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1942-1943

March 11, 1942

Mr. Bliss Wiant
130 Morningside Drive
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wiant:

I have not answered your letter of January 22nd with the hope that some assistance could be secured without recourse to committee action. I am still hopeful, but believe the best course to pursue now is to give full consideration to your situation through a committee appointed by the Associated Boards to study this whole problem. Meanwhile, before this committee meets, which should be within the next week or ten days, I will still further press my investigation toward possible assistance from other sources.

We may seem neglectful, but nevertheless, this is not true. I shall keep in touch with you.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

March 12, 1942

130 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK CITY

TEL. MO. 2-6238

Dear Mr. Evans:-

I appreciate your letter of yesterday's date very much indeed. Knowing you as I do the thought that you "seemed neglectful" never entered my mind. Your burdens are heavy. Everyone is very busy these days.

Since coming to New York I have spoken fifty times about half of these engagements were either entirely gratis or a gesture of appreciation made on account of expenses. The other half have paid more than expenses but in no case

has there been any great excess. We have just been able to pay bare living expenses. Now we face, after one year of residence in America, the necessity of new clothing, summer expense, etc. We have conscientiously tried to give ourselves instinctively to the propogation of a better understanding of China through our experiences of China at Yenching. It is most encouraging to meet everywhere folk who know of Yenching and some of them are very well-informed. After the war we are in for a marvelous period of reconstruction.

With thanks again for your letter and with every good wish, Sincerely,

Bliss Wiant

April 9, 1942

Mr. Bliss Wiant
130 Morningside Drive
New York, N. Y.

Dear Bliss:

I pretty much despaired of doing anything beyond what is being provided for you by the Methodist Board at the present time. There isn't a single situation which I have in mind that has occasioned more concern and a more conscientious effort to find a solition. It is, of course, unfortunate for you that there are many other situations which would call for like special consideration and every one of our China Colleges' Boards would find themselves seeking new sources of income were they to take on additional support for mission-supported staff members.

Last week I had what I thought was a perfect setup for securing a very substantial amount. When my prospect raised some very pertinent questions regarding the mission boards support which caused him to start an independent investigation, he came back with a very emphatic "no." Frankly, I do not know where to turn as I do not wish to make it an issue with the Finance Committee of Yenching University as members on that Committee are also connected with other mission boards and any out-and-out consideration would only complicate matters.

I shall, however, let you know if there are any developments which seem to promise any sort of success.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

April 14.1942

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NEW YORK CITY

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Dear Mr. Evans: Many thanks for your labors on our behalf even though the outcome was not as happy as we had hoped. Missionaries are surely hard pressed (as are of course many others) but we trust that we will all survive! An average of about $1.00 per day for food and clothes doesn't mean a very luxurious life in this city for a family such as mine. It has meant that clothes have been denied. If any hidden treasures come to light we will be most grateful.

Sincerely and gratefully

Bliss Wiant

130 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK CITY

TEL. MO. 2-6238

June 26, 1942

Dear Mrs Van Sciver: This airplane view of Peking was taken some four or five years ago by a German pilot who took it against orders from the Chinese government (or it may have been the Japs). I got it from Mr. W. B. Pettus. It is the only one I have ever seen or heard of. Now that Peking is a military objective it does have some military significance.

The big enclosure in the middle with a moat around it is called the "Forbidden City" by westerners.

Yours, Bliss Wiant

June 26, 1942

130 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK CITY

TEL. MO. 2-6238

P.S. The building in the center of the Forbidden City is called the "Palace of Great Harmony" - the place where the Emperor sat on his throne to receive ministers of state, foreign ambassadors, etc.

It was out in front of that gorgeous building that in May, 1935 we built a platform on which were seated 600 boys & girls from 14 schools who sang a beautiful program with only the blue sky for a canopy on Sunday, May 12th, 1935. It was my privilege to direct the program.

B.W.

