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International House,
1414 East 59th. Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Eva B. Macmillan,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Ack
4/22/40
4/23/40
Cal

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

For the next two weeks my address will be that given at the top of this letter. While I am here I shall see Miss Sweeney at Detroit and Miss Edgeworth at Kankakee. I arrived here Saturday afternoon from the Spring meeting of the American Chemical Society at Cincinnati. While there I stopped with George Barbour. He is making a real place for himself there.

EVS
work

I recall that some time ago I requested you to send copies of President Stuart's letters to Dr. Weidenreich at the American Museum. I have heard that Dr. Weidenreich has now returned to China. If this is so, I should think that letters to him should be stopped, as they might be forwarded and thus fall into the wrong hands. I showed recent letters of President Stuart to professor Shepherd L. Witman of the University of Omaha. He was much impressed by them and asked that he might see future letters as they came. He is professor of International Law there. I told him that I would suggest that they be sent to him but that I could make no promise. He is evidently a reliable man and a very strong friend of Japan. You people will have to decide what should be done in the case in accordance with your usual procedure in such cases.

Cal
write to
Dr. Wilson
4/23/40

I hope that Anna and I can be in New York for the annual meeting of the trustees. The program which was sent me gave a whole week of meetings. What part of the week would we be the most valuable? We might not care to be there the whole week. Would the trustees assist us on our expenses for this trip.

Very sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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April 26, 1940

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
International House
1414 East 59th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Wilson,

Since I wrote you yesterday, I have had a telephone conversation with Mr. Davis concerning Dr. Dolley.

Mr. Davis tells me that during recent months Dr. Dolley has been in a small town in South America. While engaged in a journey he became ill there and had to spend several months in a hospital. He is now fairly well recovered, and is planning to leave soon.

Mr. Davis suggests that we wait until the summer to get in touch with Dr. Dolley with regard to the leather tanning library. Mr. Davis will be seeing Dr. Dolley next summer and will take up the matter with him then.

However, Mr. Davis is not very optimistic that anything constructive will be accomplished. Dr. Dolley is getting along in years, and sometimes is inclined to exaggerate the value and importance of such possessions as this library that he mentioned to Dr. Stuart. So Mr. Davis advises that we do not let our hopes get too high for the present.

Apparently therefore the only thing for us to do now is to mark time until Mr. Davis sees Dr. Dolley next summer.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:MS

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International House,
Chicago, Ill.
May 2, 1940.

Mr. A. B. Garside,
Yenching University,
Peking, China.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you for your letter of April 26th. in regard to Mr. Dolley. I quite agree with you that the only thing to do at present is to wait until the summer as Mr. Davis suggests.

Personally I have long been of the opinion that the library would not be so valuable as some people had expected that it would.

Mrs. Wilson and I will leave Chicago on May 5th. and will motor to Mass. We can be reached there at 144 Hancock Street, Auburndale Mass. We are planning to be in New York on May 15th. and 17th. and expect to attend the Yenching meetings. We will of course see you at that time.

Just at present we are having a two day snow storm here in Chicago. It melts as fast as it falls, but all is very sloppy.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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May 21, 1940

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
American Board of Comm. for For. Miss.
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Wilson:

We have just received the following cablegram
from Peking:

"INFORM WILSON DESIRE GILKEY WRITING."

You will, of course, take whatever steps the cable
requires. If there is anything that we should know regarding
this matter, and in which we can help in making arrangements,
will you please let us know what should be done? We will be
glad to cooperate with you in perfecting any plans which should
be made for Mr. Gilkey.

We presume that "Gilkey" probably refers to the
son of Charles Gilkey of Chicago, as we know that he has been
considering the possibility of teaching in China.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

JIP:VH

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Walker Missionary Home,
144 Hancock Street,
Auburndale, Mass.
May 25, 1940.

Ack. 5/29/40
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Note Gilkey
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JJP

Mr. Joseph I. Parker,
Assistant Secretary,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of the 21st. in regard to Mr. Gilkey reached me the day before yesterday. Yes the cablegram is in regard to the son of Charles Gilkey of Chicago. While I was in Chicago about five weeks ago the father wanted to know if I knew of a place in China where the son could have the experience of foreign work for a year or two. I at once wrote to President Stuart about the young man and this cable is the result.

Young Gilkey is a senior at Harvard this year. I got in contact with him yesterday morning and we had a conference at ten o'clock. He was considering another offer from China as well as an offer from a place in the States. I told him as much as I could about Yenching and he wanted some time to consider the whole matter. Of course I was quite unable to tell him exactly what the Yenching position would be. However in the evening he called me on the phone and told me that he had decided to accept the Yenching position, whatever it might prove to be. I was very much attracted by the young man and feel that he will be of real value whatever the University asks him to undertake.

As far as I can see at the moment nothing further can be done until the letter from Peking arrives. When this letter does come the details of the arrangement should be worked out. Could you let me know the date of the cable so that I can estimate about the time for the letter. If you have literature dealing with Yenching it might be well to send him a little so that he could get a better idea of the University. Send to
LANGDON B. GILKEY,
Eliot House, L-31
Cambridge, Mass.

