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156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

A. J. Stock

Detroit, Michigan, April 16th, 1923.

Mr. Lauren Arnold,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Lauren:-

I was glad to get your two letters. I sent you a night letter last night indicating that I would probably spend Tuesday at Warren, Pa. However, I now expect to go instead to Troy at the request of Mr. Caskey, and will reach New York either late Tuesday afternoon or will be in the office by Wednesday morning. I probably will not need to stay over night, so will not register at the hotel, but if anything special should come up, you could reach me in care of Reverend Paul Hickok, Troy.

We had a good battery of meetings here yesterday but it is too early to tell what we are going to get out of it. Mr. Stock, however, has definitely guaranteed a faculty residence.

We have definitely abandoned the Oklahoma idea. Dr. Stuart will spend a day or two at Minneapolis and then go to see his boy at Chattanooga. He may also go to Pittsburgh to check up on the Finley Estate before coming to New York. You can depend upon him, however, to be on hand by Sunday the 6th, and he will be available for New York and Boston until the 12th when he has to start for the Coast.

Please tell Miss Roberts that I slipped up on a matter which Dr. Stuart asked me to attend to several days ago. She may remember writing a letter for him to a Dr. Gamewell in which he said he was enclosing a statement on the progress of the campaign. What he referred to was the report letter I wrote to Mr. Tamblyn before the Committee meeting a couple of weeks ago. There is a copy of this letter in my work organizer, I think under the reference head. Probably you or Miss Anderson can locate it, in which case a set of copies should be made and one forwarded to Dr. Gamewell.

Cordially,

Harold

P.S.- I had to give my daily report thanks to Miss Davies, so can't possibly send in any report to your department to-day!

May 2nd 1923.

Dear Mr.Stock:

Doctor Ward's secretary has advised us that you would like to have plans of the proposed faculty residences. I am sending you herewith blue prints of the Murphy, McGill and Hamlin,.plans which correspond to the sketches in our illustrated booklet. I likewise enclose plans furnished by Mr.Hill, the University's architect now on the field. I may say that neither of these plans have been definitely accepted because of various considerations. Both of them are, I understand, too elaborate and expensive, but the finance and property committee has not yet reached a definite decision as to just what modifications should be made. Undoubtedly they would be glad to have suggestions from you and the men who are kindly cooperating with you in the provision of one of these residences.

I just want to add another word, to say that I know that Doctor Stuart is more concerned about getting these residences provided for than he is over any other single item in the University's programme and we therefore appreciate immensely what you and your friends are doing. You will be glad to know that at least four residences seem to be assured from Chicago and a number of leaders there are committed to going after a $50,000 building in addition.

In accordance with what I understand to be your own suggestion, Mr.Wee plans to return to Detroit in the near future to work under your direction in the following up of the Methodist end of the Detroit situation. Doctor Luce has an invitation to the home of Mr.Goodenough which he plans to accept a little later on, but we hope to get someone like Dr.Schell or Dr.Foulkes to go out there in June for some special work for the Presbyterians. While it is too bad that further progress was not made with the Presbyterian and Congregational groups during the campaign week, I believe that a very substantial foundation has been made and you certainly did all you possible could to ensure the best results.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

ARTHUR J. STOCK
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May 7th, 1923.

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
Room 500, 150 Fifth Ave.,
NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Mr. Moss:

I expected to go to New York Thursday but Mrs. Stock was unexpectedly called out of the city last night and I therefore find it impossible to be away for this meeting. I am very sorry indeed that I cannot be there as I wanted very much to see Dr. Stewart again before he sailed. I wonder if he could not come through this way and stop over a little while between trains.

I have definitely decided to sail on the Enpress of Canada August 23rd for China unless we find conditions over there are unsatisfactory so that it would not be wise to go. I noticed in this morning's Free Press that one of the members of the Rockefeller family had been kidnapped and I certainly would not care to go if there was much of that kind of business going on in the section of the country that we would visit.

Sincerely Yours,

Arthur J. Stock

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May 24th, 1923.

Mr. H. F. Strong,
Room 912, 156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

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Dear Mr. Strong:

I turned over to Central Church a check for $2000.00 which is to be applied toward a dwelling for Peking University. This is my personal gift.

I am also inclosing herewith a check signed by Mr. F. B. Wallace and a signed pledge by him for $7000.00, the $2000.00 mentioned being the first payment. I wish you would kindly see that Central Church is given credit for this Wallace gift. Mine will be because it has gone through the regular channels of the church.

✓ KT o —

I would like very much to have Dr. Hung write Mr. Wallace a personal word of thanks for this pledge. I also desire your office to send through the customary acknowledgement of the subscription.

I am leaving for Buffalo and will be away a week. I have definitely decided not to go to China this year. If it is possible for Mr. Hung to come through Detroit on his way to the coast I think it would be a very wonderful thing for him to do so that he and his wife can meet Mr. Wallace. I would be glad to correspond with Mr. Hung about this gentleman whom he had the pleasure of meeting one evening with me.

Keep the Wallace name confidential until I see Dr.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Arthur J. Stock

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PEKING

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June 11, 1923.

Mr. A. J. Stock,
90 Josephine Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Stock:

A cablegram just received from Peking has the following in it, which I suppose was meant to be sent to you:

"Later or recent developments (show) English teacher unnecessary. We strongly recommend Stock adhere as closely as possible to original plans. Think it is quite safe travelling here this summer. Letter with full information follows."

Some time ago, about May 18th, we sent you a couple of actions for the Finance Committee of the Peking Trustees. We are unable to find any trace of these actions anywhere here, and wonder if you signed them and passed them on. It is quite important that we have the one regarding the Color Plans for the university as soon as possible.

Very cordially yours,

RESIDENCES - STOCK

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

July 20, 1923

Mr. Leslie B. Moss, Asst. Treas.,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City

My dea Mr. Moss:

We are enclosing our check #6352 to the amount of $2000.00 which covers the Designated Gift received from Arthur J. Stock of Detroit, Michigan, "Towards Building a residence for Peking University in North China."

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Chas. E. DeVesty

Original in Central Office Files

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PEKING

February 16, 1924

Mr. Arthur J. Stock
2202 First National Bank Bldg.
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr. Stock:

In reply to your letter of January 21, addressed to Mr. Warner who passed it to Dr. Stuart, who has now sent it on to me asking me to answer, I may say that the old Berry residence in Detroit to which you refer is being used for a Y. W. C. A. building of some sort. It is on the site that runs along the lake front, toward Grosse Pointe. The understanding we have is that when the building can be sold, $50,000 is to be given to the University to build a library. It may be that you have received this information from someone else before this time. I am afraid it has been unduly delayed by my inability to get the letter off to you earlier.

