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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

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

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My dear Dr. Garside:

Your letter of January 23 regarding the Hoobler memorial arrived together with a lot of American steamer mail, much of which was dated several days later. Dependence on the China Clipper does not, therefore, seem very trustworthy until a more regular schedule is maintained. Another possibility to be kept in mind is the Siberian route. During the shipping strike we have been using it constantly, and you might check up on the time letters take to reach you that way.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter to Dr. Hoobler and his son. It is written in this form because, after consultation with Dean Speer, it seemed wiser for us not to confuse the issue in the minds of the donors. I am quite aware, however, that the dormitory idea would tend to insure the larger figure. Adjustments along the lines of your letter could easily be worked out in personal conference with the Hooblers, so that they would understand fully the internal relationships between the College of Natural Sciences and the Women's College. Another possible procedure might be for the Yenching College Committee to aid the University by waiving its right to this extent. If any such adjustments prove not to be feasible, and the Hoobler's adopt the dormitory suggestion, the Women's College endowment would be increased by that amount, which would also be a gain to the whole institution. I, personally, am more anxious to have the relief to the Natural Science budget as the one that should be given first claim, but I am entirely willing to leave the settlement of the matter to the Trustees and the Hooblers. Keep us advised as to further developments.

The gift of Miss Stimson for Residence No. 60 was very good news. The only possible objection would be that this is not regarded by us as one of the more attractive of these. On the other hand, its mistress is one of the most attractive people who has ever been at Yenching, which with her Wellesley connection, perhaps offsets any hesitation on the other score.

Very sincerely yours,

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TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

Dr. Raymond B. Hoobler
Dr. Sibley Hoobler
805 Three-Mile Drive
Grosse Pointe, Michigan

My dear Dr. Hoobler and Sibley:

A letter has just come from our New York office, indicating that you have been considering a gift to Yenching as a memorial to Mrs. Hoobler. I gather from this letter that out of the consultation with you, "the idea developed of selecting one of our women's dormitories for this purpose. This seems all the more appropriate to me, because of my memory of an evening with you three and the Sibleys. Mrs. Hoobler had agreed, as I recall, that if her brother could be persuaded to join her, they would jointly contribute one of these dormitories. I did my best to win Mr. Sibley to more active interest in foreign missions, and I recall how helpful Dr. Hoobler was on that occasion. Trusting only to my memory of an incident which happened some years ago, Mrs. Hoobler remarked, as we were commenting on the disappointment we all felt over the outcome, that she would not regard this matter as closed. From this standpoint, therefore, it would seem that nothing could be more appropriate. You are both good enough friends of Yenching to appreciate also the advantage to us of naming one of our existing dormitories rather than adding another one. This is not because we have no need for it. As a matter of fact, this has been one of the items highest on the list for further building requirements. Our real difficulty is, however, the meeting of our current budget, and much as we should like to make it possible for more girls to be received here, we must put our budget requirements before any form of expansion. Your gift in this form would, therefore, have the double advantage of enshrining Mrs. Hoobler's name permanently on our campus and of thereby helping us to build up an endowment that will enable us to carry on with less anxious dependence on very uncertain annual grants or gifts.

I am not sure whether a good photograph of one of these dormitory units is available in our New York office. If not, we shall send one to you from here, but should prefer waiting until the spring weather, or that of early summer, to bring out the charm of the shrubbery and vines which add so much to Chinese architecture. Should this suggestion be acceptable to you, we

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would want to have a bronze plate placed in a suitable position, and unless you preferred otherwise, a photograph of Mrs. Hoobler and some account of her own life. A further reason for this form of memorial is that it ought to help to stimulate among Chinese the adoption of memorial buildings for those whom they love, instead of the ancestral halls which are useless for the living, and do not really honor the dead.

The cost of these dormitory units was, according to our records, about U S \$40,000 each. If this sum should seem too large, or if for any other reason you preferred to make your contribution in another form, I suggest that this be for the endowment of our College of Natural Sciences, with special reference to our pre-medical courses. As you are probably aware, the Peiping Union Medical College draws chiefly from our students, and in fact, by a joint arrangement, their first year with them is treated as the senior year here.

The business arrangements, including your choice of a suitable memorial, can be safely left to both of you in consultation with representatives of our Board of Trustees. I am writing more to express my deep personal appreciation of your generosity and of the practical assistance this will be at a time of anxious efforts to maintain Yenching without injury. It is also a very heartening endorsement of what we are trying to do from two people whose good opinion means a great deal to me.

With heart-felt thanks and eager anticipation of further developments in a project which has both very practical benefits and sentimental interest, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stewart

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

My dear Garside:

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Since writing to the Hooblers and to yourself, Dean Speer has reported her investigations regarding commitments already made in the women's dormitories. It seems that all of them have plates indicating gifts from groups of women chiefly along geographical lines. These do not seem to indicate in any case that a whole unit was given by any single group, nor are our records so far as they can be looked up, of much help. Miss Speer is writing Mrs. Frame to ask what she can tell us on the matter, and we shall continue to look through our files. I doubt, however, whether we can discover much more.

Therefore, instead of sending my letter to the Hoobler's direct, I am enclosing it herewith. You might consult with the Yenching College Committee and others concerned to ascertain whether there are more specific data in New York. It seems quite possible to us that the plates could be cleared out of one whole dormitory unit and that be designated as the Hoobler memorial. If your records justify this procedure, and the Hoobler's act favorably on the suggestion, you might instruct us accordingly.

A further possibility might be mentioned. The Women's College have been considering the expediency of adding guest rooms inside the gate of each dormitory court to solve a social problem that is becoming fairly acute. This would be at a cost for the four units of not more than L C \$24,000, and perhaps quite a bit less. Some of the plates referred to might be transferred to these additions.

I am trying to get these letters off to catch the next mail because of Mr. McBrier's cable and your own comments about acting as promptly as possible. My letter to the Hoobler's could either be mailed from your office, or entrusted to someone to deliver, together with one from yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

Stephen S. Mark

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ENCLOSURE

"I have tried to describe in restrained language the new feeling of hope and courage I have for this country. The improvement is not so much in external conditions as in a new spirit among the people, and especially on the part of the government leaders. It is one more instance of the supremacy of spiritual forces. Nor have I the slightest question but that the Christian missionary efforts, which have been more pervasive than statistics reveal, have had a very large part in this. General and Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek are unquestionably trying to live according to the teachings and spirit of Christ, and have gained greatly in personal character and in the consequent influence upon their subordinates and upon the people generally. Student devotion to the country's welfare is another form in which this has expressed itself. Never before have I felt quite the same sense alike of encouragement and of the need for vigorously continuing what has been started, in order that these gains be conserved. This moral and spiritual strengthening of China is the surest way to avert a disastrous war with Japan, and to enable this part of the world to contribute toward international stability at a time when conditions elsewhere seem so seriously disturbed."

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Yenching

March 3, 1937

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

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Dear Dr. Stuart:

Your letter from Shanghai regarding Dr. Timothy T. Lew's insurance premium is at hand, and we are following same up. Will write you more in detail later.

My real purpose in writing today is to enclose a check for \$1,750., representing a second payment received from the Helen Hartley Jenkins Estate. This makes a total payment of \$3,750. on the bequest of \$5,000.

The executor, R. Hawley Truax, is very reluctant to give any information as to the standing of the estate. In a general way he indicates that there are possibilities of other distributions, but will give no definite information or even intimate when it might come or what amount it will be.

A letter addressed to Harper & Matthews as attorneys called our attention to the fact that the executor will communicating with you, practically ignoring the power of attorney which you issued in my name. We approached him upon the issue, and finally he agreed to turn over the payment, which I secured yesterday afternoon. I am sending it to you personally rather than to Miss Cookingham as was done last time, and you can make any adjustments which you desire at your end. I trust this is the correct thing to do. I might have credited same to your account and issued authorization to draw, but it would tie the money up in our favor, which is hardly the proper thing to do on a personal account.

