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Peiping, China
March 1, 1935

Dear Friends:

My last letter to you dealt with the way in which our financial anxieties had been relieved for the current year by an opportune grant from the Chinese Government which has also proven to be an encouraging evidence of the support of the highest authorities and of the endorsement of this action by the general public.

Almost more gratifying from this standpoint was a reception held for me last autumn in Nanking, given jointly by the Prime Minister (to use the equivalent western term), Mr. Wang Ching-wei, General Chiang Kai-shek, and Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance and Chairman of our own Board of Managers. This was in order to inaugurate our endowment campaign in the Capital. General Chiang was out of the city that day but sent a telegram of commendation, and the other two, together with the Minister of Education, spoke with an evident sincerity but in language of generous appreciation to the assembled guests who included most of the ranking officials of the present government. They freely acknowledged that they would not have undertaken this for any other university in the country, and that their controlling motive was grateful recognition of what Americans had done for China in

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making possible our present physical plant and academic achievements. Our determination to begin systematic efforts to raise money in this country has at least revealed a widespread consciousness of the assistance America has been rendering to educational progress and its practical benefits to the nation at this crucial period. It ought thus to be a further factor in strengthening the goodwill between our two countries with consequent gain to all peaceful pursuits.

A far less agreeable topic which is constantly forced upon those of us who are living in China is the recurrent fear of further Japanese invasion. That the Government of that country has long been determined on some form of suzerainty over all China and that the dominant military group intend to carry this out in successive stages by the use of armed force, can be safely assumed. That this will mean the elimination of western commercial and other privileges has already been clearly demonstrated in Manchuria and—Japanese protestations to the contrary—the same procedure will be applied in other sections of the country as rapidly as these are brought under sufficient control.

Chinese of all classes who are aware of this impending fate are in anguish over the prospect and their own impotence to resist. Meanwhile a people whose natural tendency would be toward international peace is being goaded into an awakening that they must prepare themselves for armed defense and for the recovery of lost territory. Government leaders are in a most perplexing dilemma. To offer such resistance as they can would meet with popular response and win the loyalty of various disaffected groups but would mean more ruthless aggression by Japan and consequent suffering to those in affected areas. In fact the impression is unescapable that the Japanese military are constantly attempting to provoke them to acts which would supply pretexts for further seizures. A conciliatory policy seems on the other hand the only feasible one for the present, but it is felt by many merely to postpone the inevitable or to mask its form. The situation is confused just now by the somewhat ambiguous procedure of the Tokyo civil authorities who are apparently seeking to open diplomatic negotiations with the Chinese officials in order to curb the more rough-and-ready methods of their own unrestrained war-lords. Their objectives are, however, the same and will be pressed either by actual invasion or by arguments of cultural and geographical propinquity always reinforced of course by intimidation.

We speculate among ourselves as to whether, as is generally supposed, North China will be the next victim, or by attacking Shanghai or Nanking the financial or political nerve-centre will be paralyzed at one full sweep. The only possible deterrent against further aggression, until the rather too distant day when China becomes better organized and will have equipped herself with modern implements of war, has always seemed to me to lie in a joint Anglo-American declaration of policy. Most Chinese feel that even this would not be effective at this late stage and that in any case it could not be brought about. Perhaps many of our own people would fear that it might possibly lead us into war. All that seems to me to be necessary, would be an announcement that whatever policy is adopted in relation to Eastern Asia will be acted upon together.

It may seem to the readers of this letter that I am taking advantage of university relationships to engage in political propaganda; or, that it is a prejudiced and unfair description of the Japanese policy; or, that it is not in harmony with a broadly loving and hopefully tolerant Christian spirit. As to the first of these, I am writing thus frankly regarding one of the most practical and hauntingly pressing of my own anxieties because it is the purpose of these letters to share with our American friends the actual news about Yenching University, its progress and its problems, its hopes and fears, rather than from any more general considerations. On the second point, I should urge that I am referring to the present military rulers and not to the Japanese people as a whole or even to an element in the present government. The Japanese possess many admirable qualities and have made splendid advances which one may heartily recognize while denouncing the unprovoked violence, the shameless traffic in narcotics, the frequently exposed duplicity and the other nefarious methods by which the group now dominant are exploiting their program of imperialistic conquest on the mainland of Asia. It should also be admitted in explanation, if not in defense, that they are probably living under what is to them a very real fear of similar attack from Russia, or from our own and other countries.

To the third charge I must in part at least plead guilty. All my sympathies are with the movements toward the outlawry of war, and I should not want to see our country take any step that would by any remote chance involve this risk. Yet I firmly believe that a more courageous and unified assertion of international

obligations by the League of Nations and the United States promptly after the first Japanese violations in the autumn of 1931 would have prevented the seizure of Manchuria, and that similar action now would still be not without effect, whereas a continuance of timid or temporizing inaction will bring about consequences disastrous to all concerned including the aggressor nation.

However that may be, one form of creative activity that is within our power and ought to be most effective is the training of young men and women equipped in vocational technique and inspired with the sort of patriotic enthusiasm that finds its finest outlet in the manifold forms of internal reconstruction upon which the salvation of China will ultimately depend. Herein lies an additional motive for our common efforts on behalf of this University, one which follows the ways of peace and aims to be an expression of what President Wilson spoke of as "friendly helpfulness to other peoples."

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Nanking, China

March 3, 1935

*Sent by
Stuart letter*

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Dr. J. L. Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping

Dear Dr. Stuart:

You asked me sometime ago to give you my impressions of the religious life and work at Yenching as I saw it during my visit there last November. I am glad to do this for whatever service it may be to you.

As you will recall I spent a week at Yenching and my time there was well filled with interviews with faculty members and students and with both foreigners and Chinese. I attended several of the religious services which were conducted at the University during my visit, and I was also given ample opportunity to see the material equipment of the college, from the kitchens in the men's dormitories to the bedrooms in the women's - this latter "a very special privilege" as my escort at the time assured me. Everywhere there was manifested the greatest readiness to answer my questions and to give me the information desired. I mention these facts in order that the basis for the statements I shall later make may be clearly evident. After a week's study, as intensive as I could make it, of the religious life of the college these were my dominant impressions.

1. The beauty of the campus deserves comment in connection with the religious work of the institution. If beauty has a place in religion, as we believe it has, then the attempt which has been made at Yenching to create beauty is not without its spiritual significance. Each of us goes back at times in our own lives to things and scenes of beauty for inward refreshing and strengthening, and Yenching will undoubtedly throughout the years provide such memories for its students.

2. I was also on the whole favorably impressed with the provision made for the students in their dormitories and dining rooms. Generally speaking these were pleasant and attractive, though here I left that greater care had been shown on the women's side than on the men's. This might naturally be expected, perhaps, I simply record it as a condition noted. In this connection I would also say that more adequate provision should be made for the social life of the men students as a group than has so far been done. The small rooms set aside in the various dormitories for this purpose are hardly adequate, nor were they, so far as my observation went, sufficiently well furnished for the object they were meant to serve. When one recalls what "Common-rooms" mean in certain colleges in England, or sees for example what the Alumni Hall means to the students of St. John's University in Shanghai, one covets for Yenching, with all its other excellent equipment, more adequate provision for this side of its student life. This too has its bearing on the spiritual aspect of the students' development. I realize of course that to suggest better facilities for the group life

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of the students than now exist at Yenching may seem, in these days of financial difficulty, like a counsel of perfection. Still it may be well to keep the need and the ideal before us as something to be done when circumstances permit.

