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Re your letter
12/29/28

February 1, 1929

Dear Leighton:

I have read with much interest your letter of December 29th referring to a letter received by you from Eldridge "by the last mail" in which he informed you that plans were going ahead quite hopefully for the School of Education. I have not yet made a further step in this matter, though I have had it in mind almost daily. I have just now let the contract for publishing the first 1929 issues of our three publicity organs. I go out of town tomorrow for about a week. I hope soon after my return to begin an assiduous cultivation of Mr. Eldridge.

Please note enclosed copy of my letter to William Hung regarding Dr. Coffin's pledge.

I have in mind the extremely important matter of the Rockefeller Foundation grant to the Natural Sciences and what may be made of this in future.

I am glad that you are to confer with Drs. Kemmerer and Monroe regarding applied economics. I confess that we have made no further progress in that matter. We held the type for many weeks for a special folder prepared in that connection while you were here. My good friend Lou Froelick postponed time after time re-editing of this material to meet the criticisms of some of his important friends and finally failed to touch it. Since he was the key man to go after that group, I was completely non-plussed. He has not been very well; had his tonsils out during the summer and has taken a long time to recover his strength. He has a genuine interest and the best intentions in the world but is over-whelmed with his own duties and inevitably procrastinated. I have conferred from time to time with Chevalier about this matter but we have not made any actual progress.

In my last conversation with Froelick he called my attention to the fact that James Yen's proposals so closely coincide with those we were about to publish. He suggested that I

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confer with Yen and see whether we might cooperate in some way. I have not yet done this.

Chevalier, however, has carried in person to Mr. E. R. Davis a colored photograph of a Yenching building and had a good talk with him. He will at the proper moment introduce me to Mr. Davis. We feel that we ought not to solicit Mr. Davis just now.

I am making note of your suggestion regarding some possible help from the Milbank Fund in the direction of sanitation, training in public health, etc. Just now I am giving a great deal of time to finding teachers for Lingnan University - a task involving a tremendous amount of correspondence in proportion to the small number of actual appointees. I hope to clear this off fairly soon and I fully expect to make personal effort with some of the important people in behalf of Yenching within the course of the next two months.

I took up with Chevalier some means of access to several persons who had recently made scholarship gifts to Cornell University. He has since talked with a member of the Du Pont firm (one of these contributors) and made arrangements for me to meet this gentleman. I shall do so soon.

Sincerely,

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peping, China

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TRANSFER

Yenching University

February 4, 1929

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peping, China.

My dear Dr.Stuart:

We are attaching a copy of a letter received some time ago from Dr.Ed.G.Kaufman of the General Conference of Mennonites.

We would very much appreciate word from you as to whether you feel Yenching might care to have this Conference join with the University as one of its cooperating boards under the conditions suggested by Dr.Kaufman.

Unless we send you further word by mail or cable we will go on the assumption that a reply by mail will reach us in time for Dr.Kaufman's needs.

Very cordially yours,

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Yenching University

February 4, 1929

Dr. J.Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
Peping, China.

TRANSFER

My dear Dr.Stuart:

We are enclosing herewith a copy of a cablegram in regard to the Boyd Gymnasium. We are also enclosing one set of preliminary blue prints showing changes in the floor plan of the ground floor and the second floor of the Gymnasium. The architects are now busily engaged in preparing more detailed floor plans than these, and will also make a few minor adjustments on the foundation and elevation plans. It will be ten days to two weeks, however, before this final redraft is completed so we are hurrying off these preliminary sketch plans so as to give you the earliest possible information as to the main changes made in the plans for the Gymnasium as adopted in March 1926.

The special Committee on the Boyd Gymnasium, consisting of Mrs.Finley, Mrs.Boyd, Mrs.Lee, Mrs.Frame and Mrs.Roys, held two meetings last week at which time a representative from Mr.Murphy's office was present and showed the ladies at the second meeting a preliminary draft of the changes shown on these plans. The Committee gave its cordial approval to all the changes shown on these sketch plans, except that since the last meeting of the Committee Mr.Murphy's office has made certain changes in the arrangement of the locker room which as yet the ladies have not had an opportunity to pass upon. I am today sending sets of these blue prints to all members of this Gymnasium Committee with the request that they at once notify us whether they favor the arrangement of the locker room as shown hereon. I should have their opinion on this matter sometime during the week and will therefore take up the question of the locker room arrangement in another letter in the next China mail. With this one exception, all the details of these sketch plans have been approved by the Gymnasium Committee.

The Finance Committee minutes of February 1st will probably not get into this China mail. I quote, therefore, for your information the section dealing with the Boyd Gymnasium:-

> "The Secretary reported that on January 29 and January 30 meetings were held by the Sub-committee on the Boyd Gymnasium at which time a representative from Mr.Murphy's office was present and went over in detail with the Committee certain changes in the plans. The Sub-committee recommended certain changes in the Gymnasium plans as approved in March 1926. The prin-

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cipal changes are as follows:- reduction of length from 184 ft. to 150 ft., elimination of 17 ft. bay on each side of the central bay, addition of 17 ft. terrace at each end, addition of inside swimming pool in southwest corner of building, reduction and rearrangement of locker room and shower baths, moving the class room to the second floor, and provision for one basket ball court instead of two courts. Revised plans showing the above changes were presented for the consideration of the Committee. Attention was called to the fact that one minor change in the floor plan of the ground floor has been suggested by the architect since the meeting of the Sub-committee on January 30. After discussion it was

F-2458 VOTED that the recommendations of the Sub-committee on the Boyd Gymnasium be approved, subject to such minor corrections of the plans as the Sub-committee may find advisable; and that the field be advised that the maximum cost for completing the building, including fixtures but not including movable equipment, must not exceed Gold $77,500.00; and that the remainder of Mr.and Mrs.Boyd's gift of $90,000.00 be reserved for equipment, landscaping, maintenance and repairs for the building during the first few years."

The above section gives, I believe, as full a description of the changes in the Gymnasium plans as can be conveyed in words. We hope that within a fortnight we can send you the revised architect plans which will make clear any points not covered in this description.

You will note that the Finance Committee has placed the cost of the building itself at G$77,500.00. The cablegram received from the field on January 19 states that, on the basis of the March 1926 plan, the total cost of the Gymnasium complete, except for equipment, would be G$83,000.00. Since Mr.Murphy's office estimates that the reduction in the plan should effect a saving of about twenty per cent, it appears that the estimate of the Finance Committee for completing the building - G$77,500.00 - is a very generous one. In adopting this figure, it is the feeling of the Committee that $77,500. should be the maximum cost of the building finally completed, with all permanent fixtures installed, and with all overhead charges and general building costs paid. It is hardly necessary to point out that, since invariably final costs always exceed original estimates, it would be necessary for the field to base its figures well below the maximum of $77,500.00 so as to leave an adequate margin for last minute charges not included in the original estimates. The Committee feels that the balance of $12,500.00 will not be any too much for providing adequate equipment for the landscaping of the plot of ground immediately about it, and caring for the repairs and additional expenses which are certain to arise during the first year or so the building is occupied.