We are cabling you today to ignore Mr. Truax' letter as the money has been collected. You will understand, of course, that there is still a balance of \$1,250 due if the entire amount of the legacy is paid. We will keep after the estate from time to time to get a settlement as early as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 3, 1937

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

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

My dear Mr. Evans:

I have your letter with the statement of January 22. Thanks again for looking after my personal accounts in this effective way. The only question is regarding the Union Central Life Insurance Company loan. My hope had been that this would not actually be made, but be available for protection, if necessary. There seems no reason for continuing this any longer, so I request you hereby to cancel the arrangement. If at any time my credit is exhausted, amounts can be charged and settled through our local bursar, where my gold salary account will be sufficient to cover such charges.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 8, 1937

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 28th, in which you suggest that the administration of the McBrier Fund might be placed in the hands of the School of Religion. I am sending copies of this communication to the members of the Committee, and will try to secure a meeting at an early date for a careful consideration of this subject. Dr. North is just now starting off on a trip to China, and will not be back until June. So I assume the Committee will have to go ahead with its discussion of this proposal without waiting for his return. I hope that while Dr. North is in China you will have an opportunity to see him, - and to talk over with him - among other things - these questions of procedure in administering the McBrier Fund.

In my letter of January 12th, which had not reached you when you wrote, I discussed the present status of the finances of the McBrier Fund and stated that the annual income on the Fund at the present time is approximately US\$2,900. No one can make any accurate prediction as to the future trend in income, but inasmuch as the position of all of our Yenching investments is improving steadily, there seems grounds for hope that in future the amount of income for the McBrier Fund will increase.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 8, 1937

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

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Here is a piece of promotional material gotten out by the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association which we, in this office, think is unusually effective. With some modifications it could well be adapted to the American Promotional Program of the China Christian Colleges. I am writing each of the Colleges listed on this letterhead asking them to:

1. Select two of their best students to write an article of similar character and length about their life in the University. It should, of course, be briefly biographical, giving something of their home background, and then touch on their interest in the University and what they propose to do when they have finished their University training - in short, take the same ideas that are incorporated in the enclosed booklet and apply them to the University.
2. Have good photographs with proper lighting from which cuts may be made.
3. Have them sign the article both in Chinese and English. These signatures should be on a separate piece of white paper and made in black ink so that they will photograph properly for a signature block.
4. Will you please give this immediate attention so that we may have the materials back from all of the Colleges as quickly as possible?

The idea is to have one attractive piece of publicity for mailing which will include the work of the eleven Colleges.

The purpose of our asking for two articles is that when the booklet has been completed we hope to have it include practically all phases of the work done by the various Colleges, and since it may be that some of the articles will overlap, we thought best to have two from each University - thus enabling us to select the one best adapted to our purpose. The one which is not included in the booklet will doubtless be used in some other type of promotion.

Since it is important to the promotional program in America that, at least, one or two of the Universities express the religious aspects of the work, it seems best in the case of Yenching that one of the articles be written by a student in the School of Religion, perhaps one who intends to be a minister.

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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart.

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I am sorry to add this additional burden to your already crowded schedule, but you have a way of getting things done.

In this connection, may I say that I have read with deep interest your recent news bulletins to the Board of Trustees and members of the Advisory Council.

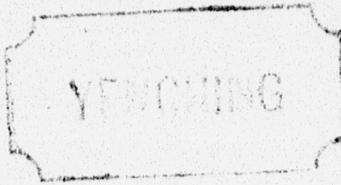
With every good wish,

George C. Aydelott.

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March 16, 1937

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 10th, with the attached communication to our Yenching Trustees. Both of these communications deal with the proposals you brought to the Council of Higher Education relative to increased cooperation among our China Colleges.

We are having a meeting of our Yenching Executive Committee this week, and will at that time lay your communication before them for their consideration and action.

I have not as yet had any official word from Shanghai with regard to the discussion and actions of the last meeting of the Council of Higher Education so it would be premature for me to venture any comments until I have this material before me. On February 19th I wrote you at some length with regard to recent developments here looking in the direction of closer cooperation among our Boards of Trustees. There is not much we can add on that topic at present.

After our Yenching Trustees have had an opportunity to study this matter carefully, I will comment at greater length. I am sure you know of my own personal desire that we develop much closer cooperation among our China Colleges on the field and among their Boards of Trustees here in the West than we have yet attained. Your communications remind me a bit, however, of the familiar parable of how the sun and the wind attempted to persuade the traveller to remove his coat.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 18, 1937

Dear Dr. Stuart,

For the last six weeks I have been in correspondence with at least a dozen seminaries, and about the same number of Mission Board secretaries and others in a position to know men who might be qualified and available for your position in New Testament. The search has not been a very fruitful one, for several reasons:-

The financial arrangements suggested in your letter of November 24th were rather forbidding. Practically every response I received commented that we would have to offer more than merely living accommodations on the campus if we were to have any real hope of getting a man for such a position. The consensus of opinion seems to be that we should also provide something toward either travel or else a modest honorarium while the appointee was on the campus.

It seems that our inquiries are being started pretty late, since most men plan their sabbatic leave activities a year or more in advance.

This year there appears to be a dearth of New Testament specialists going on sabbatical leave.

One of the most interesting of the possibilities we have explored are those suggested by President J. H. Franklin of Crozer Seminary in writing of the approaching leave of Professor A. Stewart Woodburne. I enclose herewith a copy of his letter.

Dr. Woodburne was in the office this week and we talked these matters through at length. In addition to the information in Dr. Franklin's letter, the following are some of the pertinent facts:-

Dr. Woodburne was born September 1, 1881. Received his B. A. from the McMasters University, Toronto, in 1906, and his M. A. in 1910. From the University of Chicago he received his B. D. in 1917 and his Ph.D. in 1918.

From 1906 to 1914 he was a District Missionary in India under the Canadian Baptist Board. From 1914 to 1920 he was in the United States, much of this time being given to graduate work at the University of Chicago. From 1920-21 he was Principal of the Kurnool High School. From 1921 to 1930 he was Professor of Philosophy, Psychology, and Ethics at Madras Christian College.

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In 1930 he returned to America and has remained here because of family considerations, particularly the education of his children. He has been at Crozer Seminary during this period, and his work there is described by Dr. Franklin.

As you will note, Dr. Woodburne's special field is that of Christian Ethics, rather than New Testament. He states however, that in addition to his work in this field in the seminary he has done a certain amount of teaching in New Testament, stressing more the theology and ethical teachings of the New Testament, rather than its literature and exegesis.

If there were an opportunity for Dr. Woodburne, in addition to a certain amount of work in the New Testament, to offer courses in his more specialized field of Christian Ethics, he should be able to make a particularly valuable contribution. Since he tells me that Dr. P. C. Hsu is to be in the University of Shanghai next year to fill in for some regular member of the staff coming on furlough, it may possibly be that such a contribution to your work at Yenching next year would be opportune and welcome.

From the standpoint of finances, Dr. Woodburne states that all he desires is just enough to supplement what he is receiving in sabbatical leave salary at Crozer, so as to cover his travel and living expenses for the year. He and Mrs. Woodburne would like to spend the year in China, either going out or returning by way of India. He estimates that their travel costs will be between \$1100 and \$1200, of which he could probably take care of three or four hundred dollars in addition to providing for their own living expenses. This would leave around \$800 which he would hope might be furnished by Yenching or whatever other institution he served while in China. He added frankly, however, that if this was more than such an institution could supply, he would try to see whether he and Mrs. Woodburne might from some source find a still larger portion of the expense involved.

Dr. Woodburne has a daughter, Miss Patricia Woodburne, who would welcome an opportunity to spend the year in China if an opening should materialize, although her going is not in any sense one of the conditions of Dr. Woodburne's acceptance of an invitation. Miss Woodburne is now 24, is a graduate of Bucknell College, and is at present in the editorial department of the American Baptist Publication Society. She would be qualified for work in English. The financial arrangements in her case would probably consist of accommodations on the campus plus enough to cover at least the major portion of her travel expenses.

If Yenching is seriously interested in Dr. Woodburne it would be well to send us a cable, for his plans will have to be worked out within the next couple of months and we could not expect him to hold other arrangements in abeyance until a reply could come from Yenching by letter unless we had some indication by cable that the University was seriously interested.

