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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of December 4th addressed to the treasurers of the Christian colleges enclosing a memorandum prepared by Dr. A. L. Warnshuis on the subject of exchange has had our careful study and consideration. To be absolutely candid, we are not at all convinced of any special advantage to have our funds exchanged in New York. It is very possible that there are other considerations, which we are ignorant of, in favour of New York. If so, we are quite ready to accept any proposal that will result us benefit.

As far as Yenching is concerned, we want practically all our funds here in Peiping currency. Exchange quotations on Chinese currency in New York are based on New York-Shanghai rate. The exchange rates between Shanghai and Peiping currencies vary from day to day just as the exchange rates between any two foreign currencies. The New York banker, not fully informed of the exchange fluctuations between Shanghai and Peiping currencies, naturally calculates on a much larger margin when he quotes Peiping currency than the actual rate between the two cities, in order to protect himself. When we exchange at the Peiping market, however, the banker knows exactly what he is dealing with, and there is no element of uncertainty in the case from his point. In Peiping there are at present eight foreign exchange banks besides a number of Chinese banks that usually quote as good rates as any of the foreign banks. The nationalities of the foreign banks are as follows:- 2 American, 2 British, 2 French, 1 German, 1 Japanese. We usually "run" the representative foreign banks when we have exchange to sell to get the best rate. As these banks are all in one street, it only takes half an hour or so to make inquiries at them all. As you know, Peiping is not a commercial centre. The market rate is infinitely smaller than in New York or Shanghai. The "saturation" point of exchange is rather low. Our experience is, if we have anything above \$1,000 U.S. currency we can get a "wholesale" rate. As exchange rates vary with the time, it is not possible to compare one rate with another at two different places because of time element. There is no way to ascertain whether the rate we get here is any better than we would get in New York. But

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The following information was received from the University of California, Berkeley, California, on February 13, 1934, in response to a letter from the Joint Office of the National Research Council, Washington, D. C., dated January 10, 1934.

The University of California, Berkeley, California, has been advised by the National Research Council, Washington, D. C., that the National Research Council is interested in the work of the University of California, Berkeley, California, in the field of the study of the properties of the atomic nucleus, and in particular, in the study of the properties of the atomic nucleus in the case of the element Uranium.

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as I said, the banker here knows exactly what he is dealing with when we exchange at the local market, whereas the New York banker is not at all sure about Peiping currency and it is not likely that he gives us any benefit of the doubt.

As to Dr. Warnshuis' memorandum regarding some advantages of concentrating foreign exchange operations, we wish to make the following comments from the standpoint of Yenching.

Re: (1) As far as Peiping is concerned, we feel that with the sums we have to sell we have been able to get the "wholesale" rates without increasing our "bulk".

Re: (2) To a certain extent the exporter and importer situation exists here as it does in New York, except in a miniature scale.

Re: (3) This speaks in favor of having exchange made in the local market because no one is better informed of the local situation than those who are on the spot.

Re: (4) This statement seems "haphazard". We do not know exactly what is meant by the "onus of shopping in the foreign centers, etc."

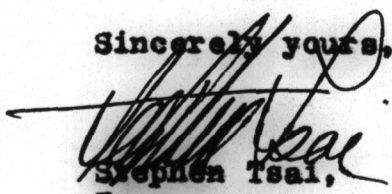
Re: (5) It is, of course, very convenient if it proves practical.

Re: (6) The great difficulty in this is to know which way the exchange is going.

Re: (7) This is a very big problem. Whatever inside "dope" or advance information that the New York banker may be able to get because of his special position, he will first of all derive the benefit from it himself. Furthermore, the exchange question between China and the United States is affected by the price of silver as well as the monetary policy of the U. S. government. How much we can capitalize the banker's "tips" is a question. "Exchange restrictions" and "currency blocks" that may exist in other parts of the world, such as Central Europe, are not found in the Far East as yet.

In general, we feel Dr. Warnshuis' memorandum is rather "elementary" and inconclusive, and many points do not conform with Yenching's experience in the field particularly as to time periods. However, as I said before, we are quite open on the matter. We will be interested to know what reactions you get from the other treasurers. I trust we will hear from you when and if this matter comes up in any formal way before the trustees.

Sincerely yours,


Stephen Tsai,
Treasurer.

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Mr. B. A. Garfield (T34-1-15-1)

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Sincerely yours,

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Stephen Tamm
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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

President Stuart went to Shanghai and Nanking in connection with our local campaign and other meetings. He will be away until the first part of February. Before he left a week ago we had a series of conferences among ourselves as well as with the representative of the Kinchong Bank and Mr. Bennett of the National City regarding the forged check of the Harvard-Yenching Institute. As a result of those conferences we despatched to you our cablegram of January 11th, a copy of which I enclose herewith for confirmation.

On the 12th we received your cable, also sent on the 11th. Our messages apparently crossed each other on the way. Our cable practically answered the points raised in your cable. We have been expecting to hear from you again. Since we have not as yet, it may be you are taking the same "waiting policy". So we sent you a cable today, a copy of which is attached herewith.

We are certainly happy to note from your cable that your negotiation with the National City Bank seems so very hopeful to have the matter settled to our satisfaction. As we stated in our cable today we have made no commitments here which may be used to prejudice against our case or to complicate your negotiation. All we have done is this:

On January 8th Mr. Lin, legal counsel for the Kinchong Bank, called on Dr. Galt and myself and later also on President Stuart. He offered a compromise formula for a friendly settlement of the case by having the three parties concerned (Yenching, National City and Kinchong) each taking a third of the forged check, namely, \$8,300. Mr. Lin stated that Mr. Evans, attorney for the National City Bank, had agreed to this arrangement. He, Mr. Lin, further stated that if the case was not settled before January, he would have to take legal proceedings in the American court against the National City Bank and also in the Chinese court for a "stay of action", that is to say, to ask the Chinese court to hold the matter in abeyance pending the settlement of their case with the National City in the American court.

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Mr. Lin contended that according to Chinese law Yenching is liable, and he has to begin his legal proceedings within January against us, because the Chinese law requires that such cases as this must be filed within a year from the date of the dispute. In case the Kinchong Bank wins the case from the National City, then their case with us will automatically be dropped. In the event they lose in the American court, then they will proceed the action against Yenching in the Chinese court. So, if we have the matter settled to our satisfaction with the National City, the latter will naturally retrieve its losses from the Kinchong. This in turn will force Kinchong to act against us.

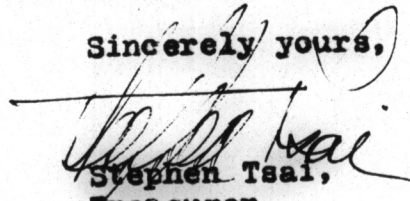
Mr. Chou Tso-Min, President of the Kinchong Bank, is one of the leading bankers in China and is a very influential person. He has always been very friendly toward the University. We are counting on his help in our present million-dollar campaign. We feel we cannot afford to lose his goodwill and friendship. To have a law case instituted between his bank and the University at this time with all its undesirable publicity is detrimental to our campaign project and to our relationship with the Chinese public in general. We, therefore, want to avoid court proceedings and have the matter settled amicably at all cost, which, according to the lawyer's offer, amounts to \$8,300 and we may get better terms through further negotiation. We asked Mr. Lin if the Kinchong Bank would be willing to bear a larger share than one-third. He said that Mr. Evans and he agreed on the one-third basis and his instructions from the Bank was only up to that amount.

The following day after our conferences with Mr. Lin, President Stuart, Dr. Galt and Miss Cookingham called on Mr. Bennett to find out the attitude of his bank. Mr. Bennett confirmed the compromise measure proposed by the lawyers. President Stuart told Mr. Bennett that the University could not stand one-third loss. But on a friendly basis, we might ask the Trustees to consider a ten percent contribution, i.e., \$2,500 which is probably what we would have to pay for legal and attorney fees if the case went to court. Mr. Bennett apparently wired to his New York office of this hint from President Stuart. This probably is the basis of your information of the bank's report that we offered a ten percent compromise.

This, I believe, covers all the facts concerning our negotiations here.

As we are anxious to avoid legal proceedings with the Chinese bank, we want to know definitely from you within January whether or not you had reached any settlement in New York. If the case is settled in our favor, our position in dealing with the Chinese bank is greatly strengthened. When, for the sake of friendship, we choose to compromise, we can do so on more favorable terms. The matter of our relation with the Kinchong Bank is very complicated and hard to explain. I fear that I have not presented it very clearly to you. I wish President Stuart was here to make the report. In the meanwhile I hope the Trustees will see the viewpoint of the field and our necessity in keeping good, friendly relations with the Chinese public.

Sincerely yours,


Stephen Tsai,
Treasurer.

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Yenching

February 5, 1934

President J. Leighton Stuart,
Dr. Howard S. Galt,
Mr. Stephen Teal,
Miss Mary Cookingham,

Dear friends,

This will attempt to summarize recent developments with reference to the raised check for L.C.\$25,000.00.

Our General Policy Here. From the first we have considered that we are acting primarily as your representatives, and have tried faithfully to follow out your wishes, so far as we have understood them from Dr. Galt's letter of April 11, 1933, and the later letters and cablegrams you have sent us. We have recognized all along that the matter is a very difficult and delicate one, with a great deal more involved in relationships and friendly contacts than merely the sum of money involved.

We first approached informally some of the officials of the National City Bank with whom we were already acquainted to see whether there might not be some means by which we could reach a friendly agreement on the matter without the delay and expense involved in securing assistance of legal counsel. In your letter of December 23rd you criticize us for taking this initial step, but we still believe that it was a proper first step. There was no danger, I hope, that either we or the officials of the bank, would be so foolish as to make any statements in these initial conversations that would commit either the University or the Bank to any inadvisable procedure. As soon as it became obvious that the bank could not at once agree to any settlement satisfactory to the University, we engaged the legal firm of Harper & Matthews, 70 Pine Street, New York City. They at once got in touch with the counsel of the National City Bank. The bank expressed their willingness to credit the local currency of \$25,000 under discussion to the account of Yenching University pending final determination of the case, and without either the University or the Bank thereby committing itself to what the final outcome would be. In view of the likelihood that the final settlement of the case might be a long drawn out process, it seemed wisest to the Trustees to accept this temporary settlement. When, however, our counsel and the counsel of the Bank sought to formulate mutually a satisfactory form of agreement, they found that it was not a very easy thing to do. We had an illustration of the delay which the very simplest legal procedure involves in the fact that it took two sets of attorneys more than two months to work out a very brief statement which was satisfactory to both sides.

Just at the time the agreement was nearly ready for signature, your letter of December 23rd and your cablegram of January 11th gave us some entirely new views of the matter, and we were compelled to delay progress a little

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longer in an effort to find out more clearly just what the field wished us to do.

The matter raised by your letter of December 23rd made it very clear to us that many other elements besides the financial one would necessarily have to be considered in reaching a final decision in the matter. Apparently the field thinks that we should have pressed the National City Bank to restore the local currency \$25,000 to the University with no conditions whatever, thus have the Bank assume responsibility for the \$25,000, subject to any adjustment it would have to make with the Kinsheng Bank. To have done this at the present time would have required a legal proceeding which, in view of the delays involved in securing evidence in China, would inevitably have a delay of many months, possibly years, and would have involved very heavy costs. Also we realize that if Yenching University were to institute such proceedings it would have immediately become apparent that certain weaknesses in our case, so we could not be absolutely sure that the final outcome would be entirely satisfactory.