BLISS WIANT
130 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK CITY
TEL. MO. 2-6238

June 30, 1942

Dear Mr. McBrier: It was a fine time we all had yesterday with you and we shall always cherish these precious hours. The fellowship of those who have been in China and love the Chinese is truly rich.

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of "In Search of Old Peking" - one of the most authentic and recent books on this famous city. At last, we know the name of "that" bunding - T'ai Ho Men. Chapter II deals with that section of the Forbidden City.

When you are finished with the books please send to me at

Silver Bay, New York.

Again with thanks for the blessings of the day,

Sincerely, Bliss Wiant

Silver Bay N.Y.
August 18, 1942

Dear Mr. Evans:

The information about Yenching which Dr. Wei sent was a regular feast of news - how happy we are over the prospect of Yenching opening this fall. Would that we were there.

I have written a letter to Dr. Wei but I do not have his address. I am enclosing the letter hoping you will address it for me and mail it. Please let me know how much it is - this is my first letter to China since the war started.

We are having a fine time here at Silver Bay, until we leave on Sept 5th. Hope you are well and have had or will have a good vacation. (over please)

You will be interested to know that the Methodist Board would not grant me a request to keep our regular rent allowance of $55 per mo when it would give us about $23 per month towards other expenses after we settle in Nashville. Our rent there is a nominal figure of $32 per mo on the Scarritt College campus. Instead they gave us the privilege of keeping any fees which may come in from non-church engagements. I would have preferred the other way but now we must go into the lecture field in order to make ends meet if we are to live like other folk in our environment. We have no standing anywhere in that section so it will mean considerable publicity work to get started.

With best wishes, Sincerely,

Bliss Wiant

130 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK CITY

TEL. MO. 2-6238

Scarritt College,
Nashville, Tenn.

Sept. 22,1942

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of the 17th concerning the futile efforts to repatriate the Yenching staff and dearly beloved Leighton Stuart has sunk deeply into our hearts. We have been praying night and day that somehow God would be pleased to save them from further misery but if not He has a larger plan for them beyond our power to evaluate. We must trust in Him;Yenching has from its beginning proceeded entirely on faith-blind faith at times and yet God has been clearly guiding her destiny at all times. He will not forsake them at this very crucial hour but oh,how we would that His will should be for them to return! Please keep us informed constantly of any developments. We feel so far removed from you-how we wish we could still be in NYC. A conference of returned missionaries will be held here on Monday next at which time the course of our work will take shape. Meanwhile we are living in upset rooms waiting for repairing to be finished.

Yours gratefully,

Belle Wrant

Scarritt College For Christian Workers
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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September 28,1942

Dear Mr. Evans:

The thrilling letter you sent over on the 26th reached me here today. I have never been so elated as when I read that glorious news-it thrilled me to my finger-tips!! And when I thot that if I were free, I could also be there to participate in that gala opening it gave me inward pain. But such is the sacrifice of staying on in this country now.

It is made all the more poignant by an incident which transpired today. The Dept. of Cultivation of the Methodist Board had a regional conference for missionaries here which was to give us instruction as to what to say and how to appeal to the churches at this time. As you know, I have been appointed to this area for fully four months now. When I inquired of the secretary who has my work in charge he said that they were working on the plans and would inform me by correspondence. That really griped me. Here I am all set ready to go ahead at full speed and have to rest on my oars until inefficient planning gets on its feet. I guess I'll have to 'stew in my own juice' a while. We have felt it was a mistake to send us down here anyhow and this doesn't detract from that conviction. However we are still openminded enough to hope for the best when things do get going.

Frank Cartrwight stated that there were no new developments in regard to the repatriation of the Yenching group in Peking-still holding up the whole repatriation movement. We hope that enough pressure can be brought to bear to make the Japs loosen up. Any intimation of how things go will be most highly appreciated here. We feel so absolutely cut off from the stream of life as we knew it.

With the best of greetings to you and all of the fine co-workers of your office.

Sincerely,

Bliss Wiant

Bliss Wiant.

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REPRESENTING THE METHODIST
BOARD OF MISSIONS AND
CHURCH EXTENSION

SCARRITT COLLEGE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
TELEPHONE 7-4631-M

October 6, 1942.

