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Sunnyside
Plainfield, New Jersey

April 1, 1928

Dear Leighton:

I have just received a letter from Flo Wilson about the question of schooling for the children of the foreign faculty. I am sorry it didn't come while you were still in this part of the country as it would have been easier to talk it over than write about it.

The mothers at Yenching have had a meeting and appointed me a committee of one to do something about it in this country! Lawrence had a letter from Dr. Galt too, from which I gather that he has written yousomething about it direct. There will be ten children including the Nashes and some of ours, in Grades I-IV, and the mothers are all agreed that they must have a good primary teacher, preferably "an older woman of experience." The mothers would be able to supplement her work, and I agree with them that if we could get such a teacher it would mean a great deal. We will have to do something on the campus, as it would be out of the question tosend the children into Peking every day.

Now as to the financing of such a teacher, Flo says that the mothers at Yenching are willing to contribute $100 Mex. per child per year to her budget. I think in general that they feel that they couldn't afford more than that. That would only make $1000 Mex. which of course wouldn't cover her salary - not to mention her travel. Can you give me any suggestions as to how we can go about raising the rest of the necessary money? Would the University be able to help at all? Would the Univerity physician take care of her, if necessary? What is the single missionary salary and what would be your suggestion as to length of contract and arrangements for paying for passage? They have authorized me to engage such a teacher, but at present - with the question of support so nebulous - I don't feel as if I could start right out and hunt for some one. I shall certainly keep both ears and eyes open and be enquiring as to possibilities. Florence Warner gave me the name today of a teacher who was in Nanking for five years and who came back on the same boat with her in 1926. She lives in Calgary - some one from the Coast would save on travel money! For a five year contract at, say $750.Gold a year with a $1,000 more for travel out and back, we would have a budget of $4,750 Gold altogether. If the mothers contributed $500 a year or $2500, that would leave $2250 to raise. That seems like qqite a lot somehow!

As I read this over, it seems like a long list of questions and a cry for help! I know you have plenty of worries of your own, but if you could just give me a few suggestions I would appreciate it enormously. I am going to write Mrs. Nash too, and see what she can suggest. I understand that last year the little school paid $100 Mex. on some land belonging to the University where there was a building which they used for the school. Wouldn't the University be willing to give that small piece

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of land for the use of the faculty children for school purposes? It is off the East compound, I understand, and if it is one that I remember it is not very large and might be spared without too much loss to the University. It might well make a small playground for all the Faculty children - Chinese and foreign.

I am just wondering whether, in the list of needs for the University that is printed on the circulars, something might be included about the teacher for the foreign faculty children. That is almost the first question that people ask when they hear we are going back . The question about what we are going to do about the children's schooling comes right after the one as to whether it's safe to go back, so people seem to be interested. Whether to the extent of going into their pockets I don't know!

Any light you can give me, I will be most grateful for, and if you can spare me a little while to talk it over when you do come to New York next, I will meet you any time you set. Three months is not very long to settle it, especially as I find my days prettyfull any way - but I feel this is of prime importance.

Sincerely yours

Eleanor M. Mead

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April 13, 1928

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The Reverend J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

My dear Dr. Stuart:

In my conversation with you it was agreed that the balance which the North China Mission owes Yenching University is $97,398.15, Gold, and that the North China Mission would begin to pay interest on this amount on June thirtieth, 1927 at the rate of five per cent per annum.

At the meeting of the sub committee of the Board on December 13th, 1927 the committee voted to recommend that we request the North China Mission to negotiate a first mortgage in behalf of Yenching University, on the East City property in Peking, China, formerly occupied by Yenching University; that the Board considers this property adequate security for the balance due Yenching University and that the Board declines to enter into an agreement at the present time to guarantee the payment of the mortgage interest.

Of course we are both interested in having this amount paid as speedily as possible and I am hoping that adjustments may be made soon that will make this possible.

Very cordially yours,

MORRIS W. EHNES
Treasurer

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
May 8th, 1928

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Mr. J. Leighton Stuart
China Union Universities Office
150 Fifth Avenue, New York

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I have been trying to see you but quite understand that your days are crowded, as are mine. I am still hoping to see you because there are matters I wish very much to discuss with you in person. On the other hand, it seems well that I should make a statement in writing regarding the case of Rev. John McGregor Gibb.

As you know, the Redistributions of the North China Mission for 1928, contain no provision for the out-going of Mr. Gibb. This will amount to $2000. or more and I do not yet know howewe can cover it. In the meantime, there is persistent question regarding the wisdom of Mr. Gibb's return to China. I have gone over all this with you in person and know how you feel but it scarcely seems wise to ignore such a statement as teached me yesterday from Peking. I quote:

> "There is no great enthusiasm for Mr. Gibb's return to Yenching outside of Dr. Stuart himself. A couple of months ago the head of the chemistrydepartment had a long talk with me about Mr. Gibb, and he ended it up in this way, 'I wish to goodness he would find a job in the U.S.' It is perfectly true that in the building work at Yenching Mr. Gibb used his utmost endeavors, and in spite of many mistakes did a great piece of work, which no other member of the staff at Yenching could have approached; yet unfortunately in doing that piece of work he excited a great deal of opposition from members of the staff. This opposition will make his future connectinns with the University somewhat difficult to say the least. I understand that the last plan is to use him not in the department of chemistry, but in another capacity. In this capacity I think he will have a better chance to show his talents which he undoubtedly possesses, but at the same time he is likely to provoke new opposition. What we fear is, that when the opposition becomes strogg, he will be sacrificed. I can assure you that there is a far kindlier feeling in the Mission towards Mr. Gibb than there is at Yenching."
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> "I trust you will pardon me for having written about this matter with a large degree of frankness."

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This same letter states that Yenching is over-staffed and that some of the teachers have very little to do, and quotes further, you as saying "Yenching could easily look after twice as many students as we have there today."

You cannot expect an overburdened Board such as ours is, under present financial conditions, to exert itself where there is plainly no real need to be met. I am not at all sure that we would be doing the right thing in returning Mr. Gibb to the field in the light of all the facts that have reached us. I realize that it is awkward to deal with the situation now but it will be less expensive than it will be to deal with the matter a year or two hence.

Sincerely yours

Frank D. Gamewell

FDG
MEW

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May 9, 1928

My dear Doctor Smith:

In tearing up a drawer in my desk, preparatory to sailing from the country next Saturday, I discovered your long neglected letter. I had put it aside to reply to it when there was more time and it had gotten buried. You will pardon the apparent discourtesy.

The circumstances that lead to the charges against me came about through my having been asked to address a conference of Y. W. C. A. secretaries in China on the four points of their world basis with the hope that I would define these in the terms of present day thought. These four articles were God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Bible. Stenographic notes were taken and finally published for private circulation. I happened at the time to be particularly busy and was careless enough not to edit these. I had not thought that they would ever go beyond the group of persons who wanted them for their own further use. You can imagine about the kind of thing I would say and how this when discovered by Fundamentalist agitators in China would be exploited as evidence of Modern tendencies. My own complaint has never been in regard to the issues involved but the moral behavior of those who made them. These notes were secretly circulated and then passed on to two lecturers who visited China in order to hold conferences for missionaries and who brought away these documents and used them in attacks on me in The Princeton Theological Review and the Sunday School Times without ever once referring any questions to me. My first intimation that these lectures had come to the attention of anybody than the group originally concerned was when these articles appeared in print. Of my own accord, as I happened to be in America at that time, I went to East Hanover Presbytery and asked for a chance to define my essential attitude on these four points which, as you probably know, seemed to be proven entirely satisfactory to the members of the Presbytery.

This very much delayed reply may cease to have any interest for you but at any rate I send it on.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Hay Watson Smith
Second Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

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YENCHING

MEMORANDUM OF CONFERENCE WITH DR.STUART ON MAY 11, 1928

Correspondence from Prof.Paul Anderson

A. In regard to the correspondence from Prof.Anderson to Dr.Stuart in which Prof.Anderson asks for certain changes in the terms of his contract to provide for his leaving the field if he so desires before the end of the 5 year term, Dr.Stuart suggested that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee with his recommendation that they consider Prof.Anderson's request as a specific case for which special action would be in order.

B. As regards request from Prof.Anderson for physics material, Dr. Stuart suggested that the correspondence from the General Electric Company be forwarded to Prof.Anderson with a suggestion that he present the matter to the Faculty Executive Committee for their consideration as to whether this might be included within the next year's budget or be made a part of the permanent equipment of the University for which funds are being requested from the Board of Trustees. Dr.Stuart also suggested that a copy of this correspondence be sent to Mr.O.D.Wannamaker.

Secy.Stenographer for Dr. Galt

As to the term of service for this secretary, Dr.Stuart stated that either three or five years would probably be acceptable to the field. He suggested that it might be preferable to arrange for a three year term with the expectation that the secretary would remain the full five years if this proved mutually satisfactory.

New Man for Dept. of Agriculture

In response to a question as to what is the situation as regards a new man in the Department of Agriculture, Dr.Stuart stated that Dr.Jenney has undertaken to raise funds for the budget of the Department of Agriculture in order to provide the salary of an additional worker in that Department.

Mr.Kurrie's Pledge for President's Residence

In response to an inquiry as to the hundred shares of Reading stock received from Mr.Kurrie, Dr.Stuart stated that he would recommend to Mr.Evans that Mr.Evans personally handle this stock for Mr.Kurrie.