From the standpoint of customary business procedure it seemed much simpler, more logical, and less expensive for us to reach this agreement with the National City Bank, and leave any initial move in the direction of legal procedure, in the hands of the Kinsheng Bank. There would still be a possibility, of course, that if the National City Bank lost its case in any litigation with the Kinsheng Bank the University might later have it bring suit against the National City to recover some or all of this loss. But we feel that the procedure we were following, reduced by somewhat more than fifty per cent likelihood of such a loss.

In following this procedure we are not attempting to decide whether the National City Bank or Kinsheng Bank should bear this loss of \$25,000. That is for the two banks to adjust between themselves, either in friendly negotiations or by legal procedure. You will however be interested in the following judgment expressed by our counsel written by our counsel in your letter of January 11:

"We are of opinion that the loss legally falls upon the Kinsheng Banking Corporation and not upon either the National City or Yenching University. Certainly this is so if the controversy is resolved in accordance with American law. We should be surprised to find that any different result was reached under any other system of law."

As early as last October we had communicated to Harvard-Yenching Institute all the essential facts in regard to the raised check, and since that time have kept them fully informed of our actions and our plans. Mr. Shattuck, treasurer of the Institute, has expressed his convictions that the Yenching trustees were doing everything possible, and some weeks ago offered to assist us by sending personal letters to some of the head officials of the Bank with whom he is in close touch, urging them to expedite clearance of the matter as promptly as possible.

At several points, your letter of December 23rd discloses your feeling that we have not made as rapid progress in our negotiations in New York as we should have done. We also gain the impression that you believe you could have gone forward more rapidly and more satisfactorily by keeping these negotiations in your own hand. We frankly admit that things have moved on much more slowly than we have liked, but it has not appeared possible to push matters any faster without damaging our case. By such anxiety on the part of the University for a final settlement, after the Bank had offered to make a temporary adjustment of the account, would certainly have been construed as revealing a lack of confidence in the soundness of our position.

Stuart, Galt,
Teal, Cockingham

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Feb. 6, 1934

Suggestions that Negotiations be Transferred to Field. The suggestions in your letter of December 23rd and your various cablegrams during January that it might be better to transfer negotiations to the field, were very seriously studied by the Trustees. On the one hand, the Trustees would have been quite happy to be relieved of a difficult and delicate task which they were trying to perform merely as "friend pidgeon" on the explicit request of the field. And, on the other hand, if it had at any time been possible for the field to accomplish a settlement of the case "after the National City Bank is in receipt of a few letters from a Shanghai lawyer of good repute", and with no more expense than some modest attorney fees, it was most regrettable that the affair was ever referred to us here in New York at all. But it was our best judgment, and was strongly urged by our legal counsel, that for the Trustees at this stage to inform the National City Bank that our negotiations with them were off and that the field would conduct all future negotiations would gravely prejudice our case and would mean an indefinite delay in any settlement whatever. The situation was further complicated by a report sent the National City Bank that the University had offered a 10% settlement as a compromise measure, thus giving the Bank the impression that the Trustees were working along one line and the field along another.

We therefore thought it necessary that before we sign any agreement whatever we have a definite understanding with the field, and to that end sent you the following cablegram on January 22nd:- "Referring letter December 23rd, our attorneys negotiating National City. Can probably reach immediate agreement permitting use \$25,000 without prejudice final settlement. Final settlement, even ten percent compromise, requires longer. Attorney believes overreaching final settlement will increase loss. Trustees acting on request field and ready restore negotiations to you if desired. Wire wishes immediately."

Eight days went by with no reply. The papers for the proposed settlement were turned over to us for signature. After having exerted constant pressure to get these papers, we were in the embarrassing position of not knowing whether to sign them or not. Also we had set the end of January as the final date when the agreement must be completed. So on January 30 we sent the following cable by Missions Code:- "Refer to our cablegram of January 22, your letters of Dec. 23 and 28, concerning raised check. The agreement is ready for signature. Wire instructions immediately."

The following afternoon we received the following cablegram from Peiping:- "Unless you have reached final settlement with National City regarding raised check guaranteeing full repayment I, behalf Harvard Yenching, request University Trustees insist all further field negotiations be placed with local attorney. Portey Executive Secretary." This puzzled us greatly. But after conferences of the Committee in charge of the matter (Mr. McBrier, Mr. Rounds, and Dr. Gee), a long distance call to Mr. Shattuck, and then a short conference with Mr. Shattuck while he was passing through New York that night, it seemed clear that the field wished the matter transferred into their hands and did not wish us to sign the temporary agreement. On the morning of February 1st we had a cablegram already drafted for dispatch to the field stating that we were transferring all further negotiations to you and were informing the National City to that effect.

But while we were waiting an hour or so longer to see whether

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Stuart, Galt,
Tsai, Cockingham

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there was any further word from the field, there came the following very cryptic message "Referring to your cablegram of January 30th, we have no objections!" After more hurried conferences and sudden changes of front, it was agreed that this could only be a rather Delphic means of saying that the field agreed to our signing the proposed agreement. At least it was obvious that the Trustees were compelled to choose between two diametrically opposite courses. In the end we signed the agreement, and enclose copies herewith for your information. The bank officials thought their signatures would probably be officially affixed this afternoon and the re-credit of the \$25,000 accomplished immediately, but we haven't yet heard whether that was done. We plan to cable as soon as the matter is attended to.

We are still very uncertain as to whether or not we are following out your wishes.

The Next Steps. Already the bank is telling us of rumors of negotiations and proposals on the field. This temporary agreement does not interfere with these in any way. Except that this should be noted - having obtained the \$25,000, for the time being at least, there would be no cause for Yenching to bring any legal proceedings against the National City Bank until there is some new cause to do so. The two banks can negotiate or litigate as they desire. Or all three parties can reach any common agreement that they may wish. So far as our counsel can determine, the Kinchong Bank could have no valid claim against the University, and, for the present at least, neither has the National City Bank. So if they are correct, we have no financial interest in the matter further unless and until the National City is compelled to make some settlement with the Kinchong Bank. But we recognize that there are many other interests than purely the financial ones, and these we are trying to leave the field free to adjust as seems wisest.

We hope that letters from the field during the next few weeks will inform us of the latest developments there.

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Very cordially yours,

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THIS AGREEMENT made January *Feb 1*, 1934, between
TRUSTEES OF YENCHING UNIVERSITY, a New York corporation (hereinafter
called the "University"), and THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK, a
National Banking Association (hereinafter called the "City Bank");

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, UNIVERSITY has had and maintained an account with
a branch of CITY BANK at Peiping, China, which account is designated
"Harvard-Yenching Institute", in which said account UNIVERSITY had
and then and now exclusively owned a credit balance on March 8, 1933
in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) Peiping local
currency; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 1933, CITY BANK charged said account
upon its books with a debit of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)
Peiping local currency; and

WHEREAS, CITY BANK claims that it was entitled to debit
said account as aforesaid by reason of the presentation to and pay-
ment by CITY BANK of a certain piece of paper in the form of a check,
purporting to be numbered C-109,450 and to be dated February 17, 1933,
payable to Racine & Co. or bearer in the amount of Twenty-five Thousand
Dollars (\$25,000) Peiping local currency and to have been signed on be-
half of said "Harvard-Yenching Institute"; and

WHEREAS, UNIVERSITY claims that said piece of paper is not
its check in that UNIVERSITY asserts it was raised from \$6.08 Peiping
local currency to \$25,000 Peiping local currency, and was otherwise
changed and altered by some person or persons unknown to UNIVERSITY;
and

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WHEREAS, CITY BANK on July 17, 1933 charged the item back to Kinchong Banking Corporation from which it received and to which it paid the face amount of said "piece of paper" and now holds the proceeds of that charge; and

WHEREAS, Kinchong Banking Corporation has not to date signified its acceptance of such debit to its account on the books of CITY BANK; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of UNIVERSITY and CITY BANK to avoid litigation between themselves and therefore wish to arrange a present refund from CITY BANK to UNIVERSITY on a basis which will preserve to each its legal rights with respect to the transaction above set forth;

NOW, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual promises and agreements hereinafter set forth, it is agreed as follows:

1. CITY BANK agrees to credit, promptly following the execution hereof, to said "Harvard-Yenching Institute" account at said Peiping Branch of CITY BANK the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) Peiping local currency.

2. UNIVERSITY agrees that on request of CITY BANK it will repay to CITY BANK all or such part of the credit to be effected under Paragraph No. 1 above as may be adjudged at any time or times by any court of competent jurisdiction maintained by (a) the United States of America within the State of New York or the Republic of China, or (b) the State of New York, to be payable by CITY BANK to said Kinchong Banking Corporation, but not exceeding Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) Peiping local currency, as well as such interest as may be adjudged by a like court to be payable by CITY BANK thereon.

3. In event of such payment, UNIVERSITY shall thereupon have the right without prior demand to bring an action, in any such court as is designated in Paragraph No. 2 above, to recover the amount, inclusive of

any said interest, so repaid by UNIVERSITY to CITY BANK, which action shall be determined upon its merits and according to the law of the State of New York as now in force and effect, and as if the credit contemplated by Paragraph No. 1 hereof had not been effected.

4. In such action, the burden of proof with respect to whether or not said "piece of paper" was a proper charge against the said account shall be the same as if UNIVERSITY before and instead of executing and delivering this Agreement had brought an action against CITY BANK to recover the balance in said "Harvard- Yenching Institute" account, including said Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) Peiping local currency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused their corporate seals to be hereunto affixed and these presents to be signed by their duly authorized officers the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

TRUSTEES OF YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Secretary

By _____

ATTEST:

THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK

Assistant Cashier

By _____

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Peiping China
YENCHING

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

My dear Mr. Garside:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 11, G34-1-11-1, which deals with the payment of U.S.\$2,281.70 (LC\$10,791.92) to complete the cost of reinsulating heating mains. I am sorry that I did not send you more information with my letter of November 15.

In September 1932 the Faculty Property and Finance Committee considered the desirability of completing the work of reinsulating the heating mains. The Committee was convinced that eventually this work of reinsulation must be done and also that greater economy could be realized if the work was finished without delay. In the first place the China American Engineering Corporation was prepared to complete the work at a lower cost in the fall of 1932 than could be expected at a later date after their engineer and machinery had returned to Tientsin. In the second place, the rust on the pipes was increasing rapidly and every year of delay meant depreciation in the value of the pipes themselves. In the third place, all information available seemed to point to the fact that the completion of the reinsulation of the heating mains would increase the saving on coal. With all of these points in mind the Committee authorized the completion of the work.

At that time it was believed by Dr. Galt and myself that exchange profit for the year 1932-33 would be available for meeting the cost of this work. Later we were informed that our income for General University expenses was cut \$6,912.00 and that the Trustees reserved the right to allocate the exchange profit. Facing these facts, in January 1933 the Faculty Property and Finance Committee voted to charge the last payment on the reinsulating of the heating mains to the Depreciation Fund. The work had been completed and it was necessary to find money for the payment. In view of the great advantage of this work to the power Station it seemed logical to allocate the charge there. Our auditors have approved of this use of Depreciation Funds on the basis that depreciation of the heating pipes was occurring due to bad insulation and that it was better to expend these funds on prevention than to be faced in the early future with necessity for total replacement.