W. A. G. P.

Very sincerely yours

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"YENTA"

YENCHING

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

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My dear Garside:

I wrote you recently about attempting to secure a teacher of the New Testament for next year. After earnest discussions by the School of Religion faculty in their attempt to undertake responsibility for the best use of the McBrier Fund, I am writing again to request that very thorough efforts be made to secure some qualified person who could spend next session with us, primarily for religious work among our undergraduates, but who could also carry some N T courses. Anyone with ordinary theological training who has kept up his studies to some extent would meet the requirements for Chinese students in this respect, nor would it involve any more of his time than he would probably have to have free from the other purpose, while giving him a natural status here. We think of such men as Linn Hough of Drew Seminary, Ernest Tittle of Evanston, Ill., Walter Horton, Bruce Curry, etc. It is quite possible that some such person whose health requires a change, or who would enjoy an experience in the orient with the many advantages Peiping offers, or who would be willing to take a year out of a busy life for this significant form of service, or who is coming to the I M C meeting in Hangchow in 1938, could be persuaded to help us in this way. If the Committee on the McBrier Fund felt that this would be a proper use of that income, we would follow your judgment in the matter. He could offer courses to college students, while at the same time carrying a very limited but very necessary number of courses in the School of Religion, (three to six hours per week). We have been going over all sorts of possibilities for Chinese, with as yet no very satisfactory results. Those who would really qualify under the terms of this Fund are so largely committed elsewhere. None the less, the agitation of the matter is wholly to the good, and I have no question but that given time, we shall find solutions. Your help at this stage will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

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P.S. Two other names suggested are Dean Van Dusen of Union Theological Seminary, and Dr. Bradshaw, Bangor, Maine

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

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

My dear Mr. Hedrick:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a foreword to some material which is now on its way to America to be published serially in the papers subscribing to the service of the North American Newspaper Association. The intention is to publish these two documents in book form in China and quite possibly in the States also, and it is for this latter purpose that I have been asked to write the foreword. Mme. Chiang Kai-shek has written her personal narrative regarding the Sian episode in which her husband was kept in duress for twelve days. His diary for that period has also been translated. If you watch for this material, as it appears in the press, you can form your own judgement as to its publicity value for us. Both of them make very explicit references to their Christian faith which can be judiciously used with certain elements of our constituency, if you think it worthwhile, and if the book is to be published only in China, you might have a list of people sent to me to whom we could send complimentary copies. If, on the other hand, the book is to appear in America also, this procedure might be handled entirely from New York. The relationship to these two leading figures would thus be indicated without too blatant a reference.

Very sincerely yours,

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Foreword

For the sheer thrill of danger, romance, calm courage and dramatic climax, these two documents have all the fascinating interest of a historical novel. But this is immensely intensified when it is realized that they are the authoritative records of actual happenings only a few months ago while the fate of a great nation was literally trembling in the balance and the whole world was awaiting the outcome with puzzled bewilderment and anxious forebodings. Madame Chiang describes her part in this sensational occurrence while the incidents are still fresh in her memory and in doing so unconsciously reveals a wifely devotion, a woman's intuitive understanding of the basic issues and a superb heroism which are the more convincing because written with so objective a purpose to give the simple facts. General Chiang has kept a diary for many years, recording events and his own reactions with a soldier's bluntness and the artless honesty of writing what was intended only for personal use. This habit served him in good stead when earlier sections were surreptitiously read by his captors and now when he has determined to share this part with a public which he feels is entitled to first-hand information. Both narratives have the stamp of elemental sincerity in their frank disclosure of thought and feeling which would only be made out of deep conviction of the service thus rendered.

But the real significance of these documents lies in the evidence they furnish of a genuine transformation in Chinese political life. The mutual affection of husband and wife is sublimated into absorbing concern over the people's welfare. Family ties are strengthened by this common bond. Captors, visitors, and the grimly taciturn captive, argue together from this standpoint in language made realistic because

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they are all facing easily possible death and the leading figure had already passed beyond its fear. In his own consciousness he had made the supreme sacrifice rather than be unfaithful to his country's trust. Such loyalty and heroism have been by no means lacking in Chinese history but never before perhaps with the common people of the country so poignantly in mind nor - chiefly for their sakes - with so consistent a determination to avoid the horrors of civil strife. And the people have worthily responded. The teaching of their ancient sages and their whole cultural heritage have trained them to an extent true of no other country for recognising the claims of moral leadership in their rulers. General Chiang Kai-shek had already won an increasing support throughout the country because of his unselfish and untiring devotion to their welfare. He could easily have exploited his high office for his own aggrandisement or for winning cheap popularity as their defender against foreign aggression. His policies have caused much real misunderstanding - largely because so different from what would naturally be expected. The Sian episode brought out with vivid force the spontaneous admiration of the whole vast population for a leader whom they feel to be theirs by their own choice, independent of his official status. This is of the very essence of democracy even before its formal structure has been completed in China. General Chiang is great in the simple reality of his moral purpose and more powerful than any dictator because his people are aware of this. These transcripts from his inner experience and that of a wife who is in every sense his comrade serve to confirm the people's judgment.

Even apart from the heartening proof of unity and patriotic purpose pulsating now through Chinese officialdom and populace, there

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are suggestions of wider value in these records. So far from being inscrutably subtle, as western people are accustomed to think of Chinese behavior, was not the settlement of the Sian incident an instance of sanity, and of reliance on reason and right rather than on force, the efficiency of which has been demonstrated by the results? Its strangeness, if any, is in the quietly unaffected way in which the protagonists lived up to the highest ideals which all men revere and bravely submitted these to the pragmatic test with a selfless abandon which could only spring from their belief in the supremacy of spiritual realities.

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TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
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Dr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Garside:

We have had recent letters from Vernon Nash and the mail today brought a lengthy one from you in reply to mine on this subject. He probably, in his eagerness to find a way to get back here, read into your comments more than you intended. My letter to you was partly with him in mind, as I sent him a copy. We understand each other perfectly well on all such matters. Meanwhile, since the Missouri project seems doomed to failure, before finally abandoning the hope of his coming back to us, I should like to raise the question with you as to the possibility of our taking him over as hitherto, provided that with his help our workers could raise his budget on a basis that had at least a measure of continuity. Mr. Hedrick's judgement would be of primary importance, especially as to the feasibility of the undertaking. If this is to be taken seriously, it might be best for him to go to Arizona, at least for a year, while others do at least the major part of the solicitation. I realize all the difficulties in whatever procedure would be worked out, and I am not urging that the Trustees undertake this. They and Mr. Hedrick are in a much better position than I to pass judgement on its practicability. This is merely a sort of last hope and a suggestion. Will you please write Vernon after you have had enough consultation with others to do so?

I note the developments in the ABCCC and shall await with interest the bearing of the last meeting of the Council out here, on these. All I insist on is that the recognized claims and very real needs of Yenching be not allowed to suffer, because of the maintenance of a general scheme of things which has seemed to me increasingly impossible.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 20, 1937

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letters of February 12th and February 15th. Both these letters deal with the finances of the College of Public Affairs. Mr. Gunn arrived in New York about ten days ago, and Dr. Gamble, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Hedrick have all talked with him. If it is found desirable to do so, arrangements will be made for him to meet with a group of our Yenching and Princeton-Yenching Trustees for a discussion of the financial situation with reference to the work in Public Affairs at Yenching.

As we wrote you some weeks ago, the Princeton-Yenching Foundation is appropriating US\$7,000 toward the 1937-38 budget, rather than the US\$5,000 they have been giving for a number of years. This will help to change the proportions a little. We are very hopeful that by next year the Foundation can add another \$2,000 or so to its appropriation, for it has been cutting down at the rate of one or two thousand dollars a year the serious deficit which was brought out of the depression and once that is cleared should be able to send out about US\$10,000 a year toward the budget of the University. We hope, of course, that the Foundation can in some way increase its income to the point where much more than this can be done.

Your letter of February 15th suggests the possibility of our Yenching Trustees providing support for Harry Price either from some special source, or from regular sources of income. We will pass this suggestion along to the Budget Committee to deal with as it studies the budget estimates for 1937-38.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 22, 1937

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Miss Mary Cookingham
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Friends:

Enclosed find a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive-Finance Committees held last Friday. Five extra copies are going under separate cover.

Questions regarding the investment problem consumed considerable time, but there was unanimous consent to the policy being followed by the Investment Committee. At the present time it does not seem to be possible to get off the group of common stocks slated for sale at the top of the recent bull market. There would seem to be nothing to worry about in this respect, as one of the main purposes in making these sales was to consolidate our profits and secure a cash balance against any possible slump in the market. It is quite possible that we will sell on market strength during this week.

Bonds have weakened slightly, the governments taking quite a loss during the latter part of last week. No one seems to be able to analyze this situation -- not even the Washington financiers. The government supported the market early in the week with heavy buying, but felt that it could not continue in the face of persistent heavy liquidation.

