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American interest in China has been strikingly revealed in the large sales of recently published books and in the wide variety of these "best sellers". A less spectacular evidence is the provision for courses of study on Chinese subjects in leading Universities as notably the Harvard-Yenching Institute for Chinese Studies. It is felt again in the wide-spread and increasingly intelligent sympathy for China in the present encroachments upon her territorial integrity.

Whether, however, it be the glamorous charm of a mellowed culture, or the vivid portrayal of various aspects of her present-day teeming life, or the menace to world-peace in her threatened national disintegration, or the impressions made by the worth or winsomeness of individual Chinese, the friendly good-will that Americans generally have for the people of China is one of the important factors in the destiny of the Pacific area. This attitude is no less heartily reciprocated by the Chinese people toward the United States and thus accentuates its bearing on international relationships in this region.

Approached from this standpoint it is not surprising that Americans eagerly welcome reports of recent progress in Chinese affairs. They are at heart perhaps more concerned with this than with any other phases of Chinese life. This is partly because of the American temperament and environmental conditions which lead them to admire progressive activity anywhere; partly because it is so surprisingly in contrast with the press reports which are chiefly of banditry, civil wars or factional strife, floods and famines, communist dangers, foreign aggressions, and other destructive forces; partly also because of genuine anxiety over the outlook not only for China but for their own and other countries, unless these disintegrating tendencies are somehow overcome.

It is therefore of no slight satisfaction for one who has lived long in China to have an opportunity to testify to the strength and significance of the constructive movements within the country. Indeed these are far more apparent to the resident in China than the occurrences which call for cabled dispatches.

There is, for instance, an amazing growth in the awakening of a national consciousness. This shows itself in the sense of public responsibility and patriotic loyalty among the leaders of the national and provincial governments which is doing so much to unify the country and make ineffective the persistent and liberally financed intrigue for secessionist movements. It is the only conceivable explanation for the impassioned student agitations of the past few months. Another very different expression of this nascent nationalism lies in the efforts to preserve ancient architectural possessions. The beauty of such places as the Temple and Altar of Heaven in Peiping is being preserved in faithful restorations. The historic interest and esthetic charm of temples, palaces, gardens and lesser structures, have sentimental value for those of all countries who care for cultural achievement and are of very real economic benefit to Chinese. But their own determination to protect such places against further decay, as well as to keep art treasures within the country, to carry on

archaeological research and to revive studies of their great heritage, all spring from the same national consciousness that is unifying the country against its internal weaknesses and external foes.

The enthusiasm for rural reconstruction, the success of various concrete experiments and the systematic planning of the government to improve the life of the vast rural population, constitutes another sign of progress in one of the most fundamental reforms.

Numerous other advances could easily be noted. The construction of motor roads in virtually all provinces and the rapid extension of this form of transportation, together with the potentialities it suggests, is an instance. The attack on illiteracy is another. Public health is being planned for by the Central Government in as enlightened and up-to-date a program as perhaps exists anywhere in the world. These are random illustrations of the stirrings of new life which give cause for hopeful confidence in the rebirth or rebuilding of this age-long civilization into a modern state with a unified and stable government and progress in economic, educational and other aspects of social welfare, despite the threatening of the present, and in accord with what should be expected of a people with so noble a tradition and ~~their~~ many admirable qualities.

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Dangers

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January 3, 1936

Miss Doris Cummings
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Doris:

I am sending you herewith a copy of an action taken by the Trustees this afternoon. This indicates the mature judgment of our Trustees and of our American friends. I have, after much hesitation come to the conclusion expressed herein at least on an experimental basis. I was somewhat reassured in this after consulting with Secretary Hull and Dr. Hornback the Head of the Far Eastern Division in our State Department. If we take this attitude at least experimentally, and until we have ample objective evidence that conditions have become intolerable we will very much strengthen our position in this country and may find it the wiser course in the long run from every standpoint. I am sure that Dr. Luh and the rest of you are giving the matter very careful consideration in the light of local developments.

Unless I have advice from Yenching to the contrary it seems now that I might well stay here until Mr. Gunn's arrival in New York or meet him somewhere on the Pacific coast before starting back to China. On the other hand, I shall be ready to return at any time if summoned.

If not too late for the alumni meeting, please give them my heartiest greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

JLS:MP

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January 21, 1936



Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Stuart:

You were at the meeting of the Committee on Finance, Property & Investment held on January 10th, wherein consideration was given to the Porter Annuity Fund.

Agreeable to the action taken at that time, the investments were to be consolidated and the fund set aside at the valuation as of January 10, 1936, the income to accrue to the general budget of the University.

The agreement setting up this trust fund indicated this procedure unless "Dr. and Mrs. Porter, and Dr. J. Leighton Stuart" disapproved. As you were present at the meeting, I am sure you are in agreement with the procedure which was taken.

