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188 Dwight Street
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Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wannamaker:

We have had two letters, within the past week, from Dr. Stuart; they raise our hopes somewhat as to the possibility of our going to Yenching next fall. He suggests that I keep in close communication with you, and I am writing now to say that we both hope very much that somehow the way will open for us to go out this year.

With a view to helping, if possible, in the securing of our support, we have written to a couple of our friends who have means. One, due to recent reverses, is unable to help now. The other, a classmate of Betty at Oberlin College, has become heir to a considerable fortune. It is not at all certain that she will be interested enough to contribute. On the other hand, the possibility of helping with Yenching may appeal to her imagination. We wonder, therefore, if you would mail to her two or three of the illustrated folders about life and accomplishments at Yenching. She is Mrs. George T. Lee 5314 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, Texas. Betty wrote to her only afew days ago and has not had a reply as yet. Even if she does not contribute at this time, the contact might prove worth while later.

Due to the uncertainty of the situation heretofore, I registered with the Graduate Bureau of Teaching Appointments here, with a view to securing a college teaching position in this country until the general situation improves. One or two inquiries have come in, but I will hold off from any decision on these for as long a time as possible, for Yenching is our first choice. We shall appreciate it if you can let us know when anything promising appears on the horizon.

The day before Christmas we were in New York and tried to look you up in your office, for I wanted Betty to meet you, but of course it was a very inopportune time to make the attempt; we'll hope for better luck another time.

With very best wishes to you and yours for this new and uncertain year,

Cordially, Harry Price

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P.S. Can you spare a copy of the latest yenching catalogue? We have only one, but we should like very much to have one. HP.

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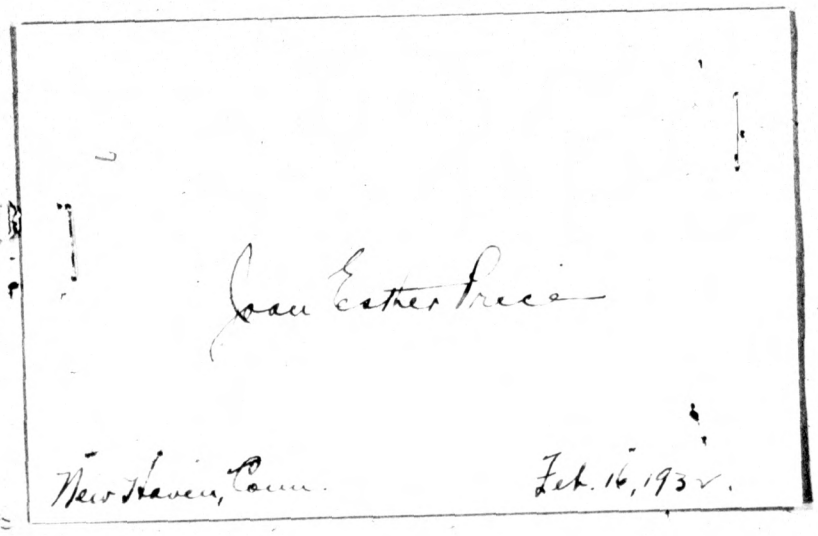
New York City
March 2, 1932

My dear Joan Esther:

I unreservedly congratulate you upon your choice of a father and mother. I think, moreover, that you have chosen a very fortunate time for arrival. It is reasonable to expect that while you are in the blissful half-awake state of your first twelve months, the worst period of the world-wide depression will pass, and by the time you welcome the arrival of the second spring, everybody will be happy and the birds will sing merrily.

With wishes for a long and joyful life.

Cordially yours,



188 Dwight St.
New Haven, Conn.
March 3, 1932.

Dear Mr. Wanamaker,

Thank you for sending me such a nice letter of welcome to the world. I like it here already and from what you say I think that I will like it even better a year from now.

I am glad that you know my daddy and mother. Since I came home the other day, I am getting much better acquainted with them. They look awfully responsible these days but I think they will get over that all right.

Excuse me for not writing this myself as I am busy with breakfast at the moment and am letting Daddy take it down for me.

Hoping to meet you some day real soon —
I am your little acrobatic friend — Joan Esther Price

Original carbon mislaid.
KK copied this from her notes.

March 9, 1932

Dear William:

I hope to write you in a few days with my own pen in response to your welcome letter. For the moment I am dictating this letter in behalf of a young man in whom I am interested. I am doing so entirely without request from him.

If there is any vacancy in the department of economics at Duke University I wish to recommend, without reserve, that the head of the department should request of Yale University information regarding Harry Price who will take his doctor's degree there in June. He is eager to return to China, where he was born, and to become a member of the faculty of Yenching University. We are very eager to have him. President Stuart attaches so much importance to the addition of such a fine personality as Harry Price to our American faculty there that both he and I have been doing everything possible to secure the necessary money from some special source rather than to lose him because of insufficient current funds from our general income. I have not abandoned the idea of getting him for Yenching. At the same time, my very warm interest in him and my interest in Duke University give me the feeling that it would be a gratification to see him there in case we could not get him for Yenching.

Mr. Price is the son of a Presbyterian missionary who was at Nanking for many years. Mrs. Price is a daughter of Arthur Rugh, one of the best known Y.M.C.A. secretaries ever stationed in China. Both are people of fine ability, unusual refinement and culture and just the type of character that I know Duke University wants in all new persons added to its social group. I do not remember precisely what aspect of economics Price is specializing in, but of course this information could be obtained by correspondence with Yale.

Affectionately yours,

Professor William H. Wannamaker, Litt.D.
Duke University, Durham, N. C.

ODW:KK

Harry Vi

March 18, 1932

Dear Harry:

I hasten to inform you of the reply just received from my brother. I am very sorry that it is not at all encouraging. My brother and I have always been very devoted to each other and anyone whom I strongly recommend to him would receive special consideration. Since I expressed myself, as you know, very strongly in your case, I think that his reply is, for the moment, virtually final. He says that the staff for the department of economics and for kindred subjects has been completed for the coming year. He says that he is flooded with applications and is constantly having to write letters simply that there are no vacancies. He says he will be delighted to keep your name in mind and that if Dean W. H. Glasson, of the department of economics should discover later the need for an additional man, he will mention you to Dean Glasson.

It might possibly be worth while for you to write Dean Glasson, but you should of course mention the correspondence between me and my brother, so that if Dean Glasson speaks to my brother he will not get the impression that we are disregarding his letter to me.