ON FURLOUGH FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, YENCHING
UNIVERSITY, PEKING, CHINA

Dearly beloved friends and relatives:

Most of you will be quite surprised to know that we are living in this part of our country. When it was proposed by the Board of Missions last spring, it also came as a surprise to us.

The purpose of our church in sending us here is to share with those in this section of its constituency our experiences of the power of music in the evangelization of China, especially the music of China. Through this medium one can win the hearts of men everywhere.

Our base, Scarritt College, is one of the uniquely choice schools of the whole denomination whose appeal goes out beyond lines of creed, clan or culture, to train properly equipped folk for better work in the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God in any land. Only those who have had two years of college work can apply. Once admitted they spend the second half of their college course in specialized professional training in the fields of religious education, social service and foreign missionary work. Graduate work is also provided along the same lines.

It is one of the three stars in the firmament of a marvelous center of education here, the other two being Peabody College for Teachers, and Vanderbilt University. By enrolling in any one of the three schools a student can obtain whatever all three have to offer. A joint Library has been recently built. We can think of no better place to send students for training of many kinds, than here in Nashville.

We live on a beautiful campus. Please read carefully the enclosed brocure and look at the beautiful pictures of even more beautiful grounds and buildings. The Tudor Gothic architecture of the exteriors and the exquisitely and tastefully decorated interiors are not in any sense a match for the cordiality, the genuineness, the inspiring godliness of those who have made and are making this institution. The record of fifty years of service is the most convincing testimony to the significance and effectiveness of Scarritt College.

Our family is comfortably and conveniently housed on the edge of the campus. The three younger children are enrolled in an excellent demonstration school in connection with Peabody College. Allen, the oldest of the family is a sophmore at Ohio Wesleyan this year.

Concerning our colleagues in China we have both very sad and very happy news to report. The Japanese in Peking are now refusing the repatriation of the Americans who have been interned since December 8, 1941. This brings into bold relief the sacrifices which these courageous folk have made in order that one outpost of free and untramelled democratic education should be maintained in North China in spite of Japanese military occupation. No doubt those in control have some plan by which they wish to use these people as a medium of exchange when the proper time comes. We pray for their safety and that even now, they may be able to render some distinctive service to the cause of Christ as they face the uncertainties which lie before them.

Meanwhile, those who have escaped from North China and others have re-established Yenching University in Chengtu, just two thousand one hundred (2100) miles west and south of Peking. In August entrance examinations were announced in order to secure a freshman class. To the utter amazement of all, there appeared three thousand (3000) for this examination, this being the largest number of students in the history of modern education in China, seeking admission to any school. Only one student out of twenty-two was selected. This attests to the high regard in which Yenching is held in China today and also to the high standard of selection which must have been applied.

Needless to say, we are very proud of this institution to which we have given eighteen years of our lives. Financial support for this venture has come in from Chinese sources which were totally unexpected. The first year is thus assured success by what has been given locally and by what the New York Trustees have been able to send. God is surely working wonders these days among the brave, the patient and the amazingly resourceful Chinese people.

Write to us for we need your letters and we want to keep in close touch with you. Pray for us for we need divine guidance and help as we proceed along untried yet alluring paths.

Sincerely,

Bliss and Mildred Wiant
and family

Ack 10/13/42
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BLISS WIANT
REPRESENTING THE METHODIST
BOARD OF MISSIONS AND
CHURCH EXTENSION

ON FURLOUGH FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, YENCHING
UNIVERSITY, PEKING, CHINA

October 11,1942

Dear Oliver:

We have just read in the morning's paper that your brother may be interned in the Phillipines-I hope that it is true for I have felt all along that he was still alive. In due time he may be with you again.

Two weeks ago we were all out to see John & family and at that time he showed me the medal and the other decorations which had been sent to him for his brother.

