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Copy for Mr. Luce

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January 3, 1920.

The Rev. H. S. Vincent, D.D.,
C/o The Interchurch World Movement,
45 West 18th St., New York City.

My dear Dr. Vincent:

I have been thinking a good deal about the proposed transfer of yourself and Mrs. Vincent to the North China Mission and as the meeting of the Executive Council gave me but a few minutes for personal conference yesterday I think I had better put in writing this morning the essence of the matter.

It is clear from the history of Mrs. Vincent's health, as confirmed by the opinion of the physicians in China and more recently by the Board's medical adviser, Dr. Bovaird, that we must give up the idea of sending you back to North Siam. This means a grievous loss to that Mission, but we know that you feel this as keenly as we do and probably more keenly, so that I need not add to your anxiety by dwelling upon it.

It is equally clear that you should not be lost to foreign missionary service in Asia. We count you a valuable man. We have large confidence in you and we are rejoiced to know that you are available for service in some field where Mrs. Vincent will be more favorably situated from the viewpoint of her special health conditions.

The only question, therefore, is as to the field to which you should be transferred. We can well understand the eager desire of the President and Vice-President of Peking University that you should be added to the staff and we can also understand how attractive that possibility is to you. The Board could transfer you immediately if it were not for the following considerations:

The Board of Trustees of the University has not yet decided that it is practicable to develop and finance such a department at once. I think the Trustees might have done so at their last meeting if they had known at that time that you were available, but the final decision of Dr. Bovaird regarding your inability to return to Siam was not known to me until after the meeting of the Trustees. I am asking Mr. Luce, the Vice-President of the University, who, as you know, is now in New York, to take the matter up at once with Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith, the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, with a view to having the matter come up at the next meeting. Meantime, you will appreciate the fact that our Board could hardly take official action transferring you to a work in charge of the Board of Trustees of the University until that Board itself has voted upon the matter and requested our Board to make the transfer.

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The foregoing consideration, however, can be far more easily and quickly adjusted than the other consideration to which I referred, namely, your financial support. Hitherto our Board has maintained only three foreign members of the University staff. In accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Trustees at its last meeting I asked our Executive Council to double this number so as to provide for Mr. Luce, Mr. Wheeler and Dr. Wolferz, all of whom are Presbyterian missionaries already under appointment and assignment to the University. I may say to you privately that I had some difficulty in securing a favorable vote on this doubling of the number of missionaries whom our Board is to support, not because any members of the Executive Council were lacking in interest in the University or desire to support it, but because they hesitated to have the Board assume such additional financial obligations at this time of extraordinary pressure. During my absence they had voted to transfer Mr. Luce and Mr. Wheeler to the University with the understanding that the University would pay their salaries and as the University cannot do this, it was necessary to have that action rescinded and an action taken that the Board should support not only these two men but in addition Dr. Wolferz. This finally prevailed, but the Executive Council feels that our Board in supporting six members of the faculty has gone to the limit of practicability under present conditions and is supporting its full quota in the faculty as compared with the other cooperating Boards. Of course, the fact that the Walnut Street Church of Philadelphia would continue your support in the University does not solve this question as your transfer means that the Board must provide a corresponding sum to support your successor in Siam, so that your transfer to Peking supported by our Board would really mean a clear plus. I recall what you told me about the interest of the men in the Brick Church of Rochester, but I understood that they had in mind the work which you would do in connection with the University and that their gift in such circumstances would not be available for your successor in Siam. If, however, they were willing to apply it toward the Board's pledge of \$3,000. a year toward the Board's present obligation for the University, that would help the financial difficulty which confronts the Board, but they might feel that this would not identify them with the particular department which you would be expected to develop.

The Executive Council could not see how this problem could be worked through at the meeting yesterday and as I must be out of the city the greater part of the next two weeks attending conferences in Atlantic City and New Haven, to which the Board has elected me delegate, my suggestion was adopted that the matter be referred to our Special Object Secretary, Mr. Trull, for conference with you and the Rochester Church and report at the next meeting of the Executive Council.

I, therefore, state the case to you in this way so that you may be taken fully into our confidence and understand the conditions that are involved.

It is good to know that Mrs. Vincent's health is not seriously jeopardized and I am sure that God, who has called

Dr. Vincent.

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you to the missionary service, will guide you and the Board to the right adjustment for your future work.

Affectionately yours,

Arthur J. Brown
Per.

P.S. (Jany 6, 1920) After I had dictated this letter I received yours of January 3 on the same subject. You will, of course, appreciate the fact that the \$2,000,000. endowment to which you refer is still in the air.

A. J. B.

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February 10, 1920.

Rev. J. Leighton Stuart, D.D.,
Peking Union University,
Peking, China.

Dear President

Much water has run under the bridge since last we exchanged letters. I have been spending the winter in New York in the Foreign Survey Division of the Interchurch.

Vice President Luce and I met at the Board rooms ^{and} before I told him of your desire to secure me for vocational training in Peking he informed me that he had formed this same idea in his own mind.

On Feb. 9th the Board of Trustees of Peking University here in New York took action - subject to the sanction of the Board of Managers in Peking - electing me to the professorship of vocational training.

I think that they would have been willing to have launched a College of Vocational Training with me as dean (which would have accorded with our conversation in Shanghai) but they said they had no request for such action from the Board of Managers where it should originate. This was a disappointment to me for I am desirous of rendering as large a service for the University as possible; and I find that business men here are much interested in the project.

The Martin Dennis Company of Newark, N.J., manufacturers of tanning chemicals, started me out in the tanning venture in Siam and their vice-president, Mr. Harold Dennis, has assured me of their willingness to furnish us all the necessary chemicals and a practical chemist free of charge for five years, provided I were to head this

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venture. I feel that this will open the way to getting manufacturers of tanning machinery to offer to do a similarly splendid thing for us. Perhaps, also, the manufacturers of textile machinery might be lined up to furnish demonstration machines to the University. It would be splendid advertising for them, and the humanitarian part of it appeals just now especially with the Interchurch interest surcharging the air.

Mr. Dennis, of his own accord, offered to put me in touch with the head of the General Electric Company. This I hope would lead to electrical equipment for lighting the buildings and for telephone accommodations as well.

The exhaust steam from the vocational and electrical plants should be utilized for heating at least part of the buildings. The erection of a new plant opens the way to train steam fitters and plumbers (I have had some experience in this line in Siam) and the training of electricians might later grow into a school for electrical and mechanical engineers.

I believe that if I had the sanction from Peking to do this, that I could make considerable advance along these line of securing equipment and operators (professors), of course, these would all be referred to Mr. Luce and the Boards to insure desirable personalities.

I am led to believe that the business men who back ventures so heavily as I have indicated would all insist on its being under the direction of a man who has been proven on such an undertaking in the Orient. For that reason, as well as for the moral support which it would give me in this campaign for equipment, I wish that the Board of Managers

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would, if possible, petition the Board of Directors to constitute a College of Vocational Training in the Union University of Peking, and name me as dean.

If this meets with your approval, it would help us greatly if you would cable Mr. Luce your sanction of this request from the Board of Managers in Peking; and Mr. Luce could formulate the above request to the Board of Trustees in New York.

Cables are very slow these days and it might be that your letter conferring the cable would beat it here; yet, we feel that it would be worth trying.

Mrs. Vincent is making good progress back to health but it is confirmed that she should never be exposed again to conditions in Siam.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. Luce for confirmation and comment so that you will hear further from him.

Trusting that this finds you and yours in good health, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

H. S. Vincent.

April 3, 1900.

Rev. W. S. Vincent,
5 South Portland Avenue,
Ventnor, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Vincent:

You probably received very recently a letter from
Frederic Stuart concerning the arrangements for the industrial
aspect of the University, and the manner in which that has developed
in their minds.

Will you please advise us at once as to just how the
matter stands with you personally at the present time? Would you
believe it possible for you to go out with the support of your manu-
facturing interests? Can you personally handle the first series of the
development which you should get right to the others as the teacher
and organizer? They are now to have that your own activity, especi-
ally in connection with Mr. and George L. Davis of Peking, whose rela-
tionship with the University, will make it possible for you to secure
from them the additional amount of material needed for carry-
ing on the enterprise in its earlier stages.

I have regretted that the Executive Board has not
found it any clearer to maintain you as a contribution to Peking Uni-
versity. Perhaps we can eventually attain that result.

The Annual Meeting of the Trustees will take place at
ten o'clock, Friday, April 13, in the Board Room of the Methodist
Church, 200 Fifth Avenue, New York. Mr. Joseph Bailie, who has been
one of the leaders in grasping the industrial angle and the opportu-
nity which Peking offers for educational work in relation to them, is
now in New York, and can be reached at the Albert Hotel, 11th Street,
West of Fifth Avenue. I should very much like to get you and Bailie
together the early part of next week, when I have had a chance to
crystallize the material which has come from Peking on the matter in
order that we may go over the whole aspect of it, and get a clear
understanding of the program involved, in order that our stories may
tally at the Trustees' Meeting, and that they may be presented with
our mature judgment. How about two p.m. on Monday?