Very truly yours,

*Approved
J.H.S.*

C.A. Evans

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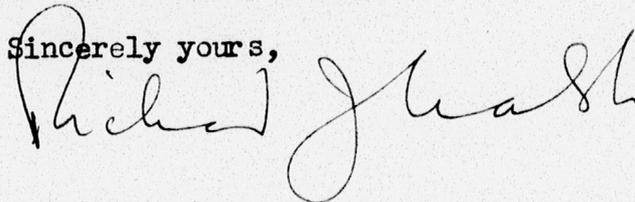
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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
President, Yenching University
Peiping
China.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

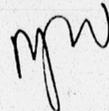
As you know, all of the manuscripts which were submitted at the request of Dr. Hans Kohn and Dr. William Ernest Hocking for the proposed volume East and West, which could not be published on account of the generally disturbed conditions, were referred to me as editor of ASIA Magazine. We are endeavoring to bring to publication in our columns such of the many manuscripts submitted for the volume as seem to be suitable for magazine use. I very much regret that yours, important as it is, does not seem to me to be capable of being adapted to the rather specialized need of magazine publication. Therefore I must return it to you, joining with Dr. Kohn and Dr. Hocking in thanking you again, and in mutual regret that it was not possible to proceed with the projected volume.

Sincerely yours,



RJW:R

P.S. The above is the form which I have used in returning a number of the East and West manuscripts. In the case of yours, I should add that having already had your shorter articles on this subject, there was not much expectation in our minds, or, I am sure, in yours, that we could use this also in ASIA. I had hoped to suggest that it might be sent to some other American publication, but really I feel that so much has been said in various journals about modern education in China, and present conditions are so unsettled, that it is quite unlikely that this able article could find publication at the present time. I really feel quite badly about the collapse of the whole project, but there seems to be nothing else to do except to face the hard facts of the situation.



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February 27, 1936

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I sent you a wire this morning, repeating Mr. Thompson's wire from Saint Louis. I was unable to answer this myself, since I did not know whether the plans for Sunday evening in Pittsburgh had gone through.

I send you herewith a letter from Mr. Danforth, inviting you to be his guest while you are in St. Louis, and another letter from Dr. Howard, telling you about the plans for your visit there.

I have acknowledged both letters, thanking Dr. Howard for the information he sends you, and telling Mr. Danforth that you are away from New York, but that I am quite sure you will be glad to accept his hospitality. Mr. Hedrick thought it would be fine for you to be with the Danforths, so I hope this does not interfere with the plans you had made to stay at the Staler Hotel. Having the car at your disposal will certainly be helpful.

I hope the Pittsburgh visit is proving to be pleasant. We all miss you here in New York, and will be looking forward to your next visit.

Sincerely yours,

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The Physics Laboratories
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March 2, 1936

Dr. J. S. Stuart
China Colleges
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I am dispatching this note to you to reach you before you leave for China, both to thank you for the very pleasant visit in New York and to confirm the fact that nothing yet has been determined about a sabbatical for next year.

I am very sorry that it has worked out in this way, as if it were settled now Mrs. Crawford and I would take very little time in making up our minds to go out to Yenching.

With very best regards for a pleasant trip,

Yours very sincerely,

F. H. Crawford

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March 2, 1936

Dear Dr. Stuart:

It has occurred to me that you will want to write a letter to all the Yenching Trustees on the eve of your departure. If you will prepare such a letter and send it to this office, we will get it out. Among other things which you will want to say to them, I should suggest the following promotional ideas:

First - An appreciation of their efforts in the matter of the present campaign and the success with which that effort has been prosecuted.

Second - Your hope that they would push the campaign to a successful conclusion, thus clearing the way for the effort to secure those minimum objectives needed to secure the future of the university.

Third - Mention your satisfaction in the broad visioned manner in which they supported the promotional work and saying that you are carrying back to the staff on the field a message of inspiration and hope.

From Mr. Aydelott's reports, I observed that you have had a busy time in Pittsburgh. I hope it was pleasant and that you felt it was profitable.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Palmer House
Chicago, Illinois

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March 2, 1936

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Palmer House
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Miss Van Sciver tells me she has already sent you a copy of Mr. George W. Marston's letter of February 25th, in which he says as follows:-

"We are both of us over 80 years of age and I am in my 86th year, therefore, any pledge carrying through a period of five years is subject to our living through this period, and to any accident that might happen to our income. We will simply say, therefore, that it is our intention to give \$1000 a year for five years beginning in August of this year."

We are very much gratified to get this pledge from Mr. Marston. We are now engaged in a drive to get our present objectives by June 30th. I wonder if Mr. Marston could not pledge this \$5000 so that all of it can be applied to the present undertaking? It would assist us very much. Instead of spreading it over five years at the rate of \$1000 a year, it would mean that he might take a couple of years to pay it, if he desired. It should be an "out and out" \$5000 subscription.

It is my feeling that if we could get him to make an outright pledge of \$5000 without conditions (that is, without any conditions in regard to their living through the five-year period), he might just as easily pay it up in a year or at the most, two years, as well as to spread it out over a five-year period. We not only stand a greater chance of getting the \$5000 eventually, but it would also clear off the obligation so that another year we might approach him for a still larger gift.

I understand that Mr. Marston is a very wealthy man and is making money, so it seems to me that he could easily pay a \$5000 gift in a year, if he wished. Do what you can to get the pledge for the full \$5000 paid in one year if possible, or in two years at the most. I think you can do it without much pressure when you explain to him our present objectives.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Garside,

Please transmit any message Dean Martin may send you for Nash at Yenching as with my approval. Use code or deferred rate at your discretion. Nash is to be summoned here for Missouri financial work in which if successful we shall share. If not, they are confident that Nash will be cared for here. We have his travel in our budget.

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Gunn has been delayed
so I came here to meet Martin
and their campaign manager
named Burton. I see Gunn
tomorrow morning.

