Rangoon, Penang, and Port Sweatenham. In these ports I began the study of the life of the overseas Chinese, which was the principal reason for our making the trip this way. I am of course principally interested in meeting newspaper men and in visiting Chinese schools. The numbers of Chinese in British Malaya and the Dutch East Indies are so large that Chinese is almost the only written language, other than English or Dutch respectively, which one sees in public signs and notices.

In Batavia, the capital of the "Netherlands Indies", we were met by a deputation representing the Chinese Journalists' Association and the Chinese Educational Association. A tea was given in my honor at the China Association club house at which I spoke concerning the relationships between America and China and our projected school of journalism. The annual meeting of the Student Government Associations of all the middle (our High Schools) schools in Java was being held in Samarang this week, and I was invited to speak to them on the same general subject.

We were extraordinarily fortunate in still another way. The Fourth Pacific Science Congress met in Batavia and Bandoeng ~~this~~ week also. I spent a day in its sessions with an old Rhodes Scholar friend whom I had not seen since war days in India. He is a Methodist missionary in Sumatra and is in charge of their educational work among Chinese there. As a part of the entertainment arranged by the Dutch government for the Congress there was a big exhibition of the life and handicrafts of every tribe of the Dutch East Indies. Natives in their regular costumes were working in each exhibit. The Dutch steamer on which we are making the trip down from Singapore and back is as fine as any I have ever seen.

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Letter approximately like previous page went to Mr. Brown of Editor and Publisher, Bishop of K.C. "Y", Mr. Clark of K.C., Mr. Hays of Nevada, Mo., Mr. Graves of Kansas Univ., and so on. I sure am the lucky stiff when it comes to coincidences. At the Science Congress, I had interviews with Ministers of Education for D. E. I., British Malaya, and Siam.

The island of Java is covered with rich Chinese, and we ought to be able to get some money here. Whoever tries to get it, I think, must be accompanied by a Chinese of standing, preferably one who can speak Cantonese or Fukienese or both.

It was interesting to hear that there is a possibility of your getting out to the formal opening, if there is one! Hope to see you there. Regards to Mr. Wanamaker and Mr. Garside. Hope they may be interested to read this, as I'm about written out.

As ever,

Vernon

Ack 7/19/29

學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peking China

June 21, 1929

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, New York.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

We have now been a week on the campus, and find everything going nicely. It is wonderful to be back. The trip was very pleasant, although more tiring than I had expected. The Chinese literally ran me to death, both in Java and in British Malaya. I think the contacts were well worth the extra cost of the trip.

The group of American newspaper men out here as guests of the Carnegie Foundation will be in Peking next week, so that I am remaining over for almost a week after commencement in order to meet with them, and to help entertain them at a reception being given for them by Dr. Stuart.

When I came through Tsinan the other day, I thought of you, and how much you would like to be back on the field, and it made me appreciate all the more keenly the very earnest and extraordinary faithful service which you are rendering to our common cause at the home end. I want to thank you again for the unqualifiedly cordial help given to me during all the months of my work there.

The insurance policy to which you refer in your letter of May 7th has long since expired, and I had thought that I destroyed it. On receipt of this, you may throw it away. The one you mention which carries a rider for Mrs. Nash is the Traveller's Accident Policy which is in force.

There are pages of news about which I should like to write you, but will have to wait until the greater leisure of Pei Tai Ho, or do as so many others do, and hope that you will see letters which I shall be writing to members of the Yenching office.

Cordially yours,

Vernon Nash
Vernon Nash.

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Mr. E. A. Gurnea
Vanderbilt University
1115 Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Gurnea:

We have not been a week in the country, and find everything
going nicely. It is a wonderful trip. The trip was very
pleasant. I have more than I had expected. The Chinese
people are so kind. I have and in British style.
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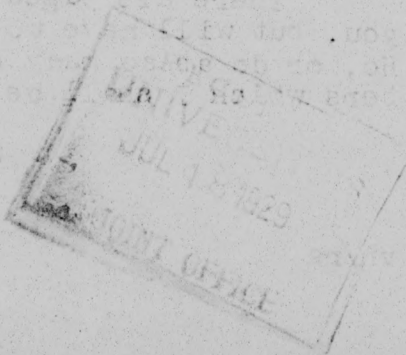
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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peking China

June 21st, 1929

Miss Louise McCoy,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Louise,

I have a considerable number of letters from you which have accumulated since Shanghai. I do not know that there is much that calls for comment, but I want to thank you for the copies of letters and other information sent me. That is a tremendous list of books on advertising recommended by Dean Williams. I did not know there were that many books published in the whole field of Journalism. I earnestly hope that Dean Williams is planning to pay for them out of his funds. I believe that was our arrangement.

It was, of course, delightful to have the news of the continued support coming in, especially the Chicago Tribune gift. If we can get money from that paper for a missionary undertaking, we ought to approach with hope any publication in America. Not the least of the pleasure was the fact that it made the erection of a house for us possible. Beyond the personal desire is the fact that the house which has been set aside for us will be needed acutely for the Chinese staff member. We have found a man, and this morning wired him an invitation to join the staff. I have every hope that he will accept. We will, of course, send you full information about him as soon as the matter is definitely settled.

I can imagine what a blow it was to lose Blanche. I hope that long before now you will have found someone satisfactory to take her place. Blanche had not told me of the written subscription and payment by Mr. Ochs. I really feel like everyone concerned ought to have a ten per cent commission on that subscription. It was also a fine piece of work to secure another thousand from Mr. Hyde.

It would make us very happy if you would find it possible to get out to the Formal Opening. I find it hard to be very hopeful, however, as Dr. Stuart tells me that the Finance Committee is refusing to approve the coming of Dr. Jenney. This certainly seems to me to be a serious case of penny-wise and pound-foolish. Personally, I would not be willing to work

Miss McCoy, p.2.

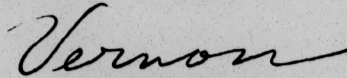
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at Dr. Jenney's task a week, without having been in China. It is a tremendous handicap. From what he said to me, I greatly fear that we shall lose him, if the Finance Committee persists in its refusal to send him.

When I get down to Pei Tai Ho, and really have some time, I want to write you a much better letter than this. I have scarcely found time to sleep during the week that I have been here, and the beginning of the Commencement exercises tomorrow probably means that things will be worse instead of better for some days to come.

Mary and the children got to Pei Tai Ho this morning, and I hope to join them in about ten days.

Cordially yours,



(Vernon Nash)

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peking China

Deformation
Journalism
General
June 25, 1929.

Dear Olin:-

Well, I've been back now just ten days and before the perspective of first impressions passes, I want to write you something of the emotional and mental impact the place has made upon me. The first and most manifest sense is one of pleasure---I don't mean my own though that is abundant enough---the powerful impression that everyone is exceedingly happy. This is not to say that there is no grouching; ~~and~~ there are the usual human instances of clashes of somewhat incompatible personalities, and so on. But in contrast with the nervous tension of the great mass of Americans straining after a selfishly desired dollar, I have been profoundly moved by the atmosphere of a joy which I can only attribute to days full of activity in a cause unselfishly served.

The second impression is one of almost tangible expectancy. Most of the group are wrapped up in an enterprise which they feel morally certain is going to develop steadily into a relationship and an institution of international significance and incalculable importance. This may be rationalizing on my part but it is the only satisfactory explanation and interpretation which I can evolve in my own mind for a very vital something in the atmosphere of Yenching.

The third fundamental factor, affecting me powerfully, is the almost complete absence of national lines and distinctions. The warm welcome back given ~~me~~ by Chinese, British, Swiss and Russian colleagues, and my delight in being with them again, was no less than the reception ~~and~~ accorded by American friends and the pleasure I ~~deserved~~ therefrom. I feel privileged to live in a microcosm of the world as it ought to be, so far as interracial relationships are concerned.

