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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am writing to ask approval from the committee on the McBrier Foundation for a grant of \$50 local currency to Dr. P.C. Hsu, which is one-half of the cost of a trip he is making to Shanghai to attend an important committee of the leaders of the newly organizing national Christian student movement. Our Dr. Y.P. Mei and he have been two of the most important advisers in this spontaneous and promising movement, and as it originated largely with Yenching students its further development ought to help as well as be helped by our relationship to it.

Dr. Hsu has also been invited to introduce the topic of religious activities in the Christian colleges at the coming meeting of the Committee on Christian Higher Education which comes a few days after the other meeting. He can thus combine both on the same trip. I might add that he is paying the other half of the cost of this trip personally. I am taking the liberty of advancing this sum and shall be responsible for it personally if the committee disapproves.

In planning the budget to be asked for next year, I suggest that we be allowed to include a small sum that can be locally authorized for items such as these which come suddenly and unexpectedly, but which often can be of no slight benefit to the Christian life of the institution.

Let me remind you to send a few clergy certificate blanks. - Sent to Tsai 1/17/35.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Hightland Stewart

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Yenching University

January 11, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

Your note of November 23rd came to hand, and we have mailed a check for \$1.00 to the Chinese Shristian Student for one year's subscription.

I also sent you a radiogram by this morning's mail to the coast, as follows:-

STUART MISS COOKINGHAM RECEIVED LETTER STOP SHE IS VERY WILLING TO RETURN IF NECESSARY STOP MEDICAL SATISFACTORY STOP CAN LEAVE AMERICA LAST OF FEBRUARY STOP RADIO INSTRUCTIONS AT ONCE STOP EVANS

Miss Cookingham has been in conference with our office off and on ever since she received the letter from you, suggesting that she return at an early date. It is hardly just to ask her to leave immediately when January 31 will complete her first semester, and I know you would not desire to have her lose credit for that time. As all of this month will be consumed in preparation for her course work, she will be unable to do anything toward making personal purchases, attending to some routine matters here in the office which we desire to get ironed out, getting her personal matters adjusted at home, and the most conservative estimate would put it the latter part of February before she could get away.

While it is apparent that time is a very important factor in the situation which you deal with in your letter, yet it seems more advisable from our standpoint to allow her ample time to get straightened out and complete some medical observations which Dr. Vaughan is making, and to complete some treatments which are coming along very satisfactorily. Nothing at all serious in any way, but matters which should be attended to and which will make her much more effective on the field. As a consequence, we have agreed that as he is so willing to return and take over the task you have assigned her, that the Trustees will place no stone in her way. Your reply to our radiogram will finally decide the matter.

Very cordially yours,

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70 Pine Street

January 17, 1935

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter of Dec. 13/34 re
 estate of Mrs. H. N. Jenkins
 has been forwarded to me here.
 Also the enclosure from Harper
 & Matthews. Will ^{you} kindly
 pay the firm ^{dollars} fifty (\$50.00) and
 request them to continue to
 act, charging this amount
 to my account. It would
 seem unnecessary to secure
 a copy of the will or other

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documents. The lawyers will
doubtless keep you informed
of further developments,
and this letter authorizes
you to act on my behalf
as may seem desirable.

Thanks for all the
trouble you have gone
to over this matter.

Very sincerely yours,
J. Lighten Stuart

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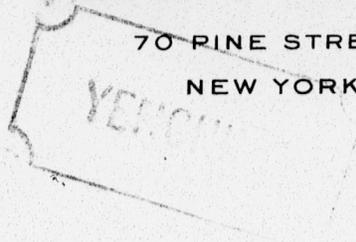
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CABLE ADDRESS: ROHARMA
TELEPHONE: DIGBY 4-7026



January 23, 1935.

Re: Estate of Helen Hartley Jenkins.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Not having received a reply to our letter of December 31, 1934, to Robbins B. Stoeckel, Esq., a copy of which I am enclosing, I have prepared and enclose a form of power of attorney running from Mr. Stuart to you. If he will execute and acknowledge this before the American Consul or Vice Consul and return it, with this power of attorney in your hands I hope it will be possible for us to handle and conclude the matter without delay. However, since it is impossible to forecast the turn events will take or the forms that will be required by the Connecticut court and attorneys, it still may be necessary to send on other documents for personal execution by Mr. Stuart. Having the enclosed power executed, however, will be some assurance against delay.

Sincerely,

Benjamin A. Matthews

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January 23, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

While in Providence I also had opportunity to talk with President Morriss, of Pembroke College, Providence, R.I. President Morriss has with her this year a Yenching undergraduate - Miss Chou Kuo-Ping. She gets her degree, B.A., in June. President Morriss seemed eager to have another Yenching graduate and suggested that there would probably be available a graduate fellowship for about \$800.00 (U.S. currency) which would cover her room, board, and tuition. Miss Pembroke would be very glad indeed to receive an application from some outstanding young woman in China who might be available for this fellowship. I have asked her to write us something of the special subjects at Brown University which would be available for a graduate student from Yenching. When she writes me I shall be glad to send you a copy of that letter. You are already quite familiar with the courses which are offered at Brown and would know which of these you would like a student at Yenching to take up for graduate work. Personally, I would not recommend that an undergraduate apply for this fellowship.

Very sincerely,

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Nathaniel Gist Gee

cc to R. C. Sailer - Yenching

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January 23, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I am sending you, along with other clippings, an announcement of Dr. Pendleton's resignation from the presidency of Wellesley. It seems that she expects to give up her responsibilities in January of 1936. It has occurred to me that possibly some invitation from Yenching to Dr. Pendleton to visit Yenching for a term of a year after her resignation would be a most happy affair and would bind more closely the relationship between Wellesley and Yenching. I send this on to you simply as a suggestion. Doubtless, you will already have thought of some such move by Yenching.

Very sincerely,

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Nathaniel Gist Gee

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cc to ~~Dr. Paul M. Paine~~
Librarian at Yenching U.
~~Syracuse Public Library~~

January 23, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I am back in the office for a few days between our visits to Syracuse and Rochester.

During our brief stay in Syracuse I ran in to see Dr. Paul M. Paine, Librarian of the Syracuse Public Library. He suggested the possibility of his being able to give to the Yenching University library a number of books, and I think possibly this relationship might be continued as a more or less permanent one if we worked out some plan so that the books secured will be worth while. Dr. Paine suggested that he would be able to give the books, but would not be able to pay transportation on them to China. Of course there is the danger of getting a lot of material that is not worth while and therefore we will have to safeguard the payment of freight on material that may simply be something to occupy our shelves and not of any great use.