On this Saturday evening we are having a program here with the students of Scarritt as sponsors plus about 70 invited guests which include the musicians, the leading ministers and the most ardent China lovers. We will exhibit our curios and Mildred sing some songs. This is a kind of "hsiao k'ai men" affair for us. We hope that the aftermaths may be good.

In spite of the fact that the Methodist Board has known of our coming here since last June there isn't a single intimation from them as to how we are to proceed. We are strangers to every living soul in this city and they have not turned over their finger to open up anything for us. I never saw such methods. Dr. Quillian is responsible and he is supposed to be here next week for the Tennesse Conference. He was here a couple of weeks ago to conduct a conference with missionaries on the how and why of deputation work and yet had no word for us. If he doesn't have anything by next week I intend to write Diffendorfer a letter in which my mind will be exposed!

We feel so far off the beaten track here as far as getting news of China is concerned. Rumors flew thick and fast in NYC last year and no doubt news is coming in all the time but we must wait in patience until something flits by that we can catch. Will you Oliver, do me the favor of jotting down everything you think would be of interest to me and give me a letter once in a while? You are in the center of it all and so can help us tremendously.

The enclosed letter I have just sent out to over 300 folk with a brochure which I did not send you because you know all about it.

We hope you and yours are keeping well these days. We miss you very very much. please write.

Your friends,

Bliss + Mildred

what is the "low-down" on the change of chinese ambassadors?

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ON FURLOUGH FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, YENCHING
UNIVERSITY, PEKING, CHINA

October 11,1942

Dear Oliver: This is the second letter to you within a few hours but I didn't get thru before.

We have found what you said about the scenery true. We have been out of the city all directions but the lovely place is of course, Belle Meade and environs. We were at the Hermitage and found it interesting but as far as the house goes, not any more wonderful than many others. The Museum at Bardstwon,Ky., where Foster used to go is superior to it except for the grounds. It is lovely to have beauty of nature so near to us here.

Outside of Fisk, the music of this town is evidently of a very low calibre. We have been to the West End and Belmont churches and I heard the McKendree last spring. All of them try to do the dramatic and theatrical rather than the worshipful. Fisk is no doubt as good as one can hear any place. Thank God for one bright spot anyhow. Tonite there was a hymn festival and such a good-for-nothing service I NEVER attended. But a lot of this and that and no sense of musicianship anyplace. It was at West End.

It would be hard for us to have to attend anyplace except the Fisk Chapel. We attended the 1st Pres. this morning-again a very amateur production although we understand that there are two folk in charge who are graduates of Westminster. They are no credit in any sense to that school if this morning's performance is any criterion. Of course, that congregation is split but a fuss over the preacher. A part of them worshipped with the pastor in the Belmont theatre while the bulk were at church and heard the Rev. Darby Fulton in a good sermon.

It makes me itch for a choir myself but I cant have one because I'm supposed to be 'on the road' every Sunday. The director of the Ev. Lutheran Church downtown is a former student at Union and he should be able to get results but he tells me the church will not support him-he lacks men and nothing is being done about it. This is truly a conservative place. I was talking to a returned missionary from China(Mrs. Henry)the other day about John Dyson and was trying to tell her where he worked and in my story parenthetically asked:"Do you know New York?" and she said:"No, and I dont care to" this is typical of so many southerners I suspect.They are perfectly happy over what they have and let the rest of the world go by. What can you do in such a place??

Mildred is to sing at the anniversary of the Bd. of Missions service on Thursday evening at which time Hugh Stuntz is the main speaker. I wrote to the chairman of the meeting requesting a few moments to explain the song(a Confucian Chant transformed into a Xtn Hymn) so that it would go over more intelligently. He objected but has

been willing to give me a minute and a half not more than two and suggests that I write it out so that it should not take a second more than two!This is the other extremity. Maybe you can advise me on how to say a 'mouth-ful' in 90 seconds.

I'm sure that all will work out splendidly when we get started. Tomorrow nite we are to begin a series of talks before a business womens' class at the YWCA and this may help to get us limbered up. I really have never felt so useless in my life before.