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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INTERCHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT

OF NORTH AMERICA

NEW YORK CITY

SURVEY DEPARTMENT

~~894 Broadway~~

Foreign Division

J. F. ZIMMERMAN

45 West 18th St., S. EARL TAYLOR, General Secretary
H.S. Vincent.

April 9, 1920.

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Dr. Eric North,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Dr. North:

I am in hearty sympathy with the manner in which the industrial aspect of the University of Peking is developing in the minds of those on the field, and I think they are allowing me plenty of room in which to develop what I have in mind.

I conferred with Mr. Joseph Bailie in San Francisco last month and am delighted with the opportunity of seeing him again. I will call up his hotel this evening.

I shall be glad to join you in conference at 2 o'clock on Monday as per your letter.

Sincerely yours,

H.S. Vincent.

May 17, 1930.

Dear Vincent:

I enclose a couple of articles which I feel sure will be of interest to you.

Apparently Wheeler and I in talking to you took two different sides on the question as to the date of your going to China. He was looking at it largely from the standpoint of Mrs. Vincent's health, while I was looking at it from the standpoint of the urgency of the work. Both sides must be considered, but of course health is a necessity. If you should go out this fall, you would need to look up the matter of getting accommodations, as a great deal of travel will be going on at that time. There is no doubt but that the earlier the work can be undertaken the better it will be in every way. On the other hand, of course, the fullest consideration must be given to Mrs. Vincent's health. I am sure that you will be led to do the right and the best thing.

I plan to be at the Assembly in Philadelphia on the 24th, 25th and 26th. I do not feel sure just where I shall be, although at the present moment I am scheduled for the Aldine Club.

With kind greetings to Mrs. Vincent, believe me

Ever sincerely,

HWL:W

Mr. H. S. Vincent,
3 Portland Place,
Ventnor, N. J.

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September 11, 1930.

Dear Vincent:

I have been away constantly since your letter came, and in some way it got tangled up in the papers I left at home, hence delay in answering.

I hardly know what to say about the proposition to interrupt your journey to Peking by visiting Young Kong. One would be inclined to think that the difference in the tanning industry in the north and south would be so great as to give you little profit in its bearing on your work in the north. Also one would want to study the effect of the climate there upon your wife, since she is subject to malaria. One would think also that the earlier you could arrive in Peking the better. To arrive there in the late Spring -- say the last of May or the first of June -- would be rather an unpropitious time, as it is getting hot and dusty then, and by July first it gets into the rainy season. Since there is probably time, I wonder if it could not be well to lay the matter before Dr. Stuart in Peking, and let him inquire into the matter and give you their judgment.

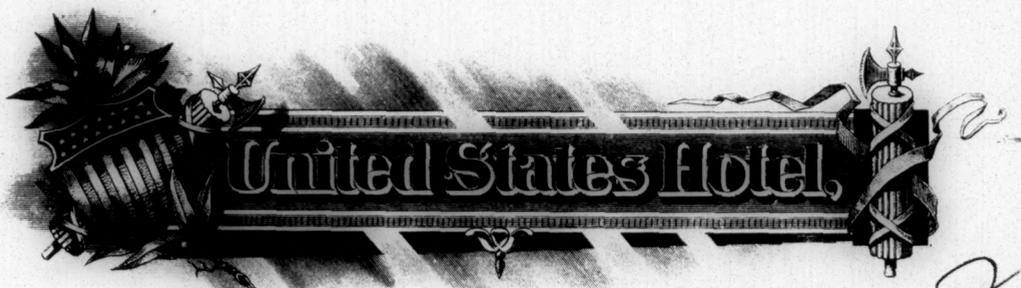
I am wondering where you are to be this Fall.

Very sincerely yours,

HWL:W

Rev. H. S. Vincent,
care Presbyterian Board of
Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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TILLY HAYNES
PROPRIETOR

JAMES G. HICKEY
MANAGER

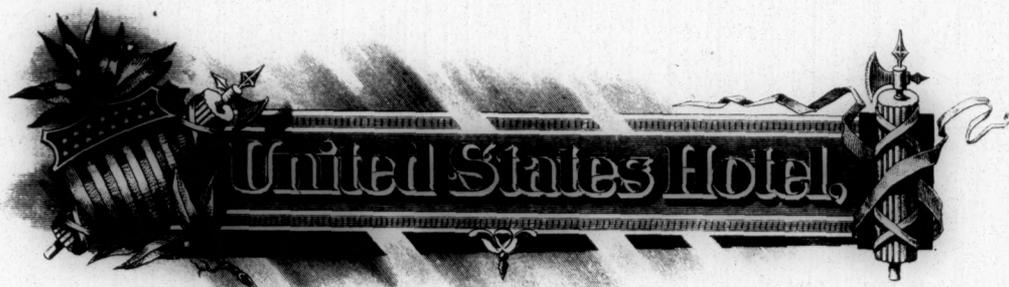
BOSTON, Nov. 15th 1920

Dear Wheeler :-

I have been given a whole line of tanning machinery worth about \$15,000. This is to be shipped to Peking when we are ready to use it & are prepared to pay the freight on it. I hope to be able to get the freight when I get to Peking.

Have been given all the dyes - and chemicals we will need for a years work also all the machines for shoe making.

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TILLY HAYNES
PROPRIETOR

JAMES G. HICKEY
MANAGER

BOSTON, _____ 19

Thought maybe these facts
in hand would be of
advantage in the wording
of the little fancy cap
that goes with the old
man's picture.

Hope to be in New York
Thursday.

Sincerely your
H. Vincent.

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EVERY ROOM WITH PRIVATE BATH

HOTEL RAMONA

AMERICAN OR EUROPEAN PLAN

174 ELLIS ST. (NEAR POWELL)

MR. & MRS. R. G. MITCHELL, MGRS.

SAN FRANCISCO



Dec. 28th 1920

Dear Luce,
Thanks for the good
steamer letter. It is
good to have the fellowship
in service with
such men as yourself

We have our tickets
etc. ready for the steamer.

I will be very glad
to look at those goods
in Shanghai.

I am sending you

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a bunch of cards. I do not know that any of them are good prospects for your big job. It would be well if you could see John H. Brocksmit yourself. He is a splendid fellow and would receive you well but he must be handled by one of culture like yourself.

The Roman Catholic firms indeed all the firms are hardly prospects for cash gifts yet you wanted a record of them.

We hope for you a most successful campaign. Our sympathy & prayer are with you in this strenuous year that lies before you.

Happy New Year -

Sincerely yours -

A. Vincent.

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Return to JWH

PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA.

Recd Apr 25/21

March 29, 1921.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

Rev. H. W. Luce Dd.
156 Fifth Ave,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Luce:

on Apr 25/21
Mr. Corbett has sent you a copy of a proposed plan of financing our school of Manufacturing Arts. If this plan is carried into operation it will not only provide amply for this department, but will I believe help to break the ice for securing funds for the whole University. This will, however, have to be held in abeyance till Mr. Grace returns to America and can put the whole plan before the Miller Rubber Co. I want you to meet him before this plan is brought to his Company or to our Board of Trustees. He will not return to America for some eight or nine months.

You will note in the budget that we are asking the Board of Trustees to underwrite the maximum sum of silver \$14910 in order to start our first class in Leather Industry this coming fall. This does not mean that we will spend \$14910 for we have made the estimate large enough to meet any contingency and we expect to hold our expenditure considerably below that figure. Furthermore, we are putting forth every effort to secure these funds locally and we expect to do so inspite of the famine and political unrest that prevails.

Capt. Robert Dollar is undertaking to deliver all our machines at Taku Bar, free of charge. These machines and the chemicals all of which ^{amount to} more than \$20000 gold would stand as special surety to the Board of Trustees in underwriting the installation costs.

I have made vital contact with Mr. John Wong, the successful Christian tanner in Tientsin, and he will aid us in teaching and in many other ways. It is too early to ascertain how much he can or will aid us financially.

Sincerely yours,

H. S. Vincent

H. S. Vincent

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TRUSTEE
PEKING UNIVERSITY

May 1, 1922

Professor H. S. Vincent, D.D.,
Peking University,
Peking, China

My dear Professor Vincent:

I am very glad to inform you that by
action of the Trustees of Peking University at
their Annual Meeting, April 11, 1922, you were
appointed to the rank of Professor in Peking
University.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF LEATHER

PEKING UNIVERSITY
(YENCHING TA HSUEH)
PEKING, CHINA.

Dept of Leather
Tanning

Oct 30th 1923

My dear Lighton,

Have just finished \$2500 worth of furs for Mrs Leonard Wood, she is so pleased that she has recommended me to Lady Jellicoe. I go to Peking Hotel at my Ladies request this evening. We have \$4500 worth of furs for Major Mrs Richardson of Manila besides several other large orders. This work is setting us up financially and is of great publicity value. When we can please such people the value will be known in England & America.