In regard to the remainder of Mr.Kurrie's pledge of $10,000.00, Dr.Stuart stated that Mr.Evans would handle this as a personal matter between Mr.Kurrie and Dr.Stuart.

Question of Mr.Gibb's Return to the Field

In regard to the questions that have come up in connection with Mr.Gibb's return to the field this summer, Dr.Stuart recommended that we ask the Methodist Board to abide by their agreement or else take the initiative in explaining to Mr.Gibb the reason for his unwillingness to have him return to the field.

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Relation of Dr.Stanley D.Wilson to the Am.Board

Dr.Stuart stated that he understands we will have some word from the American Board later on as to whether or not they will consider Dr.and Mrs.Wilson as on their regular quota to the University. If no word comes from the American Board in a reasonable length of time we should write to Mr.Chandler.

G$6,000. Now Held in Harvard-Yenching Institute Account for Museum

Dr.Stuart requested that we keep this $6,000. until his return to the field when he will take up the question of its expenditure. It was agreed that our office should write Dr.Galt, the Acting Treasurer, stating that he might draw on us at 3 days for this $6,000. whenever directed by Dr.Stuart, requesting that Dr.Galt give us a little advance warning that such a draft would soon be presented.

Personnel Items

(A) S.J.Chang. In regard to the plans of Mr.S.J.Chang who has recently been in Moscow and is now en route to America, Dr.Stuart suggested that we talk to Mr.O.D.Wannamaker.

(B) Mr.Nash's travel and re-outfit. Dr.Stuart stated that Mr.Nash's return to the field including travel and re-outfit allowance has been approved.

write Dr Galt

(C) K.A.Wee. In response to an inquiry as to the handling of Mr.K.A. Wee's travel to China which does not appear in the 1928-29 budget, Dr.Stuart instructed that this amount be charged to the budget, leaving it to the field to make the necessary adjustment.

(D) Miss McKlveen In response to an inquiry as to the travel of Miss McKlveen, the fiancee of Mr.Maxwell Stewart, for whom no travel allowance appears in the budget, Dr.Stuart instructed that the necessary travel be provided Miss McKlveen and that the amount be charged to the budget, leaving it to the field to make the necessary adjustment.

(E) Mr.E.L.Allen. Dr.Stuart took a set of candidate papers which he will request Mr.Allen to fill out and return to us if he finds that Mr.Allen will probably be appointed to the University staff. He will also ask Mr.Allen to arrange for the usual medical examination and notify us of the results. He requested our office to handle the cost of the necessary travel, charging this to the budget for next year.

(F) Mr.William Hung. Dr.Stuart stated that at present it is not necessary to take any steps in making arrangements for Mr.Hung's going to America in the autumn.

Mr.Gamble's $600.00 Scholarship Fund

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Dr.Stuart stated that it is Mr.Gamble's desire that the $600.00 which he gave on December 28, 1927 be invested as a scholarship fund, the income of which will be remitted to the field in regular course.

Dr.Stuart's Mail

Dr.Stuart requested that all mail for him after his departure be turned over to Miss McCoy who will sort out any administrative matters and turn them over to the Central Office.

B.A.G.

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YENCHING

11 May, 1928.

re: YENCHING UNIVERSITY.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
Passenger on White Star Liner S.S. "MAJESTIC",
Sailing Midnight, 11 May, from Pier Foot West 18th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Stuart:-

In accordance with my conversation with you at lunch today, I am sending you herewith a blue-paper print of our working drawing Number 8, of the Lake Front Dormitory Group; being 1/8" scale plans, elevations, and sections of Unit "C" (which will also serve, reversed, for Unit "E").

The enclosed print is made from our pencil-tracing; and immediately on receipt of your approval, which I should be glad if you would send to me by wireless, so that I shall receive it on Monday, we shall proceed with the ink-tracing of this drawing on tracing-cloth, to send to Mr. Hildabrand. It will be sufficient simply to wireless:-

"MURDAN NEWYORK APPROVED"

no signature will be necessary.

This approval will be, as you say, merely a matter of form; but we should all feel much better to have your approval, even on this basis, in order to bring the procedure on Unit "C" in line with the procedure already followed on Units "A" and "B".

In the remote possibility that you might find something in the enclosed drawing which you think ought to be changed, and will say so in your wireless, we can hold off on the ink-tracing until we receive a letter, (which you could mail to us on the "Majestic's" arrival in England) — which letter we would receive about the end of May.

I feel that the study we have put on this Lake Front Dormitory Group during the past two or three months has tremendously improved the aesthetic qualities of this very

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difficult and interesting architectural problem. This Lake Front Dormitory Group is a type of Chinese architecture which we had not previously tackled; and its solution came slowly. Everyone felt from the start the desirability of its general plan; but nearly everyone has also felt that the Lake Front Dormitory Group might look too plain in comparison with the first group of Men's Dormitories adjacent. Now I think we have combined in the Lake Front Dormitory Group with its intimate domestic quality, a feeling of real charm and beauty.

When you see Mr. Hildabrand I hope you will tell him how eagerly I am looking forward to more detailed letters from him, either in the nature of inquiry or of suggestion. I have expressed to you a number of times my feeling of confidence in his ability satisfactorily to fill the difficult position in which you have placed him; and I want to be sure that he feels he is getting every possible support from our office.

With best regards for a pleasant trip back to China, and with no little feeling of envy of your return there, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Henry Killam Murphy

HENRY KILLAM MURPHY.

HKM/at

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

Mr. Carl Hildabrand,
Care - Yenching University Construction Bureau,
Peking, China.

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May 27/28

Dear Gossedé,

On my arrival here I learned that Mr. Allen is forbidden by his physician to go out to China within the next few months. I have therefore asked Mr. Hawkins with the help of certain others here to look for us in finding a suitable young Englishman to go out for our Department of History on a short term basis. There are certain requirements

which Mr. Hawkins understands. I am therefore ready to approve whomever he will recommend and request the Trustees to appoint him. This ought not to prejudice the case of Kingman a year from now. If we fail to find a suitable man here I may cable you from China.

Since starting this letter and just as I am starting for Paris a cable has come from Dr. Sherman in Berlin stating that the Soviet Consulate there had no record of my application but would give my visa on my meeting

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CRANSTON'S WAVERLEY HOTEL,
SOUTHAMPTON ROW,
LONDON, W.C. 1

Telegrams: "Robsart, Westcent, London."
Telephones { 2330 Museum. 2331 „ }

the required forms &c. I had sent an application with photographs &c because we could get no reply of any kind from Paris. This should have reached Berlin before the telegram was sent as I mailed it on the 19th. The inability to get any information has been the most aggravating feature so far. No reply from Paris despite prepaid reply &c. &c.

I wrote Miss McCoy regarding Mrs. Elmhirst's assurance that she would approve the recom-

see letter from Miss Bogue - 5/28/28

mendation of Miss Bogue on behalf of the local committee which as I understand it is $3500. annually for 5 years beginning 1929 for our Dept. of Journalism.

Please check up with Miss McCoy on confirmation from Miss Bogue and get the administrative aspect of this matter in shape.

Let Miss McCoy see this letter as she and Mrs. Britton will be especially interested in passport developments.

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Yours sincerely,

J. Leighton Stuart

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May 23/28

My dear Blanche,

I must report the outcome of my visit to the Soviet Consulate-General here today. Fortunately I had an introduction to Mrs. Mead's brother who is in the Bankers Trust Co. office here. I explained the problem to him and he was very helpful, sending a French clerk experienced in such matters with me. I should have

seem rather helpless otherwise
as apparently they know no
English. I filled out three
more forms, the questions being
in French, paid the fee,
and got the visa. They had
the instructions from Moscow
and it really proved to be only
— if rather tedious — routine.
So my application to Berlin,
telegram to Dr. Sherman —
was all wasted. I wish I had
done what I thought seriously
of doing and left the steamer
at Cherbourg to get this

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matter settled. I could then have enjoyed my stay in England free from the worry and waste incurred.

The moral seems to be, to apply early, ask for no confirmation, and count on the outcome.

My next real worry will be as to conditions around Peking.

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Yours cordially
J.K.S.

I am leaving this evening for Berlin and shall spend a day there with one of our students and Mrs. Svenhatsen, and shall carry out the rest of your schedule. Flying is prohibitive because of the excess baggage charges.

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Peking University

May 24, 1928.

President J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
Peking West, China.

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I am attaching a confirmation copy of the cablegram we have dispatched to the field today.

Mr. Gamble informed me yesterday that he has recently received letters from Mr. Ritter which indicate that additional money is needed for the Student Loan Fund. Mr. Gamble also stated that since he requested you to look into the matter of whether additional funds for the student loans are needed at this time, he has been rather reluctant to take any action before you reach Peking. Since, however, Mr. Ritter must have information before the students leave for the summer, as to any additional funds which will be available for student loans next year, if he is to make any arrangements for loans before the autumn, Mr. Gamble thought it desirable that we cable the field saying the $600. can be drawn for student loans if they are in need of it at this time.

Possibly a draft for this amount will have been drawn before you reach Peking, but if it is not, we would be glad to have you advise us and Mr. Gamble as to whether this $600. will be of greater value as a part of the student loan fund or as the student scholarship, which was first suggested by Mr. Gamble.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Galt so that he will have this explanation about the authorization to draw. For his information we add that the number we are giving this authorization is 2832.

We trust that you had a pleasant and uneventful trip via Siberia, and that this letter will find you happily arrived in Peking.