If we cannot get you at Yenching, I should certainly like to see you eventually land at Duke University.

I believe you cannot afford to wait very much longer before accepting the offer you now have. Unless we can make you a proposition very soon, I think the risk involved is too great to justify delay on your part. My brother writes that some colleges are far behind in the payment of salaries for the present year and almost despairing regarding the next year. He says many men of experience and ability are trying to abandon their present posts and get new places at almost any salary provided only they can be sure of being paid. In short, we are living through a crisis of the major kind.

I have had no opportunity to talk with Luce since you saw him, though I tried twice to get him for a luncheon engagement or a conversation.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Harry Price
188 Dwight Street
New Haven, Conn.

cc to JKS

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Harry Price

xw Thompson

April 11, 1932.

MEMORANDUM TO MR. GARSIDE:

I have just talked with Dr. Thompson, explaining that Dr. Stuart is very anxious to have Mr. and Mrs. Harry Price for certain reasons on the Yenching faculty, particularly in order that Harry might relieve the President of a good many details for which he would be particularly well qualified. I asked whether Dr. and Mrs. Thompson would consider it entirely in the spirit of their gift if the $1500 donation they recently made could be budgetted for Mr. and Mrs. Price for the first year. Dr. Thompson said that this would be entirely satisfactory if that use seemed to be the thing most serviceable to Yenching University.

O.D.W.

Noted
EMH-P

Hay, Price

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April 13, 1932

Memorandum to Mr. Evans

none in our file

I would suggest that you send copies of the attached account to each member of the McBrier Foundation Committee (three members). Also hand one to Dr. Stuart, advising that the suggestion made by Dr. Scott that approximately 50% of the salary for Mr. and Mrs. Price might appropriately be supplied by the Foundation was the consensus of opinion of the Committee; and that the $1,500 for the first year having been donated outside of this appropriation, this budget was worked out for the ensuing year.

It is understood that this does not fix the income for Mr. and Mrs. Price at $3,000 Gold. It is merely a suggestion that this amount is available if required.

The salary to be paid Mr. and Mrs. Price is a matter for further consideration and should be determined while Dr. Stuart is here. The proper committee should consider this matter and determine the amount.

My suggestion is that inasmuch as the first two or three years will be largely employed in study of the Chinese language, adjusting their relationships, etc., probably their salary for this first term (of say three years) should be on a lower basis than later; in other words, that the same rule should obtain as obtains in the case of new missionaries going out to China.

This matter should be referred to the appropriate committee as early as convenient.

We want to avoid the inference that anybody has fixed their compensation at G $3,000. We have merely arrived at the point where we know this amount is available, and it is now up to the proper committee to determine how much this amount shall be.

E. M. McBrier

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Harry Price file

MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMITTEE ON MCBRIER FOUNDATION
FOR BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION AND CHRISTIAN WORK
TRUSTEES OF YENCHING UNIVERSITY

12:30 P. M. April 14, 1932
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Members of the Committee

*George T. Scott *E. M. North *G. D. Gamble

All members of the Committee were present as were also Mr. Barber, Mr. McBrier, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Wannamaker, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Evans, and the Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Treasurer presented the following summary of receipts and expenditures on the field during the fiscal year 1931-32:-

Receipts

	L.C.$
Balance on Hand July 1, 1931	1,235.79
Received from Draft T-1259 G.$1,500.00	6,979.50
" " Draft for "Truth and Life" G.$150.	622.50
	$8,837.79

Expenditures

K. S. Wang	$1,800.00
K. Y. Fang	200.00
Harry Chang	150.00
Wu Chih Chang	300.00
Wang Shi Chang	300.00
J. L. Stuart, Sundries	425.00
"Truth and Life"	622.50
	$3,797.50
Anticipated Balance, June 30, 1932	5,040.29
	$8,837.79

CANDIDACY OF MR. AND MRS. HARRY PRICE

The Committee discussed the limitations placed upon the use of income of the McBrier Foundation for Biblical Instruction and Christian Work, as set forth in the Deed of Trust creating this Foundation. It was the judgment of the Committee that in view of the work proposed for Mr. and Mrs. Price, the Committee might properly appropriate approximately one-half of their support from the funds of the Foundation. It was the Committee's understanding that for the year 1932-33 the remaining half of their support would be provided by a special gift of G. $1,500 which has already been received from Professor and Mrs. W. J. Thompson, and that there was a hope that this support might be continued after the coming year. It was

MF-3051 VOTED to approve the appropriation of G. $1,500 per year from the income

of the McBrier Foundation for Biblical Instruction and Christian work for a period of three years beginning July 1st, 1932 toward the support of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Price, provided the balance required for their support is secured from some other source or sources.

BUDGET FOR 1932-33

The Treasurer presented budget estimates for 1932-33, prepared in consultation with President Stuart. It was

MF-3052 VOTED (1) to approve the following budget estimates for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1932:-

Anticipated Income

	L.C.$
Balance on Hand July 1, 1932	5,040.29
Gold Income, G.$2,400 @ 4 to 1	9,600.00
	$14,640.29

Approved Expenditures

Mr. and Mrs. Price, Share in Salary and Allowances G.$1,500 @ 4 to 1	$6,000.00
K. S. Wang	1,800.00
Scholarships	2,000.00
"Truth and Life"	1,000.00
	$10,800.00
Apparent Balance on June 30, 1933	3,840.29
	$14,640.29

(2) To inform those responsible for the publication of "Truth and Life" that while the Committee has, in compliance with their urgent request, appropriated L.C. $1,000.00 toward the support of this Journal during 1932-33, it is almost certain that appropriations for this objective will have to be greatly reduced in future, and that therefore those in charge of this publication should, during the coming year, make whatever adjustments may be necessary to permit them to go forward hereafter on a substantially decreased subsidy from the McBrier Foundation funds.

The Committee adjourned.

B. A. GARSIDE

Secretary

Harry B Price

Yenching Trustees
annual mtg 4-14-32

APPOINTMENT OF MR. AND MRS. HARRY B. PRICE

Dr. Scott reported, as Chairman of both the Committee on Instruction and the Committee on the McBrier Foundation for Biblical Instruction and Christian Work, that these two committees recommended the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Price as regular members of the staff at Yenching University, their support to be provided for the present in part from the McBrier Foundation and in part from other special sources. Mr. Price's teaching work would be in the field of social economics, and that of Mrs. Price in the field of religious education. It was

T-3048 VOTED to approve the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Price as regular members of the staff of Yenching University.