With cordial best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

LBM:S

ARTHUR J. STOCK
INSURANCE AGENCY
2202 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
DETROIT

PEKING

May 27th, 1924.

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

Dear Mr. Moss:-

You will probably recall that Mr. F.B.Wallace of Grosse Pointe (via Detroit) made a subscription to Pekin U of $7000.00 for one of the faculty residences. Mr. Wallace gave me a check for $2000.00 at the time he made the subscription and as I remember it I turned it over to Mr. J. Henry Ling, treasurer of benevolences of Central Church so that Central would get the proper centenary credit. Today Mr. Wallace gave me another $2000.00 which I requested that he make out to Mr. Ling. This leaves $3000.00 still due on his subscription of $7000.00 to the university. I am writing you this letter so that you will be sure the money gets into the proper fund. I am fearful that in the changing of officers that it might get mixed. Its up to you to see that Pekin U gets it.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Stock

AJS:M

PEKING

May 29, 1924.

Mr. Arthur J. Stock,
2202 First National Bank Building,
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr. Stock:

I wish to thank you for your letter of May 27th regarding the contribution of four thousand dollars by Mr. F. B. Wallace, for a faculty residence at Peking University.

It is very fine of Mr. Wallace to give this money for the University and we all appreciate it very much.

I shall do my best to see that it is secured for the University. This, however, is no easy task.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University.

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ARTHUR J. STOCK INSURANCE AGENCY
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June 5th 1924

Dear Jim,

I was sorry that I had to telegraph you as I did Tuesday. Was up north as my folks advised you and did not return as early as expected. My Pekin is $2000.00 went thru to Chicago last week, also $2000. from Mr Wallace. There is just a possibility that I will attend the Foreign Board meeting next week. if I do will see you at that time. I told you of a Mr J. Percival Dodge while you were here. Mr Dodge lives at 91 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe, Mich. Am inclined to think that he is a relation of the New York family.

Sincerely

Arthur J. Stock

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ARTHUR J. STOCK
INSURANCE AGENCY
2202 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
DETROIT

June 5th, 1924.

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
Assistant Treasurer, Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Mr. Moss:

Thank you for your letter of May 29th, in reference to Mr. F.B.Wallace's pledge .

I take it for granted that you received $2000.00 from Mr. Wallace and that you also received $2000.00 from me last year. Mr. J. Henry Ling, Treasurer of Central Church, has within the last few days sent a large sum of money to Chicago for Centenary credit, among it is the $2000.00 that I mentioned to you in my letter of May 27th. Mr. Ling also sent at the same time $2000.00 designated to Peking University for me. This means that Peking University should receive $4000.00 on account of Mr. F.B.Wallace's pledge of $7000. and also $4000.00 from me. You have no pledge for me but this is the amount that I have already turned over to the Treasurer, Mr. Ling and he has sent it on to Chicago. Of course they are demanding Centenary credit which, under the ruling that has been in force, is quite proper. I wish that you will see that this money is paid over to you within a reasonable time, if not , as far as I am concerned all the money that comes to my hands will not go to any of these Centenary Treasurers but will go directly to you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Stock

AJS:M

June 30, 1924.

Mr. Arthur J. Stock,
2202 First National Bank Bldg.,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Stock:

I write to give you further information on the matter of insurance for the buildings at Peking University, about which we were in correspondence during the month of April.

You may recall that the Trustees referred the matter to the Managers for their consideration and action. Mr. Gibb now reports that they are not covering the buildings with insurance, but such movable materials as are subject to fire loss, they are covering in individual groups, as they come along.

I recall your feeling that inasmuch as the funds we are dealing with are trust funds, it might be advisable to have these buildings all insured. It may be that you will wish to bring the matter up to the Finance Committee again for their further consideration. Inasmuch as you are the Chairman of the Committee, you certainly would be entitled to do so, if you desired.

Very cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University.

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August 28, 1924.

Mr. A. J. Stock,
2202 First National Bank Bldg.,
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr. Stock:

In the absence of Mr. Moss, there has come the following cablegram from Peking, which brings to a crystallization the issue which we have all, I think, been forecasting, and striving to avoid, namely, whether there is any way which we can find by which we can authorize the field to go ahead with the construction of the heat, light, water and sanitary plant.

> "IT IS THE UNANIMOUS OPINION OF THE FIELD PROPERTY COMMITTEE TO ASK YOU TO AUTHORIZE LUND BY TELEGRAPH TO COMPLETE THE PURCHASE OF POWER PLANT AND WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE BUILDINGS UNLESS YOU CAN DO THIS, ARE NOT ABLE TO REMOVE NEXT YEAR ACCORDING TO AGREEMENT CHINA MEDICAL BOARD AND OTHERS CANNOT TOO STRONGLY URGE ON YOU THE NECESSITY EXPEDITING MATTER STUART."

I think they are entirely right that unless this can be done, it will be impracticable for them to plan to move by the fall of 1925.

At the present moment, the only difficulty which stands in the way, is the matter of funds. Of the $300,000 which would be required, the Woman's College could be counted on to supply one-third.

None of us like to contemplate the discouragement which is sure to come to the field if we are forced to make it necessary for them to remain in the city another year.

In order to give consideration to this problem, it seems important to call a meeting of the Committee on Finance, Property and Investment on Wednesday, September 3rd, at three o'clock, in room #920 of the Presbyterian Board at 156 Fifth Avenue.

I hope that as many members of the Committee as possible will attend this very important meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary, Peking University.

EMN/KJL

July 23, 1925.

Mr. Arthur Stock,
90 Josephine Avenue,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Stock:

I thank you for your letter of a couple of weeks ago in which you told me to ask you about Mr. Lyford Moore, when I next saw you. I do not know just when I will be in Detroit but probably before the 15th of August. Will you be there about that time?

You remember that last Fall you paid into the treasury of the Central Church $2000.00 toward a residence at Peking, and $2000.00 for Mr. Wallace. We have finally received this $4000.00 on July 21, 1925. I thought you would wish to know the months it took for this money to come through. I can see no reason why this should be so.