3. In my interviews at various schools I usually began by putting this question to the person with whom I was talking "What is to you the most significant fact in the religious life of this institution?" An answer frequently given at Yenching was "Freedom" and so frequently was it given indeed that its repetition became a positive inspiration. Now what those who thus answered meant was not of course simply freedom from compulsory chapel, or from compulsory attendance on religious instruction, but freedom to think for themselves in matters of religion as in all else. These people felt they were breathing a more exhilarating and invigorating atmosphere than they had been accustomed to enjoy before. They understood they were being encouraged to think, each man for himself, and that there was no desire to put them all into one mould, and this they greatly appreciated. Of course the more thoughtful among this group realized that freedom was like wine, and that not every one could make good use of it, and that there was need of guidance for those who could not, but it was evident that, for themselves, they valued highly the freedom which was theirs. I should personally be inclined to rank the dissemination of this spirit as Yenching's greatest contribution to the religious life of its students. It has its dangers of course, as has just been said, but it is also something both essential and priceless. To encourage young men and women, accustomed in various ways to authority, to feel themselves free, and then to make good use of their freedom in the development of stronger and finer characters is both an educational and a religious achievement. This creative thing Yenching seems to me to be doing, and to be doing on a scale which should be gratifying to those who work in the institution and which is certainly inspiring to those who look on it from without. This of course should not be taken as implying that all students feel this influence to the degree we should like them to experience it, but the thing is done for so many that it seems to give tone and character to the institution as a whole.

4. But the question may fairly be raised perhaps - granted that a spirit of full and free intellectual inquiry is a good thing, does it tend to strengthen religious life and work, or does it exercise on the whole a numbing and deadening effect? For answer the writer would point to the Yenta Christian Fellowship at the University which embraces within its membership about one third of the whole University community. This organization seems to me vigorous and effective in the work it seeks to do within the University. At the same time it serves a useful purpose also as exemplifying a real Chinese attempt to think through the nature of the Church and the problem of its relation to Chinese life in general and to a University community in particular. The significance of this experiment is thus, I believe, greater than is generally recognized. The very simplicity of the basis on which the Fellowship is organized, that of loyalty to Christ and desire to follow Him, commends itself to the Chinese, and is in striking contrast with some of the more elaborate bases of organization which we have carried over from the West. Again the Fellowship is simple in its method of functioning, dividing its work into a few necessary departments and coordinating it through an Executive Committee that represents each department. In this connection it is interesting to note that representatives of the workmen on the campus meet along with representatives of the

faculty and students in the Executive Committee. A social service center for the workmen is also carried on. Thus a real effort is made to bridge that gulf which so easily comes to exist on every campus between those who serve and those are served.

5. Another point worthy of mention is the contribution which Yenching is rendering the whole Christian movement in China through the two journals published by members of its staff - Amethyst and Truth and Life. Also the hymnals and other devotional material issued from time to time by various members of the faculty are widely used and highly valued. Again it is simple truth to say that the Yenching staff is looked to very earnestly to aid in furnishing the kind of Christian literature desired today: thoughtful, scholarly, tolerant, and yet positive in its Christian ideals and convictions. Mention should also be made of the part played by the Department of Music in the religious life of the University. For several years now it has been a regular custom at Yenching to render Handel's Messiah, and the largest hall at the University is crowded at that service. The performance is also repeated each year within the city itself and attracts a large audience. The gospel is thus sung as well as preached to the students and to others and doubtless the ministry of music reaches many whom the spoken word would never affect.

6. Lastly there is one other important matter which should not be overlooked. Yenching's faculty has, it seems to me, done very clear thinking as to the place which religion should occupy in a university in China today. Put briefly Yenching's philosophy, if I may so call it, and if I understand it correctly, may be thus expressed. The University desires, and rightly, to be a university doing educational work of the highest grade and regards it as bad Christianity to do work of an inferior quality. In the second place the University is thoroughly loyal to the Government regulations and does not seek to put any compulsion upon its students in the matter of their religious life. For this reason at those distinctively University functions where attendance is required there are no formal religious exercises. However on the other hand the University is Christian in the sense that the Christian men and women on the staff desire to do their work in that spirit and manner. Thus the University gives the widest possible scope to all voluntary religious activities on the campus, with the result that there is a broad range of choice in such activities, from a little esoteric group of students that prefer to meet by themselves for their own worship, through the broad Yenta Fellowship described above, to an Anglican group led by a very High Church clergy-man. The University is glad to give place to all of these and to encourage every genuine expression of religious life and conviction. In this way the University is loyal both to its founders and to the Government under which it is registered. Nor does the one loyalty conflict with the other, for on the one hand there is no compulsion, while on the other Christ is lifted up both in word and deed.

These are my chief impressions. I could write more, but this letter is already long enough. Put in a word, as I see it, Yenching is a great Christian force and its service indispensable. There are weaknesses of course. These were pointed out to me by faculty and students when I talked with them. The greatest weakness is that not

all students have that close and intimate relation with their teachers which is most productive in the formation of character. Some students are "lost" so to speak; without that guidance they need. I have this on the testimony of students and faculty members alike, but while this is true and needs the earnest attention and effort of all who have the interest of the students at heart, nevertheless there is such a volume of positive, constructive Christian service and influence that goes out from the University that one cannot but rejoice and give thanks therefor. And never was this service more needed than at the present time for never were there greater issues to be faced and never a more insistent call for men and women of character.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) W. P. Mills

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Mr. C.A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am enclosing herewith the document signed and attested by our Legation, which I hope will serve to expedite matters. There is no one I would rather have attend to this than yourself. Thank you again for being willing to take the trouble.

*Sent to
Stamps &
Mortimer*

Will you kindly have copies of my last message to the Trustees sent to Warren, Jack, Kurrie and such other people as you think will be interested for personal reasons? A note that the Rockefeller Foundation has since that writing granted our requests might be added.

Very sincerely yours,

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Excerpt from Dr. ~~Stuart's~~ letter of March 7

Mr. B.A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.
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Dear Mr. Garside:

I am sending you under separate cover the budget for next year, as passed by our Board of Managers at its meeting yesterday. It is understood, of course, that this is subject to minor changes in detail and to fluctuations of exchange, as well as such more serious issues as the renewal of the Government grant. It does describe, however, the situation as well as we can forecast it at this time, and indicates that with the exception of the School of Religion we have hopes of being able to carry on our usual work on a sort of subsistence basis.

You will note under the Recapitulation a deficit of \$36,956. Deducting the Women's College share, \$5,934, there is left about \$30,000. If the Government grant is renewed we have arbitrarily assigned \$35,000 to Natural Science (included in that budget income) and \$25,000 to University General and Arts and Letters. This will leave an estimated deficit of about \$5,000, which the Board of Managers requests the Trustees to allow us to make up from past or current gain on exchange.

As to the School of Religion, all that we have left is the Dean, part-time of T.T. Lew, such help as Messrs. Hung, T.S. Hsu and possibly others may give without budget claims, Miss Wood, Mr. Wiant (on furlough), and Dr. de Vargas if his plans and the arrangements through the Swiss Committee make this possible. We are compelled to let our faithful teacher of the Old Testament, who is the ranking member of our whole faculty in seniority of service and easily the foremost Chinese scholar in this field, go and earn his living as best he can in secular work. Our gifted young teacher of the New Testament was lost to us a year earlier. Even if Dr. P.C. Hsu can stay with us, it will not

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Mr. B.A. Garside

March 7 1935

be as a teacher in this School. I have repeatedly called the attention of the Trustees to the seriousness of this issue and have asked for instructions as to whether they desire to maintain our School as originally intended.

The rate of exchange dropped down day before yesterday almost to 2.40, went up yesterday to around 2.60, and no one seems to have any ideas as to what is going to happen.

I am happy to report that since sending you my last communication to the Trustees Mr. Gunn has acceded to our requests on the following basis. We have in reserve for the College of Public Affairs LC\$62,000, this being savings from favorable exchange in the past and careful economies, most of it to be credited to the Rockefeller Foundation. He proposes that one-half of that be counted toward our budget of practically US\$30,000, and that he recommend to his Trustees that the remainder be granted by them for the coming academic year. In regard to the US\$12,500 for Natural Science, I suggested that the China Foundation might take one-half of this or less, and he has intimated that this would be very welcome but that he is prepared to consider recommending the whole amount. I have informal assurance that my colleagues on the other Board will consider such a proposal sympathetically. For practical purposes, therefore, this full amount seems to be reasonably assured for the coming year.

