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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING-CHINA

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

January 6, 1927.

Doctor H. W. Luce,
Peking University,
New York City.

My dear Doctor Luce:

Happy New Year to you and Mother Luce. According to plans, I believe you are somewhere on the Pacific Coast at present. I wish you would drop over the pond and see us. I have some business to talk over with you, which lies very close to my heart and in which I am sure you can help.

My father was a Methodist minister, whose life was spent in the homeland, but whose heart was in the foreign field. When he started his ministry in 1888 he was kept from foreign service only because of poor health, which he later regained, so when he had five sons they were all dedicated to the ministry at home and abroad, and he was very influential in securing funds and folks for the missionary service.

My oldest brother went out in 1916 to Foochow, and in April 1923, just at the end of my preparation for coming to China, my father died. He had been planning on helping us with a residence, and also with the purchase of music and other equipment from friends that he knew. For six years, 1911-1917, he was pastor of the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Springfield, Ohio, during which time my oldest brother went to Foochow. During the next six years he was District Superintendent of the Springfield District, in which Central Church was the leading church. At the present time I am the missionary pastor of this church, and receive my support directly from them.

After father's death, knowing as I did his desire to help, I told the University headquarters that I would try to obtain a residence from his friends in the Springfield District. Doctor Stuart thought by such an appeal more money could be secured than from the Bishop Bashford Memorial, so he sanctioned our attempt to raise money. Mr. Wee and I spent three days in July 1923 in canvassing Springfield District, with the result that we secured in cash and pledges possibly \$10,000. This money was to be spent for a residence, and was to be known as the Wiant Memorial. My own church alone pledged \$5,000.

At that time the pastor of the home church was a man who was not enthusiastic over father's administration, mainly

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because of jealousy, so although \$5,000 was pledged, only about \$2,000 was actually paid. The money pledged by the other churches in this District was not turned in. As a consequence there is to date only \$4,229 to the credit of that account on our University balance sheet.

Just recently a new pastor has been assigned to the Springfield Church, the Reverend W. H. Wehrley, who was a very dear friend of my father, and is also a very good friend of mine. I feel that if you could make a trip out and see him and lay before him the facts in the case, you would be able to secure the balance of the money pledged, which would assure us of a residence here without borrowing from other funds, so that we could call it the Wiant Memorial Residence.

It is now only a little more than a year until we will be returning home on furlough, and I cannot conscientiously go back to them and tell them there has been nothing done at all towards making our dream a reality. When people there have been expecting to hear word concerning their investment, I have been embarrassed by not having any definite word to tell them.

If you do go, please look up my step-mother, Mrs. Lois J. Wiant, 505 South Wittenberg Avenue, as she will be able to give you more information than anyone else.

If you are successful in securing either actual cash or pledges, Doctor Stuart authorizes me to tell you to cable out to us to go ahead and build the residence. This is very important, since if it is to be built and we are to occupy it before going on furlough, it must be begun this year. It is all the more urgent because my brother, Paul Wiant, who is in charge of the Fukien Construction Bureau, is coming to Peking this summer in order to help in the building of this residence, inasmuch as he himself planned the house. I shall surely appreciate from the bottom of my heart any efforts that you may put forth in my behalf, and wish you every success in the attempt.

Before Mother Luce went she left with me some of your summer clothes and other articles, which will mean that when you come to Peking, you will have to come to our house and get fixed up. You are no doubt planning to come for the Formal Opening next fall, so be sure to come in time to wear your summer clothes, and stay at our house if you can.

Give my kindest regards to Mother Luce.

Yours cordially,

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Miss M. Wiant

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Peking University

February 7, 1927

Mr. Bliss M. Wiant,
Yenching University
Tsing Hua Yuan,
Peking West, China.

My dear Wiant:

I have your warm letter of January 5, 1927 concerning my objections to your persisting to draw upon us when specific instructions had been sent that you were not to draw drafts at all upon us. I am sorry that you feel that there has been neglect of your communications and lack of concern for your work. Under the pressure of work here we have been trying steadily to do the urgent matters first and have not sent explanatory letters as frequently as we would have liked to. That we have neglected vital interests that affect you - as you indicate in your letter - will not be shown by a brief note of facts, which I here put down, not to controvert you but to secure the better understanding which our common work in these critical times must have.

First: as to your drawing. Take into consideration these facts: Last July we sent cabled instructions not to draw further. For two weeks that cable was left in Peking untranslated, in which time \$20,000. was drawn! Again last summer on instructions by Mr. Gibb to draw \$5,000. on Mr. Bowman in Chicago, \$10,000. was drawn on us! Again, drafts came through improperly made out; notices were sent with the amount of the draft inaccurately entered. Mind you, I'm not saying you personally made these errors; I'm only asking you to note what we experienced. These and other experiences together with the practice of most mission boards led the Finance Committee to feel that as soon as possible we should change from the practice of having you draw to having us send forward drafts to you. Instructions as to this change were sent by cable October 1st as follows: "henceforth will issue drafts: your authority is withdrawn for drawing." Surely no instructions could be more definite. Please understand these were not my personal instructions but were given by the Finance Committee. If the field will not adhere to instructions such as these, the only way we can deal with it is to cut off the authority of your signature at the banks. What can we do? No notice reaches us till a few hours before the bank messenger presents the draft, - sometimes not till after he presents it! We do not know what is coming; we may not have funds in the bank to meet it! Last summer we had too many narrow squeaks - as close as forty eight hours between safety and a crash - to want to risk their repetition. I do not think either of us want to live through another summer like last and I am working to prevent it and not simply by telling you not to draw but by trying to get the money in hand and the procedure in

operation. Oughtn't we to expect your help by your adherence to Finance Committee instructions?

But what am I going to do - you say - if you don't send the funds? First, disburse in China no funds that are not within specific authorization from us in writing which you yourself have seen. Of this more later. Second, if you are actually in a pinch, through delayed mails, or such difficulties, cable us clearly and we'll do our best to pull you out. We care too much for the institution and all in it not to do all we can. I didn't carry the strain of the summer and early fall - up to the point where my doctor called a halt, - just because it amused me. I cared.

So please do not draw on us through banks any more.

Second: As to the Woman's College Library Fund. (1) It was authorized by the Woman's College Committee in 1924-5. That did not mean that the funds were in the Trustees' bank; the fund was, where it always has been, in Mr. Bowman's hands, except for what was paid us in May and July 1925 - \$6000. But your drawing on us for them was a drawing on the Trustees' bank. (2) Drafts for \$6,000. were paid in May and July 1925 because it was agreed that that amount should be drawn that year. Until your draft came no one on the field indicated that they had any thought of drawing on this fund this year. In July 1925 I wrote Stuart that this fund might not survive the pressure of building requirements of the Woman's College. You see, Dr. Stuart, Deans Frame and Hung were right that the Committee had voted it; but that was all they could testify to. No one could testify that it was subject to your three day sight draft on us in New York - except we in New York. Even if we had had it in the bank it would have been covered by our Finance Committee instructions not to draw drafts! Had you written or cabled the query it would have been straightened out without trouble.

Third: As to your letter of August 24th, it was not replied to because reply at the moment meant a longer study of the items than I was able to make. The data is now enough in hand to show me what to suggest to you. This I will put in another letter. The statement that we haven't enough interest in your affairs to get a treasurer to take your place is, of course, unfounded. The reason I have not done more to find a treasurer here was specifically because Dr. Stuart did not want us to secure a new treasurer without China experience, but wanted to try to find one out there. Our inaction was - as we understood it - in accord with the desire of the field.

Fourth: As to our not guaranteeing a fixed budget of income. You suggest that funds are made available to you on the basis of whim. I wish they were; then the situation could be easily improved! But you and we together have to make the best of a situation none of us are responsible for. We cannot remit or authorize you to draw funds we haven't got. The continuance of the University this year has been absolutely dependent on three funds - all from one common source, the Hall Estate. We could not give you a final word on the budget of 1926-7 until we knew that a part of those funds was in hand. In May, the Trustees talked of drawing checks. We delayed reporting the budget figure to you expecting every day to have them. Not a check came until the end of October! I did everything I knew how to get these checks in. I did everything in my power to secure additional resources and credit. The last \$10,000. sent you in October was sent when our only resource left was the readiness of a member of the Board of Trustees to borrow it personally. By that time we had borrowed US \$140,000. at the bank. I hope, in fairness to us, you will disabuse the minds of your new Finance Committee of the "whim"

idea under these circumstances.

The three funds I referred to were the \$60,000. on 1926, \$91,500. for the power plant; and the Institute Funds. Speaking broadly, the first two with the \$22,000. residence funds and the \$6000. for museum were used to pay off or float the current deficit, to cover the amount disbursed and to be disbursed to you for current and plant to December 31, 1926, to pay off \$140,000. of bank loan at which the bank was objecting. The Institute is not yet ready to fix their budget and it was not until a few weeks ago that I succeeded in getting an advance of some funds from it.

Thus even with these funds we could only clear the decks with little ahead to cover the next half of the current fiscal year.

What happened then? Letters from the field began to indicate that you were heavily involved in the banks. I cabled to know what was needed to get you out of the banks and pay the bills in hand. You replied. I went to the Finance Committee and got authorization to send out to you checks for \$45,000.00 (the part of your cable which was to be paid in China). This authorization was given - when we had funds in the bank to cover? No, when the Committee believed in the urgency of clearing up your situation and in my belief that I could get the Hall Estate to pay the rest on the power plant - \$75,000. - in time to meet the checks, even though the Hall Estate had fixed no date for this payment and in spite of our experience with their delay last summer. Is this whimsical? Is this indifference to your interests?

Again, on the long delayed action on the revised budget for 1926-7. What was our situation when we did act? (1) No assurance as to the exact or full budget from the Institute. (2) No assurance as to when or even precisely whether the \$30,000. of the first half of 1927 Hall Estate income would be in hand. That was a month or so ago and we are only a shade nearer certainty. The Budget Committee were very doubtful as to whether without this assurance they ought to vote it. That they did is evidence that some folks are not neglecting your interests.

But enough of such facts. Now for another kind. Wiant, if you will keep us fully and accurately posted as to your situation, stand by our instructions, give us word in advance when you see trouble ahead, and let no one spend money for what isn't covered by authorization from here seen by you, we'll do everything in our power to make your financial path as easy as possible and to take as much of the burden and risk here as we can. But you must recognize that we have limits - in money, - and sometimes in time and strength.

Let me add one further word, If we seem sometimes strict with you, it is not always aimed at you; but is intended sometimes to strengthen you in resisting pressure to use your power as Treasurer inadvisably.

And finally, do not hesitate to get after me if a thing isn't being done as it should be from your point of view. If it's in the right spirit, we'll not resent it at all.

Faithfully yours,

Eric L. Roth
Secretary
Peking University

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CC: Dr. Stuart
Mr. Evans

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Office of the Treasurer

May 27, 1927.

My dear Dr. Luce:-

Several weeks ago I received a part of a letter from you on which you have noted a few questions concerning a pipe organ for the University. I was surely surprised to have any inquiries about such equipment but am glad to know that there is some interest somewhere.