YENCHING

Yenching University

April 15, 1932.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Price,
188 Dwight Street,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Price:

I am hurrying off this brief note just before dashing to another board meeting. At the meeting of our Yenching Trustees yesterday, the Board very warmly and unanimously voted to appoint you for the work at Yenching.

Probably Dr. Stuart has already informed you of this action, but I am sending this along to be sure that you are aquainted with the matter and can be making your plans accordingly.

Tomorrow I will write you more in detail.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:PC

188 Dwight St.
New Haven, Conn.
April 17, 1932 –

YENCHING

Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you very much for your letter. It was our first official notice of appointment, and you may imagine that the news was most welcome.

Very cordially,

Harry Price

Mr. B. A. Garside
Yenching Univ. ofc.
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

YENCHING

Yenching University

April 19, 1932.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Price,
188 Dwight Street,
New Haven, Conn.

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Price:

I will now send you the more detailed information I promised you last week as regards your appointment by our Yenching Trustees.

Upon the cordial recommendation of the Committee on Instruction, the Yenching Trustees on April 12th voted your appointment as regular members of the Yenching University staff for a period of five years. In consultation with Dr. Stuart your salary was fixed for the present at G $1,500, plus G $150 for child's allowance, plus the usual outfit allowance for new missionaries of G $500, plus the regular allowances for travel, medical and dental service, language study, and retirement fund. The Board voted that your salary would begin as of July 1st, 1932. As to medical provision, the University provides all of the cost of necessary medical attention, and one-half of dental fees if incurred with the prior approval of the proper University authorities. Your language study arrangements will be worked out in consultation with Dr. Stuart.

The University bears the expense of travel in both directions. Previously first class accommodations on trans-pacific steamers had been provided, but as a result of the present economic conditions, Yenching University, in common with practically all our missionary organizations has adopted the policy of requesting its missionaries to travel second class on the Canadian Pacific steamers, or special class on the Dollar line. G $400 for an adult, and a proportionate amount for a child is the usual amount allowed for travel from New York to Peiping, though if a staff member, having exercised every possible economy, finds it necessary to exceed this allowance of $400, the University is willing to assume any necessary expenditure beyond this figure. New missionaries going out for the first time are allowed four cubic tons of freight per family, the cost being borne by the University.

I attach hereto a Schedule of Salaries and Allowances for the foreign staff at Yenching. You will notice that what I have written about is in accordance with this schedule, except in so far as your basic salary and child's allowance is concerned.

The completion of your appointment to Yenching University now

requires only that you pass a satisfactory medical examination, and signify your willingness to accept appointment on the conditions outlined above. I am enclosing herewith medical blanks provided by Dr. Vaughan, the Medical Secretary of the Methodist Board, who usually passes on the health of our Yenching appointees. Dr. Vaughan recommends that you apply to either one of the following for examination:-

Dr. Harold M. Marvin
550 Cedar Street,
New Haven, Conn.

Dr. John P. Peters,
550 Cedar Street,
New Haven, Conn.

The cost of this examination will be borne by the University. Usually physicians are willing to give such health examination to outgoing missionaries at a moderate fee, $5.00 or less, though we leave this to be arranged by the candidates as their local situation may require. We trust that you will be able to arrange for these examinations promptly, and that they will show both of you to be in excellent health.

All of us were very much delighted to have the privilege of meeting you here in New York last week. All members of the Committee on Instruction, and other members of the Board of Trustees, who had an opportunity of meeting you were enthusiastically in favor of your appointment. We all join in wishing you a long and happy period of fruitful service at Yenching.

Please keep me fully informed of anything I can do to assist you in your plans and preparations.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:PC
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Harry B Price

Yenching Finance Committee May 6, 1932

DR. THOMPSON'S GIFT OF $1,500.00

The Committee was reminded that the meeting of April 8 deferred action on allocation of Dr. and Mrs. Thompson's gift of $1,500.00. It was recalled that the McBrier Foundation Committee had voted a portion of income toward the salary and expenses of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Price. It was

F-3065 VOTED that, with the full knowledge and consent of Dr. and Mrs. Thompson, the $1,500.00 they so generously gave, be used to pay a portion of the salary and expenses of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Price.

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

YENCHING

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between YENCHING UNIVERSITY and MR. and MRS. HARRY B. PRICE this 20th day of May, 1932.

WITNESSETH:

That YENCHING UNIVERSITY hereby agrees to and does employ Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Price for a term of five years from July 1st, 1932, upon the following schedule as to salary and allowances:-

1. Salary at the rate of G. $1,500.00 per year.
2. Child's allowance at the rate of G. $150.00 per year.
3. Travel expense from New York City to Peiping, China, by the most direct route, and home coming travel expenses from Peiping to New York City at the end of the five-year period.
4. Outfit allowance of G. $500.00.
5. Residential quarters at Yenching University.
6. Expenses of medical attention for sickness, and one-half dental expenses.
7. In the event of the renewal of this contract, or its extension as a permanent appointment, the University will provide at the end of the five years of service on the field a fourteen months furlough including the time spent in travel to and from the field.

The University, upon due notice in writing, may terminate this contract at any time, upon the payment of a sum equal to three months' salary from the date of said termination, and full travel expenses to the address given above, by the most direct route.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Price hereby accept the said employment and the foregoing terms and conditions, and agree, that if for any reason they resign before the expiration of half of the term of this contract, they will reimburse the University for the outgoing expenses less such proportion of them as the time of actual service bears to one-half the full term of service as above set forth, and that in case they resign before the completion of the contract, no payment shall be made by the University for travel expenses to their home, except in case of their serious illness.

It is further agreed by Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Price that they will give their whole time and attention to the work for which they are hereby employed and that they will not engage in any outside occupation or activity for profit except as may be agreed upon in conference with the President of Yenching University.

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

WITNESSETH the hands and seals of the parties hereto this 20th day of May 1932.

ATTEST

B A Garside

Secretary, Board of Trustees

WITNESSES:

Elizabeth M. Cloud

Julia A. Craig

On behalf of YENCHING UNIVERSITY

George G. Barber

President of the Board

Elizabeth R. Price

(Appointee)

Harry B. Price

(Appointee)

188 Dwight Street
New Haven, Conn.
June 9, 1932

Mr. B.A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Although no word has come following my telephone call of yesterday, I am still hoping that it may have been possible to stop payment on the check for our outfit allowance.

