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April 23, 1924.

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker,
St. Louis Country Club Grounds
Clayton,
Missouri

My dear Mrs. Shoemaker:

Your letter announcing that you have sent one thousand dollars to me through Dr. Fowler arrived last night. I do not know whether you can fully understand my joy over this good news. Our President Stuart is still detained in America at this moment on account of the campaign work and during the past few months I have been bothering him with bequests to provide funds to strengthen the History Department. If he were here today I can imagine how happy he would be over your gift too, for it will surely be a great help to us in our work next fall. I shall report to you later how this gift from you will be used, but I can assure you that you have come to help us at a most opportune moment and all of us who are associated in this great task are very grateful.

My work with the university is at present divided up about half and half, half for the School of Theology and half for the College of Arts and Sciences for Men. While my life's interest has always been in helping to build up in China the best theological school for the training of Christian ministers, yet at present I am spending most of my time in acting as head of our Department of History. I have not yet taken up a definite church in Peking, although another friend and myself are planning to give part of our time to one of the churches on the outskirts of the city where the community is of an average character and where we may have an opportunity to experiment under normal conditions with some of the theories which we have worked out in our class rooms, and which may or may not work out at all. I have always considered that this type of "Social Laboratory" is indispensable for those who are teaching any of the social sciences in the Universities, and especially indispensable for the professors of theology.

Since our coming back last autumn we have been exceedingly busy just in getting settled down and in getting used to our new environment here. After being abroad for so long a time we have found it necessary to take some length of time to get accustomed again to our Chinese environment. Peking is a great metropolitan city. I dare say it is much more so than St. Louis, for this very reason that it presents to those of us who are interested in the Christian movement here many peculiar problems. It presents to one all of the great opportunities for service one could possibly desire, and yet at the same time there are so many confusing things that claim one's attention that it becomes at once both distracting and distressing.

The University is fortunate in having a wonderful new site just a little way outside of the city on which our construction program is

The original
letter was so
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now going on. We can hardly wait to move out there where we will then be at once free from the distractions of the city life and yet at the same time near enough to do all that we care to.

This week we are busy with recruiting students for the ministry. Next week we shall expect to have a big Student Volunteer Conference for our province, the Province of Chihli, out in the mountains about ten miles from the city.

I am just at this moment bubbling over with thoughts describing the various forms of work that I am interested in, but I fear that if I keep on going I shall surely miss an important meeting scheduled for this afternoon. I shall stop right here and enclose a copy of a recent address which I delivered in the Conference of Colleges and Universities in Nanking, which will describe one form of my work, namely, one of my classes on the "Fundamentals of Religion." When I write again I shall then take more time to describe other things.

With sincere appreciation and kind regards to both yourself and Dr. Shoemaker,

Very sincerely yours,

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

(YENCHING TA HSUEH)

PEKING, CHINA

July 7, 1924.

Mr. James Lewis,
Room 912,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Jim:

I learned from President Stuart that you have been good enough in consenting to undertake to raise the sum of \$10,000 to meet the budget of the University for the present year. I have been informed that up to date you have already secured \$2000 contingent upon the securing of the rest. I hope by the time you receive this letter you may have a few more thousand dollars added to this group.

A few weeks ago I received a letter from Mrs. Shoemaker, St. Louis Country Club, St. Louis, (I have no doubt you have her name in the office files) saying that she has sent \$1000 to Dr. Fowles treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and stating that the \$1000 will be for my use at the University. President Stuart suggested that this \$1000 G could be counted towards the \$10,000 and that it might make the securing of the rest easier. I am only too glad to let it be so counted and this is specially true as I was not expecting the money.

I had already written Mrs. Shoemaker acknowledging this gift although I have not taken up the matter with the Methodist Board as to when the money will be available. I suppose either you or Moss will be able to attend to this matter.

Withkindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

William Hung

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Please
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it for the
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Jim

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Board of Foreign Missions
of the Methodist Episcopal Church

150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

August 13, 1924

Mr. Leslie B. Moss
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Moss:

In reply to your letter of August 13th, I am asking Mr. DeVesty's office to send to you the gift of \$1,000. made by Mrs. Shoemaker, of St. Louis, for the University.

Cordially yours,
/s/ Ralph A. Ward

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St. Louis Country Club Grounds
Clayton, Mo.

April 1, 1925.

Dean William Hung,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear Mr. Hung:

Your letter of August 9th. was very interesting to Dr. Shoemaker and me. I congratulate you upon being made Dean of the College, feeling the College is to be congratulated too.

I have had news of you and your wife through Mr. & Mrs. Crawford. They will leave St. Louis soon for MaAblehead. One piece of embroidery your wife sent me decorates my table in my room.

I have sent through the Board of Home Missions one thousand dollars to be used under your direction. I should feel glad if one hundred dollars was used in your own household--say for entertainment of guests or some thing you and your wife might enjoy.

Dr. Shoemaker and I plan a two months' trip to Europe this summer. We wish China might be a part of our trip. That may come some time I hope.

Dr. Shoemaker joins me in kind regards, wishing you great success in your work.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. J.F. Shoemaker.



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(YENCHING TA HSUEH)
PEKING, CHINA

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES FOR MEN
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 29th, 1925.

Mr. Jame L. Lewis,
Peking University Office,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.,
U. S. A.

Dear Jim:

In one sense I hope this letter will reach you before you leave the States for China; in another sense I wish that the letter will reach New York after you have left for Peking, for we have a very warm welcome for you out here.

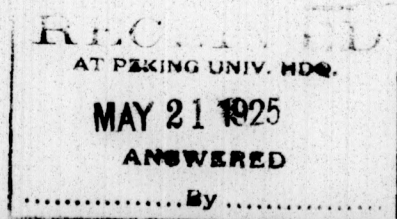
The enclosed letter from Mrs. Shoemaker is quite selfexplanatory. You will remember that she gave a thousand dollars last year and I wrote you that you might count that thousand toward the amount you were to raise for the general University budget.

This year I shall need this money for some work which I have planned for the Department of History, which is not included in the last budget. A special one hundred dollars which she mentioned in the letter I think I shall spend to give my family a little trip during the summer for we have no other fund for this purpose.

I did not, however, ever hear from the Methodist Board or its mission here as to the thousand dollars which Mrs. Shoemaker gave me. I wonder whether you know what becomes of it. I have also written Dr. North asking him to help to see that the money reaches me here and I shall appreciate it if you will also look into this matter for us. I have asked President Stuart to write Dr. North. I think he may have also written you about this. With all best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

William Hung



Extract of letter → From Dean Hung to Dr. North, dated April 29, 1925: [See C.O. files]

"I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I recently received from Mrs. Shoemaker, a friend of mine in St. Louis, Missouri.

More than a year ago I received a letter from her saying that she had given \$1,000. gold to me to spend for the University. She stated that the money has been given through the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Up-to-date I have received no notice from the Methodist Board nor did I receive any notice from Mr. Krause, the Treasurer of the Mission here.

The enclosed letter evidently means that she has given another thousand dollars to me. She wrote Home Missions, but I suppose she means Foreign Missions.

Will you be good enough to look into this matter and see that the money reaches me as I am planning quite a few things and shall be dependent on this fund."