I had thought that I would secure the money from my home church in Springfield, Ohio-the Central M.E.Church. They should, however, be making up on old pledge on the "Wiant Memorial Residence" account which is my first interest. I wrote you last February concerning making another plea there but evidently you never received the letter. Since this matter is still open I feel that I could not make another plea for an organ at that church. I do not know of any other place where I could go for an organ unless it might be a small church in Cincinnati, Ohio. I would prefer waiting for furlough before making any appeal and make it myself.

If you get a chance to accept one or put in an order for one I feel that a large reed organ rather than a pipe organ would be much more suitable for this climate. The PUMC organ is constantly out of order and they have facilities for keeping it in shape. A reed organ would not be affected so generally by climate and there would be much less tuning. I should recommend an "Estey", three-manual with pedal manual besides-one of the finest type of reed organs with an electric motor-blower attached. This type of organ would give us practically the same possibilities as a pipe organ with almost no upkeep requirements. Such an organ would afford facilities for concerts and recitals and be better than a small pipe organ and cost less I am sure. The Estey people have a representative in the Edward Evans & Sons in Tienstin so that they would be responsible for installing and repairing it.

We do not get to hear from you very often and get hungry for some news. I am enclosing a letter for Mother Luce. With all good wishes for success in your work,
Cordially,

Bliss M. Wiant

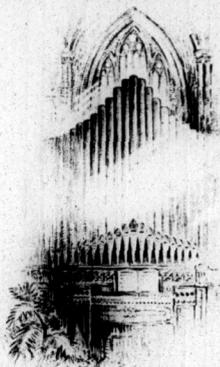
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ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY

Established 1846

June 29, 1927

11 WEST 49th ST., NEW YORK, N.Y.

Dr. H. W. Luce,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Luce:

Answering your letter of June 28th and confirming our conversation relative to a suitable organ to be installed at Yenching University, we would strongly recommend our Style G-61, which in our opinion would be best adapted for the purposes you have in mind. This model is the largest and most powerful two-manual organ that we build. It contains ten full sets of our large philharmonic reeds and is equipped with the ornamental pipe top as shown in the picture. It is priced at \$1065, net cash.

It is our understanding that the instrument is to be used in connection with foreign missionary work and will be purchased through one of the foreign missionary boards here in New York. This being the case, we shall be very glad to extend our discount of 25% f.o.b. Brattleboro, which we have been in the habit of giving the Board on our larger models in the past.

Where electric current is available, an electric blowing outfit can be installed at an extra cost of \$150. This is a fan blower and motor, a description of which we are enclosing. This will not carry the Board discount, however, as we do not manufacture same.

Trusting that you will find it possible to purchase one of these instruments for your work in China, we are,

Yours very truly,

ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY

J. W. Edwards

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June 29, 1929.

Prof. Bliss M. Wiant
Yenching University
Peking, China.

Dear Bliss:

Immediately on receiving your letter of May 27th, I got in touch with the Estey Organ people. A few months ago I had an interview with Mr. R. W. Edwards, a representative of the Organ Co., at 11 West 49th Street. He is to write to me giving specifications and cost of the largest reed organ they have (he says that there are no three-manual organs made, only two-manual). He is writing a complete letter to me today stating his proposition to us and I am asking him to send a copy of this letter direct to you with a pamphlet so you will understand the matter as fully as we do here.

You will see from his letter that they are going to give us 25% off provided we buy it through the Methodist or Presbyterian Board which very thing, you may be sure, we are very glad to do. It will cost something under \$1000 F.O.B. at the manufactory at Brattleboro, Vermont. I suppose that we ought to keep the purchase of this rather quiet and its price (provided we can do it) so as not to get into difficulties with their China agencies. Technically it is all right since they constantly sell their organs through the Board at reduced rates.

When I was in Texas recently I met a man who had given a \$15,000 church organ to a new Presbyterian church. He is a big oil man and could do the same thing for us provided, of course, that I could persuade him to make such an investment which seems a long way off to him. Now I want to be awfully sure that this is the organ that you want and then I will proceed to tackle this man for it. It is so much less than I had in mind that I am a little more hopeful than otherwise. The amount is almost 1/15 less than he has already given for a similar thing in his home church. Are there any additional items that you want to try to include in this connection? Such as music and cupboards for the music, etc. You can be sure that I will make an estimate of all charges, freight, etc., and include it in the total. If you happen to know the freight on such things you might let me know so I could check up on the matter.

Let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Ever most sincerely,

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BLISS M. WIAIT
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA.

July 14, 1927.

Res. Eric M. North
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

TRANSFER

Dear North:- Please excuse this handwritten letter. I'm at Peking where typewriters are not well received for various reasons so must resort to the old method.

You will be receiving 3 drafts numbered 776, 777, and 778 signed by Stephen Tsai, these being drawn on authorization of your cable received here the morning of July 8th. I had been here five days when the cable came. I had not my draft book with me wishing to avoid the errors which crept in last summer when I left signed drafts behind. I neglected to tell Tsai that I had taken the book but he was not authorized to sign drafts by any one so that he was more or less in the dark. I had told Mr. Reddick, our consulting accountant who was left to counter sign local checks with Tsai and thought that was sufficient. Instead of writing me or consulting Reddick

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he wrote out the drafts and the bank took them. I likewise
made out drafts since Miss Hague informed Dr. Stuart of the call.
(he is here also) and he passed the word to me. I leave the matter
of handling these drafts entirely with you. Legally they are void since
he has not been authorized by the Board of Managers to sign drafts
but what is the best thing to do I am not sure.

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He has also drawn \$600 for Miss Konarty but in a letter of today,
he says he will not do it again under any circumstances and I
think it wise that he has made the decision.

I am enclosing some pictures of the commencement
exercises - the first ones in Boskifad Hall and on the new
campus. If these prints are not sharp enough we can
send the films, altho we would like them here for
faculty members to use, at least until after pre sessional
conference. The pictures are numbered in order and have
descriptions on the back. Perhaps Nash could use
some of these in his work so please pass them on
to him in due time.

BLISS M. WIAINT
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA.

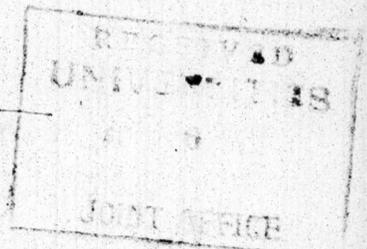
Next spring we shall be leaving for furlough. As you know there is an account in the Plant section known as "Waint Memorial Residence" #4229.46 which represents money Mr. Wee and I raised the summer of 1923 just before I left. We have waited patiently to have authorization to build this residence. It did come once I believe but was recalled before anything could be done. I surely would like to see something started before we leave so I could face the constituency with some kind of definite word. This money will be enough to build a house of Chinese construction something of the same kind which is being built by Mrs Li (nee Fredericka Liang) on a lot adjoining one assigned to us. Is there any possibility of our getting started on this house this year? It will be very embarrassing to me to return with nothing

accomplished during five years of waiting. It doesn't
give people a very good impression of the University's
handling of designated money although we understand
and have not said a word about this during the years
it had been hanging. Please do what can be done
at the earliest possible moment so we may know.
My brother Paul in Foochow has nothing to do particularly
and is anxious to have a little to do with this residence
in memory of our father.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Bess M. Wheat



C O P Y

Peitailio Beach.
August 7th 1927.

Dear Dr. Luce:-

It has been exceedingly gratifying to me to receive such fine letters from you and Mother Luce during the past few days. First came two of June 29th and then the July 3rd manuscript. You will have to excuse my poor writing since I do not have a machine here.

You were surely prompt to get in touch with the Estey people so quickly and I appreciate it immensely. It gives me some advanced information on which to think and plan. Since I shall be leaving on furlough next spring, I am wondering if it would not be better for me to choose the various instruments personally and have them shipped out after I arrive in the U. S. A. There is all the difference imaginable between instruments of the same make and grade and it is quite essential that they be all "hand-picked". I will know by that time just what our definite needs are so that choosing will be easier.

Again, it would give us a chance to observe how Mr. Terman is heading since I now have his own grand in my studio pending word as to his return to Yenching. If he does not come back, I have promised to buy it from him. Dr. Vincent also has a grand piano to sell, and Louis Wolfertz might sell theirs so all these are here for consideration.

Then too, the question of taxes in China should be a little more settled so we can figure out the expense. Rumors of high tariff on pianos, etc., are in the air and this will materially affect our estimates.

However I can give you roughly what I would like to see in the way of equipment for my work and the University in the way of instruments.

As Mother Luce has told you, we have a wonderful, superb instrument for the stage in Basford Hall. This piano will be for concert use only and special occasions. I had specifications of the stage changed by Murphy himself so that it would have a permanent home on the stage out of the bang and bustle. It is the "ne plus ultra" of modern pianos. I feel that we must have another good instrument in that auditorium as an every-day movable affair which can be open for any meeting; this will preserve the superb one from disuse. I had always dreamed of an organ for this building too but at present, I think it is best not to plan on it. Organs (that is pipe organs) are too difficult and expensive to keep in condition in this climate. I should like to investigate personally what could be obtained that would stand the climate.

In the theological chapel we now have a small instrument (reed organ) a relic of Yenching's prehistoric days doing heroic service at present but surely is not adequate. The \$1065 with 25% discount

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is the organ I had in mind for the chapel. I also had thought of a grand piano for use in there since on special occasions such would be very handy. For the organ would need an electric 110 V. motor to run a blower for the organ. The "kinetic" or "Orgoblo" or "Zephyr" are all good motors.

Besides these instruments for the chapel, I am needing two or more instruments for my studio. I have two now which, during the session, are in constant use so that the other instruments are pressed into service. One of these two is now supplied by the Terman's temporary or perhaps permanent storage of his piano in the studio.

As to the Wheeler Chapel, it looks as if it would not be built for a while yet. If there is any mob out to destroy buildings of a religious nature they surely would go after such a building as a chapel and placed as it would be in the most conspicuous position. Then too, there is very little interest in Organized Christian worship among my students. There is intense interest in religion and in Jesus but there is a tendency to tear down the traditions and forms which have grown up around Jesus so that he is almost warped beyond recognition judging from the gospel narrative of him. This is the Chinese student attitude and by the way the attitude of many of our modern thinkers. I must say that I share to some extent in the feelings. As Chieng Chung Yi said recently what the Chinese have on their lips these days are the words of an earnest seeker centuries ago: -"Sir, we would see Jesus " and it is difficult to see him in the organization known as Christianity but in the lives of men he should be gloriously revealed.

If all this is true, then a large chapel built to worship Jesus in the way that Christianity has been worshipping him will be a building that will not be used. The present theological chapel with its 250 capacity is plenty large enough for the whole community at Yenching. What Chinese Christians will develop in the way of worship there are at present few indications. Nature worship seems to have sway at present. Perhaps a chapel which could be adapted to take advantage of the natural beauty as it would be seen from that hill top would be attractive. I would hate to see a building go up there which would be an anachronism in a few years or even now. There is too much of a flux in the Christian community at present to plan on a chapel. Wait until missions cease to exist as they now do and are merged into the new Chinese Church and they feel their way into their own organized life. Therefore, I would not make any pleas for the chapel as far as the instruments are concerned until I hear that it is actually going up. In that case, it seems to me that a small pipe-organ (if anywhere on the campus) should be installed there as it is the instrument above all instruments to give the atmosphere of true worship

Now as to these general musical needs of the University. We need instruments for a brass band and an orchestra. We could teach students to play these instruments - in fact ~~could teach students to play~~ ~~these~~ we do have a very nice orchestra of about 16 pieces. We have played at almost every function of a public nature this year and with success and enjoyment. The band will develop out of the orchestra. This would mean quite a bit of money. As to the estimated cost of all these I am making a separate list of this.