Pray for us on Saturday evening at 9 P.M. Eastern War Time that we may do and say the proper things so that our message may reach the proper spot. If the folk come who are invited we will have the cream of the city's musicians and pastors, and music and China lovers. John and wife will be here anyhow.

Hugh Stuntz is recommending that if the Bd. doesn't snap out of it I should get a job with the State Civilian Defense Corps for they are looking for men to organize units all over the state.

Well, now that I have 'let off steam' to you, please forgive me. You know this situation so well and me so well that I feel that in you I can pour forth my troubles and you will have both understanding and advice.

With thanks for all you have done in the past and with advance gratitude for all you can do for me now and with hopes that I can reciprocate somehow, sometime, and with greetings to your wife and children whom we hope are all well,

Yours as ever.

Reiss Viant

October 14, 1942

Mr. Bliss Wiant
Scarritt College
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Wiant:

I have just come from the Shanghai Tiffin Club luncheon and received many inquiries regarding the news which is contained in a letter which you mailed to a number of Yenching friends.

We are greatly interested in this ourselves as a letter received this morning from the State Department gives an entirely different story.

Will you not please let me have a copy of the letter and let us know the source of the information.

If what is reported to me is true, it is a very disturbing condition.

With every good wish to you all, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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ON FURLOUGH FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, YENCHING
UNIVERSITY, PEKING, CHINA

October 16,1942

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of the 14th which just arrived surely did strike terror in my heart since I have evidently,very unwittingly either misrepresented or misinterpreted information which has come to us. If so I crave your forgiveness and that of all concerned.

The letter of mine to which you refer I now enclose. Again I need apologize for not having sent you one. Here again I unwittingly omitted getting one into your hands. I am sure one went to the Office,perhaps to Oliver Caldwell.

On the second page, second paragraph I refer to the plight of our colleagues who seemingly are doomed to remain interned because of refusal on the part of some one (here I supposed it to be the Japanese)for repatriation. This is most likely what has caused the trouble.

This paragraph was an interpretation of the information contained in your letter of Sept.17,1942 addressed :" To the Members of the Board of Trustess and Friends of Yenching University". In your first paragraph it is not made clear just who it is that is,in the last analysis, blocking repatriation of the Yenching folk.

It never occured to me that the difficulty you were experiencing was due to our very own State Department but it must have been. There again I would like to be informed. As we have understood all along, it is the Japanese authorities who have determined who was to be repatriated. We had also heard(letter from the Methodist Board dated Oct. 9th that the latest unconfirmed information is to the effect that)the repatriation ship may not be able to leave New York for another month due to some controversy. Our letter of Oct. 6th was sent out before this letter arrived but we knew that the Gripsholm was being held in New York since its arrival last month.

Will you kindly set us on the right track and give us the very latest information inasmuch as we are constantly interrogated by friends as to the situation in Yenching,etc.

I am sending you a brochure to which reference is made in my letter of Oct. 6th. This will go in a separate envelope.

Regretfully and cordially,

Bliss Wiant

October 19, 1942

Dear Mr. Wiant:

I am somewhat startled and even chagrined that our letter of September 17th met the interpretation that there was absolute refusal to repatriate the Americans on the Yenching campus. This is the first intimation I have received that such a conclusion might be drawn.

I now find that Mr. Caldwell did receive a copy of your letter which I did not see, and after returning from the Shanghai Tiffin Club last week and securing the reaction which I did, I dictated my letter to you at once without conferring with Mr. Caldwell.

Nothing more need be said in any way regarding our letter, but the interpretation is that in so far as we could go, everything had been done that was possible to do, and we were leaving the matter in the hands of the Lord, with the hope that our good friends would join in prayer that the Yenching faculty might be included in the next sailing. The fact is that there has been no refusal, and negotiations are still proceeding. As a matter of fact it is now learned that negotiations were pending for a long time before the first consignment of Americans were released. The people of Peiping left that city on the 13th and arrived in Shanghai on the 14th, presumably to sail on that date, only to be put off until the 29th of June. So things do not move as rapidly as they are planned. The latest news we have is that in all probability the Gripsholm will not sail for at least three weeks.