*Extract of
letter* →

From Dr. North to Dean Hung, dated July 21, 1925:

"I have a report after some delay, that the \$1000.00 given by Mrs. Shoemaker and referred to in your letter of April 29th was drawn by Mr. Krause in draft reaching New York January 2, 1925. From our records here we did not know much about what this was until your letter came.

The second \$1,000.00 to which you referred has been received by the Board of Foreign Missions and I expect it within the next few days for our Peking accounts and it will then be possible for Mr. Krause to draw upon it.

I do hope that you will find it possible to apply those two items in the regular current budget, as I am sure you realize how closely we are limited in meeting our regular expenses."

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Extract of letter from Dean Hung to Dr. North dated October 27, 1926:
Concerning Contributions of Mrs. J.F. Shoemaker ~~etc~~

"I want to inform you that recently I received a notice from the North China Mission of the Methodist Church that \$900 has been given on August 26th by Mrs. Shoemaker to me. I have signed the receipt and asked Mr. Wiant to get the money to put in the History Department Budget this year as a Special Fund for some projects which I have in mind. He informed me that this notice came on a blue slip when it should have come on a yellow slip and because of the color it is not exactly correct. There would have to be a great many motions by the Mission and transference of money from New York to Peking, then to Shanghai and back to Peking again. He thinks he can make a short cut of this mysterious process by sending this slip on to you. I think it is on its way to you now from Mr. Wiant's Office. I shall certainly appreciate it if you can get this tangle more or less cleared up."

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From Mr. Wiant to Dr. North, dated October 28, 1926:

"Enclosed please find acknowledgment of a gift of U.S.\$900 from Mrs. J.F.Shoeemaker for William Hung, duly signed. This gift has come through the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church on a "blue" slip and must go through a great deal of "red tape" to finally arrive in the hands of the recipient.

Inasmuch as Mrs. Shoeemaker has formerly sent this gift through you as our treasurer, it would seem reasonable that you would be able to secure this money from the treasurer of the Methodist Board and authorize us to draw this money for Mr. Hung's use. Mr. Glenn V. Fuller, treasurer of the North China Finance Committee has advised that this be the best way to handle the situation.

Dean Hung is waiting to use this gift to install an extra bath-room in his new home since such an improvement would be a great asset to him and to the University now that we are all called upon to do more over-night entertaining on the new site."

From Dr. North to Dr. Gamewell, dated January 3, 1927:

"I have been sent from Peking a special gift receipt by William Hung for Special Gift of Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker, \$900., Voucher S-724, August Gift No. 19.

This receipt has been sent by Mr. Wiant and Dean Hung to me as it came out on a blue slip and they understand that it should have come out on a yellow slip. It may be that from the point of view of the Board you would prefer to make the adjustment of this item to Specials Extra as the way to release it. In any case, I know that the donor is very anxious that it should be released soon as she has been discouraged over some of the delays that have affected gifts she has sent out for use under Mr. Hung's direction before. As this amount is less than a thousand dollars I hope you will be able to release it very soon, and I will be glad to turn in Mr. Hung's receipt when the money is made available here."

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From Mr. DeVesty to Dr. North, dated Jan. 6, 1927:

"We are enclosing herewith our check #6769 for \$900.00. This covers the following designated gift:-

Aug. 1926 #19 - Gift of Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker,
L. B. 38,
Clayton, Mo.
for Peking University property
or equipment c/o Dean W. Hung.

Gamewell."

This is in response to your letter of Jan. 3rd addressed to Dr.

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From Dr. North to Mr. Wiant, dated January 8, 1927:

"Enclosed herewith find check for \$900, being the gift of Mrs. J.F. Shoemaker for Peking University property or equipment, under the direction of Dean Wm. Hung. This sum was received yesterday and I am sending it out at once to you. We are treating this as an item outside the budget and not being exactly clear as to whether it is to be used for a property item or some form of current item, we will ask you to instruct us so that we may know whether this should be credited to plant equipment account."

see letter
19 Oct. 28
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From Mr. Wiant to Dr. North, dated March 16, 1927:

"Check for \$900, being the gift of Mrs. Shoemaker for William Hung, has been cashed for \$1968.75 Silver. We have also received \$600 from Miss Isabel MacLiesh, designated for the salary of William Hung, and a similar amount from Miss Deborah Haines for the same purpose. These checks sold for \$1312.50 each. We also received \$5.00 Gold from the Schoharie Community Church for a scholarship. This brought locally \$10.93."

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Do not write
this letter to
Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker
source of gifts for
Y. U. sent in May
P.N.

July 7, 1927

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker
Clayton, Missouri

My Dear Mrs. Shoemaker:

In the summer of 1924 and the summer of 1925, you were so good as to cooperate with us in the magnificent bit of work going on there at Peking University, by your gift each time of \$1000. While I realize that you have made no definite pledge, I am writing to you to express the hope that you may continue to cooperate with us this year.

Notwithstanding the troublous times in China, the University has never had a position of greater influence and higher prestige than at the present time. Partly owing to our favorable geographical location and partly because of the admirable administration on the part of Dr. Stuart and his Chinese colleagues like William Hung and T.T. Lew, the University has come through the year not only the only Christian Institution which has complete faculty and students intact, but it is the general impression of all concerned that, schoolastically and spiritually, this is the best year the University has ever had in its whole history. We, of course, cannot tell what may happen in the next two months but we do not feel any cause for alarm. The minority "red" element in the Nationalistic movement seems to have spent itself in central China and there is likely to be a minimum of difficulty when the Nationalistic movement reaches Peking. Very fortunately the Christian General, Feng Yu-Shiang, has joined with the Nationalists, and his reputation for maintaining order is so great at Peking that when he arrives there he will be welcomed with open arms.

Those here in closest touch with the whole Chinese movement and who are able, out of many years experience in China, to interpret the situation believe that before us in the comparatively near future, we shall have an unprecedented opportunity for such service as, in a very special way, Peking University is able to render. In deed, to those watching the undercurrent, it is likely that the opportunity will be far greater than our ability to meet it. Just now, on the part of those who only have one-half conviction about the service we can render to China at the present time and the years immediately ahead of us, there is a tendency to hold back in their giving. This, of course, can be explained psychologically but it is very illogical to one who really believes in this movement. It is a time when such help as our friends give us is of double value beyond that of ordinary times.

We have recently received a cable from Peking saying that the academic year closed peacefully and successfully and we are now looking forward to opening in September. I think the only thing that could happen would be that the date of opening might be delayed a little bit if the inevitable political and military changes at Peking should come at that time.

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I was in Peking two years ago when General Feng was driven out of the city northward and the authority changed between the two armies so quietly that we, dwelling in the city at that time, knew nothing of it except as we read of it in the Peking newspapers or were on the street and heard General Feng's soldiers going along singing Christian hymns.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of our Peking News, May issue, which possibly you may have seen. The situation depicted there holds practically up to this very moment. Our building operations are proceeding there as usual and the buildings marked in red are under construction. For the first time in Chinese history, with any success, the beautiful Chinese architectural lines have been combined with the utility of modern college buildings. At the present time they are unique in China and our architect, a New York man, believes that they are the most unique group of buildings in the world. President Woolley of Mount Holyoke, after her trip around the world, told us that it was the most beautiful campus, with its lake and mountains beyond, that she had seen in her trip around the world.