A month from tomorrow is our pre-session conference. How I wish you could be here to talk to the faculty and give them the latest information from the home base. We face this new year with more

trepidation than ever before for two reasons - first we feel the absolute insecurity of the financial foundation of the institution since receiving news of the Hall Estate matters. If those were clear and firm, we could feel differently. Then there is no new money coming to us from current pledges showing a lack of vital, sacrificial interest on the part of the people. It looks as though individuals were not interested in the type of work Yenching is doing. With 50% of the world's gold in America and 20% of the population owning automobiles and homes and churches going up but funds for work in China diminishing every year, - something looks out of gear to me. Folks are not interested enough to give any more and that is the serious phase.

The other reason why we fear the future is from what we hear of situations in other places, our work might be interrupted by Communism during the year. This is not very serious I think since our students are more and more entering into a bigger responsibility for their education and when they feel the load they will protect their own work. There are no "reds" in the faculty and only a few in the student body. The students as a whole, are absolutely reliable and trustworthy and loyal. I do not believe that they can be whipped into a state of anarchy by a few hot-headed propogandists. That was tried last spring with failure. The large representation of the provinces in China gives to the student body a strong national consciousness and a feeling of internationalness which a provincial school could not give. The north and the south, the east and the west are truly united and working harmoniously at Yenching. It is one place in China where its citizens feel the throb of pure, wholesome oneness as a group. One element does not dominate another and they all feel they are Chinese. Provincial barriers are broken down and elemental factors of fellowship are being developed. Such an institution cannot help but turn out men and women who will be a leaven in Chinese society binding it together into one organic whole. It seems essential to me to keep Yenching such a broad national school to train young people in working together. The leaders of the student body last year were men from all over the country showing how democratic the students are in choosing their representatives.

There doesn't seem to be any anti-foreign feeling at all among our students. They want above all a country like other countries and if foreigners stand in the way of that ideal then they would sweep them aside but foreigners who love China and are working with the Chinese will always be wanted. China is showing the world how international goodwill and cooperative living can be accomplished.

My one hope is that I shall be counted worthy of becoming a coworker with the Chinese. I almost fear to leave because I might not be able to return more because of finances in the Mission Board than anything else.

How glad we are you are settled and ahye a home. It surely must seem like a haven to you. Your Peking children will be arriving shortly after this letter. I hope you will have a grand and glorious reunion. I shall look after the suits and see what can be done. I doubt if I can get much for the duck since they are worn a little but the pongee ought to bring something. I think I'll "confiscate" the wool one with many thanks. I presume the spring would be the best time to dispose of them since there is demand then.

We are surely hoping for great success in your work as it means so much to us all. May you keep in good health. We are all well

Lovingly - Bliss (Signed)

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C O P Y

August 1927.

Estimates on Musical Instruments (including shipping etc.)

For Bashford Memorial
1 piano.....G \$700.00

For theological Chapel
1 reed organ.....G \$1200.00
1 piano.....G \$700.00

For music department
1 piano.....G \$650.00
1 piano.....G \$700.00

Orchestral instruments as:

Violins (2)
Double bass (1)
clarinets (3)
drums (2)
oboe (1)
trombone (1).....G \$700.00

Band instruments (would have to get a price for a whole band from
either Wurlitzer & Co. or Lyon & Healy or Oliver
Ditson & Co.)

Music stands of good quality-- the "Hamilton"
25 @ \$2.50 plus carrying charges etc.
G \$80.00

Music for orchestra and band.....G \$200.00

Total approximately G \$5000.00

(This shouldn't be very hard to get?)

The Esfey people wrote me enclosing in the letter a carbon of the one
to you. They would be fine to deal with I am sure

B. W. W.

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Peking China

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Office of the Treasurer

September 23, 1927.

our 2/17/28

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

Dear Mr. Garside:-

On the eve of President Stuart's departure from Peking for our home office, I wish to take this opportunity to write you on certain matters which have been in our minds for several weeks. There are also certain points in recent letters which need a reply.

The most important single item is that of the audited report of the treasurer for the year 1927-28 which Dr. Stuart is bringing you personally, another copy is being mailed. This is the first time that such a complete, comprehensive report has been made as far as I can ascertain. You will observe that the Agriculture Department owes the treasurer Mex. \$16,130.04 due to lack of working capital with which to equip the department. This has been accumulating for the past three years, when the department has been in the process of expanding and preparing for work on the new site. This item has been responsible for a part of our over spending on the budget. This department must have more working capital and we trust that in some way it might be secured. The possibility of using some of the Famine Funds Capital Account would mean a way of meeting this situation.

We are able to report the over-expenditure on the year 1925-26: viz: M. \$26,221.38. We have been promised by Dr. North, in various letters that when we reported the exact amount of this over expenditure, the Trustees will consider making up this amount by a special draft. By saving on last year's budget, we have reduced this to \$14,003.88.

From now on, it would simplify matters a great deal if you could send us, in a separate statement, all the items which you charge monthly to account 31. Months ago, all these items used to be grouped together but now they are mixed in with every other expenditure and it is most confusing and difficult to check. Will you then, please give us, monthly, a copy of your ledger account #31 and we shall appreciate it very much.

All the specially designated funds are shown very clearly in detail so that any donor may see just exactly how we have

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spent his money and how much or how little is left in the account. Particular attention may be given to the "Harvard Orient Agency Account". If this does not meet the need, we shall be glad to make out any further reports which may be required.

The Construction Bureau accounts have been all reconciled with your own ledger accounts in so far as we have been able to reconcile them using the information you have given us in former correspondence. When further information is given, every single item may be brought into agreement.

Our accountants have made every effort to keep the accounts in the way we would want them and I think you will agree that they give every item of information which you have desired in the past. If there are any suggestions as to methods of accounting, they will be only too glad to conform with any desire the trustees might express. Please feel free to make any suggestions.

At this point it might be fitting to state that we feel the present arrangement in the treasurer's office to be the most efficient one which for the present could be found. This firm of accountants are well known and respected in China. Mr. Beddow, the head of the branch in Peking, is a very highly respected man in the business world of the city and has shown an exceptionally fine spirit in dealing with us. It is a matter of pride with him to do what we want him to do. He does not approach his work in a cold business like way but in a very sympathetic and tactful way. Being familiar with Chinese psychology, he is very skillful in handling delicate situations and has won the respect and admiration of the faculty. With him on the staff as accountant, we need not have a professionally trained man for treasurer for this firm makes all the entries, gets out all the reports and synchronizes the financial structure of the university in a harmonious and wonderful way, as you can see from this report. The assistant treasurer's books are kept by him and audited monthly by the firm. Each week or oftener, they come to the University and spend the whole day with their office force here. At any time, they are at our beck and call for advice and are willing to do anything to keep our finances moving smoothly. Last week, my resignation as acting treasurer was accepted by the faculty executive and will be ratified later by the Board of Managers. My going will not in any way cause any confusion with this firm at the helm. They do want a man, preferably a westerner, with whom they can consult who will be finally responsible for the treasury and for the correspondence with your office and advise in all University money matters. We are expecting Mr. J.B. Tayler who will arrive from furlough about the middle of October, to act in my place and we hope he will find it expedient to take up the work. This being my last year before furlough and having not yet fulfilled the requirements of my mission for language study

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it is necessary to devote at least half of my time to the study of the Chinese language. I cannot turn a deaf ear to the requests of students for musical instruction since my work is along that line so the road seemed very clear. ^{thing to do help my time} I am exceedingly sorry for the all the mistakes which I have made during the three years I have been in this office but I have ^{done} the very best I knew how. Before this burden was shouldered upon me, I had had not the least idea of the work of a treasurer's office having not even been treasurer of a small organization before. The man who had been assistant treasurer before me was called home suddenly and without a single word of explanation, the load came. It is with pleasure that I now put the responsibility upon some one else especially since I know that the accounts are in a clear, orderly way.

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There are a very few other small matters I should like to mention. In the July Cash Statement I notice the receipt of \$1800.00 from Henry Sloan Coffin. This amount should have been a part of the designated gifts for the year 1926-27 instead of being put into this year's accounts. The item "Mrs. Perry B. Owen" a/c general expenses should be account School of Religion salaries also and should have been a part of the resources of 1926-27. We are also wondering if W.A. Brown paid in his annual subscription or not to a publication fund.

Concerning the Anonymous Scholarship fund, we have made a second payment to Mr. Fang Fu An thus using up practically all of the proceeds from the sale of the G\$100.00 sent out to us by Mr. A.D. Wallis. This information is given in response to Miss McCoy's letter of August 16th.

Under date of February 4, 1927, we have a memo of a conversation the office had with Mr. S.D. Gamble 2/1/27 concerning his pledges. After the sale of certain Rand-Kardex stock, there was left a surplus over his pledges of \$1778.50 which was to be designated after conference with Dr. Stuart. It has now been decided to put that money into a student loan fund and we would like very much to have this sent out to us. We have already loaned on the strength of that fund some \$2000.00 and would like to have it on hand for future awards. A new system of loaning to students on the Harmon Foundation principles has given put into operation thru the help of Mr. Gamble and we look for fine results from it.

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I noticed in some report somewhere (I cannot find it now) that money had been received from the Bonnell family. If so, please send it out to us at once as we are in need of it for the Department of Agriculture since they have given to it in the past. We are wondering it would would not be best to send out all designated gifts as soon as they come to hand in New York. They are often overlooked and as long as they are in your office we cannot spend them here.

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Mr. B.A.Garside. September 23, 1927.

I am enclosing an account of Dr. Stuart's for books. Please pay that to whatever firms are owing and charge it on account #31.

As to method of paying of bills by us and by you for us, we have decided, that in most cases we will pay for everything we order ourselves on the field. Mails and transportation are so interrupted that shipments are often incomplete or lost. This year we have at least a dozen cases of where book orders are incomplete. The companies are always ready to stand the loss if they are notified. In some cases, books are printed poorly and when we know it, we can make adjustments much easier. We are now drawing on our gold deposit in the bank for drafts. They are charging us G\$.05 for each draft which is a small amount and at the same time we are saved the office work and the checking up thru the months to follow. If in the future, we shall want you to pay for us, it will be definitely stated so. The Library has never called upon you to pay for books except two years ago when requests to pay bills by the office were held up for months and months. We found that by such careless handling of bills we were losing our credit so devised this newest plan to meeting our bills ourselves. If mix-ups occur it is generally because the firms in America have in some way mixed up their accounts. We will be very careful in the future to watch for any irregularities.

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About the time Dr. Stuart arrives, you will be presented with our draft #788 for G\$600.00. I have charged this on my books to the Trustess campaign since it is at their request that he is returning for campaign organization and we feel they should not expect the current budget, already cut to the quick, to carry this extra burden. We need all the money we have been authorized to spend this year without incurring any other strains on our field resources.

