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April 28, 1931

My dear Lucius:

In writing you about the recent meeting of the Harvard-Yenching Trustees, I forgot to include a comment on the Congress of Orientalists at Leyden next September. It seems that Professor Blake is to be in Europe at that time and that Philip de Vargas had already indicated his own readiness to attend, so that although I pointed out the desirability of having a Chinese, I could not press the matter any further.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Lucius Porter
Yenching University
Peiping, China

JLS:KK

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The Porter family have done a great deal for Yenching:

May 1931

Prof. Lucius C. Porter is now English Secretary of the Harvard Yenching Institute at Yenching. In addition to probable gifts which we do not know about, he has given \$1000 and \$500 for scholarships for two Yenching students. Prof. Porter, himself, is supported by Clinton Ave. Cong. Church, Brooklyn, and the Clinton Avenue Cong. Ch. contributed \$7000 for a residence for Prof. Porter.

James W. Porter, an uncle of L.C.P., gave \$5,250 toward the pagoda for the water tower, several \$1000 gifts for various purposes, and \$100,000 annuity agreement for which he gave 138 shares of capital stock of Continental Ill. Bank & Trust Co of Chicago.

James F. Porter, another nephew of James W., and his mother, Mrs. Julia F. Porter, each gave \$1000 toward the pagoda for the water tower. (1925)

Miss Mary H. Porter, deceased, gave \$1000

The Porter family. (2)

Miss Mary H. Porter, deceased, an aunt of Lucius Porter, gave \$1000 in 1929 and after her death \$5000 of her estate was used for most of the deficit on the pagoda water tower.

YENCHING

Yenching University

July 14, 1931

Dr. Lucius C. Porter,
C/o American Board,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

TRANSTE

My dear Dr. Porter:

I presume that you will soon be arriving in the States but since we have no address for you until you arrive in Cambridge the latter part of September I am sending this letter in care of the American Board in the hope that they will be able to forward this to you much earlier than that date.

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 12 in which you enclose a copy of the report of the Research School of Chinese Studies at Yenching University. I will send this copy along to Dr. Eric North for his information.

The procedure we have heretofore followed in making reports to the Harvard-Yenching Institute has been that our office here at 150 Fifth Avenue has presented a report dealing with finances; and the report telling of the work accomplished has come either directly from the field or through Dr. Eric North. Perhaps after you arrive in this country it would be well for us to review this procedure to see whether any modification should be made.

We have just received from Yenching University a cablegram reading as follows:-

"MISS HILDA L. HAGUE HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE WORK OF MISS
MARGARET M. BORGESON. INFORM DR. LUCIUS C. PORTER.
WILLIAM HUNG"

I presume this means that we need not seek any further for an appointee to succeed Miss Borgeson. We delayed for about ten days the appointment of assistant librarian, on the basis of a suggestion from William that we might appoint one young woman who would be responsible both for the secretarial work done by Miss Borgeson, and also the work connected with the assistant librarianship. However, Mr. Tien felt quite certain that it would be impossible for one young woman satisfactorily to fill both of these places, even if it were possible for us to secure any candidate having such a wide range of ability as would be required to fill these two positions. The Candidate Committee of the Women's College was inclined to agree with Mr. Tien in this judgment.

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We therefore completed the tentative arrangements which had already been made before William's suggestion reached us, and appointed Miss Margaret L.Waller to the assistant librarianship. With each new appointment of a single woman for any kind of work in China we feel a greater amount of uneasiness lest the appointment may not work out happily. We hope, however, that Miss Waller will prove well qualified for the work she is to undertake, and will have a happy and successful period of service on the field.

We look forward to seeing you here in New York from time to time during the coming year.

Very cordially yours,

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July 16, 1931

Rev. Lucius C. Porter, D.D.
West Salem, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Porter:

This note is intended in the first place as a word of welcome to you and Mrs. Porter as you begin your furlough year. She has, I suppose, had some two or three months of hers already, but perhaps she will forgive me for not writing my good wishes more promptly. We in the Board rooms will be glad to have in due time as definite a statement of your dates and various addresses as you can give us.

I have, however, another matter in mind. You probably know that when President Stuart was in America, he spoke of his feeling that certain changes should be made in the personnel of the Yenching Board of Trustees. Some of us have felt for a good while that there were too many Board secretaries among the Trustees. Dr. Stuart graciously expressed his appreciation of the service Board secretaries are rendering the University and his conviction that there should always be some such official representatives of the mission boards on the Board of Trustees. He wished however that the trustees might include a larger number of business men. Many of us echo that wish.

The American Board representatives at present are as follows: Dr. Barton, Mr. Franklin Warner, Mr. L. R. Rounds of New York, and myself. Mr. Warner is now too far away to attend meetings often or to give great amount of direct service to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Rounds is proving a valuable member, especially in the working out of such business points as the pension plan. Dr. Barton has presented his resignation as a Trustee to the Prudential Committee of the American Board and the Prudential Committee of the American Board has accepted it to take effect when his successor is found. As to myself, it may be worth while for me to continue to serve a little longer because of my connection with the Woman's College.

It is in regard to the matter of Dr. Barton's successor

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that I wish to enlist your help. We would live very much for this place on the Board of Yenching Trustees, a business man of some means who might be reasonably expected to develop a very keen and vital interest in the University and as time goes by, to make substantial gifts toward its needs. We would like to get some one whose interest in Yenching might in time be comparable to the interest of the Dodge family in Robert College and Beifute University. If the man for this position can live within fairly easy distance of New York, so much the better, as that will make it more practicable for him to be present at meetings. It is not, however, essential that he be actually in New York.

Can you help us find the right man? Very likely you will not offhand have anyone in mind who seems to you just the person for this particular service, but as you go about, you may have an inspiration. It will naturally be wise for us to cultivate the interest of anyone whom we consider before we plump down upon him a request for service. In this line too, you may be of service as you go about among the churches.

With every good wish to you both, I am

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



Forest Lake, Minn.
Aug. 6th 1931

Ans. _____

Dear Mrs. Lee:-

It was pleasant to have your letter of greeting, dated July 16th & also your letter of information, of July 22nd, regarding St. Tucker. I hope the case may be settled satisfactorily without giving occasion to anti-foreign feeling in Shantung. I am sure the North China King Li Hui will want as little interference in the case on the part of the American Legation as is possible. I suppose Mr. Chandler is acting as American Secretary between Mr. Cross's departure & Mr. Ballou's arrival. You perhaps know already that I am to be teaching Chinese philosophy again at Harvard University for

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The autumn semester. I am due there
Sept. 28th and look forward to
some good talks with you during
my stay, which will end sometime in
January.

I am much interested in what
you say regarding new members
of the Yenching University Board of
Trustees and particularly a successor
for Dr. Barton.

My only suggestion at present is
that you consider the possibility of finding
some one among the membership of
the Clinton Avenue Church, or one of
the other two churches that are interested
in my support. The man I think of among
those I know is Mr. A. H. Scudder, now
living on Greenwood Avenue in Scarsdale
but for long a deacon & trustee of
the Clinton Avenue Church. Probably a man
better qualified, as to his own wealth
would be the son of Dr. W. H. Nichols.
I don't know how much he has main-
tained connection with the

Clinton Ave. Church & his father's
other religious & philanthropic
interests. I will find out about
these points. If there seems reason
to consider him I will be glad
to talk matters over with
him. I always had pleasant
and intimate relations with
his father. If we could win Mr.
Nichols interest he could do a
great deal for Yenching personally
& through his influence, his friends
& business connections. I mentioned
Mr. Scudder because he has been
a most loyal friend of mine
and is heartily interested in
missionary work.

Ned Bognin, pastor of the
Church at Scarsdale would
know whether any of his

Parisians might be considered.
The other Church connected with
me is at Boarcliff. Mr Stanley
North is pastor. I'm less acquainted
with the people there. but know of
one or two families of wealth
that are concerned about religious
matters.

In October I shall be glad to
talk this matter over with you,
& can promise to do anything
you suggest in the way of
"cultivating" a proper candidate.

- I'm sure you yourself are needed
on the board for a long time to
come.

I am here beside a Minnesota lake
with a united family. for the
month of August. Mrs. Porter
has a sister who lives here & others of
her family are near by. We are having
very happy restful times.

Very respectfully,
Hearty yours
Lucius Porter



TRANSFER

Yenching University

October 3, 1951.