I am therefore writing this letter to you and sending a copy to the librarian in order that we may have some more or less concrete suggestions as to the nature of the books which you prefer, and the subjects to be represented. Dr. Paine suggested that textbooks, books of general literature, and sometimes other books might be available because of duplication in their library.

I would suggest that the librarian, after consultation with you and others concerned, write directly to Dr. Paine, sending me a copy, making the communication very definite as to what is desired. I can then follow this up in any way that may seem desirable in the light of conditions.

This same proposition came to us during my consultation with the librarian in Cincinnati, and I think it likely that most of the larger libraries would be in a position to do a similar thing for us in case we wish to follow it up to that extent. I would first, however, prefer to have the experiment made with these two libraries already suggested and see just how far the result would be satisfactory.

Hoping that we may hear from this suggestion at an early date while Dr. Paine's interest is still fresh, I am,

Very sincerely,

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January 23, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

During my stay in Boston I was able to visit Miss Ada Louise Comstock, president of Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Massachusetts. I discussed with her the possibility of some form of cooperation with Yenching, but learned that Radcliffe is already tied up with Kobe College in Japan.

I discussed with her also the possibility of some fellowship open to Yenching women which might provide for a student for certain phases of graduate work. She tells me that the graduate work at Radcliffe is conducted together with the work on the same subject at Harvard - with the same instructors - and that the students work together.

The amount available for such a fellowship it seems would be adequate to cover board, room, and tuition, and Dr. Comstock would be very glad to receive applications from any Yenching woman student who might come with the recommendations of the Yenching authorities.

I asked for application blanks and for general information concerning these fellowships, and I am sending you under separate cover some printed material and two or three application blanks. I believe that any applicant from Yenching for this fellowship would receive sympathetic consideration.

Will you kindly refer this matter to those interested who will follow the matter up, and I would be glad to be kept informed of the action taken.

Very sincerely,

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Nathaniel Gist Gee

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Yenching University

January 25, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

On December 26th I received a letter from Harper & Matthews, of which I enclose a copy herewith. At that time we raised a question with the executor regarding the type of power of attorney desired and the method of making the formal application.

As our attorneys have not been able to get any definite statement from him covering these points, we are taking the course usually pursued, and have drawn up forms which have in the past covered similar situations. I might say that Mr. Matthews has written to the executor, Mr. Robbins B. Stoeckel, stating what he is doing, and has received no objection to this procedure. They feel confident that it will prove satisfactory.

If you have sufficient confidence in me to carry on in this capacity, I should be very happy to do it. It is quite possible, however, you will prefer to have someone else act in this capacity for you. In that case, kindly have the enclosed papers changed accordingly.

For your encouragement and information, we have been led to understand that there are sufficient funds to pay the legacies as outlined in the will, although the executor will make no definite statement and will give no list of the amount. I sincerely trust that this will prove true.

You will note that the reasons for delay are to get an adjustment of taxes and to gather together all the information necessary before a bill is finally settled. I await your reply with interest.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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January 23, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

With the increasing difficulty of securing contributions from individuals, I have been trying to explore some means of getting college connections and to cultivate those about which I already have information.

While in Boston I had an interesting discussion with Dean Chase on the question of the availability of the Harvard Alumni as a source of support for some phase of work in Yenching. He expressed rather grave doubts though promised to look into the matter somewhat and get reactions from any officials of the Alumni Association that he might be able to contact.

I discussed this same question with Mr. Shattuck, Harvard treasurer, and got his reaction, a very positive one, against such a move. He stated that President Lowell had always considered the Harvard Alumni as reserved especially for Harvard and he was quite sure that the general opinion would be against their taking on foreign interests.

Dean Donham was out of the city and I did not have opportunity to discuss this subject with him. I shall let matters go now until I hear something from Dean Chase. If he drops the matter I shall take it for granted that he considers the thing unwise.

While in Boston I also had opportunity to discuss with the American Board treasurer, Mr. Belcher, the possibility of our receiving a gift of \$20,000 toward the Yenching University dormitory for women after the death of a donor who has given this sum of money and is to have an annuity from it during his lifetime. The man is eighty-one years of age just now. He designated that the money must be used for buildings which were needed and that the building must be made a memorial to him and his wife, and also that a portion of the money necessary for the building should be provided from other sources. I am putting in a formal application for

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the maximum amount allowed, \$20,000, for a women's dormitory at Yenching when these funds become available. Mr. Belcher told me that he saw no reason why such a gift might not come from the American Board. You will kindly keep this in mind as it may be several years before this fund becomes available.

We have small gifts dribbling in from time to time. Very little new money is being found, but Dr. Young and I hope to spend a month extensively covering Philadelphia, New York in some spots, and New Jersey, soliciting funds to meet our current budget.

Very sincerely,

Nathaniel Gist Gee

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February 2, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Thank you for your letter of December 31st enclosing notes concerning your Christmas season at Yenching. We are having this mimeographed as you suggest and sending it to the Board of Trustees and also to a few friends who are especially interested in such matters. We will also send a copy of the Hymn to Dr. Maurer.

I am just in from the last of the conferences with the Associated Boards and the earlier impressions concerning which I have already written you are more strongly confirmed than ever. This seems to me to have been a glorification of Fukien Christian University through the fact that Dr. Lin was the only Chinese man who was with us during the whole series of meetings. As you will see from the publicity which we are sending you, he was given all the newspaper prominence and also the best speaking engagements in practically all the conferences. Fukien's proportion of the expenses of these conferences is, of course, quite small. Certainly if such a series of conferences is ever arranged again we must have an outstanding member of our Chinese staff to accompany the party. I have very grave doubts as to anything of permanent value coming to Yenching out of these conferences as they were conducted. When the expense accounts are all in I shall see that you have copies for whatever use you may wish to make of them.

We have been using the Million Dollar Endowment Campaign in China to impress people here with the fact that we are appealing to the Chinese as well as to Americans for the support of the University work. Wherever I have an opportunity to discuss the question I strongly urge that this has no immediate relief value since it will take years to educate China up to the point of giving as liberally as they should.

The financial situation here as I see it is still quite gloomy. We had hoped there might be a pick-up in the early part of the year but up to the present this has not become a reality. The New York Stock Market continues to show the general feeling of depression - at least in this region. We are told that in certain areas it is improving.

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February 5, 1935

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I have looked over rather hurriedly the proposal for an Institute of Rural Administration in North China affiliated with Yenching University, which you were kind enough to leave with me. I am looking forward to discussing this with you when I come to Peiping. I note that the proposed budget for 1935-36 totals \$90,000, and I am wondering if it is anticipated that the salaries of the staff of the Institute be paid entirely independently of the Department of Public Affairs of the University. In other words, if these salaries are to be paid entirely from the budget of the proposed Institute, this would mean a corresponding reduction in the item of salaries in the budget of the Department of Public Affairs. I realize that you indicated that the budget attached to the proposal which you left with me did not necessarily have your approval.