Undoubtedly one factor is the spineless attitude of the government in dealing with the strike situation in the middle west. It appears to be a political game, condoned, if not actually sponsored, by the government. Local authorities here in the east are dealing with these situations promptly, and it is hoped that the wave of present style in strikes will pass out, and some way more honorable and law-abiding will be found to express the protest of the worker. Meantime, this whole situation is affecting the market in that production is falling off, and business is facing a very unsettled condition.

Aluminum Dividends of Harvard-Yenching Institute.

Where other universities have no large deficits, they are taking the same attitude as these committees took in setting up an income stabilization fund to be held with the Harvard-Yenching Institute. This, of course, is not final as the Institute invited the judgment of the various boards as to what would be their attitude toward the use of this surplus income.

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Confirmation of the Election of Miss McAfee. President McAfee was invited to become a member of the board as soon as she took office in Wellesley. At that time she showed a very keen interest, but wished to have more time to become familiar with her new position, indicating that at a later date she would be very glad to accept. She is now very much interested in the promotional work going on in Boston, and agreed to allow her name to be used on the literature; and as a consequence accepted the nomination, and action BF-3511 is confirmation of the circulation vote.

Miss McAfee brings to the board a very rich experience and a brilliant mind. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Cleland B. McAfee, formerly secretary of the Presbyterian Board, and has a deep-seated interest in the foreign missionary enterprise.

Representatives for the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. This is self explanatory, and requires no further comment. We hope that all three of the representatives will be able to attend.

Application of University Surplus toward Residence Funds. This action on the part of the field was referred to the committee, and we are very grateful indeed for this action in applying US\$1,980.40 toward the Residence deficits.

Communication from the Field. Dr. Stuart's letter of February 10th was presented, but the committees felt that it would be more desirable to have same come before the board of trustees and also the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.

While informally discussing the situation, the committees also had a letter from Dr. Ed Hume bearing upon the same subject. It was felt, however, that any action taken should come from the larger unit.

Preparations are being made for the annual meeting of the board, as well as the board of the Women's College and sub-committees. We anticipate that the budget will be in hand for consideration well in advance of the spring meetings, as well as a more general consolidated study of all budgets by the Associated Boards committee.

Promotional work has been going in without any interruption, there having been several very encouraging openings developed within the last few days. General publicity is going out tomorrow and Wednesday, and we hope for good results therefrom.

Very truly yours,

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March 25, 1937

President J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Mr. Evans is writing the usual covering letter in connection with the minutes of the meeting of the Yenching Executive-Finance Committees held on March 19th. I am sending this informal and unofficial note to comment on one item not referred to in the minutes.

Several weeks ago I handed to the officers of the Yenching Board of Trustees and to a few of the other members copies of the statement attached to your letter of February 10th. In this statement you give some very interesting information as to what is going on "behind the scenes" in the Chinese political world, and tell us also of some very significant activities in this field in which you yourself have participated.

I know you already are assured of the sympathetic interest of every member of the Yenching Board of Trustees in all the constructive movements going on in China today. All of them are eager to see the urgent political and military problems of China solved as speedily and as wisely as possible. They have a warm personal sympathy for anyone who takes a constructive share in helping toward the solution of these problems.

But, as you will at once recognize, it would be very unwise for the Yenching Board of Trustees to give any formal recognition to any such political activities on the part of any administrative officers of the University. Whatever may be the personal sympathies of each individual member of the Board, the Board itself would be acting contrary to its duties as Trustees, and to its responsibilities for an institution in China representing both American and Chinese interests if it were to give any formal approval of, or encouragement to, such activities.

If the Board of Trustees is ever called upon to take formal cognizance of such activities it would have no alternative except to record its disapproval.

So at this point I must acknowledge my remissness in not carrying out the suggestion in your letter that we bring the information in your statement to the Yenching Board of Trustees.

Very sincerely yours,

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*attention of
Mr. Kardis*

學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 27, 1937

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

Rec'd 4/23/37

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

My dear Mr. Hedrick:

Following up my previous letter regarding the printing of documents by General and Mrs. Chiang Kai-shek, I was in Nanking early this week and saw them and Mr. Donald, who is their adviser in all such matters. He is planning to have the pamphlet printed here in Chinese binding and general format, in order to give the proper Chinese atmosphere, as well as to increase the bulk, the material being only about 28,000 words. All the more, I feel that this will have a very real interest for people we are cultivating, and if you approve of the idea, I suggest that you get the list to me as soon as possible. It might even be worthwhile to cable approval and indicating the number of copies, so that we can place an order in advance.

Very sincerely yours,

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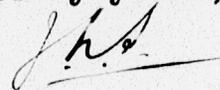
TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

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

My dear Miss Van Sciver:

We are sending you some clippings that will be of interest, also the ms. of an article by me on General Chiang Kai-shek, which will probably appear in a local English bi-weekly publication about to be started in Peiping. There are some of our Trustees at any rate who will be interested in this material, even if no further use is made of it.

Very sincerely yours,



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YENCHING

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

We have your two letters of March 2nd discussing the proposed gift of Dr. Hoobler, together with the original and copy of the letter you suggest we might forward to Dr. Hoobler and his son Sibley. We have also received a letter from Miss Speer discussing the matter.

Mr. Hedrick, Mr. Aydelott, and I have gone over this whole matter with some care this week. Our best judgment is that it might not be wise to send along to Dr. Hoobler and his son your letter of March 2nd, for apparently it was written before you had received the letter which Sibley Hoobler was supposed to have written you during the latter part of January or early in February. It is quite possible that his letter may have given some entirely different slant on the situation, which you will wish to take into account in any proposals we submit.

Mr. Aydelott has therefore sent Dr. Hoobler a general letter, a copy of which is enclosed, in which he does not go into detailed discussion of the proposed gift. As far as we can now see, it would be wiser for you to write direct to Dr. Hoobler on the basis of whatever information he and Sibley may be sending you. With that in mind, the three of us have attempted to draft the outline of a letter from you to Dr. Hoobler which you can revise in any way you may wish, or reject altogether if you so desire. Of course, it is quite possible that you may already have written before this letter reaches you, and that any further communications until you hear from Dr. Hoobler would not be wise.

In order to be sure that the situation is entirely clear to you, let me review briefly the facts as we understand them. Much of what we say you certainly already know, but perhaps some points have not been made clear:-

Mrs. Hoobler died early in August 1936. Formerly there had been a provision in her will for a bequest to Yenching University but this was removed some years ago, and Yenching was not mentioned in any way in her final will. There was, however, a provision in her will setting apart a fund, which we understand to be \$25,000.00. This fund was to be held for one year from the date of Mrs. Hoobler's death and then is to be allocated by Dr. Hoobler and his son Sibley or by the survivor if one of them should die, for whatever type of religious work they may choose. This is the \$25,000 Dr. Hoobler has in mind to give to

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give to Yenching. There is a possibility that the fund may be somewhat larger than \$25,000.00. It is also possible that if an objective requiring a somewhat larger amount is sufficiently attractive to Dr. Hoobler and his son they might add something from their own funds to the bequest left by Mrs. Hoobler. It will be August 1937 before this gift could be turned over to Yenching in any event, but the more promptly we can secure the Hooblers' approval of a specific designation, the better it will be.

In the first conversations Dr. Young and Mr. Aydelott had with Dr. Hoobler and Sibley they gained the impression that the Hooblers were primarily interested in making a gift for a building, preferably a dormitory. They gained the impression that the Hooblers would be very well pleased to see one of the Women's College dormitories already erected made a memorial to Mrs. Hoobler.

In later conversations, however, the wishes of the Hooblers seemed to have changed somewhat. Dr. Hoobler stated that as he and his son had talked the matter over they decided they were not interested in bricks and mortar but in developing lives of Chinese students. He made some comment about desiring to know the names of the students actually benefitting from their gifts, and keeping in touch with who they were and what they were doing and planning. I believe that no mention was made specifically of scholarships, although his comment would seem to point in that direction.

Just what direction the thinking of the Hooblers may have taken since those conversations or what they may have written to you we do not know. It would seem wiser, therefore, for us to make a variety of suggestions to the Hooblers so that at least one of our suggestions should appeal to them.