Dr. Lucius C. Porter,
Harvard-Yenching Institute,
17 Boylston Hall,
Cambridge, Mass .

My dear Dr. Porter:

We are very happy to learn from your letter of September 29th that you have now safely arrived in Cambridge.

As yet I have not had an opportunity to ask Dr. Eric North whether he desires any change or supplement to the report you sent from Yenching in June. I will let you know about this in a few days.

We have just received a cablegram from Yenching which we have decoded as follows:-

"ALL THAT FOLLOWS IS FOR DR. LUCIUS C. PORTER; RECOMMEND (ed)
(ing) (s) CHENG TE-KUN MASTER OF ARTS. WHERE IS DUYVENDAK."

I hope we have interpreted the names correctly. If there is any uncertainty as to the meaning of the message, let me know and we will try to check it up for you.

Looking forward to seeing you sometime in the near future, I am,

Very cordially yours,

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

TRANSFER

YENCHING



17 BOYLSTON HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

October 8, 1931

My dear Garside,-

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Let me acknowledge yours of October 3rd. The cablegram from Yenching is to be interpreted as follows: that Cheng Te-kun is recommended to Prof. Duyvendak, of the Chinese Department, University of Leiden, for an assistantship that the Professor offers to a Yenching student. You may be interested to know that, for the last three years, one of our most brilliant Yenching students has been in that position. This is a Yenching connection you ought to know about because it may sometimes be mentioned in cablegrams as well as in letters. I thank you for relaying the message to me. Will you be good enough to secure for my use a copy of the latest edition of the Missions Code Book which we use regularly at Yenching. While I am here, it ought to be possible for us to communicate directly with William Hung and the Harvard-Yenching Institute people without bothering you to relay messages. This can be done if I have a copy of the code book. As I remember, it is not an expensive book. Possibly, you have an extra copy that you can sell at a special rate. Anyhow, please secure a copy for me and send it to me as soon as possible.

I am settling down to work here very pleasantly with a cordial welcome from all the Harvard friends. It interests me much to find how definite a place the Harvard-Yenching Institute and its work now have in the university life. I shall do what I can to be of use, not only in teaching my courses, but in meeting various people and in helping them to know what the Harvard-Yenching Institute is about.

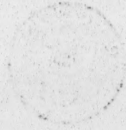
The other day Mrs. Lucius O. Lee told me of an imminent meeting of the Yenching University Board of Trustees and suggested that I ought to know about it and be ready to attend, if the Trustees desire it. Perhaps, you can tell me when such a meeting is likely. I have a partial engagement in New York for the evening of Wednesday, November 11th, and should be very glad, if I am to go to New York, if that meeting could be combined with attendance at the Board of Trustees' meeting.

Very cordially yours,

Lucius O. Lee

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

TRANSFER

YENCHING



17 BOYLSTON HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

October 9, 1931

Dear Mr. Garside, -

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Will you help us out in a matter that interests me and one of my students here, Miss Ardelia R. Hall? A friend of ours, Mr. Johnny Hefter is now in Peking and in some financial need. I am enclosing ^{two} check^s for C. \$80, which we should like to have sent to him as rapidly as possible.

It should be possible for you to cable to Stephen Ts'ai, Treasurer of Yenching University, authorizing him to pay this amount in gold to Mr. Hefter as soon as he can be located in Peking. This will save us some of the expense involved in sending the money to Mr. Hefter by cable. That would itself be difficult, in any case, as we have no exact address for him.

So, my proposal is that you cable to Yenching, authorizing the Treasurer to pay the amount to Mr. Hefter and asking Andrew Ch'eng to discover the whereabouts of Mr. Hefter. Andrew Ch'eng knew Mr. Hefter several years ago when both were in the Chinese Department at Columbia University, and he should be able to discover where Hefter is located. Very probably, Hefter is at one of the German hotels, but I do not feel sure enough about that to cable there directly. I shall have to trouble you to put the substance of this message into the code and to include it in a cable to Yenching, if you are sending one, or, if not, charge to us the full amount of a separate cable.

Just to sum up: The message to be translated into code runs like this:

*x cable word
for this name.*

"The Yenching University Treasurer is authorized to pay C\$80 to Johnny Hefter who is now in Peiping, Andrew Ch'eng knows him and will discover his whereabouts. Let him know that the money comes from Miss Hall and Mr. Porter."

I am sorry to trouble you, but it will be a real kindness to Mr. Hefter and a courtesy to us if the matter can be arranged at once.

Yours very sincerely,

James C. Porter

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Enclosure
2 \$30. checks incl. Dep. 10/14/31

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YENCHING

Yenching University

October 13, 1931.

Dr. Lucius C. Porter,
Harvard-Yenching Institute,
17 Boylston Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. Porter:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letters of October 8th and 9th.

Your letter of October 8th. I am glad to know that you found the cablegram intelligible. Thanks for the information you give as to the Yenching connection with the University of Leiden. I am starting a search for a copy of the Missions Code Book for you, and hope to be able to send you such a copy in a few days. I believe that this Code Book is almost out of print, but I think that we can still secure a few copies.

We are planning a meeting of the Yenching Trustees during the first half of November. Just now we are asking the members of the Board to indicate their availability for attending meetings on various dates between November 4th and November 13th. I believe that the ladies of the Yenching College Committee desire to have their Annual Meeting on November 3rd, and in that case we would try to place the meeting of the Yenching Trustees on November 4th. It may be necessary however, to place the meeting somewhat later. We will let you know in a few days what date is chosen. If you can possibly manage to come, I hope you will do so. At the present time we do not have any very large number of urgent matters of business to come before the Board, but it is possible that other items will come to light during the intervening weeks.

Your letter of October 9th. This letter did not reach us before we closed the office on Saturday, so the cablegram you requested had to wait until today. However, as soon as your letter reached me today, we sent off a cablegram reading as follows:-

TSAI YOU ARE AUTHORIZED PAY GOLD SIXTY DOLLARS TO JOHNNY HEFTER
NOW IN PEIPING STOP ANDREW CHENG KNOWS AND WILL LOCATE HIM
STOP TELL HIM MONEY FROM ARDELIA HALL LUCIUS PORTER OWING.

The cost of this cablegram will be \$10.35. Shall we charge this to our Harvard-

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Dr. Lucius C. Porter

October 15, 1951.

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Yenching Agency Account, or do you wish us to make some other disposition of it?
We are always very happy to assist in matters such as this.

With best wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

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PS: I find that a copy of the Missions Code Book together with the recently
issued supplement will cost \$7.00. Shall we order you a copy?

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



17 BOYLSTON HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Oct 31, 1931

Dear Miss McCoy! -

Thank you for sending the
list of Yenching students &
faculty in the U.S.A.

Here are few suggestions

- ? 1. Could you find the address of Mr.
Barnight, instructor in history - sent
to Yenching for 2 or 3 years to 1922. by
Univ. of Southern Calif.?
- ? 2. Has Paul Anderson, Prof. of physics
up to 1929, disappeared, or is he
dead?

- ✓ 3. Mr. Francis Yu is no longer at Harvard
 - ✓ 4. Mr. Samuel Yu is in Harvard Med. School
 - ✓ 5. Miss Jen is no longer at Wellesley,
So I am told.
 - ✓ 6. Mr. Ch' Tzu-ho is at Harvard studying history
for a Ph.D. degree
 - ✓ 7. Mr. Matt Taylor - Princeton fellow at Yenching
in 1930-31 - Harvard Law School
 - ✓ 8. Mr. Lloyd Free - the other Princeton fellow - working in the
studying International Affairs Library
- Could you have a list made geographically
as well as alphabetically?
- Sincerely yours, James C. Porter

Porter

[Handwritten signature]

November 18, 1931

Dear Lucius:

Is it entirely in order to ask what churches supply your salary? I have just learned that there is nothing in the records here to give the necessary information. Possibly you prefer not to have such information on file. If so, do not hesitate to be quite frank about it. If, however, it is in order to have this information in our files we might be able at times to accomplish something by giving a little special attention to the church or churches that are showing this interest.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Dr. Lucius C. Porter
17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Mass.