Thus far Mr.Boyd has turned over to the Trustees Curtis Publishing stock valued at approximately $35,000.00. This stock has not yet been sold but we trust that we can make arrangements for its disposition whenever the field is in needs of funds for the Gymnasium. In the cablegram sent today we have therefore given you authorization to make drafts on us for whatever funds are necessary in beginning the construction of the Gymnasium. We request that, as soon as possible after this letter reaches

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you the Construction Bureau will prepare a fairly detailed tabulation of its probable building needs for the Gymnasium until the structure is finally completed. Such a list showing dates and amounts of money needed will help our office in its planning and will also make it possible for us to get funds to the field at the time they are needed.

We hope that it will now be possible for the field to go forward with the Boyd Gymnasium as rapidly as is consistent with economy and careful construction. It is not likely that the building can be completed by the time Mr.and Mrs.Boyd visit China for the final dedication of the University in October, but I know they will be gratified to see a maximum of progress made by that time.

Very cordially yours,

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CC: Mr.Hildabrand

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Yenching University

February 4, 1929

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University
Peping, China.

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. Stuart,

We are attaching a copy of the sketch plan we received from Mr. Murphy at the end of 1926 showing a preliminary study of the Chapel. We have been under the impression that you had a copy of this on the field, but your cable of January 19th implies that you do not have this plan, so we are sending it for your information.

Within the last fortnight the question of going forward with the Chapel has been tentatively raised with Mr. Wheeler. Dr. North sent him a memo on January 28th mentioning that the University is now making plans for its 1929 building operations and that therefore the question of whether the chapel will be constructed this year has automatically come up. He also pointed out the great desirability of having at least a beginning made on the chapel at the time of the formal dedication in October. To this Wheeler replied in characteristic vein on Feb. 1st as follows:

> "Your memorandum of January 28th has been received. I will send it on to my brother. The Wheelers just now are engaged in skinning the cat to keep ahead of the sheriff, the ones on the West Coast being more closely pressed than those of us in the East; but as we are all tied up together in this timber business, if one is pinched the others will have to get him out of hock, and I am not sure we can make good on the Chapel pledge right now; but I will see what answer I can get. I will be at Endeavor, Pa. February 10th. I doubt if we can get a decision back to you before that date."

We understand that with the Women's College funds is the sum of $18,750 already available for the Chapel, but as these books have not been turned over I cannot yet verify the actual situation there.

At all events it would be worth while for the field to make a cafeful study of these preliminary plans, and possibly to consult with Mr. Murphy who is now supposedly in Nanking if there are any points still to be cleared up. It seems to me we should have our ideas on the chapel in such definite form that we can go forward quite promptly when funds are in hand and the time for actual construction has arrived.

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Cordially yours,

Enc.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

February 5, 1929.

Mr. O.D. Wannamaker,
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

My dear Olin:

Residence for T.T. Lew. In reply to your letter of January 5 regarding the gift from Mrs. Blair, the solution that commends itself to me is indicated in the copy inclosed herewith of a letter to Dr. Smith. I feel quite sure that he will agree to this and it solves the whole problem. I would not disturb Mrs. Blair, therefore, whose interest in the institution is largely a matter of her acquaintance with Timothy Lew. He will write to her on the matter direct. If Dr. Smith should prove obdurate let me know before any further decision is made.

Gift from Mrs. Judd. There is a Mrs. M.E. Judd of Dalton, Georgia, who was out here several years ago whom we tried to interest in landscaping. She has had financial reverses but has written indicating a desire to contribute five hundred dollars for some special project to be paid over the next three or four years. You might send her a note simply stating that I had reported this decision of hers and offering to serve in any way you can toward putting her plans into effect.

President Hibben. I have a letter from President Hibben declining our invitation to attend the formal opening and preach the dedicatory sermon. In view of the long distance and inevitable delay in any further plans made here, I should be grateful if you would find the best person possible for this purpose and extend the invitation on our behalf and advise us of the outcome.

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You will of course let us know of developments as to the number and type of persons who will be coming from America for this occasion.

Purchase of Land. Perhaps I should report something of the developments regarding the purchase of the President's garden. This has been dragging along very slowly and with no assurance yet of satisfactory outcome. The President's secretaries are trying to get the usual squeeze and he is aging and rather prejudiced against the loss of face in selling what was the Emperor's gift to himself. The new government is eager to prove its right to imperial property and get what it can in cash, but apparently does not dare to ignore so conspicuous a member of the old regime as President Hsu. I incline to think that we shall ultimately secure it, but we would make a mistake to appear too eager. I am writing Luce so that he can keep in touch with Mr. Hamilton. Meanwhile, we expect to complete the purchase of the holdings on the northeast corner of the campus and clear this whole tract for an athletic field as soon as spring weather permits. I am also raising with Luce the question of attempting to interest Mr. Hamilton in the purchase of some other holdings which are right in the track of the Women's College dormitory development and an annoyance generally. The people are holding their properties at excessive figures and we have been afraid to negotiate because of lack of any funds that could be expended even if their terms seemed reasonable. I am prepared to use some of Mrs. Marmon's gift for campus improvement if we can settle with them before Chinese New Year which is next Sunday, but an additional gift from Mr. Hamilton would be very much to the good. You may care to take this up with Luce.

wrote Luce 3/6/29

Department of Physical Welfare. It has also occurred to me that with the help of Mr. Chevalier, Mr. Edgar P. Davis might possibly be interested in financing our proposed Department for the Physical Welfare of men students. If we can get our natural science work provided for, this will be the most urgently needed feature. With the presence of K.A. Wee in America it is possible that his personality would so commend itself to Mr. Davis that we could get an endowment of from one hundred thousand dollars to a quarter of a million for this purpose. The latter figure could include Public Health, etc., and the employment of Dr. Atwater. It is also conceivable that

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Mr. Hamilton might agree to undertake the salary of Wee or something connected with the work of his department, possibly an annual grant for athletics. Could you not take up this idea also with Luce?

I wrote Garside at length regarding the appeal to the Rockefeller Foundation. You will doubtless see this communication through his office.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

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TRANSFER

Yenching University

February 8, 1929

(Forward to Cent. file)

President J.Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
Peping, China.

My dear Dr.Stuart:

I am enclosing herewith copies of application papers received from the following young people during the last few weeks:

Mr.Roy Clinton Votaw who is seeking a position as teacher, probably of English.

Mr.Samuel Carter III who is seeking a position as teacher, probably in the Department of English.

Miss Ruth Rooker who is seeking a position as teacher of English or mathematics.

I have written to one or two of those given by Mr.Votaw as references but have not yet received any further information regarding him than what is given on his application papers.

In regard to Mr.Samuel Carter, I wrote to Mr.Henry Cochran who was mentioned as one of his references. I am attaching to Mr.Carter's application a copy of Mr.Cochran's letter.

Miss Rooker is the sister of Mrs.Nash. She is planning to accompany Mr.and Mrs.Nash when they return to China - we hope within the next few weeks - so she should be reaching Peking sometime during the spring. The arrangements for their journey depend, of course, on how Mr.Nash's campaign for the Department of Journalism progresses. Miss Rooker seems to be a very high type of young woman, and since she is going to China anyway at her own expense, the University will be able to make its decision in regard to her after she arrives on the field. I have asked Miss Rooker to have a medical examination before she leaves for China and will send you Dr.Vaughan's summary of results. I have, of course, made it plain to her that unless we have had word from the field we can give her no assurance of any employment after she arrives in China.