In accordance with the instructions of the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee, Dr. North and Mr. McBrier went to the Irving Bank and secured a line of credit up to $100,000.00. I confess I am a little worried about this but it is what we will need for our mechanical installation and equipment. We have got to get some substantial help on this score very soon. Do you know any one who might give us $50,000. to $100,000.00 for this purpose? I have made three trips but have not succeeded thus far. I have two more persons in mind and will see them this summer but we ought to get as many as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

P.S.: Do you think I should write Mr. Wallace direct about the delay in his gift? I wrote him last Fall but I am wondering if he would not feel that such a delay in the receipt of the money was unfortunate. I will therefore not write him unless you say so.

PEKING UNIVERSITY.

November 24, 1925.

Mr. Arthur J. Stock,
2202 First National Bank Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Stock:

The Board of Foreign Missions has found in its experience with Wallace land contracts that is is easier to give a title that is acceptable if the Board of Foreign Missions is domesticated in the State of Michigan and they made such arrangements some time since.

As Peking University is now the recipient of deeds to property in Michigan, through the generous gift of Mr. Wallace, it would seem advisable that we also be domesticated. In following out that process, for which I have the necessary papers, it is necessary that the University appoint a resident of Michigan, who can serve as the agent of the University and who will be authorized by the University "to acknowledge service of any and all process for and on behalf of" the University. The duties under this provision, will we expect be very close to nothing.

I have been wondering whether you would permit me to present to the executive committee your name as the agent of the University in Michigan. If you will let me know, I will see that the rest of the red tape is carried through.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

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June 23rd, 1925.

Dr. Eric M. North,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Eric:-

Your day letter just received and I am very sorry to say that it will be impossible for me to go to New York tomorrow. Unfortunately, Mrs. Stock had to go to the hospital a week ago for a major operation and I do not feel that I can leave her at this time. She is getting along fine but it is necessary that I be here. Then again, my son Thompson and Dr. Hough leave for Europe next Monday and there are a number of things that I have to clean up with him before he goes.

I was very anxious to see you and Jim Lewis in reference to some people that I think might possibly be interested in Peking University. You will be interested to know that last week I met Sebastian Kresge and took the opportunity of talking to him about Peking. He indicated that he had been approached but was absolutely not interested. I don't know whether you know it or not, but he gave half a million recently to the Detroit Y. M. C. A. Building Fund and he tells me that he is only interested in American benevolent enterprises.

Tell Jim I would like to hear from him as to how things are progressing and also tell him if he can drop in on me, I would be very glad to see him. Of course, I would be just as much pleased to see you. Would you mind asking Dr. Ehnes to give me the following information.

I understand that a recent campaign on behalf of Monte Mario cost $54,000.00 and only $56,000.00 was received. This is a rumor that came to me from a rather authorative source and I would like very much to verify it.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Most cordially yours,

Arthur J. Stock

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June 23rd, 1925.

Dr. Frio M. North,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Frio:-

Your day letter just received and I am very sorry to say that it will be impossible for me to go to New York tomorrow. Unfortunately, Mrs. Stock had to go to the hospital a week ago for a major operation and I do not feel that I can leave her at this time. She is getting along fine but it is necessary that I be here. Then again, my son Thompson and Dr. Hough leave for Europe next Monday and there are a number of things that I have to clean up with him before he goes.

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I understand that a recent campaign on behalf of Monte Mario cost $54,000.00 and only $36,000.00 was received. This is a report that came to me from a rather authoritative source and I would like very much to verify it.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Most cordially yours,

Edward Stock

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ARTHUR J. STOCK
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November Twenty-Eighth

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Dr. Eric M. North,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York

My dear Eric:

Acknowledging yours of the 24th instant in reference to the Wallace matter, I will be very glad to have you use my name for the purpose outlined in your letter.

With very kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Arthur J. Stock

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ARTHUR J. STOCK
INSURANCE AGENCY
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December Second
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Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York

Dear Eric:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 6th addressed to the Committee of Finance, Property and Investment. I am today forwarding the papers enclosed with the letter to Mr. Franklin H. Warner.

There are two or three items in connection with this letter that I would like to talk to you about.

In Mr. Gibb's letter of September 9th he mentions that the pipe received from America was bent, due to improper packing. I think that you ought to send a letter to Mr. Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, calling his attention to this item, in view of the fact, that Mr. Gibb stated that if they had bought the material in England this would not have happened.

I have, for several years, read articles about merchandise shipped from America being improperly packed and this letter from Mr. Gibb is another proof that it is so and I think it would be very wise that the information be passed on to the Department of Commerce.

Second, in a letter from Mr. Gibb dated September 4th, he stated that a lot of material was being held at Tientsin and that storage charges "have been accrued to over M-$1600". Are such charges as this reasonable for us to have to pay? Why should the material be held there rather than promptly delivered to the University property?

ARTHUR J. STOCK
INSURANCE AGENCY
2202 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
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Dr. Eric M. North, #2 12/2/25

In Mr. Gibb's letter of August 28th, he speaks about a blue print of a truss. I am just wondering if it would not be advisable to have all blue prints numbered in such a way that they would understand them, as well as, the New York office.

In an attached memorandum, presumably, from Mr. Gibbs dated August 29th, Mr. Gibbs takes exception to the Deans' Committee making appointments in the Construction Bureau. Personally, I would say he is absolutely right in his contention regarding this matter.

With kind personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Arthur J. Stock

AJS:MIC

PEKING UNIVERSITY

December 8, 1925.

Mr. Arthur J. Stock,
2202 First National Bank Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Stock:

Thank you for your notes of the 2nd and 5th of this month. I am not quite sure how serious the matter of bending of the pipe, due to improper packing might be. Mr. Gibb's letters on such matters often do not give adequate information.

Storage charges in Tientsin is, of course, a serious matter, and was probably due to the fact that information concerning the arrival of the materials did not get to Mr. Gibb from the American Express Company, which is acting as our agent in Tientsin for received and forwarded material shipped from this part of the world. We are shipping all material consigned to the American Express Company in accordance with Mr. Gibb's instructions.

Almost all blue prints are numbered. This was a single sketch that Mr. Gibb sent to illustrate a point that he was making.

If I had felt that the Finance Committee Meeting on the 3rd was important enough to justify your coming down for it, I would have seen to it with sufficient endeavor that you got here in good time. It sometimes happens that a meeting needs to be called hurriedly for what are supposedly routine matters. Before long we shall have a more extended meeting upon other items.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

EMN/G

ARTHUR J. STOCK
INSURANCE AGENCY
2202 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
DETROIT

December Ninth,
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Dr. Eric M. North,
Secretary Peking University,
150 - 5th Avenue,
New York, New York

Dear Eric:

I have just received the memorandum of the Finance Committee Meeting, held December 3rd.

