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August 14, 1944

Mr. Bliss Wiant
2 Louisburg Square
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Wiant:

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge a check for \$25.00 received through Miss Speer representing a special gift toward the travel expenses of Miss Boring in her effort to get started for China.

I have not seen you for a long while and I have been wondering about your present whereabouts. Please be advised that we think of you often and hope that you are getting on satisfactorily.

Most sincerely yours,

CAE:EW.

C. A. EVANS

cc: Accounting Office

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Box 282
Edgartown Mass.

Aug 24 '44

Dear Mr. Evans:-

I was so happy to receive your letter
of the 14th and to know you are still
on the Yenching job.

About two weeks ago I had a funeral
in the parish I have taken over for the
summer and they sent me \$25⁰⁰ as an
honorarium. I am turning it over to you
for Miss Boning's expense etc.

During the summer I have spent 127
hours in tutorial work at Harvard
studying music in relation to Chinese
Culture. I finished today and will
be leaving Boston for my parish
but will only be there until Sept 8th
when we will return to Washville, Tenn.

Enclosed is a form letter we sent out
last June telling about us all.

I feel quite badly that
I have been so near to you
all this summer and yet
so far too and will not get
to N. Y. to see the friends of
Yenching at all.

Will you please send
receipt for this check to :-

Mr. Morgan Butler,
77 Franklin St.,
Boston, Mass.

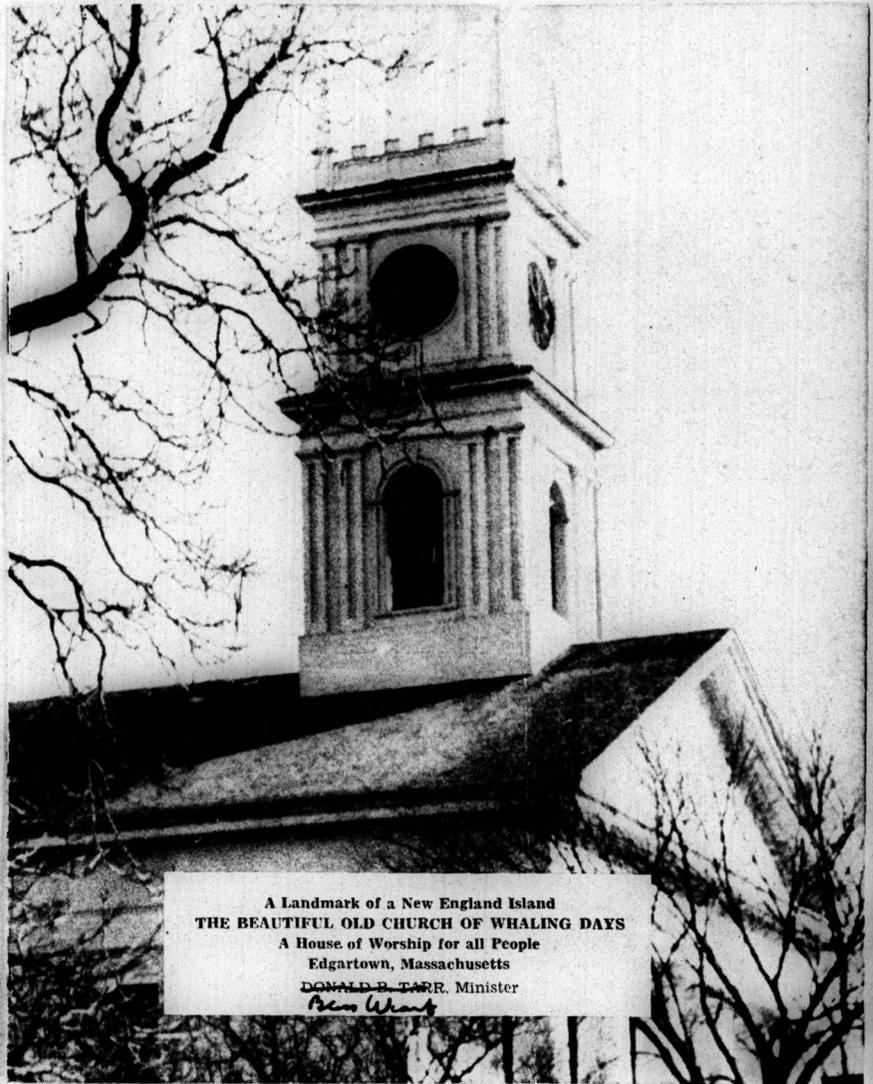
With greetings & best wishes,

Sincerely,

Bliss W. Paul

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A Landmark of a New England Island
THE BEAUTIFUL OLD CHURCH OF WHALING DAYS
A House of Worship for all People
Edgartown, Massachusetts
DONALD B. TARR, Minister
Photo Wharf

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Photo by Merry

The Beautiful Old Church of Whaling Days was built in 1842-1843 when Edgartown was entering upon an era of great prosperity. Her ships and masters were sailing every ocean, bringing home cargoes of oil yielding fortunes. These hardy whalers built a Church in keeping with their faith, symbolic of their freedom of spirit and reverence for Him who rules the waves. They gave their Church the fine proportion, beauty of line, and dignity of bearing of their ships.



Photo by Merry

In the front vestibule the whalers and their families met to ascend the stairs to the sanctuary for worship. Nowhere in the Church is the originality and artistry of the designer, Frederick Baylies, more pronounced. These views tell more eloquently than words why each summer brings increasing numbers of people to visit and worship in this historic Church. Its doors are open that all may share the priceless heritage within.