I am thinking that the best method of procedure regarding your letter is to let the matter drop entirely, and any further questions which are received may be explained very readily in our office.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

Mr. Bliss Wiant
Scarritt College
Nashville, Tennessee

Nashville, Tenn. Oct. 22,1942

Dear Mr. Evans: Thank you for your letter of the 19th for it clears up all matters and gives us a sense of hope we had not had before.

Dr. Cochran reported to me that a School of Social Science was to be inaugurated on the Yenching campus this fall. Have you had any word to that effect? It sounds as if possibly our dearly beloved Prof. Torii has been active in bringing such a school into being. Perhaps when the whole story is known he will have a high place in our esteem.

Sincerely,

Bliss Wiant

BLISS WIANT
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Mr. C.A.Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, NY

November 4, 1942

Mr. Bliss Wiant
Scarritt College
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Wiant:

This is a belated answer to your card of the 22nd of October.

We have had no word that any work whatsoever will be inaugurated on the Yenching campus this fall. The foreign faculty was transferred to the American Embassy property in Peking and there were rumors that the Japanese were to start a "School for Scientific Research" for North China. Just this morning comes word that other influences have changed the attitude of the Japanese and nothing is being done at the present time. Such an institution as was planned would be operated entirely by the Japanese had it been put into effect.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

130 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK CITY

TEL. MO. 2-6238

Scarritt College,
Nashville, Tenn.

Nov. 25,1942

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for sending us the very informing letter with excerpts about Wm. Hung and family. I have written to Ruth as per enclosed but do not know her address. Will you kindly forward it to her for me? Forwarded 11/27/42

You may be interested to know that the H. W. Gray Co. is now publishing a Chinese Christmas Carol I wrote and translated and that it will be sung at the United China Relief Service in St. Thomas Church on the afternoon of Dce. 13th. This is the first time that anything like this has ever appeared in America and I am happy that at last something from China is now available for home consumption.

Yours very sincerely,

Bliss Wiant

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ROBERT CARPENTER,
PRESIDENT

IMPERIAL HOTEL

PEACHTREE AT
IVY STREET

PHONE JACKSON 4700

ATLANTA, GA.

Wear

March 17, 1943

Dear Miss Van Sciver:

I have been in this city for four days addressing various groups and have enjoyed it very much. This morning I spent several hours on the Emory University Campus - the finest school in Georgia and the alma mater of George Locke, professor of Modern Languages at Fenching.

In order to identify myself I stopped in at the Office of the Alumni Sec. and they seemed happy to have news about Locke since nothing had come from any source.

You will have to pardon me if I have added to your busy life

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because I thought they would be happier to receive from you the information they wanted regarding him. I also said that I thought you would send them pictures (from life) of the campus, perhaps the John Sewall panorama.

Like a dummie, I did not take with me any of the pictures. It was raining and I went out primarily to look see. It is a beautiful campus full of coves, streams, forest trees and wild shrubs. Some of the buildings are built of variegated colored marble and are stunning. Huge glass windows allow for beautiful vistas when inside these beautiful buildings. I am happy to have been there.

With greetings & best wishes,

Sincerely, Elias Wiant

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ATLANTA, GA.

P.S. A Miss Louise Ballard who lives here has invited me to lunch with her tomorrow. She tells me ~~that~~ She has word from Lu Hui-ch'ing and K.A. Wee. I hope you have sent us all the information that she seems to have and more too! I'll be back in Nashville by the time this letter reaches you!

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Scarritt College For Christian Workers

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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April 26,1943

Dear Oliver:

I have tried to get in touch with John several times by phone but learned on Saturday thru our mutual friend, Tom Springfield and then thru Miss Carlisle who just returned from NYC that he had gone to be in the big city for the time being. I am presuming that he is with you.

The enclosed letter I wrote to Mac Fischer will show that either I took down his address incorrectly or else he has gone some where else. Maybe John can help me get it to him.

