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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter received from Dr. Lucius Porter, together with a copy of my reply.

The following quotation is taken from the agreement made between Sherman M. Goble, trustee, and the Board of Trustees of Yenching University:-

> "It is expressly agreed by said Trustees of Yenching University that after the death of the annuitant, the amount realized from said gift shall constitute a permanent endowment fund, the income from which is to be devoted to the uses and purposes of the University under the provisions of its By-laws, provided, however, that if Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, Rev. Lucius C. Porter, and Mrs. Lillian D. Porter (his wife) jointly, or any two of them, in any year, request that the income of said permanent fund be devoted to any specific use or uses, purpose or purposes of the University, the said income received during that year and subsequent to said request shall be expended in accordance with such request."

As the matter now stands, this fund will be accruing interest from June 10th, which will be set aside in an account, subject to the instructions of the three principals involved.

With cordial good wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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Yenching University

April 6, 1936

Dr. Lucius C. Porter
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Porter:

I am acknowledging your letter of March 9th relative to the use of income on the Porter Memorial Fund.

As you and Mrs. Porter disagree with the action of the Finance Committee taken at its meeting January 10th, we are instructing our Accounting Department to set aside the income in a separate account until final instructions are received from the field.

The Finance Committee was not taking any arbitrary action in voting, as the agreement stipulated that the income was to go to the University unless objection was raised by any two of the three principals, namely:- Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, Dr. Lucius C. Porter, and Mrs. Lucius C. Porter.

While it is not necessary to have an unanimous vote upon the disposition of the income, yet it is much more agreeable to have a unity of purpose, and I am referring the matter to Dr. Stuart for his final vote. It is quite probable that the three of you will desire to confer about the matter. Meanwhile, the income will be held in abeyance.

I am quite sure that there was no thought upon the part of the trustees regarding any compensation out of this fund for the cost of maintenance in the past. I am not a member of the committee, but I attend all of its meetings, and can speak for the amount of worry and deep concern that this fund has caused the Finance Committee. The situation has been reviewed time and time again with ever-deepening concern, but no one has found a solution for the continually widening spread between income and expenditures. The final solution as contained in the motion represented practically the only result which could be achieved. The conclusion was reached only after a very close study of the circumstances involved.

Very truly yours,

CAE:RC

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April 7, 1936

Dear Dr. Stuart:

This will acknowledge with sincere appreciation your letter of March 23. After your strenuous months in America you must have experienced a sense of genuine relaxation to be safely aboard the boat where you, at least for a few days, could have some repose.

I am noting the persons to whom you have written and also what you say in respect to others with whom you will communicate. The address of Mr. T. W. Van Schoiack is - 56 Crestwood Drive, St. Louis, Missouri. I am writing him today that he will hear from you from China.

I am enclosing a proposed letter to Mrs. William H. Moore, which is self-explanatory. We are trying to build a case for a much larger gift and shall appreciate your giving immediate attention to this, editing it and making whatever changes suggest themselves to you and sending it directly to her, with a copy of the letter to this office, so that we may know exactly what you have said. The next step will be to arrange a period when Dr. Young may confer with her. Just how she will react no one can anticipate but we have every reason to believe that she will look with favor upon some further participation in the program for Yenching.

We followed through with Mrs. George Perkins on exactly the same basis and were able to secure an additional pledge for $3,000 to pay for a faculty residence or some special project which will bear her name. We are giving her credit for $3,000 previously contributed, which will bring her total gift to $5,000. She gave Dr. Young to understand that this would be her minimum and not her maximum gift. The whole matter is to come up for further discussion and if a suitable project involving a larger contribution meets with her favor, it is quite probable that she will give considerably beyond this amount. If you can recommend something appealing to Mrs. Perkins as you did for Mrs. Van Voorhis, there is no telling just how far she might go. Will you give serious thought to this and write me at your earliest convenience?

In the case of Mrs. R. P. Mellon - 6500 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Dr. Young wrote to her immediately following the tea at the home of Mrs. McKee, suggesting that she make a gift which might be included with others before your return to China. I do not have a copy of this letter but know something of its contents. It made mention of the pleasure you had received at meeting her and expressed regret at the interview having terminated so abruptly. It then called attention to the place of importance occupied by Yenching in the Orient and its potential influence in further fashioning the character of China and ended by suggesting that any amount agreeable to her would be gratefully accepted and her name would

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be included among others who will give tangible expression to their interest in this school. Since returning to New York, this case has been up for consideration on two or three different occasions and we are all giving serious thought as to the next step. I think that we are all agreed that you could do much to cultivate her from China by personal letters or through one of the many ways which might suggest itself to you. As you know, Mr. Arthur V. Davis is prominently identified with the Aluminum Company of America, and while we have not discussed the matter with him, it seems more than probable that he might have some intelligent comments to make on any further steps to be taken. Her ability is such that she could easily solve all the financial problems of Yenching, if we could in some way elicit her interest.

We have not followed up on Miss Munger as yet, since we felt it advisable to let the force of your letter have time to thoroughly permeate her thinking, before we took any further steps. We feel, however, that the time is at hand when we should proceed in this case.

MissStimpson is in Europe but will return before the summer, at which time it has been arranged that Dr. Young will see her.

Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer was in the office yesterday arranging to turn over securities in the amount of $75,000, covering herpledge. We extended to her an invitation to be the honored guest of the Board of Trustees on April 23, at the Mayfair House, where Dr. and Mrs. Thompson are arranging a nice luncheon which will be presided over by Mr. Arthur V. Davis and the principal speech made by Dr. John Finley. It seems fitting and proper that some recognition should be made of Mrs. Pfeiffer and we were gratified at the cordial way in which she received the suggestion. Judging from certain conversations which I hear about the office, I shall be surprised if an invitation is not extended to Mrs. Pfeiffer to become a member of the Board.

Mrs. MacMillan is now in Philadelphia and has called long-distance today asking that Dr. Young come immediately and follow through on the cases of Mr. Austin and Mr. Wollman who seem likely prospects.

The Ludingtons and Boyds are out of the city and Mr. Timothy Pfeiffer has not yet made the contact with Mr. Grivell, so little can be done on these cases at the moment.

The devastating flood which submerged to a depth of several feet the entire lower business district of Pittsburgh and wrought such havoc it would seem futile to attempt any move there at the present time.

Mr Sherwood is on a short trip which will take him to Baltimore and Washington.

Dr. Young and I will be leaving New York next Sunday, April 12, on a hurried trip to Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit and Chicago. I shall return to New York from there, while Dr. Young proceeds to St. Louis, then back through Indianapolis

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Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Our purpose is to contact only important cases where there seems a reasonable assurance of genuine interest. Later we shall start out to do more intensive work, by which time you will doubtless have some definite proposal with respect to St. Louis. This seems to offer great possibilities and we ex ect to stay there any length of time required to consummate that deal. There are other places where concentrated effort will be necessary.

We hope to spend the greater part of the month of May in and around New York and Philadelphia, following through the cases that have been delayed because of the absence of the parties from the city. Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Perkins and others should be made the most of.