Very sincerely yours,

Translation of cable

BAG/A"IN CASE OF NEED NOW YOU MAY DRAW AT 3 DAYS $600 GOLD GAMBLE
Enc. GIFT FOR STUDENT LOAN."

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am Pariser Platz

May 25/28

My dear Olin,

My plans are working out so that I leave here tomorrow evening with transportation secured through to Mukden. I had lunch today with the Schurmans and he is to take me tomorrow on a sightseeing bus to Potsdam. I have seen quite a bit of S. T. Chang, the boy from Moscow. He feels obliga-

ted to stay with the Chinese group here for nationalist purposes for at least a month or two yet. This means that he cannot get to New York in time for the summer term so that he will arrive some time just before the autumn session begins. Will you kindly notify K. A. Lee to reserve a room beginning then. Also inform Donald Jenkins of this change of plan. His address is: 30 Bayerische Strasse.

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There is little that I have thought of since leaving N.Y. which had not been covered pretty well in our various conferences. You might check up with Eldridge on Mr. Jas. Cook so that unless he definitely works on him for the School of Education we get him on the original promise of $5000.

I am of course eager to know what has been Grover's decision, how the Ward matter is coming out etc. Nor I have I forgotten that this is the day of the fateful decision by the Laura Spelman people. The news from China makes me even more anxious to know what is happening around Peking.

However, it is an immense comfort to know that you are in charge at the American end. For the first time I have a confidence that our interests there will be well cared for. Meanwhile I am greatly enjoying the enforced idleness of this trip across Europe. Yours cordially,

J.L.S.

P.S.

I have learned that Bishop Roots has come to U.S.A. Will you look up the copy of a letter that I wrote him about the Mathers of Cleveland, send him a copy with explanations, and ask him to act on the original suggestion - Better still ask him to visit the Mathers in Cleveland on our behalf - Jenney is familiar with this whole situation. Coffin wrote Bp. Rogers (Cleveland) on the same matter. H.S.

June 2, 1928

Dear Leighton:

I have had in mind to write you ever since we got into the new offices. It has been almost impossible. I have devoted myself for very long hours, almost daily until seven o'clock, getting things up to date. Everything is now running very satisfactorily. The next to the last of seven new appointees for the Lingnan faculty has been made. Of course, that problem crowds into one part of the year and this year was left on my hands very late in the season. Meanwhile, Yenching financial interests have certainly not been neglected. I shall write you in much greater detail within a few days. I have asked Miss McCoy and Mrs. Britton to send you for the present a carbon of practically every letter dealing with any important Yenching matter. I shall, of course, not continue this practice since it would consume too much of your time even to glance over so many letters. I thought, however, that it was a rather good method of keeping you fully informed while you are so deeply interested in all details.

The effort to finish the initial financing of the department of journalism is going rather slowly on account of the long delay of Dr. Finley to take action. I think the near approach of the Nationalists to Peking somehow disturbs both him and Mr. Ochs.

Dr. Jenney secured $1,000 in Pennsylvania for the teacher of Agriculture.

I took Mr. Price for a long talk with Mrs. Jenkins, intending a little later to ask her for $500 toward his Princeton year.

The L.S.R. Memorial has practically decided favorably in response to our request - granting $20,000 a year for seven years. We will explain in detail when officially informed. I shall be cabling shortly regarding strengthening the departments of politics and sociology.

I am handling through the personal secretary of Mr. Post that $5,000 problem raised by Miss Dickinson.

I have prompted Mr. Eldridge to reach decision with Mr. Groner. Expected to hear definitely last Friday, but Eldridge is out of town.

I believe there is nothing else at all definite to report at the moment - except as I suddenly remember that we secured satisfactory information regarding the religious interests of Mr. Ludington to answer a question from one member of the Board. I shall be able to see Mr. Ludington shortly under favorable conditions

With great haste and with good wishes for your difficult and perplexing problem in the face of the probable overturn at Peking,

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking West, China

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mailed 7/14/28 to Trustees

YENCHING UNIVERSITY
(Incorporated 1889 as Peking University)
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

N O T F O R P U B L I C A T I O N

PEKING

Nearing Harbin,
June 5, 1928

To the Board of Trustees:

You may be interested in a sketchy report of my return journey to Peking.

The voyage across the Atlantic was delightfully restful. I was perhaps a little more fatigued by the strenuous months in America than I had realized. At any rate it seems impossible to be anything but indolent on a steamer and I took full advantage of the many aids of such indulgence which the "Majestic" afforded, feeling quite made over on arrival in England. Here one of your number, Mr. F.H. Hawkins, showed me every attention. I had a charming visit with Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Elmhirst (she was formerly Mrs. Willard Straight of New York) in South Devonshire where they are experimenting with a school that aims to restore the economic and culture value for English rural life. Mrs. Elmhirst showed a sincere interest in our department of Journalism, and will almost certainly assist in financing it. Returning to London I had conferences with various persons on matters of common interest, including our own splendid Chinese professor, Dr. T.C. Chao, who after the Jerusalem Conference has been requested to lecture for two or three months over Great Britain under the direction of the Student Christian Movement. I also had an afternoon meeting with a group of mission executives and Chinese delegates from Jerusalem over which Mr. Hawkins presided. But my chief occupation in London was anxious though fruitless efforts to get confirmation about my Russian visa. Months before, I had, according to instructions, applied for this to Moscow requesting them to authorize their Paris consulate. With the help of an experienced travel agency, I telegraphed to Paris, reply prepaid, and even applied to the Berlin consulate, all without effect. Finally, I went on to Paris where with the good offices of Mrs. Mead's brother and a friend of our good friend, Mr. Chevalier, both of whom are in the Paris office of the Bankers Trust Co., the visa was secured. It was necessary to fill out three copies of a blank asking in Russian and French a long list of very personal questions, and the whole morning was occupied with the process. But I had gotten my visa and the one great anxiety about taking this route had been removed! The only real difficulty is the apparent unwillingness of the Soviet system to reply to inquiries.

That evening I went on to Berlin where I spent two very interesting days, dividing the time chiefly between my old friend, the American Ambassador, and one of our Yenching students. The Schurmans had me to lunch one day and Dr. Schurman took me on the second afternoon for a drive to Potsdam, where the sightseeing was made doubly interesting under his guidance, after which he saw me off on my train for the Russian frontier. Our Yenching student is working with a group of the really patriotic revolutionary leaders who are living in Berlin while planning the next move. They have no longer any illusions as to Russian methods and motives. They are disappointed also in the selfish rivalry and grafting of many of the revolutionaries now in power and in their

abandonment of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's ideals. And deeper than any concrete issues, they are asking themselves what is after all the process, in the light of the struggles and failures of recent experience, through which China can establish a strong and righteous popular government. Their mornings are spent separately in reading, their afternoons in discussing the problem according to a systematic outline, and their evenings in correspondence with widely scattered list of sympathizers in China some of whom are coming soon to join them. They have very little money and are living as simply as possible, having only one meal a day with bread and tea or milk morning and evening. But it is the knowledge one has of Chinese such as these with genuinely unselfish and persevering patriotism which steadies faith in the ultimate victory of the revolutionary movement in China. Their task is terrific; and, being in Germany, it was natural to recall Nietzsche's phrase about "tragic optimism". I felt repaid to have had this touch with a group who responded heartily and unreservedly to my sympathy, and I am very proud to have one of our Yenching boys among them. I am the more interested in this one, because his father and uncle were among the first people I baptized in Hangchow, where he himself attended a little street school maintained by my mother. I hope this reference to the Berlin reformers will not be made public.

The Trans-Siberian train starts from the Russian frontier and runs through without change to Manchouli, occupying eight days. Despite warnings about having my baggage searched for documents, which had led me to mail all such in London or Berlin, the customs examination was almost perfunctory, and both in this and in all other relations with Russian officers there has been nothing but courtesy. The treatment has been essentially the same as to passport etc, as in passing the other European frontiers. True, there has been difficulty in being understood, as they seem to use German if they know anything besides Russian and I have long since lost what German I once might have mustered. I was the only English-speaking person on the train except the dining car steward.

I only had a few hours of daylight in Moscow and was unable to get in touch with any resident American. One has an impression of very general and real poverty, but also of contentment and idealism. I understand that graft is showing itself among government employees despite ruthless efforts at suppression, but that the original principles still obtain among the real party leaders. The Sun Yat Sen University has 600 or 700 Chinese in attendance, including all types from graduates of European and American universities to unlettered coolies and artisans, one of whom is a grandfather. The teaching is purely propagandist, being lectures during which no questions are permitted and practice in imaginery activities during which discussion is allowed to take place but only on matters of technique. All expenses are provided by the Government, even a spending allowance, but since the break with the revolutionary leaders all students must first become members of the Communist party.

The scenery on this long journey is pleasing at this time of the year when grass is everywhere and the trees are green, but is without any great interest. The woods are evergreens and birches or other rather scrubby growths reminding one of the less attractive parts of inland Maine. The endless Russian steppes give away to hills and rivers in eastern Siberia. Evidently there is a steady migration from old Russia and the vast wastes are being slowly cleared and settled.

One could scarcely be more completely cut off from his kind and from all news, and never have I been more eager for the latter. On, the steamers

there is always the daily wireless news. Dr. Schurman read me a report from a German correspondent in Peking whom we both knew which he thought important enough to cable to our State Department. And so with the armies at the gates and possibilities of every kind I passed on into this long isolation! When I get to Harbin this evening there will at least be Chinese and possibly English newspapers. I am not sure whether I shall try to read them or have a bath first. Meanwhile, with a compartment all to myself and no one to talk with, I have had an orgy of reading and sleeping. If I stopped to look at the scenery I would soon begin to speculate as to what might be happening around our university in Peking or perhaps as to the outcome of the present campaign in America the success of which means so much for our future.