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cc to JKS

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



17 BOYLSTON HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Nov. 20, 1931

Dear Alice:-

I am a "project" for the
following churches:

1. Clinton Avenue Congregational Church
Brooklyn - N.Y.

2. Scarsdale Congregational Church
Scarsdale - N.Y.

3. Congregational Church
Briarcliff Manor - N.Y.

The respective pastors are:

Rev. R. K. Stamm, Jr. Brooklyn

Rev. E. C. Carter (Dayton) Scarsdale

Rev. Stanley U. North Briarcliff Manor

Very truly yours,
Lucius C. Porter

see individual letters of Nov. 24th
which O. D. W. wrote to the above
ministers.

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November 27, 1931.

Dear Lucius:

I received an immediate response from Mr. North of the Briarcliff Congregational Church, with a list of some twenty persons to whom he would like to have us send printed matter. I am writing these immediately, explaining that the printed matter is not to be followed up by direct financial appeals to them.

Mr. North asked whether we can send him any printed matter about the Harvard-Yenching Institute and any material to be released to the local papers. Is there anything in print about the Institute that you can send me? If not, can you send a very brief sketchy popular article - say 250 words - about the Harvard-Yenching Institute? I will send this to Mr. North for the local press and will also tie up with your paragraphs something about you personally. Of course your name will not appear as that of the writer of the article. I shall simply use the facts about the Institute as you think best to state them.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Lucius C. Porter
17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Mass.

ODW:LM

no ans.
but he saw Rev. North
himself after this

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Scarsdale Congl
Church

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SCARSDALE, N. Y.

MINISTERS
REV. EDWARD C. BOYNTON
REV. E. WALLACE MAST

December 1st, 1931.

EDNA S. PAIGE, SECRETARY

Mr. Olin D. Wanamaker,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wanamaker:

Your letter addressed to Dr. Carter, Scarsdale Congregational Church, but evidently meant for me, is at hand. I know that there are some of the people in this Church who are vitally interested in the Yen Ching University, but they are people whose names you already have. If others come to my attention I shall be only too glad to let you have them.

It would be much more helpful, however, than the general articles regarding the College, if Mr. Porter would write a circular letter periodically in which there would be more of "human interest" appeal. Our missionary in India, Miss Lillian Picken, does this with such striking success from the standpoint of maintaining a lively and close interest in her work, that I feel sure the method is the most effective one in the field today.

Sincerely yours,

Edward C. Boynton.

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JHS
LC Porter

We have a
number of
Scarsdale
names but
no India-
Tion They
belong to
his church

December 3, 1931

Dear Lucius:

We have received a list of 22 names from the Briarcliff Manor Church and of 20 names from the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church for periodical information regarding you and Yen-ching. Dr. Boynton of the Scarsdale Church sent no names, but referred us to our own mailing list. I am asking Miss McCoy to see whether we can isolate these particular church members from our general mailing list.

*indicate
on card
Scarsdale*

Would it be possible for you to do with this relatively small list what Leighton is doing with a considerable list of persons in America? He sends a periodical letter personally addressed. This gives these friends the feeling that they are in direct contact with China and with the teacher in whom they are interested. If this office could receive a specimen copy of such a letter from you, knowing that it had gone to this particular list of friends, might help us materially in strengthening the tie they feel in you and Yen-ching.

I am not oblivious of the fact that this may be too much of a burden with all you already have. I hope, however, it may be possible. Please let me know how you feel about it.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Lucius Porter
17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Mass.

ODW:KK

cc to JHS

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



17 BOYLSTON HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

December 7, 1931

Dear Olin,-

Thanks for your letter of December 3rd with enclosed copies of your letters to Mr. Boynton and Mr. Stamm. I am quite willing to prepare a periodical letter to be personally addressed to the list of persons in my three churches that you are preparing. It will make more secure my contacts with those people, and may help to maintain a particular interest in Yenching University. For a special, I will try to prepare a first letter to be sent out within the next two weeks to these people before I visit them personally, as I expect to do in January. Will you be good enough to send me the list as you have it prepared in your office? Probably, I may revise the list after my visits in the three churches.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. C. Porter".

Mr. O. D. Wannamaker,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE

TRANSFER

17 Boylston Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.
December 12, 1931.

Dear Olin:-

Yesterday Miss Grace Boynton, and Miss Anna Cochran of the department of English of Yenching, lunched with me to meet Prof. E.H.C. Oliphant of 333 E. Moshulu Parkway, N. Y. C. You know him, of course, and of his interest in getting to China. I believe he and you have written President Stuart about possibilities at Yenching.

I wanted Prof. Oliphant to learn from our ladies about the details of English work at Yenching, the program of studies, etc. and we, of course, wanted to get impressions of him both professionally and personally. We had a pleasant time for two hours and covered the ground quite thoroughly.

Here are our reactions. Professionally Prof. Oliphant is well equipped and shows a spirit that would be useful at Yenching in the higher work in English. His specialties, drama and literary history, will fit well into the Yenching English program for advanced students. He seems adaptable and not averse to doing a share of the drudgery of drill in sophomore English if it should be required of him. He has training in library work and might help a lot on that end of the English work.

In matters of personality I found Prof. Oliphant amusing and interesting and likeable. Miss Boynton felt he did not meet the personal requirements for Yenching so fully as he does the professional. But she is ready to recommend an appointment. I think Miss Cochran was rather well impressed with the man in both respects.

The question of length of service is a problem. Prof. Oliphant thinks of two years with expenses of travel included and a "living" salary. We could not manage that, at least it would break Yenching precedent. If he could contract for three years, Yenching could meet travel to Yenching and might adjust on travel after the three year term to some not too distant place, altho our regulations do not allow for that. However, Prof. Oliphant is in several respects a "special" case.

Now we recommend that you cable to Dr. Stuart the gist of our report naming us who have seen and approve, and urge the value of the appointment if the matter can be financed out of English Dept. funds for a term of three years beginning at Yenching September 1932. It will help Prof. Oliphant in his plans if Dr. Stuart could cable a reply to reach you and Oliphant before the latter leaves for Europe about January 10th.

If Professor. Oliphant, whom you should see before cabling, cannot plan a term of three years, we do not see how Yenching could approve or finance the matter, I am writing this to Prof. Oliphant.

The whole business is now "up to you" and Dr. Stuart.

Cordially yours,

(Signed: Lucius C. Porter

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YENCHING

TRANSFER

Yenching University

December 17, 1931.

Dr. Lucius C. Porter,
Harvard-Yenching Institute,
17 Boylston Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

I have just had a long and interesting conversation with Professor E. H. C. Oliphant with regard to the possibility of his spending a three-year term at Yenching in the Department of English.

Obviously Professor Oliphant has had unusual^{ly} fine training and experience in the specialized fields of English Literature, and it would be very advantageous for Yenching University to secure a man of his standing. From a personal standpoint Professor Oliphant impressed me as quite a pleasant individual, and I believe that on the whole he should be able to fit into the life at Yenching quite acceptably. There is always present a rather serious health question when one considers appointment of anyone the age of Professor Oliphant (and presumably also Mrs. Oliphant, although I did not inquire her age), but Professor Oliphant assures me that the health of both himself and his wife has been quite good. If a medical examination shows that there are no serious health problems now present in either of their cases, perhaps this is not a serious risk.

Professor Oliphant is quite reticent with regard to religious matters, and some of the members of our Candidate Committee might raise a serious objection at this point. As one converses further with him however, one gains the impression of a kindliness and sincerity of character, and a sympathetic attitude toward religion that would make his influence on the Yenching campus quite constructive.

One of the most serious problems which arose from our discussion is that of salary and allowances. Basing his figures on the tentative proposal made when he was considering service at Lingnan, Professor Oliphant states that he considers a reasonable salary of G \$2,700.00 per year, together with travel expense from Australia at the beginning of his service, and back to Australia at the end of the three-year period. I pointed out to him that this is quite above the present salary schedule at Yenching, and that the payment of such a salary might create a good many serious personnel problems, but he considers that these are the figures to which he would like to adhere.

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Dr. Lucius C. Porter

December 17, 1951.

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I am ready to send a cablegram to Dr. Stuart giving information in regard to Professor Oliphant and asking for an early reply as to whether Yen-ching wishes to make him an offer; but before doing so I would like to have your judgment, particularly as regards the matter of salary. I hesitate to send out a cablegram in which I seem to be recommending an appointment at a rate of salary which I personally believe to be greater than Yen-ching can offer in fairness to the other members of staff.. Also in my cablegram I would like to communicate to Dr. Stuart the judgment held by Miss Boynton, Miss Cochran, and yourself. I would like to know therefore, whether you are willing to recommend Professor Oliphant at the scale of salary and allowances which he suggests.