I have already written you that I am pleased to hear of Dr. Luce's successful operation and I think the trip to California is just the thing to do under the circumstances.

My judgment is that he should never return to China under the Auspices of the University. When the President and Vice-President do not work in harmony I do not see how it is possible for them to do the work that would be naturally expected of them.

I notice that the date of the dedication has been set for October instead of September. It is my contention that a definite date should be made, if possible.

In reference to Mr. Wallace's gift of $100000. to the University, I was under the impression that it came through our own Methodist Board, but find through information from Dr. Ehnes that the Foreign Board gets no credit through World Service or through any other way. Inasmuch as it is a gift through Methodist Channels might I ask that you give a voucher to Central Church without mentioning Mr. Wallace's name in it? I am sure that Dr. Hough would appreciate the courtesy of getting the credit but I do not want even the Doctor to know who gave the money.

Let me hear from you on this matter.

ARTHUR J. STOCK
INSURANCE AGENCY
2202 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
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Dr. Eric M. North, #2 12/10/25

With kind personal regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Arthur J. Stock

AJS:MIC

P. S. My son, Tom, sent a check to Jim Lewis on Peking University. He wants to know if you could not do the same thing and credit it to Central Church?

Thanks for letter received this a.m. no criticism intended about the finance committee meeting only I sometimes happen to have other business in N.Y. & I could combine

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ARTHUR J. STOCK
INSURANCE AGENCY
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DETROIT

December Twenty-First,

1 9 2 5

Dr. Eric North,
c/o Peking University,
150 - 5th Avenue,
New York, New York

Dear Eric:

I thank you for your letter in reference to the Wallace gift.

I did not know there was such detail involved as you outlined in your letter, therefore, I would request that you simply forget it.

With kind personal regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

Arthur J. Stock

AJS:MIC

PEKING UNIVERSITY.

December 18, 1925.

Mr. Arthur J. Stock,
2202 First National Bank Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Stock:

I have your letter of December 9th. The matter of credit for gifts is a complicated one and I am not sure how it could be carried out in the case of Mr. Wallace's gift. You suggest that I give a voucher to Central Church for Mr. Wallace's gift. I cannot give a voucher of the Board of Foreign Missions. The Board of Foreign Missions cannot issue a voucher for what it has not received. The University has not received cash but deeds to property. I think that you will agree with me that it would be a rather unwieldy process for Peking University to deed property to the Board of Foreign Missions and then for the Board of Foreign Missions to deed it back to the University in order that Central Church might get a credit which has not been requested by the donor. Inasmuch as Dr. Ehnes is satisfied from the point of view of the Board of Foreign Missions and in view of the complicated process involved, it would seem to me impracticable to arrange for such credit.

With reference to the recent gift of $50.00 to Peking University by your son, I have to say that if he so desires it, we could draw a check on the University to be paid to the Board of Foreign Missions and present the same to the Board of Foreign Missions with the request that they furnish a voucher for the 2nd Column World Service credit. They would then in the course of time issue to Peking University another check and send on a voucher to the Church. I shall be glad to do this if you desire, but we would appreciate having information as to wishes of this kind at time when checks are sent in.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
PEKING UNIVERSITY.

EMN/G

Copy to Mr. Ehnes.

April 27, 1926

Mr. Arthur J. Stock
2202 First National Bank Building
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Stock:

I am enclosing a picture of the house which you are erecting on the new campus of Peking University. I am also sending along the smaller bird's-eye view of the residence compound so that you can see how the whole thing will look. Of course you and Mrs. Stock are planning to go out there next year anyhow for the dedication to see how fine a creation you have made.

Your house is to be occupied by Roswell Britton, the Head of the Department of Journalism, who graduated from Wake Forest College, N. C. and who t took his special work in the School of Journalism at Columbia University, New York City, and about whose work I am enclosing the February 1925 copy of the "Peking News". Reared as he was in China, he is equipped to make a very real contribution to the development of the right sort of journalism in China. You will have reason to be proud of the occupant of your house.

Now for some sad news! The house is practically completed. It will be occupied probably by the first of July. We have spent on it to date $7,876.36. There is so little more to be done that we figure it will only cost $130.00 more - making a total of $8,006.36. I believe that in making your original subscription you hoped that you could bring it up to the full total for a residence and at that time the expectation was that each residence would cost about $7,000.00. You are familiar enough with the additional costs which have mounted up to know how the reality has exceeded the estimate. The thing which is troubling us right now is the matter of cash. As things now stand unless we get in some fifty to one hundred thousand dollars between now and the first of August, we will be at the end of our rope on August 1 and have a loan of $100,000 at the bank in addition. Towards the amount required, there is a considerable amount of outstanding pledges and I am writing frankly to each house donor, as I am writing to you, and giving them the exact cost of the house which they are erecting, with the invitation at least to add to the amount of their original gift or subscription sufficient money to pay for the whole thing. I am also telling them of the urgency of the time element and I am hoping that in most cases we can get the money in by June 1 rather than waiting until we are up against it two months later.

With warm regards,

Ever yours

Peking University

July 8, 1926

Mr.Arthur J.Stock,
2202 First National Bank Bldg.,
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr.Stock:

The Executive Committee of the Trustees yesterday faced a condition in the finances of the University which is very perplexing. The combination of insufficient building funds in hand, together with unexpected expense in the current budget for this year and the failure of one or two donors to the current budget have resulted in a situation in which we have in hand and in sight for the next month or so not even quite enough funds to maintain a balance at the bank which we are supposed to maintain in order to borrow up to the limit of our present capacity. This has made it necessary for us to cable to the field to draw no further drafts upon any account, which is only short of real disaster as they are trying to complete their building operations so that the start may be made at the new site in the fall. We have hope of relief to the extent of something over $50,000. as soon as some legal matters are straightened out in connection with the anticipated income from the Estate of Charles M.Hall, but it is impossible for us to determine with certainty when this will come, and it would be unwise to try to hasten the action of the Trustees of this estate.