We have \$1900 in the bank and have \$600 with Mrs Harris with which to pay machine bills etc. and \$400 with Presbyterian Mission Trust hall-leather and supplies sold them on credit and \$200 of leather sold to the Y. M. C. on credit.

The strain is heavy but Mrs Simmons is a great help in the department. If I can hold out till after Chinese New Year may be the rush will be over & I can go home for a little rest or change. It is not easy, I have taken out \$5000 fire insurance on stock of furs

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
(YENCHING TA HSUEH)
PEKING, CHINA.

DEPARTMENT OF LEATHER

Mr. Simmons pronounced our fur tanning technique
to be superior to any used elsewhere in the world. - What!
But the load keeps my head from swelling.

in process and am trying to get that
much burglary insurance.

The sharks & jackals that have
been selling bad furs to American
tourists are sore. I have received
some anonymous threatening
letters but the game goes on merrily.

I have made some good contacts
& from them I hope when in
America to get business connections
that will assure the future &
widen the influence of our work
here & in America & England.

As far as building our tannery
buildings is concerned I feel
that could be done from receipts
of our work. But I need an
bit of a change of view point
& to make definite business
connections.

Please pardon this an full
scrawl. I must hasten
on to the job. Preached lately at P.H. Co.
& Missionary association this with
tanning & teaching & flaying & curtaining
to my Lady is job enough.
Thank you for your good letter as ever yours
Harold

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GOVERNING RULES FOR SENDING INDUSTRIAL AND
VOCATIONAL STUDENTS TO THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA BY CHIAO
TUNG UNIVERSITY AND
PEKING UNIVERSITY
JOINTLY

- (1) Industrial and vocational students are to be selected and sent out to the United States by Chiao Tung University and Peking University jointly.
- (2) The total number of the above said students to be sent every year is limited to fifty persons.
- (3) The Head Joint Office of Chiao Tung University and Peking University in Peking will issue a certificate in triplicate: the first copy shall be given to the student selected to be sent abroad; the second copy to the Department of Labour of the United States Government as reference; the third be kept by the sub/joint Office in America.
- (4) Before sending a student abroad, the Head Joint Office in Peking must notify its Sub-Joint Office in America to secure a suitable position for him, and when such position is obtained and duly notified by the latter, then the student will be permitted to proceed to America.
- (5) The standard of the above said students must be the same as that of the engineering and industrial students sent out annually to America by the Chinese Government, and they must pass the examination given by the above universities.
- (6) Any student in America wishing to become an industrial student under these rules, must pass such examinations as may be given by the sub-Joint Office in America.
- (7) Students sent out under these rules must continue in their respective positions for a specified period of time. If they discontinue, the Sub-Joint Office in America has the power to send them back.
- (8) When the request of the two universities is complied with by the Department of Labour of the United States Government, a Sub-Joint Office will be established by the two universities in the city of Washington to take charge of these affairs in America.

November 3, 1923

Professor H. S. Vincent
Peking University
Peking, China

My dear Howard:

I arrived here this week and at once took up the matter of your coming to this country on the errand we discussed. The judgment of the Trustees, who were present at that meeting, was against your coming on financial grounds. It seems that Iowa and Nebraska have been very hard hit by farming conditions, and efforts already undertaken in that area (and the same is true of Minnesota) have been called off because the prospects were too unpromising. Furthermore the Presbyterian Board would be criticised for permitting any of its missionaries to come to this country just now on a special effort when they have opposed others doing this because of their own debt and the general difficulty of raising money. Our contract with the present publicity firm expires December 31 so that this would have to be the University enterprise as such, and in any case it would be hard to explain the permission to any missionary of the Presbyterian Board, whatever his other relationships might be. The secretaries of that Board were very cordial in saying that if on health grounds the Mission recommended it, they would be glad to see you come and would encourage your efforts for a Memorial Building and the Tanning Department equipment, and would back you up to the limit.

You will have to decide whether the strain you have been under and other personal reasons justifies such a request from the Mission. Personally, I would like to see you come and believe that something could be accomplished financially, despite unfavorable conditions. Talk it over with Corbett.

With constant remembrance and every good wish, including greetings to Mr. Simmons,

As ever,

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1445 A Ave.,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa,
February 24, 1924.

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Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dear Dr. Stuart,

In a letter that came from father yesterday, he said that he was sailing for America on February 25. That will be tomorrow and will mean that he ought to land about March 12 or 15. I am so glad that he is coming because I think the change will give him a needed rest.

As I understand it, the purport of his trip is to help raise money for Peking University. I have been wondering if I may not be able to assist him in his work as a secretary or in some other work. I have not made any definite plans for the coming summer and would like very much to get into some work in the campaign. Moreover, I would like to be with father as much as possible this summer. Would you be able to give me any information concerning this? Of course I will not be able to start work until June.

I have wanted to ask you several times this year about father's coming and about the progress of the campaign. I know the project was in discussion when I left Peking. Now that he is coming, I am becoming quite anxious for the time of his arrival. John and Rea are also coming. This will be fine. From the letter, they are travelling third class on the Empress of Australia.

Very Sincerely,

William Vincent

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March 1, 1924

Mr. William Vincent
1445 A. Avenue
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear William:

Your letter, which was awaiting me on my arrival today at the office, was the first direct knowledge I have had that your father was returning to this country. I had rather hoped that he would and had been wondering what was happening to him. He and I had hoped that he could be released to come over and help in our campaign, but the Presbyterian Board felt that this would be against its regulations. They said that the only thing that would authorize his return at this time would be medical advice. Unfortunately he had meanwhile become sufficiently weak and exhausted to enable him to secure such advice. His appendicitis operation and of course the effect on him of your mother's death, combined with the strain of his duties have evidently made it advisable for him to secure a rest. My thought would be that all of you have a good time together for awhile after his return. I hope though, that before very long that he can begin to carry out our original plans, and it may be that this coming summer these plans will justify your association with him. I shall have to take the whole matter with our trustees and will see that you get word as soon as anything can be decided.

I am sending you a copy of "Peking News", which gives the latest results in our campaign. In many ways it has been encouraging, although we are still a long way off from what we should have to carry out our program.

With best wishes in your own studies,

Affectionately your friend

JLL.

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Copies for Dr. Luce and Mr. Strong

March 4, 1924

Rev. H. S. Vincent, D. D.
Passenger on Empress of Australia
Canadian Pacific S. S. Co.
Vancouver, Canada

My dear Howell:

William has written me of your plans for coming to this country. I have been wondering what had happened to you, and I am very much pleased to know that you are actually on the way here. It seems to be the best thing that could have happened, although I fear that the way you are traveling will be one more hard experience after those you have hitherto suffered. However, let us hope that a stay in America will bring refreshment and strength.

I am sailing for Great Britain this coming Saturday, to be there probably for about a month. After that I shall be in the country through April before sailing for China.

I shall take up with our office people the question of your helping in the Campaign along the lines talked over between us two. William has also raised the question as to his helping as a secretary to you.

The first thing is for you to get a thorough rest, during which time I hope some definite plans can be determined upon for the time to follow. I suggest you write Dr. H. W. Luce at this address, who will be most sympathetic.

Meanwhile, my affectionate sympathy and earnest hope that by the time I get back you will already be benefited noticeably.

My greetings to John and Rea.

Very sincerely yours

JLS:S

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March 13th
1924

My dear Mr. Vincent:-

I have just written quite a full letter to your father and he will probably show it to you, so I have not sent you a copy but I am writing to you more briefly on the assumption that you will have the facts mentioned in that letter.

The question of utilizing your kind offer of working with your father is one which is entirely in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Trustees. I am therefore referring your letter, together with copy of my reply, to Mr. Moss, who will see that it comes to the attention of the Committee. From the campaign standpoint I am naturally glad indeed to see as strong a staff as possible on the job, and if the Committee feels that it is practicable for them to make an arrangement with you, I shall be glad to discuss the matter with you in detail with a view to working out an arrangement satisfactory to Doctor Luce, Mr. Lewis and the others connected with the campaign. Doctor Stuart will be back from England by the 10th of April and since you would not be available in any case before the first of June, I judge that there will be plenty of time to go over the situation after his return. We appreciate greatly your good spirit in offering your services.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. William Vincent,
1445 A Avenue,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Director

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March 13th
1924

Dear Doctor Vincent:-

Just before sailing for England Doctor Stuart handed to me a copy of his letter to you and also a letter from your son William, with the request that I advise you of the situation.

While as you may know, my own connection with the University is simply for the period of the campaign, this enterprise has appealed very deeply to me and I want to assure you that we are indeed grateful to have you added to the group to work on this project. Of course our problem of public presentations was much more important last spring than it is now. A year ago the University was very little known outside of a small constituency, so we were obliged to put a very heavy staff in the field and hold a large number of meetings in order to acquaint the public with the main facts about the institution. That work was very well done through presentations by Doctor Stuart, Doctor Luce, Mr. Caskey, Mr. Hung and Mr. Porter.