I am hurrying this note off today in the hope that I may have some word from you on Saturday morning.

With best wishes for a very pleasant Holiday Season, I am,

Very cordially yours,

BAG:PC

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TRANSFER

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



17 BOYLSTON HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Dec. 20th 1931

Dear Mr. Evans:-

I am sorry your letter of Dec. 17th did not reach me until too late to get a reply by on Saturday morning. I liked Prof. Cleghorn but told him I had nothing to say about financial arrangements as I understood that Mr. Warramaker was making arrangements in that regard. It is difficult to explain that Yenching has a lower salary scale than Lingnan. I should leave the adjustment with Prof. Cleghorn & Mr. Warramaker. I would suggest that

that in a cable you summarize our
impressions of Prof. Cliphaut's capacities
& personalities & state the minimum
salary Mr. Cliphaut will accept. He told
me the "living salary" for Peking conditions, and
travel expenses both ways would satisfy
him.

The teaching people in the field will
soon decide whether they think it worth
while to secure Mr. Cliphaut for
special service at a special salary. I
would not recommend from this end any
super salary, but would give the facts
including Mr. Cliphaut's minimum request,
and ask for their decision in view of
all the facts.

Thank you for the cablegram of Dec. 16th forwarded
by letter. Very sincerely yours, Oscar Porter

HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE



Date - Jan. 6 or 7th - 1932
 about 17 BOWLSTON HALL
 CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

The Mohawk
 Washington & Green Avenue
 Brooklyn, N.Y.

LC Perkins
 1900

My dear Oliver! -

Mrs. Porter & I will be here
 at The Mohawk until Wednesday morning the 13th.
 I am visiting the three churches to
 which I am assigned as a project.

In the rush of holidays & host days
 at Cambridge I did not initiate
 the letter to be copied for the list
 of correspondents in these churches
 that you prepared. Now that I am visiting
 them it seems less necessary to
 write. Certainly not a long report,
 but I do think it would be useful
 to send something to reinforce the
 personal contacts. So I enclose
 a brief note. To be sent with a
 copy of E. R. Hughes's letter to
 J. L. G. Hughes makes as good
 a statement as we have of

x You have this letter in your files. Do not lose
 my own copy at hand.

the spiritual experiment on which
Yenching is adventuring, and I
want my people to see it. I
hope it is not too much to ask
to have this copying done as soon
as is convenient. I can drop in
some morning to sign the letters
when you have them ready.

— Probably after my visits our
L.C.P. list can be revised. I shall hope
didn't have time to have a chat with you in your
office, too, before I get away from
the New York region.

Heartily yours

Lucius C. Porter

P.S. The personal report in the enclosed
letter seems the best way in which
to establish the first connection in
this series of correspondence.

*X to H. C. Porter
X to Clinton are Conf ch*

January 13, 1932

Dear Mr. Latson:

In these early days of the New Year I want to begin a more direct relationship with you regarding the Christian work in which we are both interested. This will take the form of occasional letters reporting on Yenching University life and general conditions in China. I will also include a few items concerning my own special activities.

As you know, Mrs. Porter and I are having a furlough year in America. We spent the summer of 1931 in family visiting, coming at the end of September to Cambridge, Massachusetts, to fulfill a half year appointment as visiting lecturer in Chinese philosophy at Harvard University. I gave three courses there:

- A Survey of Chinese Philosophy
- A Study of Mencius on Human Nature
- A Study of the Intellectual History
of the Far East since 1600 A.D.

In each of the first two courses I had five advanced students. The third was a tutorial course for two candidates for the doctor's degree.

Mrs. Porter and I have greatly enjoyed our second stay at Harvard, and hope we have made friends for Yenching and China as well as for ourselves. In addition to my teaching, I have spoken on China about 25 times, dealing chiefly with the conflict of interests in Manchuria.

During January Mrs. Porter and I are visiting the three churches to which we are assigned by the American Board as a missionary project. We anticipate much pleasure in the personal friendships, old and new, which these visits will make possible.

Mr. Latson.....#2

January 13, 1932

At the end of January we leave on a vacation automobile drive to California to visit my beloved and aged uncle, Mr. James W. Porter. I am also to lecture on Chinese philosophy at Pomona College, Claremont, California. We return to Chicago for the meetings of the American Oriental Society, March 28 to March 30. Following that we make our headquarters at Beloit, Wisconsin, until June 15, when our son Dudley graduates from Beloit College.

For the summer I have engaged to share in a seminar on Far Eastern Civilization in connection with the Summer School at Harvard University. We hope this seminar will help to widen interest in China among the colleges and universities of North America.

About the middle of August we expect to return to China via Europe and Siberia.

For a report from Yenching University I wish to share with you an interesting letter written to President Stuart by Rev. E. R. Hughes, a brilliant Oxford man, for many years a devoted missionary of the London Missionary Society in a country district, in the province of Fukien. Mr. Hughes gives an admirable statement of the ideal of Christian adventure that Yenching is trying to realize and gives the testimony of an outsider to some of the results he has observed. His letter will help you to understand the spirit of Yenching.

We believe it is part of our Christian task to become a first-class university and, at the same time, a center of vital Christian energy. Your help in prayers, in interest, and in gifts will make possible the richer fulfillment of this high purpose.

Heartily yours,

Lucius C. Porter

Mr. Alnet Reed Latson
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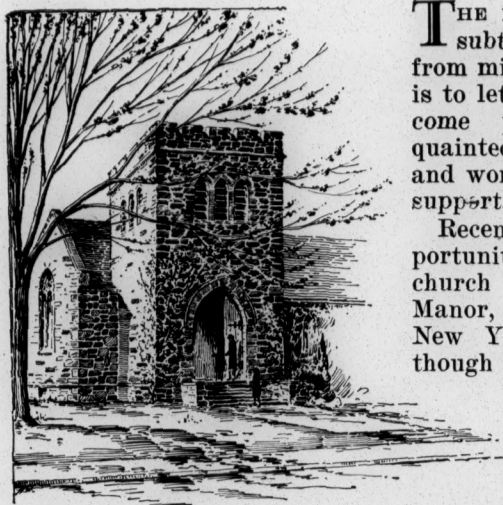
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February 17, 1932 "Encouraging Congregations to Care"

Entertaining Angels Over the Week-End

ABOUT LUCIUS and LILLIAN PORTER

BY STANLEY U. NORTH



THE EASIEST WAY to subtract the pain from missionary giving is to let our people become personally acquainted with the men and women whom they support.

Recently such an opportunity came to the church at Briarcliff Manor, a suburb of New York City. Although we had shared in the support of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Porter of the Harvard-Yenching Institute of

Peiping, China, for some years, their names meant little to our people. A three-and-a-half day visit has changed the picture completely. We arranged for them a strenuous schedule, but they followed it faithfully, making a host of friends both for themselves and the cause they serve.

Our primary aim during these four days was to make our people acquainted with the Porters, and we placed our major reliance upon a succession of informal gatherings. Of course there were public meetings at which Professor Porter spoke, but large groups do not lend themselves to the most rewarding contacts. The mind rarely gets beyond a confusion of faces.

Fortunately the Porters arrived on Friday. The telephone had been used early in the week to invite to the Manse sixteen key people. Folding chairs had been provided; and by 8:30 Friday evening twenty people, including the Porters and the Manse folk, were seated in an informal circle in the living room. Then followed an hour and a half of friendly and intimate conversation about China, and the Harvard-Yenching Institute, with questions and answers and comments and intense interest. The Porters know their China and love it.

The evening could not have been so great a success had it not been for the sequel, when we adjourned to the dining room for dainty and tasty refreshments. Then for another hour the Porters moved from one person to another in friendly and enjoyable fellowship. It was a lot of fun.

Saturday morning we permitted them to sleep, not so much, we confess, to allow them to recover from previous exertions as to prepare them for ordeals ahead. But they didn't prove to be ordeals because they were enjoyable. That was true for the Porters, and it was true for our people, many of whom would previously have judged meeting a missionary and his wife somewhat of an ordeal.