We transferred last evening at the bleak frontier town of Manchouli, after the usual examination of passports and baggage, to the Chinese Eastern Railway, now operated jointly by Russia and China, and sure to be a source of international irritations in the future.

To share further with you my feelings on this day, it is the anniversary of my wife's death two years ago, and is the day on which my only son ought to be graduating in Virginia.

Mukden June 6. The last stage of the journey here has been by the Japanese railway. Yesterday before reaching Harbin I began questioning railway guards and other Chinese along the way. Some really were so far away from news sources that they knew little, but the others were strangely reticent. They told of the bomb explosion on Chang Tso-lin's train but were manifestly wary about talking to a strange and inquisitive foreigner on the subject. The two hours at Harbin were late in the evening and I did not attempt to get in touch with Chinese acquaintance all of whom live a long way from the station. But in the Russian hotel were some recent English papers and I spent the time eagerly running through them. On the train this morning I read a local Chinese paper which was chiefly filled with the mysterious railway bombing incident and rumors as to the casualties, which the reporter admitted were largely unverified..Foreign opinion points to the Japanese, chiefly on technical and circumstantial evidence, but it is difficult to discover their motive. The war news you are having by cable, so that I shall only refer to one other little item telegraphed from Peking tucked away in a corner which happened to catch my eye. This reported a mutiny of the troops quartered in our neighborhood, but fortunately for my peace of mind, added that apparently it had been suppressed in time. This is always one of the menaces we fear in these times of turn over, especially with all of our girl students, and it makes me all the more restless to get back among those who have been carrying on.

Since yesterday I have changed by mind half a dozen times about getting through from Mukden by train direct. But as we came into the station here our tracks crossed those from Peking just where the explosion had occured, and the sight of torn up tracks and masses of debris at which gangs were working vigorously destroyed my last hopes of getting through by rail tonight. I shall therefore go to Dairon and from there to Tientsin by steamer, arriving some time on Friday. There will probably by some way of getting on to Peking that same day. This will be exactly four weeks from the date of sailing from New York, or three if I had come straight through without stop. Even with direct connection it is hard to do it in less than this time by Puget Sound.

This letter is only a rather personal one on travel experiences. I shall keep you fully informed of more general conditions after getting located

again. After mailing this I shall hunt up some of my friends of the Scotch Mission here, at their tea time, for which sacred event they are sure to be at leisure, and genially communicative.

With personal good wishes for the summer season and grateful appreciation of your aid in behalf of Yenching.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) J. Leighton Stuart

Postscript. July 7, 1928

Note. Since the above letter arrived, the home office has received a brief later communication from Dr. Stuart which reported his journey as far as Tientsin up to June 12th and indicated that he would get a motor car to Peking the following day. He had interesting experiences. The road between Tientsin and Peking was reported almost impassable because of heavy rains and unsafe because of the presence of that part of Chang tso-lin's forces which had not yet started their return to Manchuria. Certain travellers over the road, however, reported extremely courteous and friendly treatment wherever Nationalist troops were in possession. A cablegram received sometime ago reported Dr. Stuart present on Commencement Day when 100 students received their degrees from Yenching. Since then the office has been in frequent communication with him regarding routine matters - everything is evidently in full swing.

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June 6, 1928

Mr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Attention of Mr. O.D. Wannamaker

My dear Mr. Stuart:

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial, the following resolution was passed in behalf of Yenching University:

RESOLVED, that the sum of $140,000 be, and it hereby is, appropriated to Yenching University for the seven-year period beginning July 1, 1928 and ending June 30, 1925 for the strengthening of the work in the University's Division of the Social Sciences; payments in accordance with this resolution to be made as follows:

$20,000	in the year	beginning	July 1,1928	and	ending	June 30,1929,
$25,000	"	"	"	July 1,1929	"	"	June 30,1930,
$25,000	"	"	"	July 1,1930	"	"	June 30,1931,
$25,000	"	"	"	July 1,1931	"	"	June 30,1932,
$20,000	"	"	"	July 1,1932	"	"	June 30,1933,
$15,000	"	"	"	July 1,1933	"	"	June 30,1934,
$10,000	"	"	"	July 1,1934	"	"	June 30,1935;

any balance unexpended as of June 30, 1935 shall revert to the Memorial and be lapsed.

The Memorial would appreciate it if no public announcement were made of this gift, other than that which is made as a routine matter in your regular annual report.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Beardsley Ruml

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The following names received Dr. Stuart's news letter of June 5, 1928:

NAME	NO. AND STREET	CITY & STATE	
Mrs. Margaret Scruggs Caruth,	3715 Tuttle Creek Drive	Dallas,	Texas
Mr. Edgar B. Davis	366 Madison Ave.	N.Y.C.	N.Y.
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Ritter	41 Fifth Avenue	"	"
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Boyd	250 West Tulpehocken St.	Germantown	Penna.
Mrs. H.H. Jenkins	655 Park Ave.	N.Y.C.	N.Y.
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Marmon		Culver	Ind.
Mr. & Mrs. S. Woolverton	15 Heathcote Rd.	Scarsdale	N.Y.
Mr. J.B. Chevalier	501 5th Ave. (Bankers Tr.Co)	N.Y.C.	"
Mrs. Edgerton Parsons	1155 Park Avenue	"	"
Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Lyford	125 Dana Place	Englewood	N.J.
Rev. & Mrs. H. Sloane Coffin	Broadway & 120th St.	N.Y.C.	N.Y.
Mr. & Mrs. Stewart Burgess	Mountain Rest-Lithea P.O.	Goshen	Mass.
Major & Mrs. J.R. Horton	Gendarmerie de Haiti	Port au Prince	Haiti
Dr. Geo. K. Kunz	405 5th Avenue	N.Y.C.	N.Y.
Rev. W.H. Stewart	2912 Chamberlayn Ave.	Richmond	Va.
John L. Stuart	c/O Church of the Sea & Land	N.Y.C.	N.Y.
	61 Henry Street		
Mrs. F.K. Sims		Dalton	Ga.
Mrs. J.S. Kendall	1224 Octavia St.	New Orleans	La.
Miss Edith Duffee	Carolina Ave.	Mobile	Ala.
Mrs. W.H. Steele		Owensboro	Ky.
Mr. John I. Logan	31 East Elm St.	Chicago	Ill.
Mrs. Cynthia G. Zwemer	c/o R.A. Zwemer	Evanston,	"
	322 Sherman Ave.		
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Tewsbury	International House	N.Y.C.	N.Y.
	500 Riverside Drive		
Mr. & Mrs. E.L. Terman	Monroeville, Ohio		
Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Nash	105 Willis Ave.	Columbia	Missouri
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Mead	"Sunnyside"	Plainfield	N.J.
Dr. & Mrs. H.W. Luce	611 West 112th St.	N.Y.C.	N.Y.
Miss Emma L. [illegible]	2506 Third Ave. So.	Minneapolis	Minn.
Mr. & Mrs. John McGregor Gibb	5 Dreycote Lane	Haverford	Pa.
Miss M. Elizabeth Durfee	87 S. 7th St.	Minneapolis	Minn.
Mrs. Walter E. Chamberlain	7449 Pennfield Court	E. Pittsburg,	Pa.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Bartlett	49 Walpole St.	Norwood	Mass.

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June 7th 1928.

Sec'y of Religious Publicity

My dear Dr. Leighton Stewart-,

I looked up my Bible and found the marginal notes referring to Lincoln's Gettysburg speech where he used the— "Of the people, for the people, and by the people".

The following passages in the New Testament- incline me to the belief that he had in mind Rom. XI. 36.

For <u>of</u> him, and <u>through</u> him, and to him are all things. Ephesians IV. 6. One God and father <u>of</u> all, who is <u>above</u> all, and <u>through</u> all, and <u>in</u> you all.

Colossians I. 17. And he is <u>before</u> all things, and <u>by</u> him all things consist. Hebrews II. 10. For it-

became him, for whom
are all things and by
whom are all things.

Lincoln was known
as a constant reader of
the Bible and knew it
so well that he probably
adopted its style almost
unconsciously. I impute
no plagiarism on his part.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
Isaac Funk.

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Astor House Hotel
Tientsin, China.
June 10, 1928

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

My dear Olin:

Quite disconsolate I am writing you when I should be giving a Baccalaureate Sermon. Since writing you from Mukden the developments affecting me have been briefly as follows: On arriving at Dairen last Thursday morning I learned to my dismay that the steamer for Tientsin had just sailed and that there would not be another one for two days. However, as it has turned out I should have spent the time waiting here as for several days communications with Peking have been interrupted. I had been rather hoping that my car might have come down to meet me and take me back. Doctor P. W. Kuo who is also waiting here and who discovered me soon after my arrival an hour or so ago told me that the Danish Minister had come here to do this for their Shanghai consul who had a quiet trip to Peking but on his return here was held up repeatedly by straggling Northern soldiers. This is the source of all the trouble. Some eighty or one hundred thousand of these have been left by their defeated commanders to shift for themselves and they will constitute a menace until the Nationalists clear them out or in some way account for them. Our steamer was fired on several times by these defeated snipers as we came up the river early this morning and the fire was returned by Japanese mariners on the top deck with machine guns. There was also a Japanese gunboat to convoy us over the dangerous section. To harmonize with my gloom at being thus prevented from getting to Yenching for Commencement, it is pouring rain.