Let me take this occasion
to thank you again for all
your many kindnesses to me
personally and faithful care
of Yeeching interests in the
midst of countless claims and
irritations.



Yours sincerely,
Heather Stuart

Please have put on mailing list
Mr. S. D. Groff
903 W. Eganous Street
Mexico Mo.

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March 5, 1936

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I just had a letter from Lyman Pierce in which he says:

"I have just had a long conference with Wilcox. He has set up a wonderful program here in Southern California for Dr. Stuart. Here is the following advance arranged.

"A Princeton luncheon, to which the whole Princeton alumni body will be invited.

'Ralph Lloyd is giving a luncheon at the University Club to all of the members of the Counselling Board.

'Mr. Lloyd is inviting a few outstanding friends to his home where he is entertaining Dr. Stuart for one night.

'Mrs. Colby is inviting a group of prominent Pasadena people to her home for an evening with Dr. Stuart. She was one of the Berry sisters who gave the library at Yenching. Her sister are none of them living. Mrs. Colby is a woman of large fortune and this may mean great things.

"Mr. Warner will have a meeting of some friends of Yenching at his home in Claremont. He will take Dr. Stuart to San Diego to call on Mr. Marston.

'I will be returning tomorrow to San Francisco and am going to try to get Mr. Blaisdell of International House at the University of California to arrange the program of Dr. Stuart in and around San Francisco. Wilcox will go up with Dr. Stuart and steer him if Dr. Stuart thinks it advisable."

I thought you would be interested in this.

Would suggest that you cultivate Mrs. Colby with the largest objectives in mind and that she be not asked for anything small. I would dare to hope that she may be brought in on a larger project in a large way. Please give us any suggestions on a follow-up that may occur to you and open any doors that you think may be necessary to leave ajar.

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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart

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If you can tactfully induce Mr. Marston of San Diego to make his \$5000 commitment a real pledge, it would encourage the campaign wonderfully.

I hope you are having a good time along the way.

Kind regards,

BH:DW

Dr. Leighton Stuart
c/o B. B. Wilcox
P. O. Box 133
Pasadena, California

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HARVARD-YENCHING INSTITUTE
Peiping, China

March 9, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter of January 24, 1936, with the information regarding the fund established by my uncle, Mr. James W. Porter, as a gift to Yenching University. I am glad to have the financial statement showing what happened to the original gift of \$100,000. which my uncle made. It is, as you suggest, most unfortunate that the shares turned over to the University were not sold at the time when they were received, so that the University could profit by the value of the stock at that time.

I note the action of the Trustees in its vote on January 10th, and can report that Mrs. Porter and I approve of a part of that vote, namely:- that the losses due to the payment of annuities paid to my uncle during his life be charged to the original fund. However, neither Mrs. Porter nor I approve of the application of the income of the residue to the current budget of the University. It was my uncle's intention that the income from his gift might be used to meet special needs and provide a fund from which to draw for such needs outside of the regular budget of the University. Even though the present value of my uncle's gift is reduced to only \$12,193.75, Mrs. Porter and I still feel that the income therefrom should not be absorbed into, and so completely lost in, the current budget of the University. It should not be difficult for the Trustees of the University to find from other sources an amount equivalent to the income of this \$12,000 odd. Mrs. Porter and I feel that there will be many occasions when even the small income from that sum will be useful in making possible bits of activities or purchases not otherwise provided for.

I therefore recommend to the Trustees and to Dr. Stuart very strongly that the fund be kept as a special fund to be used as originally proposed at the discretion of Dr. Stuart, Mrs. Porter, and myself for items outside the regular budget of the University. I feel quite sure that Dr. Stuart will approve of this action as soon as he knows the feeling Mrs. Porter and I have in this matter, and shall be glad to hear that arrangements have been made as herein suggested.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ LUCIUS C. PORTER

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Dear Miss Van Sivers,

This will announce my safe arrival here and receipt of letters. The plans here are going ahead.

It was fortunate in Chicago that Mr. Frutess was away as my plans were all changed by Mr. Guss's delay and my trip to Missouri to see Dean Martin. I had no time to call on any Princeton men.

Mrs. Blaine promised to send in a list of the guests at her party, and to help in later cultivation or enlarging their number. She is not ready yet to make her own contribution though she

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talks freely about it, and feels it more useful than ever. It is a most baffling case. If you have not heard from her send her a line asking for the list and her comments on each. She should be asked to help in similar ways when I return next year.

Mrs. Hill of Kansas City was to send in a list of people ^(about 45) at the Women's City Club luncheon, though I fear there was but little money represented. As in St. Louis, there are possibilities but quite a little cultivation is needed. I preached yesterday morning in a large Southern Presbyterian Church (Central) but it is not very open for our type of project. I had a good time with my brother & personal friends, dinner with the Hills & a group they invited &c.

Yours &c J.H.C.

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PALMER HOUSE

CHICAGO

Later

On arriving here I had a message from Mr. Green who is delayed by snow. I am therefore leaving tonight to meet Dean Martin tomorrow in Mexico, Mo., and return to meet Mr. Green Friday. Shall see Mrs. Blaine that evening and she may have a group for tea ^{Friday}.

Mrs. Blair is out of the city and Mrs. Bush ill. Had lunch at International House with the Prices and professorial friends.

Dr. Hill has a lunch for me Saturday in Kansas City.