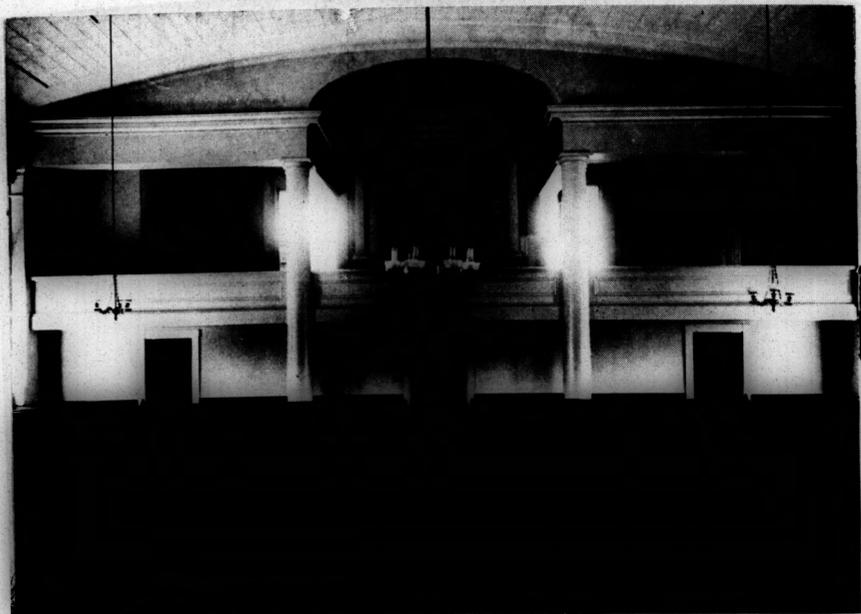


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The dedication of this Methodist Church building on October 10, 1843 occasioned a great gathering of people from every part of the Island. The old chandeliers were aglow. The one hundred and six box pews, the aisles and choir loft were crowded. Accentuated in the sanctuary, "grace and dignity of line and curve combine with strength of structure to create one of the most beautiful of old colonial Churches."



Photo by Merry

The old Simmons Fisher tracor action organ of 1869 with its narrow pedal board beneath the bench, its huge bellows formerly blown by the hand pump at the side, its quaint console covered by two sliding panels, has pipes of rare devotional quality of tone. Its metal pipes are heavier than most of those used today, its wooden pipes are dovetailed, having the qualities of an old violin.



Photo by Merry

By the sale of pews was the money raised to build the Church. Therefore each member owned his own pew as personal property, furnishing it with carpet, pew cushions, footstools, footwarmers, hymn books, and Bibles, passing it on to his heirs. Today, as of old, the Church property is still vested in the nine trustees. In those days the pews were "boxed" to keep the warmth of the foot stoves in and the draughts of the cold Church out. The back of each pew is a single pine panel, eight feet long by twenty inches wide, finished at the top and sides with a single rail of mahogany.



Photo by Merry

As the whalers built their ships so they built their Church with the same strength of construction and eye for line and proportion. The huge hand hewn beams of red pine were brought from Maine on the whaling bark "Rhine", Captain John O. Morse, in 1842. There are beams fifty feet long without splicing and all are put together with wooden pegs and square joinings.

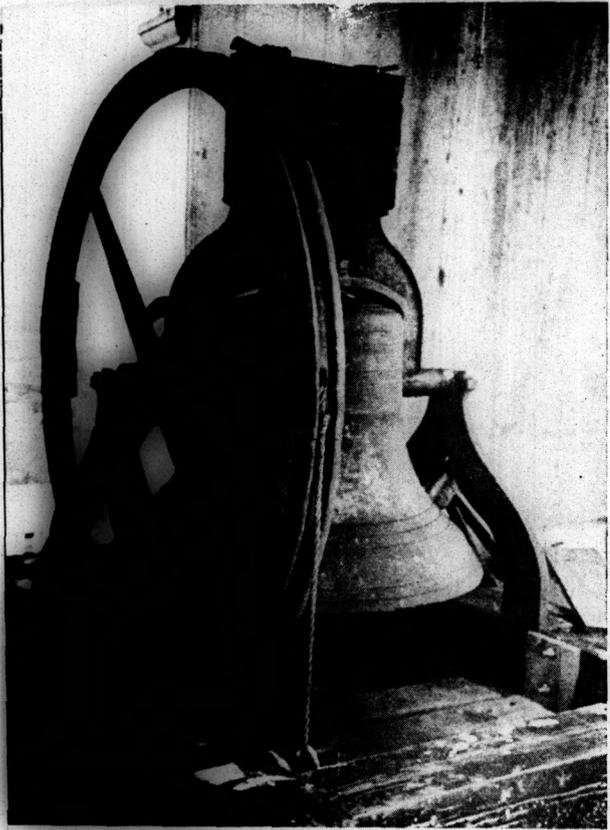


Photo by Dinsmore

From the belfry over land and sea and the town below, the old bell has rung out for nearly a century calling people to service, carrying on the spirit of the whalers who dedicated their Church to the glory of God and the welfare of mankind, reminding us of the freedom and faith upon which our nation was founded.

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Greetings from the
"Blissful" Wiants
Summer of 1944

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SCARRITT COLLEGE,
NASHVILLE 4, TENN.
JUNE 8, 1944.

Dear Friends:

Greetings from the "Sunny South"—in fact, the sun becomes a little too "sunny" at this season of the year for those of us who are accustomed to more northern temperatures and so we plan to spend this summer in the north. Last summer we were in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains and had a grand time in summer camps and in the churches of eastern Tennessee.

It has been nearly two years since some of you have had any word from us. During that time, we have of necessity adjusted ourselves for a longer absence from China than we had anticipated. However, we try to see that in all that comes into our lives, a guiding Presence which like Paul, makes all things work together for good if we truly love Him.