Commencement was held this morning. Save for one feature, the season was ordinary and typical of college graduating exercises. But the exception marks this 1929 commencement and June 22 of this year as a time when one great fundamental objective was attained---the induction of a Chinese head of the University into office. One simply must know Chancellor Wu Lei-ch'uan intimately to appreciate the appropriateness of the remarks of Dr. W. W. Yen, chairman of the Board of Managers, as he administered the oath of office: "We are happy to have as our first Chinese head of ~~the~~ Yenching University one who unites in himself thorough scholarship, ripe experience, a Christian character---who is an embodiment of the perfect Chinese gentleman."

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~~most~~ The situation with us differs decidedly from ~~the~~ of the other Christian colleges in China who have elected Chinese heads in recent years. First, it was not an action forced upon us---the regulations no longer make it compulsory---but one taken to reach a goal to which we have always been working. Second, it ~~neither~~ means the elimination of Western executive leadership, nor is there any camouflage such as some Western advisor or assistant holding to the reins tightly just behind those of the Chinese.

Chancellor Wu becomes the real executive head of Yenching. But he accepted the office on condition that he should deal only with matters of broad policy and ceremony, and have no responsibility for routine administration. Avowedly and without any public misunderstanding, Dr. Stuart is to continue ~~most~~ to exercise most of the functions he has previously exercised. His official title in English remains "President"; a more exact translation of his Chinese title would be "Dean of Administration." A literal translation of the two titles is "school head" or "Hsiao Chang" and "School affairs head" or "Hsiao Wu Chang." The first dictionary meaning given for "wu", the distinguishing word in their titles, is "to devote attention to."

Since his period of service as vice-president and during his term as vice-minister of education of the National Government, Mr. Wu has been chancellor of the university in the English sense of the term. We owe the good fortune of having him permanently as resident executive head of the university to a new regulation of the government that ministers while in office may ~~not~~ not hold concurrent positions. Confronted with the necessity of choosing between Yenching ~~and~~ and a Ministry, he gave up the government office. His one condition, that he should not be asked to assume routine administrative duties, was made on account of his age and the condition of his health.

Given the military and industrial point of view of the average Westerner, it is difficult if not impossible for them to understand the feeling of us non-Chinese to such a change. The handing over to the Chinese of executive responsibility seems to be inherently a constriction of opportunity. Actually, it means just the opposite. Because of the happier relationships, by reason of the assumption by Chinese of leadership where they should lead, and by means of the advice and help which they alone can give, it means a broader opportunity for usefulness and service. Personally, I am delighted beyond measure that we have a Chinese newspaperman in sight for our staff who is fitted to take the chairmanship of the department. We have a provisional acceptance by him of our invitation to join the faculty. I'm glad because I feel utterly sure that I can do much more under his leadership than by taking the lead myself.

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In his inaugural address, Chancellor Wu reviewed briefly the development of Yenching from its humble beginnings to its present preeminent place in the educational life of China. He indulged in some of the usual Chinese disparagement of himself, saying that he was mystified why we should want "a fossil quarried from the old Chinese educational system, one who had never gone to America for a period of years to stroll about and play." *This was an entirely facetious "shot" at his younger colleagues, and was greatly enjoyed by the audience.*

He also pointed out that the regulations of the government concerning education now have no distinct one with reference to Christian missionary institutions; there are just three kinds of universities in the purview of the Ministry of Education--national, provincial and private. Nine of the third group are now registered, of which three are missionary institutions.

"The chief purpose of a university," he said, "should be the training of leaders. Educational institutions must take first place in influencing public opinion if the nation is not to suffer, since universities contain the men who are best fitted to guide the nation. The Chinese people are gratified that schools founded by Westerners and chiefly supported by them should desire us to take the lead in the direction of such institutions. What is now required is that we shall manifest our appreciation of this cooperative spirit by assuming an increasingly large share in the material and financial burdens of such work, and that we shall always strive to keep in the foreground of our objectives those purposes which have actuated the founders of Yenching University and others who have given to its support."

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The campus shows great improvement in the two years, but there is still an immense amount to be done. It was a nasty break that in the first year when any large planting of shrubs, trees, grass seed, etc., could be done, we have been afflicted with "the worst drought in the memory of old men" and much of the stuff is dying. I hope that the friends who come out will be prepared for a campus which is in the making and not made.

Cordially and sincerely,

Vernon

(Excerpt from letter of
Vernon Nash of June 25, 1929)

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(This is the only part that really refers to Journalism- balance of letter is in Information - Yenching file, as it deals with items of the Commencement, and installation of Chancellor Wu, etc.)

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C. B. Nash

Outline Report of Work Done by Vernon Nash While Enroute

Back to China from America via South Seas.

In India.

Lengthy interviews with editor of The Pioneer, the only British newspaper in India which is not violently pro-government; and with the editor of The Leader, one of the principal nationalist papers.

Spent a day at the Allahabad Agricultural Institute, with Sam Higginbotham.

Visited several Chinese schools in Rangoon, Burma, but staffs were away as it was vacation time there.

Straits Settlements and British Malaya.

Spent a morning in the Anglo-Chinese School (Methodist) Penang with the Rev. P. L. Peach, headmaster. Lunched with the British editor of a Chinese-owned, English-language paper, who asked that we recommend a student next fall to be his Peking correspondent.

Had an entire day in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of the Federated Malay States; visited newspaper offices, and Methodist Boys' School (Rev. T. W. Bowmar, headmaster). Spoke for 45 minutes to a special assembly of the three upper standards.

In Singapore, visited Cairn Hill School (Methodist) and Raffles Institution (government). Inspector of Schools and Chinese Inspector of Chinese Schools took me to big Chinese high school and to Raffles College. Spoke for half hour to "Senior Cambridge" forms of the Methodist school. Visited Straits Times (which ran a two-column interview) and leading Chinese newspapers. Guests for tea of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Peat, missionaries in Szechuan for thirty-five years, at which Bishop E. F. Lee was also a guest.

Java.

Batavia (the capital): Guest and speaker at a tea given in the Chinese Association club rooms by the Chinese Journalists Association and the Chinese teachers association. Almost all the Chinese newspapers carried long stories about this meeting. Thirty-five present, all teachers or editors.

Semarang: morning in English-Chinese School, which claims to be only complete senior middle school for Chinese in Java. Most of its graduates go to Chinan in Shanghai. Spoke to upper classes.

Sourabaya: Taken by Lin Kuei-ch'ih, an alumnus of Yenching, to all Chinese newspaper offices. The leading paper carried a long story about our work. Mr. Lie, an architect, took me to several leading Chinese, teachers and members of school committee. Visited Miss Wang Shih-po, another alumnus. Entertained at tea with family in home of business manager of Pewan Sourabaya, leading paper.

Java (cont.)

Bandoeng: attended sessions of Fourth Pacific Science Congress for one day, during which I was privileged to have interviews with the Ministers of Education for the Dutch East Indies, British Malaya, and Siam, and with Paul B. Means, headmaster of a Methodist Boys' School in Medan, Sumatra, a delegate also to Congress.

Hongkong.

Guest and speaker at a lunch given by the Institute of Chinese journalists, arranged by Hin Wong, a graduate of the Missouri school of journalism. Editors of all the leading Chinese newspapers present.
Visited and spoke to senior class of the Ying Wa College.

Shanghai.

Guest and speaker at a dinner in the American Club, given by alumni of the University of Missouri School of Journalism. In addition to these American newspaper and press association correspondents, twelve Chinese newspapermen of Shanghai attended. My outline of our plans was followed by a general discussion.