It is just thirty years since I went out to China first, but the needs of the University have grown so great simply because the development of the University has been so happily and unexpectedly large. I find I have to devote more time than I like going here in this country telling our friends about the University, but the work is so wonderfully fine that it seems to be worth what it costs.

Hoping that you may cooperate with us at this strategic time in this inspiring task there at Peking, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

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Board of Foreign Missions
of the Methodist Episcopal Church

150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

May 24, 1928

The Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
Attention of Mr. B. A. Garside

Dear Mr. Garside:

We are enclosing herewith our check #6127 for
\$500.00. This covers the following designated gift:-

April 1928 #38 - gift of
Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker,
Box 1375, Route #1,
Clayton, Mo.
for Property or equipment, Peking Univ.
c/o William Hung.

Kindly make this amount available for the purpose
designated.

Sincerely yours,
/s/ Chas. E. DeVesty

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In the Heart of the Lake Country

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The Glen Springs
Watkins Glen, N.Y.

July 16, 1928

Mr. F. H. Warner,
100 Fifth Ave. N. Y.

Dear Mr. Warner:

I am in receipt of
your second communication
asking for a subscription
to Yenching University.
I have sent a thousand
dollars for the Women's
Committee, and that is
all I can do this year.

To the Women's College

Very truly yours,
(Mrs. J. F.) Ella S. Phoebe

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Shoemaker, Mrs. J. F.

Clayton, Missouri

Dec. 17, 1928

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MRS. J. F. SHOEMAKER
ROUTE 1, BOX 1375
CLAYTON
MISSOURI

May 15, 1929

Mr. Olin D. Wanaumake -
150 Fifth Ave. N. Y.
Dear Mr. Wanaumake:

A recent visit from
Mr. Mr. Hung interested
me in Mr. Chang who is now
at Harvard and will return
to China to help establish
"Better Villages."

Mr. Hung asked to have
the money which I sent you
addressed in your care -
Very truly, Mrs. Shoemaker

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Shoemaker, Mrs. J. F.

Clayton, Missouri

May 18, 1929

\$200 for maintenance of W. L. Chang, and especially toward ~~his~~

his training through an observation trip as mentioned in Wm. Hung's letter to her of May 9, 1929.

Gift received 5-18-29

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Shoemaker, Mrs. J. F.

Box 1375, Route 1
Clayton, Mo.

Oct. 3, 1929

\$500 toward 1928 Campaign-Undesignated - pledge #561 - 1st half of pl.

Gift received 10-3-29
Receipt slip # 2611
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" " contr. list ✓
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Pledge signal attached ✓
X-file card _____
Letter ack. sent ✓
Checked for O. L. ✓
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Shoemaker, Mrs. J. F.

Clayton, Mo.

Jan. 25, 1930

\$500 - 1928 Camp - Under. (final pay-
ment on pledge 561)

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" " contrib. list	✓
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Letter ask. sent	1-27-30
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " card <i>ML</i>	✓
" " card <i>Renewal</i>	✓

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Cable Address "PRINCEGEO"



To A Home In The Heart Of Things

Prince George Hotel

Fifth Avenue and 28th Street
New York City

ALBURN M. GUTTERSON, Managing Director

Nov 11/15

My dear Glen,

Please read the enclosed letter to Mrs. Shornaker and after having it typed show a copy to Dippenderfer and give him my letter to him. It may be that you will have to change the paragraphs referring to him after he has seen it. Otherwise sign my name and mail it. Let Hing & Dr. Howard have copies. Feel free to edit as you see fit. I did not give an amount purposely, but have in mind \$2000, or if she objects \$2000. This could be taken up after

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Send her a pamphlet, and some
material about our ritual opening,
that includes Dr. Yarrow's report.

Henry is anxious that I be
in my way, to force up
Crawford whom he feels can
do something substantial for us.
You must keep in touch with him
and make an appointment for me
with this man in my return. Noted
Lm

7th Dec.

Copy of letter from JLS to
Dr. Ralph Diffendorfer

May 11, 1930

My dear Ralph:

I am asking Wannamaker to show you a letter I have drafted to Mrs. Shoemaker which explains itself. We have repeatedly asked her for contributions, as does William Hung himself, and I feel that the Board will not lose by approving this stabilization of her gifts to us with a sort of understanding that we do not appeal for other things to her. I happen to know that she has recently given \$60,000 to a local medical college, and gives constantly to similar causes. We want such people to stand by the organized Christian work abroad. It would be understood of course, that the Board take on William Hung on condition that and so long as he has this special source of support. If you approve will you write Mrs. Shoemaker and Hung? Pardon this scrawl on a moving train.

Yours sincerely,

J. Leighton Stuart

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May 12, 1930.

My dear Mrs. Shoemaker:

It was a very great disappointment to me that owing to some confusion in the hotel telephone service or conflict of appointments, I failed to get to your home while Mr. Hung was with you, and that on the next day you were so taken up with other engagements that I could not call on you as I had hoped to do.

Mr. Hung told me, however, of his conversation with you and of his suggestion that you assist Yenching University in the form of supplying his salary. I trust you will allow me to put in writing on this subject what could have been so much more satisfactorily discussed in person.

First of all, let me assure you, of what you doubtless already realize, that you could scarcely make any investment for the Christian cause in China of greater significance than the maintenance of this brilliant, dynamic, thoroughly consecrated, and withal very lovable personality. He and the present Dean of our theological school are in my judgment the most valuable members of our faculty, both in their academic and religious qualifications. A former teacher of his, now President of Union Theological Seminary, New York, offered several years ago to give us his salary and continued this until it was taken over by three single ladies, President Coffin transferring his support at our request to Dean Chao. One of these ladies has been forced to reduce her subscription and the others, being primarily interested in the University, will readily take on a teacher whose salary is within their present capacity. You will appreciate also how fitting it seems that Mr. Hung should continue to be supported in St. Louis, and I know that this would be a very gratifying feature of the arrangement to him personally.

Mr. Hung told me of certain misgivings or questions that were in your mind about which I should like to make a few comments at the risk of wearying you with needless detail.

Yenching University may appear to need money less than some other China institutions, and yet relative to the task assigned us I doubt if this is the case. True, we are quite amply provided for in certain special departments, such as the Harvard-Yenching Institute for Chinese Studies.

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Mrs. Shoemaker.....#2

May 12, 1930

But these funds are restricted in use to the particular object, and almost embarrass us by creating the impression that we are becoming affluent! By common agreement among the Christian Colleges of China, we have been assigned graduate work. - including the only graduate School of Theology - for the whole system of Christian Higher Education, and we are struggling to carry out this and other features on behalf of the nation-wide cause. The very fact that I have to spend so large a proportion of my time in this country exclusively in financial efforts is poignant evidence of how urgently we are in need of enlarging and stabilizing our income for current expenses. Fortunately, our plant needs are now not so pressing.

One can readily understand your loyalty to the Methodist Church, and honor you for it, whereas Yenching is an inter-denominational university. But the Methodists decided several years ago that they would limit their work in higher education to four union universities of which ours is one, so that in a very real sense this is directly a part of the Methodist work in China. Furthermore, owing to the statesmanlike vision of the late Bishop Bashford, this university is in large measure an outgrowth from the roots of the old Methodist Peking University.