You will recall the lovely children of Mrs. Van Voorhis in Rochester, and I discovered on the occasion of my second visit when we closed the deal for the infirmary, that her sister Mrs. Francis Remington has two or three beautiful children as well. I have heard that interesting and inexpensive Chinese dolls are made, and I have been wondering if it might not be a fine thing to send about four of these dolls - some that cannot be broken - to Mrs. Van Voorhis with the suggestion that she pass two of them on to her sister's children. Obviously, they should be inexpensive but even if the expense is prohibitive, I am only trying to think of something that will make an appeal and keep their sustained interest. As you well know, it is most important in all enterprises of a philanthropic nature to be alert not permitting for one moment any lapse of interest.

I feel quite hopeful of the successful outcome not only of our immediate objective of $290,000 but of the larger undertaking of $3,000,000 for an endowment. Both Mr. Hendrick and Dr. Young share this optimism in view of what seems to be the more hopeful signs of less aggressive policy on the part of Japan. Without doubt there are many hurdles, some of them serious, but there is a genuine interest in China which has its basis in the deep and abiding emotions of the American consciousness, and th s coupled with the more hopeful financial outlook would seem to argue in favor of the success of our undertaking. It will require the best planning and co-operation on the part of all of us.

We shall be most grateful for any suggestions you may have to offer in achieving our common purpose.

With the sincere wish that you have found the situation on the campus materially improved and that you may realize your fondest hopes with respect to the institution which lies so near your heart, I am, with affectionate ragards,

Yours very sincerely,

George C. Aydelott

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

YENCHING
April 11, 1936

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

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

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My dear Garside:

I arrived here this morning and am taking advantage of a quiet Saturday afternoon to attend to some immediate matters. One of these is regarding Vernon Nash. Fortunately I saw him in Yokohama, and went over his case in some detail. There is something extremely appealing about the devotion with which he sticks to our Journalism project in the face of the repeated uncertainties and the precarious outlook for his family and himself. Dean Martin and others in Missouri assured me that there would be no difficulty in his securing a position in America, but he has put so much effort into building up our department here, with such a fine spirit of sacrifice, that I feel all the more anxious to exhaust every possibility before we finally abandon the maintenance of this unit. In a less personal way, the record of the graduates of this department, the number and quality of our present students, and the apparently increasing recognition of the importance of the subject among Chinese publishers and government officials, combine to make one of the most worthwhile of our vocational subjects. Mr. Hubert Liang was waiting for me in Shanghai, in which city as well as in Nanking, he has apparently secured promises of support from Chinese which are at least an evidence of growing interest. There are similar indications in South China and elsewhere, and I feel more convinced than ever that we can secure sufficient funds in China for everythingbut the budget of Mr. Nash, or any other Americans who may from time to time be sent here. This seems such a modest item that I cannotbut believe, given sufficient time, that this can be secured. The problem, here again, is one of tiding over the immediate campaign expenses. The Williams Memorial Trustees have only very limited funds at their disposal to begin with, and it may be a few months after June 30 before they would be in a position to carry the salary of Mr. Nash. I am writing now to raise the question as to the possibility of our Trustees including this in our own promotional budget for a limited period, this to be repaid by the Williams Foundation as its funds become available.(?)There would thus be a certain risk in the event of the other project breaking down. As against this we lose a very choice personality and an extremely useful feature, together with the abandonment of all that has been achieved thus far, merely because there was no way to give this newest effort an adequate chance for success. I should be grateful if you would at this stage consult informally with the Committee on Promotion and Mr. Hedrick, and also keep in touch with Dean Martin and Nash himself. Apart from the academic work, the

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existence of this department is an excellent publicity asset, both in America and in China, and under present political conditions has an international contribution that should not be overlooked.

My voyage was pleasantly restful, I had some interesting experiences in Japan, was a day late in Shanghai, but spent a busy day and a half there and another one in Nanking, with a warm welcome here today. I am to speak at the Easter service to-morrow, and at the Assembly Tuesday morning. We have a meeting of the University Council on Monday, and a meeting of the whole faculty for me to report to on Tuesday evening. There will be many other smaller conferences before leaving Thursday afternoon for the China Foundation meeting in Shanghai.

We have secured Mr. E. R. Lapwood of the London Missionary Society for our Department of Mathematics. He is a young man about twenty-six years old who had made a very high record at Cambridge in this subject, has an earnest religious purpose, and seems in every way unusually qualified. The LMS have most reluctantly allowed us to give him this invitation, we to pay his salary, while he retains his connection with his mission. Their present financial situation is so difficult that any pressure to assign him here as one of the two for whom they are supposed to be responsible, would be unsuccessful. None the less, I wonder if the LMS members on the Board of Trustees could not take up with the LMS headquarters in London the desirability of more British sharing in the maintenance of the University. It ought not to be impossible for efforts to be initiated in England outside of the regular process for the maintenance of British members on the faculty of an institution like ours.

Very sincerely yours,

S. Leighton Stuart

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Address by Dr. Stuart

(From notes)

It is almost worthwhile to go away for several months because it is so good to get back again. The chief satisfaction being to look into the faces of our students because the only reason we have the University, the only reason I have to go to America is for the sake of you, our students. And it is because of our faith in you and belief in what you can do for China, that all of this effort is worthwhile. So that I am very happy to be able to see our student body and greet you. And perhaps the thing that I have most in mind at this time is to have a chance to tell you some of the impressions which came to me as I read in the American papers the things that were happening in Peking and the constant reference to Tsing Hua and Yenching and other North China university students and their activities, and the letters which came to me from faculty members gave quite a little detail about what was transpiring here during those eventful days in nearly December and in the weeks that followed. Getting ready to return to China, the cables that told about the second semester, and the decision of the students to go on with the regular work of the academic year. My dominant sensation in what I heard, read, etc and as I thought about all that was taking place, is one of very great pride in our student body, comfort, satisfaction, and a sense of hope in the future of this country, because it seems to me that you have done two things well. Either one alone would have been very incomplete, one-sided; and the ultimate effect would have been harmful. At such a time of national crisis for students not to have cared tremendously about it and have wanted to do something, would have meant very little hope for national salvation. And as I understand the situation the student activity in Peiping and North China had quite a practical result in the outcome thus far of the political issue. It was by no means wasted effort. It is quite a curious feeling to open the New York Times and wonder whether there will be any references to one's own university when anything might have happened. We might have ceased to have a university, have had tragedy, disaster, perplexing problems, important accomplishments, or no reference whatever. Sometimes people told me things before I saw the paper, but always as soon as I could each morning I secured a copy to see what the news from Peiping and North China was. And in an effort to secure money from Americans, with all of this news of disturbance in North China, and when some of my friends in America feared that our students might do something terrible and prejudice them against giving money, added to excitement and uncertainty, but I felt certain that we would have no added difficulty of this kind. As a matter of fact the constant references to Yenching and Tsing Hua attracted the attention of the American people and my impression is that Americans are more interested in China now, and more intelligently so, than ever before. And a great deal of sympathy throughout the country for all that is facing China at this time. When sometimes American friends would say something to the effect that Chinese students ought to go on with their studies and leave politics alone, I suggested that they read revolutionary history. The British military officers said that if they could only suppress the students in Princeton, Yale, and Harvard,

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April 15, 1936

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

Mr. B. M. Hedrick
Room 905
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

YENCHING

My dear Mr. Hedrick:

I wrote you something about the St. Louis situation. Since arriving here I am prepared to recommend a student named Hsien-yü Hsü, whose record is enclosed herewith. The thought would be that he enroll in Washington University for graduate study in the Department of Mathematics, under a fellowship to be approved by Chancellor Throop. I talked with him personally, and he is quite ready for the arrangement. Mr. Hsü has an attractive personality, is an excellent student, and would prepare himself for a permanent position on our faculty. We ought to undertake to build up around this relationship between the two institutions a St. Louis supporting group. The young man could be brought into the picture as the first concrete expression of this, and be used for social gatherings and individual contacts. On the other hand, this should not be made so prominent as to blur the more permanent connection. I am enclosing copies of letters to Chancellor Throop and Dr. Howard, the latter of whom conceived the idea several years ago of a connection of this kind. A suitable student was found to study at the Botanical Garden, but he unfortunately without our knowledge had suffered from a nervous breakdown in his early years, which led him to commit suicide. Let us hope that this will not be a constant practice of the students selected from now on. What is more to the point is that Mr. Hsü is not a professing Christian, although I think it quite possible that he is ready to become so. It would naturally be unwise for me to bring this into the picture at the very time when he is being promised a chance to study abroad, but this phase of the matter should be kept in mind. This is the more important because among the best friends we have in St. Louis are Bishop Scarlett, Rev. Ivan Lee Holt, and other prominent ministers. It may be that later on, before the young man leaves here some progress can be made in this matter.

Now as to finances, his family can supply for the first year L.C. $1500, which at present exchange would not even amount to U.S. $500. There is the problem of his travel and other expenses in St. Louis. It would seem to me worth considering for our promotional budget to include a grant to help him out as necessary, this to be made a first charge against contributions received in St. Louis. At the very worst a young man would have been helped in his training to take a place on our faculty which it is extremely important to have well filled.

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However, my impressions of that city are that it has a strong civic consciousness, our prospects there are among the leading people of the community, and with proper cultivation it ought to be quite productive. I suggest that correspondence be taken up with Dr. Howard, who is our stanch friend and knows the situation will, and that you consider the advisability of one of your men going to St. Louis at the proper time to organize a working committee with this particular project in mind. I would suggest that the last letter to the Board of Trustees be sent to the people in St. Louis whom we want to interest in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

S. Leighton Stuart

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Christmas Greetings

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Easter Day, 1936.

To the Board of Trustees:

Before the close of this my first full day on the campus I must send you a few lines to report impressions. It was for me a pleasant circumstance that my first public appearance should be at the crowded Easter service this morning where I spoke and administered baptism. Every year the Messiah is rendered here during the Christmas season by a student chorus of a hundred and thirty or forty voices, but was postponed this year because of the political disturbances. It is being sung now in the auditorium where there is no longer even standing room. There could scarcely be a more fitting method of closing the day.

It is an inexpressible joy to be back here again and to find a full enrollment with work proceeding normally despite the anxieties of the past few months. The campus is breaking into the fresh beauty of spring. The hearty welcome on the railway platform yesterday and continuously since arriving on the grounds almost repays one for the long absence. In the next day or two I shall be making addresses to the faculty and the student body about my recent trip. There is delighted comment everywhere over the results of our latest financial effort and they are eager to hear more in detail. There are of course many administrative issues requiring prompt attention. But in these and in the harassing perplexities caused by Japanese aggression in this area our Acting Chancellor and his associates have carried on with admirable wisdom and devotion. The institution has undoubtedly gained much in prestige because of the fine blend of sympathy with the students in their patriotic undeavors and the maintenance of all academic requirements. The students also have shown commendable self-restraint and have made real progress in self-government under the severe tension of the happenings while I was in America.

As to the political outlook it would be premature to attempt any considered summary. But I made the best use I could of the time when the steamer was in the Japan ports and the day each spent in Shanghai and Nanking. I had an interview with our Ambassador in Tokyo, with Mr. T. V. Soong in Shanghai, and several important government officials in Nanking, as well as with a number of others who are in close touch with the situation. Because of violent differences in Japan itself as to policy, as well as for economic and other considerations, it seems to me unlikely that there will be any attempted coercion of China by military force in the immediate future, unless indeed the younger military leaders again get out of hand in which case they would probably hasten their own downfall. Meanwhile attempts at diplomatic negotiation between high officials of the two countries have only served to make clear to each side how irreconcilable are their respective contentions. I have less question than ever as to the essential sincerity of the Chinese leaders, but in their fear of war, of financial stringency, of factional disagreements, of communist advances, they are both cautious and uncommunicative. This is

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giving rise to misgivings or suspicions or even to radical anti-government activities all of which further weaken the hold of the Nanking Government on its own people and tend to invite further Japanese encroachments. There are not a few both in the government and among thoughtful citizens who desire a more determined effort on China's part to proceed by negotiation based upon a public declaration of China's grievances and rights according to accepted principles of international law and national sovereignty. This would at least strengthen popular confidence within the country and win respect and sympathy abroad. Nor would it in my opinion involve any serious risk of war, but might quite possibly help the saner elements in Japan to restrain the madness of their own militarists. Even though the Chinese leaders went down in defeat they would do so gloriously instead of in ignominy as may be the outcome of their present temporizing course.

(Leaving the larger problem for that of Yenching itself, there is general satisfaction both within the institution and outside at the decision of the Trustees to remain where we are. It evidently was received at a critical juncture when it did much to stabilize the situation. We shall do our best to conform to the demands of whatever may be the local authority until these encroach upon our academic freedom.) We shall then protest to Nanking or to Tokyo as publicly and as emphatically as possible. This course is not only the obviously proper one for us but may help toward a more courageous and less despairing assertion of their rights by the national government and its people.

I shall try to keep you informed of developments as they occur. There will probably not be any of importance in the immediate future.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

April 15, 1936

Miss Elvena Van Sciver
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Van Sciver:

I am enclosing herewith one copy of a letter to the Trustees which may be useful more widely. Will you show it to Dr. Garside and Mr. Hedrick for such use as they think wise. In any case I should like to have copies sent to my immediate family and friends including Mrs. F. K. Sims, Dalton, Georgia. You probably have the others pretty well in mind. There are persons in most of the places where I have recently visited who should have copies. Between P & H and yourself these names can be selected without further suggestion from me. To save time I am sending a copy to Mr. Wilcox, and asking him to send a list of California addresses to you. Do let Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer know that I especially wanted her to have a copy. The same with the other Pfeiffer's. It might be well to have a short note go out from the office worded as Mr. Hedrick recommends. Include St. Howard others in St. Louis.

Please add this name to our mailing list: Prof. William B. Crowell, Dept. of Chemistry, University of Cal. at Los Angeles, Cal.

You will recall a Dr. Dolley of whom I wrote you before. He is an elderly man living in retirement in Nassau, and a great friend of Mr. Arthur Davis, and a scientist of distinction. He promised to give us at least part of his library which apparently is quite valuable. This was with special reference to our leather tanning. Could you trace this up and offer to arrange for the shipment of the books? He is on a world tour and may not have returned as yet.