The following morning, at the invitation of Mr. T.B. Chang, the general manager of the Shen Pao, I met with several executives on Chinese newspapers, at which conference the plans for our school of journalism were gone into in much more detail.

Visited the offices of the United Press, Kuo Min News Agency, etc., and was the guest at lunch of the Shanghai correspondent of the New York Times. Also, Mrs. Nash and I were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Gould, now Shanghai correspondent for United Press.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernon Nash

Vernon Nash.

JOURNALISM

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peking China

July 25, 1929.

Dear Friends:-

The great good news is that Hin Wong of Canton and Hongkong has accepted the university's invitation to join the journalism staff. He alone of all the Chinese newspapermen I have known of seems to meet all the qualifications which we had laid down for the place.

He has had a long and extraordinarily varied experience in Chinese journalism; he knows schools of journalism not only from his graduation from Missouri in 1912 but also because for years he has been experimenting with education for journalism in various educational institutions in South China; he is a thorough Christian, member of the official board of the Hongkong congregation of the united Church of Christ in China and a trustee of Ying Wa College (a secondary school) under its auspices in that city; willing to come for what we can pay, though it means a cut of more than a third in salary for him; in other ways sees the strategic potentialities of the undertaking as we do.

After graduate work in the foreign-service courses of Yale and Columbia, Mr. Wong returned to South China instead of to Honolulu where he was born and reared. (His father is now living in New York City.) He had had a Chinese education in Hawaii, so entered at once into a combined Chinese-foreign newspaper service. Since 1914, he has been a South China correspondent of Reuters. For several years, he also served the Associated Press, the first Chinese ever to be a correspondent of the A. P. During all these years he has corresponded for a long list of other foreign and Chinese publications.

The Canton Press Association sent him to Washington in 1921-22 as their special correspondent at the Arms Conference. He also represented that body at the first meeting of the World Press Congress and from its inauguration has served as vice-president for China of the Congress. He was a member of the Chinese delegation at the first Institute of Pacific Relations. He was head of the intelligence (publicity) bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Southern Govt. from 1917 to 1921.

These are just the outstanding things in an amazing list of governmental and honorary offices, carried in addition to active work on newspapers. His chief hobby has been scouting; he was the first Scout Commissioner in China and served as S. C. for Canton from 1914 to 1924. ETC. ETC.

I'm writing like this to some of the outstanding contributors, but would like them all to have the good news. I've just sent a story today to Editor and Publisher. How would it do to have them send a marked copy of the issue, in which they carry the story, to all journalism contributors? If agreeable, please arrange for some charge us. I doubt if it would

Letter addressed to
O. W. & L. M. C.

✓ etc. etc.

Letter addressed to Mr. J. W. Brown.
cost much more, and I'd be glad to have us return as we can something tangible to Mr. J. W. Brown.
He is the one contributor who, I think, overreached himself a little in his subscription.
Cordially, Vernon.

(Copy)

Ed S. North
 Seawitt Bldg.
 Kansas City, Mo.

Paitaiho Beach, China,
 August 16, 1929.

Dear Ed:-

Clyde Wellman of Kennett has written me about your presentation of the Nash fund situation at Springfield. I want again to express my deep appreciation for your continuing interest in the matter, and to present some new considerations which may make a greater appeal to the Lions of Missouri.

After I left America, the Chicago Tribune came through with a subscription of \$5,000. This with scattering smaller gifts brought our total to \$65,000, which made it possible for the journalism fund to repay the general university exchequer all amounts spent for my salary and expenses while I was home, and still have almost enough additional to the \$50,000 net sought to build us a residence on the university campus.

Accordingly, the finance committee authorized the erection of a Nash residence in the reasonable expectation that further gifts will be secured to make up the difference. If this does not prove to be the case, the balance for the house will be taken from current journalism funds and we will have to cut our annual budgets the necessary amount each year. I have every confidence that we will continue to get gifts during the five year period, particularly from publishers who were in the "almost persuaded" class when I saw them.

The response of the Missouri clubs when I visited them last summer, and the conversations with various leaders, leads me to feel that a project even more personally for me might get more tangible results. We shall now have our regular home on the campus whatever the response of my fellow Missourians. I therefore want to lay the following facts before you and Allen Hays (to whom I am sending a copy of this letter) for your consideration, comments, and possible action. I'm also sending a copy of this to our American executive secretary, Dr. C. E. Jenney, so that if anything comes of my suggestions he may be familiar with the situation from the beginning.

One of the most serious personal problems which we confront out here is the matter of summer residence. The general climate is such that it is highly desirable that one's family get away from Peking during the summer months and that the man have at least a month of change. It is of course quite possible to remain in Peking the year round but a price is paid for it sooner or later by all but exceptional individuals either in lowered efficiency or in actual breakdowns in health. The thermometer readings in Peking do not differ greatly from Kansas City but months of absolutely dry weather through fall, winter and spring produce the world's worst dust. Then in summer when one might hope for escape the rains are so terrific and the land so flat that near or actual floods keep folks indoors or close to home.

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As a result of this need in North China for a change of residence in summer, a resort has grown up here at Peitaiho Beach on the sea East of Peking. Several thousand foreigners gather here on a glorious promontory jutting out into the Bay of Chihli. We read, study the language, dance, play bridge, tennis, and swim on a fine sandy beach. In addition to the physical relaxation and refreshment, we get the necessary break from China and things Chinese by living some weeks in a social atmosphere that is essentially a bit of home.

The problem of course, for those of us who do not have private means, is how to provide for such a vacation out of our incomes. The Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and one or two missions have a summer-vacation allowance. A few missions have built summer homes for the use of their personnel at a nominal rental. There is no timber available in China so that the houses have to be built of stone or brick. The frequent heavy rains and the occasional coast-wise storms make it imperative that the houses be well-built and permanent.

It is inevitable, therefore, that rentals are high. For instance, we are in a small modest dwelling this summer but the rent is almost equal to a month's salary. Being a seasonable proposition, the cost of food is higher than ordinary. And in the present state of Chinese railways, it is desirable to travel first-class which makes the railroad fares alone run to almost half a month's salary. As Mr. Nash and I size up the situation, summers down here regularly are out of the question for us unless we can get a house of our own and thus avoid the heavy rentals.

The issue has come to the fore with us this summer because we have discovered that the one house which we have fancied since we first visited Peitaiho is for sale. It sets off to itself on a rocky point of land with sea on three sides. Ten to fifteen miles across the bay is a high range of mountains along which the Great Wall of China comes down to the sea. I plan to get some pictures of the house and will send them to you with full details concerning the cost if I hear from you and Allen that you feel that the Lions, in your opinion, might be attracted to the proposition of giving us a house for our personal possession than in providing for part of the cost of the erection of a home which would be the property of the university.

It has been a wonderful summer here this year. I do not think it possible that I could have been ready for the strenuous work ahead but for these weeks. Now I am "rarin'" to go.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

(Signed) Vernon Nash.

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Peltaino Beach,
August 31, 1929

Miss Louise McCoy,
Yenching University,
New York City.

Dear Louise:-

Your good long letter of July 23 and the Aug. 1 communication with a file full of memorandums is before me and I've laid off this Saturday morning, when I have no language teacher, to answer same. We go to Peking next Tuesday, the 3rd, in a special 2nd class car which is almost entirely filled with Yenching folks.

It was good to hear that you at last have a successor to Blanche, and that you are getting away for the much-needed rest. The Virginia trip sounds most intriguing, and the week-end resort perfect. It sure sounds as if you were breaking into the big league with the interviews with Mr. Hopkins. We are all eagerly awaiting the results of the Mei Lan-fang experiment.

The delay in Weebs return was a blow. Apart from the academic deficiency of no real work in Phy. Educ., I think it a real danger that the students are not kept as busy as possible in such work to let off excess steam.