From all this you will see

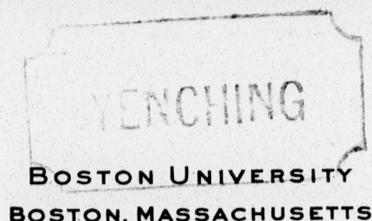
that I am spending my nights
chiefly on sleepers.

The letters re Marston, San Diego,
have been noted.

Thanks again for all you
did for me personally as well
as for the University during
these recent months.

Greetings to Misses Hebold
& Wycoff.

Sincerely yours,
J.L.S.



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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President J. Leighton Stuart
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear President Stuart:

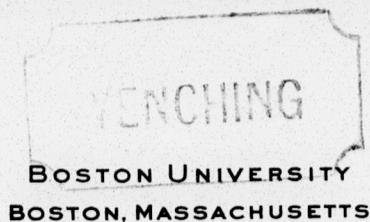
Professor Robert E. Bruce, head of the department of Mathematics at Boston University, has written you with respect to the possibility of teaching in Yenching next year during his Sabbatic leave. I write merely to say that while we ordinarily do not expect our professors to teach during Sabbatic leave, but rather to study or otherwise to improve themselves for further work at home, yet the complete change which a year in the Orient would give Professor Bruce, and the new experiences which he would have, seem to me to make it worthwhile for him to use his Sabbatic leave in the way he has indicated, if the way should open for him to do it.

Professor Bruce is one of the most inspiring and helpful teachers I am privileged to know. He is a man of pronounced Christian character and of fine human sympathies. At the same time, he is a recognized authority in his field and a most acceptable teacher. If I can do anything to help you arrange for his going to Yenching, I shall be glad to do it.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel L. Marsh, President.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
688 BOYLSTON STREET

March 10, 1936

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President J. Leighton Stuart
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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Sincerely yours,

Daniel L. Marsh, President.

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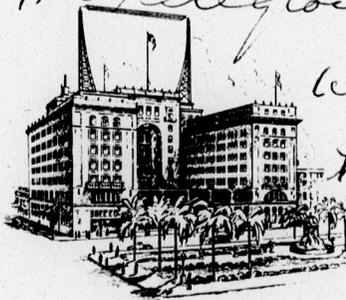
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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Dear Mr. Hedrick,

St. Louis

One possible plan for St. Louis, might be to form a connection with Washington University. Chancellor Geo. R. Throop is quite in favor of this, and advises Sociology or Mathematics. He would like a student of ours sent there for graduate work, and with that link we might enlist local support. We tried this several years ago in Botany but the student had a mental derangement which led him to suicide and the project was dropped. If the religious element is satisfactory,



we have unusual ministerial help - notably Bp. Scarlett, M^r Grov, and others who
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attended the lunch or were invited. Dr. Holt was the original host but had to be absent. He visited our campus, had a personal visit with me in St. L., and is thoroughly interested. On my arrival in Yreaching I shall inquire about a suitable student. Meanwhile if Dr. Young goes there, I suggest:

- (1) Consult Dr. Howard and let him feel that he is our chief sponsor.
- (2) Cultivate Mr. Van Schoeck who with his wife visited the campus. He is retired and therefore has time, and knows the town. He may well be the real leader.
- (3) Mr. Danforth has money and gives to the things he likes. He is an excellent advertiser & promoter, and might

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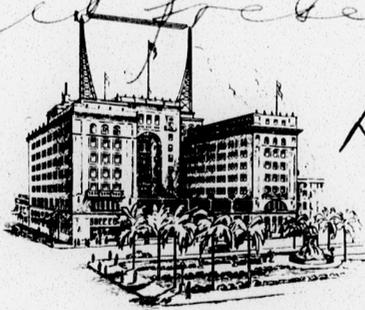
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at first be induced to organize
or direct our efforts. He would do
this better if he makes a sub-
stantial personal gift.

(4) Let Dr. Holch be the leader
among preachers, but get them
all into the plan -

(5) Mr. Moulton is expecting a
good cash return from a sale
of oil land in the next few weeks.
If so, he will be in a mood
to give generously to whatever
is presented at the right time.



Dr. Young might get a
pledge conditioned
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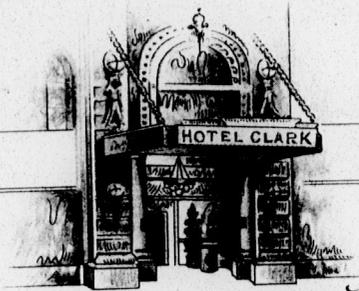
on favorable conditions.

St. Louis impresses me as well worth attention. ~~We~~ have excellent contacts, and the town has a strong civic sense. It ought to take the form of a St. Louis (Luce Wash. Univ.) project.

I rather think a visit by Dr. Young will be advisable. Dr. Gee's influence was helpful and there is no embarrassment because of his retirement.

Yours +
J. Highten Stuart

P. G. B. MORRIS
MANAGER



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Mar. 12/36

Dear Miss Van Sciver,

Mr. Hedrick wrote me regarding a newspaper interview as suggested and outlined by Mr. Zimminger. Because of constant travel and occupation with people between times I have overlooked this until it may be too late.

I am sending herewith a few comments. Please have them copied and tell either of the two gentlemen to prepare a suitable statement along



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the lines of the original suggestions
as may seem wise, using this
material as wanted. They can
feel free to use their own
judgment.