When the letter arrives there will be the problem of passport and transportation to arrange for him. I suspect that your office should assist him in this matter. He expects to go out for only two years and expects to pay his own transportation. Perhaps reservations should be made earlier. I shall see him in a few days and will discuss that with him. I think that you also should undertake the detailed business arrangements with him. I am willing to assist in all possible ways but you are much more acquainted with many of these details than I am.

I shall be here until the 12th. of June. At that time I am planning to go to Maine for the remainder of the month. However if there should be need I could make a trip to Boston or even New York to assist then. But I do not believe that it will be needed.

Sincerely yours
Stanley D. Wilson

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144 Hancock Street,
Auburndale, Mass.
May 28, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

The other day you suggested that you would like to have a list of the places where I had spoken during the past year. I am enclosing such a list in this letter. This is only partially complete as it has left out a considerable number of the smaller groups that I have met and very likely a few of the larger groups. I am sorry that the list does not look better. I seem to have gotten some very poor carbon paper.

I had a very nice visit with Dr. Mary Sweeny at the Merrall Palmer School in Detroit. She is certainly a live wire with ideas and imagination. The laboratory of the Children's Fund of Michigan is remarkably well furnished with apparatus of all kinds. Later I visited the Michigan State College at Lansing and saw their laboratory and equipment. It is a very large institution with about one thousand students in Home Economics but with nothing outstanding as far as I could observe. They probably do most excellent work of a rather routine type.

Two or three people tell me that they have seen letters from President Stuart telling of his experiences in West China. None have come to Anna or myself. I am wondering if we have been overlooked in this matter. We would like to receive a copy of such letters as they come. Also just before we left Chicago you wrote that some very interesting letters had been received from the field and that we would be interested when copies reached us. None of these have come either.

During the meeting of the Yenching College Committee a suggestion was made by one of the ladies that someone should write President Stuart, pointing out to him the difficulty of the appointments committee when the field proceeds to make one person a chairman while the committee here has promised the position to another person. I feel that it is most proper to write such a letter and I also feel that the letter should not be too mild in tone. One should recall that President Stuart welcomes such suggestions. Whether he will act on them is another matter. However he does not intend to double cross anybody. If his attention is called to such instances, he is less apt to repeat the offense the next time.

Anna and I had a very fine visit in New York but did not get as much done as we had hoped. Since coming back here I have been trying to see Professor Tenney Davis in regard to Miss Wu Mao-I. So far I have failed as Mrs. Davis has been very ill and he has been absent from his office whenever I have been there. I hope to see him within a few days now. Kao Yu-ling has just completed his spring examinations. He feels that he has done better than for the first semester. He tells me that his real trouble has been in a lack of a proper preparation in Math. That is probably true as the work in West China has been weak in this field. We have not been as strong in this line at Yenching as we ought to be. This is gradually being corrected.

Sincerely
Stanley D. Wilson

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May 29, 1940

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
Walker Missionary Home
144 Hancock Street
Auburndale, Mass.

Dear Dr. Wilson:

Thank you for your letter of May 25 regarding Langdon B. Gilkey.

Mr. Gilkey was in the office some weeks ago, and talked to me about the possibilities of going to China. At that time there was nothing particular in prospect, and I was not able to offer him much encouragement. He impressed me as being a very fine young man, and I am sure he will be a real addition to the Yenching faculty.

As soon as any further word comes, we will get in touch with you; or if you receive it direct, will you please let us know what steps we should take? The date on which the cable was sent from Peking was May 21.

I will write to Mr. Gilkey and find out from him what he wants done about passports and steamer reservations. These reservations should be made at once, because the boats are very full and it is getting very difficult to get anything on them any time during the summer.

I will be glad to have any further suggestions from you in regard to which we can be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

JIP:VW

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Copies and in Wu Mao-I's folder

144 Hancock Street,
Auburndale, Mass.
May 30, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Finally Yesterday I had a opportunity to meet Professor Tenney Davis of Mass. Institute of Technology. He was very friendly and spoke freely in regard to Miss Wu Mao-I. He feels that she has worked hard and has learned much in his course, and he also feels that she is capable of going forward to the doctor's degree. On the other hand he said that she did not do at all well in his course and that if she had been an American he would not have passed her the first semester.

I have seen considerable of Mr. Kao Yu-ling within the past few days. He tells me that he got five honor grades and two grades below the honor level that semester. This is an extremely good record for anybody. I am glad as he has finally demonstrated that he can do the work at M. I. T. as it should be done. He has been out here at the house a couple of times lately and has made a very fine impression on everyone who were here. Last night he was at a party at the Van Gordens and appeared very well there also.

My copies of the Letters from President Stuart have arrived. Thank you very much for stirring these up. They are most interesting and important at the moment.

Marion is coming East at the end of the week. The whole family will spend next Sunday at Willimantic in connection with the church which is responsible for a portion of our support. Then early next week I shall go to Maine. However I think that I will return to Boston for a meeting of the Yenching alumni here on the 14th. After that meeting is over I shall return to Maine for a longer period.

Very sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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ack.
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Walker Missionary Home,
144 Hancock Street,
Auburndale, Mass.
June 3, 1940.