Thanks for the efforts to get the Lee books. I've written him already this summer and will again when the books arrive. Privately, the list is an acute disappointment both in numbers and in the selection. He talked in terms of at least a couple of hundred. But I got even a bigger blif in another direction when I got the invoice for the adv. books ordered by the Dean. I had hoped that he would pay for them from his fund, and even then had not dreamed of their laying out so exhaustive a list---we certainly will have a real advertising shelf.

On the other hand, I was responsible for the big Editor and Publisher bill. It really counts as a part of the cost of sending out the Dean Williams letter in which we promised to make a report publicly of all subscriptions received. Several newspapermen with whom I had conferred about such an appeal from the Dean felt that a formal public acknowledgment should be made. Since it had to be, I tried to make the ad distinctive enough to have general publicity value as well. Moreover, as I wrote Mr. Wannamaker earlier in the summer, it is well for us to make some tangible return to James Wright Brown for his subscription is a very disproportionate one, and we got more help from him and his staff than from ~~any~~ any other save the Dean. The late date was agreed upon in order to get in all possible subscriptions from newspaper sources. It was essentially a public acknowledgment, not a plea for more subscriptions.

I've tried sorting your memo inquiries into some logical order but don't find any, so I'll just answer them as I turn them over.

I'd let the matter of my sister's subs. ride for the present. A violent upset in the Kansas City, Kansas, school system left them out in the cold in the middle of the summer and though they have placed themselves rather well in Topeka, they've had all the upset of the break. Their address now is % State Boys' Industrial School, Topeka, Kan.

Thanks for having the address of the Jour. Quarterly changed. I've also recently written the Citizens' League bulletin in K.C. which I had forgotten. The Stair letter to Jenney revived vivid memories of similar interviews. The children whom he serves may live to regret the fact that they were brought into the world (or permitted to survive) if we do not make sure of the well-being of the whole world and cement bonds of good-will between East and West so that they cannot be broken.

The Missouri situation seems thoroughly messed up, though it is a hopeful thing for Allen Hays to be district governor unless his other duties crowd out the Nash interest. Comebacks I have had led me to feel that, since the clubs had not responded to the other appeal, he might get more of a rise by something which would be quite personal. Since our house has been authorized and will be built, regardless of what they do, I suggested the possibility of their getting together a fund to give us a house at Peitaino. Copy of this letter was sent to Dr. Jenney.

We did not lend a cut to the Newark News. It was a photograph. It would seem to me to be cheaper and more satisfactory for you to order another gloss finish picture of me from Hixon's, President Hotel Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., if you can get no trace of the other. I took a cut of myself and something else to the Editor and Publisher. They may have it. The cut in question, however, is now five years old and I would rather a new one should be made from the K.C. photo.

The letter to the Kansas City men is O.K. It may be that vacations delay payments. I should like at your convenience to have a record of payments in, as a matter of interest. The bulk total I can get from the treasurer's office, I suppose. I especially would like to have your full journalism address list. As a matter of labor-saving, it would be all right to run them on the addressograph on slips, if you have the full jour. list separate.

The letter to Mr. Hyde was the regular one concerning Hin Wong's appointment with a final paragraph explaining the reasons for the delay in starting the house--- too late to finish before winter, our own need to go carefully over plans on the ground, waiting for proper site, etc. We shall live in East Compound residence.

Cordially,

Vernon Nash.

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Peking China

September 11, 1929.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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My dear Mr. Garside:

As a matter of personal interest, I should appreciate knowing what payments have been received on the journalism subscriptions. The treasurer's office here also desires as soon as possible to have a journalism budget authorized; how much may we spend this first year? If this information has not already been sent before receipt of this letter, Dr. Galt would like you to make a lump sum authorization for journalism in your next cable.

Pending receipt of this authorization, the treasurer's office (by order of the faculty executive) is paying our salaries and such other requisitions of the department as we feel to be needed immediately. Funds for the residence will not have to be drawn until after China New Year.

Assuming that the finance committee is still willing to have the campaign deficit spread over the years (instead of its being a first charge on receipts), it seems probable that the travel accounts of myself and Hin Wong can be paid in full out of the first year's budget.

Assuming further that we get no additional subscriptions, we should have between G\$8,000 and G\$9,000 available, after campaign account, residence, etc., has been paid. In addition there would be the \$1,000 a year which Dean Williams will spend on our behalf at his discretion.

There are many expenses such as office equipment, purchase of furniture of use of Missouri-Yenching Fellow, and other initial capital outlays which will have to be made this year, but will not be needed in future years. On the other hand, it should normally be expected that the needs will grow as the department expands. Consequently, I should hope that the finance committee will authorize a budget of not less than G\$9,000 for our first year, and preferably G\$10,000.

Mr. B.A.G. - 2

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Since we had only an insignificant sum for current miscellaneous expenses in the previous years, we have no precedents on which to base a tentative detailed budget. The items of which we are sure - salaries, house rent to the University, graduate assistant, etc., totals \$13,500 L.C. Since the James Melvin Lee collection was quite disappointing in both the number and the selection of books, we shall be forced to spend at least another G\$250 for books this year. // We should have a general collection of standard works to match that exhaustive list on advertising ordered by Dean Williams at my suggestion. Groff tells me, by the way, that the Dean told him a donor had given \$200 for the purchase of books. I don't know where Dean Williams got this idea, but this doubtless explains his failure to pay for them. I hoped and suggested in my letter to him about the ordering of advertising books that he would pay the bill out of his fund.

Cordially yours,

Vernon Nash.

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October 12, 1929.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
China Union Univ.,
New York City.

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TRANSFER

My Dear Garside:-

The grounds and buildings committee this week authorized the silver equivalent of \$7,500 for a Nash residence out of the \$25,000 gold authorized for houses last spring. Their action was taken in response to the instructions in the finance committee meeting of April 26, 1929. We now expect to have location and plans settled this winter and contracts let so as to start work just as soon as weather opens up.

The treasurer's office is still without any authorization to pay journalism bills, but I presume that this will have been received long before you get this letter. With this I'm sending Miss McCoy and Mr. Wannamaker general news letters which I hope you will have opportunity to see. Wish you could have been here to the F.O. The loss of Jenney is a great blow to many of my hopes. Before you know it, I'll probably be back working on the permanent endowment.

Mrs. Nash and I have assumed some obligations with her sister which call for a payment of \$150 a year. We should appreciate it if Miss Lane would send \$75 on Dec. 1 and June 1 each year to

Miss Helen Rooker, Box 768, Las Cruces, N.M.

and charge
it to our journalism account to be handled like our insurance payments.

Cordially,

Vernon Nash.

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Miss
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October 12, 1929.

Dear Louise:-(McCoy)

It hardly seems possible but I have let six weeks slip by without a letter to you, during which time I have had two good letters from you. The many inclosures are noted and filed for action where needed. I'll comment only on those which seem to require it. You may be sure that we shall keep letters going at intervals to Miss Bogue and to all other past and potential contributors.

If you or Wannamker have not already seen it, there is an excellent story on the formal opening (advance story) in the China Weekly Review of Sept. 14 written by a Chinese journalist. As you will see by the material sent you immediately after the close of the exercises, we managed to keep busy in the weeks right after we got by with the preparation of printed matter for the big event and in press releases. We were all surprised at the interested attitude of the local press, and I worked like a nailer keeping them supplied with stuff during the days. I hope that some of the papers may be sent to some of the journalism subscribers with the comment that most of the work therein is the work of the staff and students in journalism.