I feel confident that an arrangement can be effected by which Mr. Hung could be enrolled as one of the Methodist quota on our staff, and your contribution be credited to the Board's income. I am taking this up with Dr. Ralph Diffendorfer with the request that he write you direct on the matter. It would seem to me an advantage in many ways to have Mr. Hung listed as one of the Board's own representatives in their China missions.

You express a sentiment with which many of us can sympathize in wishing that Mr. Hung were in actual pastoral or church work. I think I am describing his own views in stating that he is in university work, instead of evangelistic, because he feels that conditions in China being what they are, including the need of the Church for educated leaders, he can make his life count more at present in this form of service. This is also true of myself and a large number of our colleagues, both Chinese and missionaries. Should he, however, reach the decision at any time that he ought to leave Yenching for some form of direct ecclesiastical service, I should be among the first to want him to go where he felt he could do most for the cause of Christ and the welfare of China. In this event, your contribution would quite properly follow him into his new work.

If you cared to discuss this matter further with me, I should be glad to make a special effort to visit St. Louis when next in the neighborhood. I feel very deeply interested in this project not only because of the financial assistance to Yenching in our present difficult struggle to meet expenses, but also because I know it would make Mr. Hung very happy to have this definite association with one whom he admires as much as he does you.

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Mrs. Shoemaker....#3

May 12, 1930

You will be interested to know that through the cooperation of Chancellor Throop, Dr. Howard, and others, there seems a good prospect of securing funds in St. Louis some time in the not distant future for our Natural Sciences in some form of relationship to Washington University, and that this has the hearty endorsement of Bishop Scarlett, Dr. MacIvor, and other leading ministers.

Forgive this lengthy "appeal" and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

President

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker
Country Club Grounds
St. Louis, Missouri

JLS:KK

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y.

June 16th, 1930

Dr. Olin D. Wannamaker,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Wannamaker:-

Dr. Ehnes, Mr. Cartwright and I have been in conference concerning the proposed letter from President Stuart to Mrs. Shoemaker. Dr. Ehnes has also had a chance to confer with President Stuart on the matter. There are, as Mr. Ehnes has shown, factors in this proposal which would make some other approach slightly more welcome to us but we also realize the value to the university of having the expenses of the university underwritten by individual donors here in the United States.

You inquire whether we can "approve of the letter to Mrs. Shoemaker in its present form". We are very glad to give approval to this, with the clear understanding that President Stuart's statement on the middle of page two is clearly understood by all. That is, "That Mr. Hung would be enrolled as one of the Methodist quota on the staff, and your contribution be credited to the Board's income."

Trusting that this statement will answer your needs, I am

Very sincerely yours,

RED-C
MEW

R. E. Diffendorfer
Ralph E. Diffendorfer

Corresponding Secretary

copy to BAG
JHS

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Yenching University
150 Fifth Ave
New York

June 18, 1930

Memorandum to JLS:

Mr. Cartwright says that the Methodist Board is practically certain to consider seriously a reduction of its quota to the union universities since it cannot continue year by year supplying the same quota while cutting down on its other foreign work. Hence it would be very advantageous to insure the support of William Hung by Mrs. Shoemaker even though this would not add to the present Methodist quota. He said a teacher thus insured could, of course, not be subtracted by the Methodist Board.

Shall I send your letter to Mrs. Shoemaker?

O.D.W.

ODW*KK

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also see JHS letter
to W. H. H. H.
6-18-30

June 24, 1930

My dear Mrs. Shoemaker:

Doctor Stuart's letter accompanying this was written just after his visit to St. Louis in May. The letter was then submitted to Doctor Diffendorfer to learn whether the Methodist Board would approve entirely of this idea of adding Professor Hung to the Methodist quota at Yenching University. Such a question required time for its answer because of the necessity for consultation with others on the part of Doctor Diffendorfer and the frequent absence of the persons concerned from the city. This will explain the long delay between the writing of Doctor Stuart's letter and its mailing.

In a recent conference Doctor Elmes and Doctor Cartwright assured Doctor Stuart and myself that the Methodist Board would consider it very gratifying to have such a personality as Professor Hung a member of the Methodist quota at Yenching University. They would like to see the strongly religious aspect of the University's life and work confirmed and perpetuated by assuring the closest possible ties for long years to come between the Boards of Missions and the University. They would be happy to see a fifth professor added to the Methodist quota.

Because, however, of the difficult financial problems faced by the Secretaries of the Methodist Board with reference to all their other important work in China, they expressed the feeling that a fifth member should be added to the Methodist quota only in case this could be done without reduction of income which would otherwise come to the Board. Moreover, they suggested that if you should graciously and generously consent to Doctor Stuart's request to provide the salary of Professor William Hung, we should assure you that the University would not call upon you for any other assistance, either to the work of Professor Hung himself, or to any other phase of the University's program. Doctor Stuart assured Doctor Elmes and Doctor Cartwright that he had definitely in mind to adopt such a policy and that he would communicate with Professor William Hung to this effect.

Both Yenching University and the Methodist Board of Missions are under such great obligation to you because of your devoted and generous help that neither the one nor the other would wish to burden you with an excessive number of appeals.

Under the present conditions of financial depression and the psychological attitude resulting from this, we are finding it enormously difficult to meet certain current obligations of the University. Doctor Stuart has had thus far less than one-half the results from his most strenuous effort in this country since December last in comparison with the results obtained in a similar period in the first half of 1928.

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Mrs. Shoemaker.....#2

June 24, 1930

After all, it is the small number of persons with insight and generosity of heart who carry such institutions as Yenching through to ultimate success. Doctor Stuart wishes me to say that he earnestly hopes you may find it possible to give him the great relief of mind and satisfaction of heart which would come from your consent to the request he makes in his letter of May 12th.

With earnest thanks for your interest, I remain

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker
Country Club Grounds
St. Louis, Missouri

ODW*KK

Copies to:

Mr. Hung
Dr. Howard
Dr. Stuart
Dr. Ehnes

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MRS. J. F. SHOEMAKER
ROUTE 1, BOX 1375
CLAYTON
MISSOURI

June 27, 1930

Mr. Wm D. Warrumaker
150 Fifth Ave. New York City.

Dear Mr. Warrumaker.

Your letter of June 24th
and one of Dr. Plunkett
of May 12th reached me
a day or two ago.

Mr. Hunsy and I reached
no agreement. He said
his salary would not
be needed until 1931, and
if I did not assume it,

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MRS. J. F. SHOEMAKER
ROUTE 1, BOX 1375
CLAYTON
MISSOURI

Let me be taken care of
I do not know what the
salary would amount to,
and while I know Dr. E.
Stanley Jones receives \$1150.00
and extras for his child.
I am not prepared to say
I will take Dr. Hing's
salary until I know
what that involves.

While I am a Methodist
and should like to have
our church represented by

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MRS. J. F. SHOEMAKER
ROUTE 1, BOX 1375
CLAYTON
MISSOURI

my gifts, I am in no way
selfish enough to
have made necessary all
Dr. Stuart's conference with
the Methodist Board of
Foreign Missions.

I do not say I would
continue this pledge
indefinitely, for I know
full well that when one
you give it is expected
annually.