Mr. Gunn has helped in the formation of a committee to study Yenching's place in his whole program during the next three years, and this may result in additional grants to us for our own work together with association in experimentation, extension, etc. The committee will consist of Dr. Leonard Hsu as chairman; Drs. C.C. Chen (M.D.) and S.Y. Chu (the young man referred to at the close of my recent communication) of the Mass Education Movement; Dr. Franklin Ho of Nankai University; Drs. Cato Young and Y.P. Mei and Mr. Chang Hung-chun of our faculty.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter just received from Mr. Plumer Mills, who was one of the committee appointed by the Council of Christian Higher Education to investigate Christian life in the colleges.

Kindly see that Dr. Gee has the information contained in this letter.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Hightmester

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March 7th 1935

Dr. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I did not suppose, when I left Peiping, that it would be so long before I was again in touch with you. Last Sunday, however, I had dinner with some of my good friends who I believe you are also acquainted with, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Phillips.

You will recall that Mr. Phillips is the President of the Long Island Lighting & Power Company here in New York.

A son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips by the name of Dr. Rowland Richards is a graduate of Taft School, Princeton University and the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University. He has studied at Vienna and had his internship here in New York at Roosevelt Hospital and at the Medical Centre.

He would now, although engaged in practice in New York, like to come to China to have some experience in oriental diseases. Through Mrs. Phillips' connections with the Board of China Colleges, there is an opportunity for him to go to Cheeloo, however, both Mr. and Mrs. Phillips would prefer to have their son-in-law and daughter and their two children, both very young, to be in Peiping.

This is what is in the minds of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips. Dr. Richards is an expert in French, that being his major subject at Princeton, I believe, and might teach French in Yenching part-time and also have an opportunity to do some work at the Union Medical College.

It occurred to me that this might be interesting to you and because of your acquaintance in Peiping, you might arrange to get him some part-time work in the hospital while he would do part-time work at Yenching.

I feel quite certain that Mr. and Mrs. Phillips would be willing to pay a portion of the salary that might be involved in their coming to China.

I would appreciate if you would give me your reaction and what you think could be done along this line, at your earliest convenience in order that I might let Dr. Richards know what plans he should make relative to next fall. I believe Mrs. Phillips would plan to come to China with the young couple.

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Dr. Leighton Stuart

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March 7th 1935

With my best regards to yourself and all of my
other friends on the Yenching Campus, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed) RAYMOND THORNBURG

The address of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips is
116 East 53rd Street
New York City

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May 2, 1935

Mr. E. H. Cressy
169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road
Shanghai

Dear Mr. Cressy:

I have delayed replying to your enquiry regarding the summer conference for college presidents partly because of preoccupation with immediate duties after my absence, but chiefly to be able to write after giving the question further thought.

As a matter of fact I expect to be in Kuling for the Weigle conference (July 18 to 29). It would therefore not be any serious problem to arrive there a few days earlier, although even this may conflict with some other tentative plans. My real hesitation lies in a wholly different aspect of the issue. It does not seem to me that a representative from Yenching would have any substantial contribution to make to such a conference. Our position has been made quite clear by the two statements of the last two years dealing with the problem of correlation. There is very little any one of us could add to what was expressed therein, and we stand ready to enter into consultation with any or all of the other institutions upon what seems to us to be the only basis that has any hope of making further progress. Meanwhile attendance at the last two meetings of the Council on Christian Higher Education and the reports which have reached us of negotiations elsewhere on this subject do not encourage the hope that there is much to gain by further conference.

To try to restate my position in the light of somewhat more recent developments and at the risk of being tiresome, I do not see much advantage in attempting to "correlate" until or unless the institutions concerned are willing to face the consequences of a thorough reorganization thought of purely with a view to the service to the Christian cause and the nation of China, in view of our actual and potential resources. All

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March 11, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

Your letter of February 9th has just been received. Dr. Gee is still away, but will be back in the office probably by Saturday, the 16th.

In the meantime may I write you briefly concerning your request that we prepare the next issue of the letter to the Advisory Council members. I should like also to express appreciation of your favorable comment on the reproduction of your August letter which we prepared to go out with our finance appeal in November. I was faced with the necessity of producing something as attractive as possible with as little expense as possible. These etchings, made in the Yenching office's more prosperous days, are very beautiful and can be used again and again to good advantage.

I have an idea for the form for this latest issue of the letter to the A.C. members which I believe will be equally effective. I will work it out and have it ready for Dr. Gee when he returns at the end of the week and if he approves we can get it into the mail at an early date.

I do not of course know about costs of printing or costs of materials in China, except that I have the impression from Dr. Gee they are much cheaper there than here. The letter to which you refer worked out quite reasonably and I think the new one will be fairly so. This would remain true as long as we were able to utilize cuts or etchings or drawings which we have, but of course, eventually there will have to be an expenditure for something new and that means expense. Dr. Gee will be able to write you fully about this when he returns.

May I ask you to let us know sometime soon what the cost would be in lots of 2,000, 5,000 and 10,000 of the Chinese paper with the attractive designs? It is impossible to get anything like this here and while we could have a drawing made of a design similar to that on the attached sheets, it would be expensive - first the drawing, then the cut and then the two printings, one of the design and the second of the letter itself. Both Dr. Gee and I feel it would be well to have a supply of this paper here for various purposes. We would then be able to print these letters at low cost, if it is decided to have us get them out here.

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I wish too that when you send us this information you might be able to send samples of sheets like the attached with other designs. We would then have something to work on if we want to use different designs from time to time.

I know Dr. Gee will be glad to have the letter from Miss Wood to use with persons interested in religious activities at Yenching.

Very sincerely,

Helen L. Woodward

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

Dear Dr. Gee:

One of the graduates of our College of Arts and Letters and of the School of Religion, David Fang, has been hoping to study somewhere in America. He can provide his travel expense both ways and perhaps a little of the remainder needed. With a fellowship covering tuition and living expenses he could probably get through. His major interest is religious education and education in general. Could you make enquiries of places such as the Pacific School of Religion, Hartford Theological Seminary, etc., and let me know of possibilities? He is a young man of exceptionally fine spirit and of good abilities which with further training ought to make him quite useful in the teaching of these subjects in a middle school.

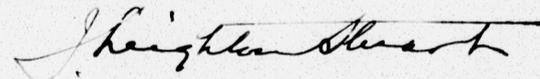
I have replied to Harvard University that you would be our representative at their Tercentenary celebration.

I regret to report that Mr. Gunn has found it impossible to give William Band the fellowship requested, on the ground that none such are given to foreigners. Miss Wu Yu-chen may get one for travel in the United States covering three months, but nothing more. It is possible that W.T. Wu will have one for sociological study in Europe, but this is not yet settled. I have been busy working at all the details which followed the favorable decision regarding grants to us and in helping the committee which is to advise Mr. Gunn as to our larger and more permanent place in his program.

Copies of letters concerned with the de Vargas problem are enclosed herewith. Do what you can with the American Board.

I am starting this week for the trip to south China, returning to Shanghai about the middle of April.

Very sincerely yours,



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March 18, 1955

Mr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Your letter of February 14th enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. Gunn has just been received. I shall await eagerly your report upon his visit. In case the Foundation does not give us the money for the Natural Sciences would it not be wise to appeal again to the Harvard-Yenching Institute to continue its gift until things begin to pick up again here?

I am just back from a trip over the state of Pennsylvania on which I have commented in the enclosed copy of my letter to Mr. McBrier. Dr. Young and I made this trip for the period of a month as an experiment. I dare say the experiment hardly pays for itself and I am more convinced than ever that one who actually knows the work on the field is in a position to do very much better and more intelligent soliciting than an employed person, however find he may be.