No more congenial companionship imaginable for the U. S. A. can be found than that which the campus of Scarritt College offers with its most artistic and beautiful English-Gothic buildings and its very choice international, interracial students and faculty. Under the leadership of our new president, Dr. Hugh Stuntz, the very epitome of world-mindedness, one whose experience covers the continents, we can expect this institution to play a unique role in training for Christian world-community living. If any of you or your friends desire to implement yourselves for better service as lay Christian workers you will find this campus, in organic relations with Vanderbilt University and Peabody College offering a most inclusive and splendid

curricula from the senior-college level on up to "hoary age." Come and try us.

Our family is (with one exception) intact as we were at Yenching University. Allen will finish his college course in Electrical Engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago under the Navy V-12 program by the end of October and then he should proceed to a school for midshipmen to complete his training. Going to college under such conditions has been difficult in some ways. Terrific pressure in trying to telescope a heavy curriculum; abnormal social conditions on Chicago's south side; lack of any campus life with a total lack of religious interpretation (strikingly contrasting with his two years on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan)—these have been impressive and oppressive. In spite of it all he has advanced and sustained himself much to our delight. Financially it has been a great boon. He will be just past 20 when he graduates this fall.

The other children are all in the Demonstration School of the George Peabody College for Teachers, within a block from our house. It is a fine institution and we are fortunate indeed to have had such an excellent school so near that our family could be so united every day. Leighton is 16 and has finished all but one year of high school and has done fine work. He is 5 feet 8 inches tall and has grown a great deal in the past year. His interests are in social science and music, he plays the trombone and sings. Due to the fact that his voice is undergoing the natural change of his age, his fellow-students have nicknamed him "Croaky." He wants to emerge a tenor but who can tell!

Cecilia is 13 and quite a "young lady" already. She is a little over 5 feet tall and plump. Her interests are domestic, her studies also very fine. She plays the piano and the flute and sings—has appeared twice over the radio. Our local physician recommends some corrective operating on her right foot this fall so that it may have proper muscular alignment as she grows into maturity. When she is fully grown, more operating may restore function to a large extent and make brace-wearing unnecessary. This is our hope. She is a buxome, blithe lassie.

Ben, our "baby" is 9 years old and "full o'pep"—growing wildly every day. He has finished the 3rd grade and has done splendidly in his studies (with mathematics only as a burden). Music and art are his delight and joy.

During this academic year, Bliss has completed all the residence requirements for a Ph.D. degree in Music and has been greatly stimulated and inspired by his studies in music at Peabody College. When the dissertation has been written the degree will be granted. In order to adequately prepare for it, the Board of Missions has very graciously and generously given him the privilege of tutorial study in the Harvard-Yenching Library on the campus of Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., for the summer. Here he can delve into the stores of Chinese Culture which are found there and get data for the dissertation whose subject is to be: "Chinese Musical Culture" with emphasis upon melody analysis.

The family have to live somewhere for the summer and since our house has been requested by the Scarritt authorities for resi-

dence by a man, his wife and four daughters who are coming for summer study, it behooved us to find a place. Very fortunately, we were requested to take charge of the Methodist Church, Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., for the summer. (Please note that this is our summer address.) This island is a four-hours trip from Boston so that commuting over week ends is entirely possible and feasible. It is inhabited ordinarily by fishermen and others but in the summer the population grows tremendously by the addition of business and professional folk. The beaches are most lovely they say; the town is quaint and full of interest; we are delighted that such an opportunity to serve such people has come to us and we pray that God will use us to His glory in this task.

After Labor Day we will return (driving both ways) and assist in the music department and other activities of Scarritt as well as write the dissertation and participate deputation work under the Board of Missions.

Mildred has been a wonderful tower of strength for the whole family adjusting herself to very difficult conditions where so much smoke and soot prevail and help is exceedingly difficult to obtain. Nevertheless she is looking very well what with a heavy program of house-keeping, home-making, speech-making and concertizing. If there is any possibility of such, voice lessons for her during the summer are indicated.

By late fall there should be on the market a book of songs from China, between 25 and 30 selections. The H. W. Gray Co. (the firm that published the "Chinese Christmas Carol" last fall and had a remarkable sale) is making this book available. No collection

of songs from China so inclusive and so beautifully decorated has ever been published either east or west. The illustrations are being done by a professional artist whom we met here in the A.S.T.P. unit at Vanderbilt Uni. We hope that it will be the means of interesting folk in China and of deepening their appreciation of a people whose interests and ideals are so similar to ours.

We wish that we could send every one of you our individual greetings—printed letters are so impersonal—but please consider that you have received our special love and our deep appreciation for what you, every one, mean to us. Since the arrival of the repatriation ship Gripsholm last December, we are greatly impressed by the comradeship of both Chinese and western folk in the common task of trying to create a better world community. Our Chinese friends have lived most heroically, true to the temper of a people whose consciousness of the responsibility for the maintainance of human life over milleniums has given them courage and vision in the midst of untold suffering and agony of body and soul. We are proud to be counted in such a fellowship. Beloved Leighton Stuart, president of Yenching, is still detained in Peiping under special guard. We hope that the time is not too far distant when we shall be united with them on the campus of Yenching. All our worldly goods have gone but never shall we lose the precious comradeship which these years have brought.

We shall look forward to hearing from you and are grateful for your interest and friendship. Affectionately.

The Bliss Wiant Family.

August 31, 1944

Dr. Eliss Wiant
Box 282, Edgartown
Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Wiant:

I certainly was glad to get your letter of August 24th and to hear of your experiences during the summer-time.