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I am enclosing material about the Hazen Foundation. This is said to be quite large and to be largely devoted to mission work especially to mission enterprises. It might be worthwhile for Mr. Hedrick himself to explore the possibilities for us, or in any case to see that it is given the best possible presentation.

Give my greetings to the girls in our office, and let me take this occasion once more to thank you for your vigorous and efficient help while I was in the country.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

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(M. B. Dr. Stuart suggests that copies of the enclosed be sent to Mr. Vernon Nash, University of Missouri – DLC)

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THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Iowa City, Iowa

The Graduate College

Office of the Dean

April 17, 1936

Mr. Lin Chi Wu
Physical Education Dept.
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Mr. Lin:

It give me pleasure to announce that the Graduate Council has awarded you a Tuition Scholarship for the Academic year 1936-37. This appointment also carried with it a two-thirds reduction in tuition for the adjacent summer sessions.

Kindly reply to this notice, indicating whether or not you will accept the appointment without any reservations.

Congratulating you upon the educational advantages before you and upon your seccessful competition for this appointment, I am

Very truly yours,

(Signed) C. E. Seashore, Dean

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May 2, 1936

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

Dear Dr. Stuart:

You will be glad to learn that Dr. Josephine L. Rathbone, Assistant Professor of Physical Education at Teachers College Columbia, plans to visit Yenching for about a week this spring while on a trip around the world. She is to arrive at Peiping, coming from Mukden, at 9:25 A. M. on June 8th, and to leave at 9:15 P. M. on June 16th.

Mr. Wei has for some weeks been urging Miss Rathbone to visit the Yenching campus, feeling that such a trip would be of great value to the University. He considers her to be one of the outstanding leaders in her field of physical education, with a special interest in physiotherapy. He feels that if she gets interested in Yenching her influence here in America will be of great value. He has also urged her to make a study of what Yenching is doing in the field of physical education and to prepare recommendations as to further developments of this program which Yenching should undertake.

I believe Mr. Wei is writing to you direct and undoubtedly will give you more detailed information as th his conversation with Dr. Rathbone, and his hopes for constructive results from her visit. We know the group at Yenching will be glad to meet her on arrival, to entertain her while she is in Peiping, and to provide her with facilities for studing not only the work at Yenching, but also any other educational work in and around Peiping in which she may be interested.

Very cordially yours,

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YENCHING

May 4, 1936

President J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear President Stuart:

It is my happy privilege to transmit to you the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of Yenching University, with the members of the Yenching College Committee also present. We would be grateful if you would transmit this resolution in whatever way you find most appropriate to the Board of Managers, Officers, faculty, and students of Yenching University and Yenching College for Women.

"The Trustees of Yenching University and the Yenching College Committee, assembled in their Annual Meeting on April 23, 1936, desire to express to their colleagues in Yenching their deep sense of fellowship as we together face the problems of our common world. Grave issues requiring the clearest thinking and the most patient and courageous conduct confront us all. For you some of these issues are particularly acute; it is not for us to determine the responses which you will make to the challenge they offer to you as individuals or as groups with differing responsibilities, but we assure you of our desire to enter as fully as possible into your experiences and to share your trials.

"These issues seem often to be afflictions - afflictions more than we can bear. They are more than afflictions; they are very great opportunities. By the spirit and manner in which we face them we shall be made more fit instruments in the hands of God for His great purpose. By acquiring mastery of knowledge and skill, by maintaining intellectual integrity, seeking and facing the truth, by deepening and broadening our human sympathies across the boundaries of class and nation and race, and above all by bringing every motive and deed in accord with God's will revealed in our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall doubt that great things shall be done to advance His Kingdom and to turn the wrath of man to His glory?

"For such achievements the Trustees have great confidence in you. They take pride in the unity of spirit which pervades the University, in the consistent application of the student body to their educational tasks, in the skill and resourcefulness of the faculty, in the atmosphere of patriotic concern for the best interests of China and of the world, and in increasing respect in which the University is held throughout China, America, and Great Britain. These things - achieved by the manner in which the daily tasks and frequent crises have been met in the past - are

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earnest that the greater issues of the present will be well and truly met. By them we in America and Great Britain are inspired to do and to bear our share.

"May the University we all love grow ever finer in service to mankind through its wisdom, its skill, and its spirit!"

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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YENCHING

May
April 4, 1936

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 Annual Meeting of the Trustees of Yenching University held on April 23rd. Under separate cover we are sending twenty copies of these minutes for distribution to administrative officers of the University and members of the Board of Managers.

General Comments on Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Yenching Trustees this year was held in the apartment of Dr. and Mrs. Thompson at Mayfair House. This gave us a much more intimate atmosphere than would have been possible in the usual type of meeting in a board room here or elsewhere in the city. The attendance was reasonably good, although several trustees whom we had hoped to have present were prevented at the last moment from being with us. For instance, Mr. Davis had just contracted a heavy cold, and was under orders from his doctor to stay in bed for two or three days. This was particularly disappointing, for he has evinced a growing interest during recent weeks and had promised to act as toastmaster at the luncheon which followed the business session of the Board.

Review of the Work of the Year. While the Trustees recognized that not all our Yenching problems are solved by any means, there was throughout the meeting a sincere feeling of gratitude for the way in which Yenching has been led by Divine guidance through the months which have just passed. The last year has been filled with grave and numerous problems, and again and again the authorities on the field and the Trustees here in America have been compelled to make decisions under circumstances where it was extremely difficult to choose the wisest course. A number of those present expressed their earnest conviction that the University seems to have been wise in all of its major decisions this year - decisions by those of you on the field to carry on despite the difficulties with which you have been confronted and by the Trustees to press forward with asking new support at a time of doubt and uncertainty.

Many of those present at the meeting expressed their gratification at the fact that you have been able to spend some months here in America just at a time when your presence was of such value in aiding us to arrive at wise decisions on the serious problems with which we have all been confronted. Everyone spoke of you in terms of the warmest personal affection, and the resolution in minute T-3456 was the spontaneous outcome of this discussion. The meeting instructed that a cablegram be sent to you and to your colleagues, and this

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was dispatched as soon after the meeting as we could clear off some of the accumulation of matters requiring immediate attention. We enclose herewith a confirmation copy of the message. We hope that you, the faculty, and the student body will find in this cable a warm and personal expression of affection and confidence, rather than a formal message of greeting.

Promotional Affairs. I attach hereto a summary of the promotional results attained up to April 16th. No very large new gifts or pledges were received for a few weeks preceeding the meeting, but important progress was made in the collection of outstanding pledges. Mrs. Pfeiffer paid her latest $75,000 pledge in the form of first preferred stock and second preferred stock of the William R. Warner Company which at the present time is undoubtedly worth substantially more than the par value at which she gave it. Mr. McBrier also paid his latest $10,000 pledge. Various payments of smaller pledges helped to bring our total of cash received on this year's campaign up to $133,747.66.

Mr. Hedrick made the very interesting suggestion that we begin to plan for observing in some suitable manner the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the University, possibly by setting a long-range promotional objective to be attained by that time. The Board at once agreed to this general suggestion, but the proposal immediately raised the question as to what date should be considered the correct one to use as representing the founding of the higher educational work out of which Yenching has grown. It has been our general understanding that "Peking University" was established in 1870, the outgrowth of a school which was started in 1867. We believe that the work done between 1867 and 1870 was definitely below collegiate grade; and undoubtedly the question might be raised as to whether the work done for at least a few years following 1870 could properly be classed as of collegiate rank. The Board of Trustees voted to appoint a committee of three to study this matter further. Undoubtedly the committee will be corresponding with the field to secure your cooperation in reaching an agreement as to the proper date to use as that of the actual founding of the University.