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With reference to the cemetery land (your letter June 17, 1927) the cemetery land is practically all under cultivation and will be for years (we hope). Because the Department of Agriculture reaps the benefit of the crops which they raise on this land, it seemed only feasible that in the first stages at least the Department of Agriculture should claim this as theirs and those who bought plots should pay to the Department and gradually repay that amount. We felt we ought to have such a plot of ground but no one could afford to pay for it personally. Since this department had an appropriation for purchasing of tillable land and this was available it was bought in the same spirit as any other piece of property only we were using a few square feet of it for a cemetery. I cannot yet see the objection raised by the trustess to its being bought by the Department.

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If there are other points about which I have written, perhaps Dr. Stuart may be able to enlighten you. Sincerely,

Bliss H. Wright.

IRLISS M. WELANT
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA.

October 31, 1927.
7 P.M.

Dear home folks:-

REJOICE WITH US-WE HAVE ANOTHER SON! He was born at 4:30 this morning and weighs a little over 8 pounds! Mildred is doing splendidly and got along very well during it all. His name is Leighton after President Stuart and he looks like pater familias. Mildred went into the city two days ago thinking it would be plenty long to wait. She was staying with Dr. Jarvis' of our mission and was feeling tip-top all the time. The first warning came last night near eleven and in another hour she was in the hospital and by one the ordeal was on so that it was not too long. At 12:30 I was awakened by one of the servants bringing me a note from one of the maiden ladies who lives very near telling me the situation. It seems as if no one could be aroused at our house so they tried another near by. Immediately I set in motion plans for making an attempt to get into the city. The garage is outside the university campus which is walled in with a high wall so it meant getting one of the policemen who protect our campus, to open the gate so I could get an auto. The driver declared we couldn't get to the city which is five miles away because of the strict military guard on the road at night this being one of the main thoroughfares of this section of China. You have been reading in the papers about our war here so that we are in a war sector. The boom of cannon can be heard most any day and wounded soldiers have been going past our campus to the city. The roads are full of cart and wagons with ammunition and supplies so it is no wonder that there is strict orders to guard the roads at night. We had not emerged from the campus until a guard stopped us and when they knew by mission we went on but had I been a ~~Frank~~ Chinese I would have been arrested for attempting such a thing. However I had not gone but a few hundred yards until I was stopped seven times so I gave it up as a hopeless job. Even though I had been able to get to the city gates they would not have opened them at that time of night. I wanted to at least try to get to the city and satisfy myself on that score. The gate that had been opened for me to get out was locked when we returned so I was told how to negotiate getting over the wall by climbing up on a Chinese grave which adjoins the wall and climbing down over some sand bags on the other side. I surely felt like a thief and a robber in the dead of night doing such stunts. Fortunately I was able to keep in touch with the hospital by phone so that I knew and Mildred knew that we were in some sort of way connected up. Finally at 5:45-day break-I got started into the city and got to see our second heir apparent. He is a fat little feller with dark hair, small features except for a larger mouth than Allen had altho not excessively so! They hadn't given him a good bath yet so I didn't get to hold him or get as good a look at him as I had wanted to but there'll be time later. After sending a cable to Daddy and Mother Arts I returned to receive congratulations from many friends on the campus and at the present moment am feeling the lack of the usual 8 hours of sleep. We will be a happy four when we get united again in a few days. Allen is delighted with the prospects of having a little brother and wants to see him at once.

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Home mail came today bringing good wishes from many which seemed very appropriate. I'm sure the wiant family will all smile broadly when they hear that another male descendant has arrived. Up to now there is only one daughter in the generation following our family while there are nine blood sons and two adopted ones. I'm sure that no finer prospect for future fame has yet appeared than young Leighton!! He made full use of all his powers of expressions the minute he struck this planet being displeased mainly I think, because his daddy wasn't there to give him some birthday spanks. He became quite happily reconciled though in a short time and is consenting to stay on with us a while. His official name will be Bliss Leighton but for the present we are going to drop the Bliss off except in the birth certificate where it shall be retained in case no other youngster arrives to claim it. When I am old and decrepit he can use it if he desires.

So far we have had no trouble in maintaining peace and order in the student body but there are a few tremors which might develop into trouble. The Chiang Kuo Lin government are determined to search the university student body for communistic literature. They have been warned of it but old man Chang takes offense at even the picture of China's hero-sun Yat sen- and when a man gets that extreme there is no telling what he will do next. Then we have been told by the minister of education who is under the direct jurisdiction of said Chang Kuo Lin, that the whole student body must be examined since there is a lack of high educational standard here (despite the fact that our students enter without examination into the best schools of the USA including Harvard and despite the fact that the schools run by the government are so lax in their requirements for a degree that one of their graduates can only be entered as a sophomore or junior in Yenching because of absolute lack of fundamental training for college work.) There is some under handed propoganda going on somewhere but no one seems able yet to detect from whence it comes. But we are trying to prepare for whatever might come and trust the Lord to guide and direct us in it all.

Last night we the first meeting of the chorus which the students themselves organized from the students and faculty. About 70 were present and we began working on Sullivan's "Light of the World". I am rather skeptical about the success of it but since it is student affair we must not worry ourselves over it. They are running their own affairs this year in every conceivable way and it is a relief in certain aspects.

There is more real interest in religion this year than last. Everyone was too taken up with getting settled last year in new surroundings but this year attention is being paid to more important things. It is truly inspiring to see the earnestness with which the students enter into the work of our organized Christian work called the "Christian Fellowship". They are demanding the best there is to be had in forms of worship and in thought materials. We are having made a new communion set out of small porcelain cups dipped in gold. A crucifix is being planned for; academic robes are worn by the choir in recessional and processional, special music is wanted at every service; the prayers are rich in meaning and the sermons thought-provoking and of spiritual value for our souls-if you can understand their Chinese.

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Peking China

Nov 5, 1927

8:00 P.M.

Dear Leighton:

I know of no better way to celebrate our ninth engagement anniversary than by writing to you a long delayed letter. Excuse the handwriting was much as my own typewriter is in the School of Religion office due to the fact that as yet the matter of university typewriters hasn't been settled with B. H. Li!

The enclosed letter tells the good news - we were a little surprised to have another son but are very happy in it. He is a splendid little fellow a great deal like Allen as might be expected. Medred looks better than I've ever seen her - so rosy and rested looking and happy. How we wish you could be here to rejoice with us - but it will not be long. Allen can hardly wait to see his little brother and he cannot until they come home because children are not allowed at the P. U. M. C. visiting.

While Medred is away we are having some repairs done - repairs already! One is the removal of water pipes from the inside of the wall to the outside to prevent freezing. Another is rebuilding the kitchen stove so there will be only one hole instead of two to eat coal. Another is to put a light in the front hall just at the three steps so people can see how to get up and down in that critical place and also to provide for a light in that dark closet. Otherwise we are going along in the same rut. No fires have been built

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as yet for the weather has been perfect this fall - not too cool and not warm at all - like summer that is. There are two tons of Tatum coal in the cellar and the fire all laid ready for the first unexpected cold snap. Western Hills coal is very easy to obtain but Tatum is very rare and we are fortunate to have it since it makes the hard coal more combustible.

We are in the midst of the Annual Fair of the Dept. of Agri. Preparations were more elaborate this year there being two "ringtyes" erected but it seemed that the crowd was not as large as last year. We bought quite a lot of things so when you return we can have lots of good things on hand.

The student & faculty grand chorus has had a rather serious set back by the refusal of Mr. Bradford to act as director. Last week his machine broke down before he could arrive and during this week he has been called up before Roger Greene and reprimanded by him for carrying on too many outside activities thereby taking time which he should be using for planning and correlating his work. They are considering him for the post of Comptroller so it would seem circumstantially evident that James Hogue is not returning. Consequently it is up to me to take over the chorus; I have selected the Messiah as the number I think most desirable and fitting for a new chorus. We hope we cannot be successful in giving a concert around Christmas.

The treasurer's job is still with me due mostly to my own wishes. The faculty executive voted to elect Mr. Taylor acting treasurer & the economic dept. acquiesced in it as well as the executive committee of the Board of Managers. It became evident at once that Mr. Taylor was too busy getting out new material for courses he was giving the first time to devote much time to the office work so we had agreed that he should spend two hours a week in the office learning the

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local end of the business first, he signing local checks while I would still carry the New York end until sometime in December when he thought he could arrange to carry it all. This was a very satisfactory arrangement to me so we started to put it in force. Poor Mr. Taylor didn't show up at all the first appointment we had; the second he was $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour late; the third a half hour and ^{by} the fourth I was so disgusted I had talked it over with Galt about making some other arrangements. About that time the idea struck me that I might reduce my private lesson from hour periods to half hour periods as the Women's College have done and being successful in that I saved 10 hours per week. Tai took a very big load off me when he took over the Bookstore job. My language study is going better than I had anticipated and with the suggestion by Galt that I devote all my time to language next semester, it seemed there might be found time to continue as acting treasurer until, at least you had returned from New York with some definite words as to the attitude of the Trustees on the whole problem of administering finances. Taylor was happy in most ways & he relieved but felt, I think, rather disappointed in being left out of committees which the job ex-officio permits. However he had only been present at one meeting each of the Fac Ex + the HSB - had never signed a check nor had he signed anything as treasurer so there was little "face" to lose. Stephen felt very blue over the prospects of being one

in the office who apparently was unable to keep appointments & I think too there was some anti-British feeling too since Beddow has such a prominent part now. I really think it is best Taylor has not taken it over from every point of view. As to the future, we await your return.

Soon after you left, W.W. Jen wrote Dr. Gold & later me, a letter in which he spoke of a loan of \$4000.00 to you for the campus wall. In looking into the locked drawer in your desk I discovered the letter & also discovered ^{very recently} that the amount had been deposited in your bank account.

Dr. Jen stated that he would be wanting this money so I wrote that he could have it at any time. Meanwhile Philip told me that he could fix it up with him so that he would not want it so I made no further investigations and dismissed the matter thinking it would not arise again, at least until your return. However, Dr. Jen wrote a week ago saying he would like to have it so I immediately deposited it to his % in the N.C.B. and charged the Campus Wall % to the director of construction. I have since found that only a part of it - namely \$2500.00 has gone to the Con Bureau & the rest has been spent in smaller sums at various times. Had I known earlier I would have not said anything to the Con. Bureau & just kept it in my suspense %. Mr. Beddow feels rather keenly that I have not done rightly in spending money which has not been received according to the books.

But the whole matter can await your return. If Philip & I had been able to secure any money we could have easily repaid the loan but not a red cent has come in. He claims that there are \$6000.00 in Dairin & \$2000.00 in Transter but it doesn't relieve the situation any at present.

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Philip has been pretty much discouraged over his fruitless attempts to get money. He also feels it rather hard to ask Jimmie Clinan for his monthly salary. We took off the 10% but he refused to allow it since he said that the \$150.⁰⁰ was only an allowance & not a salary. We all could argue the same. Which reminds me that all those paid by the Univ have allowed the 10% except Anderson & Faircett. Of the missionaries practically none have given in their checks. Outside of Sailer, Ritter and Porter I think none others have turned in their cash. I have not turned over actual cash since we are putting the money into an especial savings account on which the University may draw at any time. The three above-mentioned men are not wholly dependent on their missionary salaries for support such as some are but it reflects badly on the missionary group - those representing the original constituent bodies of the University. I am contemplating sending some word out to them. The Faircetts are moving out next week & she will accompany the chorus. He seems like a very fine fellow. Our next door neighbors (Ch'ens) seem to have moved away. It was done in the quiet. The children do not appear for play & the furniture seems to have disappeared & the house is dark at night. Perhaps she is seeking that method of covering up the whole affair until time has healed the wounds. The Sherman class is keeping up in interest & attendance. About 20+ are coming. The group is about half new with only Minona Chang & I as the two original members who started in a year ago (plus Grace Burston.)