I note your suggestion concerning my seeing Mr. Scott again with the hope that something may develop toward the support of E. O. Wilson. I shall try to see Mr. Scott during the next few days and will write you following my visit to him. I am expecting today to try to see Dr. Thompsen and get from him and Mrs. Thompson a renewal of their support for Mr. Price.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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March 18, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Your letter of February 6th is on my desk as I return from a month's absence. I have written you in another letter of our trip. My experience during this past month does not create a very strong hope for gifts here in America. Many of those who have given us generously in the past are not in a position to do anything now. I am trying, however, to add to our list as many new names as possible with the hope that something may come from these new sources. All of this requires time.

I realize your difficulty in trying to raise money in China especially since the American silver legislation and its effect upon Chinese business. I am afraid this act of our Government has created a good deal of ill will toward us. Of course it also influences seriously the rate of exchange and this is another handicap in budget-making there.

Dean Martin is due in New York in a few days and I shall discuss with him the question of Mr. Nash's returning to the United States. As I have already written this seems unwise to me under present conditions and I would suggest doing what you can there toward securing support for the School of Journalism. Dean Martin's idea is to get together as many of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri-Yenching Foundation as possible and let us discuss together plans for the future. After that meeting, if it takes place, I shall write you fully the conclusions reached.

Miss Woodward has already written you concerning the printing of your Advisory Council letter. This will go forward at an early date and we will send you copies and figures concerning costs, etc. We will also mimeograph Miss Wood's letter and send it out to those especially interested in religious activities at Yenching.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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March 25, 1935

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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, President
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I have just received your letter of March 19th from San Francisco. I am very pleased to learn of the wonderful response from friends of Yenching to your appeal for funds to meet the emergency requirements of the University. I hope that the Trustees will be able to raise the total amount required. I sincerely believe that Yenching University merits the confidence of her friends and the University has a splendid future before her.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Sao-Ke Alfred Sze.



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March 27, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I enclose a copy of the cablegram we have sent you today, together with a copy of a letter from Dr. North to Dean Donham.

We all regret that final decision on our request to the Harvard-Yenching Institute for authorization to use this year's appropriation of US\$12,500 for the general budget requirements of the University rather than for Natural Science was so long delayed. As I wrote you early in December, we ^{filed} your letter of October 13th before our Yenching Executive Committee quite promptly, and obtained that Committee's general approval of the proposal. The Committee asked Mr. Barber and Dr. North to take the matter up with the Trustees of the Institute, which they did immediately. Dean Donham and Dean Chase expressed their sympathetic agreement with the proposal, and at once proceeded to consult with the other Trustees. Early in January Dean Donham informed Dr. North that he believed the Trustees of the Institute would all agree to the proposal, but that they felt we should first consult with the Rockefeller Foundation and see whether it would be willing to accept the gift of LC\$44,000 from the Chinese Government as meeting the conditions of their gift toward the support of Natural Science at Yenching. Dr. North and I immediately got in touch with Dr. Hanson, the officer of the Foundation responsible for passing on this particular question. An appointment with him was arranged for the following day. But that morning his secretary informed us that Dr. Hanson was home ill with a cold and the matter would have to be postponed until the following week. Dr. Hanson's cold developed into influenza and then into pneumonia so it was almost two months before he was able to do anything about the matter. We telephoned his office quite often during the period, but they were constantly hoping that within a week or two he would be back at his desk, and since there seemed no one else qualified to deal with the matter in his absence, decision was unavoidably delayed. As soon as Dr. Hanson was able to get back to his desk early this month, the Foundation's approval was obtained, this was communicated to Dean Donham in Dr. North's letter of March 19th and Dean Chase wrote on March 20th to Mr. Barber as follows: -

"I have received a favorable reply from six of the Trustees of the Institute to the postal vote I sent them, asking whether the US\$12,500 appropriated by the ~~Institute~~ for the support of natural science work at

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Yenching University for the current year might be allotted without restriction, so that it is evidently quite correct for the Yenching people to make the transfer."

We trust that this delay has not caused too great inconvenience in handling these budget matters.

The information that the Princeton-Yenching Foundation for the coming year will appropriate \$5,000 may already have reached you in the correspondence mailed some weeks ago.

I have just received a letter from Mr. E. L. Terman in which he writes as follows:-

"Mrs. Eleanor M. Mead, Chairman of the small University School, on the campus of the Yenching University, being conducted for the children of the faculty, has written to Mrs. Terman, asking her to come out next year (this summer) to take charge of that school. She says that they must know definitely as to whether or not she will accept, at the earliest possible date. Therefore suggested that we write you to insert two words in y ur next cable, provided that she can accept. This she is doing. Will you therefore please insert, "Terman Accepts" in the very next cable."

We will be including this message in the next cablegram we send.

Very cordially yours,

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March 25, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Dean Martin was in on Saturday and we discussed the question of whether or not it seemed advisable for Mr. Nash to return to America under present conditions. He and I agree that under these conditions, which as I see them have not improved, there is very little likelihood that Mr. Nash would be able to raise funds adequate even to take care of expenses for the trip and for this reason we advise that he delay the thought of coming to America. Since our amateur radio is cut off we are having to send this by regular mail but hope it will reach you in time for you to make whatever plans you think wise. Dean Martin is returning to Columbia and will write you from there giving details of some matters he has in mind.

One of these is the question of possible aid from the Carnegie Foundation. As soon as Mr. James Wright Brown returns from his trip South I shall see him and discuss this question. He is very close I understand to Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler. Dean Martin suggests that if there seems to be any probability of anything there it would be wise to ask for as much as \$10,000 to \$15,000 and in that event it might be desirable for you to make the presentation. I will write you about this later.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Shanghai Area

Room 615
169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road

March 27 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I am writing so that this letter will await you on your return to Peiping, in order to ask your attention to a matter which has just come to my notice.

An old friend of ours has a daughter who is married to a young physician, Dr. Richards. He is thirty years old, a graduate of the Taft School, Princeton University (with honors), College of Physicians and Surgeons, and has served on the staff of Roosevelt Hospital and the Vanderbilt Clinic in New York.

These young people would like very much to spend at least a term in China. Dr. Richards has made his desire known to the Rockefeller Foundation in New York, but I have been asked to raise the question here whether there would be any opportunity for such a man, who, so far as I know, is not a specialist but a general practitioner, to do any teaching at P.U.M.C. and perhaps give part of his time to Yenching University.

I appreciate the fact that my information is somewhat scanty. I can only add that the family concerned is a high-class family. If you think there is any possibility of an opening and would tell me what more specific information you would need in order to give it consideration, I shall be very glad to follow up the matter.

With every good wish,

Cordially yours,

(signed) HERBERT WELCH

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March 27th, 1935

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

Dear Dr Stuart:-

Your letter of February 27th came some days ago.

We have been in a good deal of suspense with reference to Mr Gunn's final decision as to Yenching's requests for financial assistance. I certainly hope that he will not fail us for the other hopes here dwindle down to almost nothing. As I wrote you, the trip with Dr Young was most disappointing and this reflects the general situation. I have been trying to make some new contacts, but people of wealth are not taking on anything new now and are still very much puzzled as to what the Government will do next. They are afraid that the Government will take everything they have or ruin all their investments. Big industries claim they are being unfairly treated. Utilities are now almost out of business by cuts in rates and the threat of Government competition. Things are still so uncertain that people are unwilling to give as they formerly did. Many of our best friends are not in a position to do anything at all now.

I hope that you are not going to lose Dr Y. P. Mei. He is a very valuable man and you certainly need to keep such men if possible.

I hope that you will do what you can to get Dr Houghton and Mr Fosdick to see the natural science situation there at Yenching. If this work does not come within Mr Gunn's program then the Foundation should come to our rescue for at least the duration of this continued depression. When I see Mr Albert Scott to-morrow I shall discuss this question also and may try to get to see Mr J. D. R. III, about it if Mr Scott thinks it advisable. We are being put into a very difficult position by the Board of Trustees not allowing us to go ahead with our request for the approval of the Modern Missions Movement and yet going after some of their leaders to help us with our projects. I find our situation increasingly difficult here instead of clearing up as I had hoped it might.