It may be said in general that our Yenching promotional organization is pressing ahead with its work vigorously and is hoping that by the end of June our objectives for this year will be attained. The task which remains to be accomplished during the next two months is such a heavy one that we dare not be too optimistic of complete success although we can be sure that substantial further progress will be made.

Several members of the Board inquired as to possibilities that the Yenching School of Religion may secure some measure of support from the Wendel funds during the next year or two. It is our understanding that you took all the steps that could be taken here in America before you left, and that you are following up the matter in China with the authoritative groups of the Nanking Theological Seminary. Mr. McBrier has been keeping in touch with the members of the Methodist gropp who are most active in setting up the Board of Trustees for the Nanking Theological Seminary, but nothing very concrete has materialized as yet. We would be grateful if you would keep us informed of progress in China and would let us know if there is anything more we should do here.

Items Reported from the Associated Boards. Within a few days we will be sending you a copy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of our Associated Boards, and at that time will comment more in detail on the discussions and actions

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of that meeting. The three matters specifically reported to the Yenching Trustees are dealt with on pages three and four of the minutes. The proposal for a united board has been very widely discussed since the Yenching Trustees took the initiative in the matter in February. There is a widespread conviction within the membership of the Associated Boards that we should go forward to some form of closer cooperation and greater centralization of responsibility and activity. But the methods we should use and the degree of unification we should attain, are matters which cannot be settled without a great deal of further thought and discussion.

In their meetings of the last fortnight the Boards of Trustees of six of the universities and colleges have appointed representatives to confer together to study the possibilities of a united board of trustees. Several of the other Boards will be meeting during the coming weeks, and it is probable that at least some of them will take similar action. We will then call these representatives together and undertake constructive study and planning as to ways and means for achieving such a unification.

The Yenching Trustees gave particular attention to the appointment of their representatives on the various committees of the Associated Boards this year, since these committees are becoming increasingly active and it is important that Yenching be adequately represented.

For the coming year the Associated Boards is continuing its ~~promotional~~ administrative budget on substantially the same basis as has been used in the past, and Yenching is making an appropriation accordingly. It has been agreed, however, that for the coming year none of the Boards of Trustees will be asked to appropriate or to underwrite any share of the promotional budget of the Associated Boards, and to have the cost of this united promotion met entirely by a pro rata charge against the actual new money secured by or through the cooperation of the united promotional work. We hope that this will prove the most equitable way of distributing this cost and will also avoid any institution being asked to make a contribution toward work for which it does not receive a quid pro quo. For 1936-37 there will be some important changes in the promotional organization of the Associated Boards and of the relationship of the Yenching Trustees to it. I will not go into the details of these changes now, but will discuss them in greater detail when I send you the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards.

Statement to Officers, Manager, Faculty, and Students. I am writing a separate letter quoting action T-3470, since you may have occasion to use this statement in various ways both on and off the campus.

Luncheon with Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer. Mrs. Pfeiffer was present as a guest throughout most of the business session of the Yenching Trustees and seemed to take a very friendly and sympathetic interest in all of our discussion. The Board then adjourned to the private dining room of Mayfair House where luncheon was served with Mrs. Pfeiffer as guest of honor. While we were all very sorry that Mr. Davis could not be present to act as toastmaster, Dr. Thompson carried off the honors quite well. Dr. Finley spoke briefly in recognition of Mrs. Pfeiffer's generous gift to Yenching and in appreciation of the fine service which she has rendered to so wide a range of worthy enterprises. At the conclusion of the luncheon we had brief and very effective messages from three members of the Yenching staff - Miss Cochran, Dr. Adolph and Mr. Wee.

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We hope that by the time this letter arrives you will be getting ready for a very happy and peaceful commencement season.

Very cordially yours,

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 7, 1936

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

Miss Elvena Van Sciver
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Van Sciver:

Let me report that Mrs. Niles came here and was entertained by the Chancellor.

I am enclosing a few letters from Advisory Council members.

Dr. Norbert Weiner of M I T has been visiting professor at Tsing Hua University during this session, and is leaving next week, returning after several stops in Europe, to Boston. He will be remembered as one of the youthful precosities who has made good in after life. He took his B. A. at Harvard when about fifteen years old, and his Ph. D., as I recall, at about twenty-one. Recently he has been teaching mathematics at M I T and is regarded as one of the most outstanding men in the world in that field. He is a personal friend of the head of this department at Washington University, and has recommended Mr. Hsien-yü Hsu in high terms, Mr. Hsu having studied with him at Tsing Hua. It is quite possible that he would be willing to make a general statement regarding Yenching, as he seems extremely friendly.

Referred to E.B.Z.

Mrs. Dwight Morrow has recently been visiting the campus, and seems quite enthusiastic, especially about Dean Speer. Could she not be invited to become a member of our Women's College Committee? In any case, she might be asked to write a statement regarding her impressions here.

Dr. Dryden Phelps of West China Union University has been here for several months, and is leaving in a few days for America. I have asked him to write his impressions on the steamer and to send them to our office. Should you not hear from him in due course, he might be reminded. The comments of a teacher in a sister university might have special interest, and this will be increased from him as being the nephew of

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the famous William Lyon Phelps of Yale.

A day or so ago the enclosed announcements from the Y M C A press in Shanghai happened to be in my mail, and I, in glancing through them, was interested in noting how many of these are by Yenching people. I have checked these, and send them on, as to certain of our friends this will be of help. It may be simpler if I send all such material to you for you to pass on to the person most concerned, including copies of letters.

Now as to one or two personal matters. For some reason The Christian Century has failed to come here, although I distinctly remember writing to have my address changed. Will you please take this up and, if the error is theirs, they might extend my subscription date, rather than send back numbers, which I shall scarcely have time to read. Will you also ask Mr. Evans to subscribe for Pacific Affairs, % Pacific Relations, 129 East 52nd Street, price $2, and charge this to my account with him.

Referred to CAE

Please also tell Mr. Garside how much the cable from the Trustees was appreciated. The enclosed clipping represents the attempt of a student to express the sentiments in our Journalism laboratory paper.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

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PEIPING, CHINA.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 16, 1936

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

YENCHING

Mr. K. A. Wee
International House
New York, N.Y.