Yours
Fletcher Stuart

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Despite disturbing news during the past few months from North China I am returning there with even greater enthusiasm than on any previous occasion. The awakening national consciousness of the Chinese people, the growing sense of public responsibility and of patriotism as against merely family or local loyalties among the leaders of the present government, and steady if not sensational constructive progress in almost all phases of internal reform, are reassuring evidences that the political entity of China will be maintained. There has been notable advance in unification of sectional and factional groups, and if not too seriously interfered with from without there ought soon to be realized the thoroughly stabilized national government which all the friends of China desire. Militarization of China according modern scientific methods will be effected only in so far as required to resist foreign aggression or internal disorders. One who lives in the midst of the ferment of new forces on this ancient civilization becomes increasingly hopeful over the outcome.

It is from this standpoint that educational institutions established by Americans have their peculiar significance during these formative years of Chinese transition. They aid in mediating our finest moral and spiritual ideals and most important technical accomplishments to the people of China through carefully selected students who are thus inspired and equipped for taking a large part in the staggering but by no means discouraging task of national rebuilding.

It has been extremely gratifying that even with the lingering effects of the economic depression here and the disconcerting trends in Eastern Asia, American interest in China and readiness to assist in such enterprises as I represent are more intelligently alert than I have experienced in the past.

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Both therefore because of the eager young men and women of China who seek the education we are giving them in their own environment and because of the hope of continued American support, I am convinced that Yenching University should continue to function where it is as hitherto, and to serve as one of the generating centers of mutual goodwill and understanding between our two countries and thus make its contribution toward the peace in the Pacific area that is only possible if China become internally strong with a unified government and all needed forms of progressive activity.

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March 13, 1936

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
c/o Pierce & Hedrick
1032 Phelan Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your note of March 5th, sent from Mexico, Missouri.

Several days ago we received a letter from Dean Martin in which he requested that we send the following cable to Mr. Nash at Yenching:-

"Following Stuart conference suggest you sail immediately landing Seattle start Williams Foundation work. One hundred fifty monthly expenses, several months. Cable sailing; Martin."

This cable has been sent as requested. We used the cable letter which, in this instance is cheaper, as well as simpler than missions code.

We are awaiting with interest further reports as to your conference with Mr. Gunn. We trust that everything came out to your satisfaction. Mr. Gunn is now in New York and I am hoping to see him in the fairly near future.

The following cablegram has just come from Yenching "Mathematics position being filled satisfactorily. Welcome Crawford Can provide residence, no salary. Expect some lectures. Yenta."

I am not sure whether the attached letter of March 2nd from F. H. Crawford reached you before you left New York, so I am enclosing it for your information. I have, of course, glanced over the correspondence you left in the office, and have noted the exchange of letters with Dr. Bruce and President Marsh. I am attaching a copy of a letter written by President Marsh on March 10th which has come in since you left. I have acknowledged this letter briefly, stating that President Marsh that I am forwarding a copy to you.

If there is anything our office should write or cable to the field, or to Professor Crawford, Professor Bruce, or President Marsh, please send us instructions.

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Dr. Stuart

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We trust that your stay in California is proving both pleasant and profitable. It has been a great joy to have you with us during these last months, and we are sorry that conditions in China make it necessary for you to hurry back to the field at this time.

With all good wishes for a safe and comfortable journey back to Peiping, I am

Very cordially yours,

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March
May 14, 1936

Dear Dr. Stuart:

As you are preparing to sail, I wish to add my word of appreciation for the fine fellowship I had with you during your visit which is now terminating. Any word from me is quite unnecessary to acquaint you with the wide influence you have in this country, nevertheless, I wish to be counted among those who are conscious of it. I wish for you a safe journey and abundant success in the cause which lies so near your heart, as you return to the campus.

The warm personal contacts which you have established and your intimate understanding of social procedure would prompt you to respond in such a way as may be in keeping with your coming schedule, without any suggestions from me, but because your days are so crowded, I am taking the liberty of calling your attention to the names of a few persons with whom I am sure you will wish to communicate in some way or other. I am prompted to do this more from the fact that I am not sure that you have with you the initials and the street addresses of these persons.

Before leaving Pittsburgh I wrote to Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Torrence and Mrs. Geo. W. Benney, in appreciation of their kindness in entertaining and assured them you would communicate with them on the first opportunity.

Since returning to New York, we have received a check from Mrs. McKee for \$1,000.00, which brought great joy to all of us. We are hoping that we may have some response to a letter which was sent to Mrs. R.B.Mellon, but up to the present none has been forthcoming. You, of course, know that she is the widow of R.B.Mellon who was a brother of Andrew Mellon and she is reputed to be worth vast sums of money. She expressed to Mrs. McKee great pleasure at having met you and in having seen the pictures of Yenching, and said she would send a check. She is of such importance that any cultivation from your angle will be most helpful. If she could be induced to take an active interest in Yenching all of our financial problems would be solved. Her address is 6500 - Fifth Avenue, ~~New York City~~, *Pittsburgh, Pa*

The following persons will perhaps come in for some kind of acknowledgment from you in any way suitable to yourself. You will remember that they all attended the tea at the home of Mrs. McKee on Friday, February 28th.