The second class mail which you mention in your letter has not yet been received. Doubtless this will come later since things of this kind are usually much slower than first class mail.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely,
N. Gist Gee.

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March 29, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart;

I succeeded yesterday in having a lengthy discussion with Mr. Albert Scott. He is one of the gloomiest men I have struck yet and is very critical of the government's attitude and especially of the President. He told me that last year his firm had contracts for three million dollars worth of work in factories and that everyone of these had been cancelled after the President had made some public announcement concerning general policies.

Mr. Scott says they have been able up to the present time to manage to keep going but that his own business is now in serious difficulty. They are losing money rapidly and they have a large staff, which they have taken care of up to now, but they will be forced to make certain cuts in their expenditures and they are very much worried over the situation. He says they cannot afford to lose money any longer. Naturally under conditions of this kind he does not see how he can do anything toward helping in the support of Mr. E. O. Wilson. He told me that he had made one effort to get a man who is a manufacturer of chinaware interested in Mr. Wilson but that his effort had been unsuccessful. The person whom he approached was one for whom his firm had been doing a big piece of work and Mr. Scott's contacts have become rather intimate. He said the man simply informed him he was not in a position at all to consider taking on anything new.

I also discussed with Mr. Scott the possibility of some approach to those around Mr. Rockefeller - either the Foundation or Mr. Rockefeller's personal philanthropic funds with a view to securing assistance in case Mr. Gunn does not see fit to continue the grant to the Natural Sciences in China. Mr. Scott advised that I await the return of Mr. Raymond Fosdick and that he would then make an opportunity for me to meet and discuss frankly with Mr. Fosdick the situation in reference to the Natural Sciences in all the colleges which have been aided by the Rockefeller Foundation. I would, of course, give first place to the needs of Yenching.

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I hope you have had an opportunity to discuss the premedical training for the P.U.M.C. with Dr. Houghton and Mr. Fosdick. I am assuming this has been done and it would, of course, give me an approach to Mr. Fosdick which I think would cause him to be quite sympathetic with the work at Yenching University.

I also raised with Mr. Scott the question of an approach to the Modern Missions Movement and told him our Board of Trustees had stopped our approach, which both you and I wanted to make and which we had begun. He did not say much, but I could see he himself would certainly do all he could to see that Yenching was properly approved in case the institution came before that Movement for such consideration. He informed me that Lingnan has already been considered and approved and that this will be published soon.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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March 29, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I have just had a talk this morning with Miss Lu, now at Wellesley, and she has suggested that an effort be made to have the Wellesley Seal done in Chinese brocade fashion and that she undertake to sell these, turning the money over to Yenching. She is writing her ideas in full and when I see this letter from her I shall write you again about the matter.

We are having a meeting of our Promotion Committee on Wednesday, April 3rd, almost immediately after Mr. McBrier returns from the West Coast. He is due back on Monday, the first. I understand he is to be around here for only about two weeks and is then going to Africa for some six weeks.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the envelope containing copy of Dr. Hume's letter, the copy of your letter to the Board of Trustees, the copy of your article on the Foundations and Chinese Higher Education, and the two newspaper clippings.

It is very interesting that I have seen several references to Mr. Band's article, especially the portion of it relating to the amount of ultra violet rays which penetrate Chinese paper windows. Items of this nature have rather wide circulation in scientific periodicals here. Mr. Band very kindly sent me a reprint of his article.

Miss Woodward has brought in from her Church, the Riverside Church, the bulletin for Sunday, March 17th, a copy of which I am sending you. The statement by Mr. Ballou is interesting and it has occurred to us that possibly you may know Dr. Fosdick well enough to send him a similar comment upon the work in the colleges.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely,

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YENCHING

Yenching University

April 1, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I am acknowledging your letter of March 6th, enclosing power of attorney to be used in connection with the Jenkins will. I am passing this on to the attorneys for their consideration. A check within the last couple of days indicates that nothing new has materialized in the disposal of the estate. If anything does develop, I shall write you immediately. These are slow things. An estate in which I became involved in 1931, although nothing will accrue to me out of it, is still hanging fire, and the prospects are that a lawsuit will be required to clear up the situation.

Your good letter to the Trustees came to hand, and has been mimeographed. We will send it out to those mentioned in your communication, and to any others to whom we think it will be of personal interest.

We are gratified to know that the Rockefeller Foundation has acceded to the request of Yenching University. We knew that a blanket appropriation had been made, but no intimation was given as to its distribution.

Mr. McBrier is back from a vacation in Southern California. He is here for two weeks of work before leaving for North Africa on a commission from the Methodist Board.

With cordial good wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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YENCHING

Yenching University

April 1, 1935

Mr. B. A. Matthews
Harper & Matthews
70 Pine Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Matthews:

I am enclosing herewith the power of attorney granted by J. Leighton Stuart in the matter of the will of Helen Hartley Jenkins. I have acknowledged this to Dr. Stuart.

Very truly yours,

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HARPER & MATTHEWS
70 PINE STREET
NEW YORK

COPY TO Carl A. Evans, Esq.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

April 2, 1935

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Re: Estate of Helen Hartley
Jenkins, Deceased

Robbins B. Stoeckel, Esq.
P. O. Box 1484
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Sir:-

We have now received a power of attorney executed by J. Leighton Stuart and running to Carl A. Evans, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. So that we are now in a position to have any documents that may be necessary to be executed, signed on behalf of Mr. Stuart without unnecessary delay. The power of attorney was acknowledged before the American Vice Consul.

In acknowledging receipt of this power of attorney we would like to report to Mr. Evans on the present assets in the estate and the approximate date upon which a distribution may be expected. To this end we shall appreciate any information you can supply us.

Very truly yours,

BEN A. MATTHEWS

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April third, 1935

CONFIDENTIAL.

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

Dear Dr Stuart:-

Dr and Mrs W. J. Thompson have sent in their check for \$1,500 toward the support of Mr and Mrs Price for the current year. In doing this, both he and Mrs Thompson have raised questions as to the amount needed for him- \$1,500 from the McBrier fund and \$1,500 from them. We have explained the matter of salary, children's allowance, rental and return travel and have given him the actual figures from the Treasurer's books. The money came after these figures were all in his hands. He asked me also about the effectiveness of the Prices, their influence for the upbuilding of the religious life of the students and other such questions. I told him that I considered both of the Prices as outstanding influences for good among the students and that so far as I knew they were among your most prized members of the staff. Dr Thompson's repeated questions have made me wish to have from you your estimate of the Prices and in the form of a letter which I might show to the Thompsons.

My attention has been called to the fact that the Prices are no longer living with you in the President's House and rumors have come that possibly things had developed which make the outlook for the Prices somewhat different from what it was originally. These are simply rumors and I would like to be able to stop them if there is no basis for them. Please write me very frankly about this.

In any case, I think it would be well for the Prices to write a letter of thanks and appreciation to the Thompsons, both Dr and Mrs, for what they have been doing for us in their support. Will you kindly pass on this request to the Prices?

Mr McBrier is back from California for a couple of weeks before he leaves for an extended trip to Africa, we are told, and there will be a meeting of our Promotional Committee to-day and also a meeting of the Executive, Finance and Promotional Committees this afternoon. I have not had an opportunity to talk with Mr McBrier since he got back on the first so I have no idea what he has in mind. I shall write you when these meetings are over. I am sending with this copies of some of the sheets used in my report to the Promotional Committee.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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April 3, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

You will find attached to this letter a copy of the latest letter from you to the members of the Advisory Council which you requested us to prepare and mail out from this office. Under separate cover I am mailing twenty-five copies to you for your own use.

We had 1,500 copies of this printed. The Advisory Council members list numbers around 985 and your personal mailing list around 220. The remainder will be used to good advantage to interested friends. They are all going into the mail today.

Of course we hope you will be as well pleased with the form this letter has taken as you expressed yourself to be with the previous letter. We will give you an analysis of costs in a later letter. The printer really failed to carry out my wishes as to the shade of ink used in the etching and the lettering. I wanted, and selected, a softer, duller shade of ink, but when they printed they produced this much sharper shade. My idea was, of course, to imitate the shadowy effect in the Chinese papers. However, we felt it is attractive as it is and decided not to insist upon their doing the job over.