Mr. Joseph I. Parker, Asst. Secy.
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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Dear Mr. Parker:

Thank you for your letter of the 29th. I shall of course keep you in mind if the letter from President Stuart comes to me rather than to you. I hope that it comes to you however. I shall probably be in Maine when it gets here and so it will not be quite so easy for me to deal with the matter.

I took Mr. Gilkey in to the American Board Mission at 14 Beacon Street the other day so that he could make inquiries as to sailings and passports and such matters. Mr. Earl Smith at once offered to make tentative reservations for him and I think that he has already done so. It was very handy to do this here in Boston as Mr. Gilkey could be present in person and consult in the arrangements. I then took him to Mr. Case who attends to the matter of Passports and it develops that Mr. Gilkey has a passport which he used on a trip to Europe last summer. Mr. Case was of the opinion that this could be used and he agreed to undertake the matter of the necessary work in this field. So I think that these matters are being attended to correctly.

I shall be here until the tenth or the eleventh and then will go to Maine. However I am coming back to Boston for the evening of the 14th. to a meeting of the Yenching alumni. I plan to return to Maine once more as soon as this meeting is over.

Very sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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Miss Amy L. Wilson,
Belfast, Maine.
June 18, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Just a brief note this morning. I think that I have already written you that I am to be in Maine for a while this summer. Marion and I are already here and the rest of the family will come this Saturday. Will you see to it that mail to me in care of the New York office is sent to me here in Belfast rather than to Auburndale or to Boston. I am especially expecting a letter from President Stuart in regard to Mr. Gilkey and it should arrive very shortly now. It is of course possible that the president may communicate with Mr. Parker or some of the other people in New York about this matter. Will you request Mr. Parker and Mr. Garside to let me know if either of them get this letter. I understand that Mr. Gilkey will be on the Maine coast quite near me this summer so I can see him without too much difficulty if the letter should come to me rather than to the Office.

Of course if any word should come from China making any changes due to the world war situation the office will inform me at once. I don't look for such a change in conditions in China at once and we are gradually getting ready for our return.

It is still very cool here and one needs about two blankets at night.

Very sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

Stanley D. Wilson.

Mrs. Eva B. Macmillan,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue.
New York City.

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Partial list of the speaking engagements by Mr. Stanley
D. Wilson, for the period July 1939 to June 1940.

- August 16, 1939 Belfast Maine.
A group of friends in a private home. About 15 present.
- August 19, 1939 Kents Hill Maine.
Alumni of the Kents Hill School at a summer reunion.
About 75 people present.
- August 24, 1939 Belfast Maine.
A group of friends in a private house, About 12 present.
- August 28, 1939 Belfast Maine.
The Lion's Club. About 50 present.
- September 28, 1939 Framingham Mass.
Woman's Club of the Grace Congregational Church.
From 50 to 60 people present.
- October 2, 1939 Westboro Mass.
Pro Christo Society of the Congregational Church.
About 50 people present.
- October 8, 1939. Goffstown New Hampshire.
Sunday morning service at the Congregational Church.
100 to 110 people present.
- October 8, 1939 Manchester New Hampshire.
Assembly at State Reform School.
About 200 present.
- October 8, 1939 Manchester New Hampshire.
Pro Christo Society of the Franklin Street Congregational
Church. Thirty people present.
- October 9, 1939 Concord New Hampshire.
Men's Club of the Congregational Church.
44 men present.
- October 10, 1939 Henniker New Hampshire.
Henniker High School, About 150 present.
- October 10, 1939 Henniker New Hampshire.
Mid-week meeting of Church members. Ten people present.
- October 11, 1939 Claremont New Hampshire.
Woman's Society, Congregational Church. About 45 present
- October 12, 1939 Ashland New Hampshire.
Baptist Church. Mid-week meeting of members.
Twenty two people present.
- October 15, 1939 Swanzey New Hampshire.
Sunday morning service Congregational Church.
Fifty two people present.

Speaking Engagements, by Stanley D. Wilson, con't.

- October 15, 1939 Keene New Hampshire.
Young People's Meeting Congregational Church.
About 80 people present.
- October 19, 1939 Willimantic Conn.
Men's Club Meeting, Congregational Church.
About 60 men present.
- October 20, 1939 Willimantic Conn.
Woman's Missionary Society. About 45 present.
- October 21, 1939 Willimantic Conn.
Young People's Society Congregational Church.
About 45 present.
- October 22, 1939 Willimantic Conn.
Sunday School class Congregational Church.
About 45 present.
- October 29, 1939 Belfast Maine.
Joint Meeting of the Missionary Societies of the
Congregational and Baptist Churches.
More than 100 present.
- October 30, 1939 Kents Hill Maine.
Assembly of the Kents Hill School. About 160 present.
- October 31, 1939. Lewiston Maine.
Morning Chapel at Bates College. More than 600 present.
- November 13, 1939 Montclair New Jersey.
Group in private home. Ten present.
- November 14, 1939 Jamaica L. I. New York.
Men's Club Victoria Congregational Church,
About 20 present.
- November 15, 1939. St. George, Staten Island New York.
Mid-week meeting at the Dutch Reformed Church.
About 35 present.
- November 18, 1939. New Brunswick New Jersey.
Group of the Faculty of the Agri. Expt. Station.
Fifteen present.
- November 20, 1939. Riverhead L. I. New York.
Thanksgiving Dinner meeting of the 2d. Ave.
Congregational Church. 80 to 90 present.
- November 25, 1939. New Brunswick New Jersey.
Seminar at the Agri. Expt. Station.
Fifteen present.