While in Dairen I had an interesting time despite my chafing to be on the way home. I saw quite a bit of my old friend, Admiral Tsai Ting Kau who had been in high political offices in Peking until he resigned as Minister of Foreign Affairs over a year ago and has retired to spend his last years in writing and study. We talked about Chinese affairs, of course, and I made the remark that after several unsuccessful efforts to get over into Chinese the pith of Abraham Lincoln's phrase "government of the people, for the people and by the people", Sun Yatsen seemed to have hit it off with fine popular effect in his "Three Principles". Admiral Tsai agreed and added that he had recently been reading his English New Testament rather carefully and had reached the conclusion that Lincoln in turn had formed the phrase because of his familiarity with certain passages in the New Testament. Later on, he sent me at my request the verses he had in mind. It seems to me quite interesting that a Chinese should have formed such a conclusion, and, - always being alert for Yenching publicity! - I am sending Admiral Tsai's letter to you. Old Doctor Barton (W. E.?), the father of Bruce Barton, is a famous student of Lincoln memoralabilia and might be interested, c/o The Christian Century would certainly

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reach him. But exploit the incident as you think best.

In Dairen I also found Mr. Paul Harvey, (C/o International Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Commerce Building, Washington, D. C.) who ought to be on our mailing list, and the Kirtlands of whom I shall write you later. They were at the Princeton-Biltmore dinner. Also one of our old students who had married a co-ed and was teaching in an admirably conducted Chinese private school in that Japanese controlled territory. I made a lengthy address to the pupils and the Principal took me for a drive and that evening gave me an elaborate Chinese feast with a number of Chinese friends present and into which I was able to slip the Americans mentioned above.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Leighton Stuart

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Mr Garside

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June 11, 1925

Mr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Stuart:

In arranging for payments on account of Appropriation No. 946, quoted in Dr. Ruml's letter of June 6, a copy of which is enclosed, it is suggested that these be made quarterly in advance in each year; i.e., on July 1, October 1, January 1 and March 1.

At the end of each year the Memorial will appreciate receiving a detailed statement of expenditures together with a copy of the University's annual financial report. If the annual report is not issued shortly after June 30 in each year, will you please let me know when it may be expected.

In accordance with the resolution making this appropriation, any balance unexpended as of June 30, 1925 shall revert to the Memorial and be lapsed.

May I also take this opportunity to ask to whom financial correspondence in connection with this appropriation should be addressed hereafter.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Frank B. Stubbs

Comptroller

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Peking University

June 16, 1928

Dr.J.Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University
Peking West, China.

My dear Dr.Stuart:

We were happy to receive the cablegram from Peking yesterday and to learn that all the disturbances in North China during the past weeks were not able to seriously delay your arrival in Peking. We were all very much disturbed lest you might be held up indefinitely somewhere in Manchuria. We rejoice to know that Yenching was able to finish the year with flying colors.

I have not previously acknowledged your letters written from London and Paris. We were sorry to learn that Mr.Allen is unable, because of health reasons, to go out to China within the next few months. We have not had any suggestion from Mr.Hawkins in regard to anyone else and also have had no further word from you on the matter.

We deeply appreciate the personal note you found time to write in the midst of your busy days in London. Your months with us here in New York showed all of us more clearly than ever before the reason why Yenching is going right ahead in spite of difficulties in China and financial problems in America. You may be sure that all count it a real privilege to be able to work with you in this really big job.

Very cordially yours,

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Peking University

June 20, 1928

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
Peking West, China.

My dear Dr.Stuart:

We attach a confirmation copy of a cablegram sent you yesterday at the suggestion of Mr.McBrier;

As you know, Mr.McBrier is very anxious that the formal dedication of Yenching shall be not only a notable event in the history of the University, but also one that will be of real material benefit to the institution. He feels that there should be an adequate delegation sent out from America, made up of the good friends and patrons of Yenching who have contributed so largely to the physical plant and to the support of the University.

At the present time there seems to be little prospect of getting such a delegation to Peking this fall. The conditions in North China during the last few months have prevented our securing much interest in such a delegation either among the Mission Boards or individuals who might normally be interested. Just now it seems that conditions in and around Peking are improving so that there is a good hope for a fairly stable situation this fall. However, at this late date it is almost impossible to persuade any large number of people whom we would like to have present at the dedication to change their plans and arrange for a trip to the Orient this fall.

Mr.McBrier also feels that a year from now the building program of the University will be more nearly completed and campus improvements will have gone much further than at present, so that the physical aspect of the University in the autumn of 1929 would be more beautiful and impressive than this year.

Because of all these considerations, Mr.McBrier feels that it would be well to defer the dedication ceremonies to next year and to begin immediately on plans for securing a proper delegation to represent the Trustees, cooperating Mission Boards and American friends of the University at that time.

We are having a meeting of the Executive Committee on June 22nd. We will take up this question of the dedication at that meeting and ask the Committee for an expression of its opinion. I hope that we may have your reply to Mr.McBrier's telegram to submit to theCommittee at that time.

Very cordially yours,

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Mr. Gamble

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June 25, 1928

Dear Dr. Stuart,

A letter from Mr. Wannamaker which will start your way about the time this does will tell you of the details of the Rockefeller gift and of the action of our Board. I want to write you, however, somewhat fully to make certain suggestions which may or may not appeal to you and the group in the Social Sciences in Peking.

As Mr. Wannamaker has written you, our Board is extremely hesitant to take the initiative in utilizing the present Rockefeller gift together with the Princeton money toward the immediate establishment of some sort of a Princeton school of applied social sciences. They have not abandoned the desire to have such a school as the main aim of our Princeton work but hesitate to assume the responsibility for an enterprise of the proportions of a school which will eventually come back on them at the close of the seven years of the Rockefeller gift. Moreover, in spite of the express provision in our terms of agreement that Princeton was free to go after special funds outside of the Alumni for our enterprise, there is a hesitancy among the Board to put Princeton's name in a school that is not more fully backed by the distinctive Princeton group. They do not want to get themselves in the position of appearing to claim a right to have a large part in the control of an institution which they are not more fully paying for themselves.

While they take this general position they were extremely anxious to have the money of the Rockefeller gift applied to the three departments - political science, economics, and sociology and anthropology. It was my understanding in conversation with you that you wished the anthropology to be a part of the sociology department.

You already know my own opinion as to the importance of having the Princeton name in a school. So far as raising money from the general run of Alumni is concerned. The necessity of contributing to a unified enterprise is also important in getting contributions. I, however, see the force of the trustees' position. The trustees also favor the conducting of a campaign next spring for equipment and endowment for the Princeton work. Very little time was given to discussing this enterprise and some skepticism was expressed as to its possibility because of continued endowment drives for Princeton University.

After receiving a telephone call from Dr. Day and a preliminary conversation with him regarding what was wanted in the different departments, Mr. Wannamaker and I were given just 24 hours to draw up a tentative statement of just what we wanted this money for. This general outline seemed to suit Dr. Day very well. His only interest was that we should not spend too much on regular teaching to the exclusion of research. He expressed the opinion that our apportionment for research was rather small. I want in the following paragraphs to give my own suggestions which in no way necessarily represent the opinion of the group there.

1. For the sake of the efficient cooperative development of applied social sciences and research in Yenching, would it not be advisable that the departments above named should be united in some sort of unit known as a school preferrably under the joint

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7. As to increase in staff, I would make the following comments:

(A) In sociology I think one of our greatest needs is in the rural field. We have such superlative recommendations for Mr. Kato Yang from Dean Munford of Michigan State College and elsewhere that I would strongly recommend his appointment if he seems acceptable to the department. It is clear that Chang Hung Chun, now at Chicago, will be ready next summer to take a leading part in our social work training. According to the plan, however, sociology should, at least in the second semester of this year, add another teacher. I have two in mind. I do not need to discourse on the academic qualifications of Wu Wen Tsao. He will not be through his dissertation until fall. He is especially good in social philosophy, social theory and history. He is in no sense a practical man. Personally I like him very much and would delight to have him on our staff. I would prefer, however, at the present stage to have him appointed to history under other money if this is at all possible. Dr. Park recommends very highly a Mr. C. C. Wu getting his doctor's degree at Chicago this year. Dr. Park considers him one of the best students he ever had. He is a Tsing Hua graduate, a classmate of the other Wu. They are great friends. I met him and think very highly of his personality. He is especially good in social research and knows the Chicago technique thoroughly. He is evidently a southerner. I found out indirectly that he is not a church member but not unfavorable to Christianity. He is negotiating with Futan University for a position there but I learned indirectly would very much favor coming to Yenching. His Chinese address is attached.

I want to express at this time my hesitation to load up our department or any other department with a majority of men whom we are not sure of as to their Christian motives. I feel more strongly than ever after studying at Columbia and Chicago that mere social technique is not sufficient for the solution of China's problems. There must be the religious dynamic there also.

(B) As to economics, I am delighted to hear of the possibility of getting Mr. Thomas C. Tschoo. I presume that social economics including labor problems will be one of the posts Tayler will want to fill. Certainly Tschoo would be invaluable in the training on social economic lines of our social work people. He has an excellent practical background as well as many important connections. He also is a Christian. I hope we can find a place for him. We do not want to forget that we ought to get a Princeton man for economics soon. We have no one in mind now. We have some excellent recommendations for men in economics which will be sent to you at once.