Very sincerely,

Helen L. Woodward

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April 8, 1935

Confidential

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Yesterday Mr. McBrier asked me to luncheon with him and we covered again the whole ground of his idea of the Associated Boards. There is no need of my rehashing this as you are already thoroughly familiar with it.

There is one matter, however, which I think you ought to know. I asked Mr. McBrier definitely whether or not he was remembering Yenching in his will. He had his will in his pocket at the time and told me he revised it every year and that Yenching is definitely in the will. Since it was a delicate matter I did not ask the amount but I imagine it is a substantial one. You should know this in order that it may be followed up and kept constantly in mind. This conversation was altogether in confidence and it would probably be better for you not to bring it up on the information I have given you.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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(APRIL 4, 1935)

STUART
 YENYA
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REFERRING MCBRIERS LETTER FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE THREE MEETINGS PROMOTION FINANCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES HAVE GIVEN PROLONGED CONSIDERATION TO FUTURE OF YENCHING PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES STOP UNANIMOUS OPINION TIME HAS ARRIVED TRANSFER YENCHING PROMOTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND LEADERSHIP TO ASSOCIATED BOARDS UNDER CONTINUED DIRECTION YENCHING PROMOTION COMMITTEE STOP ASSOCIATED BOARDS HAVE SET UP STRONG ORGANIZATION BELIEVE THEY WILL SECURE AS GOOD RESULTS FOR YENCHING AT DECREASED EXPENSE AS OUR EFFORTS HAVE PRODUCED LAST THREE YEARS STOP IN FAIRNESS DE GEE DECIDED FUTURE POLICY SHOULD BE DETERMINED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY INFORMED HIM TODAY DECISION OF COMMITTEES STOP THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED MORE THAN YEAR PROLONGED CONSIDERATION HAS LED US TO CONCLUDE YENCHING INTERESTS BEST CONSERVED BY THIS POLICY HOPE YOU APPROVE STOP IF YOU DESIRE TO CONFER WITH BOARD REGARDING THIS OR OTHER MATTERS WILL BE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU AT ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY SIXTEENTH OR WILL DEFER ANNUAL MEETING TO SUIT YOUR CONVENIENCE

MCBRIER

BARBER

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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April 4, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Doctor Stuart:

I have just had a rather lengthy meeting with Mr. McBrier and Mr. Barber. I am enclosing with this a copy of the Minute referring to the action of the Promotion Committee, which has been confirmed as I understand it by the Executive, the Finance and the Promotion Committees meeting together.

I have insisted that you be notified by cable of the merging of the Yenching University Promotion work with that of the Associated Boards. Personally I feel this is a very dangerous step. They are giving up an old and tried agency which has proven its value over many years and merging it into something that is at the present time purely in an experimental stage and which has failed in its actions, so far to convince me at least of its promise of any great accomplishment.

As far as my personal connection with the matter is concerned, I have given up the work with the feeling that I have done as well as I could under the conditions that have been placed around me. From the moment of my arrival up to the present time I have labored under all kinds of handicaps. I shall look forward to at least a year of freedom from any burdening work. Beyond that I have no definite plans.

I hope very much that you will come to America in order to try to reach a better understanding with your Board of Trustees. Certainly it will be impossible to continue to carry on the work happily without a clearer understanding between you and them.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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Cheeloo University (Shantung)
Fukien Christian University
Ginling College
Hangchow Christian College
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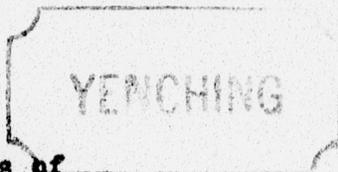
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J. L. Stewart



April 9, 1935

ack 5/7/35 by Mrs. Cookington

To the Presidents of

Cheeloo University
Fukien Christian University
Lingnan University
University of Nanking
West China Union University
Yenching University

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Gentlemen:

I have just learned unofficially that at its meeting yesterday the Harvard-Yenching Institute voted to guarantee to the Colleges participating in the Restricted Fund the following amounts for the year 1935-36:-

Cheeloo University	US \$8,421.06
Fukien Christian Univ.	8,421.06
Lingnan University	12,631.57
University of Nanking	12,631.57
West China Union Univ.	12,631.57
Yenching University	21,052.65
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Allahabad College	4,210.52
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We know you will rejoice at this very generous action of the Institute in increasing this guarantee 33 1/3% above what it has provided in 1934-35, even though this may mean that the Institute will have to take all or most of this increase out of its fast-dwindling reserve.

It will be a week or two before we can send you official notice of this action. But I am passing along this advance and unofficial information to assist you in the struggles I know all of you are having just now as you are trying to balance your budget estimates for 1935-36.

Very cordially yours,

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Air Mail.

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Nearing Shanghai, April 11,
1935

My dear Friends:

This will give you my impressions as to matters of mutual interest during a three-weeks trip to South China from which I am now returning. Its purpose was to strengthen the continuing association with former students, especially with a view to stimulating their support of the present endowment campaign, and to prepare for more general financial efforts in this hitherto undeveloped constituency.

I only had time to visit Hongkong and Canton. The graduates in both cities were extremely cordial, and activities began in each with a typical Cantonese restaurant feast. There were visits to the homes of some, excursions, conferences, numerous speeches in schools and elsewhere. As to these last I spoke sometimes in English or the new "National language" (Pekingese) to be interpreted into Cantonese, sometimes without interpretation in English which is more commonly understood than in the north or in Pekingese Mandarin which is now being taught in all schools. A majority of our graduates seem to be teachers, with a few in government service, business, journalism, YM and YWCA, etc. But the remark was constantly made that Yenching graduates are very highly thought of, and in fact I concluded that their average standing in attainment and character is higher than would be true of our students elsewhere and perhaps that of the graduates of any other single institution. This may be partially explained on the ground that only rather earnest and capable boys and girls would have gone so far away for their higher education. At any rate it was extremely gratifying to have this evidence of achievement as well as of their loyalty. It was also apparent that many students in secondary schools are thinking of trying to enter Yenching next year, and I hope we can make the process simpler for such than it has been. Even with the distance and other hindrances, about 20% of our annual enrollment is from Canton Province.

It is difficult to condense more general impressions into a few sentences. The Governor of the Province and the military commander-in-chief gave me a luncheon jointly, the Mayor of Canton a dinner, and there were similar courtesies from other prominent citizens in the two cities, all of which was further evidence of the place Yenching has won in Chinese opinion even so far away. The Governor of Kwangsi telegraphed inviting me there and providing an airplane to save time, but I reluctantly abandoned my earlier intention because it would have been too hurried. This was the less to be regretted because the military head and virtual ruler of the Province happened to be in Canton on official business and I had a meal and two other long visits with him. All that I learned confirms Sherwood Eddy's conclusion that, as it is the smallest in population and poorest, it is also the most honestly and progressively administered and is thus an augury for the whole country.

These two southwestern provinces are maintaining an estrangement from the Central Government which is the greatest single obstacle to national unity, and is of course playing into the hands of the Japanese and being fomented from that source. There is mutual fear, the Nanking authorities guarding against secession or revolution, and those in the provinces being in dread of military coercion through Chiang Kai-shek's superior force. It all reminded me -- with my southern heritage -- of the animosities and suspicions that precipitated our own Civil War. A similar catastrophe is by no means impossible here and it would undo the progressive work of years while giving the Japanese their opportunity. I am convinced, however, from rather intimate conversations, that the differences are not inherent and are due chiefly to personal and economic rather than to political causes, and that the leaders of this region are really seeking national unity rather than sectional independence. The personal suspicions or resentments are due chiefly to past grievances and present misunderstandings. For the rest, they want to be unhampered in developing industry as has not yet been possible because of customs issues and other complications. ^P This leads to the most distinctive feature of the region -- its material progress. The city of Canton has been amazingly modernized in the past few years. I was taken to see factories for sugar, sulphuric acid, soda, cement, silk and other basic products, ^{was} told of plans for a steel plant, for motor transportation, for education, public health and protection, etc., all of which is most heartening, and largely explains why they wish to be free from federal interference. There is still much graft in high places in Kwangtung (Canton Province) but much less than in the past and with increasingly stern repression. There is provincial prejudice and selfish unwillingness to share with other less fortunate areas. There is a reactionary tendency which expresses itself in a curious revival of Confucian classicism and of superstitious practises, and there is not the intellectual or cultural atmosphere of the north. But this region is making a very timely and useful contribution to national progress with which I hope that Yenching will have a much more deliberately planned and mutually beneficial association than hitherto.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart.