On Saturday afternoon our guests and I went calling. We started at one end of the village and then followed an itinerary previously planned by telephone. The visits were made in part on folk whom we should liked to have had at the Manse, but who were unable to come. The first call was on the wife of a trustee. The second was around tea cups. Our hostess was a sweet lady of ninety years. She has been the "mother" of the church. She is old only in years. Her interests are young and fresh and varied. How she thrilled over the Porters!

And has thrilled at the mention of their names ever since.

Call number three was on the chairman of the missionary committee, who was recuperating from an operation. We raised our benevolent budget last December largely through his interest and efforts. He had remarked that next year we must make our benevolences more a matter of desire and less a matter of persuasion. And how happy he was to see with his own eyes our foreign missionary gifts translated into the charming personalities of Lucius Porter and his wife.

The next call was on old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hersey, who, themselves, spent twenty years in China. They are back home because of Mr. Hersey's serious illness, and in the meantime Mrs. Hersey has been a tower of strength in the Briarcliff Church. Our last stop was with a gracious lady who is a splendid conversationalist. She found the Porters no less. And because she recognizes real values when she sees them, she was genuinely delighted with our call. And let me confess that we had tea for the second time.

That was quite an afternoon. We rushed home for dinner and at eight-thirty there was a second circle of well-occupied chairs in the Manse—once again of key people. And later in the evening was another social hour with refreshments and enjoyable fellowship.

The next morning was Sunday. Extra sleep was ruled out. The church school met at 9:45, at the opening period of which Dr. Porter made a brief talk. Then came church and a splendid sermon in which the modern philosophy of missions was ably and convincingly presented. There was a brief resting period following dinner, with the emphasis on "brief," for at four o'clock in one of our lovely Briarcliff homes a tea was held. It was a little different. The Porters arrived early and met the people as they gathered. And this was the surprising thing: the men and women whom they had met on Friday and Saturday nights at the Manse they readily called by name without any prompting. The small informal groups had achieved real acquaintanceship!

The first part of the afternoon was a song service. Dr. and Mrs. Rodger Wallach, our host and hostess, had provided folding chairs and their large reception room was well filled. Some of the old hymns were sung, several favorites were asked for; and then for a half hour Dr. Porter talked of the China he loves, of her culture which is so fine and which Western civilization threatens to destroy, and of Yenching and its importance of interpreting to the Chinese the merits of their own culture and of its influence in the China that is to be. Then followed another friendly fellowship about tea cups, made possible by the gracious hospitality of the Wallachs.

At this point the talks for the day numbered four (I forgot to mention the children's story in the morning service). The fifth and last was given to the Young People's League. This was illustrated with many beautifully-colored pictures and made real to the group the charm of Yenching. But the success of the meeting was Dr. Porter himself, who quite caught the fancy of the young people.

We left the League to take Mrs. Porter to catch a train for Boston, and then returned home to listen in on Seth Parker. When one has traveled in high gear all day it is difficult to slip back into low. I recommend Seth Parker, nor do I mean that he puts one to sleep.

Lucius Porter must have slept well, not that he slept

(Continued on following page)

Finding Faith

Through Summer Service

By MAURICE O. MAHLER

WHEN ONE ENTERS college the rest of the world stops running so far as he is concerned. His life becomes immersed in campus interests; most of his thoughts are planted in classroom or library—like seedlings in a hothouse. When he looks forward to his first collegiate June—a prospective sophomore—he seldom knows what to do with himself during the summer. Fortunate are those who enroll for summer service with the Church Extension Boards. They have a chance to try out an interesting vocation, and to find out many things concerning themselves.

Stories which friends had told me of Student Summer Service led me to apply for appointment during my first college vacation, and W. Knighton Bloom assigned me to a village in the oil district of Pennsylvania. I felt something like an ancient apostle as I boarded the train to go to serve in a town which I had never seen and whose people had never seen me. The leading citizens welcomed me with as much acclaim as the first Christian groups extended to earlier extension workers. I was in a new world. I had done nothing to deserve such respect and deference. At the end of the summer the superintendent of the Sunday school asked the young people if they would not all try to be like me. I could scarcely believe my ears. All my petty meannesses arose to plague my imagination. I wanted to remonstrate, but I did not dare. I think his belief in me made me a better man.

That town resembled many others. Some of its people were determined to hold high the ideals of our Lord to the end. They yearned for the day of his Kingdom, when all men would support his church and live in his light. But they also gave their willing support to every hare-brained scheme to which my collegiate mind gave birth. They gave me courage.

Along with the wheat there were plenty of tares. I tried to give the young people some clean outdoor sports. Once at Daily Vacation Bible School a deacon came and informed me I was a son of the devil. He said in effect, "When did God Almighty say thou shalt teach all men to play Chinese tag and 'three-deep'?" He called me a perverter of youth. Having come from a liberal New Eng-

land village where play was not opposed even if it were belittled, I was astonished. We did not stop. In fact we built a tennis court the next week, and soon had as many as ten semi-regular players. Narrowness showed itself in other ways. The bigoted pastor of the other church did his best to thwart most of the projects which I undertook. If I started young people's meetings, he arranged similar gatherings for his group. If we had a picnic, he tried to have a better one. Since our activities for youth included the teen-age group of both denominations, this was particularly unfortunate.

I reluctantly watched the summer close and returned to college. But life was not the same. I had seen something of both the glories and disappointments of the ministry and of American religion. For the moment the latter seemed to outbalance the former.

Then followed that strange period in a young man's life known as the sophomore year. At that time one sees through everything, including religion. The modern interpretation of the Bible, of Jesus, and of the very holiness of God, led me to believe it was all a vain dream. Life was energy and life was rivalry.

The next summer I spent at home. Junior year I prepared for law school and thought little about religion. That spring I was packing my trunk to go to Chicago and work for a book company during the vacation, when I received a telegram inviting me to take a small church in northern Michigan. If I knew just how I was led to change my plans and wire my acceptance of the position, I would have greater insight into the grace of God. I went to Michigan!

This Business of Religion

This vacation was an experience in finding myself. As I took up the work of that little church I felt again how wonderful it is to work for the best interests of a town; how unusual is the experience of knowing many young people in a uniquely personal way; how satisfying is the sensation of having helped someone in need. I began to see that there was something to this business of religion. It dawned upon me that the seats of the scorned were somewhere in the third gallery. The religious people saw moves in this game of life which were not visible to others.

Meanwhile I read philosophy and met a Christian woman who knew the secret place of the Most High. She made me feel the nobility of the Christian way of life. Before six weeks had passed I was sure God wanted me for a worthy work. Before the summer was gone I felt the call to be one of those chosen to spread the good news that Jesus our Lord proclaimed.

As soon as I began to know whereof I spoke, people came to listen. We were more successful in the Sunday school. A mid-week service was begun and continued throughout the summer. The night before I left, the inhabitants surprised me with a farewell party. They presented me with a leather-bound Bible. The next day, as the train rumbled along the rails toward home, I realized that those people had presented me with much more than a volume of the finest literature of our civilization. They had given me a great Christian experience. I had seen life and I had found a faith for myself. I felt the force of the sentence, *Whosoever cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out*. The Church Extension Boards had given me the chance to find my purpose in life.



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late, for he didn't, but that he was refreshed; and early in the morning he was pounding at my Remington catching up with correspondence, correcting papers to be returned to Yenching and what all I know not.

At three o'clock we started once more on a calling expedition. First we went to the Briarcliff Realty Company and made the round of the offices in which are several of our people. And then we went to a friendly home where we were served coffee and cake. I really needed the change of diet to help me keep up with the pace I was leading my exhibit A. "A" is the correct letter. The Porters entered our homes and our hearts.

The next call lasted a full two hours. It was at a home overlooking the Hudson. We gazed out of Western windows to the river and a glorious sunset sky. Our host had been a trustee of the church and has always been generous in his interest and his gifts. My part was

merely to supply points of common interest and then to ~~listen~~ to two cultured people draw on rich experiences in conversation. It was a rare treat!

The last call was made on a college acquaintance. Then shortly came the meeting of our men's group. At this gathering Dr. Porter spoke on the Manchurian situation. Thirty-six men listened attentively for an hour to an exposition of the history back of the present crisis in China. And through it all was a spirit of fairness and understanding for Japan, although sympathies were all for China. One would need to be present to appreciate the friendliness and the interest. It was immense. At 11:30 Lucius Porter and I returned to the Manse tired and happy.

It was a great week-end; and because of it I prophesy that next December the benevolence budget will be subscribed by a maximum of desire and a minimum of persuasion.