Mrs. H. G. Samson --- Morewood Gardens
Mrs. Thomas W. Pomeroy --- 23 New Brighton
Mrs. P. M. Jones --- 320 S. Aiken Avenue
Miss Elizabeth Lee --- 400 Shady Avenue
Miss Carrie Carnahan --- 400 Shady Avenue
Mrs. W. H. Rowe --- 624 Morewood Avenue

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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart

March 14, 1936

Mrs. William H. Scheutte --- 5363 Northumberland
Mrs. C. E. Dickson --- 5200 Westminster Road
Mrs. Daniel M. Clemson --- 6200 - Fifth Avenue
Miss Martha Jamison --- 602 Sherman
Mrs. L. R. Schmertz, Jr --- 5727 Wilkins Avenue
Mrs. W. A. Lowrie --- 40 Panhurst Road
Mrs. J. S. Crutchfield --- Sewickley
Mrs. Samuel Hamilton, Jr --- 100 Woodland Road
Miss Elinor Chalfant --- 5028 Morewood Place
Mrs. David Gillespie and daughter Mabel --- 903 Amberson Avenue
Mrs. Francis Terrence --- 1006 Beaver Road
Mrs. George W. McKee --- 1055 Morewood Avenue
Mr. & Mrs. George A. Benney, Jr. --- Sewickley Heights
Mrs. James W. Kinnear --- 1120 N. Megley Avenue
Mrs. Thomas Wilson Pomeroy, Jr. --- 422 Sulgrave Rd. Chatham Village
Pittsburgh.

I am assuming that you will take immediate steps upon your arrival on the campus to follow through whatever may be necessary in response to Mrs. John Van Voorhis, 714 Rock Beach, Charlotte Station, Rochester, New York. I have written her that you and I had a conference in Pittsburgh and that she will hear from you.

In a conference here with the Promotional Committee, the concensus of opinion was that Mrs. R. B. Mellon of Pittsburgh, is a case that justifies the most careful and intelligent cultivation. Obviously she is a woman who is proud of the name of Mellon and susceptible to whatever frailties may be the common lot of humanity in the way of flattery or adulation, special consideration or any term you wish to use. A letter from you from China, expressing the hope that she may visit the Institution, or any other cultivation which may suggest itself to you, will be most helpful.

It is not our desire to add to your already overworked schedule, but if these suggestions can be handled from China, it would be more effective than from this office.

Expressing once more my great joy at the privilege of being associated with you in this work and wishing for you the best of all good things, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

George C. Aydelott

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PEIPING, CHINA

American Office

150 Fifth Avenue

New York

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March 14, 1936

To the Members of the Board of Trustees:

Of the many communications which from time to time I have had occasion to send you this is to me one of the most agreeable. I am writing it merely to assure you of my heartfelt appreciation for the attitude you have taken during my recent visit to the country and for the actions in which this has been expressed. Rarely had I left China with more misgivings as to the possibility of continued and adequate American support, due to my realization alike of prevailing economic conditions in the United States with their psychological consequences and of the effect on American generosity of developments in Eastern Asia. Your courageous determination to undertake in the face of such discouragements and effort to secure immediate objectives and to plan for the endowment which would enable us to maintain our present work independent of emergency grants and contributions was reassuring evidence of your active concern. Your prompt decision to engage the experienced assistance which in your judgment was best qualified to attain these objectives, and the generous gifts of some among you and the devoted help of others, combined to demonstrate further the seriousness of your intentions.

The actual results at this writing are quite substantial and are mainly due to the part many of you have already taken. We have all been convinced that despite the disadvantages in the present world situation money can be secured for our cause and that we are at least experimenting in the most effective methods for securing it. That you will all cooperate as you can with those directly in charge during the remaining months of this initial effort I have no doubt.

In the staggering aim to raise two million dollars endowment for an institution in China we have a fresh challenge to faith and grim determination. What has been accomplished to date is only a small beginning. It has largely exhausted our hopes from old friends. Our constituency must be enlarged. There must be competent and continuous cultivation. It may take several years of energetic and single-hearted struggle. But I am returning to China with a message of cheering expectancy to my colleagues of the faculty based chiefly on the spirit you have shown. We in turn shall try more than ever to make Yenching worthy of your support.

In this fellowship in an increasingly difficult but worthwhile task, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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San Francisco, California
March 16, 1936

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Dr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Garside:

I have your letter this morning and am glad that you sent the cable on behalf of Dean Martin.

Regarding the Mathematics matter, I think it best to wait until I return to China and learn more about what has been arranged there. I have the Crawford and *Bruce* cases fairly well in mind and doubt if there is anything to be gained by further correspondence in America.

The conference with Mr. Gunn was from my standpoint, quite reassuring. He is proposing to recommend the items worked out with our people in China and thinks there is a fair prospect of these being approved by his Trustees. The chief difficulty is the disproportionate amount the R.F. is provided which runs up I believe, to about eighty-one percent of the total in these units. Whatever you can do to explain how well aware the Trustees are of this disparity and how vigorously efforts are being made to secure more adequate and stable income, will be of very practical help.

I have the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee on Promotion and note with satisfaction the actions taken.

Thank you again for your own active help during this visit of mine and the admirable spirit you never ceased to reveal in the midst of harrassing and conflicting claims upon your time and thought.

Very sincerely yours,

J. L. Stewart

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March 16, 1936

Dear Dr. Stuart:

The enclosed letter to Miss Munger is a suggestion of what I should like to have written and signed by yourself before you sail. It comes as a result of a conference of Mr. Aydelett and Dr. Young with Miss Mead of Plainfield, New Jersey, in which she suggested that Miss Munger should not be solicited for a gift at the present time but cultivated for the future.