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Mr. Garside,

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Now that the work of reinsulating the heating mains has been completed we hope there will be no further charge on the Depreciation Fund for some time.

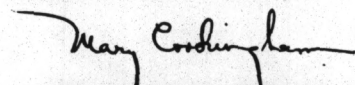
It is quite true that during the fiscal year 1932-33 the increase in the Depreciation Fund was very small but we on the field were pleased that it was unnecessary to draw on the funds accumulated before July 1, 1932 for the extraordinary expense of reinsulating the heating mains.

For your information we are enclosing herewith a list of the securities in which our Power Station Depreciation Funds are invested. They yield on the average approximately 9% and can readily be sold on the market.

The Power Station funds are all kept in a special bank account and we do not expect to use these funds for General University expenses. The Power Station at its inception had no cash capital. The stocks of coal and other stores were financed by an overdraft which is now liquidated by the use of Depreciation Fund resources.. Approximately \$10,000.00 of the Depreciation Fund is and will continue to be tied up in coal and other stocks. At present we have \$33,540.00 invested in securities while our Depreciation Fund, as of June 30, 1933, is \$43,510.38. We also have over \$10,000.00 in our Power Station bank account. Mr. Tsai and I have already considered investing part of this cash and will be glad to let you know what securities have been added to our list of Power Station investments as soon as the purchase has been made.

We hope that our handling of these funds meets with the approval of the Trustees.

Sincerely yours,



Mary Cookingham,
Associate Treasurer.

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*Sent w/ Miss Cockingham's
letter of 1/9/34*

SECURITIES PURCHASED WITH POWER STATION DEPRECIATION FUNDS

Security	Cost Price	Feb. 1934 Market Value	Face Value	Rate of Exch.	Income for 1933-1934
Fixed Deposit Continental Bank	\$1,027.61	\$1,027.61	\$1,027.61	10	\$ 102.76
Fixed Deposit Yien Yieh Bank	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	8	80.00
Fixed Deposit Kincheng Bank	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	9	90.00
Fixed Deposit China & South Sea Bank	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	9.	90.00
French Municipal Council	2,975.66	2,975.66	2,797.00	6	167.00
*Chinese Govern- ment 7th yr.bonds	10,996.73	10,152.00**	14,100.00	6	846.00
"Chinese Govern- ment Consolidate 10th Year	1,040.00	1,180.00	2,000.00	6	120.00
"Chinese Govern- ment Consolidate 10th Year	14,500.00	14,750.00	25,000.00	6	1,500.00
	33,540.00	33,085.27	47,924.61		2,995.76

*Date of maturity 1943

"Date of maturity 1947

**The fluctuation here is believed to be purely temporary

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YENCHING

February 21, 1934.
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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

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Dear Mr. Garside:

This acknowledges receipt of a copy of your letter of January 15th to President Stuart enclosing a draft for \$2,846.98 being the equivalent of Mr. Lloyd's gift of US\$1,000.00. We note that the date on the draft is Jan. 10th. On that day, the local banks were quoting 286½ and on Feb. 10th when your letter arrived the prevailing rate here was 291. This means if you forwarded to us the draft in U. S. currency and we exchanged it immediately, we could realize \$2,910 instead of \$2,846.98 for the Lloyd gift. I am reporting this to you with no feeling of regret of what you did. I merely want to show the extreme uncertainty of exchange fluctuations. Experts and authorities on the matter are not always reliable in their forecasts. Yet we must constantly seek their advice and opinions. Herein lies the dilemma.

We have noted Mr. Lloyd's conditions. I am glad to report that funds from local donors are now on hand to match the gift. We are placing the two sums together (\$5,693.-96) with the Continental Bank at 10% per annum. I believe President Stuart is writing you of this as well as the latest negotiations concerning the forged check.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Tsai
Stephen Tsai,
Treasurer.

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Yenching University

March 2, 1934

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Mr. Stephen Tsai
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Mr. Tsai:

The National City Bank has been in communication with our office during the past week, regarding the application of the Board of Managers for a loan to cover its portion of the raised check. The purpose has been to ascertain the legal standing of the Board - its responsibilities, the character of the personnel, as well as the individual responsibility of the members.

We have given as complete information as circumstances will permit, including a personal opinion regarding the standing of the institution on the field, all with the purpose of bolstering up the credit of the University. As full authority for this settlement is assumed by the Board of Managers, quite naturally we only informally brought the Trustees into the conference, and made it quite plain to the National City Bank that the adjustment as approved by the field involved the Trustees in no way whatsoever.

All of those familiar with the details and the amount of work involved in handling this situation were greatly surprised to receive the last telephone message from the bank, indicating that settlement had been made, as the suggestion contained in the telegram recommended waiting until the letter of February 5th came to hand. Obviously sufficient time had not elapsed up to the date when we received the message from the bank telling us of the final adjustment. That, however, is a matter for the field to decide, and as stated in our covering letter of last week, you and the field are best able to appraise the values involved in the personal relationships entering into the situation.

The bank raised one question which we were only able to answer by a bare outline of facts. It relates to the basis upon which the loan was negotiated:- namely, the endowment campaign in China, it being the hope that sufficient funds will be realized within six months to repay the loan. We regret we were unable to give much information as to the progress of this campaign and the prospective receipts for the next half-year.

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Mr. Stephen Tsai

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March 2, 1934

My constant contact with the National City Bank in the Orient (formerly the International Banking Corporation), did not give me a very favorable impression of their banking practices. Recent investigations in the United States, as well as common knowledge of the practices of the National City Company (a subsidiary), all combine to cast a rather shadowy figure over the institution. On the other hand, one of our universities is constantly dealing with the head office, and in turn through a branch on the foreign field, and through that channel we have found a very courteous and efficient personnel, actively engaged in the effort to render service. An entirely different group has handled this raised check matter, and it has been a very enlightening experience to deal with people of such a high caliber. Nevertheless, we are very glad that the situation is out of our hands as it has involved a tremendous amount of work, demanding the greatest care and tact, - all of which, however, has been considered part of the day's work.

Very cordially yours,

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Assistant Treasurer

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YENCHING

Yenching University

March 12, 1934
E-34-3-12-1

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Mr. Stephen Tsai
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Mr. Tsai:

In March 1935 Yenching University furnished \$1,000 to Dr. Shuhsi Hsu to cover the cost of publishing his dissertation for the doctor's degree at Columbia University. This dissertation was published by the Oxford University Press under the title of "China and Her Political Entity". The Oxford University Press has now made a final accounting of this transaction, showing a credit balance of \$38.34, and has sent us a check for this amount. As the \$1,000 was charged against account 31 at that time, we are extending credit to you on account 31, and whatever adjustments are required on the field to care for same on your books, can be easily made in China.

Very truly yours,

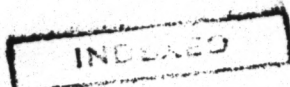
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March 15, 1934.
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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

This morning, we despatched to you a cablegram in which we advised you that we had signed the compromise agreement with the banks regarding the Harvard-Yenching Institute raised check. Attached is a copy of the agreement. The University share of the loss is to be met from subscriptions to the local million dollar campaign as received. Thus the settlement requires no immediate cash payment on our part from our funds. We had practically agreed on a friendly settlement when we cabled you on February 19 regarding this matter. However, we waited for your letter of February 5th before definitely committing ourselves. Your letter came last week. But President Stuart was away, so we did not act until he returned yesterday. After having considered the information contained in your letter carefully, it was decided to sign the agreement. We appreciate the sympathetic attitude of the Trustees toward our viewpoint and the freedom that you gave us to deal with the case. We feel we have been forced to enter into this compromise measure for the sake of keeping the goodwill of the Chinese bank and public in general with the expectation of their generous support to our local campaign in return. While some of us are disappointed in the settlement, it is perhaps to our advantage in a long run. In passing, I must pay a tribute of praise to our colleagues for their painstaking patience in hours of meeting in dealing with this most delicate problem. We held divergent views at times, but we had in common the interest of the University in mind whether one was with or against a certain step.

I earnestly hope that you will feel we have acted wisely and approve the settlement as made.

Yours sincerely,


Stephen Tsai,
Treasurer.

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*Let of Tsai's letter
2/15/34*

AN AGREEMENT made in Peiping between the Yenching University and the Kincheng Banking Corporation, both of Peiping, and the Peiping Branch of The National City Bank of New York on this 14th day of March 1934.

WHEREAS the Kincheng Banking Corporation deposited in their clearing account with The National City Bank of New York of Peiping on March 8, 1933 a check which on the face of it bore an amount of dollars twenty five thousand (\$25,000) Chinese currency drawn by the Yenching University on its Harvard Yenching Institute account, said check being dated February 17, 1933, and numbered 109430.

AND WHEREAS the Yenching University has alleged and declared that the check was raised from dollars six and eight cents (\$6.08) to dollars twenty five thousand (\$25,000) which allegation and declaration have given rise to various disputes between the three parties.

NOW THEREFORE it is agreed that in the interests of amicable relations and by way of friendly compromise the three parties shall bear the loss of dollars twenty four thousand nine hundred ninety three and ninety two cents local currency (\$24,993.92) equally, that is, each accepts responsibility for dollars eight thousand three hundred thirty one and thirty one cents (\$8,331.31) in full settlement of all matters in dispute or claims in connection with the said check.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that if and when any sum or sums should be recovered from any fraudulent person or persons such sum or sums shall be distributed equally to the parties to this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this agreement in Chinese and English of identical texts the day and year first above written.

By (signed) Stephen Tsai

Treasurer of the Yenching University.

Witness: (signed) Howard S. Galt

By (signed) T. C. Yang

Manager of the Kincheng Banking Corporation, Peiping.

Witness: (signed) S. J. Chuan

By (signed) C. R. Bennett

Manager of the National City Bank of New York, Peiping.

Witness: (signed) A. T. Hill

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April 24, 1934.

Mr. N. Gist Gee,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Gee:

I have your letter of March 21st enclosing a copy of the "Yenching Today" and a sheet of figures prepared by Mr. Garside. The little folder looks very neat and tells a rather complicated story in a very concise and clear way. It ought to prove very valuable for your publicity purpose.

Area of Campus.
Main Campus 130 Acres
Yan Tung Yuan 13 "
" Nan " 7 "
Wei Hsin " 22 "
Total 172 "

In the attached list I have attempted to answer the points you raised in your letter. I cannot think of any other items besides these that may be of value to you.

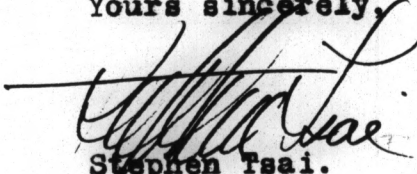
Residences
Main Campus 11
Yan Tung Yuan 22
" Nan " 16
Wei Hsin " 3
52
In village 3
Lang Jun Yuan 13
Total 68

I am glad you like the little map we prepared. The printing cost is \$220 per 3000 and the postage* is about \$3.00 per hundred. Following your suggestion Miss Cummings is preparing a little pamphlet containing the map and some information concerning the University as supplied in the "Yenching Today" folder. I have no doubt that she will work out something very attractive.

Cost of William Hung's pamphlet \$270 for 2000 copies - postage 30¢ per 100.
Our campaign has had a very auspicious start. As a matter of fact, it will not be launched officially until May first. We have now from the alumni and friends over \$60,000 in pledges already.