Just what form of cooperation, if any, that we can work out during my coming visit to Peiping is of course obscure at the moment. I think I failed to emphasize to you when you were here that the entire amount of money available for the new Chinese program is very small, and it is by no means certain that even if we can work out together a program that we can supply the entire amount of money which you might be anticipating. Doctor Grant informs me that in a recent interview with you, you indicated that you were hoping for U.S.\$30,000 for the Department of Public Affairs, U.S.\$20,000 for the Institute of Rural Administration, and U.S.\$12,500 for the Department of Science. This would total U.S.\$62,500, a sum distinctly beyond our present possibilities. The financial situation of the Foundation is distinctly worse than when I ~~felt~~ left for America in January 1933, and we are forced to face reductions in all lines. In fact, the Foundation has found it necessary to abandon its cooperation in certain important fields.

I am writing you about this matter so that between now and the time I arrive you can take into more serious consideration the financial implications.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Selskar M. Gunn
Vice President
The Rockefeller Foundation

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 6 1935

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS

"YENTA"

Dr. N. Gist Gee
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Gee:

I returned here the day before yesterday after an absence of something over three weeks. I have before me letters from you dated between December 13 and 31.

I note with much concern but with no great surprise the comments regarding the joint campaign and the plans for the Associated Boards. Having protested as strongly as I knew how against this whole policy and been overruled by the Trustees, there is not much more that I can say or do. I hope, however, that you will use your own judgment in pointing out the high cost to us and the disproportionate share. It does seem that something ought to be done to cut down this double expense.

I note also the unfortunate episode in Milwaukee but can throw no light whatever on the Miss Phelps who appeared to be collecting money in our name.

I saw Mr. Gunn in Shanghai last week soon after his arrival. He is coming here about the 20th of this month, intending to stay three or four weeks and to go into details with us. I ascertained that his attitude to us is essentially unchanged and thought it better to follow his own preference of postponing any discussion of definite sums of money until he would be more unhurried and in the atmosphere here. My chief concern is as to whether Natural Science will have any place in his program. I shall of course report promptly the outcome.

What I have written before regarding our efforts in China describes a situation not unlike the one in the States. American silver legislation has added one more factor to the increasingly serious economic depression which is being felt more and more throughout this country. Our natural constituency will be our own old students and their friends and the small number of men in public life or in business who have money and can be personally cultivated.

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Dr. N. Gist Gee

February 6 1935

The traditions of centuries must be transformed. All of this will take time and will probably cost more in the next few years than the interest on cash receipts, which is all that we are planning to use. Of course there is always the possibility of securing some large gift, but that cannot be part of our calculation. Meanwhile the grant from the Ministry of Education can be thought of as the income from one million dollars, and as long as that continues we have this direct benefit from the publicising of our needs and of our desire for Chinese assistance. The stimulus that has been given to strengthening the bonds with our old students and form in them habits of contributing, together with the general cultivation, are all to the good, but it seems that in both countries we are doomed to at least a period of costly and unprofitable cultivation. This is an attempt to put before you in realistic terms the situation here.

More specifically, regarding Journalism - which apparently must secure funds locally or be discontinued - Hubert Liang is now out on a trip from which he will be back in a week or so. He attempted to secure an endowment from Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang of \$50,000, toward which the \$15,000 already promised over a three-year period could be counted. The Young Marshal felt unable to do that but promised instead to make an annual contribution of \$5,000, without time limit, as long as he would be in a position to do so. He even agreed that he might advance these annual gifts as we had special need. We shall therefore not attempt to fund his gifts until the present urgency is relieved. If we can secure one or two other large gifts, these with smaller annual pledges will carry us through the next year or two. Otherwise we may give up the struggle and liquidate the Department as best we can next summer.

In regard to the return of Nash to America after next summer, I am tending to feel that it would be better to keep him here for the following reasons. Assuming his efforts would be successful, we would have the travel of himself and family both ways across the Pacific and that of the proposed substitute from Missouri. This latter item might not be saved for us but it enters to some extent into the picture. If we are to carry on here Nash has a much better understanding of conditions than any American visitor could possibly have. Hubert Liang has not established himself sufficiently, either on academic grounds or otherwise, to hold the confidence of faculty administration and the students. Judging by all the correspondence awaiting me here, the prospects of getting substantial contributions in America are still uncertain. Would it not be safer for you to work closely with the Missouri men in these efforts - at least until things have so much improved that Nash could come over, or possibly I myself, to finish up what the rest of you had gotten well started? In other words, granting that there would be some advantage which Nash would have over you and the Missouri friends, is this sufficient to justify both the increased expense and the injury to departmental work?

Very sincerely yours,

Sheighton Stewart

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YENCHING

February 7, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

This letter is to report progress in our negotiations with the Harvard-Yenching Institute and the Rockefeller Foundation to secure permission to use the Harvard-Yenching Institute's \$12,500 this year for the general budget, and to count the contribution of the Chinese government as meeting the conditions of the Rockefeller Foundation appropriation for Natural Science. Dr. North has informed us that the Harvard-Yenching Institute is agreeable to this proposal if it is also satisfactory to the Rockefeller Foundation.

Dr. North and I arranged a conference with Dr. Hanson of the Rockefeller Foundation several days ago, and hoped that we could send final word to you before this. But Dr. Hanson has been absent from his office for about a week with a case of influenza and Dr. North is just leaving for a trip which will keep him away from the city for a matter of ten days. I am afraid, therefore, that it may be as much as a fortnight before the three of us can get together. So far as I can see now a brief conversation should clear the matter up satisfactorily.

In order to avoid delay we will send you a wire immediately after the conference reporting the decision reached. I am sending along this letter so that you will have these fuller details as soon as possible.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:MP

February 7, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Doctor Stuart:

Yesterday morning I called on Dr. Joseph Chamberlain of Columbia University and he gave us a check for \$500 for the Princeton-Yenching Foundation.

Yesterday afternoon I called on Miss Candace C. Stimson and she likewise gave us a check for \$500 toward our annual budget.

In the evening I had the pleasure of running in to see Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson. Dr. Thompson as you know has recently been in the hospital with heart trouble but has gradually recovered and hopes to be about his normal activities before very much longer.

In my conversation with Dr. Thompson I discussed the subject of Mr. Price and his work at Yenching and I think it likely he will continue his annual contribution for the support of Mr. Price. I think it might be well for Mr. Price to drop Dr. and Mrs. Thompson a letter of appreciation for what they have done and that this letter contain something of his varied activities on the campus there. A note from you also stressing the importance of Mr. and Mrs. Price's presence on the faculty would I am sure be helpful. The letters should be addressed to Dr. and Mrs. Thompson. After a short time I shall approach them definitely for a promise of the renewal of this support for the coming academic year.