The \$25.00 which you enclose for the expenses of Miss Boring's travel to China is another indication of the claims which Yenching makes upon its devotees. Thank you deeply for this added testimonial of interest and loyalty. Rather strangely enough, when I saw the name of Morgan Butler in your letter it took me back to my very early boyhood days when I spent my vacation with my grandfather in New Hartford, New York. The chief philanthropist of the town and a close friend of my grandfather was Morgan Butler, a man whom I greatly admired. Receipt is being forwarded as requested.

Harvard is one good place where you can get the kind of information you have been searching for during the 127 hours spent at that work. I hope you find it well worthwhile. It is too bad to miss you on this trip but hope you will keep us in mind and join your prayers with other friends for the welfare of the University and for the safety of Dr. Stuart.

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:EW.

C. A. EVANS

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We miss very much being where we have constant contacts with people whom we know. How fine if we could only be near New York and especially at this time.

Where is Hubbard and the rest of your family? What are the prospects for getting back to China with my family?? Any recent word from Leighton Stuart? How do you like your new job? These and other questions keep coming up in my mind.

With sincere thanks for all you can do for Miss Mao and with the best of greetings from us all,

Sincerely,

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Bliss Wiant.

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With sincere thanks for all you can do for Miss Mao and with the best of greetings from us all,

Sincerely,



Miss Wang.

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December 1, 1944

Dr. Bliss Wiant
Department of Music
Scarritt College
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Bliss:

I have this much to report in answer to your inquiry about study possibilities for Miss Mao Ai-li. The Juilliard School is in process of arranging for two fellowships--though I believe they will only cover tuition--for Chinese students. Arrangements are not yet completed and it may be quite a while before they are. The original idea was to have competitive examinations in China, open to all and sundry, government and private school candidates alike. This would not be easy to arrange, as we readily surmise, and I gather their first enthusiasm has cooled a bit. At any rate nothing is likely to eventuate before next autumn and possibly not before 1946. Meanwhile there is something of a likelihood that interim appointments may be made on more personal, private recommendations and inquiries. Miss Stella Marie Graves, whom you probably know, is fairly close to the situation up there and is much interested in the general proposition. She also feels sure that she knows Miss Mao, although she cannot remember the name. It seems unlikely that another person with such a similar history could have been there in Chengtu (where Miss Graves met her). She, Miss Graves, will have more light on this question within a week or so, we hope, and will pass it on to us here. It certainly would do no harm to write her direct. The man on the faculty who evidently is more or less in charge of this particular project is Dean George Anson Wedge, c/o The Juilliard School of Music, 120 Claremont Avenue, New York, N.Y. Miss Graves's own address is: 417 West 120th Street.

I hope we shall see Allen some time before too long. We keep running across China people and China young folks in this city of course, but there are scads of them whom we miss. I suppose the idea is that running up and down ten flights of stairs is the land lubber's or midshipman trainee's equivalent of dashing up the ratlines and sliding out on the yards!

You ask about Hubbard. He has been scared stiff most

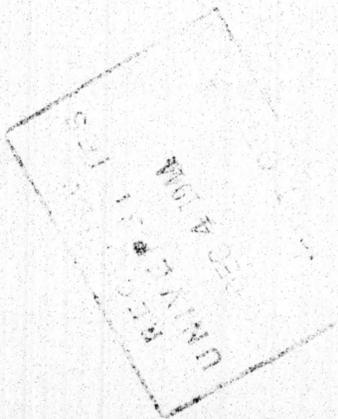
* J. J. Guilkey

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of his time at OCS at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, but now has real hope of surviving and emerging with a commission just before Christmas. We have had no recent word from Dr. Stuart but understand that an official inquiry by the State Department is now under way. There have been less favorable rumors as to the financial condition of those three men, but people like Miss Ferguson and Dr. Forkner of the CMB have felt the stories could not be well founded. Prospects for your getting back to China with your family would not be at all good just now, but when the present unpleasantness is over, how can Yenching get along without you? Word has just reached us, still unofficial, that Y.P. Mei will be coming here next summer as another guest of the State Department, and that the successful conclusion of the campaign for ten million dollars is to be announced on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. I like my job but do hope the time will come when I feel more equal to it All this last paragraph in partial answer to some of the questions which arose in your mind!

Very sincerely yours,

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31 VANDEMAN AVENUE
DELAWARE, OHIO

BALLOU

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Scarritt College,
Nashville 4, Tenn.

March 30, 1945

Dear Brother Ballou:

There is no news in all the world which brings us more joy than to know that our dearly beloved Leighton is being well-cared for and is in good health and spirits. We long for the news of his release and perhaps, in due time as the Allies get to land in North China, that will come. Philip DeVargas will surely be on the job to see that no harm comes to him.

Our son Allen, now ensign, is in Harvard studying in the communications department getting ready to go out to China eventually. I like to think of him as landing at Ch'in Huang Tao or the west end of Peitaiho Beach! The sooner the better for all of us who wish to get back to our jobs.

I have finished the first draft of my dissertation: "The Function of Music in Chinese Culture" and look forward to the time when it can be called finished. The H. W. Gray Co. of NYC is beginning publication on the book "Songs of China" and it should be out by fall. Grace Boynton has made a contribution to this book in the way of some translations. Where can one contact her?

We are thrilled to get the news letters from Yenching in Chengtu-how precious are these messages! Can you arrange to send some money to Miss Mao in Chungking for us? If so I'll give further directions.

With kindest personal regards and thanks for the word and with the best wishes of the Easter season,

Sincerely, *Bliss Wiant*

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For Mrs. Ballou
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DELAWARE, OHIO

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BALLOU

Boarding College,
Nashville, Tenn.