With best wishes and kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,


Stephen Tsai.

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x to U.S.A.

answered.

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*Ack
let B.A.G. study
further inquiry*

Office of the Treasurer

April 24, 1934.
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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

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*ack 6/14/34
" 7/11/35 in detail
by cake*

Dear Mr. Garside:

In answer to your letter of December
18, 'G33-12-18-1, we have the following information to offer:

Fund Number

- Ref. to 2504*
- 2504 - No bronze tablet has been put up in House No. 16. This is one of the residences located in Lang Jun Yuan, rented property. If it seems desirable a tablet could be placed in the house.
 - ✓ 2506 - House No. 23 is recognized as a "Methodist Episcopal Residence" given by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd but no tablet has been placed in the house and it has been understood that the Boyds do not desire such a tablet.
 - ✓ 2508 - House No. 26 is known as the "Kinnear Memorial Residence" and the memorial tablet requested by Mrs. Kinnear has been placed in the house.
 - ✓ 2510 - The inscription requested by Miss Langhlin has been placed in House No. 29.
 - ✓ 2513 - There is a tablet in House No. 31 indicating that the residence was given as a memorial to the father and mother of Mr. Sidney B. Dean.
 - ✓ 2517 - House No. 36 is known as the "Seattle House" and a tablet has been placed in the house.

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Fund Number

- 2519 - ✓ Mr. Richard Ritter is occupying House No. 43. This house is located outside the South Gate of the campus and "43 Nan Su She," the address given in our directory, refers to the location of the house.
- 2522 - ✓ There is no memorial tablet in House No. 54. In view of the fact that the donors were unable to complete their pledges it might seem desirable sometime in the future to reassign this house.
- 2581 - ✓ We note that House No. 37 was given with the understanding that Dr. Shuhsi Hsu should occupy this residence. Due recognition has been given to this understanding and Dr. C. W. Luh, who is now living in the house, is a brother-in-law of Dr. Hsu's.
- 2585 - ✓ We assume that Mrs. Torrance, in agreeing to the use of her gift for a Princeton-Yenching residence, withdrew her previous condition.
- 2601 - ✓ We recommend that Mrs. Owen's gift of \$6000 be allocated to House No. 61, which cost \$5,883.91. This house is now occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Y. P. Mei. A tablet indicating that the residence was erected as a memorial to William Scott Bonnell will be placed in the house.
- 2611 - ✓ At present Miss Myfanwy Wood is the only representative of the London Missionary Society on our campus and she is living in one of the Women's Dormitories. If the L.M.S. will assign two families to our staff we shall be pleased to assign residences to them!
- 2202 - ✓ The memorial tablet specified by Mr. Wallace has been placed in the administration building.
- 2210 - "Mr. Chen" is Mr. Chen Shu Fan, formerly military governor of the Province of Shensi. He is now living in retirement.

*Mr. Chen
Book
and date
given letter*

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Fund Number

*Close our
acc. soon
if maintenance*

2302 - Every summer when the rains come the Warner Gymnasium roof leaks and after the rains are over the roof is repaired by the contractors. We are still holding \$605 of the contractors' money with the hope that the roof will be properly repaired soon. We fear, however, that additional funds will be required for the satisfactory repair of this roof and we do not wish to close the account until the building is free from leaks.

2307 ✓ The tablet specified by the donors has been erected in Ninde Memorial Building.

2402 ✓ The tablet requested by Mrs. Pfeiffer has been placed in Dormitory No. 2.

Dr. Luce

2701 - The infirmary is known as the McKelvy Infirmary. We already have the Scranton Luce Social Center named after Dr. Luce and we understand that he does not wish to have the infirmary also called by his name.

McKelvy

2903 - Library Funds:

No. 1 Mr. O. J. Krause, in a letter to me dated April 17, 1934, offers the following information:

*Note in
Trans. Records
& Books*

"The Bashford Library fund of US\$6000 was set up as representing the value of the library that was turned over by Bishop Bashford to the University. The same thing is true in regard to the Sheffield Library fund amounting to US\$3000.00; namely, that this fund represents the value of the books turned over by the heirs of Dr. Sheffield."

No. 2 There is a difference of opinion as to whether we should add to the capitalization of our Library equipment the amount spent for new books each year without subtracting something for depreciation. As soon as we have decided on a policy we will write you again.

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Mr. B. A. Carside

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2903 - Library Funds:

Change in
books & funds

No. 3 - In answer to your question we wish to report that the remainder of Mr. Matheson's contribution amounting to \$15.87 was spent for Sociology books and should be capitalized.

Note in Reg
L. funds

No. 4 - The Department of Political Science has spent for books over \$15,000 from its current budgets during the four fiscal years 1929-1933. The condition of Mrs. Blair's gift has therefore been fully met.

We have found the Register of Trust Funds very interesting and instructive. It has not been read by all those whom you thought ought to be familiar with the stories of our funds. So far we have not discovered any omissions or inaccuracies in the volume. If we can be of any further assistance in completing these records please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham
Mary Cookingham,
Associate Treasurer.

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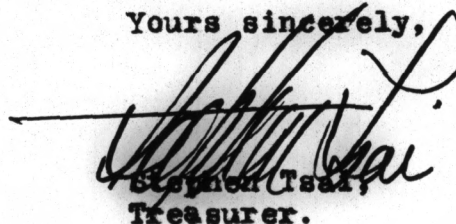
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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of March 12 referring to the \$1,000 to Dr. Shuhsi Hsu for publishing his dissertation for Ph.D. degree at Columbia University has led me to look up old correspondence and minutes to ascertain the exact nature of the fund furnished to him. In President Stuart's office I find some correspondence between the Princeton-Yenching Office and President Stuart regarding the matter. As the fund was originally furnished by the Princeton-in-Peiping as a loan to Dr. Hsu, it still stands in their books as such. At least it was so last June when the matter was discussed again. I am not familiar with the original arrangement. But I seem to remember that the understanding was that the University paid for the publication but the royalty on it should all come to us. Your letter says that the Oxford University Press has now made a "final" accounting of this transaction, showing a credit balance of \$38.34. I would like to know the complete accounts in this transaction if you can secure them from the publishers. Kindly let me have all information that you can get on the matter. In the meanwhile, we will take care of the item of \$38.34 when we receive your financial statements.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Tsai,
Treasurer.

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May 15, 1934.
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ack 6/14/34

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

The agricultural work financed by Famine Fund has now completely been turned over to Nanking. With this transfer went all the land and property investments from our hands. It would seem to us that the following journal entries in your books are necessary to conform to actual status here.

Dr. 122a2 Famine Fund \$34063.51
Cr. 22a2 Famine Fund \$34063.51
Taking out Famine Land and Famine Fund from our books.

Dr. 122a2 Famine Fund \$90.00
Cr. 122a1 Miscellaneous \$90.00
Transfer from Famine Land Fund to Miscellaneous Land Fund for Dairy land.

According to the Register of Trust Funds, the actual amount appropriated for land by the Famine Fund Committee is \$31753.25, the balance \$2400.26 was supplied by the University. From this \$2400.26 we have taken back \$90 for the dairy land. Therefore there remains \$2310.26 which should be refunded to the University by the Famine Fund. This is according to your Register of Trust Funds. But according to our books, the balance due us is \$2272.75 instead of \$2310.26, a difference of \$37.51 for which we cannot find any explanation. Since you have treated the whole \$34063.51 as Famine Fund and the difference of \$37.51 is relatively small, we have accepted from Nanking \$2272.75 as final settlement. We hope this will meet with your approval.

As to the disposal of this \$2272.75 (\$6505.19 local currency), we wish to ask the Trustees approving us to use it to make two most urgently needed alterations in the crowded Berry Library. The congested condition in the library

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in both reading and stack spaces has become so serious that some immediate change is demanding. A sub-committee appointed by the Faculty Executive Committee to look into the library problem, after very careful study, recommended (1) enlargement of stack-room facilities and (2) increase in seating capacity. Here is the section of its report covering the above two recommendations.

"(a) "Double Decking" of Stacks. An upper tier in the stack room (really a platform above the present stacks) can be built and equipped for \$4,000 (see Appendix). Additional stack space is the most urgent material need of the library; unless this is provided for, it is useless to hope for appreciable improvement in library service.

"(b) Solid Floor for Second Story. From the student point of view, the greatest material need of the library is for more seats. An increase of 15 per cent in seating accommodations can be obtained with an expenditure of \$2,000 by the building of a solid floor over the entire area of the second story. Temporary furniture can be used. The provision of tables and lighting fixtures, similar to those available on the first floor, can be deferred. The architect would doubtless not approve of this change but we are convinced that function should take precedence over beauty unless the result of an alteration is egregiously ugly and inartistic. We do not feel the flooring of the entire second story would produce such a result.

"Two highly desirable changes in facilities would be made possible by this improvement. If the entire second story is floored, the librarian would move all the ready-reference works to that floor, put them on open shelves, and place an attendant at a desk at the head of the stairs to insure that the books remain on that floor. We believe that the increased use of reference materials would alone justify the expense of such an alteration, even if seating capacity were not also increased.

"The removal of the reference books to the second floor would greatly relieve congestion upon the first floor. It would also make it possible for the library to restore current periodical publications to their former location, which would doubtless increase their use to an appreciable extent."

The cost of these two alterations is estimated about \$6,000, almost the exact amount refunded by Nanking on account of the Famine Fund land. I personally feel that there is nothing more pressing in the entire University than the recommended improvements in the library. Standing side by side with the palatial library of our sister university Tsing Hua, we look like a high school in our library facilities. We cannot allow this state of

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affairs to continue. At the meeting of the Administrative Committee today the following action was taken. "To ask the Trustees to approve using the fund returned by Nanking on account of Famine Fund land, for the alterations recommended by the sub-committee on Library Efficiency."

We sincerely hope that you will be able to visualize the urgency of the matter and grant our request.

Yours sincerely,


Stephen Tsai,
Treasurer.

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*Sent up Mr. Tsai's
letter 5/17/34 #16 -*

May 14, 1934.

Mr. W. Reginald Wheeler,
University of Nanking,
Nanking.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

In pursuance of our conversation and also your note to Miss Cookingham regarding the investment of the Wheeler Chapel Fund, we have purchased through Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, Shanghai, \$75,000 face value of Shanghai Power Company 5½% 1933 debentures. The cost including brokerage and exchange is \$76,012.50. The amount in the account is \$75,376.36. We have, therefore, borrowed from the University account \$636.14, which we shall repay the University from the next interest payment on the securities in August.

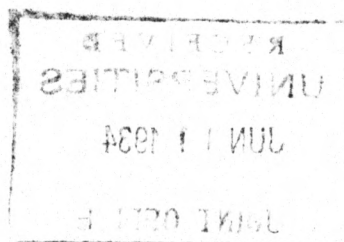
In investing this fund, we have taken note of your deference in having the money transferred to New York, should the exchange goes below \$2.70. We feel that these securities are of high quality and we should have no trouble to sell them at cost price whenever we want to.

With kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

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Stephen Tsai.