We are all agreed that one of the urgent needs we wish to take care of as soon as possible is the provision of larger income for the College of Natural Science. This can be accomplished most quickly and most easily, however, by helping the Women's College to complete its \$100,000 endowment fund, and thus relieve the Natural Science endowment of the payments it is now making to the Women's College. As you know, the amount of Women's College endowment funds now included in the \$500,000 Natural Science endowment fund is still \$58,086.50. In accordance with our agreement with the Women's College, we turn over to them each year 5% of this amount, or \$2,904.33, which is taken out of the income we receive on the \$500,000 Natural Science Endowment fund. As rapidly as we build up the Women's College endowment, this charge against the Natural Science income will be reduced. At the present time a new endowment ^{may} direct for Natural Science could not be invested to produce more than \$1,000 in income, so it would be to the immediate advantage of the College of Natural Science to have the Women's College endowment situation straightened out, rather than to have this same amount of money added to its own endowment fund. Also, we have the moral obligation of our promise to the Women's College that we would put the building up of their \$100,000 endowment fund at the top of our list of endowment objectives.

All this is much too complicated a situation to try to explain to Dr. Hoobler but it does show just how we can best serve the College of Natural Science as ~~soon~~ as the interests of the Women's College by getting Dr. Hoobler to designate his gift for the Women's College endowment fund. But perhaps we should give them the opportunity of making their gift direct to the endowment of Natural Science if they so desire, so we list that as one of the possible alternatives.

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The question of the comparative urgency of the need for additional scholarship endowment is not easy for us to answer. I suppose no university ever had as much scholarship funds as it would like to have, and could use profitably. But with the Luce endowment fund now practically completed and bringing in a substantial income, the general view of our Yenching Trustees has been that for the present we should put our emphasis on other urgent objectives. Of course, if the Hooblers prefer the scholarship endowment above anything else we should encourage them to make their gift in that direction. We have, however, put this item third on the list in our suggested draft of your letter to them. You yourself may wish to put it higher in the list.

In the light of what you and Miss Speer have written we have made a further investigation of the sources of the funds which went into the four Women's College dormitories. Miss Tyler has been able to give us quite a clear picture of just how those funds were secured and distributed. As you know, a very large number of women, and women's groups, shared in varying amounts in the creation of the funds secured in the Seven Women's Colleges drives. By far the largest part of the funds turned over to Yenching College for Women were not specifically designated by the donors and were available for whatever building purposes the College might designate. We understand, however, that a large number of plaques similar to those described by Miss Speer were struck off in accordance with the promises made to various groups of women at the time their gifts were made. Such plaques were sent not only to Yenching but to each of the other six Colleges with a request that they be put up in suitable buildings so as to give public recognition to the generosity of the donors. We can find no evidence that the portion of these building funds which went into the Women's College dormitories at Yenching were designated for the specific purpose by the donors. But we recognize that since these plaques have already been put up, it might be awkward to take one of them down again. Also, since these funds were practically all given for buildings, it might not quite be in order to reallocate them for endowment. Since the Hooblers seem to have veered away from the idea of a dormitory anyway the wiser course, therefore, would seem to be to drop this objective from our suggested list.

As we write we realize that the situation may change greatly before this letter gets to Peiping. Perhaps you have already corresponded with the Hooblers in ways which will make all of our suggestions obsolete. In any event we will mark time here until we have further word from you which will indicate the direction in which we should move.

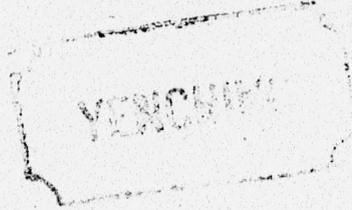
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To President J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China



Hotel Bellevue, Boston
2 April 1937

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Weeks ago I planned to write you, after I had been in Oberlin for two days. My visit there was on the occasion of the Oberlin-Shansi day, during which announcement was made of the teaching appointments to the high school at Taiku. In the evening there was a meeting in the art museum, at which Li Pao-chen gave a masterly talk on music. He spoke with the tongues of several angels, and both as a musical performance and as a demonstration of command of fine English, it was highly creditable. I wish we might have Li remain in this country to appear before audiences rather widely. I have spoken of this hope to our heads, without achieving any definite results.

Another touch with Yenching which I have had recently, was in an evening's talk in Ann Arbor, with a Mr. Shen and Mr. Huang. Their full names are not at my hand at the moment, but I have no doubt you will be able to identify them. Shen is living in the home of a regent of the University, Mr. Junius Beal. We had an informal panel that evening, in the living room of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray, and it was a very illuminating and satisfactory experience. I have been indulging in a dream ever since, toying with the pleasant idea of having Li Pao-chen and these two boys from Ann Arbor serve as a Yenching team next year, spending perhaps the first half of the year going about to carefully selected groups. It seems to me that our project has reached a phase in which very able exponents of the work of our colleges, in the persons of their graduates, have logically a larger function than we have as yet assigned to them. Of course, I realize all sorts of obstacles to the carrying out of such a plan, chief of which is the consequent interruption of studies on the part of eager young men and women, who would be impatient of such an interruption.

At the moment, I am passing on my thoughts more with an idea of paying a tribute to these Yenching students, than with any more serious hope for the immediate future.

Sincerely yours,

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April 3, 1937

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

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

YENCHING

My dear Dr. Garside:

I am writing to call attention to the vacancy in the Presbyterian quota which will be created at the end of this fiscal year by the withdrawal of Mr. R. H. Ritter from our faculty. As you will recall, it was agreed that Mr. Ritter should continue through this year of furlough under the Board's support. Unless meanwhile someone has been found who can fill his place, will you take the steps necessary to ensure the appropriation of 1 c \$3,000, which is customary under these circumstances.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. Daniel L. Lee
Drew University
Madison, N.J.

My dear Daniel:

We were made very happy by receiving in the last mail your acceptance of the invitation to join our faculty. We understand, however, that you will probably in be free to leave America until next winter. We shall, therefore, look forward to having you with us for the second semester of the coming session. As a new committee is about to study our present schedule of salary and rank with a view to possible revision, I shall not present your case to the Committee on Appointments until a decision will have been reached regarding this schedule. You can be assured, however, that you will be given the best treatment that our regulations permit.

There is another matter to which I should like to have you give some thought before you reach here. The School of Religion has been asked to include among its functions the religious activities among our own college students. We hope, therefore, to build up the faculty in the future with this special service in mind. You will appreciate how challenging is the opportunity to work among our own undergraduates, both because of the potentialities and the special problems involved. With your own training there could be no better one with whom to begin this experiment. Our thought is that you might plan your work so as to give about half time to teaching the students in the School of Religion, and the other half to religious work among the college students. It might almost be possible to think of the latter as a laboratory for your teaching work. The main purpose, however, would be the direct value to the religious life of the campus. One of our trustees, Mr. E. M. McBrier, is especially interested in provision for the best possible Christian influences upon our students, and I am writing to our New York office to see if it would not be possible for you to meet with him and other trustees of ours before you leave America, at which time this phase of your work here could be discussed.

With best wishes for your remaining period of study and high hopes of the help you will be to us,

Very sincerely yours,

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

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

My dear Dr. Garside:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter which I think explains itself. Could you not arrange to have the young man meet with the members of the McBrier committee and with Mr. McBrier himself?

We are also inviting one of our Chinese graduates of the School of Theology, as it was known then, Mr. C.C.Lu, to come to us next year on somewhat the same terms. Our thought would be that he might be asked to devote one-fourth, or at the most one-third, of his time to religious work among the college students. We are going ahead with these plans, in the hope that the McBrier Fund Committee will approve of the recommendation that the School of Religion administer this Fund, along the general lines indicated in my letter.

Two unsigned cables have come from the office regarding Mr. Godfrey Cabot. You will doubtless know the circumstances leading to these. I felt that there must be some good reason for asking me to send a cable to him along the lines suggested, and would always want to follow out suggestions or instructions of this nature. On the other hand, unless someone connected with us has been seeing him personally, or was prepared to do so, I could not avoid a feeling that a cable from me without any special occasion for it, might seem presumptuous to him. He is a somewhat eccentric old gentleman, very kindly disposed to us, and I should not want to offend him. I am hoping that if it still seemed desirable for me to send a cable, another message would come to that effect, or that someone will visit Mr. Cabot in person. Failing either of these, we can see what should be done, either by correspondence or when I am next in America. By keeping me informed as to the date of his return, I could write to him, if this seemed the best way to handle the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

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TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

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

My dear Mr. Evans:

Thanks for your letter enclosing a check for US \$1,750. I appreciate your interest and shall be grateful for your further efforts to complete this matter. It is all helping to pay off some funds that I had advanced to the University in the expectation that somehow, some time, this will be possible.