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MRS. J. F. SHOEMAKER
ROUTE 1, BOX 1375
CLAYTON
MISSOURI

My point in talking
with Mr. Henry was the
feeling in Howell and
famously I know and
as I had given frequently
there, probably I had
better give to some more
needy institution.

Dr. Ehlers knows I love
to give and so does Mr.
Henry, but I shall have
to reduce the amount needed.

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MRS. J. F. SHOEMAKER
ROUTE 1, BOX 1375
CLAYTON
MISSOURI

before I promise -
I feel very proud of
Mrs. Wang's success and
value him as a friend
but you must know I
have so many places to
put my money and
they depend largely on
my giving here in St. Louis
I leave the city on July
8th and shall be glad
of a prompt reply
Very truly yours
(Mrs. J. F.) Ella S. Shoemaker

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MRS. J. F. SHOEMAKER
ROUTE 1, BOX 1375
CLAYTON
MISSOURI

June 29 1931

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Your letter of May
12th - was forwarded
to me on June 24th. by Mr.
Ellis Warranman. Not
knowing whether you were
in New York I have written
at length to Mr. Warranman
who will consult with you.

I was in bed all day
after my nephew at which
Mr. Hing spoke as I could
not see you. Cordially yours
Ella S. Shoemaker

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July 1, 1930

Dear Mrs. Shoemaker:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter of June 24th accompanying that of Dr. Stuart dated May 12th. Let me touch upon one or two points that need to be clarified.

Mr. Hung was, of course, accurate in his statement that his salary would be covered from some other source if not provided by you for the budget year July 1, 1930 to June 30, 1931. He has been included in the general University budget as a matter of necessity, since the three contributions aggregating \$1800 given previously by three ladies for his budget, had been with their consent transferred to the budget of another Chinese professor, because during the past two years Mr. Hung was on the budget of Harvard-Yenching Institute. It has not seemed at all wise or tactful to suggest to these three donors that we once more transfer their contribution. Moreover, the aggregate of \$1800 received for some years from this source has now fallen off to \$700 for the year now beginning 1930. Nevertheless, Mr. Hung is, of course, provided for, as I have said above, from the general University funds. The reason why we have made such a special effort to get his salary provided, is, that he is one of the outstanding and most appealing members of the faculty and the provision of his salary would release general University funds for other badly needed current items.

Please be assured that Dr. Stuart's conferences with Dr. Ehmes and others of the Methodist Board were not actuated by the least feeling that a sectarian interest would appeal to you. He has been anxious to strengthen the distinctly religious and Christian connections of Yenching at a time when there is a tendency to weaken such connections. At the very time when the Boards of Missions are, because of their financial difficulties, strongly tempted to reduce the quota they contribute to the union Christian institutions, Dr. Stuart wished to strengthen Yenching's hold upon the Methodist Board of Missions. He felt that a good way to do this would be to have Dr. Ehmes and the other secretaries agree to accept Mr. Hung as an additional faculty representative of the Methodist Board of Missions, if his salary would be pledged by a friend who is deeply interested in the Methodist Board. I might add that this approach to the Board was entirely successful and that we now feel reassured against any early tendency to diminish the participation of the Board in the University.

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Mrs. Shoemaker.....#2

July 1, 1930

Dr. Stuart would certainly not wish you to overburden yourself by any commitment which would be otherwise than the source of entire satisfaction and gratification to you. I refer both to the amount of any pledge that you may see fit to make and also the duration of time for which you see fit to make such a pledge. If you are able to pledge Mr. Hung's salary in addition to all the other money obligations you have already assumed, perhaps you might see fit to make the pledge for a definite number of years.

Mr. Hung's actual salary is \$1800 Gold, not counting any special grant of any nature and not even including any charge for rental for his home, expense of medical service for himself and family, any grant or re-fit allowance for which \$500 is often given to professors when returning to the field after a certain number of years in service.

It would be presumptuous on my part to make any comparison between the merits or the needs of Yenching and those of any other institution. May I venture, however, without such a comparison to call your attention to the fact that Yenching now enrolls 750 young men and young women, coming from every province in China, more from the southern half than from the northern half of the country; that it has definitely been selected by the Council of Higher Education for the Christian Colleges in China as the only single University to provide post-graduate training and that development of Christian leadership in China would seem, therefore, to depend in a peculiar degree upon this one institution.

- With assurances of our grateful appreciation of your interest in Yenching, we remain

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker
Route 1, Box 1875
Clayton, Missouri

ODP*KK

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C O P Y

LAKE MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE

mohonk lake, N. Y.

July 11, 1930

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
150 Fifth Ave., N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Your letter of July 1st was received shortly before
I left home.

In reply let me say I have not considered paying Mr.
Hung's salary for 1930 & 1931, for that was not thought of when
I talked with Mr. Hung. I cannot say now what I shall do in
1931, but I shall be pleased if you do not send me requests for
contributions. I know very well without solicitation where I
want to put my money.

I am sorry Dr. Stuart conferred with Dr. Diffendorfer
& Dr. Ehmes about my support of Mr. Hung without first consult-
ing me. I know full well where Dr. Ehmes wishes money to go
and I am inclined to send it to Santiago for Oldham Hall if I
can do so.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs. J. F.) Ella S. Shoemaker

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Excerpt from letter of ODW to Mrs. Shoemaker.

July 1, 1930

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Tsing Hua University Scholarships
Bureau of Administration in U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

Office of the Director

2645 Conn. Ave., N.W.

May 6, 1931

President J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University, Amer. Office,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear President Stuart:

When I was in New York during the latter part of last week, I had hoped that I might be able to see you sometime in your office there, but I was sorry to find that you were out of town during those few days. I trust that you have had great success in the work that you came to attend to for the University this time.

One matter about which I should like to have had a talk with you personally is in connection with the death of Chien-fan Li, or rather the disposal of his remains. About a month ago a cablegram came from his sister, Hui-nien Li, saying that their mother insisted on having the body moved back to China, but nothing was said about how it was to be done. Recently a letter from her informs us in detail as to how the sad news was finally broken to his father first and then his mother (both were told that he died of scarlet fever!), and how bravely they both had stood it, and finally the fact that it seemed to be his mother's one strong desire that his body should be taken back home. This attitude on the part of his mother is quite understandable, though many of his relatives would not think it necessary nor advisable, particularly in view of the heavy expenses that will be involved. However, as this is so strongly wished for by his mother, who was all but on the verge of a mental collapse herself, his friends and relatives in Peiping felt that they should try to arrange for it if it can possibly be done.

To finance the undertaking, they suggested that perhaps the authorities of Washington University, who kindly offered Chien-fan the scholarship for this year, could be approached, or some other body to help on it. On this point I have to consult your opinion as to whether it will be advisable and how it may best be done. For not being familiar with the arrangement by which Li came to receive the scholarship, I feel that I should perhaps not take the matter up with the authorities of Washington University directly. When I was in St. Louis right after this tragedy was discovered, I saw Dr. Moore of the Missouri Botanical Garden, but did not mention this proposition because I thought it might not be necessary then.

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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart - May 6, 1931

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Li's family is not at all in a position to bear the expenses of the undertaking; his relatives would be willing to help but they cannot do very much. So, they have thought if Washington University could allow to have the balance of the scholarship fund originally offered to Chien-fan for the year used for this purpose, the matter could then be arranged without much difficulty.