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Mr. A. Reginald Wheeler,
University of Banking,
Banking.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

In pursuance of our conversation and also your note to Miss Dickinson regarding the investment of the Wheeler Capital Fund, we have purchased through Messrs. G. H. Robertson and Fritz, Shanghai, \$75,000 face value of Shanghai Power Company 5% 1933 debentures. The cost including brokerage and exchange is \$76,012.50. The amount in the account is \$76,376.56. We have, therefore, borrowed from the University account \$666.14, which we shall repay the University from the next interest payment on the securities in August.

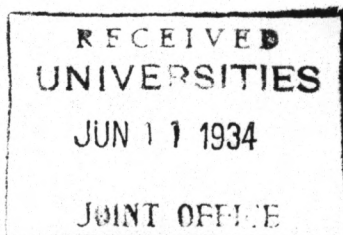
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With kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen East

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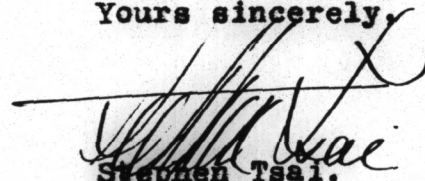
Mr. B. A. Garside,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Following the instructions given in Trustee's FC3271 action 1/12/34 regarding the investment of the Wheeler Chapel Fund, we have taken the matter up with Mr. Wheeler and we agreed to invest that portion of the fund contributed directly by the Wheeler family in the Shanghai Power Company 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % 1933 debentures. I am attaching to this letter a copy of my letter to Mr. Wheeler which will give you all the details concerning the investment. We understand that the income from these securities shall entirely go to Mother Wheeler.

We have invested the remaining part, \$14799.15, contributed by Laura Spelman Rockefeller Foundation in form of fixed bank deposits yielding 8-9%. The income of these shall be added to the fund itself.

Yours sincerely,


Stephen Tsai,
Treasurer.

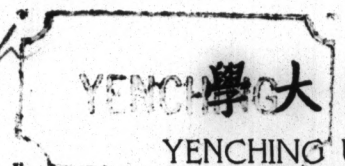
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June 19, 1934.
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Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

We wish to report to you that in view of the fact that Mr. E. K. Smith is leaving Yenching this year we are forwarding no additional funds for our Educational Funds for Foreign Children. The amount you have now on deposit is slightly more than the amount reserved for Mr. E. O. Wilson. Next year we will send you additional funds after the amount required has been determined.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham
Mary Cookingham,
Associate Treasurer.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Peking China

June 10, 1934.
No. 034-8-12-28.

Office of the Treasurer

Mr. B. A. Gerstle,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Gerstle:

We wish to report to you that in view of the fact that Mr. M. T. Smith is leaving Yenching this year we are forwarding no additional funds for our Educational Fund for Foreign Children. The amount you have now on deposit is \$1,000.00. We will send you additional funds if the amount has been determined.

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Mr. E. O. Wilson, who is leaving for America today for a year of furlough and concerning whose financial arrangement I wrote you on May 28, 1934, has been granted by the University a sum of \$1500.00 U.S. currency from a special fund for ceramics granted to the University from the British Boxer Indemnity Committee. The University has granted this \$1500.00 U.S. currency to Mr. Wilson in order to enable him to do some research work on ceramics while in America. Will you please, therefore, pay Mr. Wilson up to \$1500.00 as he draws on you during the year.

Sincerely yours,

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Tsai,
Treasurer.

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July 23, 1934.
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Mr. B. A. Garside;
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of the following letters.

Letter G34-6-14-1. This requires no further comment at this stage, I believe. *FC*

Letter G34-6-14-2. This deals with two matters - first, the refund received from the University of Nanking on account of settlement of Famine Fund Land. We hope that your Committee will consider our request favorably. As regard to the bank deposit of the Wheeler Fund, I wish to report that the distribution of deposits are as follows:

Bank of China	\$5,000	8 1/2%
China & South Sea Bank	\$5,000	8%
Continental Bank	\$4,799.15	9%

FC
From an American standpoint of view it cannot but look suspicious and risky for any bank deposit yielding as high as 9%. But this rate in China is quite normal. I cannot tell you very much about the banks if one is not familiar with Chinese banking institutions. Perhaps it suffices to say that these three banks are among the strongest private Chinese banks in China. The Continental Bank maintains a branch office in our building. All these deposits are for one year only.

Letter G34-6-14-3: This deals with the disposition of Mr. Shoemaker's gift. We feel that this is purely a matter for you to decide. The way you propose to deal with it is therefore accepted by us.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Tsai
Stephen Tsai.

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter 34-6-13-1 regarding Wheeler Memorial Chapel Fund. We are writing to Miss Cookingham regarding various points raised in your letter and ask her to take them up with you. During 1933-34, that is up to June 30, 1934, no income other than G\$85.56, equivalent L.C.\$256.68, was received as the cash was all on our current account until it was invested late in the spring. When the first income from the investment is received we will make up a statement and send it to you.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Tsai
Stephen Tsai.

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

Last Friday we received from you the following
cablegram:

"What is the present situation? What are
your plans regarding exchanging contract for the regular
budget and also Harvard-Yenching Institute? Please reply
immediately."

With regard to the exchange rate we have been
hoping to get 3:1 rate or better. Early in the spring we sent
out letters to exchange bankers of our requirement and asked them
to notify us when and if the market rate should come up to our
expectation. We felt that in as much as we reckon only 2.50 as
our budget rate we are reasonably safe. We are, therefore, willing
to take the position to risk rather than to contract at a rate
only slightly above our budget rate. Since the passing of the
Silver Nationalism act by the American Congress, the rate has
dropped to about 2.80, We are further off from our expected rate
3:1 than ever. We are told that the effects of the American
act has already been felt by the market. There should not be
violent fluctuations from now on. If this is so, we gain by
not contracting because the contract rate for a period of a
year in advance will be considerably lower than the current rate.
On the same morning of the arrival of your cablegram word also
came to us that the Nanking Government has made a grant of
\$60,000.00 L. C. toward our current budget. We therefore dispatched
the following cablegram:

"Exchange not contracted. Government grants sixty
thousand Chinese Currency."

It must be gratifying to you as it is to us to receive this large
grant from the Government. This is a very significant official
endorsement of Yenching. The Government set aside \$720,000.00
a year to subsidize private universities beginning with the
present year. The Ministry of Education announced its awards
for this year last Thursday. Thirty two institutions received
grants of various amounts. Amoy University which has been
supported by the Chinese "Rubber King" Tan Kah Kee and which is
in a very precarious financial position because of benefactor's

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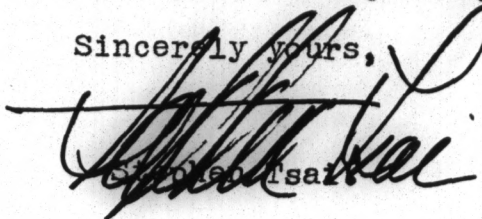
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Mr. Garside,

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business failures, received the largest grant of \$90,000.00. Yenching comes next with \$60,000.00, Nankai comes next with \$40,000.00 and so on. President Stuart is undoubtedly writing you fully of this government grant. I am sure you are rejoicing over this with us.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen Isaac

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Enclosed please find a copy of the University deed list and also a deed list of the Crop Improvement Station. The latter, as you know, has been transferred to University of Nanking. At the request of that institution the papers are still in our custody. We are sending these lists to you in pursuance of your action of the Executive Committee of the Committee on Finance, Property, and Investments taken on May 28 this year. Some time ago you sent us information blanks to be filled regarding our property. As our land composed of more than one hundred separate lots, we find we cannot give all the information in the form specified in your blank. We hope the enclosed lists will serve your purpose just as well.

We have made repeated efforts to have all our deeds stamped by the proper authorities as an educational institution to avoid paying the regular fees which are rather high. We have the matter constantly in mind and will not miss any opportunity to have it settled. So far no question has ever arisen with regard to our ownership, nor have we paid any taxes. But our mind will never rest easy until every deed is properly legalized. We shall be glad to know any developments from your side in connection with other missionary properties in China.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Tsai
Stephen Tsai,
Treasurer.

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Deed List

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Finn's letter
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Deed No.	Purchased from	Date of Purchase	Area in mou	No. of chien (house)	Purchase price	Stamping
1	Sung Wen Li	1920		28	1900.00	no
2	Wang Yü Shih	1920		24	2100.00	yes
3	Kuan Te P'u	1920		5	700.00	yes
4	Chang Te Shan	1920	3.5		130.00	no
5	Yang Ho Tien	1920	2.4		520.00	no
6	Teng Cheng Kuen	1921	1.5		105.00	no
7	Chi Hua P'u	1921	6.2		434.00	yes
8	Li, I Chen	1921	2.8		200.00	no
9	Chen Shun	1921	4.5		315.00	no
10	Ch'ü Ming Yü Kun	1921	1.0		70.00	no
11	Chi Hua P'u	1921	9.0		630.00	yes
12	Chang Hai	1921	1.9		133.00	no
13	Chang Tze Chen	1921	1.6		112.00	no
14	Ch'en Yu Feng	1921	10.4		900.00	no
15	Tsao Wang Shih	1921	6.5		455.00	no
16	Chu Pao Chen	1921	2.7		210.00	yes
17	Wang Fu Kuei	1921		6	1800.00	no
18	Yang Wen Cheng	1921	6.0		420.00	no
19	Liu Te Pao	1921		6.5	290.00	no
20	Wu Te Hai	1920		10	3000.00	yes
21	Liu Wen Hai	1920		8	650.00	yes
22	Liu Te Pao	1920	1.0		110.00	no
23	Yang Huan Chang	1920		8	1500.00	yes
24	Chang Chun Heng	1920		8	660.00	no
25	Chang Tze Ming	1920		27	3800.00	yes
26	Jen Chih Shan	1920		13	2100.00	yes
27	Jen Te Yin	1921		3	220.00	no
28	Chang Lien Sheng	1921		14	1320.00	yes
29	Cheng Keng Chuan	1921	1.4		98.00	no
30a	Ch'en Yung Kuei	1921	.8		56.00	no
30b	Chu pao Ch'en	1921	2.7		210.00	no
31	Ch'i Ch'eng Tien	1921	1.6		112.00	no
32	Cheng Ching Hsi	1921	2.1		147.00	no
33	Ting Shan Shih	1922	20		4000.00	yes
34	Huang Shou Ting	1922	8.5		560.00	no
35	Liu Wen Ying	1923	6.5		560.00	no
36	Jen P'u Wen	1923		3.5	210.00	no
37	Hsieh Wen Yu	1923		8	1050.00	no
38	Wang Wen Huan	1923	1		80.00	no
39	Cheng Shih	1924	1 sec.		442.00	no
40	Chun Shan, Monk	1923	43.4		2213.40	yes
41	Chao Kuang Yuan	1923		7	800.00	yes
42	Jung Kao Hua	1924	1 sec.		120.00	no