March 30, 1945

Dear Brother Ballou:

There is no news in all the world which brings me hope for you to know that our dear beloved neighbor is being well-cared for and is in good health and spirits. We long for the news of his release and return, in due time as the Allies get to land in North China, that will come. Philip Devanary will surely be on the job to see that no harm comes to him. Our son Allen, now enroute, is in Harvard studying in the communications department waiting ready to go out to China eventually. I like to think of him as landing at Ch'ing Huang Tao on the west end of Kaitsho beach. The sooner the better for all of us who wish to get back to our jobs.

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With kindest personal regards and thanks for the word and with the best wishes of the Easter season,

Wm. W. Gray

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April 9, 1945

Dr. Bliss Wiant
Scarritt College
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear Bliss:

So glad to hear about the addition to good musical literature and history during the next few months. We shall look forward to seeing both books when they appear.

You inquire about Grace Boynton. I had a visit with her on the afternoon of Good Friday and was away most of last week, so I have not heard what the latest developments are. She was then in bed and was expecting to be sent to a hospital here in the city for rather prolonged observation. I did not get the impression that her brother or the doctor was alarmed about her condition, however. Without a complete diagnosis I think they consider the trouble to be nervous rather than organic. She may be addressed care of Rev. Edward C. Boynton, 1 Heathcote Road, Scarsdale, New York.

Perhaps your son Allen will lead a landing party in which our youngster Christy may share as a marine. The latter is with us for ten days following his boots training, and after a few more weeks is to be sent to a Japanese language school. The trouble with thinking that said landing may be at Chinwangtao is that you have to go by a lot of other places before you get that far in! I am afraid the landing is more likely to be somewhere in the vicinity of Shanghai - with resulting sorrow for that city. But who knows?

T. Z. Koo suddenly showed up last week and, as you would expect, is full of wise comment on everything in both Free and Occupied China. As he soon embarks upon an extensive travel schedule, both before and after the San Francisco conference (for which he is an advisor), you may see him there in Nashville.

In regard to sending money to Miss Mao, the situation is just this: If she has any kind of a real connection, however tenuous, with one of our colleges, we can do it for you. Otherwise not. The rule is very strict that only people connected directly in some way with the agencies of U.C.R., mission boards etc., may avail themselves of the exchange rates open to us, now so very much more favorable than the official one (290 or more at present as against 20). We feel honor bound to abide strictly by this rule, but if Miss Mao comes within it we shall be very glad indeed to forward any amount for her.

Very sincerely yours,

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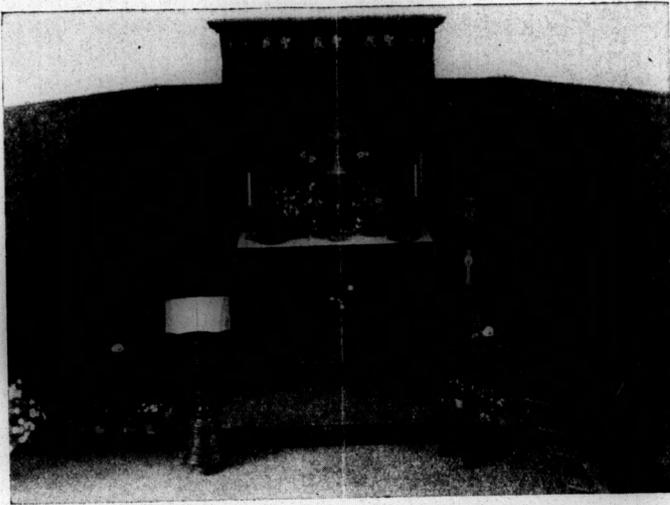
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Route 1, Delaware, Ohio

December 15, 1946



CHAPEL CHANCEL, NINDE HALL, YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Dear friends and loved ones:

Little did we dream that we would be in America for this year's Christmas. Rather had we thought we could greet you from Yenching University in Peiping. But civil war in China and shipping strikes at home have caused our plans to "gang awry". We must consider these forces beyond our control, as "acts of God" and anticipate our return in the spring.

In the meantime, we are privileged to live in the country home of Mr. Hosea Jones, the home formerly owned by Mildred's parents, the scene of our courtship and marriage. Thus good fortune brings us "back home".

Allen, our twenty-two year old son is now an electric engineering major at Ohio State University. He spends his week ends with us and is progressing splendidly in his work.

Leighton, now nineteen, preceded us to China in October. He is employed by UNRRA and the Church of the Brethren in the tremendous task of reclaiming two million acres of land in the Yellow River area, formerly under water for eight years due to the deliberate breaking of the dikes in 1938 so that the

Japanese imperial armies would be impeded. The land is now ready for tilling. Two thousand tractors and much mechanized farm equipment are to be put into operation by a small group of trained men who will likewise train Chinese to eventually assume responsibility. He will be in China for about one more year.

Cecilia, a sophomore in high school, has adjusted herself to a new school and is on the honor roll, is progressing well in piano, is stronger in every way than a year ago. She is a happy creature.

Ben is in the sixth grade in a public school— a new experience. He has many school friends besides two beautiful ducks, a rabbit, etc. His many interests have been keeping him busy and enjoyably employed.

As for "pa and ma", they are on the alert for useful things to use in Yenching University for the rehabilitation of both home and studio which were completely looted. In addition, Dr. Leighton Stuart, president of Yenching and concurrently Ambassador to China, also Dr. Ralph Diffendorfer, executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions, have authorized us to solicit funds for the rehabilitation of the chapel in Ninde Hall as pictured here. This lovely place of worship was denuded of its pews, the hymnals, Bibles, altar set, communion table and equipment, offering plates, choir robes and music and the only Hammond Organ in North China. Our studio was looted of a grand piano, 1000 records, phonograph and music scores, etc. There are 800 choice students on our campus at this time. They are housed inadequately, are being taught with scanty equipment but are determined to get an education in the face of odds. They are trained in suffering. One of the few buildings not being used at all is the Chapel. It stands cold and barren.