(C) Dr. Shushi Hsu already has a line on the men he wants in political science. I hope personally that somewhere in his scheme there will be a man on municipal and civic problems so that we can have this practical emphasis as well as emphasis on political theory, diplomacy, and public law.

I know that you will agree with me on the importance of conservatism in immediately taking on a full staff without due consideration and in the saving of a generous sum for publications, research, stenographic help, and library. I

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would hope also that we might have something for student assistants and some small portion for scholarships, possibly one in each department.

I hope you will urge the departments concerned to get their book lists completed as soon as possible so that we can have a large addition to the library by fall to help all of us in our work.

I hope you will let us know by cable your decision regarding the securing of a competent stenographer and also regarding Mr. Wu of Columbia with whom we can get in touch here. The other men mentioned will most of them be in China.

Sincerely yours,

J.S. Burgess

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking West, China

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Peking University

June 25, 1928

Dr. J Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University
Peking West, China.

My dear Dr.Stuart:

We enclose a confirmation copy of a cablegram sent you on Saturday. I trust you found this rather involved message intelligible.

The Executive Committee met on June 22nd and took up in a serious way the question of a school on the Yenching Campus for the younger children of the foreign staff. There was a real appreciation of the need for such a school to accommodate children in the first four grades although there was some difference of opinion as to whether children above the fourth grade should be sent into Peking or to Tungchow where schools are already established. Since the Committee have just learned from Mrs.Mead that it would probably be some time before a suitable candidate for a teacher could be secured, the Committee felt there would be time to send such a cable as this and get your reply before any action at this end could be taken anyway.

The Committee would certainly like to see such a school as this established on the Yenching Campus if the necessary supplementary support can be provided. As you know, there are no special funds anywhere in sight at present for such an item as this and it seems the only way to provide whatever expenses are not met by the parents themselves would be to make such expenses a charge against the University budget. The Committee desired some formal expression from the Faculty Executive Committee before taking any action which would create such a new charge on the budget.

If such a school is to be established this year and a part of the expense charged against the University funds, I think we would all agree in hoping that such a method of financing could soon be improved upon. Possibly our Campaign Office could enlist here in America the interest and support of friends who would be glad to care for such an item of expense. This would again bring up the old problem of having an attractive designated object divert income from the less attractive but more urgent and more important general needs of the University. But even so, it is a question well worth considering. We will be glad to have your opinion both as to the procedure for the coming year, and also as to the policy which should be adopted for the future.

Very sincerely yours,

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Yenching University
June 25

Dear President Stuart;

The members of the Department of Chemistry have had many conferences in regard to Mr. Gibb's return to the department. Unfortunately the two Chinese members of the department have refused to express themselves on the matter this year although they did so express themselves last year as you know.

I believe that Mr. E.O. Wilson and I are in very close agreement in this matter. We are both much disturbed by many features of the case and feel very strongly that the Methodist Board should have made their decision known to Mr. Gibb long before this time. They should make some adjustment with him because of the lateness of the decision. On the other hand Mr. Gibb is not the man that we would select for a member of the Chemistry Department. His training has been limited, his reputation as a teacher here in the University is not good and his whole attitude is not that of a scientist. We especially need a man of broad and thorough training who will be able to take part in the advanced and graduate courses. If possible this man should be a Chinese. We at present know of one foreigner who would be ideal for the position. We do not therefore, recommend the University to bring Mr. Gibb back as a member of the department at the expense of the ddpartment. However, we recognize that the University is under much obligations to Mr. Gibb for his services during a long period of years. We would therefore suggest that if the University would bring Mr. Gibb back on funds which are outside of the Chemistry Budget we would be willing for him to come into the department and we would test the situation out and at the end of one or at the most two years we would be in a position to reach a final decision as to whether he filled the needs of the department or not. If he did of course we would be pleased to have him come on to our regular budget but if in the meantime we needed further staff in the department his presence here would not be taken to fulfill the university's to the department for staff. Further we would pledge ourselves to do all possible to make Mr. Gibb's relations successful in all ways.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Stanley D. Wilson

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June 25, 1928

Dear Leighton:

The reason that I have not written you regularly has been very simply - that I have never found time to do it. The transfer of responsibility for Yenching and Lingnan occurred at a peculiarly difficult time. Lingnan required an unusual number of new teachers and Yenching was finishing the special campaign. For some reason the finding of the new teachers for Lingnan had been delayed too long before I came into the office. Thus a very great amount of correspondence and expenditure of time and thought have been necessary to secure these members of the faculty. Even yet we require two new teachers not yet selected. I interviewed one applicant on Saturday and expect to interview two others within the next few days.

I have gone somewhat into detail in this matter because I do not wish you to become discouraged through your experience of inadequate information during the past weeks. Things are now running very smoothly. Hereafter I shall endeavor to keep you in constant touch with developments.

I believe that almost everything has been done in behalf of Yenching which was possible under existing conditions. I feel on the whole rather encouraged at the outcome.

The Campaign. The situation with reference to the campaign is as I cabled you Friday - that we have in pledges and contributions the $500,000 total or, to be exact, $501,303.62. The enclosed copy of a statement just handed me by Miss McCoy gives you the precise details.

Mr. Ludington and Mr. Boyd I was in Philadelphia a week ago primarily to see Mr. Ludington but also to see Mr. Boyd. I had to go that day although Mrs. Boyd came here for a conference with the special committee on that very day. Mr. Ludington has been in very uncertain health, kept away from his office much of the time, and spends much time with his physician. I managed, however, to see him for a brief conference. He was extremely cordial. He explained to me, just as he had to you, that at present he cannot make a large pledge or contribution but that, barring accidents, he ought to be in position within two or three years to contribute generously to Yenching. In response

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to my explanation of the importance of the time element just now, he said he would write me in two or three days a definite pledge. He believed this would be for $5,000 and that he could pay $1,000 within a month or two. Said his pledge might have to be for somewhat less. I have not yet heard from him. I hope that he is not by nature procrastinating. I may possibly venture to send him a little note just before the end of June on the excuse of the approaching end of our time.

I could not see Mr. Boyd in person but left with his secretary a memorandum giving the situation as it existed at that time indicating that we needed about $10,000 to reach the goal of the campaign and not raising any question as to Mr. Boyd's acceptance of the various pledges although a large part of the money pledged is not for objectives definitely mentioned previously. Mr. Garside and I are arranging for a meeting of the campaign committee for Thursday, June 28th. We shall consult the committee as to how to present this question to Mr. Boyd. Of course, we will exhibit to him as favorable a description as is consistent with sincerity and hope that he may accept all money pledged as meeting the conditions of his conditioned offer.

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Journalism. I am extremely sorry that Mrs. Elmhirst did not cable to Miss Bogue as she told you she would do. Mr. Froelick tells me this is characteristic - that she is very casual. I have done my best to secure a definite committal on the basis of your verbal report but really do not see how Miss Bogue can take that degree of responsibility. I have definitely asked her if possible to authorize me to record a pledge of $3500 per year for three years, if she does not feel that she can take responsibility for five years. I have made the case in favor of both the five year pledge, and as a second choice the three year pledge, as strong as possible both in behalf of our present general campaign and on behalf of the journalism project. I hope to have information from Miss Bogue within a day or two and am optimistic as to the ultimate outcome although uncertain as to her taking responsibility now. She is going to England soon and will almost certainly wish to refer the matter to Mrs. Elmhirst. If we cannot get this pledge now, we must simply hold our pledge from publishers until the autumn to complete that effort.

Every effort to get action from Mr. Ochs through Dr. Finley failed. Dr. Finley finally went to California without giving us any final reply. I requested his secretary to call his attention to this matter immediately upon his return. He may be in town now. Dean Williams telegraphed Mr. Ochs requesting him to pledge. I have asked Nash to let us know the moment Dean Williams receives a reply. The schedule enclosed herewith shows you the exact situation. I have not been able to take this matter up personally with additional publishers or editors because of pressure of other matters. Moreover, I felt that Mr. Ochs would be such a strong factor that I was very anxious to have his pledge before approaching other people. I am writing Nash today for information. If we can secure Mrs. Elmhirst's maximum of $17,500 this, together with the present publishers' pledges aggregating $26,500, brings the total for the journalism project up to $44,000. We shall have met the conditions and be prepared to ask for all pledges if we secure only one additional five year thousand dollar pledge plus one for a single thousand. We must complete this though it may not be until autumn.

★ I note I made a mistake. This should be $22,500 and $17500, making a total of $40,000, leaving $10,000 to be secured.

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School of Applied Economics. We had several conferences of Mr. Froelick, Mr. Chevalier and Mr. Strong with Burgess attending the last one. This group approved a draft I prepared of a statement regarding this school. I requested Mr. Froelick to secure the consent of the committee representing the executive committee of the American Asiatic Association to have this statement printed over their names. I thought this far stronger than to have it over your signature since their selection of Yenching would be a much stronger argument in our favor. Froelick decided that the committee would certainly not consent but would probably agree to sign a strong endorsement of the proposal issued over your signature. We decided to print this proposal in very dignified form somewhat resembling the sort of prospectus which a corporation issues when offering bonds to the public. Just before Froelick succeeded in getting his fellow committee men to agree to the endorsement he was called out of the city for a week or more. Then the secretary of the executive committee of the American Asiatic Association wrote that the committee had not understood that they were asked to endorse a proposal issued from Yenching University and might wish to reconsider. I had to wait, therefore, to avoid having things spoiled. Mr. Froelick returned six days ago and has been active. He assured me a few days ago that he expected to secure the endorsement. In spite of the discouraging delay, I believe this project will eventually come through. Froelick has also asked Walker (whom he selected in place of Cole because of prolonged absence of the latter) to secure a five year thousand dollar pledge from the Standard Oil people. Walker gave him a very encouraging reply. I hope he may bring this to a head in a few days. I have taken up the matter with Brodie who is hopeful that he can get Mr. Crane to pledge one thousand annually for four years to be added to a thousand dollars which he recently sent in and make one of the five year pledges of which we wish to secure only ten altogether.for the initial financing of the school of applied economics. If Brodie gets Crane and Froelick gets Walker, we shall have a fair start.