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Deed No.	Purchased from	Date of Purchase	Area in Mon	No. of children (House)	Price	Standing
1	Sung Wen Li	1930		28	1900.00	no
2	Wang Yt Shih	1930		24	2100.00	yes
3	Kuan Te P'u	1930		3	700.00	yes
4	Chang Te Shun	1930	3.3		130.00	no
5	Yang Ho Tien	1930	3.4		220.00	no
6	Teng Cheng Kuen	1931	1.5		103.00	no
7	Chi Hui P'u	1931	0.3		434.00	no
8	Li I Chen	1931	3.8		300.00	no
9	Chen Shun	1931	4.3		313.00	no
10	Chi Hui Yt	1931	1.0		70.00	no
11	Chi Hui P'u	1931	3.0		630.00	yes
12	Chang Hui	1931	1.0		123.00	no
13	Chang Tse Chen	1931	1.3		113.00	no
14	Chi'en Yu Feng	1931	10.4		9.0.00	no
15	Tsao Wang Shih	1931	0.5		433.00	no
16	Chi Pao Chen	1931	3.7		210.00	yes
17	Wang Te Kuei	1931		0	1800.00	no
18	Yang Wen Cheng	1931	0.0		430.00	no
19	Lin Te Hui	1931		0.3	230.00	no
20	Wu Te Hui	1930		10	3000.00	yes
21	Lin Wen Hui	1930		0	630.00	yes
22	Lin Te Hui	1930	1.0		110.00	no
23	Yang Huan Cheng	1930		0	1500.00	yes
24	Chang Chun Heng	1930		0	600.00	no
25	Chang Tse Ming	1930		27	3800.00	yes
26	Ten Chih Shun	1930		13	210.00	yes
27	Ten Te Yin	1931		3	230.00	no
28	Chang Lien Sheng	1931		14	1300.00	yes
29	Chang Keng Chuan	1931	1.4		28.00	no
30	Chen Yang Hui	1931	0.3		66.00	no
31	Chi Pao Chen	1931	3.7		210.00	no
32	Chi Ch'eng Tien	1931	1.0		113.00	no
33	Cheng Ching Hui	1931	2.1		147.00	no
34	Ting Chen Shih	1932	30		4000.00	yes
35	Huang Chou Ting	1932	0.3		560.00	no
36	Lin Wen Ying	1932	0.3		500.00	no
37	Ten P'u Wen	1932		3.3	210.00	no
38	Hsieh Wen Yu	1932		0	1030.00	no
39	Wang Wen Huan	1932	1		60.00	no
40	Chang Shih	1934	1.000		443.00	no
41	Chun Shan, Hong	1933	43.4		2313.40	yes
42	Chao Kung Yuen	1933		7	800.00	yes
43		1934	1.000		130.00	no

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43	Tien Chun Ying	1924	1 sec.		137.00	no
44	Wang Yen Ch'ing	1924		13	2000.00	no
45	Liu Wen Ying	1924	27.8		3000.00	no
46	Chang Jui Sheng	1924	10		800.00	yes
47	Li Yung	1924	16		1280.00	yes
48	Kuo Yang Tai	1924	1.1		100.00	no
50	YH Ho Fu	1924	1.4		112.00	yes
51	Huang Shou Ting	1924	7.5		600.00	no
52	Liu Yuan Feng	1924	4		200.00	no
53	Wang Te K'uei	1924	3		490.00	no
54	Wang Chu Shih	1924		7.5	500.00	no
55	Liu Wen Ying	1924	8		640.00	no
56	Li Huang Shih	1924	1 sec.		300.00	yes
57	Ting Shou Chuan	1924		3	450.00	yes
58	Chang Chih K'ue	1924		48	6500.00	no
59	Huang Shou Ting	1924		16	2900.00	yes
60	Li Seu Ming	1925		20	2700.00	yes
61	Chang Wen Lin	1925		18	3100.00	no
	Chih K'ue					
62	Huang Ying Pi	1924		5.0/5.5		yes
63	Tsai Jun	1925	6	12	1200.00	yes
65	P'u Lun	1925	81.9625		10000.00	yes
66	Liu Ching Ch'en	1925		10	3080.00	yes
67	Liu Yuan Feng	1925		8	3080.00	yes
68	Li Hsin San	1925		25	3700.00	no
69	Cheng Keng Chuan	1925	1 sec.		380.00	no
	Pao Shan					
71	Wu Chun Hua	1925	1.9		120.00	yes
72	Liu Chin Yuan	1926		6	620.00	no
73a	Li Mou Lin	1926	1 sec.		100.00	no
73b	Li Mou Lin	1926	3.5		900.00	no
73	Yen Hua Ju	1926		47	6700.00	yes
74	Sung Shih Mei	1926		8	460.00	no
75	Li Chung San	1926	1 sec.		32.00	no
76	Chang Wen Ching	1928		3	200.00	yes
77	Kuan Te Pu	1926		8	650.00	no
78	Kao Min Shih	1926	.8		30.00	no
80	Wang Feng Jui	1924	26.14		1202.44	yes
	Kung Chi					
83a	Police Station	1927	12.85		835.50	yes
83b	Police Station	1927	3.76		245.04	yes
84	Huang Wen Chao	1929		17	3800.00	yes
85	Li Wen Hsiang	1928		4	600.00	yes
86	Kuo Cheng Shih	1929	1 sec.		60.00	no
87	Yang Wen Shan	1928		9	3000.00	no
88	Yao Fu Shan	1928		14	4000.00	yes

Deed No.	Purchased from	Date of Purchase	Area in mon	No. of children (house)	Purchase price	Stamping
43	Then Chuan Ying	1934	1 sec.		137.00	no
44	Wang Yen Ch'ing	1934		18	3000.00	no
45	Lin Wen Ying	1934	37.8		3000.00	no
46	Chang Tai Sheng	1934	10		300.00	yes
47	Li Yang	1934	16		1280.00	yes
48	Kuo Yang Tai	1934	1.1		100.00	no
50	Yu Ho Fu	1934	1.4		112.00	yes
51	Huang Shou Ting	1934	7.8		600.00	no
52	Lin Yuan Feng	1934	4		300.00	no
53	Wang Te K'uei	1934	3		430.00	no
54	Wang Chu Shih	1934		7.5	300.00	no
55	Lin Wen Ying	1934	8		340.00	no
56	Li Huang Shih	1934	1 sec.		300.00	yes
57	Ting Shou Chuan	1934		3	450.00	yes
58	Chang Chih K'ue	1934		48	6300.00	no
59	Huang Shou Ting	1934		16	3200.00	yes
60	Li Gau Ming	1935		30	3700.00	yes
61	Chang Wen Lin	1935		18	3100.00	no
62	Huang Ying Li	1934		5.0	1800.00	yes
63	Tsai Jun	1935	6		1800.00	yes
64	P'ui Tai	1935	31.3225		10000.00	yes
65	Lin Ching Ch'ien	1935		10	3080.00	yes
66	Lin Yuan Feng	1935		8	3080.00	yes
67	Li Hsin Han	1935		35	3700.00	no
68	Chong Keng Chuan	1935	1 sec.		380.00	no
69	Wu Chuan Hui	1935	1.3		130.00	yes
70	Li Chia Yuan	1936		8	620.00	no
71	Li Mei Lin	1936	1 sec.		100.00	no
72	Li Mei Lin	1936	3.5		900.00	no
73	Yen Hui Ju	1936		17	2700.00	yes
74	Sung Shih Mei	1936		8	460.00	no
75	Li Chung San	1936	1 sec.		32.00	no
76	Chang Wen Ching	1936		3	200.00	yes
77	Kuan Te Fu	1936		8	350.00	no
78	Kao Min Shih	1936	8		30.00	no
80	Wang Teng Tai	1934	36.14		1305.00	yes
81	Police Station	1937	12.85		833.00	yes
82	Police Station	1937	3.73		343.04	yes
83	Police Station	1939		17	3800.00	yes
84	Police Station	1938		4	800.00	yes
85	Police Station	1939	1 sec.		60.00	no
86	Police Station	1938		9	3000.00	no
87	Police Station	1938		14	4000.00	yes

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Deed No.	Purchased from	Date of Purchase	Area in mou	No. of chien (house)	Purchase price	Stamping
89	Sung Shen Hsiang	1929		14	1800.00	yes
91	Tung Pao Ch'en	1929		7	900.00	yes
92	Kao Yung Ping	1930		9	600.00	yes
93	Liu Yü	1930	1 sec.	3	460.00	yes
94	Hsieh Chen Kuei	1930		7	7000.00	yes
	Li Chan Yuan	1930		14	11800.00	yes
	Liu Te Chuan	1930		5	3000.00	yes
100	Ch'en Ching Tang	1920	380		40000.00	no
102	Tsai Feng	1931	129.3	87	21250.00	yes
103	Hsiao Yung Lu	1926	5		500.00	no

Note: 879 mou of total land
 25 mou of land occupied by 564 chien (Rooms) approximate
 2 mou total area of 10 small lots approximate
906 mou Grand Total

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Deed No.	Purchased from	Date of Purchase	Area in Acres	Chien (Horse)	Approximate	Yes
89	Gang Chen Haiming	1933	14		1900.00	yes
91	Tung Tao Chen	1933	7		900.00	yes
92	Kuo Yung Ping	1933	3		600.00	yes
93	Lin YW	1933	3	1.000	450.00	yes
94	Hsieh Chen Kwei	1933	7		7000.00	es
	Li Chen Yuen	1933	12		11800.00	es
	Lin Te Chuan	1933	3		3200.00	yes
100	Ch'en Ching Tang	1933	32		40000.00	yes
101	Tsai Yung	1931	12.5		81250.00	yes
102	Hsieh Yung Lin	1933	3		500.00	yes

Note: 879 mos of total land
 85 mos of land occupied by 304 Chien (Horse) and 100 mos
 2 mos total area of 10 small lots approximate
 906 mos Grand Total

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Deed No.	Purchased from	Date of Purchase	Area in mou	No. of chien (house)	Purchase price	Stamping
64	Han Sung Lin	1925	54		2376.00	yes
70	Yung Tai, Monk	1925	4.38		176.00	yes
79a	Chi Yung Fu		3		114.00	no
79b	Chi Yung Fu		6.1		231.00	no
81	Tao Tien Ch'ang		43		590.00	yes
82	Court		258.1	71	45200.00	yes
90	Ch'iu Jun Ch'u		1247.8		17902.00	no

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Crop Improvement Station

Deed No.	Purchased from	Date of Purchase	Area in mou	No. of children (house)	Purchase price	Stamping
64	Han Sung Lin	1925	54		2376.00	yes
70	Yang Tai, Monk	1925	4.38		176.00	yes
79a	Chi Yang-mu		3		114.00	no
79b	Chi Yang-mu		6.1		231.00	no
81	Teo Tien Ch'ang		43		590.00	yes
82	Court		358.1	71	45200.00	yes
90	Ch'iu Jan Ch'iu		1247.8		17902.00	no

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Replied 1/9/35 - #96

Mr. Stephen Tsai
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Mr. Tsai:

This letter will deal with the Wiant Memorial Residence account.

I believe that our latest detailed correspondence with reference to this account was carried on early in 1932 at the time that this account was transferred to our completed buildings section. Since then the field has reported additional amounts received there, the Methodist Board has received and transmitted certain contributions direct to Peiping, and our office has received one additional gift. We should check up, therefore, to see that our accounts are in agreement, and that all amounts transmitted by the Methodist Board to their field treasurer have been turned over to the University.

I attach hereto a summary in which I have attempted to tabulate all the gifts received from every source ^{not} from the Wiant Memorial Residence. It is probable that this summary is accurate in either or both of two directions:— some of the items we have included may be duplications, and some items received on the field may have been omitted.

In section A of the summary we have listed all contributions received up to May 20th, 1932 when the Wiant Memorial Residence account was transferred to our completed buildings section. The total at that date was \$6,194.28. This same figure appears on our summary of the status of the residence account as of December 18, 1931 a copy of which was attached to the letter I wrote Miss Cookingham on December 17th, 1931.