We are therefore under the necessity of drawing upon all of our available resources in order to tide us along until the hoped for income from this estate and other funds which are being sought can be in hand. Knowing your very deep and genuine interest in the work of the University, and having in mind your own pledge for a residence, I am wondering if it would be possible for you to make available to us the rest of the amount upon this pledge. This house, No.21, was practically completed in March and the total figure of its final cost was $8,006.36. Your pledge, I believe, was $7000. upon which you have paid $3000. I presume that you have had in your thought to furnish the entire amount necessary, or $5000. in addition to the payment already made. If it would be possible for you to do this it would be very deeply appreciated and would contribute greatly toward the relief from anxiety which those of us who are trying to hold steady through this period are feeling.

Rec'd $4000 (Emf) 7/16/26

You will learn by another letter of the death of Mrs.Stuart,

wife of President Stuart. Her loss adds greatly to his burdens and to the strain upon him at this time.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary
Peking University

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ARTHUR J. STOCK
INSURANCE AGENCY
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April Thirtieth,

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Mr. James H. Lewis,
c/o Peking University,
150 - Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York

Dear Jim:

Received your letter this morning in reference to dwelling to Peking University.

I want to say to you that with special subscriptions I have to pay this year, plus the heavy expense I am going to on account of this Commission of Ten, that I do not see my way clear to give Peking University any more money, at least not this year.

What you will have to do,my boy,is to get out and get some new stuff. I really think that you could cash in on some of Dr. Luce's prospects. The Doctor certainly has laid some foundations but he cannot close, which is the common fault amount many who are trying to sell things. However, I have a different opinion of you. I think you can close - so get busy!

With kind personal regards, I am

Most cordially your friend,

Arthur J. Stock

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July 9, 1926

Dr. Eric M. North,
Peking Unversity,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Eric:

I just had time to hastily scan your letter of July 8th.

One matter that I want you to get clear in your mind is this, that I never made a pledge for a residence. I did pay $4000.00 towards a residence.

I will be in New York, Tuesday and hope to see you at that time.

Cordially yours,

Arthur J. Stock

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July 15, 1927

Dr. Eric M. North,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York

Dear Eric:

I have Mr. Wheeler's letter addressed to the members of the Finance and Executive Committees of Yenching University. I am afraid that Mr. Wheeler's heart is running away with his good judgment.

My only reason for acquiescing in Dr. Luce's withdrawal from the University is that he has not conformed to the agreement which was a part of his contract namely, "that he continue in America for the University for a period of three years from the present time with the understanding that his campaign work be conducted in full accord with the Committee on Finance". We have the word of the chairman of that Committee as well as yours, Mr. McBrier's, Mr. Warner's and Mr. Scott's that he has not conformed to this part of his contract.

Personally, I have no desire to see Dr. Luce embarrassed in any way but I do feel, that leaving out all that he has done for the University in the years past, that he should conform to his contract or resign. If team work cannot be had, your deficits are going to increase year by year. Can not these Presbyterian brothers arrange to take care of Dr. Luce by having him placed in a college or in some work that he will enjoy thus releaving the University of the constant expense?

If Dr. Luce has to continue, my feeling is that his salary should be placed at the figure that was originally agreed to and that he should conform, whether he agrees with the Committee or not, to their wishes. I believe in the integrity of ~~the work~~ a contract but the party of the second part must do his part in carrying it out if he expects the party of the first part to do his part.

With kind personal regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

Arthur J. Stock

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Peking University

December 29, 1926

Mr.Arthur J.Stock,
2202 First National Bank Bldg.,
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr.Stock:

I am sending you herewith the report of Mr.Murphy on his visit to Peking and his recommendations concerning the general lay out and similar architectural problems in response to the memorandum we gave him before he went. He is also to furnish me with a memorandum of the items where he thinks mistakes have been made in the erection of the buildings, indicating what he thinks should be altered.

In response to our request, the Reverend T.M.Barker of the staff of the University, who has been on furlough at his home in Ireland, is coming through New York on his way back to the field, the first week in January. Mr.Barker was of great assistance to President Stuart in Peking with the Construction Bureau for some time, and I am sure has a complete understanding of the problems involved. It is our desire to thresh out with Mr.Murphy the matters of question, where he thinks changes are necessary, to come to our conclusions as to what to recommend to the field, and to send these on in definite form to Peking with Mr.Barker. Thus, Mr.Barker will not only have the written statement of our thought, but will also have sufficient background as to our convictions on these matters, so as to be able to effectively assist President Stuart in dealing with them in Peking.

Mr.Barker will reach the United States on January 2nd and will need to leave New York by the tenth or eleventh, to get his boat for Peking. Will you, therefore, be so kind as to read over this report carefully, and as far as possible, hold yourself in readiness for a meeting of the Committee on Finance, Property and Investment preliminary to meeting with Mr.Murphy, a meeting with Mr.Murphy and a meeting after the conference with Mr.Murphy?

This concentrated attention to the matter, I believe, ought to enable us to get the whole thing pretty well settled and in shape for prompt consideration on the field. The time of these conferences is being taken up at once.

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
Peking University

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May 1, 1928

My dear Arthur:

I have been keeping in mind during the past few weeks a trip to Detroit, which will probably be unnecessary, before I sail on May 12th from New York. But, in any case, I understand you have gone to the General Conference at Kansas City so that I would not be able to have the visit with you that I had been looking forward to. May I put in writing, however, what has been constantly on my heart to say to you?

In the present campaign I have been working as strenuously as I knew how under conditions and difficulties of which you can readily imagine. It has at times seemed a hopelessly discouraging task. If we include the $100,000 for endowment contributed by Mr. McBrier we would make our objectives in the present campaign a total of $500,000, of which we have to date $350,000. This includes a gift from Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd, of Philadelphia, of $90,000 conditional upon securing the full amount by the end of June. It is not at all a matter of getting immediate cash; pledges may be made payable in two or three years or even longer if desired. You can realize how acutely tense is the effort to carry through to success. If we can achieve this result, the University ought to be able to function through its first stage without harrassing anxiety and inefficiency due to lack of income or plant. I can have hopes also of putting my own thought and time upon something other than the raising of money.

I am writing you thus freely because as one of our Trustees I am sure you feel the full force of this whole situation I am frequently asked what our own Trustees are doing for the University and it naturally adds a great deal to the force of the appeal if we can give evidence that the Trustees themselves believe in the University to the point of generous support of it. In view of the fact that we have carried on without interruption during all the recent turmoil in China, are crowded with students, and apparently in a position to render a unique service to the Christian cause in China in these extremely critical years of the rebirth of that great nation, I feel confident that you also will find a spiritual satisfaction in becoming, even more than you have yet, an active partner in this

challenging enterprise. I am sending you one of our pamphlets which gives a little more in detail the precise situation and I hope that you will give my final appeal, before I leave for Peking, your most sympathetic consideration.