About one o'clock yesterday I heard that there was a run on the Mechanics Bank here, and I went down at once to try and withdraw the $500 which I had deposited there on last Saturday. The teller claimed that they could not make payment on it because the check had not had time to clear through New York. I came straight home, therefore, and telephoned your office at about 2:45 o'clock. I trust the message reached you promptly.

This morning the bank was closed, having suffered a severe run yesterday. It has had the reputation of being one of the strongest banks in the city, the New Haven administration having carried its accounts there. A good many rumors are flying around about the bank. There is some talk of a merger with one or more of the other banks, and I hope this goes through. On the other hand, if it goes into a receivership, I don't know what to expect. I shall follow events here as closely as I can. Meantime, I would appreciate word from you as to whether or not fortune was with us and the payment stopped at its source.

Cordially yours,

Harry Price

June 10, 1932

Mr. Harry Price
188 Dwight Street
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Price:

I have your letter of yesterday giving further details as to the difficulties of the Mechanics Bank.

Immediately after you talked with Mr. Evans on Wednesday afternoon, he called up the Irving Trust Company and asked that they stop payment on your check for $500. They found, however, that the check had been paid on Tuesday morning of this week, and there was therefore nothing that could be done about the matter.

I am very sorry indeed that this added problem has come up just at this time when you have enough worries already but I sincerely trust that the affairs of the Mechanics Bank will soon be adjusted and that you will recover the amount without loss.

Very cordially yours,

BAG/RC

188 Dwight Street
New Haven, Conn.
June 23, 1932

Mr. B.A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you for the information about the tentative reservation for us on the Empress of Japan, sailing July 30. It sounds very good, and I hope that definite advice from China will enable us to clinch it on or before July 1.

The Mechanics Bank has gone into receivership. We will probably get back only a fraction of our account, but are not worrying about it needlessly. It does leave us a bit stranded, however, in regard to necessary outfitting, and I have been wondering, if we leave in July, whether it might be possible for us to secure our salaries for July and August as advance payments, say, about the first of July. There is no need for a decision on this now, but when word comes from China, I would appreciate your letting me know whether or not this would be feasible.

Our typhoid inoculations are completed. As to smallpox vaccinations, the baby had a good take and ours are to come the end of this week. And some dentistry is under way. So we ought to be in good repair by the first of July.

I have written twice in regard to passports but without a reply yet. I wrote to the State Department in Washington. I wonder if you can tell me whether application dan be made now directly to the Passport Agent in the Treasury Building, New York, without applying first to Washington? I would like to get this item cleared up in good time.

Thanks again for all of your assistance.

Very cordially,

Harry Price

188 Dwight Street
New Haven, Conn.
July 8, 1932
ack. 7-11-32

Mr. B.A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you very much for your letter of yesterday, together with the check for $275 enclosed, covering our salary and the child's allowance for July and August.

We are glad to learn that the passage on the "Empress of Japan" is definitely engaged; I plan to call for the tickets on about the 20th of this month, our coming to New York having been delayed somewhat.

Thank you also for sending the payment to Dr. Roberts in connection with our smallpox and typhoid "shots." I am sure that the amount will be quite satisfactory to him.

I talked recently with an officer of the Mechanics Bank here, who informs me that probably no payments to depositors would ~~probably~~ be made for some five or six months; the bank is now in the hands of a receiver, and it will ~~probably~~ be some time before its assets are converted and made payable to depositors. Of course there is no predicting how many cents on the dollar the bank will be in a position to pay.

Today I made arrangements with the Trust department of the First National Bank here (reputed to be the most stable in the city now) to act as my agent in procuring whatever portion of my account is collectible. Being right on the ground, they will be in a position to handle the matter efficiently. The account is for some $514.00.

Since in your letter you mention the possibility of a temporary "relief measure," I am wondering if some such arrangement as this might be possible: that your office advance us, say, $200, to tide us over for our outfitting, then that this $200 be a first charge against whatever is retrieved from our account with the Mechanics Bank. Then if the bank should pay less than $200 on our account, the balance could become a charge against our salary, together with whatever interest has

accrued on the advance payment.

If some such arrangement as this could be made, it would be a very real help to us. I could then ask the First National Bank here to pay over directly to you any funds which they collect on my account here. Please let me have your frank reaction to this possible procedure and any suggestion you may have as to a better way of making ~~the~~ an arrangement. If it would be an inconvenience or an embarrassment to send us ~~this~~ an advance, we may be able to make some other arrangement to tide us over the present juncture.

Very cordially yours,

Harry Price

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Price

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First Impressions
June 1932
Yenching University
Peiping West, China

Only when you yourself have travelled ten thousand miles in a short six weeks, can you know how difficult it is to select from a swiftly moving stream of myriad new impressions those that will best give an inkling of what a new life is like. So often we have made the futile wish that you might be here or there with us. Trying to picture letter by letter bits that we wish you could know first hand gives some little satisfaction.

The Empress of Japan, which carried us from Vancouver to Shanghai in seventeen days, is a veritable "Grand Hotel of the Pacific". We spoke often of the days when the same trip was made via Cape Horn, taking often five months and sometimes reducing the fare to hardtack and stale water. On this voyage the seas were so calm that the fish didn't even wink at us. The long days on the shoreless ocean and our stops at three ports made our weaning from the West and our introduction to the East a gradual affair. Honolulu means brown skinned divers doing a "once and a half" from the bridge of the ship, and pungent ginger blossom leis or necklaces which we wore away to the slow swinging rhythm of "Aloha". Yokohama and Kobe mean low, gracious bows, clicking wooden shoes, fishing junks with sails like butterflies' wings, and the Inland Sea of Japan by moonlight, a Utopia for honeymooners. The approach to Shanghai is much more impressive than to the other ports, for we leave the blue ocean for the muddy yellow waters of the Yangtse, and ply our way for twelve miles between every conceivable type of river craft- gunboats of various nations, local steamers, sailboats, fishing junks, and little ferrying sampans, rowed by one man- until we reach the long jetties of this city of two million, which is almost more western than eastern with all its hustle and bustle.

When we left the ship at Shanghai, the last tangible link with the Old World, we had our first vivid sense of being in a New World. This we had begun to feel vaguely at sea when we crossed the 180th meridian, skipping a day to bring us up to date with the new world we were entering. This is a transition in which there are three things we want very much to do: to keep vivid and real American scenes, ideas, and developments; to saturate ourselves in the new in order gradually to understand it; and as the new and strange becomes the familiar and natural, to retain a sensitivity to what are the significant differences between life in the Occident and Orient. Some contrasts are immediately obvious and striking, such as excessive manual labor in the absence of mechanical slaves, taken so much for granted in the west. Other contrasts more subtle we hope gradually to understand.