Very sincerely yours,

J. H. Stewart

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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
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*See letter from
Union Life
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Dear Dr. Stuart:

I was not sure of your intention as set forth in your letter of March 3rd regarding the Union Life Insurance Company loan and policy. Therefore, I quoted that portion of the letter to the company, and their reaction is set forth in the enclosed copy of their letter.

I am also enclosing papers which they suggest be signed in case you desire to cancel the insurance. If this doesn't meet with your satisfaction, won't you please give us further details, and we will explore the matter still further.

With sincerest personal regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

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April 14, 1937

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I am herewith enclosing copy of a letter I am writing Mr. Ralph Lloyd. I think we have been a little hesitant to ask many of our people to interest themselves in an active and definite way in support of Yenching. Perhaps we are over-fearful of hurting people's feelings. I do not know what the results of my letter may be but at any rate it is time something was done to enlist Mr. Lloyd's interest in a practical way.

The oil business in which he is interested has been extremely profitable. There is not a company that I know of but what is making money very rapidly. I know because I am personally interested in quite a number of companies, some of them California companies. I wish you could give me the name of the firm that Mr. Lloyd is interested in.

Looking forward to your arrival next autumn, I am hoping that I can meet you on the coast and that we can do some promotional work together there before you come east. I wish you would make your plans to do this. My suggestion to Mr. Hedrick is that all the preliminary work be done on the coast before you arrive; that we be there on the job to welcome you and cooperate with you, and "cash in" on the interest of some of our friends out there. I do not think we ought to set any definite time that we should come east but should stay there as long as it would be worth while. What do you think of this suggestion?

Sincerely yours,

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YENCHING

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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

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Dear Dr. Stuart:

We received some days ago a carbon copy of your letter of March 9th addressed to Mr. Frederick V. Field. Mr. Field also kindly took the initiative in suggesting that Dr. Chen Han-seng and I get together for luncheon to discuss the possibility of having Dr. Chen join the staff of Yenching University.

Dr. Chen and I had luncheon together today. I found him quite friendly, and at least mildly interested in the possibility of an invitation to join the Yenching staff. He asked, however, a number of questions on which we could not give him detailed information, so I promised to pass them along to you. In general, I gained the impression that Dr. Chen is particularly interested in certain types of research and writing. He is quite willing to consider accepting a position which would require that the major part of his time be given to the work of teaching, although he would wish to study very carefully the types of courses he would be asked to teach before reaching any decision.

Dr. Chen jotted down three questions which he asked us to pass along to you. I quote them just as he wrote them down:— 1. Whether or not to join the University regardless of the specific college or department? 2. Whether or not to join the teaching in Yenching regardless of the specific courses? 3. What is the policy of teaching in connection with the field to be decided upon?

I gained from my conversation with Dr. Chen that he is asking the above questions for some such reasons as the following:— While he says that he has done quite a bit of economic research during recent years, and that is probably the reason you are suggesting that he join the Department of Economics, as a matter of fact, this is not the department he would be most directly interested in. He says that his interest rather is in "historical research". This would seem to tie him up with the Department of History. I believe that he has also been in charge of the Department of Sociology in the Government University there in Peiping. He made the observation that the department under which he might be allocated would be more or less secondary. The important thing to him would be the specific courses he would be asked to offer. He indicated quite definitely that his decision as to whether he would join the University or not would depend largely upon the answer the University makes to the three questions listed above.

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Dr. Stuart

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As to the time when Dr. Chen might join the staff, he tells me that the remainder of 1937 is already filled with obligations he has in the field of writing. He would, however, be able to join the staff at the beginning of the spring semester early in 1938.

X When I suggested that we should ask for more definite information as to the academic rank he would have, and the salary he would secure, Dr. Chen brushed those two questions aside as of minor importance. He said that if a satisfactory agreement could be reached with regard to the three questions raised above, he was sure there would be no difficulty in matters of academic rank and salary.

Thus the next step seems to be that of providing Dr. Chen with detailed information along the lines of the three questions we have quoted. If a satisfactory agreement on those points is reached, and if it would be acceptable to the University for Dr. Chen to arrive in January rather than in September, we would seem to be in a position to press forward with further negotiations.

If you write Dr. Chen direct, you will no doubt enclose a copy of your letter for our information.

Very sincerely yours,

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April 14, 1937

To the Members of the Advisory Council of Yenching University:

Since writing you within the first week of the present year political developments have in general followed the trends described in that and previous communications. There has been less of spectacular eventfulness but a quiet strengthening of national solidarity and a deepening concern over those internal weaknesses without which there would be no Japanese menace. This is itself being retarded or reduced by the sobering realization in that country that China is no longer the disorganized mass of venal mandarins and ignorant or indifferent individuals which made it the easy victim of militaristic aggression, but is now really a nation, unified by popular sentiment rather than by governmental force, with an alert and more high-principled, public-spirited leadership than it has perhaps known since the days of legendary sage-kings, determined to protect its territory and its administrative sovereignty at whatever sacrifice, and becoming equipped in modern fighting efficiency as well as in this new patriotic morale. There has been a surprising boldness of opposition within Japan to the stupidly predatory program of its military autocrats and recurrent evidence that liberals and financiers are at one in demanding a more intelligently conciliatory China policy.

This is not by any means to say that all is fine and flourish-
ing in China. Among her own officials there is yet an abundance
of graft and nepotism and inefficiency and mutual jealousy or

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mistrust. Japanese smuggling, sale of narcotics, secret and injurious economic concessions, instigation to secession or revolt, and other forms of actual or threatened exploitation, are still largely unchecked and are only possible because of Chinese cowardice or greed. But in so fluid and formative a situation it is the direction that is significant and all the observers with whose views I am acquainted are at one in recognising an amazing progress along these lines that augurs very hopefully for the future.

Perhaps the most notable feature of western opinion about China in the past few months has, however, been in regard to economic improvement. The British Government sent last year to China an extremely capable financial expert, Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, to investigate conditions and to give aid as seemed opportune. He has been almost unqualified in his praise of the success of currency reform, the present soundness of the banking and credit structure, the changes for the better in public administration especially in regard to taxation, the advances in railroads, highways, and other forms of communication, and the generally hopeful economic outlook. I have before me as I write a recently published statement of his to this effect, the report of the chairman of the leading British bank in China (Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation) quoting with approval from this and reinforcing it with his own no less reassuring comments, and similar observations from British authorities in this field. This is all with a frankly practical rather than altruistic purpose, but British activity in China has an extremely

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useful byproduct in its aid to Chinese internal progress and therefore to the cause of international peace. I could wish that American men of affairs were equally alert to this twofold aspect of larger American participation in economic developments here, as being at once mutually beneficial to the people of both countries and - especially with British cooperation - the surest guarantee of peace in the Pacific.

In the midst of these far vaster issues Yenching University continues to make its modest contribution. As with the situation generally in Eastern Asia, there have been no sensational occurrences on our campus, but we are conscious of encouraging gains. With inadequate dependable income we can apparently meet our next year's budget because of renewed or increased emergency grants from the Chinese Government, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the American Boxer Indemnity Trustees, these being in each instance based on careful investigation and therefore an endorsement as well as a temporary provision for our needs while we are continuing the effort to secure additional endowment or other forms of stable support. We have constant evidence of the high opinion in which our academic work and moral standards are held by government officials and others throughout the country. The value of such an attempt to share with the Chinese people the best of our spiritual and intellectual experience, in their own environment and increasingly in association with them, is proving itself most of all in the lives of our graduates and in their splendid loyalty to the institution.

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Tomorrow morning about one hundred members of our chorus start for Nanking to render The Messiah under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, this being the feature for one of the three evenings in a cultural exhibition promoted by the National Government. This oratorio has been sung annually by our chorus for some eight years during the Christmas season on our own campus and in the city, but this invitation marks a radically new departure. It is not only that ours is the largest and oldest choral society in China but to be the guests of the government to present so positively religious and so entirely western a musical performance is indicative of a new attitude.

You probably read of the departure of Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance and Chairman of our Board of Managers, as Chief Delegate from China to the Coronation in London. He and his entourage were given a great send-off in Shanghai, and the appointment of this delegation has attracted favorable notice all over the country. It is another instance of China's desire to be on friendly terms with all other countries and of her emerging consciousness of having her rightful membership in the family of nations.