Very sincerely yours

Mr. Arthur J. Stock
2202 First National Bank Bldg
Detroit, Michigan

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Envelope contained request "Please forward"

EXTRACTS FROM DR. H.S. GALT'S LETTER OF MAY 2, 1928.

The sections in the minutes of the Finance Committee which you inclose dealing with the report of Mr. J. A. P. Lund and the paragraph in your letter dealing with the same subject I am having copied for report to the Construction Bureau. Many of the matters mentioned in Mr. Lund's report have already received attention, and the matter will be further considered.

We note the vote of the Finance Committee, no. FB 2256, asking for further information with regard to the insurance of university buildings. The same subject is touched upon briefly in your letter. I am very glad to send a fuller report on this subject.

Insurance of University Buildings. I find that the matter is first referred to in a vote of the Board of Managers of February 12,1927, at which time a committee consisting of D.W. Edwards, C.C. Steinbeck and S.J. Chuan was appointed. Last autumn after my return and President Stuart's departure Mr. Edwards wrote to me calling attention to the fact that such a committee had been appointed and asking me if it was oppertune to go on with the matter of insurance. After inquiry here in the office I reported to him that I found it very opportune to proceed with the matter. This was done and he with the cooperation of Mr. Chuan from the office here spent much time during the following weeks conferring regarding the matter and negotiating with the insurance companies. At the meeting of the Board of Managers on February 3rd Mr. Edwards made an informal report of progress. No definite action was taken at the time but it was understood that the work of his committee would be continued. In veiw of the results up to that time resulting in recommendations by the special committee as to the way insurance on residences should be handled, an item was placed in the budget for next year to cover the premium and this was approved by the Board of Managers in approving the budget and is explained briefly near the top of page 3 in my letter of February 4 to President Stuart.

The work of the committee was continued until early in March negotiations with an insurance company had been completed and the matter seemed ripe for action. In view of the fact that our residences are not fire proof and were entirely unprotected by insurance it seemed to the authorities that we should go forward with the matter without delay. Accordingly, in the meeting of the Faculty Executive of March 13, the following action was taken:

"VOTED to ask the Treasurer's Office to pay the sum of $943.94, the 1928 premium on the university residence insurance policy to be charged to the Suspense Account and to be paid back out of the insurance item in the budget for 1928-29."

The insurance referred to covers 27 residences built or owned by the university. I might add that the matter had been reported to the G and B Committee at the meeting of January 26, but in as much as the matter was already in the hands of a Board of Managers Committee the G and B Committee did not feel it necessary to take special action. The procedure was approved, however, tacitly. This is as far as we have gone in definite steps toward insurance.

Three other aspects of the problem are still under consideration:

First, the library books and apparatus. The Committee of the Board of Managers is investigating this question further at the present time.

Second, the general academic buildings of the university. These buildings are so nearly fire proof and there is so much space between them, coupled with the fact that the roofs are all of tile, that it does not seem necessary to have them insured in the ordinary way. If the roof timbers of one of these buildings should catch fire the damage could scarcely extend to the main body of the building nor to another building. This being the case it would seem wise for the university to carry its own insurance by means of a sinking fund to provide for such contingencies. Certain improvements in fire protection in the way of hydrants and hose is a question which the G and B Committee has under consideration.

Third, there is a question of the insurance of the Power Plant, not against fire in the ordinary sense, but against accident or explosion. We have been endeavoring for some months to find out whether we can secure in China anything in the nature of expert boiler inspection, and insurance based on such inspection. I have the distinct notion that that kind of inspection and insurance is available in America. Thus far, we havenot been able to secure it out here. The matter is still under consideration. We shall be glad for any advise, suggestions or criticisms from the Trustees regarding this question.

G and B Committee Minutes. I am inclosing herewith three copies each of the G and B Committee Minutes for March 28 and April 26. A few matters call for comment. On page 2 of the minutes of March 28 there is another reference to repairs on the Science building roofs. This matter has been mentioned in earlier correspondence to the New York office and now I think a more complete statement should be made. The tiles on the roofs, not only of the Science buildings, but also of several other buildings, are loosening up and some of them are sliding off and falling

EXTRACT FROM H. S. GALT'S LETTER OF MAY 2, 1928

to the ground. This, of course, is a matter of very much concern. In the early spring Mr. Hilabrand found correspondence in the Construction Bureau files indicating that these roofs were laid under contract by the foreign firm of William Forbes and Co., and were guaranteed against leaking for a period of ten years. The terms of the contract with the correspondence covering the same have been carefully reviewed by our G and B Committee, and it is our opinion that Forbes and Co. are entirely responsible for the necessary repairs to these roofs. Necessary repairs may mean the entire relaying of the roofs. The fundamental mistake seems to be that the tiles were not tied to the roof boards by wire as was the plan when the tiles were manufactured. We have negotiated with William Forbes and Co. regarding this matter for some time. Their Peking representative has come out twice and he seems reluctant to admit that his firm is fully responsible. We are endeavoring to get a definite decision by the headquarters of the firm at Tientsin. Another letter was sent to them two days ago with the endeavor to speed up the process. Since negotiations with them were undertaken we were very glad to receive a letter on the subject from Mr. Gibb which indicated positively his opinion to the effect that he considered William Forbes and Co. entirely responsible.

Dormitory Plans. On this same page of the minutes of March 28 you will note a decision to confer with representatives of the students with regard to the dormitory plans. This action was taken partly in accordance with a policy we are endeavoring to follow of consulting with students on important matters of common interest, and partly because we had been told that there was a sentiment in the student body in favor of less expensive dormitory buildings. On page 1 of the Minutes of April 26 there is a report of the students attitude, but this is indicated further by a letter received from the chairman of the Students Association which I quote as follows:

"Dear Sir:

Will you kindly extend our most hearty thanks and appreciation to the Board of Trustees in New York for the excellent plan of the new student dormitory which will be built on the northeastern extremity of the campus bordering the lake.

We appreciated very much, your thoughtfulness in extending us the privilege of looking over the plan."

If you think it opportune to do so, kindly report this action to the Trustees or to one of its committees.