Trying to grasp sights and sounds that are more strange than familiar, in spite of having lived here before, has been a very absorbing and strenuous experience. For the first few days I walked about in a daze, with my eyes and ears projected as on antennae, afraid to take a fullsized breath for fear I should find myself walking up from "only a dream". I felt as though I could stand in the middle of the streets, endlessly, and then not be able to look my fill. I even got up at night during the wee hours to watch a funeral procession pass, or a stream of fast trotting donkeys, carrying a load of wheat to market. And the countryside from Shanghai to Peiping was "The Good Earth" unrolling its pageantry in one long panorama.

When you come out to see us, you will leave the city of Peiping five miles behind, and approach the campus through a long lane of feathery willow trees. You may be stopped once or twice by a swaying camel train, carrying wool to market, before you reach the big red gateway which is the main entrance to our one hundred and fifty acre campus. The central compound or campus is enclosed within a huge encircling wall, around which at night you can hear the watchman beating his two sticks together, to inform his employers and intruders alike that he is on the job. Inside the wall we live in what was once "The Prince's Garden", and the place has all the beauty and charm and romance that it's name suggests. The Prince, who is an uncle of Henry Pu Yi of Manchukou fame, is said to come here several times a year to rest in one of the courts he has reserved for himself. But that I still believe to be one of the myths of the fairy tale which we are living. The college halls were built by an American expert, who has succeeded in preserving the essence of Chinese architecture and combining it with modern conveniences. They are a fresh cream color, with characteristically dipping roofs, under the eaves of which there are designed rich mosaics of colorpredominantly Chinese red, blue and green. We have come at the springtime of the year as far as weather and landscaping go. The walks are lined with soft willows, locust, and ghinkao trees; the ponds are full of lily pads; the gardens are gay with red zinnias, purple asters, pink gladiolas, yellow marigolds, pink snapdragons, and blue larkspur. We are living this year in the President's house, built in the proper Chinese style with three wings around a court of flowers. In front stand two old sentinel pines, and at the back we look down from a wide stone verandah over a large pond with a red tea house on its little island. The heart of the university is President Stuart, who has so completely identified himself with it that it is difficult to think of either of them separately. With the detailed problems of the one hundred and twenty faculty members and eight hundred students he is intimately concerned, and accordingly loved. It is especially thrilling to be associated with a school that is still very much in the making. Our adjustment here is not so much a matter of fitting into a system as having an opportunity to help determine and shape the system. This seems to us the beginning of one of the most absorbing and exciting chapters of our lives.

In all this vagabonding Joan has proven herself a real gypsy. With consistent curiosity and good nature she has observed and examined this moving new world from her sturdy clothes basket, which has been her Pullman, her bunk, her taxi. The Canadian Pacific Company insisted on pasting onto her basket a label saying "WANTED", and somehow we have not taken it off. She has bewitched our travelling companions and friends, not to mention the Price Clan, who gave us a more than royal welcome in Nanking. When she is not crawling or working on her second tooth, she is chewing the corners off her big toes. Her vocabulary is rapidly approaching inteligibility, and soon she will be teaching us Chinese. Her faithful "nai-nai" is a sweet tempered old Chinese lady who has been twenty years with foreign babies of all varieties. All in all the cherub seems to be thriving on life in the Orient as completely as her Mother did some odd years ago.

And now we would like to shout across the pond to you, "Nin hao?" How are you? We are eager for your letters, telling of the summer past and the new year beginning. Ten thousand miles do not dim our pictures of you nor our wish to "keep up" with you; they are the more clear. Love from us all three-

Ruth Paine

YENCHING

Yenching University
Peiping
January 3, 1933

ack 1-27-33 BaS

Mr. B.A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

I wonder if you could conveniently send to Mrs. Arthur Rugh a check for $10, taking this as a deduction from our March salary which will be mailed to us on or about Feb. 25? If the payment to Mrs. Rugh (88 Morningside Drive, New York) could be made at once, we would greatly appreciate it. The point is that my wife wants to take advantage of a January sale in New York, and this seems to be the only feasible method. I'm sorry to bother you with this little personal item; please rest assured that I will not make it a habit.

sent 1-27-33.

The political pot seems to be simmering again to the north of us. Present indications are that the Japanese intend to attack Jehol from the east rather than from the south, via Taku, Tientsin, and Peiping. Yet every one speculates as to the possibility of their eventually reaching this area. It is probably entirely irrational, yet I am enjoying being near to the scene of action for once.

Dr. Stuart will soon be coming your way, no doubt. He will carry to you our best personal regards.

Very cordially yours,

Harry Price

YENCHING

Yenching University
Peiping
January 16, 1932

no ack - signed HHP

Mr. B.A. Garside
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you for your letter of Dec. 19.

Each of the items mentioned - $60 payment to the Harmon Foundation, correction of the Equitable Life payment for Nov. 20, 1935, the making of deductions at the time the check for the succeeding month is being sent out - is in perfect order, so far as I can see, and exactly according to my understanding.

Enclosed was your check for $83.57.

Thank you.

My brother, Philip, wrote of his pleasure at meeting you in New York, and remarked on the efficiency with which the business in hand was dispatched.

By now you will have heard of our most recent excitement. One report got into the Shanghai papers that three bombs were hurled into the student dining room here, but no one was injured. I suppose nothing quite so sensational and incorrect reached the American papers. The student-faculty issue over the postponement of examinations, which developed on a wave of student patriotism following the Japanese occupation of Shanhaikwan, is well on the way now to an assured amicable settlement. Meantime, we are watching with keen interest developments in the Shanhaikwan area.

With all good wishes,

Very cordially yours,

Harry Price

YENCHING

Yenching University
Peiping
Feb. 18, 1933

No acknowledgment HB

TRANSFER

Mr. B.A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Apparently my letter to you of December 23 just missed reaching you before you check to us of January 20 was issued. In that letter, I had asked that, in addition to the Equitable Life deduction you also deduct $30 - to be paid in my favor to the Bursar's office at Yale. Thinking that you might wonder whether we would wish so large a deduction to be made from the next check, I sent you yesterday (free of charge, through our local amateur radio station) a radio message, which I hope will reach you before the next check is issued, asking that you be so kind as to deduct three amounts ($40 to the National Council on Religion in Higher Education, $30 to Yale University, and $10 to Mrs. Arthur Rugh) from the check being issued to us during the next week, leaving a balance, I believe, of $57.50. This letter is simply to confirm the radio message.