Speaking Engagements by Stanley D. Wilson, con't.

- December 3, 1939 Newark Valley New York.
Sunday morning Service Congregational Church.
Fifty present.
- December 4, 1939 Ithaca New York.
Seminar in Department of Animal Nutrition at
Cornell University. Twenty five present.
- December 29, 1939 Omaha Nebraska.
Group in Private Home. Fifteen present.
- January 2, 1940 Mount Vernon New York.
Woman's Society at Congregational Church.
- January 11, 1940 Briarcliff Manor New York.
Woman's Society Congregational Church.
Twenty five present.
- January 11, 1940 Richmond Hill, L. I. New York.
Woman's Society Union Congregational Church.
About 85 present.
- February 7, 1940 Gainesville Florida.
Students and faculty of the Department of Chemistry,
University of Florida. One Hundred present.
- February 9, 1940. Birmingham, Alabama.
Faculty and students Birmingham Southern College.
About 40 present.
- February 11, 1940 New Orleans La.
Sunday Vespers Dillard University, (colored)
One Hundred present.
- February 16, 1940 Beaumont Texas.
Mid week meeting Congragational Church (colored)
About 40 present.
- February 18, 1940 Houston Texas.
Faculty and Students Chemistry Department Rice Institute.
About sixty present.
- February 29, 1940 Alburquerque New Mexico.
Seminar Chemistry Department, University of New Mexico.
Sixteen present.
- February 29, 1940 Alburquerque New Mexico.
Mid-week meeting Congregational Church.
Thirty five present.
- March 4, 1940 Canyon Texas.
Science Club West Texas State College.
Ninty present.
- March 6, 1940 Anthony Kansas.
Mid-week meeting Congregational Church.
Forty Present.

Speaking Engagements by Stanley D. Wilson, Con't.

- March 7, 1940 Anthony Kansas.
High School Assembly, More than 100 present.
- March 8, 1940 Topeka, Kansas.
Mid-week meeting of the Congregational Church.
Thirty five present.
- March 10, 1940 Lawrence Kansas.
Sunday evening meeting Congregational Church.
Forty present.
- March 11, 1940 Lawrence Kansas.
Faculty and students Chemistry Department Univ. of
Kansas. More than 100 present.
- March 18, 1940 Lincoln Nebraska.
Science Club, Nebraska Wesleyan University.
Forty present.
- March 19, 1940 Beartrice Nebraska.
Group in Private Home. Twenty five present.
- March 29, 1940 Ames Iowa.
Ames Section of the American Chemical Society.
120 present.
- March 28 and 30. Omaha, Nebraska.
Three groups in private homes.
Total of sixty seven people present.
- March 31, 1940 Omaha Nebraska.
Men's Club First Central Congregational Church.
Thirty present.
- April 4, 1940 Iowa City Iowa.
Rotary Club, Eighty six present.
- April 4, 1940 Iowa City Iowa.
Iowa Section of the American Chemical Society.
Eighty present.
- April 7, 1940 Hagerstown Indiana.
Morning Service Christian Church. Sixty present.
- April 17, 1940 Chicago, Illinois.
Research Staff Universal Oil Products Company.
Forty present.
- April 26, 1940 Glenview, Illinois.
Missionary meeting of the Glenview Congregational
Church. Forty five present.
- April 28, 1940 Chicago Illinois.
The Kent Chemical Society, The University of Chicago.
Fifty present.
- May 14, 1940 Middletown Conn.
Atwater Club Wesleyan University, About sixty present.

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Belfast, Maine,
July 12, 1940.

Ack. 7/27/40

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I saw Mr. Gilkey and most of his family yesterday. He is very anxious to go to Peking and the family really are very willing to have him take the position but they want to communicate with his father who is in Chicago once more before they make the definite statement. As soon as a definite decision is reached which will be in two or three days he will communicate directly with Mr. Parker in your office. As soon as this word comes in I feel that you should cable Yenching so they will know what to expect.

We are leaving for Omaha in the morning. Will you let me know in regard to Mr. Gilkey's decision. My address will be 4314 So. 23d. Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Both Mrs. Wilson and I feel that Gilkey is a very fine young man and that the University is very fortunate to get a man of his type at this time.

Thank you very much for all that you have done for me while I have been in this country.

Very sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

Stanley D. Wilson.

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15 July 1940

Dear Dr. Wilson:

Thank you for giving us addresses en route. We have missed you at Fort Huron, and I am hoping that you are having pleasant weather as you journey westward. Are you driving?