My dear K. A.:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter just received, and one of mine, which explain themselves. Lin Ch'i-wu is naturally very happy and extremely anxious to take advantage of this opportunity. He has available about enough money to cover his travel to and from Iowa but nothing more. I do not know of any source here from which he could hope to secure the amount he would need for his first year of study. This would probably be in the neighborhood of U.S. $500. It occurs to me that among your friends or people whom you are trying to interest in the University, someone might be willing to make this contribution, with the understanding that by giving Ch'i-wu this additional training, he would be helping towards his return to Yenching, and that it is therefore in effect a gift to the University. You might consult with Mr. Hedrick as to possibilities of this sort. I suppose a fellowship at Springfield is not available. I am writing at once so that the matter can be settled as soon as possible. If anything definite is accomplished, you might send a cable.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

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May 16, 1936

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Dean C. E. Seashore
The Graduate College
The State University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

My dear Dean Seashore:

Mr. Lin Ch'i-wu has showed me your letter to him and I share the satisfaction in his having been selected for the "tuition scholarship". Unfortunately, however, Mr. Lin has not sufficient funds for his travel to and from America and for the other expenses he would incur. We estimate that these would be at least $500 for a year's residence in addition to the remission of tuition. I suppose there is no possibility of his securing self-help sufficient to cover these expenses. Every effort would be made by Mr. Lin, but if he should fail to secure the necessary funds, would it be possible for this scholarship to be deferred so as to take effect for the session 1937-38? instead of for the coming academic year? This would give him more time to make the necessary arrangements.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Director of our Physical Education work, Mr. K. A. Wee, whose present address is International House, 500 Riverside Drive, New York City. Any assistance you can give enabling Mr. Lin to take advantage of this offer will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
" YENTA "

May 20, 1936

Members of the Yenching College Committee:

Dear Friends:

I should like to report to you from my point of view the outcome of a recent meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Women's College. You will of course receive the official minutes and no doubt an explanatory letter from Miss Speer. There are, however, some aspects of the question which concern the larger interests of the University, or about which she could not, from the nature of the case, make any comment. In the minds of the faculty of the Women's College and of us all there has been the conviction that it would be desirable to have a Chinese dean whenever a suitable person could be found. This is not only because of our general desire to strengthen the Chinese leadership in the institution, but because of certain aspects of the life of women students, in regard to which a Chinese might be better qualified to give advice or exercise authority. There has, therefore, been a careful study of the problem and an attempt to explore all possible suggestions, in all of which Miss Speer has been more active and insistent than anyone else. The Women's College faculty finally nominated Mrs. W. S. New as a choice upon whom they could all agree, and as being the only one of whom this would be true. As to Mrs. New's character, personality, and general qualifications, there could be no question. She has, however, an invalid husband and one child, both of whom require much of her time and attention. For climatic reasons Dr. New ought not to move to North China. There would seem, therefore, only very slight likelihood that Mrs. New could consider such an invitation at the present time. The Chinese members of the Administrative Committee, when it met, urged three other points against taking any action at present. One is that any woman with the family responsibilities from which Mrs. New could not and would not want to be free, would scarcely be in a position to carry the onerous duties of this deanship. Secondly, that the political situation in North China makes it preferable that an American hold this position, especially in comparison with a Chinese from another part of the country suddenly coming into this abnormal situation.

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Thirdly, that on the testimony of all concerned, notably the students withwhom these Chinese are closest in touch, the present dean is so thoroughly satisfactory that any change might be unfortunate. It is on this last point that I should like to express my opinion, and testify to the unanimity with which this is held alike by Chinese and western members of the faculty, and by men and women.

Miss Speer seems to have all the qualities that we should look for in anyone called upon to fill this position, with the single exception that she happens not to have been born a Chinese. She combines rare capacity for business aspects of administration with warm personal interest in individual girls and the special problems of this group of students. She has herself high academic attainments and standards, and therefore, stands for the maintenance of these; but she is no less interested in religious, social, athletic, and other phases of the college life. Her personal charm, a keen sense of humor, a tact that has been severely drawn upon in the embarassments of this very problem, are further assets which help to explain why everyone is so well satisfied to have her continue in this position. In fairness to her, however, this ought not to be with the title of Acting Dean. Furthermore, Yenching has so completely proven to our Chinese friends its readiness to have them share in all of its rights and responsibilities that they are the most emphatic in insisting that the racial issue should not be brought into any question of fitness for a given task.

Finally, no one could be more helpful than Miss Speer has been in the general relationships between this unit and the rest of the University, and the harmony with which we are working together is largely due to her presence. Among the many encouragements, therefore, which I have found on returning here, the solution of this problem seems one of the best.

In fact, I am happy to assure you that despite the uncertainties in the political situation, internal conditions within the institution have never been more full of promise than at present. The members of your committee, who have had such a large share in making possible what we are able to do, ought to enjoy to the fullest with us the satisfactions in what is being achieved; and as to the political anxieties which we cannot forget, I venture to believe that if you could be here with us you would share the conviction that we shall somehow be able to continue our service to China. With the fine understanding and mutual confidence which

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has been strengthened by recent happenings between you at the home base and we who are working here, this ought to be more certain of realization.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

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[illegible] is frank because we are setting up a big Five-Year
[illegible] the University's promotion and I am afraid it will not
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statements referred to in your letter and some published in the Saint Louis papers, raised the question as to whether the University is really assured permanency. It is necessary to our success in the promotional work that we have positive emphasis, and we can have this only if the Officers and Trustees are themselves positive in their statements.

If you can in all honesty revise your letter leaving out the allusions to these doubtful questions, I think the letter will have great promotional values. If you cannot, and still desire me to do so, I will send it out as it is. In this latter case, I must be frank to say I think it will seriously damage our promotional program.

Our plans for the coming year include a continuance of our present campaign and the preparation of a big Advance in 1938-9. I have discussed this with the Promotional Committee and at their instance I am suggesting that you plan now to be with us in the late fall of 1937. In view of the intensity of the political situation here and the election coming in November, we feel that it would be wiser for you to come next year than this.

We also would like to keep Mr. K. A. Wee here to help us lay the foundations for your visit next year.

We are planning to get into Saint Louis for some substantial work at the earliest possible moment.

I took up with the Promotional Committee the matter suggested in your letter of April 15th concerning the student named H. Sien-Yu Hsu. The Committee has no funds in its budget which could be assigned to this purpose, and has instructed me to advise you accordingly. I shall do my best to cultivate this contact and help it forward in every way I can. Please give me any suggestions you may have in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Bayard M. Hedrick

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P. S. The Boyds have failed to make a gift to our campaign as yet. We understand it is held back, at least temporarily, because doubts have seeped through from China about the future of the University in Peiping. These doubts <u>have not</u> come from Yenching, however.

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YENCHING

May 25, 1936

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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

Throughout this spring we have had a large number of inquiries from young Americans who desire to study for a year or more at Yenching University. Some are just ready for entrance as freshmen, others would like to enter with advanced standing. Some are the sons and daughters of missionaries who plan to return to China and would like to have their progeny return with them to attend Yenching rather than remain in America. Others have not had any close link with the Orient, but their parents desire them to have this educational experience of study in another land than their native country.

We have not been able to do much more in answering these inquiries than to send applicants copies of the University catalogs, the Guidebook for Students, and advise them to make application direct to the admissions office of the University. But it has frequently occurred to me that we should have more adequate information here as to whether or not we should encourage particularly well qualified young people to follow through their intention of applying for admission to Yenching, or should discourage them on the ground that there would be little likelihood of their being accepted. Also, if we are to expect any substantial number of Americans to study at Yenching it might be wise for us to have a somewhat more definite plan of procedure in handling such applications.