I hope to have your advice and, if possible, your help regarding this matter. You have been a great friend to Li in having secured the scholarship for him and also made the provision for the caring in part of his family while he was abroad, and I am sure you have the deepest sympathy for his mother and will do what you can to give her a little more comfort and consolation. Indeed, it is not his family alone that should mourn his death, the country has lost a young man, and Yen-ching an alumnus, of great promise of scientific attainments in the future.

With kind regards, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

Y.C. Mei

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Chen in Li

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
School of Medicine
SAINT LOUIS

Department of Ophthalmology
Euclid Avenue and Kingshighway

May 12, 1931.

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

My dear Leighton:

I have just received your letter of May 8 with enclosures. I have been gone for two months and upon my return I also found your letter of April 22. Personally I think it would be a most inopportune and inappropriate time to approach Dr. Moore or Washington University with the proposition as outlined in Mr. Mei's letter. I understand that the scholarship which was released through Mr. Li's death was immediately assigned to someone else so there are no funds available from that source. As a matter of fact, Dr. Moore personally, in his department in Shaw's Garden was put to considerable expense on account of Mr. Li's death. A request to further add to this expense after all that was done for Mr. Li in taking care of his affairs after his death would be denied I feel sure. If we desire to maintain the friendship of Dr. Moore and secure cooperation with Washington University on a similar basis in the future, I strongly advise that the matter regarding Mr. Li shall not be brought to the attention of Washington University any further.

Dr. Moore is President of the Associated Harvard Clubs and is now going through a very severe strain both in a financial way and as far as his strength will permit in working out the program and arrangements for the entertainment of the large number of guests which will be here this week. On account of this arduous job, Dr. Moore undoubtedly has neglected his own personal affairs and possibly garden affairs for some weeks and I believe on that account it would be unwise for me or you to discuss with him at the present time future relationships between Yenching and Washington Universities.

I called upon Mrs. F. J. Shoemaker at the Country Club Grounds a few days ago and during the course of conversation she said that the depression was affecting her so badly that she had had to borrow money in order to make certain payments on gifts she had promised last year. I also think, therefore, that any approach to her at the present time would be inopportune. Since I have not had the opportunity to talk to Dr. Upson about any other contacts, and since these two that I mention above cannot be approached now I do not see any logical reason for urging you to stop in Saint Louis on your way West as much as Mrs. Howard and I, personally, would like to see you. I say this because of your own statements in both letters that your time is limited and the business which calls you to America is very exacting. I do hope that your trip has been successful and pleasant.

Very cordially yours,

HJH:E

HARVEY J. HOWARD

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Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker

~~Received~~

May 10, 1932

Dear Chester:

I think you know the somewhat delicate situation in the case of Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker of Clayton, Missouri. Since 1924 she has given altogether \$4600 to the University, being especially interested in William Hung. Unfortunately, when was last in America, he and Dr. Stuart tried to interest her in taking on the salary of Hung. Dr. Stuart had a conversation with Dr. ^{Elmer} and Dr. Diffendorfer of the Methodist Board here and a letter to Mrs. Shoemaker regarding that matter seems to have displeased her and she asked that we do not again write for money. We have not appealed to her at all since the middle of 1930.

I understand Mrs. Shoemaker is a rather wealthy person and I think there is the least possibility of our getting something from her.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Chester E. Jenney
C/o William Penn Hotel
Pittsburgh, Pa.

ODW:LM

P.S. Following is a list of gifts received from Mrs. Shoemaker:

1924 -	\$1000
1925 -	1000
1927 -	900
1928 -	500
1929 -	500
1930 -	500

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October 6, 1933

Dear Dr. Gee:

Thank you for the postcard. I am glad you will like your temporary home at The Chase.

Regarding your note as to Mrs. Shoemaker, her name did not appear in the list as Dr. Jenney reported last June (1932) that she had died, so we took her off our lists. If he was misinformed, we shall of course put her back on. Please let me know. In the meantime I will give you below something of her record as we have it:

Contributed: \$1000 in 1924 toward salary of Wm. Hung
1000 in 1925 " current expenses Wm. Hung
900 in 1927 to China direct
500 in 1928 " " "
1000 (500 in 1929 and 500 in 1930)
200 in 1929 toward maintenance of W. L. Chang

I am sending herewith a copy of Mrs. Shoemaker's letter of July 11, 1930 and an excerpt from a letter of Mr. Wannamaker to Mrs. Shoemaker of July 1, 1930. At Mr. Wannamaker's suggestion at that time we put Mrs. Shoemaker on our "Information only" list so that she would not be solicited. In May 1932 he suggested to Dr. Jenney that he try to see Mrs. Shoemaker personally and it was after that that Dr. Jenney reported her death.

I enclose herewith the CL for Mrs. Catlin. This was put in the New Hampshire book as Dr. Jenney was to follow up this prospect and he would be more apt to see her at her summer home.

When I called up Mrs. Gee to let her know there was some mail for you which Drucilla could pick up as you suggested, Mrs. Gee did not seem to understand the arrangement so I suggested that I bring up the mail, which I did last night. She looked through it and thought I had better send on to you direct this letter from Dr. Wanhope as it is of course Yenching business. I recognize his name as one of the Advisory Council. In such cases would it not be better to open the letter for Mr. Thompson's attention, so as not to delay a possible request?

Sincerely yours,

Dr. N. Gist Gee
C/o The Chase Hotel
Lindell Blvd. & Kingshighway
St. Louis, Missouri

LM

*283 replied
that Mr. S.
had died but
Mrs. Shoemaker
& he would try
to see her.*

*Mrs. Hedrick
says for 2166
to see Mrs. C.*

*those were
to*

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C O P Y

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker
Route 1, Box 1375
Clayton, Saint Louis County
Missouri

May 31, 1934

Mr. E. M. McBrier
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. McBrier:

I have within several months visited
Yenching University and I am deeply inter-
ested in Wm. Hung.

I should like this money used for his
salary through the Board of Missions of the
Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Hung several years ago told me
that might be done.

Very truly yours,

May 31, 1934

MR. E. M. MCBRIER, Treasurer,
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
YENCHING UNIVERSITY,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Enclosed please find my check (money order) in the amount
of \$1,000⁰⁰, representing my contribution
towards meeting the current (1933-34) operating budget of Yenching
University.

Please use on
Mr. Wm. Hung's
Salary

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker
Route 1, Box 1375
Clayton,
Missouri

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, N.Y.

June 12, 1934.

acked 6/14/34

Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Attention of Mr. B. A. Garside:-

Dear Mr. Garside:-

You will find enclosed our check #8359
for \$1,000.00 covering a gift received recently
as follows:-

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker, Rt. #1, Box 1375,
Clayton, Missouri,
per B. M. McBrier,
China Union Universities,
150 - 5th Avenue, N. Y. C.

for support of William Hung-Yenching Univ.

Please make this amount available for
the purpose for which the gift is remitted.

Sincerely yours,

KM
GB
ENC.

K. MacKenzie
K. MacKenzie,
Asst. Accountant.

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Shoemaker, Mrs. J. F.
Route #1, Box 1375
Calyton, Missouri

(through the Methodist Board)

Gift received June 14th, 1934 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 1,000.