The news of Yen-ching's affairs which is in our hands is probably also in yours. The Women's College Endowment has been successfully completed, and word went to Margaret Speer a week ago. At that time we were telling her also, from her parents, that her younger sister and the five little Barbours were on the Atlantic, coming in this direction. Since then, Mrs. Barbours and the children have safely arrived, and the youngest member of the family, William, has taken unto himself a wife. ^{As} Whatever boat you go on this summer will be certain to be filled with China friends. The Coolidge, on August ninth, is to have a fine lot destined for West China, including two Yen-ching graduates, Li Man-kuei and Yung Hsiao-yun, who are to begin appointments at Ginling College.

You probably also know that Stephen Ts'ai may not come to this country next year. Will you let me know what information you have about William Hung's plans? Is he coming without the family? What is his principal interest here, and what will he be considering his headquarters?

I hope to see Mr. Gilkey when he comes into the office. You must have been pleased with him or he would not be coming our way.

The best of wishes to you all.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
4314 South 23d Street
Omaha, Nebraska

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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4314 South 23d. Street,
Omaha, Nebraska,
July 23, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Your letter of the 15th. was waiting for me when I arrived here late Saturday. I have been much occupied with correspondence since arriving and have just reached yours tonight. Yes; we came west by car and were thus able to see much that we had never seen before. Our arrival here coincided with the coming of the hot season.

I feel very happy that you have been able to complete the endowment for the Woman's College. There is much need for such funds at this time. I am sure that Miss Speer will be more than pleased at the news.

Your letter was the first suggestion that Stephen Ts'ai was thinking of coming to the States this year. It is too bad that the President cannot come but that is of course out of the question at this junction.

I have had two letters from William Mung in regard to his trip here. He expects to come without the family and I understand that he plans to remain for only two or three months at the most. He is interested in Harvard Yenching Institute relations only as far as I know. At least, that is the impression that I have gained from his letters. However William will always be interested in all University affairs. He has requested me to write him a note and to leave it with Mr. Garside. I have already done this. This request indicates that he was planning to be in New York for a portion of the time, but I expect that he will spend the most of his time here in Cambridge.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you have done for me this year. You have made many things easy for me while I was here. Anna joins me in sending all best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson
Stanley D. Wilson.

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for Mr. Garside

學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

*ack.
1-8-41
JDP*

理學院院長室
COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES
OFFICE OF THE DEAN.

October 7, 1940.

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS:
"YENTA."

Mr. A. B. Garside
Yenching University
150 fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

While I was in America last year Professor Rolla N. Harger of the Indiana University Medical School of Indianapolis offered to give the University 55 volumes of the Experiment Station Record if I should find on my return that these did not duplicate those that we already have. His do not duplicate our set but actually nearly complete it. We need them much. I have written Professor Harger telling him that we are most happy to accept his kind offer ~~if~~ it is still open. I have also written Prof. E. C. Wilson, suggesting that he bring these out with his baggage next summer. He will perhaps write Professor Harger in regard to these volumes. I told Prof. Harger that I had written Wilson and I am also mentioning to him that I am writing you. Will you kindly get into contact with Harger and also Wilson on this matter. If Wilson will bring them out, you probably do not need to trouble with the matter further. If Wilson cannot undertake to bring them out will you please arrange for somebody else (perhaps Lucius Porter) to bring them out. If this cannot be managed they might be sent by freight. There is of course no immediate haste in these matters but we will use them when they arrive. I am writing these notes as President Stuart's request.

We arrived on the campus on September 11th after a very quiet and peaceful trip out. Conditions here are normal and quiet. Registration stands at 1084. Much the highest in our history.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your many kindness while I was in New York last year.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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Seen by JA

Yenching University
Peking, China

November 5, 1940.

Dear Friends:

We are sending this letter to you via the Mariposa and glad we are of the chance. However it is with a feeling somewhat akin to that of the Pilgrims when they saw the Mayflower start back to England, for we are warned that there may not be another boat come to North China. This ship was sent by the Gov't to evacuate Americans. Just now we are hoping that we won't need another boat anyhow. In any case we are extremely loath to move.

It would be hard for me to describe that atmosphere of this autumn since our return. After the long uncertainty of the last months in America while events were moving rapidly in the Far East as well as everywhere else, we finally arrived in our own home. Everything was propitious. Our house had been cleaned and refinished and we took possession at midnight of Sept. 11 in the best of good spirits. September in Peking is pleasant anytime. The rains of summer are over but have left a legacy of greenness and abundance. Our campus which has beauty at all seasons takes on an extra charm as leaves move toward the golds and flaming reds of October. The doubts which had beset us as we neared the time of departure seemed fantastic and no one here realized the tension in which we had left America. It was not that things were so quiet. But three years of war had rather exhausted the possibilities and somehow or other Yenching had weathered them all. Not a shrub or a tile had been shattered. It was like an island in a rough sea. The wall that securely encloses us was the symbol of our exemption from much of that outside. Of course this is not to be taken too literally. Most of the people here have, themselves or their families, experienced much of the bitterness of war and the very existence of Yenching hung on a thread. But it hung. And once passed the big stone lions that guard our gates, students and faculty could concentrate on their work and our children could play and do all the things that children do.

Yenching has been doing a large amount of rebuilding. It has acquired some very good new property much needed for housing. It had taken in many more students and added a Preparatory School. Carrying on in the midst of confusion had become the order of the day. There was a feeling of rare opportunity and great urgency.