As a result of these presentations, we began to develop a larger personal constituency and as you know, results during recent months have been quite encouraging. At present we have secured, counting a number of verbal promises, somewhat over \$780,000 toward the million dollar program as laid out in September 1922. There are a large number of good individual prospects now on our lists and it is primarily a question of careful work with these individuals during the coming months. Naturally it is advisable for Doctor Luce and Doctor Stuart to follow up their own best leads, and we do not contemplate having them develop much in any new territory between now and the time of their sailing.

We understand that you yourself have unusual access to the people in Iowa, Nebraska and other territory in that region. I myself was born in Iowa and therefore know that section quite intimately. As your son doubtless will tell you, the "Corn Belt" was very seriously affected financially during the past two or three years, and is recovering slowly. Iowa is ahead of Nebraska but it is still far from being back to normal prosperity. Under these conditions you face a difficult task, but I am sure that your personal connections and your ability to present the case on the basis of personal experience will make it possible for you to achieve very worth while results. Doctor Stuart is primarily concerned with three objectives- first, undesignated gifts,

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Doctor Vincent

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second, money to provide for the salaries of workers listed on the enclosed copy of Peking News, third, more faculty residences. These are listed in order of urgency. I am sure you will be able to make your own plans as to where you had best begin work. I am sending you under separate cover copies of our main items of literature and we shall be glad to send you whatever number of these items you may requisition. If you will wire us your order we will send them to you by parcel post, special delivery, to any address or addresses which you may indicate.

I enclose carbon of a letter I am writing to your son. This will explain itself.

With reference to your expenses in connection with your personal activity on behalf of the campaign, I may say that our usual basis is as follows: hotel bills are paid up to four dollars per day; vouchers covering these bills should be attached to the expense accounts. The same is true on Pullman stubs. A flat allowance of three dollars per day is made to cover meals and tips. Other necessary business expenses such as taxis (with baggage) telegrams, postage, stenographic service, are also allowed. Whenever convenient, vouchers covering items of any considerable size should be attached to the account. Expense accounts should be submitted weekly to Leslie B. Moss, 150 Fifth Avenue, as he is the administrative secretary in charge.

Mr. James H. Lewis has just been appointed to succeed Mr. Caskey, but of course he wishes to devote his first few weeks to getting acquainted with the general situation and pushing two or three special propositions where he has important connections. Therefore the general correspondence regarding the campaign is left in the hands of the existing organization for the present. (The contract between the University and our firm expires June first.)

We want you to feel free to take up problems with us and we shall be glad to advise with you at any time regarding your activities, but we should prefer to have you take the initiative in mapping out any schedule and plan of operation which you personally believe adapted to securing maximum results. No one unfamiliar with your particular contacts could offer the right suggestions. I may simply say that we have utilized four types of public presentations to precede personal solicitation in each community. These include church services, addresses before rotary clubs and similar luncheon groups, evening parlor conferences of men and women and special invitation luncheons and dinners. The latter can be paid for from our campaign account within reasonable limits.

I recognize that this letter may leave many questions unanswered. Do not hesitate to write or wire in order to get matters sufficiently cleared up to enable you to begin work when you are ready.

Very cordially yours,

Dr. H. S. Vincent
1445 A Avenue
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Director

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March 14, 1924

Rev. H. S. Vincent, D. D.
1445 A Avenue
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

My dear Vincent:

I hoped to have a letter for you at the steamer, but on short notice I had to go quickly to hold the situation in Pittsburgh and so was prevented from doing so.

I had hoped you might stop to see a gentleman who has lived at Portland, Oregon and is now living near there. At this moment I can't recall his name without going to our mailing list. You doubtless have him in mind anyway, and probably you may have stopped to see him. In any event it is probably too late for you to do that now.

I have been out of the office almost continuously since December and have only returned this morning. I am writing you the first thing and enclosing a copy of Peking News, which will be of special interest to you. Drop me a line at your early convenience.

I am hoping to have several days here at the office just to catch my breath and answer long-delayed correspondence. At the present moment my schedule is very uncertain. I have just cabled to China that I shall delay another six weeks, and am planning to sail from Seattle on the President Jackson, May 8th. It is possible that Dr. Stuart will sail with me. He has gone over to England now, to endeavor to secure the cooperation of the Irish and Scotch Presbyterians in Manchuria, and I shall use my time until sailing just to touch the high spots of interest, to see if we can secure the two dormitories at \$50,000 each, and ten residences at \$7,000 each.

I am really waiting to see one or two very important people in Detroit. After that I shall go on to the Pacific Coast. If I can start early enough, I want to return to Southern California just to see two or three important people. If we can get cooperation at Seattle, it may be that Dr. Stuart and I will both try to be there

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March 14, 1924

from May 4th to 8th, just preceding the sailing of the boat.

I hope you received my letter that I wrote at the time of the passing on of your beloved wife. For three days I thought that Mrs. Luce was at Yokohama at the time of the earthquake, and that experience has enabled me to understand and sympathize with you in the experience that you have passed through.

I hope that you will find the boys well and that your journey leaves you somewhat rested.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely yours

HNL:S

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Friday Harbor Wash Mar 22, 47

Mr. Harold V. Strong,

Peking University,
156 Fifth Ave New York.

My dear Mr Strong,

Your of March 13 was forwarded to me here by my son in Cedar Rapids Ia. Thanks. I did not receive a letter from Dr. Stuart. If you would have a copy made from your copy and send it to me I would greatly appreciate it.

We are all rejoicing in the success of your campaign. As at my part - after a little more rest & seeing some leads that I have out here I expect to go to Neb. & Iowa Hope to attend Ft Dodge presbytery I feel that I must get in touch with the New York office & especially with Dr. Stuart before I begin any campaign in Iowa. It may be that I can be of more use following up some of the leads that Dr. Stuart & Dr. Luce will have I have. Please send me Dr. Stuart's letter - some stationary & about 25 each of the leading campaign helps. I have not received the samples which you sent to Cedar Rapids Iowa.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
(YENCHING TA HSUEH)
PEKING, CHINA.

DEPARTMENT OF LEATHER

Please address them to

G. F. Le. Bricka 2525 O. St.
Lincoln Nebraska.

Sincerely yours,
H. Vincent.

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Bankers Trust Company

2525 O St. Lincoln Neb.
 Apr. 9, 1924.

My dear Leighton,
 your kind letter of March 4th did not find me as we left the steamer at Victoria. A letter from the office however refused to it and ~~was~~ received a copy from them upon request.

I should like to have visited longer on the coast, but Fort Dodge Presby. meets Apr 15th and if I am to do any thing there later I will have to beat the meeting.

I am booked for two addresses & hope to get my plie across to Presby. I do not know what may come of my slight efforts on the coast. There is good interest here among bellies old friends & I am preparing a little campaign among them.

I will probably be sent as a commissioner to Gen. Assby at Detroit from Ft. Dodge Presby. Iowa. Will it be possible to meet you there?

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I have received a kind letter from Luce
and he says that you & he expected
to be in Seattle May 4-8th I did
not think it wise to wait out there
to see you as I needed to get in
touch with Fort Sledge, Presby.
If at all possible I want to see you
before you return to China.

Is John going back with you?
Your family are counting the days till
you & he return.
No we were quite comfortable & I
dine on the Camp of Australia. We
provided ourselves with many oranges,
which filled the only real lack.

It may be that I could be better
used in following up contacts of
yours & Mr. Luce. I shall let you
know how our work is received
next week at Presby of Fort Sledge.
Sincerely thanks you for your helpful
letter & hope to see you soon. Howell
Sincerely yours. H.W.

April 17, 1924

Rev. H. S. Vincent, D. D.
2525 O Street
Lincoln, Nebr.

My dear Howell:

Your letter came duly to hand. I have been waiting for my own plans to take shape before writing you. I think I wrote that Dr. Luce and I were sailing on May 8, "S. S. President Jackson" from Seattle. I shall have a pretty closely filled schedule between now and then and my route does not take me in your neighborhood. I had hoped that somehow it might be possible to arrange a meeting. The next point would probably be Chicago, where I spend Tuesday, April 29, but I have duties that will occupy a good part of the day. I can be reached through Mr. John I. Logan, Industrial Appliance Company, Postal Telegraph Building. If you feel it is sufficiently urgent to meet me there.

I have explained to our new executive secretary, Mr. James H. Lewis, the plans of which we had talked and he is heartily in sympathy with your going ahead on this basis, using your judgment as to the method and other arrangements. Of course the University would provide for such expenses as would be incurred, although before doing so there ought to be a statement from you as to approximately what these would be, and a formal action by our campaign committee which could be presented by Mr. Lewis. He is rather desirous about the ability of the farming people of that section to contribute now, although he recognizes that in the city there is wealth. If the \$50,000 dormitory seems, upon further investigation, to be too large an amount to tackle, how about working on what would seem to you to be a building necessary for your own department and going in for this. It may be again that you could pick up a salary of one or another amount promised over a term of years. I shall see that you get specimen copies of our promotional literature and you can order, of course, whatever you want in this line or in the way of our stationery.