Pledge \$ ----

Basis of payment ----

Designation Toward the support of Prod. William Hung

Received through herself after seeing Wm. Hung at Yenching

Control record serial number 1748 ✓

Entered on record card ✓

Pledge signal attached ----

Receipt number 4020 - made out to Meth. Board

Acknowledgment sent 6-14-34 to Mrs. S.

Entered on renewal sheet ----

Checked for office list

Checked for mailing list

Last renewal card entrance (month and year) ----

On CL? ✓ ✓

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June 15th, 1934

Dr William Hung,
Yenching University,
Peiping,
China.

Dear Dr Hung:-

Mrs Shoemaker has just sent in a check of one thousand dollars which she has expressed a wish to have go toward your support. The copy of my letter to her is sent herewith and I hope you will do what you can to keep her interested. Gifts like this are getting to be all too rare.

I made two efforts to see her when I was in St Louis last fall and failed to see her. The maid reported her out, but I feared that she was in and would not see me. I understand that her interest in you is what is holding her to the University and we would like to have this cultivated as much as you can.

Conditions here do not pick up as we hoped they might. Congress is still in session and probably when they get away it may help matters somewhat. The rest of the world has decided not to pay what they owe us and we are out that much, which is not a small sum.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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June 15th, 1934

Mrs J. F. Shoemaker,
Route 1, Box 1375,
Clayton,
St Louis,
Missouri.

Dear Mrs Shoemaker:-

Your check for \$1,000 for the support of Dr William Hung came in promptly and I want to thank you most heartily for it. During these days of depression when every one is so badly crippled in their finances your very liberal gift means a great deal to us and I assure you it is thoroughly appreciated both by those of us here in the American Office and by the people on the field. We are communicating with Dr Hung and in due time you will doubtless be hearing from him.

Your gift was cleared through the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions as you wished and they have given us full credit for the entire sum, so that makes it available for use on the field.

Dr Stuart sends us good reports of the work in the University this year. We had feared that the events of last year with the invasion of North China by the Japanese might influence our number of students, but the numbers have really been larger than before and the spirit has been unusually fine and the work done during the year of excellent quality. It is good to have this fine condition in the academic work of the school even though we are facing a serious financial crisis. There has been started in China a campaign to try to raise over a period of four or five years a sum of about one million dollars Chinese currency to give us an income out there in the currency in which we have to budget. With the drop both in our income here and in the rate of exchange between our American dollar and the Chinese dollar we have been very badly hit in the available in Chinese money for the operating expenses for the coming academic year. We are hoping, however, for a pick up in conditions and then we may have more gifts for our work.

I hope that the next time I come to St Louis I may have the pleasure of meeting you personally. During my visit last fall, I called at your home but you were out. I am hoping for better luck on my next visit.

Very sincerely,

H. Cist Gee.

one copy to Mr. Hunt
Mr. Army letter

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June 7, 1935

MRS. J. F. SHOEMAKER
ROUTE 1, BOX 1375
CLAYTON, SAINT LOUIS COUNTY
MISSOURI

Mr. H. List Lee
150 Fifth Ave. N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lee:

Thank you for the pair
of Yenching Lions. I did
enjoy being at Yenching
so much over a year ago.

I cannot now send ~~the~~
same I sent last year but
may be able to later -

Sincerely yours

Ella F. Shoemaker

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MR. E. M. MCBRIER, *Treasurer*
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

As a friend of Yenching University, Peiping, China, I wish to have a share in the maintenance of the splendid Christian educational work which they are carrying on, and in consideration of the securing of gifts from others for this purpose, I am sending

A cash gift of 1000 Dollars

A pledge of _____ Payable _____

Signed

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker
Route 1, Box 1375

Date

Dec. 20, 1935

*Kindly give voucher to Dr. M. W. Ehmes,
Mr. E. Foreign Board 150 Fifth Ave*

I sent money directly to Dr. Ehmes - N. Y. City.

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker
Route 1, Box 1375
Clayton, Missouri

December 5, 1935

My dear Mrs. Shoemaker:

We are profoundly grateful for the contribution of \$1000 for the work of Yenching University which you have just sent to us through the Methodist Board. Your subscription card stating that you were sending this amount through the Methodist Board reached us some days ago and the Methodist Board has today transmitted the amount to our Yenching Office.

You will be glad to know that Yenching University this year has the largest enrollment in its history, and is going ahead with its work this autumn in a very gratifying manner. While we are naturally concerned over the present threat of Japanese disturbance in North China, there seems every reason to believe that the Japanese will carefully avoid any serious interference with the work of such an outstanding example of international cooperation as Yenching.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

P. S. In accordance with your instructions, we have sent the receipt for this amount to Dr. Ehmes.

Receipt No. 4282 - Methodist Episcopal Board of Foreign Missions

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November 30, 1937

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker
Route 1, Box 1375
Clayton
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Mrs. Shoemaker:

Growing out of the extreme present emergency in China, we have turned our attention to reviewing the lists of those who have so generously supported our universities in the past, but who have not contributed recently.

Yenching University was the happy recipient of your beneficences for a number of years, much coming through the Methodist Board, but I note that nothing has been received since 1935. The size of your donations makes the omission all the more keenly felt, and we are wondering if we cannot re-enlist your interest and generous cooperation in sustaining the splendid work being carried on by Yenching in North China.

You will be interested to know that the University, even under the present stringent circumstances, is operating with nearly two-thirds of capacity. While admittedly it is now in Japanese-controlled territory, yet it has been the thought that there is even more justification for a university of the high type of Yenching in the ancient capitol of the North, whatever the government. With the depleted student body has come an additional burden upon the Board of Trustees in sustaining the staff and maintaining the standards which have been set during the past years.

The religious activities of the University, if anything, have been greatly intensified because of the present condition. The religious life has been broadened and deepened, and we are sure that out of this readjustment will come a stronger appeal for Christian living than ever before. Yenching is making a marvelous contribution in this respect, but I know from your past interest that I need not dwell upon this side of the situation. You know this all too well.

I would greatly appreciate a word from you, and enclose a stamped envelope, but I do not wish to close before thanking you most heartily for all of your generosity in the past. It has helped to make Yenching a vital factor in Christian living in the Orient, and may God bless you.

Most sincerely yours,

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MRS. JOHN F. SHOEMAKER - ST. LOUIS COUNTRY CLUB GROUNDS - CLAYTON, MO.

Dec. 3, 1937

Mr. C. P. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue N. Y.

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I regret I cannot at send
a large subscription, for
I am so interested in feeding
I have sent twice since your
record to Dr. & Mrs. Hwang -

I am sending a box to
our church for Chinese
help -

Sincerely yours
Mrs. J. F. Ella S. Shoemaker

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December 7, 1937

Mrs. John F. Shoemaker
St. Louis Country Club Grounds
Clayton, Missouri

My dear Mrs. Shoemaker:

I am exceedingly grateful to you for your letter of December 3rd and for the check for one hundred dollars (\$100.00) which you enclosed therein. We are sending you a receipt for same herewith.

We note that you have made remittances to Dr. and Mrs. Hung since writing us in 1935, and greatly appreciate this continued interest in the work of Yenching University.