Obviously, the whole matter has some considerably wider implications. A few Yenching graduates scattered among some of the influential circles here in America should prove a great asset to the University in future. On the other hand, we would want to proceed very cautiously to avoid on the one hand admitting so many American students as to interfere in any way with the primary purpose of the University which is to provide training for Chinese young men and women. We would have to guard against admitting any young American interested in travel and entertainment more than in serious study. Also, the University would have an unusual degree of responsibility for young Americans within the student body. Since it is already too late to begin any discussion of admission of American students in the autumn of 1936, we will have eight or nine months to decide on any policies we might adopt for 1937 and subsequent years. I believe, however, that the question is important enough to justify our giving some very careful thought to it. The most important consideration is the attitude of the University authorities with regard to the admission of Americans to the student body and the number of such students you might be willing to accept. You are, of course, familiar with

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what Lingnan has been doing in the last year or two with regard to exchange students, and it might be worth while for you to study carefully the results to date of their experiement in this direction.

We at this end will be glad to cooperate in any way that you on the field find to be most desirable, but we believe that the initiative in such matters should rest entirely in the hands of the field group.

Very cordially yours,

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Unemployed Graduates.

In an adjoining column we publish a report on the problem facing the National Service Bureau for Intellectual and Technical Employment as the higher educational institutions approach the close of the academic year. The figures given show that of a total of rather more than 2,600 prospective graduates from the universities and technical institutions less than six hundred have secured employment or are intending to continue their studies, whilst over two thousand are unprovided for. These figures, apparently, do not cover the whole country as many institutions have not answered the questionnaire sent out by the Bureau; but the probability is that in the unenumerated institutions the proportion is about the same. This means, roughly, that less than twenty per cent. of the graduates will have work to go to when they have graduated, and their parents and relatives who hoped that by giving them a higher education they were virtually guaranteeing their future will be sadly disillusioned. Worse than that, the graduates themselves, at the very outset of their careers, will find that there is no niche for them to fill, and the loss of morale almost invariably accompanying unemployment is for them and for their future a very serious matter.

When we turn to examine the qualifications of the candidates who have registered their names with the Bureau we find some rather surprising results. There are no figures to indicate the distribution according to qualification of those who have received appointment without application to the Bureau, so that one cannot be dogmatic, but the fact that the list of unappointed is headed by students of law seems to indicate that as things stand in China today a quite disproportionate number of students has devoted itself to a study that, whatever its cultural value, offers little professional scope. Lack of appointments for law students is perhaps hardly surprising, but that the engineers should come second on the list of non-appointed is unexpected One would have thought that, with all the great reconstruction schemes to which the country is committed, there would have been no lack of openings for qualified engineers; yet 397 of them are left to set up in their own profession on their own account—a course not so easily open to the lawyer. The engineer worth his salt, we imagine, will not long find himself without profitable employment, even if he has not a paid appointment to go straight to. The general arts graduate is always somewhat of a problem, so that it is not surprising that he should form the next largest group on the list. We should expect him to be absorbed, in time, in the teaching profession, were it not that the teachers form the next largest group of those without appointment. With all the present enthusiasm for education it ought not to be a difficult matter to find appointments for a couple of hundred qualified teachers, but so, apparently it is. Less than two hundred graduates in science are without appointment. Their qualifications are not more specifically set out, but in all probability those graduates in science who have specialized with a view to special services have found employment whilst those still un-appointed have no special claims beyond the fact that they have a general scientific education, which as a qualification for employment in this age of specialization is not very helpful. The number of un-appointed students of commerce is not large, only 117, and their lack of appointment probably means that the number of institutions that can afford their expert services is much more limited than first thoughts would suggest. The time has hardly come for a large output of expert agriculturalists. Appointments are practically limited to the services of national, provincial and local authorities with rural rehabilitation schemes in hand, for the average farmer simply cannot afford the luxury of an agricultural expert; and though coöperative associations might offer openings the number of such possibilities is still small. The best that is left to the trained agriculturalist is to go direct on to the land himself, and that would be not a bad best after all. The 93 graduates in medicine without appointment ought not to find much difficulty in starting private practice for themselves.

Trained engineers, agriculturalists and medical men ought not to find the fact of non-appointment to a salaried post any great hardship. They have qualified themselves for professions that can be practised independently, and they should not hesitate to do so, any more than their confréres in other lands do; and the same is largely true of qualified teachers. The case of graduates in law, general arts and general science is somewhat different, and the fact that these lead in the figures of prospective unemployment suggests that there is need for more and wiser guidance for young men and women in the choice of courses to be studied in institutions of higher education, need for more extended vocational training, and for the realization of the fact that a student's own best interests and those of the country are perhaps best served by his attention's being devoted to a less ambitious but more generally called for training. This is not to decry higher education in general, but to suggest that it is not even for all who can attain to it always the wisest preparation for a life that is not going to be a life of leisure. The problem is one of many that education in this country has to face, and to face seriously at the earliest possible moment.

Employment for Graduates.

Analysis of Present Situation.

Prospects not Encouraging.

NANKING, May 24.—Another large "cap-and gown army" will soon be turned out by 105 public and private "mills" of higher learning in China now that June is just round the corner.

Returns from 35 universities and colleges as collected by the National Service Bureau for Intellectual and Technical Employment show that 2,104 candidates for B. A. and B, S. degrees are expected to graduate this summer.

Although technical and intellectual unemployment is not as acute a problem in this courtry as it is in the West, there is already a formidable number of "white collar" people who have not found work. Is the came fate facing the coming graduates when they leave college?

In figures produced in a report just issued by the National Service Bureau for Intellectual and Technical Employment may be used as a basis, the outlook of the 1936 college graduates is not too bright. Of the 2,104 candidates, only 1,050 have secured employment. A little more than one-half are still without destination.

Taking into consideration the remaining 71 institutions of higher education in this country, which have not returned the questionnaires to the bureau, the final figures may be even more unsatisfactory.

A glance over the answers shows that 322 prospective graduates have already received general appointments and 89 will be employed by the institutions in which they have been students. Those who intend to pursue further studies after graduation number 185. Women graduates total 251.

Whilst most of these prospective unemployed are expected to work out their own destinies, the greater part of the task of providing employment for the rest will be in the hands of the Bureau, which was established on October 2, 1934, with the express purpose of "adjusting talents, recommending positions and furnishing information to the public with regard to technical and intellectual employment."

That there is a large number of "white collar" unemployed in China is proved by the fact that up to last month, 2,025 propective graduates had registered with the Bureau. The National Central University in Nanking takes the lead with 242.

Not only is it difficult for the domestic-trained college graduates to find employment. So-called returned students, once much sought after, are facing unemployment. The report says that of the 147 foreign trained students registered with the Bureau, 55 are Japanese returned, 42 American-returned, 24 French-returned, 11 English-returned, 8 Belgian-returned, and 7 German-returned.

Meagre results have so far been achieved by the Bureau in placing the applicants. Up to the end of April, only 195 college graduates had obtained employment through the Bureau.

Of the salaries of these 195, the highest was $480 and the lowest $10, the average being $89. The total salaries amounted to $17,355.

Despite those somewhat unimpressive figures, the Bureau seems already well known throughout the country as well as abroad. Applications for trained men have been received from the remotest parts of the country and even as far as Korea, Burma, and the South Seas. The report states that 383 applications have been sent by 253 organizations and individuals during the period under review.