Dr. Stuart left for Shanghai, en route to Seattle, yesterday, and you will doubtless hear from him a full account of the local situation shortly after this letter arrives. The new semester is under way with fine feeling between students and faculty generally, and if the Japanese will leave us in peace, all should go well this spring. Meantime, a little uncertainty and expectancy add measurably to the interest and zest of life, - at least, that is one aspect of the somewhat foreboding situation that exists in North China.

With all good wishes,

Ever cordially yours,

Harry Price

YENCHING

Yenching University
Peiping
May 25, 1933
ack. 6/24

Mr. B.A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

I wonder if I may trouble you once again to the extent of sending a check for $12 to my brother, Philip, at 1327 Bolton Street, Baltimore? It is to cover a little shopping that we have asked them to do for us on the eve of their departure from the U.S. Perhaps it could be deducted most conveniently from our July salary which you will be mailing in about a month. Thank you very much.

Sent Philip check, "Shopping fee"

As you doubtless surmise, this is an intensely interesting time to be in Peiping. The student body remained remarkably calm until some four days ago when a persistent crop of rumors caused nearly half of the student body to leave. Some of these have gone only to Peiping or Tientsin to await further developments and these will doubtless return if the situation remains calm. The rest seem inclined to remain so long as it is reasonable to do so. Yenching has, on the whole, fared better than any of the other Peiping universities during this particular crisis. Members of the faculty have stayed by to a man and have done a lot to allay the fears of the more nervous students. We are all glad of the temporary truce in force now and hope that a more permanent arrangement will be forthcoming without too great sacrifice on the part of China. Some Chinese are much more optimistic than they were a few days ago. Others fear that the Japanese will not be satisfied with less than Chinese recognition of Manchoukuo and/or complete demilitarization of the Peiping-Tientsin area with other concessions which will reduce north China to virtual domination by Japan - and that the Japanese will press such demands with the actual military occupation of Peiping and Tientsin as an alternative. Of course we all hope that the Japanese will be content with having removed the possible threat to Manchoukuo which lies in military operations in this area.

My little family are all well and send you their warmest regards.

As ever yours,

Harry B. Price

Yenching University
Peiping
November 19, 1933
Ack. 12/18/33

Mr. B.A. Garside
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Several items have accumulated since I last wrote to you.

First, let me acknowledge your notification of the receipt of $56.11 from the Mechanics Bank in New Haven, and of your application of this amount against the $200 advance made to me on July 11, 1932, leaving $143.89 still outstanding. I am pleased that at least one payment has come in and hope that there will be more; it seems that the Administration's efforts to resuscitate closed banks applies mainly to national banks - especially those closed since the first of this year. But it is a little hard to speculate at this distance. Perhaps other banks will be able to resume operations as conditions gradually improve. Meantime, however, it seems to me that it would be well to make some provision for repaying the advance which you so kindly made to me. The most most natural method for doing this would seem to be to add the balance due your office to the schedule of payments which you already have. Accordingly, I am adding to my copy of this schedule of payments:

June 25,	1936	China	Union	Univ.	$40.00
July 25	"	"	"	"	40.00
Aug. 25	"	"	"	"	40.00
Sept. 25	"	"	"	"	23.89 plus interest to date

Noted on schedule of payments GC

Any further dividends coming from the Mechanics Bank can be deducted from this schedule; meantime, there is at least tentative provision made for repayment. I would be glad if I had the means to make this repayment earlier; I trust the delay will not be an inconvenience to you.

The second item might better be called an atom - if one refers to size and weight. You may have heard from other sources that a new little visitor named Douglas Roberts and weighing 7½ pounds came to join our little family on September 9. He has been gaining steadily in weight and voice and visitors are prone to note what seems to be for him an unfortunate resemblance to his father. We are delighted that Joan (now nearly two) has a potential playmate so near to her own age.

As you may well guess, we have been rather "in the red" since the little fellow's coming. Dr. Stuart assures me

that this type of item is included in the allowances for sickness and so I am enclosing herewith the receipts for payments made to the P.U.M.C. This comes to a total, I believe, of Mex. $159. There are also two previous bills for dental service for both of us amounting to Mex. $ 32. Adding one half of this to the $159 makes a total, I believe, of Mex. $175 even. I shoud like to ask, also, whether we will be granted a similar child's allowance for the little newcomer to that which we have been receiving for Joan.

Every one here seems agreed that the University is well started on what seems to be, so far at least, the best year of its history, with enough freedom from political unrest to concentrate upon the internal affairs of the University. You have doubtless been hearing of the very genuine increase of interest and discussion of rural China and its problems, and of the beginnings of an attempt at a vigorous financial drive in China.

This will reach you not very long before the Christmas season. Please accept from all of us the very heartiest good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Cordially yours,

Harry Price

Douglas Roberts Price
Peiping
China

Sept. 9th 1933. (Yenching University)

Yenching University

ovember 20, 1933

Mr. Harry S. Price
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Mr. Price,

Ordinarily, we send your monthly salary check without any comments. However, the receipt of a card announcing the advent of Douglas Roberts inspires us to send a word of congratulation. Incidentally, it costs the University $2.00 more per month, and as this happy advent occurred early in September we are including additional payments for September, October and November.

We sincerely trust that the youngster will thrive - that he will mature into fit material for a future president, if not of the United States, of Yenching University.

Best wishes to you both.

Very cordially,

Assistant Treasurer.

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Enc.

Yenching University

February 1, 1934

Mr. Harry B. Price
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Mr. Price:

You will be glad to know that another five per cent dividend has been paid upon your checking account at the Mechanics Bank of New Haven. This makes a total of $106.99 which has been paid, this latter check being for $25.44.

The general banking situation is greatly improved. A tremendous amount of money has been lost in reorganizations and liquidations; but our eastern banking situation, more particularly in the New York area, is in a much better condition, and we are informed by the federal authorities that if politics are not allowed to enter into the situation, there will be still further improvement.

Very cordially yours,

CAE:RC

Assistant Treasurer

Yenching University
Peiping
March 23, 1934

ack 5/4/34

Mr. C.A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your notification of another five per cent dividend having been paid upon my checking account at the Mechanics Bank of New Haven, making a total of $106.99. I am glad to see your comment in regard to the general banking situation.