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Agriculture. Dr. Jenney reported to me a pledge of $1,000 from a man named Shafer in Pottsville, Pa. I think I mentioned this to you in a letter. This was to pay the salary of the additional staff member you wished in the agriculture work. I have since learned that this pledge was conditioned upon the restoration of stable conditions in China. Dr. Jenney is invited to preach at the Pottsville church soon and assures me that he can get Mr. Shafer now to make his pledge unconditional.

I have the promise of Mr. Leonard Miller that he will arrange for an interview with Dr. Poling in September under the most favorable circumstances for gaining the interest of the Penney Foundation in the school of agriculture. Mr. Miller advises that we would hurt our case by rushing matters before September.

Albany. I am sorry to report the surprising and discouraging development. Dr. Jenney secured from five friends of his at Lake Placid a pledge of $2,500 collectible in case the Gibson sisters made their $7,500 pledge binding. Dr. Jenney then approached the Gibson sisters

with the statement that the conditions had been met and with the inquiry as to what they wished to specify regarding their pledge. He was so astonished at their reply that he came from Albany back to New York to discuss the matter with me rather than continue his trip to the West. The Gibson sisters, according to Dr. Jenney, said in effect: 'We were perplexed by letters received from Dr. Stuart. We never pledged him anything'. Dr. Jenney was, of course, nonplussed. He could not argue the case and simply informed the ladies that he would report to me. They held out only one very vague hope of future favorable action - referring in a vague way to the settlement of their estate about January.

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I discussed this situation with Dr. Jenney and Mr. Strong. We scarcely knew what move could be made. I then wrote to Mrs. Ralph Ward a detailed statement of the case and requested her personal advice to me. Of course, the letter was confidential and I even used a blank envelope to avoid having the Gibson sisters suspect that this office was bringing indirect pressure to bear upon them. I have not yet heard from Mrs. Ward. If they deny any obligation this also cancels Dr. Jenney's pledge of $2,500 from his friends.

McCormick-Blaine. We followed what seemed to us the best tactics in this matter. While Mr. Burgess was in Chicago I wrote him a clear statement of the case and requested him to consult Mr. Stilwell. He telegraphed me that Stilwell advised that I should write him(Stilwell) stating why it would be of great value to us to have a pledge Before July 1st from Mr. McCormick and Mrs. Blaine but not intimating that there had been any committal or mentioning any specific amount. Stilwell stated that Mr. McCormick and Mrs. Blaine did not consider that they have committed themselves. I framed such a letter as carefully as possible so as to attract attention to the amount of $100,000 but without intimating that this had been pledged. You know the final outcome as stated in the cable sent you and this office by Mr. McCormick and Mrs. Blaine. I wrote at once to each of them a brief note of warm thanks for the interest they had shown in Yenching. Something will come out of this later on.

Possible residence gift. Dr. Jenney has reported verbally that one of his friends in Chicago has promised him $7,500 for a residence when conditions in China are stable. I should not count too definitely upon this kind of pledge.

Mr. Hamilton. A letter has just come this morning from Mr. Hamilton to Dr. Luce stating that it is his intention when his personal affairs justify this to give at least one of the two $10,000 funds needed for the athletic field and President Hsu's garden. Dr. Luce is out of town for some days. I shall ask Mr. Hamilton this afternoon for a brief interview and see whether I can use the approaching time limit in our campaign to get him to make this pledge definite.

The Finley Estate. I wrote full explanation of the history of this matter to Mr. Goldsbury and asked if he would secure all useful information and advise us how to proceed. I had no reply. Later I wrote Goldsbury reminding him that the time of distribution is near at hand and asking if he could possibly represent us and make an

effort to get something for us on or before July 1st. Again no reply.. Dr. Jenney then planned to go to Pittsburgh and other points instead of the far western trip(after consultation with Strong and myself). I gave him a letter of introduction to Goldsbury. He has reported briefly by letter that he saw Goldsbury and Mr. Herron and that he doubted if we should obtain anything on July 1st. He gives no detailed explanation.

Mrs. Torrance. Just before leaving here Dr. Jenney recommended that he should try to obtain an additional pledge from Mrs. Torrance. He felt that she would probably do this. We agreed to his suggestion. He writes that she is out of the city and he seems to have changed his mind to some extent.

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Mr. Post. On the advice of Mr. Eldridge I interviewed Mr. Post's personal secretary, Mr. Davison. He asked for a written memo of information which I sent at once. He agreed to have the book-keeper discover whether Mr. Post had evern made a payment in fulfillment of the supposed pledged reported by Miss Dickinson. I inquired later and found that there was no such record. Mr. Davison advised me strongly not to call on Mr. Post or mail Miss Dickinson's letter, but simply to drop Mr. Post a letter asking whether he had intended to make a contribution to the Practice School. I thought it better to report in full to Miss Dickinson as she was just arriving here and let her use her own judgment as to taking up the matter with her friend, Mrs. Morrow. She writes that she has written to Mrs. Morrow and hopes for a favorable response.

Field Financial Representative

This has been an extremely delicate matter to handle. As quickly as possible after you left I explained to Mr. Eldridge the importance of having a definite committal by Groner in time to avoid a possible embarrassment in another connection. He was to see Groner within a few days in Syracuse and promised to let me know immediately. Hearing nothing from him I tried several times to learn from his office but he was not in the city. Fearing further delay, I framed a letter to the other gentleman in question (whom you do not need to have me name) and submitted this letter to Mr. Evans. The essential point in the letter was that an opportunity had occurred to secure a man very highly recommended by one of the best informed friends of the University as our financial agent and that the finance committee had felt that it could not afford to lose this opportunity. Naturally I could not say specifically that the other man in question had not yet responded. Almost two weeks elapsed before I finally managed to learn from Mr. Eldridge that he had seen Mr. Groner twice and had failed to persuade him to accept the position. Meanwhile, the other gentleman had replied to the letter of Mr. Evans referring to his trip to Peking at the expense of Yenching and his conversation with you and his great interest in Yenching. He stated that if the committee had any proposal to make to him,he had several other proposals bearing upon China and might have to make his decision by a certain date he mentioned in June - June 21st, I believe. Just before this I informed Mr. Evans of the refusal of Groner and warned him of the delicacy of the situation.

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Field Financial Representative

He came to my office with the letter I have just referred to from the other man and stated to me very positively that he was not in favor of in inviting him at present to take this position. His feeling was that we are already obligated to Dr. Jenney until January, that a committal to the other man might become burdensome, and that he was not sufficiently certain of his prospective success. I did not realize that Mr. Evans had left the letter from this gentleman on my desk when he went away. I tried to catch him to urge that he reply immediately. Since it was Saturday and delay was risking our good relationships, I framed a reply and sent it by special delivery to Mr. Evans' residence for his approval and signature. I am enclosing a copy of this letter. As you will see, I simply expressed as diplomatically as I could the decision reached by Mr. Evans, as chairman of the finance committee - that it did not seem practicable at the present time to add a salary to the budget of the home office in spite of our great appreciation of the interest of this gentleman and the high value we place upon his friendship for the University. I had suggested in a note to Mr. Evans that perhaps the finance or executive committee should meet and discuss this matter but it has not been taken up by either committee.

Mr. Kelsey. Mr. Kelsey, whom you will remember, has gotten in tough with me again with reference to this position. I am not strongly inclined to recommend a connection with him although I think he is an excellent man. The truth is that the position in question is one which can scarcely be filled by anybody except a person who is connected with the University on the field and comes to this country periodically for purposes of cultivation.

Price and Chang

I have arranged for $500 aid for Price from the Laura Spelman Rockefeller fund as a scholarship grant to one who is preparing to join the faculty of Yenching in our group of subjects. Dr. Day approved this. This takes care of Price. I have not succeeded in getting anything for Chang. I have requested aid from Mrs. Jenkins, Sidney Gamble, and, finally, from Mr. Eldridge. As yet I have no definite reply from any one of the three. Shall do whatever is practicable.

L.S.R. grant

I have just dictated to the office secretary of Princeton-in-Peking the minutes of the meeting of the executive committee which discussed the L.S.R. appropriation and the relationship between Princeton-in-Peking, Yenching, and Princeton University. I will dictate to Miss Van Sciver a detailed letter in regard to this matter and place a copy in the files of Yenching here for information of all who are concerned in the matter. Mr. Burgess came to the office Saturday afternoon to dictate a letter to you. He has telephoned me asking me to read this letter. I have glanced over it and think it states the attitude of the executive committee of Princeton-in-Peking quite accurately. Both he and I are interested primarily in the University.

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We naturally have a very special interest in those departments for which we have been working for sometime, but only as departments of the University. I know you will wish to use this appropriation in such a way as to secure the maximum aid from Princeton sources. I believe you and Burgess should discuss this matter fully.