In America, neither our homes nor churches have been looted of a single article by an enemy. Can we sit calmly by when we know that many faithful and devout Christians in China and other lands have lost ALL with no way to recoup their losses except by our brotherly help? What reason for existence as Christians can we plead under such conditions?! We need \$10,000 for our immediate task. Your help is our strength. We know you will not fail our friends and the work of His Kingdom. Send gifts to us and we will see that credit is given.

A little booklet called "The Pagoda" has just been published by Lynn Rohrbough of the Cooperative Recreation Service of Delaware, Ohio. It contains thirteen Chinese songs arranged especially for group singing, a new idea and book. He has also donated two tons of soy beans from his farm for the work in which Leighton is engaged in China— a marvelous gift and a wonderful giver.

May this season be the richest you have ever enjoyed because you have shared most deeply with those whose need is greatest. Our love and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

The "Blissful" Wiants

*This has been sent out to
800 people.
Merry Christmas!
(I'll be returning the cuts soon)*

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C O P Y

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Peiping, China

Office of the Controller

December 30, 1948

Dear Dwight:

It has been some considerable time since I have written and so far we have not had any word from you except the telegram saying that the things were being sent via airplane, etc.

Two weeks ago yesterday was my last trip into the city. When I came out, through the P'ing Tse Men, the soldiers had to remove the barbed wire gates before we could proceed. We were actually in a battle line which broke into action an hour after we passed.

Since then the iron curtain has fallen. But several people have been into the city on bikes, walking in, etc. and have brought small sums of money, a little mail and news. Mr. Manice, Mr. Reclus, Mr. Crothers and a couple of others have been in. If and when this reaches you it will be because of Mr. Manice's trip to the city.

We are and have been in a battle area ever since I came out, with heavy firing a great deal of the time, wounded soldiers here and there, communist leaders who have been in to talk, etc. It is surprising how anxious the communists are to please us. They seem to be looking right at America for help and if we can break their loyalty to Russia a new day will have dawned.

They have given us about GY10,000 in "Great Wall" bank notes, 10 tons of coke and have allowed us, up until yesterday, to use our broadcasting station set up in the 5-story ITP Bldg. (also electricity). Negotiations for the administration of the educational and cultural institutions of this area has been going on successfully. It appears that Yenching will have an important part in shaping the policies of the new regime.

We borrowed some cash from the Haitien Chamber of Commerce so that just before Xmas everyone had some money. Now we are again negotiating for a second loan to pay some more on Jan. 3rd. I have been able to secure 7000 cabbages for the community so that there will be a small amount of that item in the community. A pig has been killed by a friend of mine and the pork distributed just before Xmas. No merchant wants a large supply of cash on hand for when the turnover takes place it will be some time before conditions reach a normal stage. At that time they wish to settle.

The medicine you secured for us was not given to me because it was large boxes which had to be redistributed before we could get our share. The man in the office had not yet opened the boxes so we have secured nothing so far. We are still hoping though.

The IRC brought out in their jeep the things for you. Not knowing whether or not there might be medicine in these boxes I opened up one to find that they are your own canned goods, etc. Now they are all stored in the rooms at the Lin Hu Hsuan.

It is surprising how peaceful and calm we are and have been. Rumor has it that Peking will be attacked very soon and thus end the war in this area. Several days ago the Kuo Chun came into this area with trucks and stole everything they could lay their hands on. They claimed that they were in enemy territory and therefore they could steal from the common people. The commies have "borrowed" a lot of grain but have given receipts for most of it.

Several of our students who left when they thought another black list was to be put into action and have now showed up on the campus in uniform. They are stationed at Ch'ing Lung Ch'iao in the office of the political affairs bureau. None of the older group has as yet showed up for they belong mostly to the Shih Chia Chuang section.