If you are interested in either Mr.Carter or Mr.Votaw we will be glad to secure further information in regard to them.

During the last few months I have received a large number of applications from young men and young women looking forward to missionary

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service in China. I am therefore trying the experiment of passing on information regarding the most likely of these candidates to the Presidents of our various Universities. I realise, of course, that you may not be interested in any candidates and would, at best, be interested in only a very small percentage of applicants. It may, however, be of some interest to the field to know something of the type of young people applying to our office for appointment in China.

Mr.Wannamaker handed me a copy of your letter of January 7th in which you tell of the need of a new teacher of English.

Very cordially yours,

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PEKING, CHINA.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

February 9, 1929.

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

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

Additional Secretary. Miss Barnes is leaving us according to contract next summer and this raises the question of how to supply her place. We have been discussing the special type of person wanted in view of recent not altogether satisfactory experiences. It might be quite worth while to have a committee on which experienced women were represented pass upon any candidate. There are personal questions about which a woman would have opinions which ought to be seriously considered and a woman's judgment regarding another woman might prevent some of the mistakes that have been made. In general, such an appointee ought to be mature enough to be willing to live some distance from the city without dependence on forms of social recreation which are only possible in the city. She should be quite clear as to her missionary purpose or at least her readiness to share in the purpose of the institution to the extent of living in our community with contentment. In general, she should be a good stenographer and in so far as possible able to act as secretary to the academic deans. It has been suggested that a person of this type might be found more easily under present conditions in England than in America. Certainly we could not want anyone better than Miss Bent who came to us through Mr. Hawkins. You might use your judgment about communicating with him.

Wrote 3/14/29

// Additional Residences. Dr. Galt has written to you at length on this subject, in a letter which also has my signature at the end. The only point on which

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I differ from him is that I feel quite ready to borrow money from a local Chinese bank which is prepared to make us a loan as we need to draw during the coming building season without interest and with nothing but my personal signature. This bank is one of a group whose managers are very friendly to the institution and have become members of a committee for financial promotion among Chinese. This loan would be made a first charge against any receipts from Chinese sources which would be deposited in the bank. Not only so, but the banker concerned knows of a bequest from a Chinese which could be drawn upon for protection if all other resources failed. If after the expiration of the twelve months during which this offer holds we were still unable to repay what had been borrowed, it would be cheaper to pay interest even to a Chinese bank than to go through the ruinous experience of renting and renovating Chinese houses in this neighborhood, and apparently there are no more Chinese houses available, and near enough to meet our need. The faculty members unprovided for are almost all those with whom we already have contracts. I want to urge once more that the Finance Committee face this situation in all its aspects and cable us as soon as possible.

Insurance for the Staff. I have held your letter on this subject of December 8 for a long time because ever since its receipt I have been constantly busy with immediate issues. Meanwhile, Stephen Tsai has been making a study of a scheme for Chinese teachers which seems to have general approval. I should think that the financing of the project should include Chinese and foreigners, although the special arrangements might differ for the two classes. I shall try to have details for the Chinese sent you by Mr. Tsai. Meanwhile, it would seem to me that the plan ought to include group insurance and a retirement fund. The western teachers might pay half the cost as in the case of the Chinese. I shall try to send you either in this mail or later the additional statistics regarding the foreign teachers.

Mervyn Armstrong. After a number of conferences with him it has seemed wiser to reduce the term of his service to two years rather than three and this action has been approved by our Faculty Executive Committee. I am inclosing herewith a copy of a letter to him which can be in the form of a contract. While we lose in the

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travel yet he and we agree that since he cannot stay with us more than three years in any case, and in the light of experience here this is the best solution.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

PEKING, CHINA

February 9, 1929

Dr. Eric M. North
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Eric:

I am writing to you regarding certain features of the Harvard-Yenching Institute budget, which might more satisfactorily be presented by you and the other Yenching trustees than from here. There is the compensation to the University for the salary, etc., of L.C.Porter which we have usually estimated at LC$6,000; also, the travel back to China of William Hung and family. This cannot apparently be provided from private sources and in view of the fact that he has given up plans for personal study in order to put his whole time and thought upon the work of the Institute, it would seem a fair charge. These are the only items which occur to me as affecting the Yenching end of this work for the coming fiscal year. There may, of course, be features to be developed because of decisions reached in Cambridge. There seems no reason from our standpoint for Baron von Holstein to return to China, so that if his presence at Cambridge is acceptable we should encourage his staying where he is. Dr. Hu Shih has finally decided not to accept the invitation to Cambridge for the coming session although he wishes to have the matter left open for the year following. I wrote in a previous letter urging that if approved by the Institute trustees a grant be included of about LC$2,500 to purchase apparatus for a scientific study of phonetics and explained the reasons. The thought is that this might be continued for a term of four years which would give us an excellent working equipment for a subject that has both philological and very great present day practical interest. There is the delicate matter of the division of income between the expensive single items at Harvard, and the relatively small amounts we need here for the broader activities which are being undertaken. If the total as presented recently by us is all that can be secured for our share, do not hesitate to take the items mentioned above out of this budget, perhaps referring back to us the adjustments, or taking them out of some other features than the salary list. The travel item, however, as in the case of Porter would seem to be a fair charge against the Cambridge side in view of the fact that we stood the initial expense and that the benefit has wholly been for the western aspects of the undertaking. I do not want to haggle over the amount to be assigned to Harvard or to Yenching or the listing of charges against one or the other institution. There is however, so much immediate and practical benefit from the expenditure of sums here reaching a large number of persons and building up our prestige at a time when this is of vital significance to the whole program of the Institute, that I feel that we can quite properly urge the maintenance of all that has been proposed. I am still somewhat hoping that relief will be found by final appropriation from an additional million from the Hall Estate. Dean Donham is doubtless seeing to it that this is secured if at all possible.

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There is another matter of which I am writing Dean Chase in regard to a young man who is hoping to secure a fellowship for study at Yenching next session, Knight Biggerstaff, now working in the Language School. This case makes concrete the type of emphasis in the awarding of such fellowships. He is interested in modern social and political movements in China and their bearing on present and future world issues, the ancient civilization of the people being a background to be studied with this in view. Dean Chase is himself an archaeologist, and the Harvard tradition generally being in favor of scholarship for its own sake with more or less of an antiquarian flavor, may lead to a preference in the awarding of fellowships for those of the latter type. Both of these are important and are not necessarily in conflict. I should, however, favor the approval of Biggerstaff's request if for no other reason because he is already here and has spent a year in preparatory study at the Language School. I think there will be a real advantage in testing out the present procedure with an available candidate.

I know that you share in the relief that we all feel at the actual transfer of the capital stock both to the Institute and to Yenching. You and I can both breathe more easily hereafter.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. LEIGHTON STUART

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

February 9, 1929.

Mr. O.D. Wannamaker,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,

My dear Olin:

I have your letters dealing with the Misses Gibson and Mr. Eldridge, also the one dated January 8 which is chiefly concerned with answering my questions and calls for no further comment than that these answers are very satisfactory. I am inclosing a copy of my letter to Mrs. French. You will recall that the trustees made an additional grant for my house but apparently this will not be sufficient to carry out the original scheme even with the practice of most careful economy throughout. This suggestion is, therefore, one that helps the general finances of the University better than any other that I can think of.