As soon as possible, I want to get a general letter off again toward the U.S.A. with a report to the jour. people concerning our enrollment. It has exceeded expectations. Forty-four students taking one or more courses, ranging from those taking only two hours to one boy taking 18. The average hours for the 44 students is 5. The average enrollment for the eight classes is 11, ranging from the introduction to jour. class with 30 to one course in press correspondence to which we admitted only one experienced student who is doing actual work under Hin Wong's supervision.

Since the F.O., it has been a rush trying to get caught up with mail, syllabi, records, etc. Many have gone away to the hills over the week-end holidays which include the China Independence Day, but I've chosen to remain at home and potund the typewriter. For recreation, I'm running a Colyum in the Peking Leader "The Misleader" anonymously. We rarely have had a free night since we got back from Peitaiho, either folks in or invited out or lecture or choir practice, etc. Mary is teaching full time in the children's school.

The report of the journalism payments is most encouraging. Since the list of subs due and payable does not include any of the big money, I presume that you have gotten that previous to the summer months. The treasurer's office here still is without any authorization to pay journalism bills and is doing so by courtesy and with increasing fretfulness. Following the April 26 action of the finance committee, funds for the Nash house have been voted by the Grounds and Buildings Committee out of the \$25,000 authorized for residences last spring.

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-2-L.M.Mc. Oct. 12, 1929.

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Since I'd like to write letters of appreciation from this end to all contributors, please let me have the address of A. R. Kimball of Waterbury, Conn., and of the Atherton Trust, Honolulu. It would be a helpful check to have your full journalism address list run off on cards.

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Groff has romped into the work in great shape, and though we have not had as full registration for advertising work as we expected (due to the wiping out of the business training division in the department of economics), he has 19 in his one class in Principles of Advertising and is handling all the laboratory work in our course in the Newspaper Reference Library. He is also signed up for four hours work as a student in research in advertising, and another four hours in a graduate seminar on the place of the press in the modern social order. A student assistant who graduated last year is proving invaluable as an office man and general Chinese assistance.

Hin Wong has exceptional gifts in his personal relationships, which is a trait all too rare in college teachers, but I'm much concerned by his language difficulties. He understands English well and writes it better, but a physical peculiarity of speech makes it difficult for students to understand him. He understands northern Chinese reasonably well, but ~~fixes~~ speaks it very imperfectly. I hope he will ultimately fit in fine but there is some dissatisfaction among students now.

The size and complexity of the task much of the time has ~~me~~ almost floored. I want to work into the matter slowly and surely, but student eagerness to get a lot of vocational and professional activities going is a factor. They want a publication and what not. We must have a press at the earliest possible moment. I don't know what I would give if I could speak Chinese fluently. With Philip Fu's guidance and help (Dr. Stuart's Chinese secretary) I think I could go out in a few weeks and get the money for a good press from Chinese sources. Their interest in our project continues to be a most heartening element.

The Formal opening was an unqualified success. The dedicatory service was beautiful and impressive; the formal exercises significant and gratifying chiefly in the extension of such fine greetings from all Chinese sources. There were sufficient out-of-town distinguished folks to make a real impression upon students and Peking folks generally. It is good to see with what ease of mind J.L.S. leaves this time as compared with other trips to America.

One of the things which gives us much personal satisfaction is the congenial situation in which the children find themselves in a compound full of kids.

Happily yours,

Vernon

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PEIPING WEST. CHINA

October 12, 1929.

Mr. O. D. Wanamaker,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wanamaker:-

Under separate cover the other day, I sent you some carbon copies of material used during the formal opening and some late pictures. You doubtless will get most of what you want from the bundles of printed matter mailed to the office at the close of the F.O. I won't repeat other news given in letters to Louise and Garside.

So far as I know, no one has written of this year's faculty preessional conference. It was held in Ta Yuan, the summer home gardens of a Chinese politician which we have leased for three years--not as pretty as the Lan Jun Yuan but in much better condition and trim. My mind of course ran to the contrast with my first one I attended five years ago. Then most of those attending were Westerners and English was the language with occasional translations; now most of those present were Chinese and the discussion was translated into English except when the discussers got too excited to remember to do so or to have it done for them. The Chinese Chancellor was in the chair.

The pleasure of the two days was marred considerably for me by the emphasis upon the handing out of information by administrative officers, instead of giving full time for general discussions. The announcements took hours that could have been read in a fraction of the time. To say that they wouldn't be read if put in bulletin form is to beg the question; the folks who won't read official bulletins did not attend the conference.

But we did get down to bedrock near the middle of the second day. The usual argument over membership on committees was held, but most of our time was given to a consideration of the rather serious situation which confronts us in the apparently lessening number of applicants who are able to pass our entrance exams, which causes many who could satisfy the examiners to hesitate to take them, lest they fail. The full effects of the extraordinary preoccupation of middle school students with political and extra-school activities in recent years (worse than in the universities) is just beginning to be felt. The chief result of these discussions was a conference of middle school representatives during the Formal Opening to discuss our mutual problems and relationships. There was a near panic in August when one boy (a Russian) and one girl passed the entrance exams out of 122 candidates, but we are full to capacity though only 550 of the 750 students are regular candidates for a degree--others are specials, auditors, short-course, etc. A considerable number have conditions to make up in one or two subjects before being full Freshmen.

Cordially Nash.

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COMPLETE LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS TO JOURNALISM

<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Gift</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Still Due</u>
Adams, Mr. D. S. (LG)*	\$ 50	\$10 ann. beg. 6-13-29	\$ 10	\$ 40
Aldredge, Mrs. Geo. N.	10		10	
Allen, Mr. J. Turley	10		10	
Amer. Soc. Newspaper Editors	1000		1000	
Amick, Mr. E. E. (LG)	25	\$5 ann. beg. 6-13-29	5	20
Atha, Mr. J. S. (LG)	125	\$25 " " "	25	100
Atherton Trust	50		50	
Battenfeld, Mr. P. S. (LG)	50	\$10 " " "	10	40
Bayliss, Mrs. William	25		25	
Beers, Dr. Forrest W.	10		10	
Bliss, Mr. Harry H.	25		25	
Broughton, Mr. C. E.	100		100	
Brown, Mr. Jas. Wright	2500	\$500 ann. beg. 4-1-29	500	2000
Buck, Miss Harriet M.	2		2	
Buttram, Mr. Frank	250	\$50 " " 1-1-30	--	250
Garhart, Mrs. H. A.	1		1	
Challman, Mr. L. Oscar (LG)	25		25	
Chicago, Tribune	5000	\$1000 ann. beg. Apr. 1929	1000	4000
Clark, Mr. Robert J. (LG)	500	\$100 " " June 1929	--	500
Clayton, Mr. W. L.	250		250	
Constock, Mr. Leon D. (LG)	50	\$10 " " 6-13-29	10	40
Cosper, Rev. Joseph	2		2	
Cowles, Mr. Gardner, Sr.	100		100	
" " " Jr.	50		50	
Davis, Mr. B. J. (LG)	250	\$50 " " "	50	200
Dealey, Mr. G. B.	2500	\$500 " " 6-30-29	500	2000
DeLane, Mr. R. J. (LG)	50		50	
Donnie, Dr. Chas. G. (LG)	75	\$25 " " 1926	50	25
Donnie, Mr. Chas. H.	50	\$10 " " 6-30-29	10	40
Dewart, Mr. Wm. T.	5000	\$1000 " " 7-1-29	1000	4000
Editor & Publisher Co.	100		100	
Elmhurst, Mrs. Leonard K.	3500	In full during 1929	3500	
Fahs, Mr. Charles H.	20		20	
Fletcher, Mr. G. P.	10		10	
" " " "	50	\$10 beg. Octo. 30, 1929	--	50
Flint, Mr. Justin T. (LG)	25	\$5 ann. beg. 10-17-28	5	20
Foster, Mr. Marcellus E.	1000	\$100 semi-ann. beg. 6-15-29 and 12-15-29	100	900
Gaylor, Mr. Edward K.	1575	\$575 ann. beg. 8-30-29	375	1500
Glass, Mr. Frank P.	25	\$5 " " "	10	15
Graves, Mr. and Mrs. A. J.	50		50	
" " " " "	200	\$50 " " 12-1-29	--	200
Griffin, Mr. H. B.	10		10	
Hagerman, Mr. B. H. (LG)	75		75	
Harrison, Mr. R. R.	25		25	
Hatfield, Mr. Grant B. (LG)	50	\$10 " " 6-13-29	10	40
" " Henry R.	100		100	