I am enclosing with this a copy of a letter which Dr. Thompson is sending out to his many friends and which he requested that I forward to you.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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February 8, 1935

Mr. E. M. McBrier, Treasurer
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Sir:

It is with deep regret, but I consider it necessary to inform you at once, that there seems to be no possibility of your receiving any money now or ever from the Torrence Fund on the representations of Dr. Chester E. Jenney.

I have not been able to discover evidence of any existing fund or trust.

I am writing this letter to you at the earliest possible moment in order that you may know the facts in this matter.

My brother is in the hospital and is suffering from a severe nervous breakdown. I shall be able to give you a physician's diagnosis sometime next week.

I wish to say again that I regret to write you to this effect, but feel that I should inform you in order that you may be aware of the situation as it really exists.

Very sincerely yours,

Ray Freeman Jenney

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February 8, 1935

Dear Dr. Stuart,

I am acknowledging your personal note of January 17th regarding the Jenkins Estate, and will proceed as you have instructed.

Without any cessation of activity or interest, the lawyers have continued their responsibility, and meanwhile we have mailed you forms of power of attorney which seemed to best fit the situation.

Since writing that letter I have had another telephone conversation with Mr. Matthews, who feels confident that the form drawn up will be satisfactory, as a later communication from the executor of the estate raises no objection. One cannot tell, however, what the courts will do, or upon what technicalities objections may be based. I shall continue to act in any required capacity until I receive your answer to my recent letter.

I am in communication with Jack regarding his requirements for the coming year, and will let you know more definitely when we reach some understanding.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

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February 9 1935

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

Dr. N. Gist Gee
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Gee:

I am enclosing herewith the text of a letter to be sent out to our Advisory Council and such other people as you may wish to include. The form used in New York for the last letter seemed so attractive, both because of the typically Yenching designs and the better printing, that we should like to try for once the experiment of having this done in New York for the whole list rather than here. Since the people on this list have already received envelopes with Chinese stamps, that particular touch of novelty is not important. We should like to have you give us an estimate of the cost of printing and stamping, together with whatever extra office expense is involved other than the staff you would have anyhow. We can then compare this with the cost here as a guide for future mailings. Meanwhile we shall of course have your own opinion as to the policy for the future.

I am enclosing a personal mailing list to whom I should like to have copies of this letter sent. It may be that some of these duplicate the office lists, but you can have this checked. This personal list includes, as you will note, a good many names of people in no sense personal friends of mine but those whom I have met in promotional work. A few, on the other hand, are entirely personal, but you could take out of the personal list and transfer to the others those whom you will recognize as University friends.

I am also enclosing a letter written by Miss Wood to be sent out to people interested in the School of Religion, as you requested in your letter to Dean Chao dated June 1. You will know how to use this.

Very sincerely yours,

Sheigton Stewart

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Dr. N. Gist Gee
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Gee:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter just received from Mr. Gunn. As you will note, the prospects for our receiving enough through him to meet the various units which have been depending upon this source is not very reassuring.

It would seem almost certain, for one thing, that we cannot retain E.O. Wilson upon our faculty unless some special source of support can be found for him. Could you not take up promptly and vigorously with Mr. Albert Scott the proposal that he organize a group for this purpose? His field is industrial chemistry and he is really ready to put into effect the projects which J.B. Tayler conceives, being thus almost more useful than Tayler himself. As you know, we have recently received a grant from the British Boxer Indemnity Trustees for a ceramics project. If Wilson does not stay with us we shall be forced to refuse this grant, with the consequent loss not only to ourselves but to an undertaking full of promise to a trade which has suffered much in the recent changes. The fact that Wilson is now at home might make it easier to interest such a group in his support. It might be well to cable if anything develops definitely either way in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

J. H. Stewart

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YENCHING

February 13, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

We are sorry to have to report a serious break-down in the health of Dr. Chester E. Jenney. It seems that the case is of such a nature as to mean that he will not be able to render any further assistance to our Yenching promotional work.

Ever since Dr. Jenney established his first connection with us we have all recognized him as an extremely eccentric individual, but have borne with his eccentricities because of his unquestioned abilities and his great devotion to our cause. During the last year or two these eccentricities have grown somewhat more pronounced, but we have been inclined to treat the Doctor with more tact than ever because of our hopes that Yenching and the other China Colleges might in time receive substantial sums from the "Torrence Fund" of which Dr. Jenney was supposed to be one of three trustees.

Early in January Dr. Jenney called me over to the Pennsylvania Hotel, where he introduced me to a young woman whom he told me had been made the Executive Secretary of this Fund, and had also been elected as a third trustee to succeed one of the original three who had recently died. At that time he also said that the trustees had appropriated \$5,000 each to Yenching and Lingnan. He told me that the trustees were asking a certain man who would soon be starting out to China to inspect all of our Colleges while there and to make a report to the trustees which they would use in determining final appropriations.

At the time I saw Dr. Jenney he was obviously quite ill, the result, he told me, of a case of influenza aggravated by several days of travel on the business of the Torrence Fund. He returned to his home in Lockport that night and since then we have been receiving reports of his serious illness, with a threat of a recurrence of the serious nervous break-down he experienced while a pastor in St. Louis about a decade ago.

On Monday of this week we received from his brother Dr. Ray Jenney, who is a pastor in Syracuse and whom you possibly know, the startling letter of which we attach a copy hereto.

Dr. Ray Jenney came to the office in person today and told us in full detail just what has happened.

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About ten days ago legal counsel representing various individuals to whom Dr. Jenney has made promises on behalf of the "Torrence Fund" came to Dr. Jenney after making some exhaustive investigations, and told him that in their judgment such a fund had never existed. The shock of this announcement threw him into such a state that psychiatrists were called in. Their formal diagnosis has not yet been announced, but it is their general opinion that he has for some time been afflicted by a developing case of paranoia, manifesting itself in various "delusions of grandeur" of which the "Torrence Fund" seems to have been the most startling. The indications now are that Dr. Jenney will probably have to receive permanent institutional care.

Dr. Ray Jenney's investigations have shown that a great many level headed individuals around over the country have been convinced of the reality of Dr. Jenney's statements with regard to the "Torrence Fund". But at no point has there been any indication that Dr. Jenney has used this "Fund" for his own personal benefit. On the other hand he has apparently been dispersing from his own limited personal resources somewhere between \$5,000 and \$15,000 which he gave as coming from this source. The whole case is a very disturbing one, and we are all anxious to do what we can to avoid any further difficulties for Dr. Jenney and his family. We are also anxious to do what we can to shield Dr. Ray Jenney from any unmerited injury over the affair. He has for some time been under a tremendously heavy strain, and is doing everything humanly possible to clear up the entanglements created by Dr. Chester's delusions. We feel deeply sympathetic for them both, and for the members of their families.