The remainder of this letter will be occupied with the vicissitudes of financial solicitation. I understand perfectly the whole situation which has developed regarding Eldridge and feel confident that you are handling it in the most tactful way. I regret that the very day on which your letter came I had mailed one to him asking that the item in our budget for next session under the Department of Education be taken over by Mrs. McLean. If I had had any suspicion of these developments that paragraph would have been left out altogether, and if it seems wise to do so, do not hesitate to withdraw the suggestion when talking with him. If they should come to the formal opening I think we would have no fear. Otherwise, we had better let the whole matter more or less drift along until I next get back to the States unless something else brings them to a positive decision.

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Always write frankly as you did this time. I should not hesitate to do the same when the occasion comes.

Regarding the Misses Gibson, all I need to say now is that after sending the reply I did more or less assume that theirs to me accepted the pledge. I called on them, talked over the plans we were making and found them thoroughly cordial and responsive. My definite impression of that interview was that they stood by their father's agreement provided that the Presbyterians could be induced to do their part. In any case, I am glad that Mr. McBrier has been able to secure the pledge and that you have helped to prevent any further misunderstanding. Mr. McBrier suggests that I do not write to them but call on them when next in the country and I shall be glad to do so.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus McCormick were in Peking for three days on the Belgenland tour. I had a note of invitation to him which was delivered on the train, and found to my pleasure and somewhat to my surprise that he was quite pleased at the invitation to visit Yenching and decided at once to do so. He and his wife and their Peking hostess had lunch with me and a few of our friends whom I had asked to meet them. He seemed much interested and on his own initiative asked me to take him to the place where we had wanted to locate the building in memory of his mother. I showed him the vacant place where we wished for a fourth recitation building at the northern limit of our academic group, flanking the Ninde Divinity Hall and opposite to McBrier Hall. This seemed quite satisfactory to him and he told me that he would dictate a letter on the steamer putting a number of questions to me and that I might have the reply to these awaiting him on his return to Chicago next May. He would then consult with his brother and sister and let me know. He did not seem to remember that in the interview I had with him in New York he had asked me whether I preferred this building or an endowment, and I had emphatically recommended the latter, although he remembered the conference. He was somewhat in a hurry and naturally wanted to go sightseeing elsewhere so that I did not go into any further argument but simply tried to have him receive a pleasant impression of the campus and of the institution generally. Meanwhile, Burgess has been very anxious to go to him and secure a building for the Princeton interests. As I explained to him I am quite ready for this with two qualifying comments. One is that William Hung is hoping to secure from the Harvard-Yenching Building Reserve Fund a grant for a library to include the advanced work in Chinese

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studies. The present library is really getting too small and as a purely administrative issue, the next building would give greatest relief if used for such a purpose. If this request were agreed to we would put the building on the spot which I indicated to Mr. McCormick. We would not then need an additional academic building, and every such expansion of the plant increases by so much the operating expenses which are now our heaviest burden. The second comment was that Mrs. Blain very definitely preferred the endowment, and if this is to be a family gift in memory of Madame McCormick, and if Mrs. Blain still shows the interest which she expressed to me, we have another complication. Mr. McCormick asked a number of questions about the Princeton work and seemed to endorse it thoroughly. On the other hand, he was clearly thinking of a family gift as a memorial to his mother. I realize how keen Stewart is for a Princeton Hall that will be a visible embodiment of that important unit's share in our work and sympathize with all that he urges. On the other hand, every chance to get endowment ought to be taken the fullest advantage of. You might take up the whole problem with Burgess and decide on a course of action in view of whatever decision will have been made at Harvard and the outlook generally. There will be plenty of time for this as Mr. McCormick will not reach home until some time in May.

I appreciate the concern expressed by yourself and others over my health and am happy to report that there need be no present cause for anxiety. I feel quite well and am trying to take good care of myself. There seems to be no occasion for my leaving here for any such reason and there are many considerations which would make it desirable for me to be here continuously until after the formal opening. I should, however, be glad to have your opinion as to the time when you would wish me to reach America if it is still thought desirable that I take part in a Princeton effort next session. Should I leave here before or after Christmas?

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

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Yenching University

TRANSFER

February 9, 1929

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Dr. Howard Sl Galt
Yenching University
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My dear Dr. Stuart and Dr. Galt:

We are attaching hereto copies of the minutes of Finance Committee meeting of February 1st. There are several items in which you will be interested.

APPROVAL OF BOYD GYMNASIUM PLANS

I have already commented on this action in a letter sent to Dr. Stuart in the China mail which closed on February 4th, and therefore no further comment is necessary at this point.

PROPOSAL FROM WOMEN'S COLLEGE IN REGARD TO RESIDENCE #30

The proposal from the Women's College dealt with in action F - 2459 is not a new one. If I remember correctly Dr. Stuart made some such suggestion as this while he was in America last year. We hope that it may be possible for the Finance Committee to find some way of securing at least around G$6,000. to make a beginning of this exchange. We would be glad to have any comments you may have to offer.

USE OF LOCKHART GIFT AND OTHER FUNDS FOR PRINCETON-IN-PEKING RESIDENCES

You will note that by the action F - 2460 - the Finance Committee approved in principle the recommendation that Mr. Lockhart's pledge of $5,000 together with Mrs. McKelvey's pledge of $2,000. and Dr. Sailer's pledge of $500. be used for erecting a Princeton-in-Peking residence. Natually this approval in principle does not get us very far in the direction of actually finding the necessaryfunds. There does not seem to be any liklihood of providing this $7,500 in the near future. However, we hope for the best and assure you that we will notify you at once if funds for such a residence are made available.

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FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH FORMAL OPENING

The Committee gave most sympathetic consideration to Dr. Stuart's request of a special authorization of Gold $3,500. to G$3,000 in connection with the formal opening of the University in October. As yet, we have not been able to actually find the amount needed but will ernestly continue our pursuit. Here, too, we will hasten to send you word as soon as funds are in sight.

Very cordially yours,

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Yenching University

February 11, 1929

President J.Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
Peping, China.

My dear Dr.Stuart:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 30 dealing with Mr.K.A.Wee.

I have had two conferences with Mr.Wee since your letter arrived and have also sent a letter of inquiry to his major professor at Columbia. I believe Mr.Wee has within the last week sent you full details as to his plans so anything we might add would be chiefly repetition. As I understand the situation, Mr.Wee is hopeful that he may finish his doctorate by the first of September, or possibly some weeks before that date. If these plans can be carried out he would then be able to get back to Peking shortly after the opening of the autumn semester. My personal impression, however, is that, with the amount of work still before Mr.Wee, it is a little doubtful whether he can finish up so quickly. As soon as I have had word from his major professor on this point I will communicate his judgment to you.

The prospects for additional support for Mr.Wee's work do not seem to be very promising. When I saw him a few days ago he stated that Mr.Morgan, the gentleman from Kansas who he had been hoping would assist with the raising of money for his work, has accomplished little, and intimates that the prospects of getting funds are very slight. Mr.Wee feels that a personal trip to Kansas might help the situation considerably, but just now he is so busy with his studies he feels it would be difficult for him to get away for the fortnight or so that such a trip would require.