So we settled down happily and unpacked our things which had come without mishap. The children had been given a present of a wonderful blue and white bicycle—the best that Montgomery Ward can do. This proved to be the sensation of the campus for no one had seen one of these new creations although bicycles form an almost universal mode of travel here. We were also very glad for various supplies we had brought, for shopping here has become very difficult. Not only has practically everything stopped coming from abroad but most of the local substitutes have ceased to be produced. There is shortage in every field. We are definitely in conquered territory and all the resources are being "reoriented to the New Order in Asia". Everything but bare necessities are discouraged. We are definitely akin to similar areas in Europe. Extreme poverty has become so common as to be the order of the day for most of the country.

In spite of our warnings we still were not prepared for the leap in prices on native as well as imported goods. How the general population lives is more than I can see. I was shocked at the sight of some of my old friends whom I had left rotund and bland in the best oriental tradition for those who attain middle age, now positively emaciated. And they were well above the level of real poverty too. A good deal of it has been anxiety for which there had been cause a plenty. But even these were cheery in the good old fashioned way.

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The children were delighted to find schools still flourishing. Marion's little school on the campus had been dissolved but she makes the trip back and forth every day to the city. There she found a fine teacher and a big room full, and she fitted in perfectly from the very start. Her schooling in America made this transfer very easy for her. Helen went back to her boarding school at Tunghsien and is very happy there. It had actually grown in the interval. It is certainly pleasant to find a place where an ill wind has brought good. There is something wonderful to a child in coming back from the outer world—new clothes, new American slang and a general feeling of importance. It is something that comes but once to a child growing up here and it is usually exploited to the full. My very use of the word "child" seems to be a little inappropriate for our two have assumed the ways of young ladies—especially accented in the younger who has now put away dolls forever.

Well, we went to work at the garden and we hung new curtains, and we polished the old furniture. Stanley had a multitude of things to start upon. His research work in fertilizers had progressed well in his absence. All that he had gleaned from America was just what he needed here to begin new lines. My industrial center here had pulled through better than could be imagined. With the American market gone and former raw materials sky high and almost unobtainable, still it had kept all at work. Believe it or not, local sales took up all the product. This work was now waiting for me.

Then came the explosion. In rapid succession three official warnings from the U. S. Gov't and four cables from our Mission Office in Boston all advising immediate withdrawal of women and children at least. And now as we see people packing and know that these schools which mean so much to the children are soon to be so depleted, we wish that we were more certain of the future march of events. We live in a very international community and daily work with those whose nearest of kin are in the thick of bombing or serving a conqueror in Europe or in China. Certainly the whole temper of things has changed here. We carry passports and identification card and concentration camps are the logical end for Americans if our Gov't takes a strong hand. On the other hand we hope it will do just that irrespective of the immediate consequences here. It is hard for even the most pacifistic of us to see any good in the present unfolding of the New Order in Asia. Unless America takes a stand events may become an avalanche which will sweep America herself.

I am writing on Nov. 5. All Asia feels that Nov. 6 will begin to disclose the real intentions of our land. The interest in the election is very keen. I wonder if I need to add that we found no high respect for our country in these parts. In spite of all that was said much essential material still goes to Japan and even if cut off now, the amount contributed within this last year and last months was enormous. As one Chinese expressed it, the last loan to China just prolongs the agony a little, unless additional measures are taken to help. But as individuals we were greeted so happily. Only our dog Amber was among the missing and our bird had been replaced by a younger one.

As I write persistent reports of large Japanese withdrawals in South China are coming in. A new move must be in progress—probably toward the South Seas. The war has moved far from us in its general outline but there is continual guerilla fighting everywhere. Also plain banditry has spread far and wide. The railway had been torn up on the main line to Peking just a few days before we came, in the very place where our train had been held all night on one occasion just two years ago. That represents pretty well the situation. Disorganization everywhere. But certain vital products are being exploited for the conqueror—such as coal. All kinds of restrictions are being tightened. Our manufacture of handkerchiefs in our Welfare Center may have to stop entirely because the Irish linen which somehow escaped the perils of the Atlantic and the Mediterranean and intervening points is now held by the authorities in Peking. We are unable to get it because they will not permit the use of currency to buy abroad even if it does give employment. We may not export anything unless we exchange gold at about one fourth the market rate. We are realizing how many strangle holds a dictator has at his disposal.

The city of Peking has continued to be "absorbed." The Japanese population has greatly increased. But for all that the main features of the place are unchanged and probably will remain so for some time. But a strained situation exists for the western residents: You can imagine all these Embassies located here whose nations are at war. There has been great increase in the German population. Are they arriving to take over the business of the defeated nationals and expelled neutrals? That is what you hear. An International Club meeting resolves itself into a very formal affair. But the whole year of the anti-British movement when the Britishers were all driven out of the interior and were virtually besieged in Tientsin, is now over. It terminated, alas, with appeasement on the part of the Lion. We still see signs painted large on walls all over the city. Those written in English carry no sting however for a slip on the part of the interpreter made the words read "Exolude the British". "Exolude" has now become a part of our local fun vocabulary. To save work the name of America has now been appended to some of these signs. But the world is entering a grimmer period and the new phase may not be so happily terminated.