EXTRACTS FROM DR. H. S. GALT'S LETTER OF MAY 2, 1928

Mr. Hildabrand's Proposed Resignation. This matter is reported on page 2 of the Minutes of April 26. We are considerably disturbed over the question as we are eager to retain Mr. Hildabrand's services. The matter is being carefully considered by the sub-committee referred to, and a special meeting of the G and B Committee is to be held tomorrow to hear the report. At the moment of writing we still have hope that Mr. Hildabrand can be retained.

PEKING UNIVERSITY

August 31, 1928

Mr. Arthur J. Stock
2226 First National Bank Bldg.
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Mr. Stock:

Thank you for your letter of August 29th returning the Grounds and Buildings Committee minutes.

I hasten to reassure you that we are all anxious to have you continue to serve as a member of the Finance Committee even though we recognize that it will not be possible for you to attend many of the meetings. For that matter, several New York members of the Committee are rarely able to get to the meetings and do not have any better record of attendance than yourself. Yet we appreciate the worth of your presence on the Committee and interest in its work and are glad to have you present whenever it is possible for you to attend.

I am very sorry indeed that many notices of meetings have reached you after the meetings are held. We always try to get such notices mailed to the members of the Committee as far in advance as possible. It seems that during recent months an unusually large proportion of the meetings have had to be called at rather short notice in order to deal with urgent questions that have been brought up by cable from the field or in other ways that gave us very little time. Of course in cases of this sort the only thing we could do has been to call together such members of the Committee as are immediately available. We will make a greater effort during the coming year to plan our meetings further ahead and to send out notices in sufficient time to permit you to send your comments on matters which will be up for discussion, even though you may not find it possible to attend.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary,
Peking University.

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O. F. B.

February 5, 1929

Mr. Arthur J. Stock,
2226 First National Bank Building,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. Stock:

We thank you for your letter of January 25 commenting on the matter of insurance contained in the January 11 Minutes of the Yenching Finance Committee.

I am glad to have my attention called to the discussion which took place three or four years ago when the matter of insurance at the University was first raised. I have gone over such information as is available in our files on the proposals you made in 1924. I find also that Dr. Eric North on February 26, 1926, wrote to President Stuart as follows:

> "Mr. Stock was in the other day and asked me to tell you that he had requested the management of the American Foreign Insurance Company to examine our property and to advise us what they think is necessary in the way of insurance on the buildings. They will report back here through their New York office, and the matter of rates will be taken up here."

Apparently nothing more than this was done at that time. We would certainly appreciate any new steps you may be able to take at this time, for both the Finance Committee and the field authorities of the University ought to have full information as to the advantages our American Companies can offer, before they make any final decisions as to their University insurance policies.

Very cordially yours,

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February 26, 1929

My dear Mr. Stock:

I have turned over further arrangements for the Peking trip to the World Acquaintance Travel, Inc., 29 West 49th Street, New York City. They can handle the details better than I can.

You say you have made a reservation on the C.P.R. steamer, Empress of France, sailing from Vancouver on August 29th. One of the suggested itineraries mentions this particular sailing date. We cannot at this time say definitely just how many routes will be selected. It depends upon those who wish to take the trip.

Hoping you may be with us in Peking, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Arthur J. Stock
2226 First National Bank Building
Detroit, Michigan

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January 25, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I have just been reading the minutes of the January 11 meeting of the Committee on Finance and note a letter from Mr. F. H. Hawkins regarding insurance.

Three or four years ago the question of insurance was raised in a Finance Committee meeting and I offered to place the insurance with a group of American companies doing business in the Far East and turn over to the University the commission they would allow this office for it. Nothing ever came of it. The reason that I am writing you now is to call your attention to the fact that I made this offer and, secondly, inasmuch as the University has been built with American dollars, I think, insofar as it is possible to do so, all purchases for materials and insurance and anything else that American companies do should be given first place. The English from the King down are making a great push for the British to buy British made goods. I am just as keen that we should have all the benefits in this country that it is possible for us to have providing things are equal.

Should the Committee desire me to again check up on this insurance proposition as I did three or four years ago, I would be very happy to do so and make the same proposition as I did then.

Very truly yours,

Arthur J. Stock

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March 5, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

"My son, Tom, has a set of books entitled "Messages and Papers of the Presidents." This set is handsomely bound in embossed imitation leather (it might be leather), is gilt edged and beautifully illustrated. He would be very happy to present this set of twenty volumes to Yenching University, if they would like them. I understand that the set cost him $187.50. The books were bought about two years ago."

Very truly yours,

Arthur J. Stock

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Yes we like to have them in connection with teaching of American History. Send them through N.Y. Office, & if necessary, charge Univ. Library. Inform Miss Cheney of History dept. about the coming of this set.

W.B.G.

March 14, 1929

Mr. Arthur J. Stock,
2226 First National Bank Bldg.
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr.Stock:

We are sincerely grateful to you for your letter of March 5th telling us that your son has a set of books - "Messages and Papers of the Presidents" - which he is willing to present to the library of the University. Professor William Hung who, as you know, has been Chairman of the Library Committee, and is closely in touch with the library needs of the University was in our office a few days ago and I showed your letter to him. He states that he feels the University would warmly welcome such a gift and could use this set of volumes to very great advantage, particularly in connection with the teaching of American history.

We would be very happy, therefore, to accept this generous gift and will be glad to render whatever assistance we can in handling the transportation of the volumes. If the books could be sent to our New York office we will forward them to Peking with the next freight shipment which is being sent. This would probably be cheaper than sending them as a shipment from Detroit. I believe also that we would have ample time to get them to the field in time for the autumn semester if they are sent via New York. Our office will, of course, be happy to pay any charges for packing and transportation from Detroit to New York City.

I am at this time notifying the University of your offer so that they will be looking forward to the arrival of this set of volumes.

I hope that you will find it possible to attend the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 11th. While a number of the matters to come before the Trustees at that time are the usual routine items, several very important problems will be up for consideration and decision.

Very cordially yours,

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April 11, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Enclosed find copy of letter sent to Bureau of National Literature which is self explanatory, application for the Coolidge volume and my check for $200.00. Out of the $200.00, I wish you to send me a check for $187.50, the cost of the set not including transportation expense, and to send a check to the Bureau of National Literature to purchase the Coolidge volume for $9.50. This will give you enough left over to pay for express charges of my shipping the set to New York. This gift, of course, is a benevolence and I prefer to show it by means of checks rather than by a journal entry.