Section B of the summary shows a single gift of \$10 entered on our account here as having been received by our office since May 20th, 1932.

Section C of the summary shows the contributions reported to us by the Methodist Board as having been received from donors designated for the Wiant Memorial Residence and transmitted direct by the Methodist Board to their field treasurer in Peiping. I have given detailed information as to the dates when the Methodist Board transmitted these gifts to the field to facilitate your checking any or all of the items with the field treasurer of the Methodist Board. If some or all of these amounts have not been paid over to the University I hope you will have no difficulty in securing them.

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Mr. Stephen Tsai

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Section D of the summary includes the items Miss Cookingham has reported to us as having been received from Mr. O. J. Krause. It is quite probable that some or all of the three items listed, totalling \$111.31, may duplicate items included in Section C of the summary. If so, we should find just which items have been duplicated and which are distinct.

According to our records, therefore, the total amount received for the Wiant Memorial Residence fund is US\$6,495.59. This figure would have to be reduced by the amount of any duplication, and increased by any items received on the field of which we do not have a record. Will you please notify us of any corrections we should make in order to bring our accounts in complete reconciliation with yours.

There may be some need for reconciliation also on the expenditure side of this account. When we transferred the Wiant Memorial Residence account to our completed buildings account in 1932 we showed those costs as being US\$8,199.82. Since then we have added US\$111.31 to this figure since the contributions reported as having been received from Mr. O. J. Krause have been debited to the expenditure side of the Wiant Memorial Residence at the same time that they have been credited as a contribution toward the costs of the house. Did we follow the correct procedure at this point, or should this \$111.31 have been debited as expended for residences in general rather than the Wiant Memorial Residence? Your construction department balance sheet of June 30, 1934 apparently does not show the figure in which you are carrying the Wiant Memorial Residence though I note that you have a surplus of LC\$7,245.23 in your general residence fund account. Probably we should take a few additional steps toward the clearance of our accounts and the transfer of various buildings and building funds to the completed buildings section. As soon as we have received the complete treasurer's report from the field for the year 1933-34 I will try to take up the matter further. I would welcome any suggestions you may have.

Very cordially yours,

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Copy for
Dr. Lee
M. Wiant

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SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WIAAT MEMORIAL RESIDENCE
TO SEPTEMBER 17, 1934

A. Contributions up to May 20, 1931 (the date when this account was transferred to the Completed Buildings Section).

Altmann, John S.	US\$	10
Ball, Ruby and Frances		2
Boyce, Florence A.		5
Brady, Frank S.		52
Central M.E. Church, Springfield, Ohio		50
Coffman, Frank J.		100
Dalhi M.E. Church, Cincinnati, Ohio		50
First M.E. Church, Troy, Ohio		200
Foots, Mr. & Mrs. F. J.		209.46
High St. Methodist Church		500
Leibrock, George, Hamilton, Ohio		5
McGill, Mr. Ralph W.		25
McGill, Mrs. C. W.		5
McKee, George H.		5
Methodist Board		3,922
M. E. Church, Eaton, Ohio		150.82
Methodist S.S. Christiansburg		5
Miller, J.W.		5
Miller, Mrs. O. W.		10
Osmun, George W.		5
Patterson, Mrs. L. B. (Carrie A.)		100
Patterson, Mrs. L. B. (Carrie A.)		100
Prichard, Mr. and Mrs. L. W.		5
Prugh, J. L.		5
Roberts, Rev. C. H.		50
Roberts, Rev. C. H.		50
St. Paul M.E. Church		50
Sawtelle, Mr. E. E.		200
Van Tyne, Mr. C. P.		25
Walters, Mr. A. E.		50
Walters, Mr. B. F.		25
Wiant, Rev. J. Dwight		25
Wiant, James A.		14
Wiant, Lois Elizabeth		6
Wiant, Paul P.		50
Wiant, Rev. Stanley W.		63
Wiant, Mrs. W. A.		50
Wood, Mrs. Martha H.		10
		<u>86,194.28</u>

B. Contributions received in New York since May 20, 1932.

July 2, 1934 Stanley W. Wiant	10.00
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C. Contributions sent by Methodist Board Direct to Field

<u>Date Transmitted</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount US\$</u>
September 28, 1931	Mr. & Mrs. L.W. Prichard	\$ 26.00

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<u>Date Transmitted</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount US\$</u>	
October 29, 1931	Mrs. L.B. Patterson	\$ 50.00	
December 12, 1931	Mrs. W.A. Wiant and family	35.00	
April 13, 1932	Stanley W. Wiant	12.00	
October 21, 1932	J. Dwight Wiant	5.00	
November 10, 1932	Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Prichard	25.00	
June 16, 1933	Stanley W. Wiant	12.00	
Nov. 8, 1933	Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Prichard	15.00	180.00

D. Items reported by field as received from O. J. Krause

Miss Cockingham's letter of April 20, 1932	US\$ 84.06	
Miss Cockingham's letter of Sept. 20, 1932	12.25	
Miss Cockingham's letter of Jan. 13, 1934	15.00	111.31

Grand Total

US\$6,495.59

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October 24, 1934
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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Mr. Stephen Tsai
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Stuart and Mr. Tsai:

Enclosed with this letter you will find two copies of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held October 19th.

Investments. Changes made in the investment list were for the purpose of taking advantage of appreciation in First National Stores Common Stock, and to secure an advance price position on the first three bonds mentioned. The \$4,000. Oklahoma Gas & Electric bonds were in a very unfavorable position, although they represent a first lien on property. That section of the country has been hit exceedingly hard. While the company will probably come through, it was deemed advisable to sell out on a high bond market.

Investment Management Contract. This situation has consumed a great deal of time. The Investment Committee has deliberated hours and hours about it. Most of the meetings have been held at the Federal Reserve Bank, where Mr. Rounds has entertained us at luncheons, and where ordinarily most of the afternoon has been spent in discussion and investigation. If there is any phase of this whole subject which has not been covered in these discussions, I am frank to admit that I do not know what it is.

You will note from the minutes that an investigation of the possibility of establishing a separate statistical organization in our office was seriously considered. This would not have resulted in any less expenditure as some sort of statistical and advisory service would be required, as well as an additional person in the office. The main objection to this plan seemed to be the necessity of adding to our executive responsibilities at a time when so much is going on, and so much depends upon the future of the China Colleges—a time also when the universities are not attuned to the idea of synchronizing their financial problems. Frankly, it is a position into which we will have to grow, and I believe that within the next twelve months much progress will be made along this line.

The contract we have agreed upon is costing much less than the previous one, but it was deemed absolutely essential that such a service be continued, the results of which are already apparent in the greatly improved condition of our security list. The funds are now invested in a large block of the highest grade common stocks, which require additional care and study in management. Situations change in all industries, and there must be careful and constant scrutiny of such a list to take advantage of price fluctuations, both in

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Mr. Stephen Tsai

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getting in and out of the market. This does not mean that the Trustees have embarked on a trading proposition, but that they have taken the only common sense course to protect the capital involved, and at the same time open the avenue for recovery on some of the losses sustained. The last study of our security list showed a present increase in valuation of about twenty-five per cent, which is due entirely to the method pursued in the handling of the list, and which represents the proportionate difference between doing nothing with a security list and taking an active interest in following the individual investment items.

There is no need for further comment on the participating certificate situation on 125 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn.

Matters Arising From the Annual Report of the Treasurer. The Finance Committee was much pleased at the outcome of the year's operations on the field. It was recalled that at an earlier meeting the field anticipated a large deficit, and the fact that you have carried on so well to decrease it so materially has called for very favorable comment on all sides.

While there is a definite upward trend in the line of business here in America, the trend is not sufficient to warrant any optimism, and the basic industries are still floundering in uncertainties to such an extent that optimism is a word unknown. Therefore, such an effort as the field made to close up its work in a satisfactory manner is all the more appreciated.

Gain on Exchange for 1933-34. Mr. Tsai's letter of September 13th states that "exchange surplus^{to} be credited to the Trustees is L.C.\$12,578.75", and it is noted that this amount is being carried on the field books to the credit of the Trustees.

The committee gave consideration to his ^{request for} recommendations for the use of these funds, and took under advice not alone the economic situation in America, but the conditions prevailing throughout the world at the present time. There is so much unrest, such an upheaval of all that has seemed stable and solid in the past, such an overturning of government authority, such a curtailing of individual liberty, that none can tell the trend of the tide. I have just come from a Finance Committee meeting of another University, which consisted of a stock salesman, a broker, a banker and a financial promoter, and one of the outstanding statements made at that meeting in its consideration of prevailing financial conditions was that some of the greatest economists believe that 1930 will be written in history as the end of an old regime, and that today we are in the birth throes of a new era, the extent of which none can tell, and to which many look forward with dread and apprehension. With thoughts similar to these in mind, the Yenching Committee felt that holding gain on exchange against future use would be the best possible method of protection for which funds could be utilized.

We trust, therefore, that the recommendation in FC-3349 that this L.C.\$12,578.75 be set aside as a reserve fund and that no thought be given to its existence, much less plans made for its expenditure, will meet with the approval of your Board of Directors.

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Gain on Exchange for 1932-33. The committee felt that the same use of the balance of L.C.\$8,339.48, representing gain on exchange for 1932-33, be made as the exchange for 1933-34, with the exception that the deduction voted in FC-3352 be made. It is quite possible that the field will have some recommendations to make regarding the depositing or investment of these funds, and it is quite probable that the Finance Committee will welcome some suggestions from the Treasurer's Office.

Annual Report for Yenching Women's College. The standing of the books of the Women's College at the end of the fiscal year gave further cause for gratification and appreciation to the committee, and as a result, FC-3351 was voted.

Loss of L.C.\$518.81 on Library Funds. I am writing a separate letter on this situation, a copy of which is to be sent to the Harvard University Bursar.

No comment is required on the Alter Road Gardens situation. Everything possible is being done to push collections, but it is a difficult time to interest anyone in real estate.

Use of Famine Fund Proceeds. Please do not consider the action of the committee on this request as being critical in any way. It was felt that it was such a good taking point for promotional purposes that everyone agreed that it would be an excellent thing to hold it in abeyance for a while, with the hope of gaining some contacts more specially interested in a proposition of this kind. We are hoping, therefore, that you will allow this to remain without conclusive action for a period, and I will promise to bring it up again at a future meeting of the Finance Committee and this matter will not be lost sight of. We sincerely trust this will be agreeable to you.

Wheeler Memorial Chapel Fund. The committee gave a great deal of consideration to this subject, and was distressed to learn of the recent death of Mrs. Wheeler. This, however, places an entirely different aspect upon the whole situation, and any consideration or debate of use of income accruing prior to July 1, 1933, seems out of order. Just prior to the meeting we were in receipt of a letter from Mr. Rex Wheeler, telling of his visit at the Yenching campus and expressing a very keen desire to see the money used in some sort of building for religious purposes. With these facts in hand, we are ready to approach the question from different angles than we have been at liberty to do in the past.