* (LG) means member of Lions Club

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Hill, Mrs. O. J.	\$ 5		\$ 5	\$
Hi-Y Club of Y.M.C.A.	10		10	
Hesse, Mrs. Fred G.	1		1	
Hess, Mr. W. D.	15		15	
Howard, Mr. Ed	25		25	
Rumphrey, Mr. W. W. (LC)	75	\$25 ann. beg. 10-17-28	50	25
Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. G.	25		25	
Hyde, Mr. A. A.	3000		3000	
Irwin, Mr. Roy R. (LC)	500	\$50 semi-ann. beg. 6-1-29 and 12-1-29	50	450
Kansas City Journal-Post				
W. L. Dickey (LC)	500	\$100 Ann. beg. 6-15-29	100	400
Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. F. W.	500	\$250 " " 6-1-29	250	250
Ketcham, Miss Rosemary	5		5	
Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. A. R.	25		25	
Lancaster, Mr. Kenneth	5		5	
Lions Club, Hamilton, Ont.	30		30	
" " Ontario, Calif.	25		25	
McAfee, Mr. R. C.	45	\$15 " " 8-15-23	30	15
Myers, Mrs. J. L.	5	On or before 1-1-31	--	5
Nash, Mr. Emory	25	\$5 ann. beg. 2-16-29	5	20
Newman, Mr. Harry A. (LC)	100		100	
New York Times	5000	\$1250 " " 4-11-29	1250	3750
The News, Santa Barbara	10		10	
" " " "	80	By January 1, 1931	--	80
Herberne Meth. S. S.	51.72		51.72	
North, Mr. Ed. S. (LC)	50	\$10 ann. beg. 6-13-29	10	40
Pasadena Star-News	25		25	
" " "	75	In 3 ann. instal. beg. 3-1-30	--	75
Pearson, Mr. Sam C. (LC)	25	\$5 ann. beg. 6-15-29	5	20
Porter, Mr. J. F.	2500	\$500 " " 4-29-29	500	2000
Pres. Ch., Parkville, Mo.	57.69		57.69	
Prisk, Mr. W. F.	10		10	
Redheffer, Mr. Fred H. (LC)	125	\$25 " " June 1929	25	100
Rider, Mrs. A. D.	5		5	
Ridge, Jr., Mr. T. S.	80	\$10 ann. " 6-15-29	--	80
St. Joseph News-Press	1000	\$200 " " 1-1-29	200	800
Scripps, Miss Ellen B.	5000	\$1000 " " 3-1-29	1000	4000
" , Mr. Robert P.	5000	\$1000 " " early in June 1929	1000	4000
" , Mr. William E.	500	\$100 " " 5-1-29	100	400
Shen, Mr. Henry B. (LC)	80	\$10 " " 6-15-29	--	80
Sheldon, Dr. Homer M. (LC)	75	\$15 " " "	--	75
Siggins, Mrs. D. H.	25		25	
Smith, Rev. Edward Lincoln	25		25	

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Stafford, Mrs. T. P.	\$ 25	About November 1, 1929	\$ --	\$ 25
Strong, Mr. Walter A.	5000	\$1000 ann. beg. 1929	--	5000
Taylor, Mr. Merle C. (LG)	50	\$10 " " 6-15-29	10	40
Thompson, Mr. Chas. T. (LG)	25		25	
Townsend, Mrs. E. P.	25		25	
Turner, Mr. and Mrs. W. H.	10		10	
United Press Associations	1000	\$200 " " 7-1-29	200	800
Ventch, Mr. N. T. Jr. (LG)	50	On or before 1-1-30	--	50
Villard, Mr. Oswald G.	500	\$100 ann. beg. 7-1-29	100	400
Weber, Mr. Arthur F. (LG)	50	\$10 " " 6-15-29	10	40
Wenger, Mr. Samuel W.	10	By January 1, 1931	--	10
Westervelt, Dr. H. O.	50	\$10 Ann. beg. June 1929	10	40
Williams, Mr. G. E.	50	\$10 " " 6-30-29	10	40
Williams, Dean Walter	5000	In 5 years beg. 1929	600	4400
Winters, Mr. Ernest G. (LG)	2500	\$500 ann. beg. 6-15-29	500	2000
Wolfe, Mrs. Austin D.	15	In 3 ann. payments beg. 4-1-29	10	5
Wood, Mr. W. Musgrave (LG)	50	\$10 ann. beg. 6-15-29	10	40
Wright, Mr. F. A. (LG)	50	\$10 " " 6-15-29	10	40

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Yenching University

October 25, 1929

Mr. Vernon Nash,
Yenching University,
Peping, China.

My dear Mr. Nash:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 11 dealing with the subject of the budget for the Department of Journalism during 1929-30, and in a more general way with the budget for the next four years.

We are enclosing herewith the following material: (a) a complete list of contributors to Journalism, corrected to October 15, 1929, as prepared by Miss McCoy; (b) an analysis of the Journalism Fund prepared by our Yenching Treasurer's office.

A study of the list of contributors to Journalism shows that to date there has been received \$18,855.41, and that \$45,515.00 is still to be paid during the next five years. If all pledges are paid promptly this money will be received as follows:

During the remainder of 1929-30	\$4,975
" " " 1930-31	11,525
" " " 1931-32	11,140
" " " 1932-33	9,865.
" " " 1933-34	8,010
	<u>\$45,515</u>

It should be noted that with the list of contributors we have included Dean Williams \$5,000. Since Dean Williams has reserved the right to expend this amount largely at his own discretion, this particular pledge is in a somewhat special class. There is also included with the list of contributors one anticipated gift for which the Promotional Office does not as yet have a satisfactory written pledge. This is the gift of Mr. Walter A. Strong for \$5,000.

The analysis of the Journalism funds as prepared by our Treasurer's office shows a somewhat larger total than does Miss McCoy's list of contributions received to date. According to our Treasurer's records the total amount of receipts for Journalism to October 21, 1929,

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is \$20,239.58. This includes \$17,855.41 receipts shown by Miss McCoy's list, together with \$2,386.17 gifts received for Journalism before your new campaign started, but not included with the original pledges for your 1924-1927 work. Our Treasurer's office has credited to the Yen-ching Residence account the \$1,000 gift from Mr. A.A. Hyde which on Miss McCoy's list is credited direct to Journalism.

You will notice that to June 30, 1929 we had received for work in Journalism, exclusive of pledges for the work in Journalism during 1924-27, G\$17,154.58. Disbursements to June 30, 1929 amounted to G\$14,966.41, leaving a balance of cash on hand of G\$2,188.17. A study of the disbursements shows that \$9,818.08 was expended for your salary and allowances during your Journalism campaign and for campaign travel and other miscellaneous campaign expenses. The amount of \$2,093.74 was the portion of your return journey to China, charged to Campaign account, bringing the total for expenditures in the Campaign account to \$11,911.82. The amount charged for Journalism current expenses (account 41) totalled \$3,054.59. Account 41 was set up on March 7, 1929 so these expenditures cover a period of only about eight months. You will notice the various details of these expenditures.