I might be able to dictate a little more but I do not know whether Mrs. Britton could endure the strain or whether you would read another line. Therefore, all sorts of good wishes.

Cordially,

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking West
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TRANSFER

June 26, 1928

President J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, China

Dear Leighton:

I finished dictating to Mrs. Britton yesterday afternoon a very long letter to you, dealing primarily with the situation in the financial campaign. I was about to continue and include what follows here regarding the appropriation from the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial. In order to relieve Mrs. Britton, however, and to give you a separate letter on this, I am dictating this to Miss Van Sciver.

In essence the facts are as follows:-

The Memorial has appropriated $140,000 "for the strengthening of the work in the University's division of the social sciences". The grant is made by fiscal years, beginning July 1, 1928 and ending June 30, 1935, and is distributed as follows:- $20,000, $25,000, $25,000, $25,000, $20,000, $15,000, $10.000.

Princeton-in-Peking does not appear by mention in the grant, but only Yenching University. I have known for several years that any grant secured would be made in this way to the University. At the same time, it comes as the first step after we secured first the fellowship for Burgess, then renewal of this fellowship, then a tentative promise of help to train our staff, finally a fellowship to one of the Chinese teachers now studying in Chicago, and then this grant.

You know the conditions. They are those stated by Dr. Ruml in our first conversation and confirmed by Dr. Day since the making of the grant - that the money must be used within the group of the social sciences and that money coming from other sources for that group shall continue to be so used.

Three other important matters bearing upon the conditions must be remembered. First, any balance unexpended as of June 30, 1935 reverts to the Memorial and is lapsed; secondly, the Memorial requests that no public announcement be made of the gift other than that which is made as a routine matter in our regular annual report, and thirdly, the Memorial desires an annual report from the University.

So much for our obligation to the Memorial. With regard to Princeton-

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in-Peking, the matter seems to me to be one largely of policy. The members of the Executive Committee of Princeton-in-Peking are interested in the University as the exponent of Christian education in China. They wish to help as much as possible. They naturally are interested in the Princeton connection with the University and would be deeply gratified if this could be developed to a point where Princeton University would become officially interested in it. They are extremely reluctant to obligate themselves for something whose development they cannot clearly foresee. I think I might accurately sum up their point of view as follows:-

They believe that if you use the appropriation from the LSRM exclusively for the Departments of Sociology, Economics, and Political Science, you will strengthen this office in its effort to secure funds from the Princetom alumni and render somewhat more likely the ultimate official connection of Princeton University with a School of the Social Sciences constituting a division of Yenching. They will be gratified if we can so develop things that when the grant from the LSRM begins to diminish and before it disappears we may have discovered other sources of support and so stabilize our foundation that a Princeton School of the Social Sciences in Yenching may actually be realized. You will see from the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting at which this matter was discussed that the Committee definitely requests that you use the funds exclusively for these three departments and allow Princeton-in-Peking the same degree of direction in the use of these funds as it has now in the use of funds secured by this organization from individual contributors. The Committee, however, is extremely generous in its attitude toward you and the University and entirely free from any desire to make your problem more difficult or to seek for the mere satisfaction of control over funds. Their purpose in making this suggestion is simply that they believe that this method of using the funds will strengthen Princeton-in-Peking and indirectly enable this organization to do a greater service to the University. From your several experiences with the Committee, you know the type of men constituting it and their feeling toward you and you can write me quite frankly just how you react to this suggestion. If we can handle the matter in such a way that the procedure in the selection of personnel will be for Princeton-in-Peking to nominate new members for the faculties of the three departments of applied social sciences and have an opportunity to pass upon budgets proposed for the expenditure of the rest of this money, I beliebe that everything in which you are interested can be conserved and at the same time that you will strengthen your hold upon Princeton-in-Peking.

Just before informing me of the actual decision of the Memorial, Dr. Day requested me to show him a written exhibit of the proposed expenditure for the first year. This had to be done quickly. I called Burgess in consultation and we together got out the enclosed tentative exhibit and took this for a personal conference with Dr. Day. He said we did not have enough money for research. He emphasized very earnestly the need for generous expenditures for research. He doubted whether the number of new faculty members proposed by us could be carefully selected within so brief a time, saying that in other cases the progress at the beginning had been much slower. We informed him that several of these proposed new members had already been carefully chosen. Our exhibit required an expenditure of more than $21,000, the first year, but the scale of distribution by years as sent us a few days later reduces that

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amount to $20,000.

I was much disappointed by the conservative attitude of our Executive Committee in regard to taking any obligation for the Department of Economics. I went as far as I thought wise in arguing for this. The Committee was not a unit, but it was clear that it would be bad strategy to press for such a committal. In other words, we must simply work this thing out step by step without alarming anyone by creating the impression that he is binding himself for a long period of years without assured means for keeping his obligations. The more you can show that you wish to foster this particular entity with a certain Princeton connection - however loose this may be - the more you will strengthen the interest of the Princeton group. I hope you will not be hampered in the matter of History and that you will find it possible to do enough for that department from other sources. So far as the Memorial is concerned, you are under no obligation to restrict this appropriation to the three departments named above. It is only a question of what will give the maximum benefit to the University. The conservative members of the Executive Committee of Princeton in Peking have the ratified feeling that at length that organization has become eligible for securing outside help. If they actually benefit from this help and then later can secure more, they will become less conservative.

You will note from the minutes the instructions given to me with reference to your returning to America and helping in a special campaign. I shall do the best I can in the autumn to test the possibilities of adequate preparations and will keep you informed of my impressions. I feel reasonably confident that it would be worth your while to come back with Burgess for a brief campaign.

You will receive shortly before this letter a confirmation copy of the cablegram sent you in which we suggest certain men for sociology and one for Economics. I hope that when Mr. Burgess is with you in Peking you can work out a very clear-cut plan of procedure in the matter of budgets and nominations so as to give you the greatest assistance and cause the least inconvenience.

I hope I have given you all necessary information about this matter. I am a bit fagged and have the feeling that I have gone around in a circle and made this letter needlessly long.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

PEKING, CHINA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

June 28, 1928.

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

My dear Mr. Garside:

I am inclosing a copy of a letter to Dr. Felt which explains itself. I hope that the Trustees will in conference with Dr. Gamewell do their utmost to help the Gibbs in the problem that has been created. I might add that I have since receiving Mr. Gibb's cable and before sending the one to you, gone very carefully into the attitude of my associates here. I am sending a copy of the report of the chairman of the Department of Chemistry. In addition to this a number of members of the faculty representing different interests and points of view were consulted and the question was raised as to the possibility of his returning to the Construction Bureau. With the exception of a small number of devotedly loyal friends who feel deeply grieved that he has been forced out by this process, the general consensus is quite emphatically against his being returned on any other basis than under the Methodist quota. In fact, there would perhaps be a majority who would prefer that he be not returned even on this basis. None the less, he has been extremely faithful and efficient and has been absolutely unsparing of himself in the years of work with the Construction Bureau. I doubt if this beautiful plant could have reached its present stage with less expense and better results than under his direction. We, therefore, owe him a great deal in actual achievement even apart from the general obligation, particularly to one who had given his life to China and has already spent so many years on the field. I am sure that you yourself and the others involved will assure him of

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the appreciation which is felt for him and will assist him in his further adjustments. The Methodist Board ought certainly to continue its obligations to him until he has had a reasonable chance to get square with the world, and we are quite willing that this be counted for the time as filling the fourth vacancy in their quota.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

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29th June, 1928.

Dr.J.Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
PEKING. North China.



Dear Dr.Stuart,

I am sorry for the delay in making the History appointment which you left in my hands. I think that through Mr.Dobson we have secured a first-class man in the person of Mr.Mervyn Armstrong, of Balliol College, Oxford. I send you Mr.Dobson's letter to me of the 7th instant, enclosing a letter from Mr.Armstrong to him of the 5th instant, together with 4 testimonials on which, I think, you can absolutely rely. The reason for the delay in settling the matter was some anxiety I had with regard to the condition of his eyes, which he had over-tired in connection with research work. Although you did not say anything to me with regard to medical examination I felt it was very desirable, especially in view of the recent trouble with his eyesight, that this side of the question should be carefully gone into, and I therefore sent him the Medical papers we use in connection with L.M.S. candidates, and he has only just been able to let me have them back. I have submitted them to Dr.Basil Price, the Society's physician, and he is satisfied with the Reports and thinks there is no reason why, from the medical side, he should not be appointed. In writing to Mr.Armstrong I have told him that I have suggested to you that on his arrival in Peking he should consult one of the eye experts on the P.U.M.C. so that, if necessary, treatment can be prescribed in view of local conditions. I had an interview with Mr.Armstrong last week and was much impressed with his personality, and think he is just the kind of man who will do well at Yenching. I was specially pleased with his attitude towards Chinese. You will see that he has already studied the question of Anglo-Chinese relationships, and there can be no doubt whatever as to his enthusiasm, both on the professional and missionary side. I therefore sent you the following cable yesterday:-

MERVYN ARMSTRONG HISTORY SAILING KHIVA TWENTYTHIRD AUGUST

Mr.Armstrong is filling up the Form which you left with me, and it will be forwarded to you next week. He is booked to sail by the s.s.KHIVA on the 23rd August. The boat is due in Shanghai about the 4th October, so that you may expect to see him in Peking within a week of this date. I have written and cabled to New York for passage money and outfit, which meanwhile we are advancing.

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Yours very sincerely,

(Sd) F.H.HAWKINS.

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