Erna Ritter is getting rapidly better. In a few days more she ought to be back home. Mrs. Ritter (mother) is leaving in a very few days for home.

Paul Lux wife have a son - everyone is doing well.

The expected raid hasn't come to pass as yet but no one knows when it will. Neither have the examinations spoke of in the hypenuller letter been given. I hope we can avoid both of these.

By the time you return we will perhaps have a constitution to run by - word that be terrible! Galt is working with all his might to get it in shape. The School of Religion has now made its autonomous position clear. Galt is highly in favor of the School & wants to see its integrity preserved.

Campus lights are being installed much to our gratification. They are going to be very pretty - Mr. Porter's criticisms to the contrary!

Trenches for the cables have been laid everywhere so we have reverted to the campus life of last year for a while.

McBrien Hall goes ahead rapidly with the roof except for tiles all on. Hedelbrand hopes it will be done by February. The main gate is completed & looks superb. It is a fitting entrance to a glorious campus.

Well Leykton, I've said about all I need to I'm sure.

This has been entirely too long for you busy days but I wanted you to know things as we see them at least once before you return. We have released Wan Ping for the present since he wanted to do garbage removal work. This saves you his wages. The \$150.⁰⁰ you left has stretched out until now Medred is keeping a careful account of it for you on your return. Best of luck to you in the hard jobs you are undertaking. Give 'em best to Jack.

As ever
Bliss

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Peking University

November 10, 1927

Mr. Bliss M. Wiant,
Yenching University
Peking West, China.

My dear Mr. Wiant:

I have not been forgetful of the inquiries made in your recent letters as regards the prospect of coming forward with the construction of the Wiant Memorial residence for which you secured funds during your last furlough in America. I have found that the amount theoretically available for this purpose includes the C \$4,229.46, shown on our books for some time, plus an additional \$104.00 still in the hands of the Methodist Episcopal Board, making a total of \$4,333.46. We have placed your request formally before the Finance Committee and find that they are in cordial agreement with your feeling that construction on this residence should be begun as soon as the necessary funds can be made available.

Since you thoroughly understand the way in which the \$4,000.00 due for this residence has, for the time being, been swallowed up by the general residence accounts there is no use for me to attempt any elaborate explanation. Our books show, as you know, that there has already been expended on the residences already erected considerably more than has been received for this account, this situation having been caused by the fact that almost every residence cost substantially more than was originally estimated and more than was obtained from the donors. So, while all of our residence money has been expended and more too, there are fewer residences put up than was at first contemplated.

We are hoping that one of the results of Dr. Stuart's visit to this country will be the securing of additional funds which will clear off the indebtedness on the residences now erected and release the necessary funds to complete the other residences for which designated gifts have been received. Just as soon as such funds become available the Finance Committee will be only too glad to authorize you to begin construction on the Wiant Memorial residence. We hope that happy day may arrive within the near future.

Please feel assured that we will do everything possible at this end to get action in the matter and will notify you the moment we have been able to obtain any results.

Very cordially yours,

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December 1, 1927

My dear Bliss:

I have been waiting anxiously to get news regarding Mildred and am counting, of course, on your writing me as soon after the event as possible. I have not even acknowledged the rarely comforting letter which you wrote me for the steamer although I greatly prized all that was said and shall treasure this in a way that my silence fails to indicate.

I am writing you today in strict confidence to share the good news that the effort I told you I was going to make with the Hall Estate to get an additional half million general endowment seems extremely hopeful. One of the two trustees this morning approved of it and thinks the other one will. I have to share the good news with somebody and am writing you. It will be best, however, to say nothing of it until we have more positive assurance.

I understand that you are continuing to act as treasurer until my return. This is, therefore, sent you officially and as a sort of consolation.

It seems now that I shall have to stay here for one or two months until after New Year. We are organizing another campaign with the publicity firm that helped us before but they won't touch it unless I stay here. This ought also to give time to find a permanent man to take charge of the financial work at this end.

With affectionate remembrance to Mildred and Allen and a tantalizing sense of what I am losing in not being with you,

As ever yours,

Mr. B. M. Wiant
Yenching University
Peking, China

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Wiant
December 9, 1927

My dear Bliss:

Your circular letter announcing the arrival of my messages and the personal one written a few days later came to me this morning and were read with keenest pleasure. I am so glad to know that mother and boy are doing so well and am very much honored at having the latter carry my name. The responsibility is not quite so heavy since this is shared with his father.

I am interested in the explanation of the reason why you are continuing to act as comptroller. While rather rough on you, it is clearly the best solution. I wonder what you and the others will decide, however, in view of my probable delay in returning to Yenching.

I am very glad that you cleared off the loan with Dr. Yen. Philip Fu was to have adjusted this out of the funds he was confident would soon be in hand. I have just sent Dr. Yen a note of explanation.

The other matters in your letter were all of deepest interest. I revel in all such details and feel awfully homesick for that campus. This is only a hurried note dictated before an appointment for which I am waiting. The other items of business I suppose will keep until my return.

I should, however, like to have you arrange for renting my Pei Tai Ho house through the Rocky Point Association, of which Mr. D. E. Eastham is manager. Will you be good enough to write to him to this effect? Mr. Thomson of the Peking Mukden Railway had indicated that he would probably want to have it next summer if he is back in China. It might be that Hilda could write to him first to ascertain whether he wants to and if not, ask Mr. Eastham to take charge. It has rented heretofore for \$200 but I would leave it to the judgment of Mr. Eastham and yourself as to what should be done under present conditions.

With affectionate greetings to Mildred and the two boys and with heartiest congratulations to all of you,

As ever yours,

Mr. Bliss M. Wiant
Yenching University
Peking, China

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
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Office of the Treasurer

December 28, 1927

TRANSFER

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of November 22 to Mr. J. E. Tayler has been received. In a letter to Dr. J. I. Stuart, I have outlined reasons why it seems best not to make any change in Treasurer's Office until his return. We are hoping that the New York Office will be able to formulate some methods of procedure for carrying on the Treasurer's work on the Field. As stated in a previous letter, the present arrangement of having a local accountant supervising the financial work seems for the present to be a most satisfactory procedure. However, we hope that you will be able to give us your definite opinion in the near future. Delay in the return of Dr. Stuart makes this matter urgent and I trust it will receive early attention.

Regarding your letter of November 22, concerning Dormitory No. 3, Finley, the difference of \$100.00 has been adjusted. Concerning of the \$1000.00 in Residence Account that has been also adjusted by our letter dated December 6. Concerning distributing of New York Check No. 3096, this matter has been cleared up in accordance with the original designation. Concerning the check for \$75.00 received for Holley Presbyterian Church, we have made adjustment so that \$25.00 will show as a gift from Mr. Crawford for books.

Your letter of November 30, containing a draft for \$7188.25 for the Second Quarterly Advance on account of China Medical Board's Appropriation has been received and credit duly given.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver M. Grant

Treasurer

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School of Religion

Peking China

January 3, 1928.

My dear Leighton:-

Word of your forced stay in the States did not reach us until after it was too late to send even Christmas greetings but with this letter goes not only Christmas greetins but also New Year's and hopes that your extra months in America will not break your health but that you will be so inspired by the splendid results that you will feel that it has been worth any effort.

We were surely happy to get your letter of the first of December telling about the wonderful prospects for a large endowment from the Hall Estate in addition to what they have already given. You are doing a most wonderful piece of work in getting that if it comes through for with the Harvard fund and what they have given already, the University has about enough assured income to put her on a solid foundation as long as America stands.

We have had a very delightful Christmas but were cheated out of having you with us. John profited by our loss and gladly would we give up for him. You no doubt had a very happy and blessed time together.

Mr. and Mrs. Krause have spent the New Year holiday with us. He and I hiked out to Chao Yang An spending two nights in the McDonald cottage-none others were open so we were quite alone. Ritter had intended having a big crowd but could only muster up three at his house. Mr. Krause had never done much hiking before so he was "all in" when we got back today but he did enjoy it very much. It was a privilege to get better acquainted with him.

Our Christmas celebrations this year were the most religious and staisfatory we have ever experienced. The large meeting which they hold every year in which the whole community takes part was well attended and had some very beautiful features. Four groups went out carolling Xmas Eve. There was a most impressive vesper service Xmas eve which T.C.Chao and I worked out together in which candles were used almost exclusively and a great deal of music. Never has there been a more real sense of the presence of God as in that service. Xmas morning, we had communion and with it the dedication of our new set which the Fellowship

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has had made. The cups are porcelain but completely covered with gold; the trays are of black walnut and are exceedingly rich looking. The spirit of that service was unusually fine too. At noon we had as guests that students from Hawaii together with four more whom they had invited-their especial friends. That evening we had our "traditional" concert and it was a huge success. Since you have left, the students have organized a chorus of 120 voices from the student body and faculty. We have been learning the "Messiah" and had the first part (which is the Xmas section) fairly well learned so we sang it. The idea struck me that the balcony would be the best place to put a large chorus since the stage was small and not acoustically arranged for concerts on this nature so we had some workmen get a block and tackle and hoist the small grand piano up there which together with a small organ made the accompaniment. Verily it was inspiring and a great surprise to the whole community which had turned out in large numbers. We feel encouraged now to continue rehearsals on the complete thing and give it in Peking as well as here in April or May. You will surely be here by that time.

Having heard that bookings were being refused for April it seemed best for us to begin settling on some dates for leaving so for the present we have fixed June 5th as our sailing on the "Empress of Asia" from Kobe. That will mean we must leave here about the end of May which is two weeks before commencement all of which gives us alarm. We do not wish to run away from the University but with a small child it seems best to get home before the mid-summer heat threatens. We would arrive at Mildred's home before the end of June this way.

All of which brings up the question of your home for next year. We do not know what your plans or hopes are but some solution should be under way before so very long. Would that we could make our home your home permanently! Nothing would give us more gratification than that. If we can help in any toward the solving of the whole problem, please let us help.

Things are going along in about the same way but at every turn we miss your wisdom and your knowledge and counsel. The question of the "Yü K'eh" is perhaps the most alive issue now. I believe that there is a majority in favor of having the two years gap between the old middle school system and our freshman year filled up in some definite way rather than let things slide but it seems best not to have any such institution on our campus. The utilizing of some of our 6-year middle schools as our prep school seems quite feasible to some but others want it under the name of Yenching. But the name alone is not enough, sooner or later the name will lose its charm unless back of it is the spirit.

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The cabled news that the 10% cut would not have to be put thru was a cause for joy and rejoicing at the Xmas season. Ritters have refused to take back what they have already given-what a blessing it must be to be rich! Sailors are complaining that their salaries are to be raised again this year while others have to spend their money a month in advance. So far, we have not been in a tight place this year in the university finances and I believe we will come out in the end with flying colors.