We have not seen as much of John as we had hoped we would because we have both been too busy. But such contacts as we have had, have been most delightful. We are very anxious that we not miss this opportunity to get some mail into Free China.

We heard that Leighton Stuart has been ill-treated by the Japanese in the hope that he would die and thus remove what is for them a serious personality. Have you heard any such rumor? Also from Chungking came word that the Japanese refuse to repatriate him. This sounds more real. I do not doubt but that the Gripsholm may be held up,partially at least,by negotiations over him.

How are you all? I miss more than I can express the delightful,stimulating and congenial contacts in New York. One seems to be working in a vacuum or else against a stone wall in these parts. It is most startling the difference between the response to our message which one gets in the north compared to that which comes in the ordinary church group here. Maybe that's the reason why we should stay on.

With greetings from us all, and this includes John too if he is with you,

Bliss

May 10, 1943

Mr. Bliss Wiant
Scarritt College for
Christian Workers
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Bliss:

Since receiving your letter with the enclosure to Mac Fisher, I have made some efforts to locate the gentleman. John has been in close contact with him, but I have not seen much of John lately.

Apparently the reason your letter was not delivered was because you misspelled Fisher's name by putting a "c" between the "s" and "h". Your address was quite correct.

I understand that Fisher was planning to leave this country sometime ago, and therefore, I suggest that you address your letter again, and ask that it be forwarded.

We shall be happy to see you again when you come to this part of the world.

Very sincerely yours,

OJC:MM
Encl.

O. J. Caldwell

SCARRITT COLLEGE
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BLISS WIANT
REPRESENTING THE METHODIST
BOARD OF MISSIONS AND
CHURCH EXTENSION

ON FURLOUGH FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, YENCHING
UNIVERSITY, PEKING, CHINA

'25 enclosed

Acknowledged 5/18/43 OPC

May 14,1943

Dear Oliver:

Many thanks for your letter of the 10th. I have follo ed your instructions regarding the letter to Mac Fisher. You know that he graduated from Yening in Journalism.

John said he would take some letters with him when he left for China. We wonder if that offer is still open. Please let us know if it is.

Today is United China Relief's rally in Cincinnati. I had a record of Sun Yat-sen speaking before some group somewhere about the "San Min Chu Yi"- a record given to me by one of our students in 1937 when the Japanese came into Peking. She did not want this record to be found in her possession in case she was searched and so gave it to me. It is a really rare curio. I had this record re-recorded and sent it, together with a re-recording of a "Ku Ch'in" record I had (also very rare) to Cincinnati. The Sun record will be broadcast over W.L.W. sometime today.

I am working hard on the material for the book of Chinese Music which the H.W. Gray is publishing. T. Tertius Noble will edit it for me.

Enclosed please find check for $25 to be given to Yenching for the rehabilitation fund. It will not go far but is a token gift of love and appreciation.

Will you have sent to me 50 copies of: noted & will send

YENCHING NEWS Vol.XXI No. 1. May 1943.
I can use these in many ways as I have already used those which have been sent out from your office. Miss Van Sciver used to do this for me but I understand that she had vacated her position. Who is in her place?

It is good to see that Mrs. Mills and Chas. Corbett are now on your staff.

We long to see you all-some day we may have that privilege. With greetings to your wife and family,

Sincerely,

Bliss

Did you ever have that beautiful picture of Gen. & Mme Chiang reproduced? If so I want one.

UNIVERSITY, PEKING, CHINA
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, PEKING
ON FURLOUGH FROM THE

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TELEPHONE ADDRESS

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May 18, 1943

Mr. Bliss Wiant
Scarritt College
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Bliss:

Many thanks for your generous gift of $25.00 to Yenching. If other friends of the University are equally loyal, Yenching will have no cause to worry about finances. You set an excellent example.

John is still around, and will be here for some time to come. I suggest that you send the letters you mention to him at the O.W.I. office. John and Shirley are moving to a small apartment here in New York for the remainder of their stay. Their home address is the Madison Square Hotel, which I believe is located at East 25th Street.