I am sorry to have to report another hospital expense from our family. Our six-month old youngster, Douglas, contracted pneumonia in February; it was a serious case - both lungs - and the little fellow very nearly pegged out. Only now is he fully recovering. We had to send him in to the P.U.M.C. for about two and a half weeks, incurring thereby an expenditure of $161.00, local currency. In addition, I had to have two wisdom teeth extracted; half of this charge raises the total, I believe, to $168.50. I trust that the family health record will show improvement from now on.

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Despite the somewhat ominous outlook to the north, as between Russia and Japan, we are able to continue, for the present at least, on the even tenor of our way. I hope that the present efforts of the State Department in Washington to effect some sort of rapprochement with Japan will tend to strengthen the arm of those who are working for peace in Japan; my guess is that further developments in Russo-Japanese relations depend very largely upon the Japanese.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

Harry B. Price

Mr. Harry B. Price
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Mr. Price:

I greatly appreciate your letter of March 24th. It gives us a lot of information which we are very glad to receive.

I feel that you have been making a worth while contribution to the life of Yenching and have no doubt that the influence of Mrs. Price and yourself has been well worth while along the lines of influence which we hoped you might exert, namely to make a contribution to the religious work of the institution, to emphasize the place which religion has on the campus, and to lead individual members of the student body into a personal relationship to Jesus Christ. If you have been able to accomplish as much along this line as we hoped and expected, then the appropriation made from the income from the McBrier Fund has been fully justified.

I infer, however, from your letter, that there seems to be a question in your mind as to whether we were justified in making the appropriation from this fund by reason of the fact that your activities did not fall quite within the specifications of the trust fund. This question is one that has also been referred to in meetings of the Committee. You are better able than we are to interpret the true situation, however, as you know whether your work is in line with the purposes for which the funds should be used, or not. I note that you say, "I feel that the McBrier fund should be freed for its distinctive and important function of contributing directly to the religious life of the students," and you state that when your present term is up, "if the University can take over directly our support, I for one hope that the fund which you have established can be devoted more specifically to the purpose for which it was founded."

I sincerely thank you for expressing yourself in this frank manner. The one particular point that seemed to justify the use of the income from the fund for your partial support was the fact that Dr. Stuart stated that your presence in his home, and the ability of Mrs. Price and yourself to take over responsibility that would devolve upon him would free him for more personal and direct religious work with the students, which he himself greatly desired to undertake. It was, as much as anything, upon the basis of this plea from

Dr. Stuart that the Committee unanimously voted to make the appropriation for your partial support.

I am particularly glad to get your impressions of Yenching. I think your observations at the bottom of Page 3 coincide with the judgments some of us have held for a long time.

I am always glad to hear from you and trust that I may hear from you oftener in the future than in the past.

I am gratified to know that Mrs. Price and the children are so well. Will you kindly remember me to Mrs. Price.

You ask my reactions in regard to the American situation. It is rather hard to speak very definitely because the present government has not specifically mapped out any program nor has it revealed what it hopes to accomplish, except that it intends, in one way or another, to bring about "prosperity"- whatever that may mean; and, more than all, has not divulged the road by which this is to be accomplished. It looks to me as though they were following in part the course of trial and error, in part a policy of opportunism, and, more than anything, trying to carry water on both shoulders politically. I personally feel that our President is a great politician and, I might add, an admirable one. Whether he will be able to keep to the middle of the road, with the forces arrayed against him, is always a grave question. With a Congress full of reactionaries and opportunist politicians, anything might be put over that would spoil the entire picture. It would indeed be a brave prophet that would dare at this time to declare what the result will be even in a few months.

Judging from latest news, silver inflation is probably scotched, at any rate for the present, although the political pressure is tremendously strong and those in favor of it will not easily give up their schemes. If the President could be left alone to work out his own devices, I rather think he is at heart a conservative and would not countenance measures that are visionary and impossible.

The picture is by no means clear. There seems to be an impression that the powers given to the President for still further decreasing the gold content of the dollar will be exercised, and that we will have a 50¢ dollar before we get through with it. This may or may not come to pass.

I was much interested in the book that you sent in regard to the Cooperative Beet Sugar Industry, and I am returning the booklet herewith.

Appreciating your letter very much indeed, I am,

Sincerely yours,

EMMcB.A
Enc.

YENCHING

Yenching University

April 30, 1934

ack. 5/31/34

Mr. Harry B. Price
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Mr. Price:

We are pleased to announce that an additional dividend of $25.44 has been received, which represents 5% from the Mechanics Bank of New Haven, and which further decreases your obligations by this amount.

I will write you further and enclose check to cover medical expenses, in the next mail.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Treasurer

CAE:HW

Yenching University
Peiping
May 31, 1934

ack 6/25/34

Mr. C.A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter just received which informs me of another dividend receipt from my account at the Mechanics Bank in New Haven. I am beginning to wonder if they may not even in time clear off the amount of the advance to us from the New York office.

I have just received an annual atatement of my account with the Harmon Foundation, and find that the scheduled payments run a little in excess of my obligations there. Accordingly, will you be so kind as to alter the schedule of payment for July of this year to read $28.00 instead of $40.00. The remaining payments due to this foundation should then read, I believe, as follows:

End of June	$40.00 ✓
End of July	28.00
End of Sept.	35.00

noted E.C.

Also will you please strike out the payment scheduled to be made to the National Council on Religion at the end of August, 1934, and schedule it for the end of March, 1935, during which month there is at present, I believe, a vacancy(since an earlier alteration was made in the Harmon Foundation schedule). That would mean that you would send us our full salary for September at the end of August.

noted E.C.

I hope that this is clear. Once again let me thank you and Mr. Garside most heartily for your cooperation in the handling of these payments.

The session is drawing rapidly to a close and even May 31 looks as though it is going to pass by uneventfully; we had thought earlier that the anniversary of the Tangku truce might bring some sort of demonstration or incident in this area. The fact seems to be that during the year the Japanese have strengthened their real position until they dominate the north China political situation rather completely.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Harry B. Price

YENCHING

Yenching University
Peiping
June 5, 1934.