But one thing ended well. I wrote three years ago about my near neighbors and their experiences at the break of war. One was a Chinese family where the husband, a Ph. D. from Chicago Univ., left Yenching to teach in a southern university while the young wife went to her people far up in Hankow. The war enveloped both. He removed into the mountains with his institution and as a result of privation and anxiety came down with tuberculosis. Then on his back, he went through the assault and capture of Amoy. And there he remained for a year and a half not knowing what had happened to his family. In the meantime his wife, who had barely survived an attack of virulent malarial, and the three small children had made a five day journey up into a remote part where her brother was the doctor in a mission hospital. After a year, having heard of his condition, she left the little children and set out to find her husband. It was a long, long journey over the most difficult and dangerous country. But finally she found him and got him back to Peking on a stretcher! He improved very rapidly and is now carrying full work. But for long periods they heard nothing of their children. The doctor was taken off by the Japanese and held for eight months but was finally released. As the time stretched out toward two years they seemed pathetic indeed although they said nothing and worked conscientiously. And then suddenly word came that the children were on their way north with the grandparents and last week they arrived. The father saw for the first time his three year old son! I have omitted lurid details but this is the main outline. Some things do come out well in spite of everything.

Another thing that came out well was our furlough year and our trip back. This letter is going to American friends many of whom we saw, so I don't need to say too much. Certainly the visitor finds America a very pleasant land. We travelled in so many parts and revelled in its comfort and interest and cleanliness and friendliness. But we realize that all of you thinking people are oppressed with its problems, at home and abroad. We are glad that we have a clear job to do. We only hope that we can continue to do it.

We love to hear from you. Reasonable caution in what you say will make your letter's arrival surer and none the less welcome here. We visited so many churches and other groups. We wish that we might know how you are. And we hope this may seem sufficiently personal. One copy is going out by private messenger and we can't send more.

With our best regards,

Marion Wilson
Helen Wilson
Stanley D. Wilson
per Anna L. Wilson

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January 8, 1941

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Wilson:

I do not find that any acknowledgment has been sent to you of your letter of October 7 addressed to Mr. Garside. This refers to the gift of Professor R. N. Harger of the Indiana University Medical School of the fifty-five volumes of the Experiment Station Record.

We have written to Professor Harger and he is sending to us here in New York the books. We will prepare them for transportation to Peiping in the effects of Professor E. O. Wilson, who has agreed to take them. I have just had a letter from Professor Harger saying that the books are being shipped to us. As soon as they arrive, we will get them in shape to forward.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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Via S.S. "Pres. Monroe"
from San Francisco, Calif.

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March 24, 1941.

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS:
"YENTA"

Mrs. Eva B. Macmillan
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
U. S. A.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I have been intending to write you for a long time, however this was delayed by the departure of the family for the States. I suppose you have heard that Anna and the girls left here on Feb. 21. All considered it seemed much the best for them to be away at the present time. I expect that they are living at Pilgrim Place in Claremont, California. I have not yet had time to hear from them except over the radio since they left.

I am wondering how Miss Wu Mao-I has done this year? It seemed to me that she did not have a fair chance last year and that she should have done much better than she did. I have always had a good impression of her and her ability. I shall hope to hear that she has improved her standing very much indeed. The Harvard people ^{do} especially try to do anything for the girls who come there for graduate work. I am also interested in the record that Mr. Kao Yu-ling is making at M.I.T.? He is a very hard worker and should get good grades, I am sure. If you can tell me of the records of these two people and of any of the rest of our Science students in America I shall be glad to hear of them.

The work here is moving along in a very normal manner and all is quiet for the present. Most American mothers with children in this whole section are away and others are leaving rapidly. The Sailer children are the only Americans on the campus and they will probably leave before long.

It was very nice indeed to see you last year and to make contacts with the New York office once more. Anna tells me that Mrs. New Wei Sung was on the boat with her. It will be nice to hear her in the States and she should be

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Mrs. Macmillan

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able to something for Chin-ling College while there.

Please give my best regards to all the people
about the office who recall that I was with you last year.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

Stanley D. Wilson.

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19 May 1941

Dear Dr. Wilson:

I am acknowledging your letter of March 24th addressed to Mrs. Macmillan since I am temporarily helping in the offices of the Associated Boards. Mrs. Macmillan has recently resigned and is now with her mother in Northampton.

You ask about Wu Mao-i. Your continuing interest in her is appreciated. Her experience at Radcliffe has been a difficult one and under the circumstances, she is making a creditable record and it is anticipated that she will have her M.A. at the end of the school year. The Harvard setup, especially for women students and one of her type and background is cold and impersonal. We feel that Miss Wu has struggled valiantly and will succeed.

We are trying to work out plans for next year in order that she may continue in pursuit of her doctorate. Helen Downes is in close touch with the situation and we hope to have something definitely lined up soon which will mean a happier experience than this year's has been, as well as a valuable one.

I have inquired about Mr. Kao Yü-ling and find that he is continuing to do good work at M.I.T. and his scholarship has been renewed for 1941-42.