To October 21, 1929, we had received an additional \$3,160.00 and during the remainder of this fiscal year anticipate receipt of \$4,975.00. These two amounts, plus the balance on hand July 1st, \$2,188.17, give total anticipated receipts for this year \$10,323.17. To date disbursements have amounted to \$389.78 as itemized. This leaves an anticipated balance available for disbursements during the year of \$9,933.39.

In considering a budget for Journalism during 1929-30 and for the next four years, we must take into consideration two factors:-

1. The cost of your residence. On April 26, 1929 the Finance Committee received Mr. Wannamaker's report that "the receipt of additional pledges for Mr. Nash's work in Journalism has increased the total of this fund sufficiently to provide not only for the \$50,000 needed for Journalism during the next five years and for meeting the expenses of the Journalism campaign and Mr. Nash's furlough expenses, amounting in all to about ten thousand dollars, but has also made possible the provision of a residence for Mr. Nash. (To date the total gifts and pledges for Journalism amount to \$64,945.41.) Also, certain gifts made have been given on condition that a residence be provided for Mr. Nash."

On the basis of these facts the Finance Committee by action F-2581 instructed the field either to assign to you a suitable residence among the new residences to be erected, or if no residence suitable for your requirements is being erected at this time, to assign you a residence from among those already erected. As yet we have not received detailed information from the field as to how they are handling the matter of your residence or the amount of expenditure involved. It is impossible, therefore, to make any accurate estimate as to the amount we must hold in reserve for this purpose.

2. Reserve for non-payment of pledges. I suppose that no

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general campaign ever conducted succeeded in collecting one hundred per cent on its pledges. Usually a reserve of at least five per cent or ten per cent is withheld pending the completion of collections. I do not know what margin the Finance Committee will feel should be maintained in the present instance. As I have already pointed out, Mr.W.A.Strong's pledge is still in a very informal state and the Finance Committee may well hesitate to give full recognition to this pledge until it has been received in more tangible form. Also the Committee will wish to keep in mind the constant probability of unpaid pledges due to the death of donors or the waning of interest.

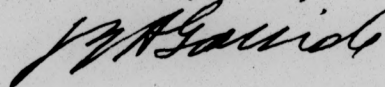
The total amount of unpaid pledges during the next five year period is \$50,863.17. If the Finance Committee feels that as much as ten thousand should be kept in reserve to cover the cost of your residence and to provide a reserve for unpaid pledges, this would mean that approximately forty thousand would be available for the Journalism budget during the next five years, or \$8,000 per year. I suspect the Committee will wish to place the figure for the 1929-30 budget at a fairly conservative amount so as to allow for a gradual increase year by year as the department grows. This would be far wiser than to place the budget for this year at the highest possible level and then be forced to reduce year by year to meet the cost of your residence and to provide for unpaid pledges.

You will note that in the method of accounting we have used both the cost of your campaign and the cost of your return journey to China were cleared off during 1928-29 and are not made a charge against the 1929-30 budget. As yet no charge has been made against your residence with the exception of \$1,000 from Mr.Hyde which has been credited to the Residence account. I presume the Finance Committee will approve spreading the remaining cost of this residence over several years so as to provide a uniform amount for the Journalism budget year by year.

You will note from these accounts that we have not charged to the Journalism Department (account 41) the cost of Mr.S.D.Groff's outgoing travel. These costs were charged to account 31, 1929-30. I presume that Dr.Galt will probably wish to transfer these charges on his books to the Department of Journalism.

A meeting of the Finance Committee will be held sometime during the month of November. The question of the Journalism budget will be brought to the attention of the Committee at that time and we will write you fully as soon as action has been taken.

Very cordially yours,



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Enc.

CC: Dr.Galt
Promotional Office

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YENCHING

TRANSFER

Yenching University

November 15, 1929

Mr. Vernon Nash,
Yenching University,
Peping, China.

Dear Nash:

We have your letter of October 12.

I am glad to know that Mex.\$7,500 has now been set aside for the Nash Residence and that you are working on plans and specifications. I hope you and Mrs.Nash will be able to resist the temptation to allow the plans to outgrow the appropriation. That has happened before, you know.

We are having a meeting of the Finance Committee on November 26 and hope that we will be able to secure at that time definite action on the matter of your journalism budget. If the Committee takes action I will send a cablegram at once. I have already written at some length as to the status of your journalism account and the financial prospects for the next five years.

Our Yenching office is undertaking the semi-annual payments of the \$75 to Miss Rooker as you request.

With warmest good wishes to Mrs.Nash, Miss Rooker and yourself, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Yenching University

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December 6, 1929

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Memo to Mr. Garside:

I hand you herewith a copy of an excerpt from a letter written by Vernon Nash, November 6th. The rest of the letter deals entirely with routine promotional matters having to do with the Department of Journalism. The excerpt of which I am sending you a copy, bears upon a situation of such seriousness at the University, that I feel you as Secretary of the Board of Trustees ought immediately to have this information in the form in which Mr. Nash has communicated it to me. No doubt he has been in direct communication with Doctor Stuart. I am not handing a copy of this letter to any one else.

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Excerpt of Vernon Nash's letter of Nov. 6, 1929, to ODW.

I much regret having to write that a situation is developing which may well lead to my resignation from the Faculty of Yenching University. The salary schedule for Western Faculty members, paid directly by the University, is six years old. The general cost of living by the estimates of our own Economics Department has increased in that time at least by 20%; for those who have to buy goods purchased abroad the increase is much greater. The salary paid at present is totally inadequate for any reasonable subsistence scale. It is markedly below that of the co-operating missions, despite the fact that we do not have the small amount of security for the future which most of the missionaries enjoy.

One has endured this situation in years when the University itself was in great financial straits, but this year the Trustees have a silver surplus to spend for some purpose. The General Faculty Executive Committee has refused to recommend a special budget provision for this year, promising a revision in the formation of the next year's budget. Some of us have heard such a promise made officially at annual intervals since our connections with Yenching. We are making another collective appeal to the General Faculty Executive Committee, and I am one of those, to expect to hand in their resignation if we get a financial refusal from the General Faculty Executive Committee here even to make such a recommendation to the Finance Committee. I am sure that you can understand how unhappy it makes me to be forced into such a position at the very time when I am so happy over the prospects for our journalism work. I assure you that I would not even contemplate such a step, if the salary paid under present living conditions was tolerable.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Vernon Nash

Nov. 10, 1929

P.S. As I wrote from Tientsin, this was dictated but not written before I left on that trip. The executive made their second refusal, and I have resigned. You will believe me, I feel sure, when I say that I feel much as if Mrs. Nash and I were suing each other for divorce, same kind of feeling though of course different in degree. Dr. Galt has just been over and we have reviewed the whole matter in great detail without arriving anywhere.

It seems incredible, from one point of view, but he admits everything fully, the only answer being that it will upset everything to try to correct the situation. There is money available but many other needs therefor. I feel intensely that the University has no moral right to make other expenditures at this stage at the expense of its personnel. The prospect of relief in the future is quite as hypothetical as it has proved to be in each succeeding past year.

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The authorities counter that it would be a great expense to make a thorough going revision of all salaries, Western and foreign, and an injustice to the Chinese to make it for us alone. Of course, it is no injustice to let us go ahead with a scale way below our missionary associates when the stated policy of the University is that our pay shall approximate the median of such salaries.

You may show this to Garside, or to Mr. Evans, at your discretion. This is far from being a full statement of the case which I will of course want to make to all my friends if forced to quit. Just another word: the finance committee in last April took notice of and approved an upward revision of 10 per cent. The increase granted is actually only 8% for single persons and childless couples; it is only 6% for us since no change was made where there is the greatest disparity---children's allowances---it is 5% for the E.O. Wilsons with three children, and so on.