La Mesa, Calif. RECEIVED
March 14, 1932 FOREIGN DEPARTMENT
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Dear Mrs. Lee:-

Your letter of Mar. 7th has just reached me and I hasten to reply before starting east by auto for Wisconsin.

Unfortunately I got no encouragement from Mr. O. Walter Nichols when I presented the possibility of his taking a place on the Yenching University board. My only other suggestion was Mr. A. H. Sudder, 47 Greenacres Ave. Scarsdale, a member of the Congregational Church there. But his health is not good now, and he is disinclined to take on any new responsibilities.

In both the Scarsdale Church and the Briarcliff Church there are some able, younger business men who might be drafted for service, but I did not meet the outstanding person I hoped to find. In the Clinton Avenue Church the able men in leadership

are older and a rather different type is taking their places.

My only suggestion now would be to write to Rev. E. Q. Boynton, of the Seorsdale Church, and Rev. Stanley A. North, of the Brercliffe Church, to inquire of them as to possibilities, in view of the very pleasant contacts made during my January visits. I do not know enough of the background and business standing of the gentlemen I met. The pastors know that background and can estimate the degree of interest already present in the hearts of some of their parishioners.

I trust that you have satisfactory meetings in April. Our trip has been very pleasant. I expect to be at 1717 Chapin Street, Beloit, Wis. after March 25th.

Heartily yours
Lucius Porter

YENCHING

Yenching University

July 5, 1932.

Dr. Lucius C. Porter,
Harvard-Yenching Institute,
17 Boylston Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Porter:

I have your letter of June 25th, but delayed writing to you until you should reach Cambridge.

The package of which we spoke does not seem to be books, but is made up of a number of smaller articles. Shall we send it along to you in Cambridge?

At a meeting of our Yenching Executive Finance Committees last week a considerable amount of study was given to the present status of the James W. Porter Annuity fund which was set up, you will remember, about two and a half years ago, and consisted, in the beginning of one hundred thirty-eight shares of Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company capital stock, then worth around \$725 per share. The first conclusion of our Yenching Trustees was that this stock should be sold and the proceeds invested in high grade bonds. However, we were influenced somewhat by Mr. Goble's expressed opinion that this stock would appreciate in value, so we sold only thirty-eight shares, securing around \$765 per share, and retained the remaining one-hundred shares. The bonds in which we invested the proceeds from this sale have stood the depression quite well, but the value of the bank stock has depreciated until it is now selling at about \$58 per share. Since we have been receiving the annual income of only G. \$2,775.50 and have been paying an annuity to Mr. Porter of \$8,500.00 per year, the principal of the fund has been shrinking at a rapid rate, and is now approaching the vanishing point.

It was the judgment of our Committees that we should apprise Mr. Goble of the situation, and should suggest the possibility of some readjustment of payments to Mr. Porter which would be more nearly in line of receipts. However, we recognize the binding nature of the agreement into which the University has entered, and do not wish to make any suggestion that might be objectionable to Mr. Goble or to Mr. Porter.

The Committee requested, therefore, that we apprise you of this situation and ask your judgment as to procedure. I am enclosing herewith a letter to Mr. Goble which we have drafted in accordance with the discussion and action of the Committee meeting last week. If you see no objection to sending this letter, would you post it

Dr. Lucius C. Porter

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July 5, 1952.

there in Cambridge so as to avoid any unnecessary delay? If, however, you believe we should not send any communication, or should deal with the matter in a different way, will you please return this letter to us with your comments and suggestions? In any event we would appreciate any assistance you may be able to give us through writing either to Mr. Goble or to Mr. Porter.

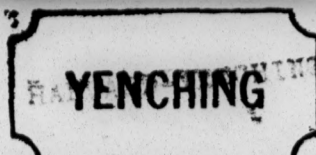
You will be interested to know that the University was able to report to the Rockefeller Foundation on June 30th that they had secured a total of \$250,000.00 in cash and pledges to match the Foundation's gift toward the endowment of the Natural Sciences. Whether the Foundation will care to accept pledges as well as cash is a question now being considered by the Foundation. It will probably be a month or more before any decision is announced.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

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Enc.

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17 BOYLSTON HALL
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

July 6th 1932
TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:

I have your letter of yesterday and appreciate your predicament in reference to the J. W. Porter annuity. I return your letter to Mr. Goble, not because I object to it, but because I want you to know that Mr. Goble will probably react very sharply. He feels that you know what you were doing in granting so high a rate of interest and should not "squeal" now that the market is against you. This was his attitude in the case of the similar annuity granted by the American Board when my uncle made a gift to them at the same time as to Yenching.

I recommend that you write Mr. Goble, probably using the letter you have drafted. But want you to know

his probable reaction. My uncle
cannot deal with any business matters
himself and his own income is so
shrunken that he needs the annuities
received from his two conditional gifts.

You might present the problem of
Yenching with a reference to Mr. Gable's
own problem in adjusting my uncle's
income to his expenditures. It would be
better for you to write to Mr. Gable than
for me to do so.

I am rejoiced to hear of Yenching
Success in meeting the Rockefeller
Foundation's gift toward the Endowment
of the Natural Sciences.

With hearty good wishes

Sincerely yours

Lucius C. Porter



Yenching

July 9, 1932.

My dear Dr. Porter,

We are very grateful indeed for your letter of the 6th, commenting on the letter we had drafted for Mr. Goble regarding the present status of the Porter Annuity Fund. The matter is a very difficult and delicate one at best, and we must not make it worse through any tactlessness of approach.

We recognize the validity of your comments as to Mr. Goble's probable reaction. I presume that any of us in his position would be inclined to feel the same way. Keeping this in mind, we have redrafted the letter from the opposite approach. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter as it has now been sent.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Dr. Lucius C. Porter,
17 Boylston Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

YENCHING

July 22, 1952.

Dr. Lucius C. Porter,
Harvard-Yenching Institute,
17 Boylston Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Porter:

We are mailing you the package which has been in our office for some weeks.

The Rockefeller Foundation has accepted the University's report as a sound basis on which to pay us the \$250,000 appropriated in their first conditional grant. Since however, we cannot report the entire sum in cash, and our outstanding pledges will be collected over a rather long period of time, the Foundation has asked the University to approve the withdrawal of the second conditional gift, and is leaving the door open for us to approach them again as soon as we have cleared off the outstanding pledges on the first gift.

Within a few days I will be writing to Dean Donham and Mr. Shattuck reporting at some length on the standing of the first Rockefeller grant, and discussing in particular the policy we should follow in regard to the Institute's gift of up to \$25,000 toward this objective. We should certainly not exceed \$25,000 in our request to the Institute, and possibly may not need to ask them for this full amount.

Very cordially yours,

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This letter was dated Aug 16 1932 & was sent Sept 9th to members of the three churches supporting L.C. Porter

- (1) Scarsdale Congl Ch. Scarsdale
- (2) Brookliff Manor Church, NY
- (3) Clinton Ave Congl Ch. Brooklyn NY

You will be interested to know what has happened to your Porter missionaries since their very delightful visit with you in January.

As you know, Mrs. Porter and I started off by automobile to drive across the country to San Diego in order to visit my beloved and aged uncle, Mr. James W. Porter. We had an enjoyable vacation with him and helped him celebrate his 94th birthday. The weather in Southern California was completely off-schedule so that we ran into cold, rain and snow part of the time we were there. However, the weather did not interfere at all with our plans for driving. Perhaps the unusual winter weather was making ready for the remarkable weather California has supplied for the Olympic Games this summer.

While in California I gave a series of lectures on The Great Chinese Humanists at Pomona College, thus doing a bit of service as a missionary for Chinese culture to people here in America. This, in a fashion, balances my task in China as a Christian missionary trying to present the best thought that our Western life has found in the way of ideals for living. I was interested in the experiment of giving a series of lectures on Chinese philosophy in a college community. For my series of five lectures I had very good attendance three times, two of these being a fairly large student audience. In the other two cases only a small number of really interested people turned out. However, I regarded the experiment as successful in general and hope I can repeat it when I return to America.

While at Claremont, the little village in which Pomona College is located, I shared in the dedication of a new house in the interesting collection of homes for missionaries and religious workers known as Pilgrim Place. The arrangements there make it possible for retired missionaries and Christian workers to find a real haven of refuge for their declining years, where they can enjoy a splendid climate, a magnificent mountain view, and the stimulating intellectual and religious influence of a great college center.