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Hotel Bellevue
Boston, Mass.

16 April 1937

My dear Mr. Stuart:

The last ten days have been unhappy ones for Yenching interests, particularly in Boston. You and I have so long been friends, devoted to the same great issues, that I feel I can speak quite frankly to you. As far as the motion picture question is concerned, Lillian Porter will be sharing with you my several communications to her.

Our failure to make clear to you by cable the importance of your message to Mr. Cabot has been to me and to our Boston Committee more than a disappointment. I take upon myself a large measure of accountability for that failure, because it never occurred to me that our request needed to be phrased in anything but straight-forward and mild language. Trust in each other, even across oceans, is so essential a part of any success in this project that I find myself taking it for granted. I was taken quite off my guard in discovering that you did not trust us to have proceeded so carefully in our interviews with Mr. Cabot that the cable we requested from you was only to put your official approval upon something already assured.

One of our committee members here in Boston felt so strongly about the matter that he was inclined to insist upon another cable message to you which would have given again in exact quotes what we wished you to cable to Mr. Cabot. In the end, however, he agreed to leave the whole matter upon your shoulders.

You and I can talk this through when you next arrive in the country. Certainly nothing more can be done until you come, for I have properly expressed regret to Mr. Cabot for not being able to carry on this spring, and he is going abroad for an extended period and will expect to see you next year. The thing which happened was that I was able, through two men who are close to large expenditures of Mr. Cabot's, to come to a clearer understanding of the impulses which dictate his giving. At the end of a long and very pleasant interview with him, in the course of which he had doubled his last year's gift to the current budget, I asked him if he would not give us, in his wife's name, the much needed additional instructor in either physical education or domestic science. His response was instant and favorable, and he concluded by asking me to secure immediately, your approval, and to present fuller details to him in writing. The latter part of the request was easily

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fulfilled. The former we tried to transmit to you by cable. I can only hope that the long interval which must now intervene will not lose to us the cooperation which we appeared to have secured from this gentleman. You will find him eager to see and talk with you.

In closing, may I tell you of a very happy suggestion which Mr. Cabot made early in our conference the other day. He asked what honorary degrees had been conferred upon you and said that he wished to propose your name to President Conant as worthy of Harvard's recognition. He was to see Mr. Conant that very morning. He asked me if you would understand that a communication of a certain sort from Harvard, asking for your presence at Commencement meant that you were being given a degree. I assured him that you would certainly understand the significance of any such message. Knowing how long in advance such matters are settled, I felt certain that the suggestion would not bear its ultimate fruit this year. I am very happy to pass on to you this additional evidence of Mr. Cabot's respect and affection.

Sincerely yours,

President Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping West
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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA

April 19, 1937

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
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Dr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Ack
My dear Dr. Garside

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My dear Dr. Garside:

I am writing especially in regard to the possibility of Mr. Willard A. Hanna's being appointed by the Presbyterian Board, beginning with the coming academic year, to take the place of Mr. R. H. Ritter. Although the University agreed to give Mr. Ritter a two-year period before he finally severed his connection with us, yet I understand that the Board would not consider any such extension of his furlough privilege. If this is correct, we are entitled to have his place filled after next summer. Furthermore, the indications seem to be that Mr. Ritter will have no serious difficulty in securing a pastorate in America. I am enclosing herewith certain material about Mr. Hanna for the reference of our Trustees, and for the Presbyterian Board in so far as needed. Owing to the decision of one of our present staff in the Department of English not to continue after this year, we are urgently in need of having this position promptly filled, and Mr. Hanna is the best person of whom we can think at present. The two points upon which we would insist, in addition to approval by the Trustees, are that he be appointed by the Board, and that he be willing to come to us for the coming academic year. In view of the necessity of securing someone without fail, will you send a cable regarding the decision in this matter, as soon as this can be reached. Should it not be practicable for any reason to secure Mr. Hanna's appointment, it may be that the Board has someone else who could be recommended to us for this vacancy.

I have your letter of March 18 regarding our New Testament problem and appreciate all that you have attempted to do in meeting my request. I realized that the terms we proposed would make it very unlikely that anyone could be secured, but thought it might be worth making the inquiry. We could not possibly set aside such a sum as U S \$800 for Dr. Woodburne. It happens, however, that within the past few days, the possibility has developed of securing Rev. S. Withers Green of the

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London Mission to take effect for the coming year. The original understanding had been that he would spend the spring semester here, and if mutually agreeable, might be appointed to our School of Religion twelve months after next summer. If the negotiations now in progress are favorable, our problem will have been happily solved. Will you kindly write to Dr. Franklin thanking him for his efforts on our behalf, and explaining why we shall probably not have the need of inviting Dr. Woodburne.

I also have your letters of March 16 and 20, and shall await further developments in the matters dealt with.

Very sincerely yours,

Frederick Woodburne

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P.S. It gives me pleasure to inform the Trustees through you that the Board of Managers elected Dr. H. H. Kung as Chancellor of the University, having previously secured his consent. There has been a delay in making the announcement because, when the Minister of Education was informed of this action, he delayed giving his approval. He fully appreciates our rather peculiar problem and agreed in principle, but realized that there would be a rather undesirable precedent in the Chairman of the Board of Managers being concurrently executive head of the institution. For a high official of the government to hold an outside position of this sort is also being discouraged; and as a matter of fact, Dr. Kung refused to consider this suggestion two or three years ago, because of impending legislation to this effect. The Minister of Education has finally given his consent, as a temporary expedient, and public announcement is in the papers today.

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April 20, 1937

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

The end of the current fiscal year is now rapidly approaching and we should be making definite plans as to Dr. K. A. Wee's movements.

The Yenching Trustees have been very happy to have had Dr. Wee here in America for the last two years, and feel that he has made a very valuable contribution to our Yenching interests. Since his pursuit of a Ph.D. took practically all of his first year here in America, his activities in promotional work have been going on only since last September. But during these past eight months he has certainly been hard working, conscientious, and cooperative. He and Dr. Young together have done good work not only for specifically Yenching interests, but also for the interests of the entire group of Colleges. During the next two or three months they will focus their activities more definitely upon our Yenching constituency than they have in the past.

While we are hoping that some very substantial results will come in between now and June 30th, we have no expectation that the full effect of Dr. Wee's time with us will be known by the close of this fiscal year. Much of the work that he has done will continue to bear fruit in future.

Yet while we have all been grateful to have Dr. Wee with us this second year, we have not forgotten for a moment that he is a member of the Yenching staff, and has important work to do in Peiping. It is not fair either to the Department of Physical Education or to Dr. Wee to keep him away from the campus any longer than we can possibly help.

All of the plans of our Yenching promotional committee have therefore been made this year with the understanding that Dr. Wee would be starting back to Peiping some time in June or July. Since there is very little active promotional work which can be accomplished in July or even during the latter part of June, it would be possible to let Dr. Wee go at almost any time after June 15th. We know that he is eager to get back to Peiping and to his family so we should not keep him any longer than is actually necessary.

The question of whether we should urge Dr. Wee to come back a little later to carry on the excellent promotional work he has begun is

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one which the Yenching promotional committee and Mr. Hedrick have discussed among themselves and with Dr. Wee. Of course, we would be happy to have him back here as frequently, and for as long periods as possible. But on the other hand we must not interfere too greatly with his work at the University, nor ask too much of him and his family in the form of the personal sacrifices involved in long periods of separation. Perhaps if Dr. Wee comes again for a fairly long period of promotional work he should bring Mrs. Wee and the children with him. But this would involve quite a bit of additional expense, which would have to be taken into consideration. It is perhaps sufficient merely to mention this possibility at the present time. If you come to America this fall, as we are all hoping you can do, we can then discuss the matter at greater length.

There is one specific question concerning Dr. Wee's trip back to China which he asked us to take up with you - the route by which he should go. He is quite anxious to go by way of Singapore if at all possible, not only to visit his father, but also to cultivate what he considers very important Yenching promotional interests in that area. You are familiar with the situation there, and the plans he has in mind. The trip by way of Singapore would involve additional time and expense, so Dr. Wee would like your advice as to whether it should be undertaken. Such a trip might be made either by way of the Atlantic and the Indian Ocean, or else across the Pacific to the Phillipines and then on to Singapore. I have not checked exact costs, but would guess that they will be approximately the same by either route.