So far as Yenching University is concerned, we feel that Dr. Jenney has served us well, and that he has given us more than a fair quid pro quo. We have always guarded ourselves from placing much reliance upon any gifts from this fund of which he has talked so much of late, for we have learned from sad experience that one dare not rely on pledges until they are actually cash in the bank. We are more concerned about some of the recent contacts Dr. Jenney has told us he has made, and which we have been hoping would eventually be productive of substantial sums to the University. I am afraid that we will find that some or all of these promises of which he has told us will likewise prove unreal. We will have to see that tactful inquiries are made as opportunities offer, to discover just what the actual facts are. For the sake of Yenching University as well as Dr. Jenney and all the members of his family, we will give these matters as little publicity as possible. We will keep you informed of any further developments which may occur.

Very sincerely yours,

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Dr. Gee
Mr. McBrier

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February 16, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I have delayed writing you concerning Dr. Chester E. Jenney since Mr. Garside, who has had the personal contacts with Dr. Ray Jenney, agreed to write you and give me a copy of his letter. This copy, dated February 13th, is now in my hands.

Earlier, through Dr. Shenton of the Macy Foundation with whom I have been in contact several times recently, I had learned that there was such a thing as a Torrence or Keystone Fund. I was told that a Mrs. Torrence from near Pittsburgh had turned over to Dr. C. E. Jenney and two other trustees a sum amounting to twenty odd million dollars for distribution at an early date for purposes of religious work. I was also informed that an office was being opened on Madison Avenue and I immediately went there to investigate. The superintendent of the building had heard rumors of the fund and had been receiving mail for it but had finally returned all mail to the senders.

When I got back to the office after this investigation I found that Dr. Ray Jenney had been in following the letter which he had written to Mr. McBrier, Mr. Wannamaker, and Mr. Garside. Mr. Garside's letter tells you of the result of this interview. It is certainly a very sad situation. I have felt all along in my contacts with Dr. Jenney, however, that he was an abnormal man, especially for a minister.

The hardest blow comes to us, however, not in the loss of the \$5000.00 which we had hoped might come to us from Dr. Jenney and which I had not counted at all as a possibility until the money was actually received, for I had not had a very strong confidence in Dr. Jenney's reports of money secured, but because I am pretty sure now that there is nothing to his story that we have a sum of \$100,000 for Yenching in Mrs. Laughlin's will. Recently Mr. Wannamaker happened to be in Philadelphia and called on Mrs. Laughlin's secretary and she stated she knew nothing of such a thing, and stated also that she was quite sure that Mrs. Laughlin was not in a position at the present time to make gifts of that kind. In fact, she could not now even help us with a small subscription. I think we need not count at all on this.

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I doubt very much also the statements which Dr. Jenney has been making concerning a gift from Mrs. Marmon. I fear this will have to be put in the same category as some of his other imaginings. I am starting out soon, however, with Dr. S. P. Young on a month's trip which will take me to the western part of Pennsylvania and I shall then run over to see Mrs. Marmon personally and find out just what the situation is. Her letter to you indicated that she was not in a position to help at the present time. I am also at a very serious loss to know how to proceed in the case of Mr. Webster, of Boston. Dr. Jenney was always so secretive in his plans that no one knew just what the situation was. I shall consult with our Promotion Committee and then follow their judgment in this case.

I am hoping to be in Plainfield, New Jersey before the end of next week and shall certainly make it a point to try to see Miss Langer through Mrs. Mead.

As I wrote you a few days ago, I have talked with Mr. Eldridge and he told me that the last time he saw Mrs. McLean's will Yenching was in it for a nice grant. He did not recall the figure definitely but thought it was \$100,000 or \$200,000. He was vague, however, about the amount. As I wrote you, he agreed for me to come up to dinner with them one evening before very long. I called on Mrs. McLean two or three weeks ago but failed to see her since she was ill in bed. I had a nice talk with her secretary, and sent Mrs. McLean some new bits of literature.

I am hoping that between now and the end of this year we may be able to find some gifts of a larger size than those received up to the present time. I am planning to spend a month with Dr. Young seeing some of our most important prospects in this immediate region and throughout the state of Pennsylvania. If there is anything peculiar in his technique I hope to be able to learn this, though I am of the opinion that most of the large gifts come as a result of rather long cultivation and the building up of a confidence, not only in our work but in the individual among us who represents it.

With every good wish, I am,

Very sincerely,

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cc sent to Mr. McBrier



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PEIPING, CHINA.

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am enclosing herewith an action unanimously passed yesterday by our Faculty Executive Committee. In all there were six delegates from Yenching, all of whom joined in signing this except Y.P. Mei, who felt that he was not there as a Yenching representative. The others were the Acting Chancellor, Dean Speer, P.C. Hsu and T.T. Lew. With the exception of the last-named and myself, the others attended the council for the first time and thus had an opportunity to form their own impressions without undue influence.

It perhaps should be added that several members of this Committee asked in the course of the discussion whether there was any chance of further protest from us having any avail in regard to the joint campaign now being conducted in the States. My reply was that I could see no such hope in view of what had been done last year. Both because of the negative results here and the reports that reach us of the campaign itself, it is very hard upon us to know that we are paying by all odds the largest share in the maintenance of this campaign when we are being compelled to make reductions that are more and more seriously affecting our real work here. We realize, of course, that we are helpless to do anything about it, but you ought to know the general sentiment.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. B.A. Garside
Secretary
McBrier Foundation Committee
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am writing to request this Committee to consider again the case of Dr. P.C. Hstü.

As I have written you previously, he had expected to spend the coming academic year on leave of absence from us in Japan, with all his expenses specially provided from that source. For some reason which we cannot understand he has had no reply to his last letter, written three months ago asking for a confirmation of this arrangement. The intimacy of his friendship with Professor Ariga of Doshisha University, with whom he has been in correspondence, is of such a nature that it is inconceivable that he would ignore such a letter. We are inclined to feel, therefore, that there is some explanation of Japanese censorship or an accident in the mails rather than that the plan he has had in mind cannot be carried out.

If, however, the contrary proves to be the case, would the Committee consider providing for Dr. Hstü's salary here? I have just received the following letter of resignation from him:

"In view of the great financial difficulty in which the University and the School of Religion find themselves, I beg, after much prayerful consideration, to tender my resignation, which if granted will terminate my term of service at the end of June.

"Though I have taken this step with a keen sense of regret, it is not without consolation for me to feel that in so doing I am doing my part to relieve the authorities from anxiety."