Charles and I are enjoying living in Manhattan again after a sojourn of seven years in Brooklyn. We see so many more China friends than we used to, and you know what that means to "old China hands." We live in the same house with Helen Downes, which is especially convenient just now because of her interest in Wu Mao-i.

We have had real visits with the Porters and find them standing up very well under a strenuous furlough program.

The Wolferz family is nearby at 99 Claremont Avenue, very busy with the excitement of Rosalie's wedding on May 31st.

Grace Boynton was in town for the Annual Meetings of the Associated Boards, doing everything in her power to get permission through various channels to return to China this summer.

Charles and I think and speak often of Yenching's splendid accomplishment in having been able to "stay put" thus far. We think with very special sympathy

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Dr. Stanley D. Wilson

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of the sacrifices this has meant along many lines, including the separation of families.

All good wishes and cordial greetings.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Charles H. Corbett
Acting Secretary

MC/mt

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
Yenching University
Peiping China

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September 19, 1941

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
Yenching University
Peking, China

Dear Dr. Wilson:

You will recall that we made arrangements to secure the books donated by the Indiana University Medical School and to send them out with Mr. E. O. Wilson. Unfortunately, his plans for sailing were so uncertain and had to be rushed through at the last minute in such a way that we were unable to carry out the plan, even if the involved passage arrangements at the present time had not prohibited it.

These books are here in New York, and we would like to have a little more information from you as to whether they should be held here until transportation conditions are easier, or whether some further attempt should be made to send them out this winter.

We will appreciate having your advice on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

JIP:VW

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Indian Ocean
Near Port Elizabeth
November 1, 1943

MOTORSHIP GRIPSHOLM

Mr. Charles H. Corbett,
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City:

CORBETT
REC'D 12/8/43
ANS'D in person

Dear Charles;

I was very happy to receive your letter at Goa. It found me very well and rejoicing to be on my way home. Up to the present the weather and the sea have been very very gentle with us. This is a splendid boat with wonderful food. The first was not nearly so good but we were all very happy to be on it. In 24 to 36 hours we will be in Port Elizabeth and I hope to be able to send this via Air Mail. If I find that I cannot do so I will keep it until I reach Rio and then forward it.

Thanks so much for the offer to get me needed supplies. There is nothing that cannot wait until I reach New York. Books and vitamins are abundant on the ship.

I am hoping to find a college or university teaching position, not too far from Claremont. If nothing of the kind is available I want a "control" or research position that will offer opportunity to aid in winning this war.

With all best regards to your colleagues and your family.

Sincerely yours,
Stanley D. Wilson.

P.S. Letter from Port Elizabeth would be much delayed and so I did not send this one but expect to forward it from Rio in about four days.

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December 10, 1943

Dr. Stanley Wilson
American Board
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Wilson:

The enclosed plan has been prepaid, without final figures, by the Special Committee on Salary Adjustments for Yenching University.

It is forwarded to you for your study and comment. Please make any suggestions or corrections. Your immediate comments will be appreciated as we wish to work out the details and present the results to the Finance Committee of the Trustees as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham
Margaret Speer
C. A. Evans

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Omaha, Nebraska.
December 16, 1943.

Miss Mary Cookingham,
Miss Margaret Spear,
Mr. C. A. Evans,

Dear Colleagues:

Your note of the 10th. in regard to salary adjustments for Yenching University has chased me about the country for a bit before it caught up with me. When it finally reached me there was one point that I wanted to discuss with Dr. Galt before replying. I had a chance to do this yesterday at Chicago.

In general I feel that the plan is proper and workable. It is certainly on the generous side towards the faculty. It ought to be. There are one or two items that I would like to comment on. You have,

1. Full travel on the Gripsholm to New York including incidental expenses amounting to approximately \$85.00 and railway fare to destination in America or Canada.

In the above I would question the item of \$85.00 for incidental expenses. The amount signed for in the matter of travel included an item of \$50.00 for tips etc. As far as I know the \$85.00 was for personal use on the ship and at the ports where we stopped. In my own case I used the \$85.00 for just such personal items and by no reasoning could I ask anyone to repay me for this sum. In fact the American Board has ruled that this is a personal item and not chargeable to the Board. Perhaps in some cases a portion of the sum may have been used in a way that the University should be responsible for. If so an adjustment should be made. I do not want to withdraw approval from the plan because of this one minor item but I would feel a little better if the sum were a matter for the individual rather than the University. Dr. Galt wanted me to say that he felt as I did on this matter. He says that he wrote you the other day without noticing this item. He was in great haste when he wrote. He was also very busy now and wished me to call your attention to it for him. He agrees with me that it is not of fundamental importance and wishes his approval to stand either with or without the change.

In the case of Albert Liu there might be need to provide travel beyond New York. His home is in Honolulu and if he should arrive in New York and could neither find work nor join the Armed Forces of the United States which he hopes to do he might be in trouble. Perhaps nothing should be done at this time and changes could be made later to fit the case.

With these comments I approve the plan either with or without the changes suggested.

My address from now on is 635 Berkeley Ave. *noted*
Claremont, California.

I want to thank Mr. Evans and all others in the office for their kindnesses while I was there.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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