The expenses for which the Yenching promotional committee has assumed responsibility includes only a direct trip back to China by the most economical route. Whether it would find it possible to make an additional appropriation for the trip to Singapore is a question which the Committee has not yet cleared. It would undoubtedly be greatly influenced by your recommendation either for or against such a trip.

Since we should be making arrangements within the next few weeks for Dr. Wee's trip to China if he is to leave during the latter part of June or early July, we would be grateful if you would send us a brief cable indicating whether you do or do not favor the suggestion that he return early this summer via Singapore.

Very sincerely yours,

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April 21, 1937

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

A month or two ago we discovered among the list of new prospects we have been building up on behalf of the entire group of Colleges, one of your fellow Virginians, a Miss Robertson, who has taken an interest in endowing a professorship in Religious Education in some one of the Colleges. Miss Robertson's previous interest in the China Colleges had consisted of one gift of \$5 and two of \$25 each. Our first intimation that she was able and willing to do anything more substantial came in the form of a brief letter from her, asking whether we could suggest some place in the Christian higher educational program in China where an endowed professorship in Religious Education would meet a real need. Her letter indicated that she was interested particularly in work among women.

We at once replied to Miss Robertson's letter stating that Dr. Young and Dr. Wee would be visiting her city the next week and that we had requested them to call on her and discuss the matter in fuller detail. In preparation for this interview we supplied Dr. Young and Dr. Wee with three general types of proposals:-

First, a suggestion that Miss Robertson endow a professorship in Religious Education which would be available for the entire group of Colleges and could be used to send out from year to year specialists in Religious Education who could make their distinctive contributions to one or more of the Colleges.

Second, a suggestion that a somewhat similar professorship might be set up for the benefit of the women's colleges only.

Third, suggestions on behalf of each of the individual Colleges for the establishment of such a professorship of Religious Education.

Dr. Young and Dr. Wee got in touch with Miss Robertson upon their arrival in her city, and found her very interested and cordial. They discussed with her each of the three possible types of professorship, and she gave each one very sympathetic consideration. For a time, she seemed inclined to favor a professorship available for the entire group of Colleges or at least for all the women's colleges, but eventually she decided that she would prefer a professorship allocated to an individual women's college.

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At first her interest seemed to focus on Hwa Nan and Ginling. A little later she apparently dropped Hwa Nan from her thinking and indicated that her choice would be between Ginling and Yenching.

Within a day or two after Miss Robertson's first conference with Dr. Young and Dr. Wee, she informed them that she had placed a provision in her will for an endowment fund of \$50,000 in the name of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. She indicated that it was her plan to leave this provision in her will until she makes some more definite designation of the gift and has actually paid over the principal. I believe she hopes to begin paying at least partial interest on \$50,000 in September 1937 so as to make the professorship operative immediately.

Miss Robertson talked not only with Dr. Young and Dr. Wee but also consulted with a number of her other friends, and with representatives of the Y.W.C.A. and probably with the pastor of her church. She is a staunch Southern Presbyterian, and while we are not sure whether or not she has met you personally, she has long known of your work as a distinguished Southern Presbyterian leader. At one point in her conversations with Dr. Young and Dr. Wee, she suggested that she might write directly to you and ask your advice. She knows, I believe, of the service you rendered in Hanking before you were called to the presidency of Yenching, and so recognizes that you can speak from first-hand acquaintance with the work of Ginling College as well as Yenching College.

At the time of these conversations with Miss Robertson, she stated that for the next five or six weeks she would have to devote herself entirely to caring for her mother who was then in a hospital, and intimated that she would not take any very active steps with regard to this endowment until the expiration of this period. We have not heard from her since then, and I do not know whether she has gotten around to writing you. We are, however, sending you this letter so that you will have the full background of the matter in case Miss Robertson does write.

All of us who have had any share in presenting the case to Miss Robertson have tried to do so with complete impartiality, leaving to her the final decision.

We know that if Miss Robertson does write you, you will present to her in an impartial way the needs and opportunities of each of the institutions concerning which she may inquire. If Ginling is at all involved you will no doubt wish to correspond with President Wu Yi-fang, to whom we are sending a copy of this letter. If other women's colleges are directly concerned, you will desire to get in touch with their presidents or deans. We will be grateful if you will keep us informed of whatever correspondence you have with Miss Robertson, so we may all work together most effectively in our efforts to secure what promises to be a very fine gift for one of the most vital parts of our whole program of Christian higher education in China.

You will be interested to know that several other large projects for the entire group of Colleges are also under cultivation at this time.

Sincerely yours,

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THE PORTRAIT AND THE ARTIST



Dr. Leighton Stuart and Mr. Lee Yu-ling

*A Fine Portrait**Mr. Lee Yu-ling's Remarkable Work*

A striking instance of the merging of national cultures has just been exemplified in the interpretative painting of a rare portrait in oil of Dr. John Leighton Stuart, President of Yenching University.

The artist is a young Chinese who hails from far away Szechwan, and whose history reads like romance. His father, a landed gentleman of scholastic standing, sent his son, Lee Yu-ling, down to Shanghai, where he prepared himself for the study of medicine in Germany. He specialized in science and the German language, and sailed away to begin his professional studies in earnest.

Naturally, upon his arrival in Germany, he looked about his new environment to see what he could see. German music and art attracted him and when he entered the Art

Galleries for the first time, the miracle happened! As he stood spell-bound before a great masterpiece of portrait painting, he suddenly became overwhelmingly conscious of a profound sense of ability to create the pictures he looked upon. This innate ability took such possession of him that he lost all interest in his proposed medical career, changed all his plans, and made new ones, which he immediately began to execute with unheard of vigour and application, to become a skilled portrait painter.

He studied diligently and worked hard under the famed portrait master Arthur Kampf, who spent himself generously upon this new and promising Chinese pupil. Mr. Lee worked with Arthur Kampf for over three years to the satisfaction and amazement of that famous man.

Since that time Mr. Lee's energies have not abated, for he has painted portraits of many famous Chinese and foreign people, amongst whom are Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Madame Chiang; Dr. Hawks Pott of Shanghai; President of St. John's University; Dr. Ferguson of Peiping; and Dr. John Leighton Stuart of Yenching University; and he is now engaged on a portrait of Wu Lai-chuan, former Chancellor of Yenching University. These are only a very few of the portraits that Mr. Lee has done, and his native Chinese talent, together with his German technical training, and his wide and varied experience with people of many nationalities, makes his interpretation of character expression

keen, rare and most satisfactory. He is a born portrait artist, with the best available training.

Mr. Lee's abilities are not limited to portrait painting, for he has many large canvasses of the most noted temples, gardens and places of interest, in and about Peiping. He has also many canvasses of The Forbidden City, being the only person granted the privilege of painting within its walls. He has some connexion with the Szechwan Provincial Government and many of his paintings are hung in the Museum in Chengtu. He contemplates spending several months in the near future doing the Yangtze Gorges.

Mr. Lee is no stranger to the Peiping community, as he exhibited here in May, 1935, in conjunction with Madame Hovarth and Mr. George Tokareff in the Hôtel De Pékin. The following is a quotation from THE PEIPING CHRONICLE of that date:

"The black and white portrait studies of Lee Yu-ling were pronounced the most vibrant and talented pictures in the show. His 'Yangchow Amah' reminds one of J. S. Sargent in its facile, clean-cut modelling, and its excellent drawing. 'Study Head, 'Herr Scholz', and 'Anwhei Amah' are outstanding, with power of expression that one does not find in Mr. Lee's oil portraits. The brush drawing, 'An Old Man' also by Lee Yu-ling, is handled with swift, sure breadth of stroke. The portrait in oil of 'A Chinese Millionaire in the Dutch East Indies' is remarkably fine."

Since that exhibition Mr. Lee's concentration on oil portraits has brought marked improvement as shown both in the portrait of Dr. Ferguson and the excellent likeness of Dr. John Leighton Stuart which was presented to the public for the first time last Saturday—"Home-Coming Day"—at Yenching University.

Mr. Lee's future promises much for him in portrait painting of a distinctly superior class, and his work will be watched with growing interest by all lovers of true art. His innate ability, his quiet Chinese temperament, his German technique, his nineteen years of experience with every race and type of character, enable him to interpret and depict character in a strikingly realistic manner. China should most certainly be proud of this man, one of her most talented sons.