If I do not see you again before sailing, my constant remembrance and affectionate good wishes, and the hope of seeing you back in Peking before long much improved in health and in every other way.

Very cordially yours

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P. S. If you feel that there is an occasion for coming East to visit the Walnut Street Church, the Martin Dennis people and others interested in you and your work. Do not hesitate to take this up with Mr. Lewis.

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May 1, 1924.

Dr. H. S. Vincent,
c/o F. E. Bricka,
2525 O Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

My dear Dr. Vincent:

I must apologize to you for not having replied more promptly to your letter of April 5th enclosing your expense account from Seattle to Lincoln, as chargeable to the Peking Campaign.

The presentation of your bill raised a number of questions that had not been cleared here in New York and it has been necessary to secure committee action and have several conferences on the matter before I was authorized to make payment of your bill.

We had been under the impression that the Presbyterian Board were paying the expenses of your furlough. No action had ever been taken authorizing such expenses as were involved in your trip returning to this country and the consideration of these matters required more time than I had supposed they would.

The enclosed check is evidence that I have been authorized to make payment of this particular bill.

The Campaign Committee asked me, however, to state to you that they feel it wise that you get a very thorough rest before undertaking to do any campaign work and that prior to actually engaging in such work that will involve expense for the University, arrangements should be made for it with Mr. James H. Lewis at 156 Fifth Avenue, who is the Executive Secretary in charge of campaign activities for the institution.

I understand that you are seeing Dr. Stuart on his way to the coast, and he will, perhaps, mention this matter to you in conversation.

I sincerely trust that you will find satisfactory rest and recuperation so that you will be entirely restored in physical vigor.

With sincerest best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

Assistant Secretary,
Peking University.

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*Attention
Finance Committee
Bd. of Trustees*

TRANSFER

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September 1, 1927.

Rev. H. S. Vincent, D.D.,
Presbyterian Mission,
Bangkok,
Siam.

My dear Howell:

I have just heard indirectly that you are staying in Siam for the coming year. I can imagine the pleasure this will be to you and the practical value of the presence of both of you to the work in your old field. Three days ago I moved over into my new home and am now living in what was once your bedroom, using for the time the furniture left there. I am as comfortable as can be and am looking forward to a very happy year in that house. I confess though that during these days every time I have moved around in it I have had poignant memories of Agnes and yourself and the wish that you were still with us. Your gracious hospitality, your practical wisdom in many directions and the vivid and helpful interest that you both took in whatever concerned the welfare of the University, to say nothing of my personal affection for you both combine to make me regret very much your loss from our community. I hope more than ever that this will be only temporary. Even with our struggling finances I feel we would be justified in having two such personalities charged against our Presbyterian budget because of the general influence you will exert and your value in your own department as well as in other aspects of the task. This leads me to the special reason for writing this letter. I need make no apology to those as sympathetic as both of you for doing so. You were to take up on arrival in New York with the Presbyterian Board the removal of your name from their quota and the payment by the Board beginning July 1st of the regular amount when there are vacancies in the quota. This is two hundred and fifty dollars silver (\$250.00) per month. Since you left here we have had an

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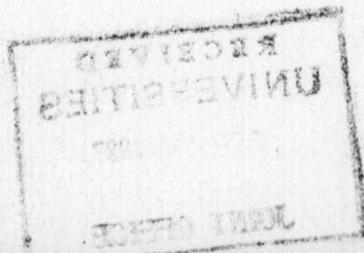
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order to reduce our budget forty-one thousand dollars silver (\$41,000.00). This is due to a number of factors which are more or less temporary but it has hit us awfully hard for the coming session. We are clutching at any and every source of relief and one of these, of course, is this item. Having lost you we do not want to lose at the same time "your cash equivalent". Since you are not proceeding to New York will you take this matter up, if you have not already done so, with the Presbyterian Board. Meanwhile we shall assume that they will act favorably as there seems no reason to think they will not, Once the matter has been clearly explained to them.

Be sure to let me hear from you not too infrequently. With best wishes for the coming year and affectionate greetings to both of you as well as to Ray,

Very sincerely yours,

J. R. S.



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order to cause our budget forty-one thousand dollars silver
 (191,000,000). This is due to a number of factors which
 are more or less temporary but it has a very serious
 for the coming year. We are planning at any and every
 source of relief, one of these, of course, is this item.
 I think you would not want to lose it this time
 your cash is low. Since you are not proceeding to
 New York with your case this matter up, if you have not
 already done so, with the regulatory Board. I am sure
 we shall assume that they will act favorably as there seems
 no reason to think that will not. The matter has been
 clearly explained to them.

It is our aim to get the case from your hands as soon as
 it has been decided for the coming year. I hope to be
 in contact with you as well as to say.

Very sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature]

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 UNIVERSITIES
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^{Mrs.}
Vincent, Dr. H. S.

255 Clark Road
Brookline, Mass.

Conrad New Bradford, New Hampshire
Oct. 1, 1928 *11/25/30*

#502 for work in Leather Dept. (\$500 for the work and \$8
for sending it out to
China)

Gift received	✓
Receipt slip #	214
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	456
Pledge signal attached	✓
X-file cards	
Letter ack. sent	✓
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	✓
" " stencil	✓

Regarding this gift, Cable sent Oct. 1st to Peking as follows:

"You may draw at sight G \$500 Dr. & Mrs. H. S. Vincent have given as a contribution toward leather machinery provided that Paul Chang continue in the present position after their return."

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
DEPT. OF LEATHER TANNING
PEKING, CHINA

255 CLARK ROAD
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

Jan 20th 1929

Rev. Chester E. Fenney D.D.
3601 Locust St.
Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Dr. Fenney,

We have received a letter from Dr. Leighton Stuart in which he indicates that he would like to have us take part in Yenching's financial campaign for a year before returning to China. I believe that you and I could work well together along the line that you proposed to Dr. Hsu Hsing.

I will be in New York Wed. Jan 23rd on my way to Washington D.C. and will

probably stop over a day
in New York or Philadelphia
on our way back from
Washington to Boston. ^{Friday} ^{Saturday} ^{Monday}
I hope that we may be able
to meet for at least a
few minutes.

If you can suggest
how, where, & when we
can best meet please leave
word for me at Genchering
office on Wed. A.M. Jan. 23rd
or address me % Charles V.
Inglis, Kellogg Bldg. 1416 F. St.
Washington on Thursday and
Friday Jan. 24-25.

Sincerely yours.

H. Vincent.

February 2, 1929

Memo to Mr. Garside

When I had a brief conversation with Dr. H. S. Vincent about the possibility that he might cooperate, as suggested by Dr. Stuart, with Dr. Jemey in raising funds, I found that he was not in any sense seeking for an appointment of this character but was only willing to cooperate as requested by Dr. Stuart. I told him that the matter would have to be taken up with the Finance Committee since it would involve an addition to the budget of the campaign office. Please make a memorandum to take this matter up at the next meeting of the Finance Committee. Please put it on the program for the first meeting of the committee after my return to the city about February 8th.

It will in my judgment be a serious mistake if the Finance Committee does not permit the contributions of Mr. Lockhart, Mrs. McKelvy, and Dr. Sailer to be definitely allocated for residence requirements for appointees of Princeton-in-Peking. If the Committee is in any doubt about this, I hope the matter may be held over until I can discuss it with them.

O. D. Wannamaker

ODW:BB

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February 13, 1929

Dear Dr. Porter:

When Dr. Vincent came in to talk with me two weeks or more ago I found, after we had conversed for some time, that we were discussing two different matters. He was thinking of your and Mr. Hung's suggestion for a work for him at Yenching and I was thinking of Dr. Stuart's suggestion that he might help us with financial solicitation in this country until arrangements might be made for him to return to China next year. I am, however, interested in the question of some possible service from him in this country. Before approaching him further in this regard, however, I wish to know whether there is any likelihood that he would be successful in soliciting funds. Please write me very definitely how you feel about this matter. Your letter will be considered strictly confidential.

Dr. Stuart suggests that Dr. Vincent might accomplish something in the middle west, mentioning especially Iowa. I hate to ask the finance committee to authorize special expenditure for travel while we have Dr. Jenney on long and costly trips. Dr. Jenney suggests that Dr. Vincent might accomplish something in the immediate neighborhood of New York where we secured extremely little money in the last campaign.