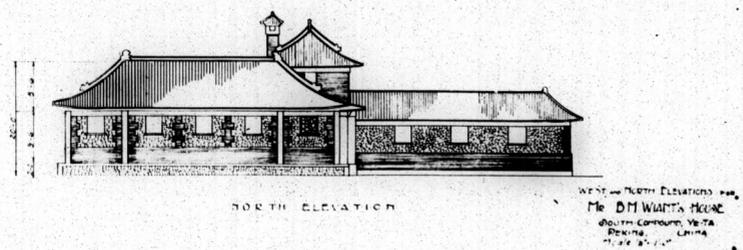
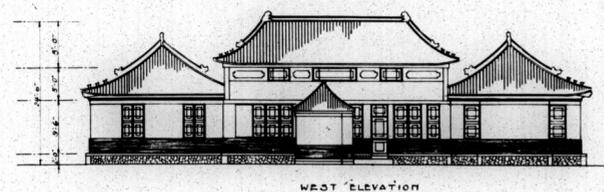
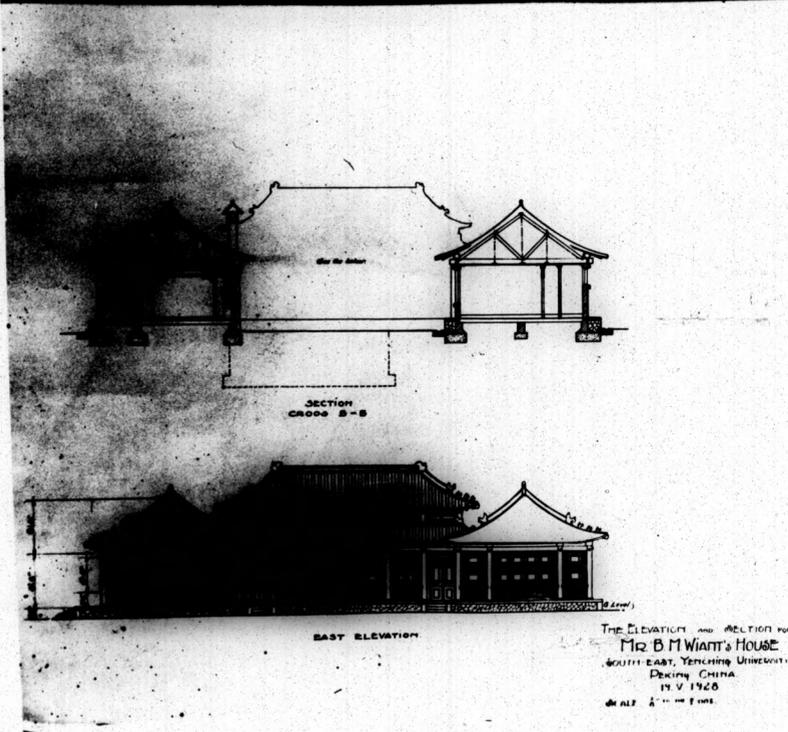
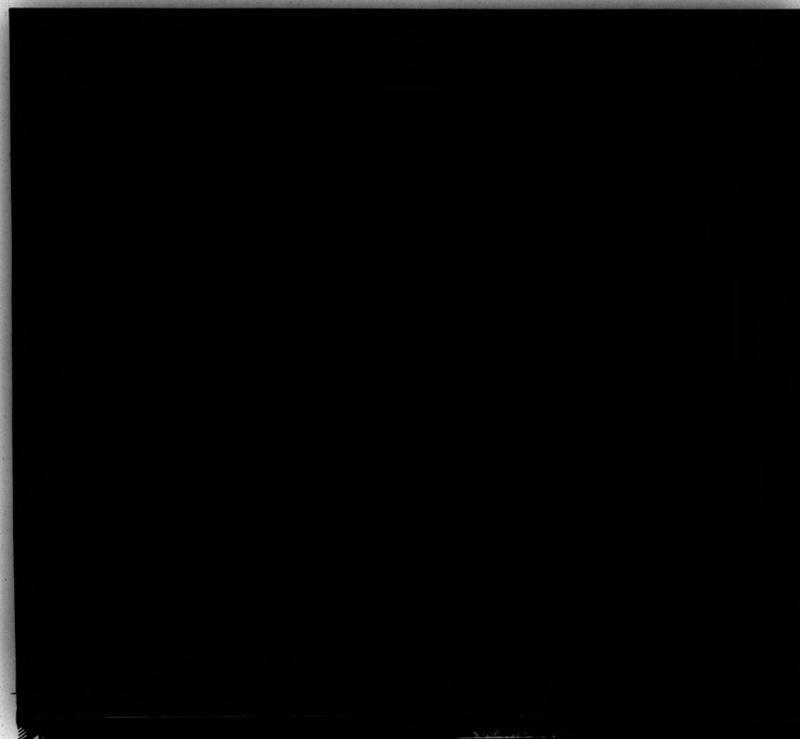
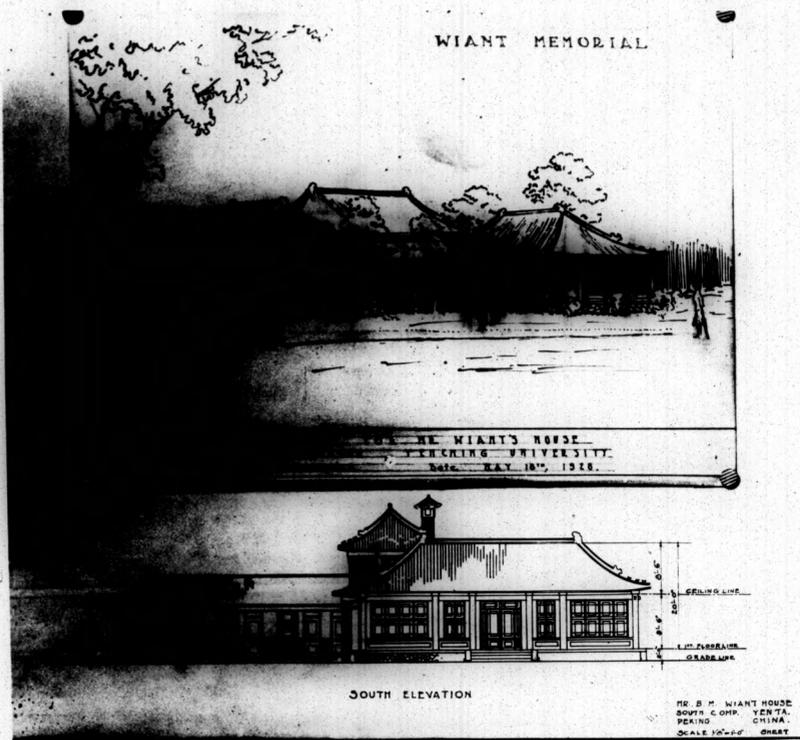
The activities which we usually carry on at Xmas were carried on almost as usual. We didn't go outside the campus nor did we sing the MESSIAH in town but we did to a large crowd in Bashford.