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Mr. B.A. Garside

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He has had this in mind for some time and has not taken this action previously because he had been counting on the Japan plan, and we had made it very clear that this would only be a leave of absence and that we wanted him to stay permanently at Yenching. It had been made no less clear to him, however, that our financial outlook for next year was such that we could not possibly keep him on the faculty of the School of Religion.

I should like to refer you to my previous letters regarding his value to our religious life, rather than repeat those comments. The present proposal would differ somewhat from the previous one in that we are asking for his full-time salary in order that he may be full-time available for religious work in the whole institution. Any such person brought here from elsewhere for such a purpose would in our judgment gain in his standing and influence if he taught some classes and had a definite academic status, and it would seem inexplicable both to Dr. Hsü and to others here if that were refused. While I agree in that judgment, I am so anxious to keep Dr. Hsu here that if the only possible way to satisfy the conscience of the members of the Committee would be on the stipulation that he have no such classes, I would urge him to agree to stay on those terms, although I seriously doubt whether he would be willing to do so.

Treating the problem from another standpoint, one strong reason in my mind for maintaining our School of Religion has been its spiritual value to the institution as a whole. Owing to diminution of American funds, it is being reduced to a very small remnant of what it once was. We shall probably have to let Dr. J.F. Li go, even from the fourth time service which has been retained so far. This means that Dean T.C. Chao will be literally the only person on the budget of the School itself. T.T. Lew, under the American Board, is counted as half-time; Dr. de Vargas may be back next year; Mr. Wiant will be on furlough, and we shall still have Miss Wood. The number of those who can help actively in religious work is correspondingly reduced and the resources of the University are being strained to keep the rest of the units going at all.

Here is the man whom I would probably select from all China for this special type of work, and doubtless with the endorsement of any committee of the faculty. In fact this proposal already has the approval of the School of Religion faculty and the special committee of our Faculty Executive Committee which

Mr. B.A. Garside

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has been asked to deal with matters concerning this Fund. The only resources we have available is a fund created for this very purpose, and yet there seems to be a strange disposition to disapprove of such a use. A rather ironical situation has thus been created.

Dr. Hstü's salary is \$3,240 local currency, which with rental, medical and annuity charges amounts to a total of \$4,180 local currency.

May I ask that the Committee meet as soon as possible and cable its decision regarding this request? If Dr. Hstü does not go to Japan and this action is negative, we shall probably lose him to one of the other agencies which is eager to have his services. It is therefore for the Committee to decide whether it desires to take advantage of this opportunity.

I have not yet had your reply regarding the proposal to invite Mr. Cheng Shao-huai. His budget and this one together with the scholarships requested may not be more than the Committee would want to allow us next year. I hear indirectly, however, that some members of the English Presbyterian Mission are strongly opposing the release of Mr. Cheng for next year, and in any case we should much prefer to have Dr. Hstü. Mr. Cheng was thought of only as a substitute because of his expected departure for Japan.

Very sincerely yours,

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Yenching and the Correlated Program after
the recent Meeting of the Council of Christian Higher Education

The Faculty Executive Committee after listening to the report of its delegates feels compelled with no slight sense of disappointment to record its judgment that there seems to be as yet no sufficient reason for withdrawing from the position taken in the Statement presented to the Council at its meeting of a year ago. We are happy to be able to testify to a general spirit of friendliness and goodwill among the representatives of all the Christian colleges, as well as to their serious interest in the problem of correlation. It is a pleasure also to express our admiration for the patience and the persistence with which Dr. Cressy continues his efforts, and for his un-failing kindness and optimism. It is encouraging also to record some progress in the avoidance of duplication in classes between the universities and women's colleges in Nanking and Foochow. But the fine spirited, capable leadership in these institutions combined with the increasing economic distress from which we are all suffering might be expected to bring about such adjustments without the elaborate machinery and the repeated conferences on both sides of the Pacific. The proposal that Soochow University and Hangchow College conduct only junior college work in their present plants and look forward to new extensions for senior colleges to be established on sites within the University of Shanghai area, is also an evidence of efforts to find a practicable solution and may be the only one of this nature for the present. But it involves very substantial initial expenditures for plant and continuing costs for operation and maintenance, even though there may be reduction in courses now being duplicated. This proposal seems to us, however, to be contrary to the basic purpose of the proposed correlation which is to reduce the already over-expanded program of our whole group of institutions into a more unified scheme that would tend toward economy rather than costly expansion. At best it is again a local arrangement between certain institutions which remain virtually as unrelated and autonomous as hitherto. We were unable to discern any indications of progress toward such a truly comprehensive reorganization of Christian Higher Education as alone would - in our opinion - justify the assertion that a correlated program exists among our Christian institutions or the promotion of a joint financial campaign on their behalf in the United States. If, with the still unrelieved economic depression in America, the hopelessness of adequate financing in China, and the challenge to improve the quality and the vocational emphasis of our work, we all continue to prefer to remain essentially as we are and mutually independent, it would seem desirable frankly to recognize this and to become an Association of Christian Colleges and Universities which is what we really are. We would then occupy the time of our meetings in the discussion of common problems, such as religious activities at this last meeting, with beneficial results and the strengthening of friendly cooperation.

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The recent meeting of the Council of Christian Higher Education
and the related program after

The recently executive Committee after listening to the report of the committee which compiled with no slight sense of disappointment the report its judgment that there seems to be no yet no sufficient reason for withdrawing from the position taken in the statement presented to the Council at the meeting of a year ago. We are happy to be able to testify to a general spirit of friendliness and goodwill among the representatives of all the Christian colleges, as well as to their common interest in the program of cooperation. It is a pleasure also to express our admiration for the patience and the persistence with which Dr. Cressy continues his efforts, and for his unflinching kindness and optimism. It is encouraging also to record some progress in the avoidance of duplication in classes between the universities and women's colleges in America and elsewhere. But the time will be needed for these institutions combined with the increasing economic distress from which we are all suffering might be expected to bring about such adjustments without the slightest hesitancy and the suggested conference on both sides of the Atlantic. The proposed inter-collegiate university and language college conduct this matter which work in their present plans and look forward to new extensions for which colleges to be established on sites within the University of Chicago area, in also an evidence of efforts to find a practical solution and may be the only one of this nature for the present. But it involves very substantial initial expenses, large for plant and continuing costs for operation and maintenance, even though there may be reduction in courses now being duplicated. This proposal seems to me, however, to be contrary to the whole purpose of the proposed correlation which is to reduce the already over-expanded program of our whole group of institutions into a more unified scheme that would tend toward economy rather than costly expansion. At the same time it is again a local arrangement between certain institutions which remain virtually uncoordinated and autonomous as institutions. It seems to me to obscure any indications of progress toward such a truly comprehensive organization of Christian higher education as some would - in our opinion - justify the suggestion of that a correlated program exists among our Christian institutions or the promotion of a joint financial campaign on their behalf in the United States. If, with the still unrelieved economic depression in America, the independence of separate financing in China, and the challenge to improve the quality and the vocational emphasis of our work, we all continue to prefer to remain essentially as we are and mutually independent, it would seem desirable finally to re-organize this and to become an Association of Christian Colleges and Universities which is what we really are. We would then occupy the time of our meeting in the discussion of common problems and religious activities at this last meeting, with best wishes for the strengthening of friendly cooperation.