When you reply to this letter please let me know what you have done or propose to do in the Harvard Union. I feel very much disappointed at the disappointment Dr. Stuart will feel when he realizes that we have no prospect of securing Padelford. This young man seemed such a fine fellow and he was so eager to go to Yenching that it is a pity to lose him. His field, of course, is political science. I have had a long talk with his father and tried to discover whether Dr. Padelford himself would be in position to furnish any money toward his son's budget. The conversation gave me an entirely negative impression in that respect.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lucius C. Porter
79 Martin Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

ODW:BB

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COPY

February 16, 1929

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Dr. Vincent for the Bureau of University Extension at
Yenching University

For: Dr. Chester E. Jenney

Dr. Howell S. Vincent spent a number of years in Siam where he developed an excellent tannery works in connection with the Presbyterian Mission. He went to Yenching on the invitation of the President to start the Department of Leather Tanning. In a few years time he had built up a magnificent department known throughout the length and breadth of China and his pioneering work has been the inspiration for the start of several other leather tanning departments in different sections of China. He has trained a number of Chinese experts in the industry who are all now engaged in productive work. Two years ago he left Yenching University, leaving the department in the charge of a very enterprising young Chinese instructor, Mr. Paul Chang, who is now doing splendid work, although under some handicaps such as the limitation of staff as well as his own poor health.

A number of the friends are at present urging Dr. and Mrs. Vincent to return to Yenching University again. It seems as if it would not be necessary for him to give his whole time to the Department of Leather Tanning, although his advice and teaching of certain courses will be needed. Most of us have high estimation of Dr. Vincent's special inventive gift, his thoroughly practical understanding of the common daily need of the poor people of China and his fine spirit of Christian service. We feel that, while the University is at present pushing rapidly along the line of scientific and literary research, it would be very desirable for the University as a whole to keep constantly in view the common daily prosaic needs of the poor people of China. It would be fine if the work of instruction and research can be in some way related to the problems of actual social and economic application to the needs of the poor industrial and agricultural communities of China.

It has been thought worthwhile to have at the University a man like Dr. Vincent to head up a department or bureau under some such title as a Bureau of University Extension where the practical problems of the common needs of the people are gathered and submitted to the various departments for study and research or where some practical inventions can be worked out to meet such economic or engineering need, in other words, the whole sphere of activities of which his previous work in the inauguration of leather tanning training may be offered as a type.

The financial need of such an advantage would call for the annual salary of the Vincents which might be estimated in round figures about \$2500 in gold per year and as much endowment or annual gift as possible to look after a minimum staff of assistants. There might be need also of a minimum equipment in order to facilitate the work of inventions.

My suggestion would be that if you should run into any people who might be interested in such a project, the best thing would be to get Dr. Vincent to come in touch with these people.

/s/ William Hung

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

February 19, 1929

YENCHING

The Rev. Howell S. Vincent, D. D.,
255 Clark Road,
Brookline,
Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Vincent:

In your letter of January 31, you reported that you and Mrs. Vincent would be glad to serve as affiliated missionaries of the Presbyterian Board related to Yenching University if this were agreeable to the University. Word has recently been received from the University Office that Yenching would be glad to have you but would be unable to provide your support out of the University General Budget. Inasmuch as your letter to the Board indicated that you would not expect support either from the Presbyterian Board or from the general funds of the University, the way was open for your appointment. The Board at its meeting yesterday, February 18, upon recommendation from the Executive Council, took the following action:

// "In view of the expectation that the Rev. Howell S. Vincent, D.D., and Mrs. Vincent will return to China in the not distant future and of their desire to serve without expense to the Board as Affiliated Missionaries in Yenching University in the North China Mission, the action of November 11, 1927 was amended and Dr. and Mrs. Vincent were transferred as of March 31, 1929 to affiliated missionary relationship without any allowance from the Board." //

Everyone is very happy at the thought that you and Mrs. Vincent will again be serving in the Christian missionary enterprise abroad and hopes that the way will be clear for you to go out to China this year.

The Board action is, I believe, in accord with your desire to continue unbroken your relationship with the Board. The phrase "without any allowance from the Board" is an expression recently adopted to cover several kinds of allowances now granted including the Board's share of the recently instituted pension premium.

The foregoing action constitutes you an affiliated member of the North China Mission with direct and special relationship with Yenching University.

As a matter of record, I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary of the Trustees of Yenching University, also a copy to the Secretary of the North China Mission and to the Secretary of the China Council.

Trusting that your future service in China is fully satisfying, I remain, with warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,
(S.T.S.)

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Yenching University

TRANSFER

March 6, 1929

Dr. H. S. Vincent,
255 Clark Road,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Dr. Vincent:

We have been very much gratified to receive word from the Presbyterian Board that you and Mrs. Vincent have been appointed as affiliated missionaries of the Presbyterian Board related to Yenching University. While I have not as yet had time for a formal reply from President Stuart, I know that this arrangement will be highly gratifying to the University.

We are quite happy at the thought that you and Mrs. Vincent will undoubtedly be returning to China in the near future. Have you as yet made final plans as to the time you would be sailing for the field?

With warmest good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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YENCHING

TRANSFER

Yenching University

May 23, 1929

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Dr. H. S. Vincent,
255 Clark Road,
Brockline, Mass.

My dear Dr. Vincent:

Inquiries have recently come from Yenching as to the date when you and Mrs. Vincent plan to return to the field. I raised this question with Dr. George T. Scott's office but it seems that their information is somewhat meagre. I would appreciate it if you would drop me a note at your convenience giving us general information as to your plans.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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255 Clark Road Brookline Mass.
June 2nd 1929.

Mr. B. L. Garrido
150 Fifth Ave.
New York.

made note to
bring to Finance
Committee

Dear Mr. Garrido: -
We do hope to go to China some
day to work in Yenching
but do not expect to go until
we are assigned a definite
work that we can do.

That inquiry came to you
& the word was given out in
Peking that we were to come
in the not distant future
because the Presbyterian
Board announced that
they were appointing us
as associate missionaries
to work in Yenching.
Of course this is contingent
on whether Yenching will
give us a real job to do.

I had hoped to be in touch
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Sincerely yours.

A. Vincent.

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Yenching University

June 5, 1929

Memorandum to Mr. Wannamaker

You will be interested in the following letter which I have just received from Dr. H. S. Vincent. It was written in reply to a brief note I sent him last week asking as to his plans for return to China.

You will probably wish to bring up again at the Finance Committee meeting Friday the question of Dr. Vincent's possible assistance in special promotional work:

"We do hope to go to China some day to work in Yenching but do not expect to go until we are assigned a definite work that we can do.

That inquiry came to you and the word was given out in Peking that we were to come in the not distant future because the Presbyterian Board announced that they were appointing us as associate missionaries to work in Yenching. Of course, this is contingent on whether Yenching will give us a real job to do. I had hoped to be in touch with Dr. Jenney to get funds for a special work in Yenching (including our salary) but through lack of response from Peking we are, as we were, on the watchful waiting list."


B. A. GARSIDE

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June 21, 1929

Dear Professor Vincent:

I wish it were possible to see you for a more detailed discussion regarding some special financial effort which you might make in behalf of the University. Unfortunately, the serious illness of Mrs. Wannamaker forces me to sail for Europe on June 28th. Since it will not be possible for you and me to go into details in regard to this matter, I shall be grateful if you could arrange at some time during the summer, to talk fully with Dr. Chester E. Jenney. I shall be at the office again near the end of September and hope you may then confer and make some special plan.

The Finance Committee has adopted a very rigid policy regarding all expenditures, forbidding every expenditure prior to the actual receipt of cash. The Committee has been especially concerned about the overhead expense in America. Our budget for the Home Office was adopted early in the year and must be conformed to, unless we can get special permission to add items. For this reason, I should like much to have you present some fairly accurate idea regarding the cost of the effort which you think it will take to raise funds for the University. In other words, you would know better than I, how much travel would be necessary, what compensation is required, and what other expenditures must be incurred.

I shall be glad to hear from you if you can write me prior to my sailing, but I think a thorough-going discussion between you and Dr. Jenney, very important.

With cordial greetings to Mrs. Vincent, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Prof. H. S. Vincent,
255 Clark Road,
Brookline, Mass.

ODW:KK

June 26, 1929

Yenching University

Memorandum to Dr. Jenney:

I wrote to Dr. Vincent expressing my regret in not having been able to confer with him in detail regarding his ideas as to the possibility of raising some more money during the next twelve months for his own special work in Yenching. I suggested that he confer with you. I shall be glad if you can reach some practical workable plan for using him, though the Finance Committee required that he should report in the autumn about the matter, indicating how much expense would be necessary in this connection. I am sending you a copy of the letter I wrote Dr. Vincent so that the whole thing may be clear.

Please note that we have no authority definitely to commit ourselves to the expenditure of money for travel by Dr. Vincent, etc., till we have previously discussed the matter in the autumn with the Finance Committee. I think it must be handled very tactfully to avoid giving Dr. Vincent the impression we are just playing with him.

O.D.W.

ODW:KK

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255 CLARK ROAD
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

July 10th 1929.

Rev. C. C. Fenney D.D. New York.

Dear Dr. Fenney, your letter of July 1st was written the day we left Brookline & started driving west. It found me at my son's home in Coldwater Michigan yesterday July 9th the day that you were in Detroit.