You will, of course, write the letter in any way suitable to yourself but we are eager to open the way for Dr. Young to follow through. When you have edited or re-written it if you will return it to Miss Van Seiver, it can be forwarded from this office.

I hope you have enjoyed a pleasant and successful time in California and that your confidence in the successful outcome of the task has been increased. The relentless vigor with which you have devoted yourself to the cause of Yenching since your arrival in this country is bound to be productive of good results, and you have my personal thanks for all you have done.

With every good wish for a successful return trip to China and looking forward to seeing you again in this country, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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San Francisco, California
March 16, 1936

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I have your letter this morning and am sending you only a brief note of congratulation on the fine outcome of your Boston visit. It was a fine idea of yours and I am glad to see it taking concrete form.

It seems to me that the plan of utilizing the Summer Season is an excellent one. Be sure to send me word continually of any help I can render by personal notes or otherwise.

It is good to have the renewed fellowship with an old Peiping friend and to note the efficiency as well as the splendid spirit with which you are helping our cause. It is one large factor in the relief I have in returning to China this time. On previous occasions I have been so conscious of the sporadic and desultory form of promotional effort.

Very sincerely yours,

Leighton Stewart

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March 17, 1936

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING

REVISED LIST OF EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS 1935-36

	<u>Total Objectives</u>	<u>Cash Received</u>	<u>New Pledges</u>	<u>Total Obtained</u>
I. <u>CURRENT BUDGET REQUIREMENTS</u>				
To maintain the current work of the University without serious curtailment, the following are the very minimum amounts required:				
1. <u>For academic year 1935-36</u>	\$25,000.00	\$12,016.50	\$1,465.00	\$13,481.50
2. <u>For academic year 1936-37</u>	25,000.00	500.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
II. <u>IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS</u>				
1. <u>Endowment for the General University</u>	100,000.00	265.00	85,000.00	85,265.00
To stabilize income in order to carry on the regular academic work of the University.				
2. <u>Endowment for the School of Religion</u>	50,000.00	25,000.00	-	25,000.00
In order to provide a stable income for this most important department, \$100,000 is needed for Endowment. At this time we seek one half of this amount.				
3. <u>Endowment for Women's College</u>	90,000.00	10,166.76	4,690.00	14,856.76
To provide stable income for the annual budget. This amount is one of the most pressing needs.				
	<u>\$290,000.00</u>	<u>\$47,948.26</u>	<u>\$93,155.00</u>	<u>\$141,103.26</u>

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Report to Dr. [unclear]

San Francisco, California

March 18, 1936

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I have just called on Miss Elizabeth Gamble, 1431 Waverly Street, Palo Alto. She is said to be quite generous and with a large income. She is a first cousin of Sidney Gamble, who recently visited here. She has known very little about Yenching and has had no great interest in China. I only asked if we might not send her information about our Women's College with special reference to the endowment effort. She is apparently quite reserved in manner and gave no indication as to her attitude beyond willingness to receive further information.

I suggest that you write her a letter in some detail regarding the endowment needed for the Women's College, the amount received, any conditional pledge as from Mr. Boyd, etc., and mention a specific amount which we shall like her to contribute over a period of years if she so preferred. Consult Sidney on the whole matter. He might be willing to write the letter himself or inclose a note of approval.

Mrs. Cecil arranged this interview through a friend of hers and is anxious to know more about Yenching and to do whatever she can. Will you send her some printed matter about the Women's College and keep her advised as to specific matters as they develop.

If I am to return here next Autumn, she would undoubtedly be of help in making preliminary arrangements. I had Mr. Wilcox meet her this afternoon so that they can cooperate in the future.

Very sincerely yours,

Keighton Stewart

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

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150 Fifth Avenue

New York

Written in San Francisco
March 19, 1936

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On December 26 I wrote to all the members of the Advisory Council with reference to the emergency needs of our university. The response has been most gratifying and indicates a really great interest in our endeavors to maintain the services of our university on an adequate basis.

Our trustees and I have been inspired by these evidences of endorsement and cooperation and we have redoubled our efforts to secure the total amount needed in the next two or three months. In order to care for various administrative matters before the close of the present session and to make preparations for next year's work, I am compelled to return to China and am sailing in a few days. Our trustees have unanimously decided to carry on the effort during my absence. It may be that you will have the opportunity of giving them some further assistance. If so, I know from the responses to my last letter that the members of our Advisory Council will stand ready to help as their respective circumstances permit.

I am happy to report that up to date we have received a total of \$141,103.26 toward the \$290,000 we must have. Attached is a report on the progress of the campaign to date. This is very encouraging, for we have really just begun.

I shall carry back to our co-workers in China the assurance that the American friends of the university are maintaining their confidence in the institution and their determination to provide for its needs despite political anxieties in North China.

The trustees are concerned not merely with the immediate needs of the university, but have the vision and courage to renew their undertaking - interrupted by the economic depression - to secure an additional endowment sufficient to make it independent of the emergency grants, without which it could not now be operating. These plans will in due time be submitted to you for your approval and advice. If, as now seems possible, the trustees recall me in the autumn in connection with these plans, I shall probably have a more protracted stay in America and shall certainly look forward with a great deal of pleasure to seeing more of the members of our Advisory Council, as well as other friends of the university. Meanwhile, I shall on returning to China attempt to interpret recent happenings there, especially as these affect our common interests.