Mr. C. H. Evans
150 Fifth Ave.
New City

Ordered draft 7/6/34
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Dear Mr Evans:

I did not expect to be writing you again quite so soon. This is, I regret to say, to report another medical expense. I hope this will be the last for a long time — the P.U.M.C. receipt is enclosed ($35) — May I ask also if, at the time of mailing us our August salary (about July 25) you would deduct a further $2.00 & mail this amount to my brother, Dr. Julian P. Price, at #1 Cherry Street, Florence, S.C. This would be greatly appreciated.

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At this time when the Japanese & Soviets are making speeches to each other across the border, I almost envy you who are in New York, because your international news reports are much fuller than what we can see here, — we have, however, seen accounts of heat waves in the U.S. already — let's hope that they have subsided when this reaches you.

Cordially yours, Harry B. Price

YENCHING

Yenching University
Peiping
October 13, 1934

ack 11/19

Mr. C.A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

For a family that is normally exuberant with health, I think we must appear to have a good deal of illness. Last spring I was bothered by recurrent colds and a chronic throat condition. Upon the advice of local and P.U.M.C. physicians, I finally had a pair of offending tonsils removed during the summer. The Treasurer's Office here advanced the payment for me, and I have just now received the receipt from this office. At the time of the operation, no second class rooms were available, but by a special arrangement, all of the ~~other~~ charges (except for room) were at second class rates. I am taking care of the difference between second and first class charges for room ($9) and of the item for chewing gum which, while it was useful, was hardly medicinal! This leaves a balance, I believe, of $127.00. I would appreciate it if you could mail this amount either to me or directly to the Treasurer's Office at Yenching to be applied to my account. Thank you. ...The removal of the offending members has brought a decided improvement in total well-being.

Draft purchased 11/16/34 - @ 34 3/8 $43.66

Despite uncertainties political and financial, the University has started the session with excellent morale, and, the Japanese and the Big Bad Wolf permitting, the year promises to be the best yet. The extent of Chinese endorsement as evidenced in the Million-$ campaign is highly encouraging. But doubtless you are hearing much of this sort of news from other sources.

Please remember me to Mr. Garside.

Cordially yours,

Harry B. Price

P.S. - Oct. 16 - We had to take our little Joan to the P.U.M.C. yesterday - Calaazar (is that the way it is spelt?) is suspected, but we hope it is not that -

燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING WEST, CHINA.

Oct. 28, 1934

Dear Mr. Fee:

Thank you for taking so much time and effort to place my little article on rural industries. Not knowing for just what purposes these articles were wanted by the Ag. office, I was a little in the dark in writing this one. You mention the possibility of further articles for publication, and it is very kind of you to offer to try to place them. I hope to send you more such material from time to time, with specific ~~mag~~ types of magazine in mind. If you have any specific suggestions

with regard to phases of the economic situation in China in which Americans may be interested, I would be glad to cooperate, if feasible, through working up an article.

Please remember us cordially to Mrs. Fee and Clarabel. –

With all good wishes, I am –

Very sincerely yours,

Harry B. Price

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November 30, 1934

Dr. W. J. Thompson
Mayfair House
610 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y.
U. S. A.

My dear Dr. Thompson:

I am writing you about a matter which will at least give evidence that I am treating you as one of the most trusted and intimate of our Trustees. Otherwise I would not have the courage to put before you this problem, in which you have already shown your interest.

You may be aware that the University has adopted a single salary schedule for both Chinese and Western members who are on its own budget. Certain provisions are made for the latter because of expenses that they incur in their home countries or for the education of their children, but the theory is that for life on the same campus the treatment should be identical. This principle has done a great deal to strengthen the perfect harmony which has always existed between the two elements in our faculty and has won for us the loyalty and active goodwill of our Chinese members to an extent which has fully justified the experiment. It has also made a very fine impression on the outside public and on the officials of the Central Government.

It works hardship, however, upon the younger foreign members of our faculty, especially those who are married and have children. If they were under one of the mission boards or if the old schedule for foreign teachers were retained by the University, they would be adequately cared for. I am inclining to feel that the ultimate solution will be for the Board of Trustees to take over our whole foreign staff and supply them as persons to the University without any local financial arrangements. This is what is actually in practice with mission board appointees now.

Meanwhile, as it happens, there is only one victim of the present method and that is Harry Price. The three-year arrangment in which you so generously associated yourself with the McBrier Fund expires with the end of this academic year, after which he will have to go on our schedule, which is based upon academic rank and is therefore really inadequate for him. On the other hand the terms of the McBrier Fund are such that I scarcely feel it would be right to ask for an extension of help

from that source. Harry's work is in the field of economics and it has only been by a liberal interpretation of the terms of that Fund which has warranted its use thus far. He and his wife have fully come up to all that I expected of them and have taken a place in our University life which makes both of them a very real asset. They are both carrying classes now (she in education) and contribute to almost every one of the better phases of our life. They are also of the greatest help to me personally.

In other words, all that I spoke to when this question was first under consideration has been more than realized and he is, as I then indicated, the one to whom I would look more than any other in the future for representing the American interests of the University. As such alone he is invaluable. The problem of daily life could doubtless be cared for with sufficient economy, but he unfortunately contracted obligations in continuing his graduate studies which he has been paying off at the rate of US$40.00 a month. He will still have, after this year, about $600 to clear off.

This letter is written to ask if, in the event of your being able to continue your substantial annual contribution to Yenching, it might take the form of supplementing his salary and thus enabling him to get even and to carry on free from anxiety until he attains an academic rank which, with no overhanging debts, will enable him to care for the wife, who is as charming as ever, and the two children, whom if you could see you would be the more ready to appreciate why I am writing thus. If you feel disposed to consider this suggestion we can correspond further as to procedure. Needless to say, I am saying nothing to anyone until hearing from you.

As I said at the outset, I am treating you as can only be done with one whom is considered as the closest sort of associate.

With the season's greetings, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

December 19, 1934

Mr. Harry B. Price
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Mr. Price:

I have received your note of October 28, 1934 and wish to express my appreciation of your willingness to cooperate with us in providing material for publication concerning Yenching University in America.

I am especially eager to break into the Sunday editions of the large New York papers such as the Times and the Herald Tribune, and would be glad to have an article on rural conditions in China illustrated by attractive photographs. If this could be sent us I would take up again the possibility of getting it into the Sunday magazine section of the of these larger papers.

I am also desirous of breaking into the Survey Graphic; they would want a brief article relating to some matter of special interest to the public in America. They do not use illustrations.

Let this bring to you our very best wishes for the Christmas season.

Very sincerely,

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