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President J. L. Stuart,
Yenching University,
Peiping, China.

Dear Dr. Stuart,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of our Yenching Executive Committee held on January 31st. Fifteen copies of these minutes were sent you a week ago for field distribution, but I failed to get this covering letter off at the same time.

Reorganization of Board of Managers. We are notifying the cooperating Mission Boards of the proposed amendment, and are asking them to take action thereon. The notice is also being sent to the Board of Trustees, in preparation for the Annual Meeting, as required by the section of the constitution dealing with amendments.

The Section requested Mr. Barber to write you on this matter, incorporating in his letter various aspects of the Committee's discussion which it was not considered desirable to incorporate in the minutes themselves. A copy of Mr. Barber's letter is also to be sent to Dr. Scott and Dr. Fairfield, though I fear that this material may arrive too late to catch them before they leave Peiping.

Since the other documents enclosed with your letter of December 10th appear to be only preliminary drafts of proposed constitution and by-laws of the Board of Managers they are technically not yet in form for official action by the Trustees. But if we wait until the Managers have taken official action, it will be too late for the Trustees to give any effective expression of opinion. So perhaps the Trustees will wish to make at least some "unofficial" comments.

Promotional Matters. Mr. McBrier wrote me from California that he wished to write you on certain promotional matters discussed by the Committee, and no doubt he is doing so.

President Vinson's resignation was received with regret, but there seemed no alternative save that of acceptance. Dr. Vinson has never been active on the Board, and it was the Committee's judgment that he would probably be more happily situated as a member of the Advisory Council rather than as a Trustee.

Very cordially yours,

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President J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

At its meeting on January 31st our Yenching Executive Committee asked me, as Chairman of the Committee, to write you a summary of the Committee's discussion concerning the reorganization of the Board of Managers.

We all appreciate the difficulties you encounter in your efforts to secure approval from the Board of Trustees on matters where conditions on the field require you to act promptly. Often, without anyone being to blame, the Trustees find themselves in the position of having to ratify some proposal long after it has become an accomplished fact. We realize that in the present instance the Trustees have been unusually slow in taking action on the reorganization of the Managers proposed at the Annual Meeting of that Board on June 23rd, 1934, and described to us first in your letter of June 25th. Normally, the meeting of the Yenching Trustees is held during the autumn, but this year it was impracticable for various reasons to hold such a meeting, and the matter had therefore had to be held over.

The Executive Committee, did, however, express its regret that the field has found it necessary to carry out certain features of the reorganization of the Board of Managers without first securing an expression of judgment from the Board of Trustees, formulated after we had had time to consult with the Mission Boards cooperating in the University. The reduction from eight to four of the representation from the participating missionary bodies on our Yenching Board of Managers is a fundamental change in the general plan upon which the University has been founded and maintained, and we should not make it without giving all the participating groups an opportunity to express their frank and unhurried views. This necessarily takes time. The Yenching Trustees cannot amend the Section of our Constitution defining the composition of the Board of Managers without obtaining the approval of a majority of the cooperating Boards. This is a slow process even when everyone is agreed as to the desirability of a proposed amendment, and when there is any marked difference of opinion, still more time is

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required. The Executive Committee pointed out that it would apparently have been possible to carry out the instructions of the Chinese Ministry of Education reducing the membership of the Board of Managers from twenty-one to fifteen by the comparatively simple process of discontinuing the five University representatives (which are dropped in the proposed reorganization anyway), and leaving one of the coopted positions unfilled, thus not disturbing the representations from missionary bodies until we had had time to consult with our participating Mission Boards.

We recognize that under the present process it is sometimes difficult to secure as representatives of the various Mission bodies outstanding Chinese men and women. We do fear, however, that the other alternative of reducing missionary representation to four members - all of whom are to be appointed only after consultation with the University authorities - and having all the remaining eleven coopted members, will create more numerous and more perplexing problems than it will solve. The Executive Committee would have preferred that our Board of Managers adopt one or the other of the following alternatives: -

First, that the representation of the participating missionary groups on the Board of Managers be defined somewhat as follows:-

"The bodies which founded the University shall appoint eight members, at least four of whom shall be Chinese, and all of whom shall be appointed according to a process to be mutually agreed upon"; or

Second, that the representation of the cooperating missionary bodies remain at four as the managers proposed, but that four other members be appointed by the Chinese Christian Churches which are now growing up to carry forward the work originally begun by the four cooperating Mission bodies. These four representatives from the Chinese Churches could, of course, be selected after consultation between the University and the bodies concerned, in the same way as the representatives of the Missionary group.

Under either of these two alternatives a majority of the Board of Managers would still be representatives of the Christian forces carrying on the University. This, we believe, would be a much more wholesome arrangement than that of having a Board where seventy per cent of the members are coopted, and where the representation of the supporting Christian groups is so small that there is danger of their losing their interest and their sense of responsibility for maintaining and supporting Yenching.

The Annual Meeting of the Yenching Trustees will be held about May 16th. This will give you time to send us the views and recommendations of the field on these important questions. The Yenching Trustees, are as always, anxious to cooperate with the field to the best of their ability, and do not wish to obstruct developments which you on the field having a greater familiarity with all the circumstances involved find to be necessary. On the other hand, the Trustees are responsible to the Mission Boards which have created the institution to guard against any major change

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in policy which not only would be contrary to the principles upon which the University has been carried on, but also would jeopardize much of the support the institution is now receiving.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Wm. George G. Barber

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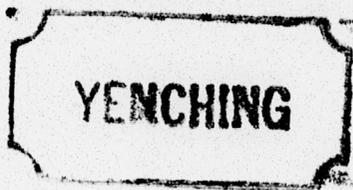
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Mr. B.A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am enclosing herewith a communication which I trust will arrive in plenty of time to reach the Trustees before their annual meeting.

I have called a meeting of the Board of Managers a week from today, at which time we shall have the budget acted upon as far as can be done with present information about income.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Hightower

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Dr. N. Gist Gee
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Gee:

I shall not attempt to comment on all the material in your recent letters, but can assure you that it has all been read with interest.