During July we will be enjoying the cool comforts of the corn belt with our address to R. S. Sinclair 340 Country Club Drive, Cedar Rapids Iowa. About August 1st we drive to Estes Park. We are due back to West Ossipee, New Hampshire Aug. 26th to receive our daughter at the closing of their camp. She will be at home in Brookline after the early part of September. If I had ^{had} your address

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in Detroit - yesterday I would
have wired you & there.

Maybe we could meet some
where in the mid west this
summer. Please let me know
if you can see a place for a
summer meeting in the
light of your own movements
and the above schedule.
My address until Aug 19th will
be as given above in Cedar Rapids.

I would be very glad to
sit down with you and to talk
the whole matter over. I confess
that I am a bit in the dark
as to what I am expected to
do either in a campaign or after
the campaign.

Please let me hear from
you, I would like to know about
the campaign - by whom it is
authorized, & for what purpose
the money is to be used, and
what part I have in the job.

With highest regards,
Sincerely yours H. Vincent



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Sept 1st - 1928.

Mr. Olin S. Hannamaker
150 Fifth Ave.

New York:

Dear Mr. Hannamaker.

I have been away from Brookline ever since receiving your letter in July. I trust that you had a pleasant trip to Europe & that you are well rested for the fall's work.

I am writing Mr. Jenney in hopes that we may get together & discuss a campaign for a special work in Yenching.

My knowledge of the plan and scope of the work in Yenching or the campaign for it here in America

is very slight indeed.
I hope that we may be able to
start in the campaign this
fall in preparation for Mr
Stuart's visit after New
Year's. Unless you have
more data and authority
for this campaign than I have
it would be well if Mr
Sturtevant could meet with
Mr. Fenner & you & me
so that we could talk
it over. The lack of coordination
as far as my part is concerned,
this is as it appears from
my view point.
Please let me know
what plans you have.

Sincerely yours
H. S. Vincent.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
(INCORPORATED IN 1889 AS PEKING UNIVERSITY)
PEKING, CHINA.

DEPARTMENT OF LEATHER TANNING

Dec 7, 1929

My dear Dr. Stuart,

May I have the pleasure to bless your good health, weather and happiness on your journey? May I also wish you to have a ~~happy~~ ^{very} Christmas and New Year? We are here thinking of you ^{very} often.

On your journey, I think you may touch with Dr. Vincent. I hope you can convince him to come back to Yenching. We need of him urgently. Recently, I received a letter from Dr. and Mrs. Vincent, they said they wish to see you and start a campaign for raising money to enlarge the leather works. We are hoping very much that you and Dr. Vincent can raise more money for leather. As the Leather Department was found by you and Dr. Vincent, and has won the fame in China, I trust you will be sure to plan to enlarge it.

We are working on very nicely. We have 15 regular students and 30 special students enrolled.

With best regards,

I am,
Yours obedient boy

Paul C. Chang

N.Y. 12-19-29

Memo to JLS:

Re: H. S. Vincent.

After considerable correspondence back and forth and discussion with the Finance Committee regarding some possible use of Doctor Vincent in our promotional work in America, I was unable to see any practicable use to be made of Doctor Vincent and finally wrote him that I saw nothing to be done until your arrival in America.

I suppose you will wish to bring matters to some definite conclusion in regard to the Vincents.

O.D.W.

ODW:KK

JLS wrote Dr. Vincent 12-21-29
saying he would see him
when he goes to Boston

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HSV

January 6, 1930

My dear Howell:

Thanks for your second note and the invitation to stay with you when I visit Boston. It rather seems to William Hung that I should accept an invitation from Professor Woods, because of the interests involved. May I suggest that you get in touch with William and find out if the invitation from Professor Woods still holds--otherwise, I should be delighted to take you up. I am counting on some good talks with Agnes and yourself about the possibility of your returning to Yenching and the various problems involved.

Looking forward to seeing you both soon.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. H. S. Vincent
255 Clark Road
Brookline, Mass.

JLS:KK

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BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

Jan 10th 1930.

Dear Lightone:

We keep in touch with Dr. and Mrs. Wood in regard to your visit. They asked if we could get a speaking appointment for you in Brookline for Sunday^{the} 19th. We have arranged subject to your approval for you to speak in ^{Newtownville} ^(Dr. Ellis' church, an important one) Cong. Church Sunday A.M. & will take you there.

We are so pleased that you are to be our guest for Dr. & Mrs. Wood have not returned yet.

Between your appointments.

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in Harvard and the
plans for parlor, ^{and} eating
meetings made out by
Mrs. Hung & Mrs. Vincent
you will be busy through
Tuesday Jan 21st

Please let me know
if I may meet you at
the train Sat. 6. M. We
think that you will be on
the midnight train from
New York which discharges
you at the South Station
Boston at 7²⁰ A. M.

William Hung & I will
meet you there at the South
Station & have breakfast
& plans.

Please confirm the
plan for Sunday ^{A.M.} service
and Breakfast Sat 6. M.
7²⁰ at South Station if you approve.
Sincerely yours,
H. Vincent.

January 24, 1930

My dear Paul:

I had your letter some days ago and have waited to reply until I could see Doctor Vincent in Boston. I returned yesterday from a few days spent there, about half of that time being a guest in his home. He is very anxious to return to Yenching and extend his ideas about industrial projects beneficial to the people of China, and we are jointly making an effort to get the necessary financial support. If our plans are successful, he would be able to help in the leather work as well as in the new enterprises he has in mind. Our program would include the removal of the factory to the power-house neighborhood with enlarged equipment. Meanwhile, I hope that the work is proceeding satisfactorily and that your own health is good.

With best wishes, I am

Affectionately,

Mr. Paul C. Chang
Yenching University
Peping, China

JLS:MK

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255 CLARK ROAD
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

Jan 31st 1930.

Dear Leighton:

Thanks to you, I have some splendid contacts at Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. Prof. Roorbach and Prof. Foster brought over Dr. Collier to day to see the table. They were very much pleased and Dr. Collier who is a graduate engineer from M.I.T. is going to make contacts for sale of patent for me with General Electric & General Motors both of whom he has served before he joined Harvard.

This group were so interested in my story & plan of a Bureau of Industrial Research for Social Service that they strongly advised

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that I bring the story and
plan to Mr. E. C. Day of
Rockefeller Foundation, a
former fellow professor with
them. Mr. Day they say is
interested in the aid to
social service and would
be deeply interested personally
in the plan. These men
secured a good letter of
introduction for me to
Mr. Day from Clara Donham.

If you will give me the
permission to use this
letter I would like to go
down to New York soon
& see what Mr. Day can
do for us from the Foundation.

Mr. Conant is very much
encouraged with his work
in Boston & Cambridge. The
way has not opened yet in
Brookline.
Great regard & earnest wishes
from Agnes & Howell.

255 Clark Road Brookline Mass.
Feb 8th 1930. CU.

Dear Mr. Marinaker.

A telegram from you was telephoned to me yesterday & in telephoning, it said wire immediately etc.

I sent reply by day letter by phone. I inclose the notes which I used in telephoning the day letter to you.

This morning the telegram copy came to me by mail & I find it says write immediately etc.

I hope that the day letter arrived correctly & that it is worth the added expense.

I turned over to Mr. Conant such publicity material as he desired that was available. I will be glad to help further as far as I can.
Sincerely yours H. Vincent.

Cost of H.S.Vincent's Experiment.

Salaries of two co-managers	\$ 3,000.	
House rent	600.	
Three Field Assistants	1,800.	
Three clerks	900.	
Travel	2,000.	
Office expenses	1,200.	
Contingent	<u>2,500.</u>	
Total- annual cost		12,000.00

Capital items.

One residence	7,000.	
Leather laboratory enlargement	10,000.	
Other laboratories	<u>15,000.</u>	
Total capital funds needed		<u>32,000.00</u>



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255 CLARK ROAD
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

March 4th 1930.

Mr. Chie S. Kammamaker,
150 Fifth Ave.
New York.

I have not yet received
a copy of the Statement
which on Feb 24th we told
Mr. Day we would send
to him in two or three
days. I hope that nothing
has blocked the way.
I think that the
outlook is good here

Sincerely yours.

H. S. Vincent

KK
sent 3-6-30

Bradford V. H. March 19 1932.

Dear Leighton.

I have not answered your letter in regard to our securing money to support the leather work in Yenching. We would like so much to do so but are quite impotent for such a task just now. This is hard to say and we keep hoping that the tide will turn.

We want to see you, not only for old sake's sake but we have something of deep experience to tell you and some books that will interest you on the voyage to China, which we want to send with you to the friends in Yenching.

Do come up and spend a day or two with us. A noon train from North Station Boston gets to Bradford 4¹⁵ P.M.

Agnes and I are guests of Mrs. Geo. Z. Davis 52 Madison Ave. Newtonville April 1st P.M. - 2nd & 3rd. If you are in Boston at that time please let us see you.