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April 11, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

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My dear Dr. Stuart:

We enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the McBrier Foundation Committee held yesterday.

Statement of Financial Situation. I believe this will be self-explanatory. You will not that we estimate you will have available after meeting the appropriations of 1934-35 a balance of approximately LC\$1,225.79. Subtracting the appropriation of \$50 for which authorization is given in minute MF-3389 would leave LC\$1,175.79 in your hands on July 1st, 1935. Will you please send us a brief financial statement showing whether we are correct in our estimates, and if not, indicating the correct figures.

Mr. and Mrs. Price. The McBrier Foundation Committee understands that the field does not expect it to make any further contributions toward the support of Mr. and Mrs. Price after June 30th, 1935. You will note that we estimate that at the end of this current fiscal year we will have a balance of around US\$2,032.67 in Mr. and Mrs. Price's salary account. Dr. Gee hopes that Dr. and Mrs. Thompson may be willing to give perhaps US\$1,000 per year for the next two years to maintain the support of Mr. and Mrs. Price, but inasmuch as they have made their gift of \$1,500 for the year 1934-35 within the past ten days, it would not be wise to go to them again so soon with any request for a commitment for the next two years. Like everyone else they are feeling the effects of the depression and are reluctant to assume any obligations to which they are not already committed.

The Committee discussed the suggestion in your letter to Dr. Thompson dated November 30th, 1934 that if Mr. and Mrs. Price are to go on the regular scale of salary July 1st, 1935 it will be extremely difficult for them to pay off the balance of the obligations they still have outstanding. According to our records this will be US\$544.07 on June 30th, 1935. While the Committee pointed out that it has no further jurisdiction over the balance in Mr and Mrs. Price's account since these funds have been turned over to the Board of Trustees, they personally would be quite willing to see this US\$544.07 of indebtedness cleared by the use of that amount of Mr. Price's balance, ^{which} and would leave US\$1,488.60 at the end of this year.

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This could be used either to take care of the return travel¹ of Mr. and Mrs. Price if the field is unable to have them continue at Yenching for the next two years, or would meet most, or all of their expenses for the year 1935-36. If, however, the latter course is followed, the University would have to assume responsibility for providing the necessary travel expense to bring Mr. and Mrs. Price and their children back to America at the end of their term of service. Of course, if Dr. and Mrs. Thompson will give US\$1,000 next year and the year following, that will take care of practically all the expenses of Mr. and Mrs. Price for the next two years, including their return travel to America. Otherwise, the field would have to provide this sum, plus a few hundred dollars more, from other sources.

Budget for 1935-36. The Committee was handicapped by the fact that we did not have any actual budget estimates from the field covering next year. The best it could do was to piece together from your letters of the last year the various items which we presume you wish included. In approving the item of LC\$4,180 for the salary and allowances of Dr. P. C. Hsu, the Committee assumed that the field probably would not have any special desire to employ both Dr. Hsu and Mr. Cheng Shao-huai next year on the McBrier Fund. Of course, if Dr. Hsu should not be available, I am sure that the Committee would be quite ~~agreeable~~ agreeable to the use of part of this amount to cover the budget of Mr. Cheng.

The Committee did not know just how much to appropriate for scholarships but assumed that a continuation of approximately the same amounts as are being used this year, would be satisfactory. They therefore included a scholarship plan of LC\$500. In your letter of January 8th you point out the need for a small sum to meet miscellaneous items which may come up during the year. The Committee appropriated LC\$200 for this purpose.

We trust that the budget as approved, amounting to LC\$5180 will be adequate to meet your needs. If anything further is required, please send us the necessary details (unless you have already done so) and the Committee will be glad to go into the matter further.

The Committee discussed at some length the question of whether authorization should be given for Dr. Hsu to do a limited amount of teaching while drawing his entire support from the funds of the Foundation. Mr. McBrier stated quite definitely that he did not wish to press too insistently any rigid interpretation of the terms of the trust under which this Foundation was established, if doing so would embarrass you in any way or would hamper the service which might otherwise be rendered. The Committee agreed that pending a clearer determination of just what policies will be followed in the use of the funds of the Foundation, it would raise no objections to Dr. Hsu engaging in a limited amount of teaching during the coming year if you found this to be necessary and desirable. It did express the hope, however, that during these recent weeks while Dr. George T. Scott has been in China it may have been possible for you and him to have a full discussion of these questions of policy raised by the Committee during recent years. As soon as he returns to America we will take up the matter with him further.

Just as we were in the act of preparing a cablegram to you informing you of these actions of the Committee, we received your cablegram asking

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart

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us to cable the decision of the McBrier Foundation regarding P. C. Hsu.
We sent you a code cablegram conveying the following message:-

"E. M. McBrier Foundation has appropriated budget for next
fiscal year, scholarships Mex\$800, miscellaneous Mex\$200, P. C.
Hsu Mex\$4180. Will agree to teaching within reasonable limits
if you think it necessary. B. A. GARSIDE"

The Committee instructed me to pass along to you a request that
you send us during the next few months quite full information both with
regard to the activities carried on with the funds of the Foundation
during the present year, and also as to your plans for 1935-36, including
a statement as to just how Dr. Hsu's time is to be used.

Very cordially yours,

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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

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My dear Dr. Stuart:

This letter will comment briefly on the minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Promotion, and of the joint meeting of the Executive, Finance and Promotion Committees held on April 3rd. Because this letter is going forward by air mail we will not enclose copies of these minutes with it. However, Mr. McBrier has already sent you copies of both sets of these minutes with a letter he wrote several days ago. And fifteen copies of the minutes of the joint meeting have been forwarded to you by second class mail.

COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION

Mr. McBrier acted as Secretary for the major part of this meeting, and has commented in his letter on the actions taken, so there is nothing I need to add.

JOINT COMMITTEE

Correction to Minute. Action EFP-3376 was taken, as you will note, to regularize the records of the Harvard-Yenching Institute with regard to the appointment of Dr. Hume.

Communications from the Field. While your letter of February 25th is intended primarily for the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees we laid it before the joint committees for any preliminary consideration and action they might desire. To your letter of February 25th we added also the very gratifying information in your letter of March 7th. After reviewing this material with keen interest, the Committees voted to refer these communications to the Annual Meeting.

Your letter of February 20th, with the attached action of the Faculty Executive Committee was given very careful and prolonged study by the joint committees. Action EFP-3378 expresses their united judgment, stated in the form of the recommendation to the Annual Meeting of the Yenching Trustees. There is probably no point in my commenting any further at this time on these matters, for I have written so frequently and at such length that anything I might say now would be almost wholly in the nature of repetition. It may be said, however, that the Yenching Trustees are in complete agreement with the field as to the necessity and desirability of

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thoroughgoing cooperation among our Christian Colleges in China, and are just as solicitous for the special interests of Yenching University as any Board of Trustees could possibly be. Therefore, the major premises of the field and of the Trustees are identical - the only difference is the conclusions they draw from these premises.

Progress on Wheeler Chapel. The Committees were very much pleased that at last progress is being made on the Wheeler Chapel, and while they felt that the information available was scanty at a few points they were confident that the field is going forward with the building in the wisest possible way, and so they took action EFP-3380 very heartily.