My language study is making progress slowly. With the second semester I abandon all class work and will devote all my time outside of the office to study. It will be a new sensation and a delightful one as well.

Philip Fu doesn't visit us any more since his return from the Shanghai trip. Previous to that he was a very frequent visitor. He has been refused the use of the President's Car so that puts his transportation on his own resources with the result that he doesn't make his trips. I have found him so inaccurate in so many statements that I have lost a great deal of confidence in his ability to give reliable information. It seems as if he could not bear to have others think that he was uninformed on any question which he thought they thought he should know about with the consequence that he would act all-knowing and thus exposed himself to the criticism I have made. But we all have our faults. He attributed remarks to you which I am sure never came from your lips-things which I cannot recall now in detail but when he told us about them we were surprised until we came to know him better.

Dr. Sharman's class is keeping up in interest quite well altho we have lost some good members out of it by the competition which another group "The Quest" is giving. Whether or not they will stay another year no one can tell-they themselves do not seem to have made up their minds.

Wm. Hung is very rigidly following a policy of utter reclusiveness this year but he is studying hard on his research topic "The History of Christianity in China". They were here for dinner the other evening and he was telling me of the offer of the deanship in the Uni. of Hawaii and the Uni. of the Phillipines but that he was perfectly happy in Yenching and had no plans for leaving. His furlough plans are waiting your word as to possibilities of study in America.

We are beginning to think of the right person for Dean in the School of Religion for the next term. L.F. is not the man for the

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job as he has shown himself incompetent. Dear T.C. has done more for us all than J.F. He has taken over the chaplainship of the service not officially but because it was the natural thing for him to do so. We will miss him greatly next semester when he goes to Jerusalem. He would make a good dean for us I think. Will Timothy be coming back soon? and what will be his work?

We had a very profitable meeting of the faculty at the home of the Chaos last week at which the topic of the relation between Christianity and other oriental religions was discussed inasmuch as this is one of the main topics for discussion at the Jerusalem conference. It began by requesting each individual to witness to the outstanding contribution Xty had been in his or her life. After these were expressed, those of the group who knew began comparing these with the dynamic in the religion of Confucius in order to arrive at the unique dynamic power of Jesus. Never has such a fine meeting been held in the years I have been here.

A letter from Mr. Graside states that the "Wiant Memorial" residence is beginning to look more probable than in the past. I do hope that when I am faced with the question at home that I will be able to make some positive statement regarding it. There are those who would not regard with sympathy our financial manipulations when it means the holding back of designated funds for five years before releasing them. Explanations lose weight after a too long lapse of time.

We are all holding our breath until we hear what effect Pettus and his raging will have on us and on his own work. It seems to me that he is just preparing for his "swan-song"-let us hope so!

This letter has already surpassed its proper limitations so will close with a hope and a trust that the campaign will come out gloriously successful and that you will be able to return sooner than anticipated. Allen wants me to write that he loves Uncle Leighton and wants him to come back right away! I am enclosing a sample of the cards we sent out to our friends locally at Xams.

As ever,

Oliver

February 2, 1928.

My dear Bliss:

I am enclosing, herewith, a letter from Han Ching Lien which explains itself. Will you loan him up to \$40 during the present spring semester? Please also consult with him about his studies for next year and recommend him to take up the problem with the Committee on Student Loans. I am writing him to consult with you on the whole matter, and to tell him that I do not see any way in which special help could be found for providing all that he needs for an additional year of study after graduation this year. Of course I mean to charge the loan to my account.

My movements are still uncertain and I am very much perplexed as to what I ought to do. This campaign work is extremely slow in showing definite results and with no ready made constituency we have to build this up. The longer we work at it the more hope is there of getting substantial results though of course it also lengthens indefinitely my stay here. Meanwhile, there is quite a little insistence upon me to go to the Jerusalem conference. I certainly shall not do so unless this is made financially worthwhile to the University, which is not probable.

I wonder if Mildred would care to arrange for your servants ~~xxxxxxx~~ or others that she could recommend to stay on with me during the coming twelve months. I must be thinking about facing these housekeeping responsibilities on my return and about making my first call for help. I shall write more definitely as plans take shape. I am eager to see my young namesake. It is very exciting to have one and this adds one more cause for my impatience to get back.

With affectionate remembrance to Mildred,

As ever, yours

Mr. B. M. Tiant,
Yenching University,
Peking, China.

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P.S. The additional Hall estate begins to produce in Jan. 1928!

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BLISS M. WILANT
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA.

Feb 13, 1928.

Dear Leighton:- (Ward)

Ralph has come and gone and has left us all feeling better for being here. He is a fellow with insight and vision and was very favorably impressed with Yenching. Miss M. Wood, who has just arrived is surprised to find such a spiritual note everywhere since she had heard of the lack of it here. This year the tide has turned for the better - real religion is being manifested. It took a whole college generation of non-compulsory religion to bring about the "new birth." We all feel encouraged and inspired to press forward the claims of the spiritual life!

A word to do Ralph's activities here: he was to lunch with Jette; then at the Blue Lodge for a meeting & dinner with Mr. Brown. He had tea with Bentley for the latter was afraid he wouldn't preach a spiritual sermon to the Yenching audience but parenthetically it was the most moving sermon I've heard at Yenching. Copies are being printed ready for distribution this week.

Dr. Galt had the administrative officers to meet him at dinner at their home. He sat in on the Bd. of Managers meeting and was asked to speak. He laid emphasis on the fact that our institutions must be Yan alone everything for that is the purpose of their being. D. H. Li had the Tulsa Faculty in with him for dinner. He had a long conference with Galt & Chuan on Univ. affairs and then lunch with Dill Day. Mrs. Frame had the whole faculty in to tea & J. F. Li had the Sch. of Religion in to dinner with a lively discussion of how to get students into the school. He proposed giving good fellowships to ^{A.B.} men on the field & give them an opportunity to get refreshed. It was also recommended that the faculty get busy and do so real evangelistic work. On Sunday he preached at 4:30 to a good audience - Bentley presided. In the evening the Foreman students were in to Hung's with him. On Monday we were in to the city eating lunch with Wang Chih Ping & then at 4 we had invited in all the Methodists on the faculty ^{here} had a very nice time. That evening the Jewelers Masons had dinner at Hung's. The next day he left so you see he was going - almost on the run from noon till night but it was lots of fun to keep him going. I hope that he can be worked into our promotion program before General Conference in May so that if he is elected bishop (as now seems quite likely) the door will have been opened so that he can

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PEKING, CHINA.

still do a great deal of good for us. If he is elected perhaps he will doubtless be assigned to the Fovshow area. Wang chih Ping might be elected too & would be assigned Peking & Hsue to West China, Peking & Central China - that seems to be the "line-up" at present but who can tell what will happen?!

I noticed on the Dec. statement from the office that \$3900+ had been turned over to the hui from the M. E. Board for the Wiant Memorial Residence, hurrah! No authorization to begin building has come, though but something is in the move. If we should charge the M. E. Bd interest on that money we would have practically another thousand which would make enough to build a house. Hope we can hear more about it.

When I get Ralph Ward's travel expenses all fixed I'll draw a gold draft to reimburse myself as per your letter of December 7th charging it to the campaign. It will surely be a splendid investment.

How about your Peitaiho house. A letter from Mr. Thomson of the P.M. Railroad states that this year they may not care to spend any very long time at Peitaiho so the rent is a little high for the time they would be using it. Mr. Barry C. Eastham is willing to undertake renting the house at about \$600. but will want 5% commission. I think perhaps Mr. Thomson might pay you a cash rental of \$570. I will write him to that effect and see. It is a little early anyhow for people to make plans. With the prospect of the Nationalist army coming north this spring brighter than ever, folks are loathe to commit themselves.

We are all very well and hoping that with every mail we may know more definitely of your plans. As I understand it, the campaign closes about now - may it prove successful and may you still feel physically fit after it is over. Medred and the boys all join me in sending love to you.

Bliss.

February 16, 1928.

My dear Bliss:

I was very glad to have your good letter of January 3rd with the added note of the 4th. All the items mentioned were of keen interest but I shall not attempt to comment on them in detail. One point however which especially interested me is regarding the Deanship for the School of Religion. There is no better man for this than T. C. Chao. Timothy Lew will be back after the summer and has been hinting to me quite a little as to his status and work ought to be. I have told him frankly that I do not believe it would be to his interest for him to be an executive officer, at any rate not in the immediate future; least of all would I care to see him becoming Dean again of this School at this time. My advice to him has been to do a certain amount of teaching in quite specialized subjects but to put most of his emphasis upon serious literary work, and to wait for rather than seeking larger opportunities of usefulness either in the institution or outside. This will come fast enough and all the more satisfactorily for everybody if he is sought by others. His apparent self-seeking is I am convinced largely due to fear and I am trying to get him to conquer his own fears and leave his tasks to his colleagues and to his God. It is our problem rather than his.

It looks almost certain that we can authorize the starting of your house. I hope that a cable will be sent next week to this effect. It has been constantly on my mind. The Trustees are naturally cautious about any expenditures until we get in enough actual money or have sufficient definite assurance to get rid of the burden of loans, etc.

It is a great comfort to get from you and others so much encouraging news about the fine spirit with which every thing is going on at Yenning. I feel a little anxious about the reports of military disturbances in that area but doubt if my presence would make much even if this comes. With a conditional pledge of \$50,000 if the of our \$400,000 objective is secured, it has seemed to me quite I should stay on here a while longer and attempt to meet the one. But it is the hardest job I have ever tackled and it is pretty a venture of faith.

With remembrances to all of the friends to whom you
to give the message,

As ever Yours

Mr. B. W. Wiant
Yenning University
Peking, China.

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April 24, 1928

My dear Mildred and Bliss:

I have delayed some days in replying to your letters of March 10th owing to constant absences from the city and other pressing correspondence. Most of the matters having to do with plans for my welfare next year had already been covered in my letters to you. I appreciate very much your having thought of these things before you had even received my letters asking you to do so.

I am inclined to feel that we had better leave Wenling out of the picture entirely; at any rate for next year.

Regarding plans for your return to China, you need not have the slightest anxiety. As long as Yenching functions at all and can maintain its present staff of Western teachers through the missionary boards, there will be a place for you. As the Boards decrease their quotas, I hope we can maintain all of those Westerners who like yourselves are wanted. Whatever worries you have, don't include this one.

I am due to arrive in Peking June 9th and shall, of course, miss you as I am going via Siberia there will be no chance to meet on the way. Whatever results are achieved on this campaign of mine in America will be at the price of a year that I thought promised to be a very happy one for me in our common home. It seems now as though the stay in America will be worth very nearly a million dollars to the University, apart from the Harvard-Yenching Institute, so I pass this on to you for our consolation although it may be as well not to quote this figure as yet to others. Some of the larger amounts we are hoping for are not assured yet.

With affectionate regards to Allen and my unseen namesake,

Very sincerely yours

Mr. and Mrs. Bliss M. Wiant
Yenching University
Peking, China

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Mr. Bliss M. Miant
Peking University
Peking China

Furlough address:

Delaware, Ohio.

July 4, 1928.

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

TRANSFER

My dear Garside:-

Your letter of June 30th. has just been seen since I have been out on a short tour for a few days and have only returned.