We all keep well and happy in expanding mental and spiritual

life in spite of (or may be partly because
of the shrinking material environment)

With best wishes for
you in all your efforts from Agnes
and your friend

Howell.

March 25, 1932

Dear Dr. Vincent:

We have delayed acknowledging your letter to Dr. Stuart until we know more definitely what his plans would be.

He now telegraphs us that he is not remaining on the west coast as we had expected he would but is on his way east and will stop off at Lockport, New York, for Easter with Dr. Jenney. We are forwarding your letter to him there. In the meantime we give you what information we have concerning Dr. Stuart's plans:

We are not sure whether he will leave Lockport Sunday night or remain over a day. His telegram stated that he would go from Lockport to Boston to attend a meeting of the Prudential Committee of the Congregational Board on March 29th. Regarding this, Dr. Stuart has been in communication with Mrs. L. O. Lee of the Board. We do not yet know with whom he expects to stay while in Boston, though we think it will probably be with Prof. and Mrs. James H. Woods at Cambridge.

It occurs to us that since you expect to be in Boston during the first days of April, it might be possible for you to go somewhat sooner in order to see Dr. Stuart before he leaves. Otherwise you might miss him, since it now seems unlikely that he will remain in the east longer than until the middle of April. Plans have been made for him to speak before a number of groups in California between that time and May 7th, when he sails for China. Up to the present time we do not know what days he is likely to be in New York except April 8th, and again on April 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th. He returns to Boston for meetings from April 9th through the 11th.

We are sorry we can give you no more definite information than the above. If Dr. Stuart communicates with you immediately upon receipt of your letter, as we think he will, he may be able to arrange a time to meet with you when it will be mutually agreeable.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. H. S. Vincent
Bradford, New Hampshire

P.S. Other persons in Boston with whom Dr. Stuart will probably be in touch are Dean George H. Chase, 12 Shady Hill Square, Cambridge, and Prof. Anton De Haas, Harvard School of Business Administration, Soldiers Field, Boston.

LM copy to JLS

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Bradford H. H. Aug 24th 1937

ack. 8/27/37.

Yenching University
150 Fifth Ave.
New York.

Dear Friends.

We as members of the old staff in Peiping are interested deeply in what is happening there now.

Furthermore Mr. Paul C. Chang of the Chemistry department is visiting now in our home until his school opens in Cincinnati Ohio Sept 20th 1937.

Mr Chang's wife & two sons are in Peiping and his parents at Hang Chow

We will all be very thankful to you if you will share with us any word which you get from China especially that concerning Yenching Peiping & Hang Chow.
Shanghai Sincerely yours
H. S. Vincent.

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August 27, 1957.

Dr. H. S. Vincent,
Bradford, New Hampshire.

Dear Dr. Vincent:

Glad to have your letter of August 24, and to have this reassurance of your continuing interest in Yenching affairs. We enclose herewith copies of letters which have been sent out recently to the members of the Yenching Board of Trustees. We also enclose a copy of a letter going out to the general members of the Associated Boards, summarizing the latest information available with reference to the situation in the other Colleges. I am sorry that we do not have any more definite information as to the conditions in Peiping and Hangchow, which might be reassuring to Mr. Chang. But we do earnestly hope that the members of his family in those two cities are quite safe.

The tragic things happening in China these days cause all of us deep concern and grief. It seems that there may be some dark months ahead for China. But we do hope that out of this time of conflict will come a new alignment of forces in the Far East which will make for enduring peace.

With warmest personal greetings and good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG/am

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Oct. 12-1-38

Blaisdell Homestead
Bradford, New Hampshire

Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
New York,

Dear Sirs,

Kindly inform me as to the
present whereabouts and address of
Dr. and Mrs. Wolfery and family and
also as to their health.

Yours truly,
(Mrs. W.S.) Agnes J. Vincent

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December 1, 1938

Mrs. H. S. Vincent
Blaisdell Homestead
Bradford, New Hampshire

My dear Mrs. Vincent:

I am replying to your letter of inquiry about Dr.
and Mrs. Wolfers.

Dr. and Mrs. Wolfers are at the University in
Peking, and may be addressed there in care of the University.
As you are no doubt aware, Mrs. Wolfers was in this country
recently on account of her health. She has been able to
return to China, although the health situation has not been
entirely corrected. We have had no indication from Peking
that she is in any more serious condition than when she re-
turned to China, which means that she is getting along as
well as could be expected.

Trusting that this information may answer your
question, I am

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

JIP:VW

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BLAISDELL HOMESTEAD

BRADFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

June 17, 1943.

Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York,

Dear Sirs: Will you please send me the addresses of Mrs. Bliss Wiant and Mr. Mrs. Thomas Beece and their son. Also is Mrs. Wolfeg at 99 Claremont Ave., New York still and what about Dr. Wolfeg? Is he interned at Yenching grounds? If possible please give me their daughter, Mrs. Edward R. Benner's address. Is it possible in any way to communicate with Dr. Leighton Stewart or with Dr. Hung? Have you a later list of those in America than 1939? If so I should like to have it. If you have no copy up to date please send your latest copy with addresses brought up to date by pencil in margin. I shall so much appreciate this help.

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I have been thinking much of late of the
brave work of teaching in the past and now
in these days of stress and I want to send in
a check for them. Since I am writing I shall
enclose it with this note.

With many thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs H. S.) Agnes J. Vincent

Are Dr + Mrs. Howard Holt in this country?
also Mrs. M. S. Frame, ~~Mr. B. C. Bailey~~ + Mrs. B. D. Wilson
+ Dr + Mrs. Stanley Wilson. Miss J. Pruitt - R. H. Ritter. etc.

June 22, 1943

Dear Mrs. Vincent:

Your letter of June 17th asked many questions, some of which are answered in the enclosed list of former and present faculty members. For instance the addresses for the Wiants, Breeces, Mrs. Wolferz, Mrs. Galt, Mrs. Sailer, Mrs. E. O. Wilson, Mrs. Stanley Wilson and the Ritters are all listed. Ida Pruitt is at 425 Fourth Avenue, New York City. Dr. Wolferz, Dr. Howard S. Galt, Ben Sailer, E. O. Wilson and Dr. Stanley Wilson are interned in North China, presumably at Weihsien. There is a strong hope for an exchange of citizens some time this summer, when we trust all these people will be included. We do not have the address of Mrs. E. R. Benner, but presumably you can get that from Mrs. Wolferz. Apparently you have not heard of the death of Mrs. Frame, which, I believe, occurred nearly eighteen months ago. She truly was a power in North China work and yet it was a blessing to be relieved from her suffering.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart is still interned by the Japanese in the Hennings Building in Peking, along with Dr. Houghton and A. J. Bowen of the PUMC. Dr. Hung has been seen in Peking by several of the staff members while they were interned in the American Embassy grounds, and for six months he was under arrest. Latest reports indicate that he was in good health. There is no way of communicating with any of them as the Japanese have all lines of communication thoroughly sealed. Occasionally a letter gets through to Chengtu, but not from Dr. Stuart.

Your contribution is gratefully appreciated and has been credited for the current needs of the University. Receipt is enclosed herewith. This is an especially timely gift when the University is greatly in need of funds to carry on its work at Chengtu. Of course the large number interned in North China is likewise an expense and thus you are contributing to a humane as well as a Christian and educational program. We hope sincerely that you will join with our prayers that the people who are interned will be repatriated and that the work of Yenching will continue without abatement.

You will be interested in knowing that Mr. Charles Corbett, formerly of the Yenching staff is now associated with us in the office. Likewise he brings a rich experience from North China. With added thanks, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

Mrs. H. S. Vincent
Blaisdell Homestead
Bradford, New Hampshire

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Bradford, N. H.
December 29, 1945

Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave,
New York City,

Dear Sirs,

\$ 10.00

Enclosed a check for
Yenching University to which I add
my prayers - V.

Yours Truly,

(Mrs. H. S.) Agnes V. Vincent.

Enclosed a note for Dr. Stuart.

Please address and mail.

given to him
in office

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Mrs. H. S. Vincent
Blaisdell Homestead
Bradford, N. H.

Yenching University
New York -

Dear Sirs,

Not knowing the name or address
of the enclosed, will you please check
on this movement before endorsing
and turning over to them this

Check

Dep # 25⁰⁰ ch.
9/5/46
Yenching

Yours Sincerely

Howell August J. Vincent

August 31, 1946

Paid 9/5/46 to
Mr P. C. Lee
25⁰⁰
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September 6, 1946

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Vincent:

We have received your check for \$25.00 to go to 'Dr. Stuart's 70th Birthday Scholarship Fund' and have turned it over to the National Secretary of the Yenching Alumni Association, Mr. Pao Ch'en Lee.

We are indeed grateful for this gift and your interest in Yenching University. The Alumni Association has our hearty support in their efforts ^{to} assist students of Yenching.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Vincent
Blaisdell Homestead
Bradford, N. H. Office Secretary

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