I am much interested in what you tell me about your book. Do let me know when it comes out.

We have both been busy in this manner. I have at least one book, on which I collaborated, coming out next Autumn. It is called the Asiatic Heritage in American Life, and is being published by John Day. My part consists of about 10,000 words. The rest of the book is written by 9 notable authorities including some of the best known experts on China. I have also written another book which may be published, but I have not yet secured my contract.

The Yenching office has mailed you 50 copies of the Yenching News. Please let me know if they do not arrive, or if you need any additional copies.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

OJC:MM

O. J. Caldwell

SCARRITT COLLEGE
NASHVILLE, TENN.

燕京大學宗教學院教授

October 15,1943

Dear Mr. Evans:

Yesterday I received an air mail letter from Y.P. Mei which contained a personal letter,; a copy of "Yenching Completes a Year in Chengtu" ;copy of a letter to Mr. Slater under date of August 11,1943 from Mr. Robinson; copy of 'Yenching University in Chengtu' by Y.P.Mei.

He mentioned that there may be other materials in your office which I would be edified by reading. If you have any thing else I would appreciate it. I have been writing to Dr. Mei off and on during the months. He writes very poignantly: " Yours are the only letters I have received from any of the Yenching folks in America". Theirs is a lonely task and one which fills us with the utmost admiration for without them we would have nothing but devastation to which to return.

Do you have the list of those from our faculty who are returning on the Gripsholm? If so, please let me have it.

I am deep in studies this year hoping to get a degree by June. It is a very tough course but will do me good.

Let me hear from you as soon as possible so I may be able to get some mail to the Gripsholm on its return trip if possible.

With greetings,

Sincerely,

Bliss Wiant

Bliss Wiant.

October 21, 1943

Mr. Bliss Wiant
Scarritt College
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Wiant:

Your letter of October 15th was received on the 19th; and while we are in three all-day sessions of meetings, I am taking a few minutes time to reply to your letter regarding the GRIPSHOLM.

The latest information we have received from the State Department (which just came to hand a few days ago) is that the GRIPSHOLM is expected to arrive the first part of December. Telegrams and mail may be sent to persons returning if addressed in the following manner:

Name of Repatriate
Envelopes marked: "Repatriate on M. S. GRIPSHOLM"
(Telegrams if sent on or before October 28)
c/o American Consul, Port Elizabeth
Union of South Africa

(Telegrams if sent on or before November 10)
c/o American Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

(Air Mail Letters if sent on or before November 1) (Postage 40¢ a half ounce)
c/o American Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Among those of the Yenching group who are slated to be exchanged are the following:

William H. Adolph
Alice M. Boring
Anne Cochran
Mary Cookingham
Walter W. Davis
Shirley M. Duncan
Howard S. Galt
Albert C. Grimes, Sr.
Albert Curtiss Grimes, Jr.
Mary Dorothea Hanwell
Martha M. Kramer
Randolph C. Sailer
Ernest K. Smith
Margaret B. Speer
Ruth L. Stahl
Augusta B. Wagner
Earl O. Wilson
Stanley D. Wilson
Louis Wolferz

We were in hopes, of course, that Dr. Stuart would be included in this

second exchange, but it seems that is not to be at the present time and it is doubtful that there will be another exchange.

Other matters referred to in your letter will be given attention at a later date.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

(Signed but not dictated)

SCARRITT COLLEGE
NASHVILLE, TENN.

燕京大學宗教學院教授

November 5,1943

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Dear Brother Evans:

Many thanks for your letter concerning the Yenching folk on the Gripsholm. I wrote to them immediately upon receipt of your letter and hope that it reaches them in Rio.

Bishop Y.Y. Tsu was in our city last Sunday and told me that T.C. Chao had escaped from Peking and has arrived in Chengtu. No doubt you have been informed of this marvelous escape from Japanese vigilance. No others had been able to do so he said.

If you have any recent bulletins or reports I would appreciate having them.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Benson Wiant