Father had intended to take the books with him when he drove to New York this week but he finally decided to take the little car and, as a result, did not have enough room. Will express the books as soon as possible. Had a box for them in the office but the janitor took it away.

When the Hoover volume is out, kindly advise me and I will be glad to send you a check for it.

Very sincerely yours,

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April 23, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

If we go to China this August, we must do it at the least possible cost. I mean by that that I wish to take advantage of all possible credits that might be given by railroads and steamship companies because of my relationship to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church.

Will you, therefore, present to the executive committee as soon as possible the names of the trustees (and their wives) who are going so that they may be officially declared delegates? In my case, at least, I wish when the action is taken that the information be passed on to the secretaries of the Methodist Board who will then be in a position to send me the proper credentials so that I can get missionary rates as above mentioned.

I want to congratulate you on the very fine way that you arranged the various matters for the annual meeting. I have attended meetings of such boards for many years and I am willing to say to you that your handling of that meeting was of the best. You have my vote and best wishes for all your worthy ambitions.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Stock

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May 10, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 8 enclosing a receipt as requested by me.

I have already received the credentials from Dr. Edwards for which your efforts are appreciated.

I am exceptionally pleased to learn that you are to go out to China and that we will be fellow travelers on the Pacific.

With best wishes, I am

Most cordially yours,

Arthur J. Stock

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Yenching University

May 8, 1929

Mr. Arthur J.Stock,
2226 First National Bank Bldg.
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr.Stock:

I am sorry to have delayed replying to your letters of April 15 and April 23.

In accordance with the request in your letter of April 15, I am sending you herewith a receipt for$75.00 to cover your expenses to New York and return on account of the annual meeting of Yenching University. I have issued a special type of receipt because the regular University receipts are numbered in consecutive order and must all be accounted for and cannot rightly be used unless there is an actual exchange of cash. I hope, however, that this special form will meet your income tax needs.

I have talked with Dr.Edwards of the Methodist Board in regard to their sending you credentials as a representative of the Methodist Board at the Yenching dedication. Dr.Edwards informs me that he is sending you these credentials direct. I believe he has either mailed them or will send them during the next day or two. The Yenching Executive Committee also instructed our office to issue credentials to you as a delegate of the Yenching Board of Trustees. I will send you this certification within the next few days. Just at the moment I am awaiting the arrival of the new Yenching seal adopted at the annual meeting.

We were very happy that you were able to attend the annual meeting of the Yenching Trustees last month. I wish we might have you in New York oftener to assist with the solution of some of our Yenching problems.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

Enc.

May 8, 1929

Received from Mr.Arthur J.Stock. . . . . $75.00 (Seventy-five and 00/100 Dollars) in reimbursement of his travel expenses from Detroit to New York City and return in connection with his attendance at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University on April 11, 1929 (this being in the nature of a contribution to the University)

Assistant Treasurer

BAG-H

May 17, 1929.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stock,
2226 First National Bank Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Stock:

We are enclosing herewith a certification of your appointment as delegates of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University on the occasion of the formal dedication of the University. This is issued in accordance with the action of the Executive Committee, May 2, 1929.

We know that everyone at Yenching is looking forward eagerly to your being present at the formal dedication this autumn. We hope and believe that you will find this an extremely interesting and worthwhile occasion.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:A
Enc.

Secretary.

November 25, 1929

My dear Mr. Stock:

We are in receipt of your letter of November 23rd, stating that it is your father's intention to give $500.00 to the University by January 1st. We are indeed very happy to have this pledge.

Could you, however, give us a little more information as to the objective of this contribution? We think this may be toward a fund of $10,000.00 which the trustees visiting Peking at the Yenching Formal Opening pledged to purchase a certain piece of land within the Yenching campus, but we should be glad to have this impression verified. Before recording this gift, we should like to have all the data available. Dr. Stuart had to start for America so soon after the Opening that it was difficult for him to advise us of all the business details which were discussed during that period.

Thanking you for your help in this matter and hoping you will express to your father our sincere appreciation of his contribution, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. H. Thompson Stock
2226 First National Bank Bldg.
Detroit, Michigan

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November 23, 1929

Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

My father has sent me a letter saying that he pledged $500.00 recently to Yenching University. I will endeavor to send this amount to you by January 1.

Very sincerely yours,

H. Thompson Stock

H. THOMPSON STOCK

HTS:MLW

Probably for land —
See Dr. Sliart's letter (longhand)
of Oct. 5. re the
$10,000 given by
the trustees & a friend
while at the Formal Opening
see file "Land"
also BAG's memo of
12-10-30
file "Franklin Warner"

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November 27, 1929

Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York

Attention: Miss McCoy

Gentlemen:

My father did not say how the $500.00 was to be used byYenching University.

Very sincerely yours,

H. Thompson Stock

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December 14, 1929

Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

My father's pledge for $500 was for the purchase of additional land for Yenching University. This information was given to me in a subsequent letter. Collections in Detroit are slow, otherwise I would enclose check herein.

Very sincerely yours,

H. Thompson Stock

H. THOMPSON STOCK

HTS:MLW

December 16, 1929

Dear Mr. Stock:

Thank you for your letter of December 14th advising us that the pledge of $500 which you recently sent in behalf of your father is to be designated as toward the purchase of a piece of land for Yenching.

Please assure your father that this gift is greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. H. Thompson Stock
2226 First National Bank Building
Detroit, Michigan

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Stock, Mr. A. J. Senior
2226 1st Natl Bank Bldg.
Detroit

Dec. 16, 1929

Pledge $500 toward purchasing a piece of land within the Jenching Campus. The trustees visiting J.U. at the Formal Opening pledged $10,000 total for this land

To be paid by Jan. 1, 1930.

Gift received 12-16-29
Receipt slip # ——
Entered on control record ✓
" " acct. card ✓
" " contr. list ✓
Serial No. on L. and card 854 ✓
Pledge signal attached ✓
X-file cards
Letter ack. sent 12-16-29
Checked for O. L.
" " ~~class card~~ ML
" " ~~stencil~~ Renewal

In the letter of Nov. 23, 1929, advising us of Mr. Stock's pledge, his son wrote that he would endeavor to send the amount by Jan. 1st. In a letter dated Dec. 14th he wrote that the money was to be used for the purchase of additional land (See JLS' letter of Oct. 5th, 1929 re this land). Mr. Stock also wrote that the collections in Detroit had been slow or he would have enclosed the check with his letter.

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