So much for the immediate details of Mr.Wee's case. The larger problems of University policy involved are, I feel, quite important. While Mr.Wee is undoubtedly a very valuable man, and as all of us here in New York have been anxious to do all we could for him, yet undoubtedly he is staying in America a rather long time and is spending a great deal more than was at first anticipated. This is not in any way a reflection on Mr.Wee. It is quite possible that the expenditure of all this time and money has been necessary. The one thing that I have been most concerned about is that force of circumstances has made it necessary for the New York office and the Finance Committee to make a number of decisions in Mr.Wee's case which should only have been made by the field. For example, the action of the Finance Committee in making provision for Mr.Wee's salary and expenses from January 1 to June 30, 1929 was taken only as we attempted to act on behalf of the field. Whether we did what the field desired is an open question.

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As I have often stated in my correspondence in the last few months, I am more and more impressed with the necessity of securing from the field complete information and instructions regarding every member of the Yenching staff who is in America. This, I feel, can best be provided by having your office send us full information as to the administrative arrangements with each member of the Yenching staff planning to come to America. Meanwhile, Dr.Galt's office can give detailed information as to the salary and other financial arrangements our office is supposed to attend to. This information from your office and Dr.Galt's office should be in our hands, if possible, a few weeks before the staff member reaches America so that we will not be forced to meet his first inq uiries with polite expressions of regret that we have no information from the field as to the arrangements we are to make with him. If a staff member remains in America longer than one year, or his return to the field is delayed longer than was at first contemplated, it is quite desirable that the field send us at the beginning of each new year a restatement as to the continuation arrangements with the staff member involved.

I would very much appreciate your comments as to whether you feel such a procedure as this can effectively be worked out.

Very cordially yours,

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TRANSFER

Yenching University

February 11, 1929

President J.Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
Peping, China.

My dear Dr.Stuart:

In the last mail I sent you information in regard to Dr.Ed.G. Kaufman of the General Conference of Mennonites in North China. Mr.Kaufman is considering the possibility of doing educational work in some of our North China universities and thinks that he could probably persuade the Mennonite Conference to contribute his support, thereby becoming one of the cooperating bodies in the University where he is at work.

When I wrote last week I stated that, unless you had further word from me, there would be time enough for you to give your judgment on Mr.Kaufman's proposal by mail rather than cable. Within the last few days, however, I have received word from Dr.Kaufman that he should have some definite word by March 15th so that he and Mrs.Kaufman can begin making necessary arrangements. We would appreciate it therefore if you will, before March 15th, send us some intimation by cable as to whether you think Yenching University would welcome some arrangement with Dr.Kaufman and the General Conference of Mennonites. I am at this time getting together further information in regard to him which I will forward to you sometime this week.

Very cordially yours,

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February 14, 1929

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
Peping, China.

TRANSFER

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 28.

Referring to publicity to be sent out from this office regarding the opening exercises, I wish to advise you just what the Committee has done:

1. We made a list of all contributors of $500 or more since the beginning of our activities.

2. We sent copies of this list to the various secretaries of the three Boards, also communicated with Dr. Hawkins of the L.M.S. In these communications we urged the four missionary societies to send delegates to the opening.

3. We sent also to Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Williamson of the Women's College, copies of the list asking them if there were any other names to whom the invitation should be sent. Mrs. Lee sent us the names of three people, Mrs. Williamson of nine.

4. To all of these we sent a written invitation to attend the opening exercises. A copy of this letter is herewith enclosed.

5. Replies were received from a small percentage of the people addressed. After a suitable delay we sent a "follow-up" letter again calling their attention to the matter and asking if we could be of service, and advising them that "since we do not wish to annoy you by repeated inquiries we shall conclude, if you do not reply to the present letter, that you do not find it possible to attend the exercises."

To these letters we received replies from about 40% of the people addressed.

At the present time we have on our list the names of about twenty-four people who may be interested in going. I am working on itineraries and hope to send out three sug-

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gestions within a few days. We shall then attempt to cooperate with them in any way possible. Probably almost everybody will go "on their own". If there are enough to go out as a party, we will be glad to make the necessary arrangements, and cooperate in every possible way.

As for formal printed invitations, we have felt that we should not issue them. I know that on occasions of this kind it is usually used for propaganda purposes, but to judge from the returns from people who should be the most interested of all, we would stand a slim chance of getting enough favorable replies from formal printed invitations to warrant us going to the expense.

Again, we have felt that formal invitations should come from Peking. If you think otherwise kindly give us your views in the matter.

If you desire us to be of service in getting the printing of these invitations done here, and will furnish us with the copy and suggestions as to what you want done, we probably would be able to get a better job done here, judging from some of the printed matter you sent out. We feel that an invitation should be rather a neat piece of work. If we can be of any service to you in this respect, kindly communicate at once and send full instructions and copy. We will then have the printing done and forward to you in time for you to send out.

If in any wise your ideas run counter to anything we have done, or if we should amplify our activities in any way, we shall be pleased to have you advise us.

Mr. Wannamaker is just issuing a copy of the Peking News which is going to be particularlu devoted to the dedication ceremonies, and in this issue friends of the University are invited to attend. We will notify you what response we have from this issue of Peking News.

Very sincerely yours,

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Yenching University

TRANSFER

February 15, 1929.

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

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter just received from Mrs. Frame in regard to the women's college gymnasium.

All of the Gymnasium Committee agree heartily with Mrs. Frame that we must be quite sure the gymnasium plans are exactly as we want them before we go very far with the actual construction of the building. Just as soon as the Committee reaches its final decision as to plans, we will have the architects speed up the work and complete their drafting. It will probably be at least a fortnight before all this can be completed. Revised plans will be mailed to the field the instant they are ready.

Very cordially yours,

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February 15, 1929

Dear Leighton:

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I shall follow up closely your suggestion with regard to David Rowe. I am making note also of Maurice Keen whom you mention as a Princeton student. Keen's uncle to whom you allude is Charles E. Beury who is a good friend of mine. It would be a great thing if we could get Keen on our faculty. Beury has contributed $150 a year to the Princeton work for a long time. Being now the president of Temple University, he has his own heavy financial problems and has intimated that he might be forced to give up his share in our work. His nephew on the staff would probably increase Beury's share. I am making note also of the name of Franklin Wilson and will get information about all these young men.

Curiously enough a young woman by the name of Rowe, now teaching in a school at Briarcliff Manor near New York, has applied to me for appointment for one year at Lingnan, mentioning in her correspondence that she was born in China. I am inclined to think she is a sister of David Rowe.

I have been away from the office for about ten days four of which I took for myself, cutting all connection with New York. I got very well rested but my desk is about one foot deep in mail and even a dictaphone does not plow through it very fast. (Let me hasten to add, lest Mrs. Britton take offense, that the present letter is not being dictated to a dictaphone. That machine is confined to the use of such humble services as those which pertain to Lingnan University.)

I am doing my utmost at this time to help Vernon Nash complete his distressingly difficult campaign. I am extremely sorry for him. He has been under such a nervous strain that his health would be temporarily menaced if this should continue much longer. I believe the finance committee will make a mistake if it refuses absolutely to authorize his return to the field unless the entire $50,000 is pledged. It would be better in my judgment to get our contributors to agree that their pledges should be collectible in four instead of five years and send Nash out, with the hope of getting more money later to keep him on the field five years. It would seem to me entirely unwise to throw away approximately $40,000 because we cannot push this up to $50,000.