Very sincerely yours,


President

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Palace Hotel
Bruxelles

March 20, 1936

Mr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Mr. Stuart:

Your letter of January 31st was forwarded to me and I received it a week ago here in Brussels where I have been spending some months with my younger daughter who is beginning her career in opera.

I appreciate the honor you do me in asking me to allow you to present my name to your Board of Trustees as a possible member to fill a vacancy soon to occur. I am interested in the work of Yenching College and it was a pleasure to visit the institution when I was in Peiping last spring with the ladies of the Garden Club of America but it is quite impossible for me to consider taking a position on your Board. I regret that I must decline the honor.

With best wishes for success and long life to Yenching,

Very truly yours,

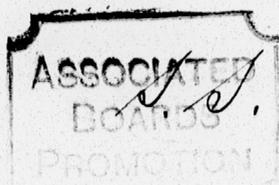
Louise Pope Johnson

(Mrs. Homer H.)

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"President Hoover"
Mar. 21/36

Dear Mr. Sherwood,

It was fine to have your telegram delivered after sailing yesterday. It reminded me of the pleasant associations we have had, and I want to take this early occasion to thank you not only for your active

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efforts for preaching but for much personal kindness.

One of the recent letters from the office reported that Mrs. Sherwood was making greater improvement. I hope this will continue and that she will soon be completely well again. It has been a heavy strain on you, and you have been splendid in the way you have carried on under such trying conditions.

The news of progress toward our objectives is heartening, and I feel sure that all possible will be done by all of you who are continuing the effort.

Of the anxieties at the other end I am trying not to think. Yet even as to these the latest news is reassuring. With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,
J. Leighton Stewart

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March 23/36

Dear Mr. Hydellott,

Your letter of the 14th reached me before sailing, and I am grateful for the reminders and the addresses. I have written Mrs. McKee, Gillespie, Beavey, Schuerty, and shall write Mrs. Torrance later. It would seem unfeeling to write the others before reaching home,

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and perhaps even then they should only be included in my printed letters unless some special occasion should arise. Keep me advised of such. Miss Jamison should be carefully cultivated. I shall think over how to write Mrs. Mellow, but should want your advice in the light of her reply to the letter sent her.

I shall not overlook Mrs. Van Voorhis.

May I trouble you to send me the correct name & address of the Mr. Van Schoette (?) of St. Louis who had the evening reception for me. Somehow I have carelessly misplaced it, and cannot write him till receiving it - Meanwhile could a letter be sent from the office thanking him.

Keep me reminded of anything I should do in further cultivation &c. I am delighted to learn that you & Dr. Green are to continue on the job. My greetings to him.

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Pillepsie sent me a lovely
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my bags could contain.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

19 South La Salle Street, Room 1014
Chicago, Illinois
March 24, 1936

Headquarters
347 Madison Ave.
New York City

Dr. Leighton Stuart
Care of Mr. C. A. Herschleb
347 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Stuart:

During the few months which I have been released to the colleges in the Mid-west Field, which comprises nine states, I have found an intense interest on the part of students and faculties in the exchange of American students with Oriental universities and colleges. I have been in a position to point out the limitations and difficulties involved. One has run into a good many hair trigger schemes. I can visualize the problem which would arise with any widespread trek of American students into Oriental universities especially for the administrations of the China universities as I know them.

Nevertheless, I am quite aware of the splendid possibilities for a few well-selected Christian students, and I wondered whether those exchanges which are carried through might be made much more effective as an educational experience, particularly for American colleges in their relationship to the Oriental college concerned.

If you are still in America--and I hope you are--I should appreciate any comment or suggestions which you may wish to make.

In the course of visiting a number of institutions, I did come in contact with one student whom I am prepared to recommend very highly for such an experience. He is a rising senior at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, by the name of George Gallos. Around his interest in study in the Orient for a year has developed a very keen interest on the part of faculty and student body, who are prepared to back him up in every way. I am sure that funds will be forthcoming for such a project. He has been particularly interested in Yenching. Should I give him any encouragement that he would be welcomed next year and what arrangements would he expect to make as regards tuition, et cetera?

It would be great if I could catch you en route to China as you pass through Chicago. Please be sure to let me know if you see any possibility of even a half hour's talk,

With warmest regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Orrin Magill
Student Executive Secretary
CENTRAL FIELD

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YENCHING

March 30, 1936

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I enclose herewith a copy of the minutes
of our Associated Boards Executive Committee held on
March 18th.

See ABC file

You will note that the most important items
dealt with by the Committee are merely a continuation of
the activities which your presence here in America helped
us to get started.

The question of a United Board of Trustees is,
of course, creating a great deal of thoughtful discussion
throughout the Boards of Trustees of all of our Colleges.
From past experience we have long ago discovered that none
of our Boards of Trustees will ever express hearty approval
of any proposal until they have had an opportunity to examine
it very thoroughly, and to discover any hidden flaws that
may exist. ~~The expected~~ reaction toward the proposal of our
Yenching Trustees with regard to a United Board has been
quite favorable. As would be expected, some ^{are} non-committal
and a few are inclined to object. The next month should begin
to indicate fairly clearly just how the lines are likely to
be drawn.

Very cordially yours,

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