Concerning plans for our residence for your committee meeting July 3rd. I regret very much that even yet I have not had opportunity to get these into your hands. I am living in the country and have not been to the city at the proper time to obtain these prints nor have I been here long enough yet to make the necessary arrangements. However, I hope within a few days a full set will be in your hands.

Concerning authorization for raising money for the residence-this is a matter which runs back into "ancient" history. Just five years ago, Mr. K.A. Wee and I were authorized to obtain as much as possible for this project there being no limitations since any surplus could be used for endowment or landscaping, etc. Consequently we spent a week I think and secured pledges of about \$10,000.00. Due to neglect in the office, these pledges were not followed up so that only about \$4500.00 was realized. At that time, it was quite the thing to obtain \$7000.00 as a minimum for a residence so we felt quite happy. When actual money came in we felt rather blue and tried in vain to urge the office to follow up the pledges.

Now the time has come to build and the \$4500.00 has been authorized. I forgot to say that all the money for this residence came thru the M.E. Board of Foreign Missions since the individuals who contributed gave thru a local church and was given credit on its apportionment for foreign missions. The first authorization for doing any campaign work came from the M.E. Bd. of Forgn. Missions.

After authorization was cabled out to Peking to proceed on a basis of US\$4500. bids were received by local contractors to erect the house. These bids included the masonry and carpentering but not the light, heat, sewage, water and interior decoration. These last named things were to be supplied by the Construction Bureau. Adding to the figure of Mex. \$8444.00 for the general contract, the estimated cost of the extraneous items, the figure went up to Mex. \$12,000.00

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Mr. B.A.Garside, July 4, 1928.

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Even this figure did not include some of the features we had wanted such as a basement under the front part of the house, proper toilet facilities for the servants, grading of the property, etc. We had hoped for enough money to landscape the property also. From time to time various ideas have come to us and we would like to have some extra funds on hands to use as a reserve. We now feel that \$7000.00 would not be too much to obtain.

As to the subcommittee, it met once and decided to authorize the building the house but leave out the radiation and bathroom in the north section of the house until report of more money had been received by the New York office.

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Garrett*

When I was in New York recently, I secured permission from the Board of Foreign Missions of the M. E. Church to raise enough money to finish the house it never occurring to me that any further sanction was necessary from the University office. The appeal I am making is not on behalf of the University ~~as it~~ but on behalf of the Methodist Board who will turn the money over to the University to complete the construction of the residence. However, if any more "red tape" is necessary from any quarter before actual work is begun I shall be only too happy to get it over with.

If there are any more doubts as to the history of the case please write me at once for I have already approached friends for more money and would not like to have the few precious days of my summer vacation held up for lack of more authorization.

I have many happy memories of my recent visit with you and hope that these past days have brought in encouraging results.

Cordially ever,

Bliss M. Wiant

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Mr. B.A. ... July 1, 1928.

Even this figure did not include some of the features we had wanted such as a basement under the front part of the house, proper toilet facilities for the servants, grading of the property, etc. We had hoped for enough money to landscape the property also. From time to time various ideas have come to us and we would like to have some extra funds on hand to use as a reserve. We now feel that \$700,000 would not be too much to obtain.

As to the syndicate, it was once and decided to authorize the building the house but leave out the addition and bathroom in the north section of the house with report of more money had been received by the New York office.

When I was in New York recently, I secured permission from the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York to think the house if never occurring to me that any further action was necessary from the University office. The appeal I am making is not on behalf of the University but on behalf of the Methodist Board who will turn the money over to the University to complete the construction of the residence. However, if any more "red tape" is necessary from any quarter before actual work is begun I shall be only too happy to get it over with.

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Cordially yours,

Wm. Brewster

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Mr. Bliss M. Wiant
Peking University
Peking China

Delaware, Ohio.
July 12, 1928.

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

TRANSFER

Dear Garside:-

I am enclosing prints of our house plans as promised in an earlier letter. These are prints from plates I had made in Peking before leaving.

A word of explanation will help give more meaning to them. The floor plan shows the house to be U shaped. It faces east thus giving southern exposure to all the general living rooms—a thing quite essential in Peking climate of sunshine. All the servant quarters face south—a feature which I believe cannot be duplicated in any other house in the University. Servant quarters have generally been put where nothing else would go. The north and west elevation have fewest openings shown because of the desirability of having blank walls as far as possible on these two sides since it is from the north-west that the terrible winds of winter come.

The house is located in the south-west corner of the South Compound. There is enough sand on the lot itself with which to build the house; there is also enough water—surface water—so that there need not be any used from other sources.

Before starting to build, the plans were submitted for approval in an informal way to Mr. King, a Chinese artist who is on the "G&B" Committee and on the committee for landscaping the campus which is a committee of the G&B. It is thoroughly Chinese in line and general plan and for its cubit-footage as cheap or cheaper than the houses of foreign construction of similar size.

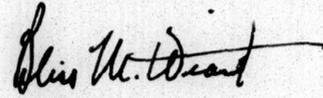
My oldest brother, Paul, who is an architect and engineer missionary in Foochow, would be glad if he could be allowed to design a bronze plate for the house. Could the proper committee of the Board of Trustees be asked to take action on that small feature. I might add that the floor plans were worked out by Mrs. Wiant and the details were worked out by a young Chinese who is connected with the Construction Bureau. He drew all the elevations himself.

If there are any points that are not clear please feel free to

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correspond with me.

Cordially ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bliss M. Wiant". The signature is fluid and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bliss M. Wiant.

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Cordially ever,

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July 31, 1928

Mr. Bliss M. Wiant,
Delaware, Ohio.

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Wiant:

I am sorry to be so slow in acknowledging your letters of July 4th and 12th. Part of the explanation is that I was away from the office for a week and have been struggling to catch up.

I am glad to get the new details of the history - both ancient and modern - of the Wiant Memorial Residence and the efforts to secure the funds therefor. It is quite correct, of course, that the solicitation for these funds has been carried on within the Methodist denomination and under the authorization of the Methodist Board, rather than the Peking Trustees. I think you will agree with me, however, that it is just as well to have the Peking Campaign Committee acquainted with the efforts being made in this country for funds which will ultimately go into the Yenching campus. The Campaign Committee is always eager to give its endorsement to every legitimate means of securing more funds for the building program at Yenching, and it does no harm to keep them informed of these efforts.

At the meeting of the Campaign Committee on July 3rd the only figure we had for the amount needed to complete the Wiant Memorial Residence was \$46,000.00 so the Campaign Committee signified its approval of the efforts to secure up to that amount. I will report to the next meeting your estimate that \$47,000.00 will be necessary to do the job thoroughly and that you are hoping to secure the \$2,500. needed to complete this fund from Methodist sources and with the approval of the Methodist Board. I see no reason why the Committee should not give its cordial blessing to the undertaking.

We will also show the Committee the plans for the residence and ask for their approval as required by the By-laws. Possibly this too looks like rather useless red tape because when the Committee meets the house will be pretty well on the way to completion so any comments or suggestions they might make would be a bit tardy.

We know that the residence will be a very charming and comfortable spot on the Yenching campus and we earnestly hope that you will have no difficulty in procuring all the funds needed for its completion and that you will enjoy many happy years with it as your home.

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Best wishes for the summer months. We trust we shall have an opportunity to see you when you start for Boston this fall.

Very cordially yours,

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Mr. Bliss A. Miant
Yenching University
Peking China

Delaware, Ohio.

August 29, 1928.

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

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:-

Your letter of the 25th of this month has been received and I shall attempt to answer it to the best of my memory and knowledge.

Location of Warner Gymnasium.

This building is being erected as indicated on the rearranged general plan of May, 1926, a copy of which you enclosed in your letter. If I am not correct, there isn't room on the campus to move this building 150 further north than as located on this plan of May, 1926. Hence, I am absolutely certain that it is as planned.

Division of Cost of Heat, Light, Sewage and Water
Installation between the University and the
Women's College.

Ever since I have had anything to do with the treasurer's work in Yenching, the question of cost as it affects the two parts of the whole university has been a bone of contention. If the women had only administered their own funds and built their own buildings, there would have been much less discussion! Last winter, when we were rather short of funds for building purposes we scrutinized the accounts to see where we might secure funds with which to proceed. The question of the cost of the HLS&W account was brought up and it was evident that the women were far short of bearing one third of its cost. I have never seen anything in black and white which would justify one to proceed on the one third basis but Dr. Stuart and Mr. O.J. Krause (former treasurer) all assured me that this was the case. Mrs. Frame herself thought this was the case. As originally estimated, this account was not to exceed \$375,000.00 so that the payment by the Women's College of \$125,000.00

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would have been sufficient but as far as I know, no building has ever been kept within its estimated cost. This system however, has cost much, MUCH more than it was thought it would cost. There are reasons for this of course but now that the thing is done it has to be paid for.

On request of Mrs. Frame, Mr. Hildebrand made a very careful study of the cost of that portion of the HLS&W system which rightfully belonged to the Women's College. They have their dormitories and office buildings and residences, etc., etc. This was a very impartial study and was not hap-hazard but carried out on scientific lines. It was discovered that they had underpaid the University treasurer for value received. Then we took one third of the total cost of the HLS&W system reduced it to gold and then discovered that by approaching the problem this way there was also a deficit. As I remember, Mr. Hildebrand's figures were larger than those we worked out from the books. On presenting these figures to Mrs. Frame, she said she would take it up with her authorities and see if she could not secure some funds for us as it seemed evident from two angles that the Women's College were in debt to us. As I say, the WHY of this cost is another question, the fact is that there is a moral claim upon them for more money for this account. We divided the account in the ledger more as a matter of form than anything else so we might agree our books with your balance sheet which showed a certain amount as having been received for a certain account. To change them as they were of old was a minor matter - perhaps helped to smooth over any hard feelings which might have developed.

Amounts due from Women's College on Second Science Building and Y.C. Other Bldg. Operations.

Your remarks about the G\$3,434.70 due us on the Science Bldg. are quite right. There is every reason for expecting a remittance on this account.

As to the G\$10,559.85, we made that distribution from the Undistributed Account since it was evident that such was necessary. We did not consult Mr. Bowman or Mrs. Frame as neither of them would have been able to say "yea" or "nay" about it. We did do it after consultation with the consulting accountants and Mr. O.J. Krause since it seemed more a matter of this department of the University organization to decide. From our building accounts it was evident that the buildings which go to make up the "Y.C. Other Bldg Operations" had cost more than we had funds to pay. It seemed fair too that they should help carry a part of the Undistributed Account so we took out of the Undistributed Acct. enough to balance the credit and debit side. This practically closed any more entries as I remember. If this amount is to be distributed now to the various items under it I cannot give any advice nor information. That could best be done in Peking I think with Dr. Walt and Mr. Beddow.

MISS M. WILSON
PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

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I regret exceedingly to not be able to attend this meeting in Boston next week. The Women's College has always had the attitude that the men have been careless with their funds and can't give a clean slate of accounting, etc., etc. On the other hand, they have not been as active as they might have been in discovering how their money was spent. Mr. Boman has never sent any queries of any kind and has not answered letters of ours in which we were attempting to get on a more clear basis of understanding. This it goes. There will be no relief until the whole University is organically one.