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But we have not given up hope. Dean Williams is about to send a letter out to numerous publishers and we are sending a letter from this office to a large list. Jenney tried, together with Nash, for several weeks without any result. Jenney is now approaching all possible prospects for journalism while doing more general cultivation on a considerable trip. He will later go to the Pacific coast.

We are getting practically no new money. I think this is not surprising but rather the natural situation following our recent campaign. I hope our committee does not get nervous too early because of the lack of concrete returns. That would be unfair to Dr. Jenney.

I note your need for a new secretary primarily for stenographic work to take the place of Miss Alexander. I am a little embarrassed at your request that I take an active share in securing such a person. I shall be only too glad to assist, but I am a little perplexed as to how I can trespass upon the function belonging to another person. I have informed Mr. Garside that I have an applicant for appointment to Lingnan University to whom I am very strongly attracted but whom we may not be able to send to Canton and am suggesting to him that he consider this young lady in case we do not nominate her for Canton. I will do everything possible in this matter of finding persons for nomination. Under present official relationships, however, I cannot very well do anything more than offer friendly and unofficial suggestions and it would not do for me to go too far even in that way.

In the case of Miss Hattie Brown of Nevada, I am writing her for information ostensibly for Lingnan University but with the idea that if she proves desirable I can pass this information over to the proper person for Yenching.

I enjoy dealing with persons much more than with money. I have always enjoyed finding persons for teaching positions. Those sent out to Lingnan last year have given an excellent account of themselves and I have had very good letters from James Henty about them. This makes the task of finding persons all the pleasanter.

I hope you are feeling better and that someone is hanging on to your coat tail and not allowing you to move too fast from one duty to the next.

Cordially,

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peping, China

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PEKING, CHINA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

February 18, 1929.

Rev. C.E. Jenney, D.D.,
Office of Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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My dear Jenney:

I have been reading with close attention the actions of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees and the correspondence which has come from the office regarding our financial situation and outlook. You evidently worked with great intensity and as much success as the difficult conditions made possible during those last anxious months of the past year. I am also glad that you have been helping Nash in what must have been a discouraging struggle. In the midst of all the setbacks and difficulties it has been a constant source of comfort to me to know that you are working on the job. I quite agree in the general position taken by our Finance Committee that we ought from now on to give our present constituency a rest and cultivate those who in the future can be new supporters. I would add that this would be chiefly with the thought of those who can give in substantial amounts especially in the form of endowments. With the contacts you already have and your ability to make friends with people of this class, we are fortunate in having you stay on with us. I would suggest that you give your main thought and time to this sort of cultivation.

The two items that seem to me most important are our preparedness to meet the conditional promise of the Rockefeller Foundation which we hope to secure from them next May of one quarter of a million dollars endowment for the Natural Sciences on condition that we can match this with an equal amount. Next to this is more adequate provision for the physical welfare of our men students

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including especially athletics and hygiene, or in terms of personnel, K.A. Wee his staff and equipment, and either Dr. Atwater of whom Mr. Wannamaker knows, or a Chinese to be recommended by the Rockefeller people in Peping. In each case gold $100,000 would enable us to do high grade work and one half of that amount would give an income with which we could carry on.

Among those people who are large potential givers and have been cultivated to a slight degree I should like to call your attention to Mr. E.L. Phillips of New York City who can most easily be reached through Professor Thompson one of our trustees, and Mrs. Gillespie and her daughter of Pittsburgh. I have written Wannamaker about Mr. E.P. Davis who can be reached through Mr. Chevalier. Get Mr. C's. judgment as to whether Mr. Davis should be interviewed at this time or later

In respect to plant needs I should put residences as the one that presses upon us most heavily. This offers an attractive object for comparatively small gifts. I very much hope that Dr. and Mrs. Hoobler will carry into effect the idea of making their contribution for a dormitory as soon as they return from their present tour. We could fill it at once if it were ready for occupation next autumn and the pressure a year from now will be still greater.

Please have the following addresses put on our mailing list:

Mr. George H. Bosch,
114 Castlereagh Street,
Sydney, Australia

Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Poett,
120 West Santa Inez Ave.,
San Mateo, Cal.

Mr. A.F. Blair,
c/o Algernon Blair, Contractor,
Montgomery, Ala.

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With constant remembrance,

Very sincerely yours,

J. Creighton Stuart

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PEKING, CHINA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

February 19, 1929.

Mr. O.D. Wannamaker,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U.S.A.

My dear Olin:

I am in receipt of a very interesting batch of stuff from Miss McCoy giving the details of the recent campaign. I have glanced over this and shall give it further study as oppprtunity offers. The important thing I am writing about now is the gift from Mrs. MacWithey for the Scranton-Luce Memorial on condition that the money be returned to her within a year, that is the end of April, 1929, if the Memorial had not been completed. We are sending by the next mail the drawings for this building in the hope that the Trustees will approve it with the least possible delay, in order that we can come as near toward realizing this condition as possible. Meanwhile, if you would arrange perhaps through Dr. Luce himself to have an explanation given Mrs. MacWithey why this building has not been started earlier we cannot but feel that she will not hold us to the letter of her condition. After the Nationalist advance last summer Chang Tso-lin withdrew to Manchuria carrying with him practically all the rolling stock of every railway coming into Peping, with the result that for months afterwards transportation was so seriously deranged that building materials could only be shipped here at ruinous rates. We attempted to go on with the wings of the Infirmary and intended to start this social center last autumn but finally gave up all further construction for the reason mentioned. Unless we had been able to start several months before the cold weather made outside work impossible, it would not have been worth while in any case, and the political outlook was too uncertain to permit this. We also engaged a Chinese firm of architects and lost a great deal of time in the successive designs which they prepared, none of which were within the figures authorized. We had

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thought that a Chinese firm headed by men trained abroad would secure for us a thoroughly Chinese design with modern equipment and have at last fallen back on our own Construction Bureau. If we get a prompt approval of our plans by cable we can make considerable headway by the end of April and shall in the meantime in expectation of such a cable have a tentative contract let and building materials in process of purchase so that the work can go ahead with expedition.

I am also very much pleased to know of the additional one thousand dollars from Miss Williams of Chicago. If after caring for the social hall and related improvements on the island there is enough money to spare, I have a suggestion regarding another feature which is in the same neighborhood and can easily be associated with the social hall under Dr. Luce's name. We built a swimming pool which was to be supplied by the water from the lake, but for various reasons this has not proved satisfactory and it seems desirable to drive another well to supply the water for this. Clean water in an open air swimming pool would add no little to the pleasure and healthful exercise of our men students and it would be a very pleasant form in which to keep Luce's name perpetuated. If finances permit I shall write Miss Williams on the subject and let you have a copy of the letter.