Mr. Gunn arrived in Peiping the end of last week and I had a chat with him, more in regard to making plans for the future than on definite decisions. He gets back tomorrow night from Tingsien and we are to have a preliminary conference the following morning. He has been greatly impressed with Leonard Hsu's grasp of the whole problem of rural reconstruction, so much so that he wanted him present when the Yenching matters were to be discussed. Leonard is therefore arriving here tomorrow morning. I shall inform you promptly as things take shape.

Y.P. Mei has declined the invitation to Cheeloo but is under strong pressure to continue at the Oberlin-Shansi school. It may be that we shall extend his year's leave of absence for one more year in order that he can help in the building up of that school and at the same time decide what he wants to do.

Under separate cover I am sending you a ✓ copy of a letter from Ed Hume, a copy of a communication of mine to the Trustees, together with a copy of the editorial mentioned, ✓ an article prepared by me for the China Mission Yearbook dealing with foundations, and a full-page ✓ description of the Messiah, its author and our chorus, which appeared in a leading Chinese newspaper in connection with the performance there the night

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before last. These may be of some interest to you.

Dr. Houghton and Mr. Fosdick are coming out
early next week to visit the place.

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The Universities and The People

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During the last hundred years, and especially during the last fifty years, there has been a distinct change in the conception of the relation of universities to national life. Even so late as half a century ago universities were thought of as the training ground of what may be called in a broad sense the ruling class. Whatever the theoretical basis of a university education may have been the university, after the close of the Middle Ages, was practically a place where the leisured and the ruling class was trained. In practice this led to a weighting of the curriculum on the classical side, and the interpretation of the "humanities" was somewhat limited in scope. This was the case indeed with all higher education, whether in the West or in the East. In the West the great classical literatures and great classical philosophies were the principal subject of study, whilst in the East—to take China for an example—higher education, and indeed almost all education, concerned itself with the Confucian classics. The first break with the old tradition is to be noted in India, where MACAULAY, called upon to plan a system of education for that vast domain, deliberately set aside the great wealth of Indian classical learning in favour of the type of learning that then prevailed in the West, where the classical tradition still prevailed; but inasmuch as MACAULAY distinctly envisaged the teaching of those subjects that were supposed to lie at the foundation of modern political developments the decision involved a principle that has since come to dominate higher education throughout the world. Not long after MACAULAY'S historic decision the intellectual life of Germany began to undergo that change that eventually led to German preëminence in modern science. A little later, the Royal Commission on University Edu-

cation in England, influenced very largely by men like HUXLEY, gave a new trend, or perhaps it would be better to say opened new fields for higher education in Great Britain. It was beginning to be realized there that higher education could be brought more directly into the service and life of the people if it had a wider and what is often thought of as a "more practical" scope. The result of this quite definite broadening of view is to be seen in the newer universities in Great Britain, where the classical tradition has very little hold and the main emphasis is on "practical" subjects closely related to the scientific, industrial and economic requirements of the people, the definite aim being to train men for leadership, which is an aspect of service, in the "modernities".

It is to be feared that this enlarged view of university responsibilities has, paradoxically enough, rather tended to narrowness. Subjects have been thought of as if they had an isolated existence, as if intellectual life were lived in water-tight compartments. Only comparatively recently has it been realized that all knowledge is one, that no one aspect of it can be properly apprehended unless it be apprehended in relation to other knowledge, that the only knowledge worth advancing is that knowledge of which the affiliations to and contacts with all other forms of knowledge are recognized, and the sum total of which is purposively related to human ends, the ends of a civilized society seeking to fulfil and to bring about a spiritual interpretation of life. Only now are we beginning to understand that the tyranny of the machine can be fatally increased by advances in science and that the danger of civilization does not lie in a phillistine ignorance of or contempt for science but in mistaking advances in material

mechanism of life for progress; only now, when we are beginning to understand that the advance in knowledge is demonstrably outstripping our advance in moral power, are the Universities beginning to realize their function as arsenals of a true humanism.

The abolition of the old educational system in China cleared the way for the broader conceptions of the purpose of education and, though with certain limitations, the purpose of the new educational system is to fit men and women for the service of leadership. There is also a very clear apprehension of the necessity, in the life of today, for close association between higher education and the scientific, industrial and economic activities of the people. Practically every one of the institutions of higher learning is making some contribution of this kind. The Government is encouraging the universities in the pursuit of the ideal of public service, and in no small measure the reconstruction of the national life is proceeding hand in hand with, and dependently on the work of the universities and other higher education institutions. Agriculture, industry, engineering and technology, as developed in the laboratories, are being put to the service of the people; and every day almost brings fresh instances to our notice. The radiologist, the meteorologist, the agronomist, the chemist and the physicist are all making from their laboratories and experimental stations direct contributions to the reconstruction of the national life. To take a case in point, here is a pamphlet by Mr. WILLIAM BAND, Assistant-Professor of Physics at Yenching University, entitled "The Place of Physics in the Rural Reconstruction of China". Mr. BAND is able to show that his department is making direct contributions to many of the reconstructive activi-

ties of the people. It is contributing to the facilitation of education, to the development of communications, to the rehabilitation of rural industries, to agricultural physics and geophysics, and to the solution of many local problems. The contribution to be made by the physics department, or any other department of a university depends more upon the breadth of imagination of its personnel, alive to the possibilities of a field, than upon an elaborate and expensive equipment; though, on the other hand, a department that is carrying on pure research in several directions attracts to itself the best students and thereby becomes better fitted for making a distinctive contribution, both directly by its own researches and indirectly by the stimulus that it gives to those who come under its influence. As we have pointed out, a great deal depends upon the breadth of imagination of the personnel of such a department, upon the ability to see opportunities of collaboration and of service. Mr. BAND gives us an excellent example both of the part that imagination can play and of the direct service that pure laboratory research can render. In laboratory research at Yenching using optical equipment it was proved that the usual Chinese paper windows transmit as much as forty per cent. of the health-giving ultra-violet light that falls upon them. This discovery, which is of considerable significance, would not have been made but for a little imagination on the part of the workers concerned. It means that Chinese paper windows are better than glass for all purposes where resistance to wetting by rainfall is unimportant; for the cultivation of seedlings and the protection of livestock from the bitter cold of the winter months paper is shown to be far superior to glass which transmits no ultra-violet solar rays whatever. Forty per cent. of such rays in ordinary daylight is enough to have considerable germicide effect. The practical application is obvious: the substitution of glass for paper in an effort merely to be modern is a costly and serious mistake. Mr. BAND'S illustration

is a very simple one, but it is typical, and might be repeated from a hundred and one different realms of science. In almost innumerable ways the new education, not only abroad but especially here in China, is imbued more and more with the idea of leadership and service and less and less with that of rule and dominion. It is becoming, in the true sense of the word, popular.