Transfer of Building Accounts. The request of the field to make certain transfers of building projects to the completed buildings section by setting up certain loan accounts and using the Wallace Campus Fund did not meet with very hearty endorsement. It was felt that to have these fund accounts remain open would present a much better picture, and open the possibility of securing donations of gifts, which must be done within the very near future. It would be a much easier method than to make transfers which possibly might submerge some funds into a minor position. However, there was no definite conclusion, it being left to the Assistant Treasurer and Miss Cookingham to study the situation and report at another meeting.

The presence of Miss Cookingham at the meeting engendered a very beneficial feeling. She entered into the discussion, gave us much information, and there was a general expression of gratification that she had made the effort and the sacrifice to attend the meeting. It is our earnest hope that she will be able to attend other meetings during the coming month.

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Very cordially yours,

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

Office of the Treasurer

YENCHING

October 25, 1934.
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Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

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Dear Mr. Garside:

Since the Chinese Government imposed export and equalization taxes on silver last week, the exchange rate has risen considerably. Last Thursday we were offered a contract rate of 3 to 1 with monthly deliveries between now and June 1935 by the National City Bank of New York. We took this offer and sold US\$60,000. We have been hoping to get three ever since last spring and so grasped the first opportunity when it came. It is possible that the rate may go higher still. But no one can foresee what may happen to the white metal. The 3 to 1 rate gives us \$.50 margin over and above our budget rate. Besides this \$60,000 we have about US\$30,000.- more to be sold. We felt it wise to keep some untied by contract and try our luck. Whether we are lucky or not, time alone can tell.

So far you have given us only three authorizations for the University and Women's College at US\$4500.- and US\$1000 each respectively. We have not quite finished all the "red tape" to receive money from the Government grant. If by next salary pay-day (Nov. 24) we still have no further word from you to draw, we will have to cable you. In the meanwhile, I hope your authorizations are on the way.

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Yours sincerely,

Stephen Tsai
Stephen Tsai,
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Office of the Treasurer

November 17, 1934.
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Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

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to CAE
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Dear Mr. Garside:

Since I received your letter of September 17 regarding the Wiant Memorial Residence account about a month ago, I have been checking up accounts with Mr. O. J. Krause and Mr. Bliss M. Wiant. I am sorry that the matter has taken a good deal longer time than really necessary. I have now the data on hand to report to you.

✓ We have no record here to verify the items in Section A of the summary you prepared, except that the total of \$6194.28 agrees with the statement you attached to your letter of Dec. 17, 1931 to Miss Cookingham.

✓ The item of \$10.00 in Section B is in your hand.

Section C agrees with the books of Mr. O. J. Krause, Treasurer of the Methodist Board here. But the following three items which Mr. Krause paid to Mr. Wiant together with some fund of Wiant's Personal Account have not been turned over to us yet: \$5 from J. Dwight Wiant, \$25 from Mr. & Mrs. L. W. Prichard, and \$12 from Stanley W. Wiant. Enclosed please find a copy of my letter to Mr. Wiant. As soon as Mr. Wiant pays the money over to us we will report it to you.

In checking over the items in Section D with Mr. Krause, I find that it should be revised to read as follows:

Sums received from Mr. O. J. Krause

Jan. 31, 1932	(Mr. & Mrs. Prichard, Sept. 28, 1931)	G\$26.00	L\$111.66
Mar. 7 "	(Mrs. W.A. Wiant & family, Dec. 12, '31)	35.00	148.23
Apr. 5 "	(Mrs. L.B. Patterson, Oct. 29, 1931)	50.00	206.82
June 15 "	(Stanley W. Wiant, April 13, 1932)	12.00	55.13
Dec. 15, 1933	(Mr. & Mrs. Prichard, Nov. 8, 1933)	15.00	43.50
		G\$138.00	L\$565.34

These remittances from Mr. Krause were all in local currency. Apparently there were mistakes made in converting them back into U.S. dollars. ^{the present list} The present list, having been verified with Mr. Krause's books, should be the correct items.

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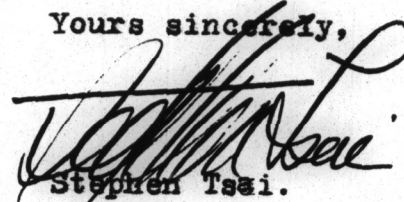
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We have dealt with the Wiant Memorial Residence as a part of the general residence operation. In 1932, when the account was transferred to completed buildings, the sum of US\$2158.64 was transferred from the General Residence appropriation to balance the account. It seems that any additional contributions received on the Wiant Residence since the completion of the building should be credited to the General Residence Fund.

I will write you again as soon as payment is received from Mr. Wiant on account of the three contributions mentioned above.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Tsai.

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*Sent by Mr. Tsai's
letter 11/17/34*

November 15, 1934.

Mr. Bliss Wiant,
Yenching University.

Dear Bliss:

As I told you yesterday afternoon on the athletic ground, I went to see Mr. Krause regarding the Wiant Memorial Fund. From his records it seems that the following items were paid by him to your personal account.

Pay to B.M.W. account	\$ 23.78	being equivalent of US\$5.00 received from J. Dwight Wiant
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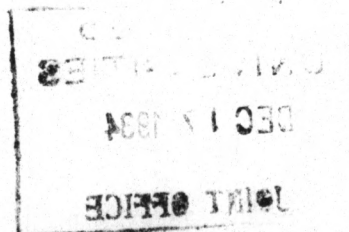
All these three payments were made to you by a check drawn by Mr. Krause for \$364.87 on November 28, 1933.

If the above is correct, then our records agree completely with our New York Office. Please let me know at once if these figures do not agree with your records.

Yours sincerely,

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Stephen Tsai.



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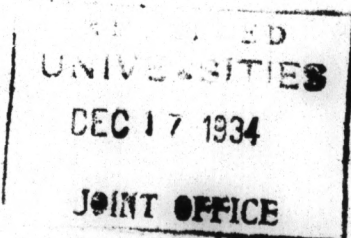
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December 24, 1934

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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Mr. Stephen Tsai
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing herewith two copies of the last meeting of the Committee on Finance, Property & Investment. While a number of the committee were not present, the data had been circulated in advance and with Miss Cookingham's presence, together with Dr. Gee's and the Secretaries, there resulted a very thorough discussion of every item on the docket.

Investments. There is not much to be added to the data contained in the minutes, with the exception that the 67¢ extra on Aluminum stock for January puts it in the \$4.00 class on a quarterly basis, but the company notifies us that it is not to be construed as meaning more will be forthcoming unless conditions warrant it. We sincerely trust that there will be sufficient recovery, whereby some of the back dividends will be caught up.

Kreuger & Toll Common Stock. It will be recalled that this gift was under the supervision of Mr. Ernest Evans, a former member of the Board. It was through his recommendation that the purchase of Kreuger & Toll Common Stock was made. A number of large institutions held far in excess of this amount on their stock list. There is no prospect of recovery for this company, and the only sane method is to charge off the item against Income from Plant Investments.

The Report on Lot 27 Alter Road Gardens needs no further comment.

Publicity Deficit on Field Amounting to LC\$518.48. This is turning back to Mr. Tsai's letter of June 12th, No. 18, which was not considered until the last meeting of the committee. The committee voted to absorb this loss, charging it to the Surplus account on the Trustees' books, and as soon as a draft can be purchased, it will be forwarded. It is not possible to procure a draft today, but it will be forwarded in the next mail. The matter of charging off the 1933-34 balance on promotional budget is a mere matter of routine.

Famine Funds Proceeds from Sale of Land. This item was revived from the previous meeting of the committee, and as there seems to be no prospect of securing a donor to cover this charge for changing the Library, it was decided to authorize the field to proceed as requested originally.

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Land Funds and Transfers. This action disposes of the number of proposed changes as set forth in some of Miss Cookingham's letters. As soon as possible we will get together and set up the journal vouchers necessary to make the transfers suggested.

Income Available for 1955-56 Budget. Agreeable to the action we radioed you today, as follows: "TRUSTEES ESTIMATE 1955-56 INCOME TO BE:- GENERAL UNIVERSITY \$51,000; NATURAL SCIENCES \$15,000; including \$5,000 FROM RESERVE; ARTS & LETTERS \$11,710; SCHOOL OF RELIGION \$5,600; COLLEGE FOR WOMEN \$12,000. LETTER FOLLOWS.", we did not include the College of Public Affairs as there seems to be no definite conclusion as to the amount of funds which will be available after the close of the year on the field. Another thing is that the Princeton-Yenching Foundation is not in a position to state at the present time how much will be included in their budget for 1955-56.

There has been no ratio of increase of income on investment funds during the year, and there seems to be no prospect of any increase of any appreciable amount during 1955-56. The fact is the government has just recently announced that it is its intention to decrease income on securities to around 2½%. The refinancing which has been done recently would seem to indicate that this is actually what the government does intend to do and that it is not merely talk.

The amount appropriated for Natural Sciences includes \$5,000 of the Reserve fund we have on hand. It will be noted that in another year, unless there are funds secured from other sources, there will be a still further decrease in the College of Natural Sciences as the Reserve fund will be no longer available. In appropriating this \$5,000 for the coming year, the committee felt that everything possible should be done to help out on the coming year's budget rather than hold everything in reserve.

In this respect it was noted that the application pending with the Rockefeller Foundation has not been finally approved. Dr. Gee wrote you regarding the situation and before this letter reaches you, you will know that the Foundation voted a lump sum, the final allocation of which was to be in the hands of Dr. Gunn and Dr. Grant, decision to be made later on in the year.

Other items in the motion require no further comments.

Communication from China Regarding the Wheeler Chapel Fund. This involves Dr. Stuart's letter of November 19th, which was presented to the committee. It was assumed that no action was desired, and as a consequence the discussion was informal. The various questions raised were dealt with in order, and any comments thereon will be made in the same manner.

1. It was felt that the Trustees would be in thorough accord with having the field proceed with the erection of the building, provided that as stated it could be done with the amount available, reserving the portion held in the United States as an endowment fund. A letter from Rex Wheeler in this morning's mail indicates how keenly anxious he is to have steps taken toward building the chapel if it can be done in accordance with the terms outlined above.

2. The location for the building was also discussed at some length as it appeared that the spot chosen as indicated on the map would interfere

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with the symmetrical layout of the campus. The Trustees desire to cooperate with the wishes of the field and feel that those in China are best fitted to pass upon the location, the main thing being, of course, that the symmetrical plan of the campus be not invaded, which everybody agreed the field would not do.

3. Architect. We are thoroughly in agreement with your suggestion that the Presbyterian Construction Bureau be used. Lingnan made the mistake a short time ago of consulting Mr. Murphy on some plans under consideration and paid dearly for it. You are taking a very wise course in endeavoring to avoid this possibility.

4. Transfer of Funds. It is quite possible that no end of serious consideration would have been given to this question if there seemed to be any possible way of making this transfer. The facts are, however, that \$5,000. of the amount held here is involved in the note given by Rex Wheeler. It is obvious that it cannot be cashed at the present time. The balance of the amount is in securities which on the present market are valued at 13½ as against a normal of about 96. Obviously the conversion into cash at the present time would be rather unwise as practically the entire equity would disappear.

5. Plans and Drawings. The Trustees felt that it would be desirable to have the working plans, etc. submitted before proceeding, even though it was felt that nothing would be done on the field to disturb the general plan of building which might destroy the beauty of the campus.

To merely talk of the possibility of erecting a chapel is indeed most encouraging. If the building goes up for the amount you have stipulated we will consider that next to the impossible has been accomplished.

Very cordially yours,

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