The most sought for were middle school students and business clerks, who numbered 75 and 74 respectively. Architects were also required, 37 being asked for. College professors and surveyors enjoyed equal popularity as they both numbered 32. The least sought after were band masters with only one application.

Other kinds of trained men applied for included translators, accountants primary school teachers, journalists, educational administrators, administrative officers, research fellows, judicial officials, physicians and secretaries.

Middle schools were the principal patrons of unemployed college graduates. During the period, 30 middle schools had applied for teachers.

Other applicants included provincial, municipal and district authorities, army departments, business firms, colleges, and universities, primary schools, newspaper offices, academic research institutions, factories and banks.

The 2,025 registered applicants for employment had studied a wide range of subjects. Classified according to their studies, graduates from law schools topped the list with 574. Engineering ranked second, 397; arts came third, 325; education, 204; science, 181; agriculture, 130; commerce, 117; medicine, 93; and military science, 4.

It is the hope of the Bureau that as time goes on, it will be able to compile complete and up to date statistics so as to facilitate its study of the many questions affecting intellectual and technical unemployment.

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Dr. William Decker
American Baptist Foreign Mission Society
152 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Decker:

It is a pleasant circumstance that my first official letter to you discharges a completely enjoyable responsibility. You are doubtless aware of the arrangement by which Dr. and Mrs. Dryden L. Phelps spent most of the spring semester at Yenching. I am writing on behalf of our whole institution to thank your Board for this generous treatment and to assure you how profitable we feel it to have been. Unfortunately for myself, I was out of the country until the latter part of their stay, but on my arrival had ample evidence of the place they had made for themselves, not only in the classroom work which was all that I had hoped for, and more, but in contributions to the religious, academic, and social life of our community in many other forms. It was a personal delight to me to be with them in my home for a period which from my standpoint was fortunately extended longer than they had first planned, because of the sickness of two of their children. These cases of measles were not an unmixed evil from the Yenching point of view, and enabled me to know the whole family better. I shall always claim them, therefore, as personal friends, as many others will; but in the more important matter of our common purpose in China this visit has demonstrated the mutual benefits in exchange among our various Christian universities. The better understanding and sharing of problems or experimental methods has obvious gains to all concerned. One of the finest things about Dr. Phelps has been his remarkable capacity for appreciating whatever has been attempted here, and his understanding sympathy or recognition of whatever measure of achievement there is should react in helping us to see the best, not only in West China University, but in the other sister colleges as we come in contact with them.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. Leighton Stuart

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

My dear Mr. Evans:

Replying to your letter under date of April 6, regarding the James Porter Fund, since Dr. and Mrs. Lucius Porter feel as they do about the matter, I feel it wiser to support them in this decision, despite the advantages in proposal of the Trustees. It may be that later on the matter can be adjusted otherwise.

Sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

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TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
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Miss Elvena Van Sciver
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear MissVan Sciver:

A few comments to be passed on to the proper persons.

You will recall that Mrs. Homer H. Johnson was invited to become a member of our Board of Trustees. Will you report to Dr. Garside her refusal? Meanwhile Mr. Hedrick and others may have suggestions as to a suitable name for the vacancy, if there still is one. My own suggestions would be Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer.

I am enclosing a letter from Dean Wilson which explains itself. It might be possible to ask Miss Edgeworth to become a member of the Yenching College Committee.

Mr. Clarence H. Matson of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce had lunch with me recently with his wife and Mrs. Howard. Mrs. Howard had a letter of introduction from President Bird of Occidental College. They all seemed pleasantly impressed and are ready to be put on our mailing list, and otherwise cultivated. Mr. Wilcox might follow this up.

Professor Frank A. Lombard recently came with a tourist group of about eight people. They were on the same steamer with me, and it was then arranged that they should make this visit. He had undertaken to send me the names and addresses of the party, but evidently forgot to do so. It might be well to follow this up, not only for this list, but to get his help in securing names of visitors in the future. He brings tours to the orient regularly. Perhaps the easiest way would be through the New York office of the Dollar Steamship Company. It is called the Bureau of University Travel with headquarters of the Bureau in Boston. They sailed of course on the President Hoover.

One of our graduates who reads Japanese easily, and is doing special study in Tokyo, called on the Registrar of the Japanese Imperial University in that city and was shown a list of the Japanese rating of government and private universities in China. We came first in the list. This cannot be stated in print, but it might be useful to make this fact available for use in con-

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versations, etc. No one will question but that it comes from a thoroughly unprejudiced source! When he asked to be allowed to copy this record, it was naturally refused.

Sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

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P. S. Dr. Leonard Hsü is leaving this summer to attend the Institute of Pacific Relations at Yosemite, and will stay in the States for several months following. One primary purpose will be to acquaint the Rockefeller Foundation with the developments in their rural reconstruction program. His American wife and their two little girls will probably go with him, and he is anxious to have help when securing quarters where they can stay when in the east that would be both comfortable and not too expensive. Dr. Hsü was for several years chairman of our Department of Sociology, and for three years past has been of increasing usefulness in the Ministry of Industries, where he is still on leave of absence from us. He is depended on by the Central Government for a very large part in the leadership in their program of social reconstruction, but maintains his active interest in all of our affairs. Mr. Gunn and Dr. Grant look to him more than anyone else, perhaps, for advice in their program. He ought to be shown every courtesy by our office people, and could be utilized to good advantage. This should be especially true in the case of our Princeton constituency. It would be well worthwhile to have him visit Princeton University, and wherever possible to speak to groups.

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May 22, 1936

President J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 11th. This is devoted chiefly to a discussion of plans for Vernon Nash. At a meeting of our Yenching Committee on Promotion two days ago, quite a bit of time was given to the consideration of arrangements for his work during the coming year, but the Committee was not able to arrive at definite decisions. The whole question of relationships between the Missouri-Yenching Foundation, the Walter Williams Memorial Journalism Foundation and the Department of Journalism at Yenching University appears to be in a very indefinite state, and the relationship which Vernon Nash is to have to each of these three organizations is equally uncertain. We are therefore getting off air mail letters to Dean Martin and Mr. Nash trying to clarify some of these points a little further before the Committee attempts to reach any definite decision. We all learned long ago that in dealing with Nash all accepted rules of procedure are honored more in the breach than in the observance. But still, the Committee would like to have at least some idea where it is likely to come out, before it starts into a proposition of any kind. I need not add that we are all anxious to cooperate as fully as possible with Dean Martin, Mr. Nash and the two Foundations out in Missouri.

We are glad to note that the University has secured Mr. E. R. Lapwood of the London Missionary Society for the Department of Mathematics. It so happens that Dr. Warnshuis is just now starting off on a trip to England in connection with some International Missionary Council matters. I am quoting to him your comments on this subject, and am suggesting that he, as one of the L.M.S. representatives on the Board of Trustees might take up with the Society's headqu..ters in London the desirability of more British sharing in the maintenance of Yenching University.

We are delighted to know that you had a pleasant and restful voyage and hope that your duties at the University during the closing weeks of the academic year will not prove too strenuous a burden. We do hope that you will get away for a little rest during the summer - you have certainly had very few leisure moments during the last year!

Very cordially yours,

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