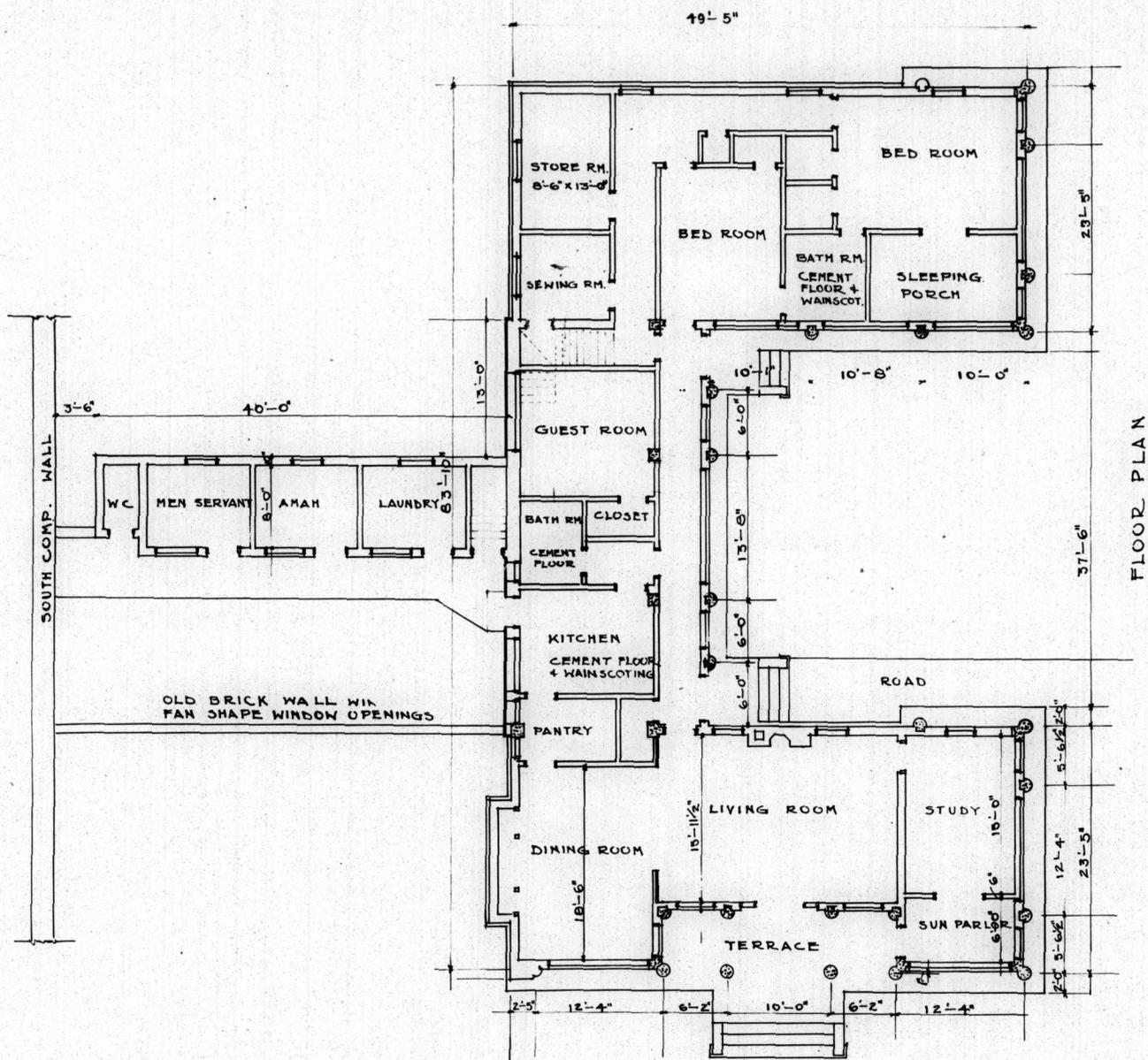
We have all been well and are getting enough to eat. The supplies we laid in are now being used according to schedule. How grateful we are for them.

Remember me to your wife. Hope we will be seeing you before too long.

Sincerely and with HAPPY NEW YEAR greetings,

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EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER DATED 26 AUGUST 1949
FROM DR. BLISS WIAN, YENCHING UNIVERSITY

"The summer days are over and another session is upon us. According to the present schedule classes will actually start on September 26. We have had to delay this year due to the fact that the government colleges have held their entrance examinations later than usual. We dare not hold ours before theirs for we did not want a flood of examinees.

"We have had something over 2000 students take our exams in Peking, Tientsin and Shanghai. We will need to admit about 400 to 500 in order to adequately fill our dormitories and run the institution. Formerly we have chosen one out of ten who have sought admission. This year the situation is different. This may mean a lowering of the quality of the student body. Again it may not particularly mean that. We will wait and see. The emphasis will be on industrial and scientific training rather than on the social sciences as in the recent past.

"The government will help about 25% of our students to pay their board fee but so far we have no promise of help in the field of tuition or running expenses. The government schools are to be helped to the extent of about 70% of their students and of course, free tuition. If a student at Yenching pays the full fees for tuition and room he will have to pay 800 catties of corn or say about \$104,000 local currency which equals about US\$40. This is a comparatively high rate even for Yenching. But if students cannot afford this much they have the option of paying on a second level of approximately US\$25 or of paying whatever they can afford. The last category must apply for special treatment. It is evident that if we are to compete with Tsinghua which is only a mile away that we must have some scholarship aid to offer our students. We hope that we can find that help among our American friends.

"As to religious freedom there will be no change whatever in our schedule of services of worship.

"As to academic freedom we will enjoy approximately as much under the present regime as we did under the KMT. Students are generally enthusiastic about the new freedom and the new principles of democracy. Thus the tension between government and students of the last few years is entirely gone.

"The officers of administration are deeply grateful for all that the Trustees have done to ease our worries and set us free from financial fears. We are so thankful for your attitude of being willing to go with us, every step of the way. This inspires courage and confidence. We want you to know that these splendid acts of devotion have not gone by unnoticed or not appreciated.

"As soon as we can we will send you a copy of the budget for this year."

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