I have just come from a luncheon given by one of our trustees, where four Chinese who have just returned from China told of their experiences. The unanimous testimony was that our Colleges are doing a magnificent piece of work in China from day to day, as they have been over the past number of years. At the present time they are the bulwark for building up morale and assisting the people in their struggle for economic and political independence.

With many, many thanks for your interest in this very worthwhile enterprise, and with a hope that you will remember us from time to time, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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MRS. JOHN F. SHOEMAKER - ST. LOUIS COUNTRY CLUB GROUNDS - CLAYTON, MO.

Jan. 21, 1938

Mr. George F. Barber
150 Fifth Ave. New York
Dear Mr. Barber:

I took great pleasure in
sending money to your office
and through Dr. Elmes of our
Methodist Board of Foreign
Missions for relief in China.
Thank you for Miss Boynton's
article. How brave they are
at Yenching.

Dr. + Mrs. Heng are great
friends of mine, and I
finally received a letter
written Oct. 15th. from
Mrs. Heng.

MRS. JOHN F. SHOEMAKER - ST. LOUIS COUNTRY CLUB GROUNDS - CLAYTON, MO.

Yenching is such a fine
University and so beautiful
in every way -

Sincerely yours
(Mrs. J. F.) Ella F. Shoemaker

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MRS. J. F. SHOEMAKER - 18 ST. ANDREWS DRIVE - CLAYTON, MISSOURI

Oct. 27, 1938

Mr. C. A. Evans ^{ack. 11/29/38}
Yenching University
N. Y. City

Dear Mr. Evans:

I send checks for
\$200⁰⁰ to be used by Mr.
William Hung as he sees
fit for the benefit of
Yenching University.

Very truly yours

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker

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October 29, 1938

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker
18 St. Andrews Drive
Clayton, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Shoemaker:

You have the happiest way of giving us surprises, and one came this morning in the shape of your two hundred dollar check for the use of William Hung at Yenching University. We are enclosing receipt for same herewith and are transmitting the money to him at once.

I know that your heart warms with pride over the manner in which those dear people are carrying on at Yenching. Beset on all sides with propaganda, and even strong pressure to agree to control by the Japanese, yet unflinchingly the University has maintained its independence, and with courage equal, if not greater than that of facing modern warfare on the battle line, they carry on with the hope of continuing the great work for which Yenching stands.

Another thrilling and enheartening aspect is the spirit with which the intellectuals crave to give themselves to a cause which to them is paramount in the world today.

True, whatever Americans can do for these people is in the cause of freedom and will stimulate them to greater endeavor.

Feeling so deeply as we do, you cannot wonder at our enthusing over the cause of our China Colleges, where they are all contributing such a magnificent piece of work toward China's cause. Our prayers mingle with yours in supplication for China in this hour of great need.

With sincerest gratitude for your assistance in this great cause for the freedom of humanity, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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June 22, 1939

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker
18 St. Andrews Drive
Clayton, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Shoemaker:

We are in receipt of your check for \$100.00 which we are depositing to the account of the Yenching Treasurer and notifying the Yenching office to pay Mr. William Hung this \$100.00. We are enclosing receipt herewith.

It is a wonderful thing for you to evidence your continued interest in rendering this assistance to Dr. Hung as the staff at Yenching is suffering from the advance in cost of commodities and there is no prospect of advancing salaries to correspond. Gathering all data together, our judgment is that the cost of living has increased six hundred per cent, whereas the university has not been able to even restore the cuts established two years ago.

This is true of all of our Colleges in China and the situation is even more pathetic in Chengtu where four Colleges are working together and prices have increased more than a thousand per cent, whereas salaries have been cut to around fifty per cent. That is one reason we are conducting our Emergency Campaign for relief of these Colleges.

With added thanks and with sincerest best wishes to you, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS,
Assistant Treasurer

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c.c. to Yenching Office

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MRS. J. F. SHOEMAKER - 18 ST. ANDREWS DRIVE - CLAYTON, MISSOURI

Yenching University in
New York City
Gentlemen: ack 1/8/40

Enclosed a check
for \$200.00 to be used
by Dr. William Hung
in any way he thinks
best.

Sincerely yours
Ella F. Shoemaker

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January 8, 1940

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker
18 St. Andrews Drive
Clayton, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Shoemaker:

We are grateful for your letter enclosing check for \$200.00 to be used by Dr. William Hung as he deems best. Accordingly, we are making this available to Dr. Hung by depositing same in the Field Treasurer's Account and giving proper authorization to draw.

Yenching is carrying on a magnificent work in the occupied territory of North China and is serving a constituency where no other Christian College exists. The enrollment is larger than ever before and a splendid spirit of cooperation and courage pervades the campus under the magnificent leadership of Dr. Stuart. Yenching occupies what seems to be an impossible position. But the Lord does use some of his children mightily in seemingly impossible positions, and out of this situation we have faith and hope that there will emerge a stronger Christian institution than ever before. We are proud to be a part of this great work of Christian education.

Enclosed find receipt for this payment.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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To aid YENCHING UNIVERSITY of Peking, China, in carrying forward its Christian educational activity and in consideration of the securing, by representatives of this University, of gifts from others for this purpose, I promise to give to the Trustees of Yenching University the sum of Twenty-five dollars (\$ 25.00) as follows:

- ☒ Cash herewith \$ 25.00
☐ In annual payments of \$ beginning 194.....
☐ In semi-annual payments of \$ beginning 194.....
☐ In quarterly payments of \$ beginning 194.....
☐ At my convenience on or before 194.....

Signed Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker

Address 18 St. Andrews Drive

Date December 26, 1941

Checks payable to TRUSTEES, YENCHING UNIVERSITY
 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Gifts are deductible for income tax purposes

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker
 18 St. Andrews Drive
 Clayton, Missouri

December 26, 1941

Dear Mrs. Shoemaker:

I am acknowledging your letter enclosing check for \$25.00 which we have credited to the budget for Yenching University.

We are indeed grateful for this continuing evidence of your appreciation of what we are endeavoring to do for Christian education in China. You are all too familiar with the background of this work to call for further comment, but you probably know that Yenching was compelled to close immediately after the military operations of December 7th. Such meager reports as we have received indicate that the faculty is held in "honorable confinement." We are informed that there will be a diplomatic exchange of Japanese and American citizens, and until that is accomplished, the next move cannot be determined. Previous action by the Board of Trustees, however, was to the point that somehow, somewhere Christian education would be continued in China by Yenching regardless of circumstances.

Dr. William Hung's two daughters are here in America carrying on their collegiate work, and they have written that a rumor had reached them that their father had escaped to Free China. We have tried to confirm this but without success, and it is our impression that it is not true or surely Dr. Hung would have gotten some word through to us regarding the conditions at Yenching.

Yenching needs the prayers and support of its friends more than ever before.

With a heart-felt thanks to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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 ENC. (receipt)

December 21, 1945

Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker
18 St. Andrews Drive
Clayton 5, Mo.

Dear Mrs. Shoemaker:

I am acknowledging your remittance of \$50.00 which we have designated for the current needs of Yenching University. We wish to thank you for your generous increase over a year ago, which Yenching greatly needs at the present time.

You will be interested in knowing that the entire staff of Yenching University at Peiping are back at work and that Dr. William Hung is taking a major share in the rehabilitation of the University.

With the Season's greetings to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

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C. A. EVANS

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