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From California Mrs. Porter and I drove back to Wisconsin to spend three months near our older children. Our son Dudley, - whom the friends of the Clinton Avenue Church will remember when he visited them as a little boy - was a senior in Beloit College and we lived at Beloit so as to enjoy sharing something of his life. He has been quite prominent in the college life, being elected president of the student association for his senior year, the football captain in the autumn, and the star hurdler of the college track team. In that position he was repeating what I had done in my own college career at Beloit, and you can imagine what fun it was to watch him in several of his important races and to see him win a gold and a silver medal.

As a bit of missionary service I gave most of the month of May to speech-making in various Congregational State Conferences and Association meetings. I made a very pleasant tour of Wisconsin with the State Superintendent, speaking at the seven Association meetings on the missionary situation in China and the crisis in relationships between China and Japan, and was everywhere pleased by the intelligent interest shown in these matters. I felt everywhere a need on the part of pastors of our churches and our people, who have been interested in supporting the missionary enterprise, to realize that for today, and particularly for the future, we need to find a fresh incentive for missionary effort in the desire to share the inspiration of Christian ideals and Christian experience with those who, like the Chinese, have a fine cultural background and a contribution to make to us. The Christian task, it seems to me, should be thought of as one which carries the spirit of love and of service into the areas of individual and social life where that spirit is still lacking. We need to realize that the social results, such as the educational, medical, agricultural, and social welfare aspects of the work, should no longer be thought of as by-products, - that is, as means by which to get a hearing for the evangelistic service which is regarded as a primary purpose of the enterprise, but that these forms of actually expressing Christian love and good will are truly the primary object of Christian work. It is through our concrete demonstration of love and service that we best testify to the salvation that has come to us from God through the love of Jesus Christ.

My last activities in America have been in connection with a seminar for Far Eastern Studies carried on under the joint auspices of the Harvard-Yenching Institute and the American Council of Learned Societies. This seminar was organized as an integral part of the summer school of Harvard University. For six weeks - from July 6th to August 16th - a group of carefully selected mature students sought to gain an introduction to the characteristic factors in Chinese and Japanese culture. Most of the students present are engaged in some sort of teaching in which they deal with Far Eastern relationships or problems. It was the intention of this summer school to furnish a more adequate background in the knowledge of the history, philosophy, and art of China to enable such teachers to improve the quality of their work. In the group of 43 who attended the seminar the majority were teachers, some six to eight were interested in art as curators or assistants in museum work, while the remaining few represented other individual interests in Far Eastern affairs. The staff of instruction for the seminar consisted of Mr. Arthur W. Hummel, Curator of the Oriental Division of the great Congressional Library in Washington, for the history

of China; Mr. Langdon Warner of the Fogg Museum of Art of Harvard University for the art of China and Japan; Professor R. Tsunoda of Columbia University, for the cultural history of Japan, and myself for the philosophy of China and the Japanese development of Chinese philosophy.

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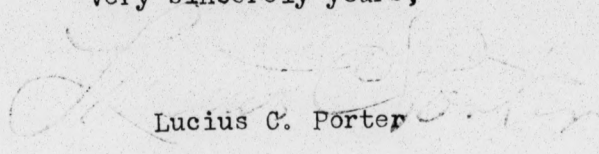
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Lucius C. Porter

Tiffin, Ohio
Aug. 17th 1932

Dear Mr Hedberg:-

It was a pleasure to meet you yesterday and feel the energy and enthusiasm you are putting into the promotional work for Yenching.

In connection with any publicity about myself may I suggest that you write to Mr Mortimer Graves, American Council of Learned Societies, 907 Fifteenth St., Washington, D.C., for information regarding our seminar work at Harvard this summer and my part in it.

In regard to your suggestion about an interview at Vancouver or in connection with my sailing I would add this point. I have spoken frequently this

year on the China-Japanese
relations in Manchuria, and the
present conditions in China. Why
not tip off the foremost newspaper
in Vancouver ^{BC} to get an inter-
view with me on the Empress of
Canada, Aug. 27th, just before
sailing. I will prepare a brief
statement about current events,
— like the resignation of
Chang Hsueh-shang reported
in the New York Times yesterday —
and add my explanation of
the confusion in China today.

I can send you a copy from
Belvoir so that you can work
it into an release you prepare
for New York. As I said yesterday
you can get my record from
Who's Who — try 1923-24 vol. — & can
get a photo taken from Almon & Co
at their New York studio (instead
of trying through the Amer Board)
Very sincerely yours, Lucius Porter

August 22, 1932

The Editor
The Sun
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Returning to China as a passenger on the Empress of Canada, sailing from Vancouver on August 27th, will be Dr. Lucius Chapin Porter, professor of philosophy at Yenching University, Peiping, and lecturer on Chinese Philosophy at Harvard University, who has been lecturing this summer at Harvard under auspices of the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

Dr. Porter has had a wide experience in China and qualifies as an authority on contemporary developments there, especially as regards Manchurian conditions. Should you desire an interview, he would, I am sure, be glad to receive your representative.

Yours very truly,

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Bayard M. Hedrick

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Sept. 9, 1932

You will be interested to know what has happened to your Porter missionaries since their very delightful visit with you in January.

As you know, Mrs. Porter and I started off by automobile to drive across the country to San Diego in order to visit my beloved and aged uncle, Mr. James W. Porter. We had an enjoyable vacation with him and helped him celebrate his 94th birthday. The weather in Southern California was completely off-schedule so that we ran into cold, rain and snow part of the time we were there. However, the weather did not interfere at all with our plans for driving. Perhaps the unusual winter weather was making ready for the remarkable weather California has supplied for the Olympic Games this summer.

While in California I gave a series of lectures on The Great Chinese Humanists at Pomona College, thus doing a bit of service as a missionary for Chinese culture to people here in America. This, in a fashion, balances my task in China as a Christian missionary trying to present the best thought that our Western life has found in the way of ideals for living. I was interested in the experiment of giving a series of lectures on Chinese philosophy in a college community. For my series of five lectures I had very good attendance three times, two of these being a fairly large student audience. In the other two cases only a small number of really interested people turned out. However, I regarded the experiment as successful in general and hope I can repeat it when I return to America.

While at Claremont, the little village in which Pomona College is located, I shared in the dedication of a new house in the interesting collection of homes for missionaries and religious workers known as Pilgrim Place. The arrangements there make it possible for retired missionaries and Christian workers to find a real haven of refuge for their declining years, where they can enjoy a splendid climate, a magnificent mountain view, and the stimulating intellectual and religious influence of a great college center.

From California Mrs. Porter and I drove back to Wisconsin to spend three months near our older children. Our son Dudley, - whom the friends of the Clinton Avenue Church will remember when he visited them as a little boy - was a senior in Beloit College and we lived at Beloit so as to enjoy sharing something of his life. He has been quite prominent in the college life, being elected president of the student association for his senior year, the football captain in the autumn, and the star hurdler of the college track team. In that position he was repeating what I had done in my own college career at Beloit, and you can imagine what fun it was to watch him in several of his important races and to see him win a gold and a silver medal.

As a bit of missionary service I gave most of the month of May to speech-making in various Congregational State Conferences and Association meetings. I made a very pleasant tour of Wisconsin with the State Superintendent, speaking at the seven Association meetings on the missionary situation in China and the crisis in relationships between China and Japan, and was everywhere pleased by the intelligent interest shown in these matters. I felt everywhere a need on the part of pastors of our churches and our people, who have been interested in supporting the missionary enterprise, to realize that for today, and particularly for the future, we need to find a fresh incentive for missionary effort in the desire to share the inspiration of Christian ideals and Christian experience with those who, like the Chinese, have a fine cultural background and a contribution to make to us. The Christian task, it seems to me, should be thought of as one which carries the spirit of love and of service into the areas of individual and social life where that spirit is still lacking. We need to realize that the social results, such as the educational, medical, agricultural, and social welfare aspects of the work, should no longer be thought of as by-products, - that is, as means by which to get a hearing for the evangelistic service which is regarded as a primary purpose of the enterprise, but that these forms of actually expressing Christian love and good will are truly the primary object of Christian work. It is through our concrete demonstration of love and service that we best testify to the salvation that has come to us from God through the love of Jesus Christ.