You will have known of the cable from the Trustees calling me to America and of my reply. As far as my health is concerned there is no reason for a trip so expensive both as to time and money but I have been balancing in my mind the various financial considerations which I happen to know of. There is the possibility of securing redress from the Harvard-Yenching Institute for the very serious loss of interest in the transfer of the Hall Estate capital about which I have written Eric North. If anything can be done along the lines of my suggestion he ought to be able to do it almost, if not fully as well, as I. There is, however, the further question of the distribution of the remainder of this fund as paid over to the H-Y Institute. There is the still more serious issue of maintaining the purpose of Mrs. McLean and Eldridge to equip our School of Education. There is the further matter in connection with the McCormicks of which I wrote you in my last letter. You will know whether there is any possibility of interesting Mr. E.P. Davis. There may be other matters which do not involve the premature nagging of our present constituency. If on the receipt of this letter no action has been taken and it seems to

you and others sufficiently important for me to make the trip this spring I still have a fair chance of doing so and getting to New York by April 11. The importance of being present at that Annual Meeting is however much less than of meetings with the working committees of the Trustees and seeing the individuals mentioned above or others of whom you may know.

You have all certainly done a fine piece of work in bringing that campaign to its successful conclusion. This impresses me the more as I look over the record as worked out so clearly by Miss McCoy. Please express to her my sense of the skill she has shown in her study of the results.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

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Yenching University

February 20, 1929

President J.Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peping, China.

My dear Dr.Stuart:

In reply to the letter we wrote Professor J.F.Williams some days ago asking about the probable date at which Mr.K.A.Wee would complete his doctorate, we have today received the following information from Professor Williams:-

> "Replying to your letter of February 13th regarding Mr.K.A.Wee, I wish to advise that we regard Mr.Wee very highly indeed, and expect him to complete his dissertation by this June or the middle of the summer.
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> "He has passed his matriculation examinations, has completed his preliminary study and is just now engaged in getting some of his field material. If he can be kept free from outside engagements, a great many of which seem to be demanded of him by the nature of his ability to present the needfor education in China, he ought to complete his work this June. It may be that he will have to stay over until September but I should hope to see him finished before then. Of course, after his dissertation is written, he must then pass his final examination. I should think he would have no difficulty in that but I cannot speak for my colleagues in this matter."

This leads us to hope that Mr.Wee may be able to finish his work in time this summer to permit his return to China for the autumn semester.

In this connection we note the comment in your letter of January 22nd in regard to Mr.Wee. I hope that it may be possible for him to finish his studies and still have some free time for securing support for his department before he returns to China.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

CC: Mr.Wannamaker

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Yenching University

February 20, 1929

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

AIR MAIL

My dear Dr.Stuart:

We barely managed to get into the regular China mail which closed Monday copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee of February 14th. I appended to the minutes a hasty note saying that I would forward a covering letter by air mail.

Changes in roster. We have all been very much troubled by the resignation of Mr.Eldridge and have been seeking to discover just what were the causes of his resignation and the steps the Board of Trustees should take to insure the continuance of his interest in the University. One of the things we have hoped you would do if you found it possible to visit America this spring would be to strengthen the contact between Mr.Eldridge and the University. I sincerely hope that we will manage to keep Mr.Eldridge's keen interest in Yenching whether or not he continues to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Proposal that you be asked to visit America. You will note the telegram received from the Harvard-Yenching Institute and the summary of the Committee's discussion of the proposal that you be invited to come back to America this spring. For several months suggestions have been made that we ought, if possible, to persuade you to spend the spring and early part of the summer here in America. In the first place, we have all been anxious to stimulate the greatest amount of interest in the formal dedication of the University this fall and to secure a large and influential group of people to attend the dedication. While Mr.McBrier has given a great deal of time and thought to this undertaking and has been very successful in his efforts, he has repeatedly pointed out that, if you were here in this country, you could accomplish far more than he or any of the other Trustees.

In the second place, there have been a number of important matters in connection with the formulation of the Harvard-Yenching Institute. Without doubt Dr.North or some of the other Institute Trustees have written you or will write you quite fully in regard to these. In these initial stages of the Institute's development it is tremendously important that the foundations be solidly laid and the plans correctly drawn. We have all realized that your presence here would be of tremendous value not only for the present but for the entire future of the Institute's work.

In the third place, there have been a number of matters under consideration by the Trustees and in connection with the promotional activities of the University where we all felt that your presence and counsel would be of great benefit, though everyone agreed that these matters alone would not justify bringing you home from China. I have referred at various times to a number of matters of this sort and I know that Mr.Wannamaker has mentioned others in his correspondence.

Lastly, we have been quite disturbed during recent months at rumors that you have not been in the best of health. Your own correspondence has said very little about any physical difficulties and has made light of any such difficulties to which you have incidentally referred. Various other sources of information such as the personal letters from the Yenching staff to a wide range of friends here in America have led us to fear that your health has been less satisfactory than your own correspondence has indicated. We all appreciate the fact that for a number of years you have been working under tremendous pressure and with practically no opportunity for rest or medical attention. It would be very remarkable indeed if anyone could keep up such a pace indefinitely. The Trustees have felt, therefore, that, regardless of any of the first three considerations I refer to above, we ought, by all means, to get you back to America for some months rest and if necessary, expert medical attention should there be any serious physical difficulties threatening. We are all keenly aware of what an overwhelming disaster it would be to the University if we should allow you to so overwork yourself as to necessitate a protracted giving up of your work for reasons of health, and we are anxious to do everything possible to avoid even a remote possibility of such an occurrence.

All of these factors were in the mind of the Committee in taking action E-2460. In accordance with that action we sent you our cablegram of February 14th. On February 16th we received the following reply:-

> "Strongly urge J.Leighton Stuart must remain here until middle October unless there is some advantage from a financial point of view of considerable value. Is in excellent health."

If the statement in regard to your health is not too optimistic a view of the situation, then the most important consideration that led us to extend the invitation is removed. I have asked Dr.Eric North what his judgment is as regards the second consideration - that of consultation with the Harvard-Yenching Institute. Dr.North seems to feel that, while your presence for consultation with the Institute would be of great value, he believes that that alone would hardly justify your coming to America at this time. I have sent quotations from the field's cablegram of February 16th to all members of the Executive Committee and have asked for their comments. Those who have replied thus far seem to feel that we should accede to the field's recommendation that we do not press for your return to America this spring. As soon as the other members of the Committee have had an opportunity to reply I will probably be sending you a cablegram to that effect. We will all be keenly disappointed if you do not make the trip back to America this spring because we have all been looking forward to seeing you again in the near future.

Investigation of degree granting powers of the University. Mr. Merle-Smith has recently been in correspondence with the State Department of Education in regard to degree granting powers of Yenching University

I will send you in the next few days copies of his correspondence with the State Department of Education, and also copies of information blank which the Department of Education requests the University to fill out in order to provide a basis for the registration which Mr.Merle-Smith feels should be effected if we are to regularize our degree granting procedure.

Action by Mission Boards on revision in membership in field Board of Managers. You will notice that three or four of the Boards have already approved this revision. We understand that there is not likely to be any objection from the London Missionary Society. We should be able therefore, at the annual meeting on ~~October 5th~~ May 4th, to have this revision of membership of the Board of Managers finally approved by the Board of Trustees and incorporated in the Constitution of the University.

Other matters. The other items discussed by the Executive Committee do not seem to require any detailed comment.

In the next regular mail we will send the field one more copy of these Executive Committee minutes. Will these two copies of this set of minutes be enough for your needs? Our general policy has been to send a sufficient supply of Board of Trustees minutes so that you can send copies to all members of the field Board of Managers and have enough to supply the needs of the various University offices. However, for minutes of the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee we have been sending only two or three copies so that you will have a copy for your information and, where financial matters are involved, Dr.Galt will also have a copy for the Treasurer's office. If you feel we should revise this procedure in any way please let us know.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

Later mail

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Yenching University

February 21, 1929

President J.Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
Peping, China.