According to present plans I will be in Cambridge about the 24th of September. Whether or not I stop off in New York is not yet decided.

The pastor of the church in which I was planning to campaign for more funds for the Wiant Memorial Residence has not allowed me to present the subject now. He is putting me off until after conference which meets next week. I am hoping to have more news then.

If there are any other items which you think I might help to elucidate (or entangle) please write me.

Cordially ever,

Bliss M. Wiant
Bliss M. Wiant.

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I never expected to not be able to attend the meeting in
Boston next week. The Women's College has always had the attitude
that the men have been married with their families and can't give
a clear place of accounting, etc., etc. On the other hand, they have
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their money was spent. It is hard to say how many of the queries of
any kind and how many letters of one kind or another we were
attempting to get on a more clear basis of understanding.
This is good. There will be no relief until the whole University
is organized one.

According to the report, a bill will be introduced about the 2-11
of the former. Whether or not it will be in New York is not yet
decided.

The report also states that I was planning to organize
for more funds for the winter. The original intention was not allowed
to proceed. The subject now is to get the bill off until after
conference with the investment work. I am going to have more news then.

If there are any other items which you think I might help to
facilitate or expedite, please write me.

Cordially ever,

Blair W. Stewart
Blair W. Stewart





YENCHING

Mr. Bliss M. Wiant
Yenching University
Peking China

*See memo to
Camp...*

79 Pearl Street,
Cambridge, Mass.
October 25, 1928.

Rev. A. E. Chenoweth,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Chenoweth:-

I am enclosing checks totaling \$75.00 to be credited to the Wiant Memorial Residence now under construction in Yenching University, Peking, China. This money is a gift from two persons who are members of the Lancaster, Ohio, M.E. Church and they would like to receive World Service credit for it. Their names are those which appear as signatures on the checks themselves.

Inasmuch as the University is in need of this money, could you see to it that it is turned over very soon to Mr. B.A. Garside on the top floor of the building at 150 Fifth Avenue? I am sending him a copy of this letter so that he is informed.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

B. Wiant

Bliss M. Wiant .

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I'm glad for some evidence of campaigning on my part even tho small! B. Wiant

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Please send lions as follows:-

Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Walters
126 W. Chestnut St.,
Lancaster, Ohio

Mr. B. F. Walters.
Gen'l Delivery,
Chicago, Ill.

Yours

to the ...
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YENCHING

Yenching University

November 3, 1928

Mr. Bliss N. Wiant,
79 Pearl Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Wiant:

I have your letter of October 25th notifying us that you have sent \$75.00 through the Methodist Board to be credited on the Wiant Memorial Residence. We are happy to know of these first fruits of your good work. We will keep an eye on the Methodist Board and if these remittances are not forwarded to us in due course we will send them a reminder.

As you know, the Finance Committee expressed its unwillingness to increase the amount appropriated for your residence until further funds were in sight. Do you think it worth while to have them approve an increase covering this \$75.00 or is it better to wait until further receipts come in?

I am passing on the Campaign Office your request to send lions to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Walters and Mr. B. F. Walters. Possibly the Campaign Office may want more information as to these friends and the purpose for sending lions at this time, but I will leave that to be adjusted between the Campaign Office and yourself.

With all good wishes for your work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

BAG-H

CC: Campaign Office

*a copy of
P.S. We acknowledge also your
letter to Mr. Chivers with date
Nov. 1, 1928.*

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Copies for Carleton 11/5/28

79 Pearl Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. Bliss M. Wiant
Yenching University
Peking China

November 4, 1928.

TRANSFER

Rev. A.E. Chenoweth,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Brother Chenoweth:-

Enclosed please find a check for \$200 for the Wiant Memorial
Residence of Yenching University.

Whether or not this amount is to be credited to the World
Service Appropriation of the local church to which the donor,
Mr. E.E. Sawtelle, belongs I am not sure but have written to
him asking for information. So please hold in abeyance
the matter of credit but please pass this on to the
Yenching University authorities as soon as possible.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Bliss M. Wiant.

Dear Carside: Would that I could keep up a perfect stream of
such checks for a while. Please send "lions" to:

Mr. E.E. Sawtelle,
8260 Woodbine Avenue,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Yours, etc.,

Bliss M. Wiant

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Mr. James M. Smith
Fencing Instructor
Boston, Mass.



Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 10th.

I am sorry to hear that you are not well.

I hope you will soon be able to return to your work.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Yours truly,
James M. Smith

I have your letter of the 10th and am glad to hear that you are well. I am sorry to hear that you are not well. I hope you will soon be able to return to your work. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
James M. Smith

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James M. Smith

Yours truly,
James M. Smith

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James M. Smith

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TRANSFER

November 5, 1928

Dear Mr. Wiant:

Mr. Garside has given copies of your letters of October 25th, November 1st and November 4th to Mr. Chenoweth of the Methodist Board regarding gifts from Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Walters, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Prichard, Mr. B. F. Walters, and Mr. E. E. Sawtelle.

In order that the Campaign Office may have a clearer record of these contributions, may we have the pledge letter or card which was filled in by the Prichards for their \$50 pledge? We should like to have the original pledge letter, if possible, you keeping a copy for your needs.

When the above moneys have been received from the Methodist Board, we shall send the usual receipts to each of the donors.

We are sending the bronze lions to the three members of the Walters family and a pair to Mrs. Prichard. In the past it has been the custom to send a lion to anyone giving \$25 or more to the University. I am not quite sure whether it is your intention to send Mr. Sawtelle more than one lion. I should suggest sending a pair as they are nice for book ends. Please let me know how many. We have plenty in stock but it costs in the neighborhood of \$1.00 for each, including postage. The Scotch ancestors in the McCoy family seem to have an influence on me - at times.

Sincerely yours,

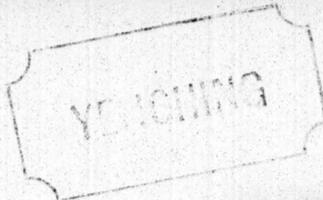
Mr. Bliss M. Wiant
79 Pearl Street
Cambridge, Mass.

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Mr. Bliss M. Wiant
Yenching University
Peking China

79 Pearl Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

November 6, 1928.

TRANSFER

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

My dear Mr. Garside:-

Your letter of November 3rd has been in my hands for a couple of days now. I thought I would not reply until the last check for \$200 was either within your grasp or within your knowledge of grasping before answering that part of it which referred to having the Finance Committee appropriate an increase for the house.

A propos to this sentiment, I received a letter from Dr. Galt, field treasurer of Yenching, several days ago regarding the house. He stated that when the general contract work was done, the appropriation having been used up, the question of whether or not to proceed thus incurring a deficit, arose. President Stuart inspected the house and declared it so desirable and so epoch-making in the history of residence construction in the University, that he advised proceeding with the completion and trusting to me to raise the balance on the debit side. This statement of mine is somewhat colored but the essential fact is that the house was completed about October 1st according to Dr. Galt and now it is my moral responsibility to clear it of debt.

As I have written to Miss McCoy under this cover, there has been received in cash and pledges \$425 to date with a certainty to that figure going over \$500 for Xmas. This is a good beginner I think on the total amount to be raised. Dr. Galt thought that \$1000 be sufficient. However, if I can I hope to raise at least \$1500 to have some surplus for equipment. We have never had sufficient bedroom furniture and must get more before returning to China.

Sincerely,

Bliss M. Wiant.

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Musical Instruments

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Mr. Bliss M. Bliss
Yenching University
Peking China

79 Pearl Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

November 16, 1928.

Dear Mr. Wainmaker:-

Your letter of the 17th came last evening and since it requires a prompt reply I am not wasting any time in doing my duty there, especially when there seems to be bright prospect of making my work more attractive in Yenching as well as the life of the whole community.

The greatest needs for the University, in general in the way of musical instruments are:-

1. A pipe organ for the Bashford Auditorium. The balcony affords ample room and is an ideal location for such. Esby organs can be purchased in Tientsin or we could buy one here and have it set up out there. They would also keep it in repair which is a very important item in that climate. It would cost not less than \$5000.
2. A first class reed organ for the Minde Chapel where University services of worship are now held. We have nothing but a small worn-out organ there and we should have a good instrument there for special music as well as leading the singing. I would estimate that at \$1000.
3. A piano for use in the balcony in the Bashford Auditorium. We discovered last year that the balcony is the very best place in the University for chorus work and for such we must have a good instrument up there. Cost \$1500.
(This item should really be first)
4. A good library of oratorios and cantatas, and various types of choral music for our Student-Faculty Choral Society. The very least one could expect would be \$1000 this being enough to supply the chorus with ten or a dozen of the best things in the field of choral music.
5. For my own studio I need a piano. Up to the present I have used only borrowed ones and hope to get one somehow. \$1000
6. A full-sized orthiphonic victrola with a receiving set all electrically equipped. This would be most useful for any functions in the Bashford Auditorium. Cost \$600
7. Band instruments of which we have none now. Cost \$2000

Now if we can secure a gift of around \$10,000 we could do some great things for Yenching musically. May the Lord guide Mr. Murphy to Yenching!

Sincerely,

Bliss M. Bliss

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Yenching University

November 22, 1928

Mr. Bliss W. Wiant,
79 Pearl St.,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wiant:

We acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 6th addressed to this office and also your letter of November 4th addressed to Dr. Chenoweth, a copy of which you kindly sent to us.

Thus far the Methodist Board has forwarded \$75.00 of the amount you have remitted to them and we trust that the remainder will reach us in the near future. They have been so busy with the closing up of their fiscal year and the holding of their annual meetings this week that we have not tried to hurry them on any routine matters.

Whenever you say the word I will be glad to suggest to the Finance Committee that they increase the appropriation for the Wiant Memorial Residence by whatever amount you have in cash or in pledges payable in the near future. We are glad to note that your contributions have now passed \$400.00 and we hope that before Christmas they will be well over \$500.00.

With best wishes for a pleasant Thanksgiving, I am

Cordially yours,

BAG-H

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79 Pearl Street,
Cambridge, Mass,

December 10, 1928.

Dear Miss McCoy:-

Your letter of Dec. 6th has been received. I am sorry to say that Mrs. Prichard has not yet made any reply to my request for a pledge card but I'll probe her again. However, I am enclosing a pledge which I had thrown away so that accounts for the crumpled condition of the paper. You will notice that this pledge covers considerable time but this is my brother and minister and he doesn't get a huge salary so it will have to come slowly. However it will be as good as gold. I wish you would send him a pair of the lions as a reminder that his pledge is on the files in the proper office. His name and address are on the slip. Just add the Rev. and the deed is done.

sent
12-12-28

I am up to my neck these few days in studies and concerts. You know how the profs pile on the work before Xmas with readings and quizzes to last forever it seems. Besides, the concert season is on in all its glory and I can't miss them for the time will come soon when such will be denied. Then the Harvard Glee Club in which I make a noise is busy giving concerts these days so we are kept on the go.

You can imagine the joy at home during these holidays when our family will be gathered together with the normal joys attendant upon Xmas where there are small children.

Here's wishing you and the Britton a most joyous and happy Xmas time and a New Year, bigger and better than ever, may I wish to handle especially that of the Wiant Memorial Residence.

As ever,

Bliss M. Wiant

Bliss M. Wiant.



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