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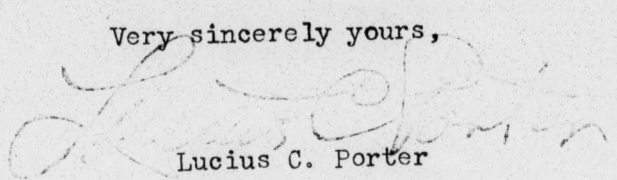
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October 3, 1932.

Mr. Bayard M. Hedrick,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Hedrick:

As no newspaper man appeared to bother me at either Vancouver or Honolulu, I imagine that your scheme for using my departure as an occasion for slipping some Yenching news into American newspapers did not materialize.

I want to tell you about ^{three} very interesting contacts which I made on my journey to Vancouver. I believe that something should be done to continue the acquaintance with Yenching which I was able to begin.

On the train between Washington and Chicago I met a Mr. David Murray, president of *Graftex Company, Chicago + New York City*. *Executive Office, 37-39 Antwerp Street, Brighton Station, Boston, Mass.* I began a chance conversation with him and discovered that he had considerable interest in China because he is a nephew of Capt. I.V. Gillis, a noted student of things Chinese who has lived for many years in Peiping and is purchaser for the Gest Research Library at McGill University, Montreal. I hoped to be able to call on Mr. Murray in Chicago, but pressure of business prevented that. You can see from his business that he is interested in paint. I told him that he ought to make a business trip to Peiping to convince Yenching University and those in charge of restoring Chinese palaces that his paint is the most effective protector in the market. I would suggest that you make use of the contact with me to get acquainted with Mr. Murray and see what developments follow.

On the same trip I met Mrs. *Ellis Asby* Yost who has an office in the Palmer House, Chicago, and is in charge of women's work

for Mr. L. C. Porter
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for The Mayflower,
Washington, D.C.

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in the campaign for Mr. Hoover's reelection. Mrs. Yost is a member of the Republican National Committee representing West Virginia, and spends much of her time in Washington. She has no particular interest in China, but we had some pleasant conversation together and something might be done to continue the acquaintance with Yenching which began in my conversations with her.

ditto X to A third person which I met is perhaps the most interesting, Mr. H.C. Jones, general sales manager of *the Huron Portland Cement Co.*
129 Cortland Ave, Detroit, Mich.

I ran into Mr. Jones in the washroom on the morning of August 3rd just before reaching St. Paul and sat with him later while he was eating his breakfast. I am enclosing a copy of an article which he handed to me which will give you some notion of his style. He is an odd man and may either be a fool or a genius. He professes to feel that there was nothing accidental in our meeting, and that something very good was sure to come from it. He described himself as one who has made a great deal of money recently and is anxious to find ways in which he can spend it usefully for his fellowmen. I have written to him and will continue to do so occasionally, and have told him that you will try to see him. If what he says of his business, his financial capacity, and his desire to be of service to his fellowmen is true, he may turn out to be the sort of rich friend Yenching would like to have. I turn him over to you with a great deal of interest in the outcome of your contacts with him.

It was pleasant to have the brief meeting with you in New York on August 16, and I shall follow with interest the development of your work in the interests of Yenching.

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北平西郊

Miss Louise McCoy,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Miss McCoy:

Herewith a copy of my long delayed letter to be circulated among the constituency whose addresses you have in your office. I have really delayed in the hopes that Sino-Japanese relations would reach some fairly definite decisive point, but things slide along without showing any sign of coming to an end, so I cannot delay longer.

Fortunately, the work of the university has been carried on in spite of the political and military turmoil, and our students seem to realize that in spite of their desire to express patriotism in some active way, their best contribution to their nation is by training themselves.

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Yenching University,
Peiping, China.

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Dear Friends:

The interval since my last writing to you has been extended beyond my intention. It has been my hope that some stopping point would be reached in the developments of the Sino-Japanese crisis, and that I might sum up the situation for you in some useful way. However, events move on from day to day with no sign of reaching any immediate decision so I cannot delay longer.

I am particularly sorry not to have sent you word in time to reach you in January, the first anniversary of my very pleasant visits with you a year ago. Mrs. Porter and I frequently speak of the warm welcome which we received from friends new and old in each one of the three church groups with which we have relations, and wish to find ways in which to keep in as close touch with you as possible. The best we can do now is to ask you to use your imaginations and make a visit to our Yenching campus. We present today an interesting combination of intellectual and patriotic activities. On the one hand the regular classwork of the university is going on with surprising regularity. Although in January when the Japanese first began their attack upon Jehol province our students found it impossible to attend to regular tasks and organized various patriotic activities that required the postponement of examinations, in the end they settled down to more normal procedure, made up their examinations and registered for the new term in normal fashion. But while

going on with their studying, they give expression to their devotion to their country's cause in several organized ways. Each morning a group of enthusiasts exercises itself in military drill with a view to preparing for actual service in the army. Others are zealous in preparing publicity material that may be used to win interest in China's plight from foreign nations. Still other committees arrange for special emergency activities such as the preparation of bandages for wounded soldiers, and the raising of funds for needed military equipment, or for food supplies, "comforts" for the troops, etc. Some ten days ago faculty and students organized together and in three days prepared 31,000 bandages. You will perhaps be a bit inclined to find these activities amusing and to think of the results as trivial in view of the collapse of the Chinese defence of the province of Jehol, but the situation can be looked at, and should be I feel, rather as a tragedy. These young people, understanding something of the modern world and eager to be real patriots, are the victims of a situation in which the selfishness of their own leaders and the ignorance of the great mass of their fellowcountrymen are the outstanding factors. One can only hope that the eager hopefulness represented by these student activities may result in a more mature patriotism that will be strong enough to take up the long process of preparing China to be ^{come} a proper nation in this modern world. They must learn how to face the actual facts of China's weakness, disunity and lack of leadership without falling into fatalistic despair about the future.

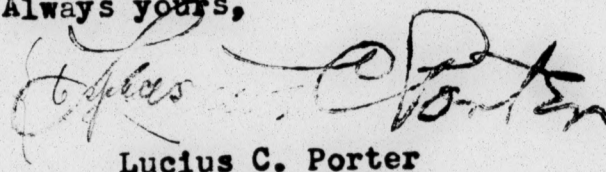
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you know, is an organization founded on gifts from the estate of Mr. Charles M. Hall, the inventor of important processes of the reduction of aluminium, to provide for the development of Chinese studies, not only at Yenching University, but in connection with five other of the Christian universities of China. I visited at Cheeloo University in Shantung, the University of Nanking, Lingnan University in Canton, and Fukien Christian University. At each of these centres special efforts are made in the developing of departments of Chinese which will help students to realize the value and importance of Chinese^{6's} cultural heritage, and ^{will} provide ~~mans~~ for special research studies within that field. I was particularly glad to have the opportunity of visiting in south China where I had never been before. There one feels more than in the north the progress of modernization in China as it extends into the life of the mass of the people. In the southern provinces one finds good roads being projected and in all the cities plans for improvement in the way of broader streets and the development of industries that show that the modern spirit has reached beyond the circle of a few trained leaders. In the city of Canton I was much surprised at an exhibit of native products in which an extensive variety in the way of food, clothing and electrical devices ~~were~~ represented. The movement for the production of native goods gives one courage for the future, for the Chinese will find their salvation in the modern world only as they rely upon themselves and their own resources. One feels the push of a new energy among the people of all the provinces of the southern coast.

Undoubtedly, many of you will be discussing "Re-thinking Missions", the report of the Laymen's Appraisal Committee. Copies have been sent to us and we are discussing details of the report at some of our weekly meetings. Those of you who understand the ideals which Yenching University

has stood for will realize that the interpretation of Christian effort which we are trying to express does not differ largely from the procedure advocated in that report. In your discussion of it we hope that you will realize the earnestness of Christian conviction that underlies it and the significance of the aim of that report to release Christian energy for more effective expression in our world today. Yenching University is an example of the union of different types of Christian organizations in a single constructive effort. We have sought to give every opportunity to Chinese leadership and we can think of Christianity only as fulfilling whatever has been good in the Chinese ethics and spiritual insights of the past. In this task of bringing the enriching and fulfilling energy of the Christian life to bear upon the individual and national salvation of this great people we ask your continued interest and loyalty.

Always yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lucius C. Porter', is written over a faint, circular embossed seal.

Lucius C. Porter