Resignation of Mrs. Williamson. We know that all of Mrs. Williamson's friends on the field will learn with regret that unsatisfactory health has compelled her resignation. She has for some time been struggling against a serious anemic condition and her doctors advise that she must have complete rest and very careful attention. We hope that a few months of care and treatment will suffice to restore her to health but in the meantime it has been necessary to accept her resignation.

Promotional Matters. Mr. McBrier served as secretary for this part of the meeting and is writing to you on these points.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:MP

April 17, 1935

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Mrs. Frances Berry Colby of Pasadena has sent us a gift of \$1,000 without designating it for any special phase of work or support of Yenching. I wrote her at once and she has replied that she understood it to be for the purpose of raising "a permanent maintenance fund for Yenching, or if I am mistaken the amount can be used in the Library."

I am referring this matter to you for your decision as to whether it would be your desire to have it designated for general endowment or for the endowment of the Library. I am sure in either case Mrs. Colby would be satisfied.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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北平辦公處
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
燕京大學
PEIPING, WEST
北平西郊

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Mr. Porter is very anxious to trace two fingerprint paintings of Teng K'uei's (the Chinese artist who was attached to our staff two years ago). They were I believe sent to your office with some other material for exhibition at the Chicago Fair, and I have been told that for some reason or other the Yenching Exhibit was never sent to the Fair. Your office was informed that it was not necessary to return the things to us here.

It happens that Mr. Ware who is on the staff of the Harvard-Yenching Institute at Cambridge is planning to come out here this summer, and if it is not too late he may be able to bring them for us, provided your office can trace the paintings. Please do not go to too much trouble over this matter. If they have been given away then that finishes the matter, but if they are still lying around we should be most grateful to have them returned.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Hagen
Secretary

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Yenching University

April 19, 1935

Messrs. Harper & Matthews
70 Pine Street
New York City

Attention: Mr. B. A. Matthews

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find check for \$50.00 authorized by Dr. Stuart as payment on account for services rendered in connection with the will of Helen Hartley Jenkins.

Very truly yours,

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April 20, 1935

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

My dear Dr. Stuart,

I have not done more than send a tentative acknowledgment of your letter of March 7th, because I have been awaiting a copy of the 1935-36 budget estimates which was sent under separate cover. This budget has now arrived, and I have had an opportunity to go through it somewhat hastily.

As to income from America for the general budget, the situation is substantially improved since we cabled you our estimates in January, due to the fact that the Harvard Yenching Institute has guaranteed an appropriation of U.S. \$21,050, instead of the \$11,700 we counted on in preparing our tentative estimates. This additional US \$9,350, together with the government grant - if it is made - will more than meet the deficit shown in your estimates. Against this, however, is the perplexing problem of exchange. With our American administration tinkering with the currency and threatening to push up the price of silver to fantastic levels it is quite impossible to forecast what the next year will bring. Where an exchange ratio of 2.50 to one seemed quite conservative a few months ago, now it seems rather high and the more cautious policy would be to talk in terms of two to one. This is, of course primarily a matter for field determination, since the Trustees have been making their appropriations in gold, and last year followed the policy of not setting up any fixed exchange ratio so as to leave the field free to deal with any surplus or deficit from this source as you may choose.

As soon as our Budget Committee has gone over the estimates and prepared its recommendations for the Annual Meeting of the Trustees we will send you a copy of these recommendations. Then immediately after the Annual Meeting we will cable you a summary of the Trustees final appropriation, so you may have these facts in hand as promptly as possible for your use in making final revisions, and in laying your plans for next year.

The problem of the support of the School of Religion is certainly a most serious one. The Trustees have been keenly concerned over it. Their hope, however, has been that through the funds which we trust will be available in the Wendel Estate substantial support can be given for theological work at Yenching, and at some other centers in addition to

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Nanking. Dean Weigle is now in China making a study of this whole matter. We hope also that while Mr. Cartwright is in China he will be able to give some very careful study to these matters, and that after he returns his influence in the Methodist Board will be exerted in this direction. We know that you are keeping in close touch with Dean Weigle and Mr. Cartwright and that you are also discussing with our other two Yenching Trustees now in China, Dr. Fairfield and Dr. Scott, such problems as these. We hope that during the autumn definite policies with regard to the use of the Wendell Estate funds will begin to materialize. If it should develop that there is no hope for our Yenching School of Religion to secure substantial assistance from this source, then our Trustees must devote themselves immediately to the task of seeking support from other sources. We all regret that for 1935-36 the Trustees have no designated income for the School of Religion beyond what we have already referred to you. Of course, the Trustees always transmit all the undesignated funds they have available with no limitations upon the authority of the field to use these in whatever way will be most advantageous to the institution as a whole. We would hope that if the grant from the government materializes, and if the general funds of the Trustees are somewhat larger than we have been counting on, you may be able to use some of this increase to strengthen the work of the School of Religion while we are waiting final determination of policies with regard to the Wendell Estate.

It is certainly good news that your negotiations with Mr. Gunn have been so successful, and that the support of the Rockefeller Foundation for next year will do so much to insure the continuation of the fine work being done by the College of Public Affairs and the College of Natural Science.

Thank you for sending us the copy of the letter from Mr. Plumer Mills. This provides us with valuable material with reference to the religious life of Yenching, which we will use as opportunity offers.

Very cordially yours,

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Re: Estate of Helen Hartley
Jenkins, Deceased

April 22, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Thank you very much for your letter of April 19, 1935, enclosing check to our order for \$50 upon account of services rendered in connection with Dr. Stuart's legacy under the will of the late Helen Hartley Jenkins.

Sincerely,

Benjamin A. Matthews

P. S. I did not get the paper which I understood you were to mail me in connection with another matter.

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April 30 1935

Bishop Herbert Welch
Room 615
169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road
Shanghai

My dear Bishop Welch:

The answer to your letter has been long delayed by my absence from the University and by the first few days of immediate claims after my return.

We should like very much to have Dr. Richards give a few courses here in elementary French. I have another letter from Mr. Raymond Thornburg, giving me further details and implying that Mrs. Richards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Phillips (with whom I have a slight acquaintance) might be willing to pay part salary. Unless something of the sort were provided I do not see how in our present much reduced situation we could extend an invitation. It is therefore a rather embarrassing problem. If either through Mr. Thornburg or yourself an invitation to Dr. and Mrs. Richards made on this understanding could be extended to them, we should welcome his help. This would be all the more true because he is a Princeton man and we have a rather happy association with Princeton University in the support of our social sciences.

Thanking you for bringing this matter to my attention, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

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cc Mr. Raymond Thornburg
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cc Bishop Herbert Welch
Dr. N. Gist Gee

April 30 1935

Mr. Raymond Thornburg
127 West 43 Street
New York, N.Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

Your letter regarding Dr. and Mrs. Richards was awaiting me upon my return from a trip to south China, which explains the delay in replying. I also had a letter from Bishop Welch on the same subject, and am enclosing a copy of my reply.

As you can readily imagine, the drop in American income and the present silver legislation of our country have affected us very seriously and we are trying to carry on as best we can, hoping for relief somehow in the future. Among other similar measures we have reduced our Department of European Languages from three teachers to two. It would therefore be especially welcome if we could have the part-time service of Dr. Richards, to teach one or more classes in elementary French.

You imply that Mr. Phillips might be willing to make this contribution. I imagine that Dr. Richards would be ranked as a visiting lecturer, with a salary of about \$200 local currency per month, and that we could not claim more than one-half of his time. The cost therefore would be ten months at \$100 local currency per month. It would be a delicate matter to bring this to the attention of Mr. Phillips, and yet since you have written as you have I venture to ask you to take it up in whatever way you think best.

I am sending copies of this correspondence to Dr. N. Gist Gee (150 Fifth Avenue, New York City), our Vice President resident in America, who will be ready to help in any way you may wish.

I would be a real pleasure to have this association with a Princeton graduate, and we should like to strengthen the interest of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips in Yenching.

Thanking you for bringing this matter to my attention, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

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