The whole presumption of the salaries is a two to one exchange rate. The contracted price is an increase of $22\frac{1}{2}\%$ per cent over a 2 to 1 rate, and 17 per cent over the budget presupposition of 2.10. The increase made does not begin to equalize the change in the cost of living produced in the past year by such an abnormal increase in the cost of coal. It seems to some of us to be intolerable that the University should actually and literally be making 35 cents Mex. on every gold dollar it sells to get the money for our salaries at the very time when we are simply up against it to know how to pay coal bills. Our salaries in local currency can be raised 20% and it would still not take as much gold to buy that much Mex. as the gold figure in the contract calls for - Thus for me:

G\$163-M\$326 plus 20% is \$65-\$326 plus 65 is \$391.

G\$163 @ contracted rate of 2.45 equals \$399.

Coal by the way is just double what it was when we came out five years ago; we are paying our servants 50 per cent more than we did when we first arrived in China, and other essentials are similarly affected. I am going into the matter in such detail that you may know that I am actually forced to extreme measures, whatever pains they may give to me and to others.

The trustees who were out here won't believe a word of all this. In so far as they were entertained on the campus, it was in the homes generally of folks with private means, and in addition everybody had on their best bib and tucker and blew themselves during that festive period of the formal opening. Herein is a very real factor in the situation, in my opinion. The Chinese are now so dominant a body in the University and so strategically placed in places of authority that they can jolly well look out for themselves; without exception the experienced, influential foreigners in the faculty are representatives of mission boards (save the president, who is frequently on expenses when on trips, has hospitality allowance, lives in a house maintained by the University, etc.); This leaves the westerners paid directly by the University, and a canvass of the group made in the last two weeks shows that a majority of them have means and are making no pretense of even trying to live on their salaries. Most of them frankly admit that what they get from the University is a kind of allowance.

Excerpt from VN's letter of 11-6-29

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I do not question the good faith, the sincerity, nor the Christian motives of any associate when I say that human beings harrassed by conflicting appeals and needs, tend to yield where the pressure is heaviest. One who is in no position to bring pressure is simply out of luck, and there rest a small group of us Westerners on the faculty who are without any means of our own and without any hope of ever having such. Hence I repeat what I said above, if a clean-cut a case as we have, the justice of which is universally admitted, is turned down at a time when there are actually funds in hand, I simply have no other recourse than to turn back, though it wrench me to the depths.

V.N.

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Mark Vernon

YENCHING

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peping China

TRANSFER

Department of Journalism

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Dec. 11, 1929.

Dear Leighton:-

It is distressing that I cannot write you that the salary situation has all been cleared up, but in some ways it seems more confused than ever. As soon as the faculty executive appointed a revision committee to bring in a report to them concerning possible revisions, I asked Dr. Galt to hold up the matter of my resignation, pending its report. I was asked to serve upon it with Dr. Galt as convener, Tayler, Alice Boring, S. D. Wilson, Stephen, T. H. Ch'en, Jimmie and C. W. Luh. The chancellor met with the Chinese sub-committee when they worked on their schedule.

The ^{id}endowment and annuity provision suits me fine? It proved for a year's salary payment in the event of death or permanent disability, and 5 per cent of one's salary is put away on interest each year with the University setting aside a like amount. The Chinese held that their scale was basically all right but recommended that the upper limit for full professors be raised to 350 a month, that the Chinese receive the same medical and dental treatment as Westerners, and that they be permitted to remain in their homes during furlough years if desired. These mean a sizable increase in fact for the Chinese.

From the time we got back, we felt sure that something was radically wrong with the salary situation, but I was not prepared to find the disparity as great as it proved. Dr. Galt, J. B. Tayler, S. D. Wilson and Alice ought certainly to be a trustworthy and sane group and the schedule they recommend as being in harmony with the stated policy of the University to keep an approximation to the better mission scales (of the cooperating boards) would mean an increase of 35 per cent for us at present contracted exchange rates. Even at the 2 to 1 basis, it would be an increase of 17 per cent.

That would seem to indicate a real crisis for those of us who have no other resources whatever. My Meth. colleagues today on the same term and with the same number of children are getting \$1,500 a year more than I am. I agree with you that we Westerners ought to make only reasonable demands and that the administrative authorities ought to be reasonable in meeting them. It certainly seems to me to be altogether reasonable to ask that the University come up to its stated policy and give us a missionary's salary. I am quite ready to work for a missionary's salary; I'm not ready to be content with 65 per cent thereof.

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When the schedules were presented to the faculty executive yesterday, they wrangled over them for two and a half hours without reaching any decision. I was not there, but I understand there was a feeling that the Chinese ought to have a general raise all along the line. We Westerners on the committee were certainly quite prepared to vote for same, but the Chinese sub-committee brought in a report that a raise generally was not necessary to bring their schedule in line with the state policy of the University, namely an approximation of the salaries available elsewhere to Chinese teachers, taking into account all the advantages in the Yenching situation, such as house, medical, etc. The executive finally voted to ask the revision committee to meet with them next week to examine the entire situation in full.

In an open meeting held by the revision committee, Lucius urged the unwisdom of having a mixed body pass on two very divergent and anti-thetical scales; that there was dynamite in such a situation. His solution is that we Westerners be taken off the field budget and placed directly under the trustees, being given to the University in lieu of cash precisely as the mission board representatives are. This did not meet with a favorable response; in fact, some offense was taken at the suggestion. I think you know well enough my feeling toward race distinction and difficulties, but I agree absolutely with Lucius. I think it most unwise for one body to pass upon two such different scales, divergent both in amounts and in the basic presumptions.

My personal difficulty will hinge upon the request of a group of us Westerners that the report of the committee shall be made applicable to this budget year. This seems to me a most reasonable request in view of the fact that we have at intervals for some years protested against the prevailing rates and have been asked to wait until funds were available. The silver surplus makes such funds available. There are of course other things calling for the money; there always will be. How long is the University morally justified in carrying out other phases of its work at the expense of flesh and blood? To ask us to wait another twelve month in the light of all the facts is the equivalent to me of a request that we contribute a good many hundreds of dollars to the University budget ~~out of our~~ ^{when we have} already ^{had} inadequate salaries ^{for some years.}

Although, as I wrote you from Tientsin, I cannot even contemplate with equanimity any turning back from this task, if the University is capable of making such a demand, I simply could not with any joy or satisfaction in my work continue. Therefore, I have said to Dr. Galt that my resignation stands if the schedule adopted is not made applicable to this budget year. But before I press that, I propose to appeal a possible adverse decision clear to the trustees. I simply cannot believe that we shall be asked to carry on for another year at less than even a standard missionary rate until every authoritative body in Yenching has told me so.

You will, I suppose, have been the inclosed.
The work goes ahead nicely. Mary was out 2 weeks with bad cold and neuritis. She is now back at work. Both children have had to have glasses.
Cordially Vernon.

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December 17, 1929

Dear Vernon:

It was certainly a bolt out of the blue to get your letter saying you had resigned. I hope that by now you have had the matter straightened out in some way and that your decision has been reversed. We are hoping Dr. Stuart can tell us something more about the whole affair.

In the same mail in which we received your letter about resigning came the list of books you wanted me to order for the children and Rev. and Mrs. Nash at Holt, Missouri. I didn't know exactly what to do about the books, hoping that Dr. Stuart would get here sooner than we expect him now, but finally decided yesterday to put the order through, which I did. The patterns and things for the children would not have arrived in Peking by Christmas anyway.

We now expect Dr. Stuart by Thursday and will surely be glad to see him.

With very best wishes to you and Mary and the family for a real Happy New Year,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Vernon Nash
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