My dear Dr.Stuart:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 22nd.

Professor Saleski and Professor Weidler We note your comments in regard to both of these men. At the time I wrote, of course, I recognized that there was little possibility of your using either of them but thought it worth while to mention their interest.

Women's College item of local currency $7,543.00. I have today written to Dr.Galt at some length in regard to this item. It is a question that will have to be considered in connection with the revision of the 1928/29 budget prepared by the field under date of October 1st. This revision of the budget has already been called to the attention of our Budget Committee and I hope we will, within a short time, arrange a meeting.

Dr.Paul A.Anderson. We note what you say in regard to Dr.Anderson's expense account and will be glad to take the matter up with him at the earliest opportunity.

Tamblyn and Brown. At the time Mr.Tamblyn wrote you his letter of November 28th he sent a copy to Mr.Franklin H.Warner. Mr.Warner's reaction to Mr.Tamblyn's request was decidedly unfavorable but it was agreed that no action would be taken until we had received your comment. I will bring the matter to the attention of the Finance.

Travel of T.T.Lew. I will also bring to the attention of the Finance Committee your request that T.T.Lew's travel of Mex.$1,204.81 be considered as a Campaign Expense rather than a charge against the current budget.

Very cordially yours,

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Yenching University

February 21, 1929

President J.Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
Peping, China.

My dear Dr.Stuart:

We are enclosing herewith the following:-

Copy of letter of Dec.24th from Mr.Merle-Smith on the subject of degree granting powers of Yenching University.
Three copies of Application Form 2 Registration of a College, as prepared by the University of the State of New York.

Mr.Merle-Smith feels that, in order to regularize the degree granting functions of Yenching University, it will be necessary for us to complete the registration of the University with the State Department of Education. We would appreciate it, therefore, if you would have these forms filled out as promptly as possible and two copies returned to us. The third copy can be kept in your Yenching files.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

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PEKING, CHINA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

February 23, 1929.

Mr. O.D. Wannamaker,
Office of Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Olin:

Mrs. Britton has written of the plan you intend to follow of inserting the date of my letter to which yours is a reply on the left side of each page. It might be well if I attempted to follow the same practice.

1/22/29 Dr. S.Y. Ch'en. I note the complication that has arisen regarding this man's salary and appreciate the advantages in acting as Dr. Jenney has. On the other hand Dr. Ch'en is on the budget for this year purely because of this assurance and is staying on in the expectation that the fund will be continued. I scarcely know whether to advise that his services be discontinued or to take the responsibility of encouraging his staying on. The Department of Agriculture has no funds whatever with which to provide this, nor would the University people be willing to divert such an item from some other needed phase of our regular work. Perhaps the best course is to ask Dr. Jenney to get a decision as soon as he can, and for the University to credit the Department of Agriculture with the salary for two years from whatever gift is secured from Mr. Shaefer. I shall count on hearing from you before very long on the outcome.

1/28/29 N.J. Padelford. I can well understand the perplexity you are in over the developments regarding this case, especially Dr. Padelford's own attitude. I cannot have been mistaken in his conversations with me because the whole matter was originated from him. I had never heard of his son and only met him and went as far as I did

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in the whole matter because of the partial assistance his father indicated. I am inclosing a letter to Dr. Padelford for you to read and use as you think best. Shuhsi is very anxious to have at least one westerner in this department and accepts my judgment regarding this case. If there is any reasonable chance of getting a satisfactory Princeton man even on a short term basis, there are important considerations for doing so and dropping the case of young Padelford. I should be the more ready to advocate this if the father does not stand by his original proposal. On the other hand, Shuhsi says that he needs a man so badly and this one seems so well qualified that he is willing to put him on the budget entirely at our own charges. Of course, this can be thought of as on the L.S.R.M. side of the income, rather than Princeton. If this seems desirable to yourself and the Princeton-in-Peking trustees, it will mean that no other American could be sent out this year in view of the heavy cost of travel, outfit, etc. in addition to the salary. With this expression of what is involved I am quite ready to leave the issue to your judgment.

The other matters in your letter are noted with interest but call for no special comment.

Very sincerely yours,

J.L.S.

To go into more detail, the Budget items include (abbreviated):

Padelford	$1500.
Fellowship	1200.
Municipal govt.	3500.
	$6200. L.C.

Padelford entirely on our charge would involve

Salary	$2880.
Travel	2400.
Outfit	1000.
	$6280. L.C.

Shuhsi is very anxious to have at least one westerner on the staff without delay & is willing as a matter of departmental welfare to sacrifice the other two items to get Padelford if necessary. On the other hand, he may have committed himself elsewhere by this time, and there may be good Princeton men available for the other positions. With this further comment I repeat the last sentence above in the paragraph on this subject. J.L.S.

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Yenching University

February 25, 1929

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University
Peping, China.

My dear Dr.Stuart,

Just a brief report on the matter of the Boyd Gymnasium plans. We find that several of the ladies on the Boyd Gymnasium Committee, Mrs. Frame in particular, are consulting with physical directors and gymnasium architectural experts on two or three phases of the Gymnasium plans. They feel quite rightly that we must be very careful indeed to see that no mistakes are made in designing the Gymnasium, even though it is necessary for us to spend a few weeks more in a last check-up of the plans. We have waited, therefore for the final judgment of the members of the Gymnasium Committee before encouraging the architect to complete his drafting of the floor plans. It happens also that the man in Mr.Murphy's office who has been doing this work has been kept abed for the past two or three weeks by a rather serious case of influenza which is a very popular ailment just now. It would probably have been impossible to get very far with these plans anyway at this time. I hope that, within the next few days, the members will hand in their final judgment and our architect will be back on the job so that we can go forward rapidly. Meantime the field will, of course, not proceed with the Gymnasium any farther than formal approval of the plans has been given.

Very cordially yours,

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

YENCHING

February 28, 1929.

Miss Kathryn J. Linehan,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRANSFER

Dear Miss Linehan:

I have your letter of January 19 and must apologize for the long delay in attending to these important matters. I seem to live so constantly in attending to the things that are immediately pressing upon me that items of this kind are put aside and get neglected. I am inclosing herewith supplementary agreements in the case of Messrs. Stewart and Shadick as affected by their marriage. Regarding Dr. Faucett, some time ago I signed a statement attachedto his employment agreement here to the effect that we will apply to him the pension arrangements now in force under the Board of the Mission of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Could you not then add a note to the copy of the contract in your office, and at the same time secure from the Episcopal headquarters the precise schedule which they maintain, and also communicate this to us.

While on this subject, there is a letter from Mr. Garside under date of November 1, 1928, regarding Miss Boring. We wish Miss Boring to continue here as a permanent member of the faculty and have made out a contract on our local forms to that effect. It might be more satisfactory if you communicate with her while she is in America and wrote an agreement similar to others which the Trustees have been making. Mr. George Loehr is another case of the same kind. You might prepare forms for him and send them out here to be signed, one copy to be returned to your office. We are inclosing copies of these two contracts for your guidance.

Hoping that this will clear up the matter,

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

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