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635 Berkeley Avenue,
Claremont, California.
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Mr. Charles H. Corbett,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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REC'D 1/10/44

Dear Charles:

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I am wondering if you can give me Gerald Winfield's address? I think that someone told me that he was in Free China at the present time. He and I were cooperating on a piece of research and he took a trip to West China and from then on I have hardly heard from him. If he is now in West China did he return to the States after war broke out? Also do you know anything about his research notes? He had a large amount of such notes and I know that some of them were in Shanghai and some at Cheeloo. Perhaps some of his colleagues got some of these notes out. I was quite unable to bring mine out of China and have stored them in Hoepli's office in Peking and also some of them with de Vargas. Winfield's notes and mine together make a whole. We ought to get together and write up our work and publish it. I am sure that it is of value. If Winfield is out of the country, can you give me Mrs. Winfield's address? I would like to write her, if he is not here.

It was very nice indeed to see you again in New York as I came through early in September. I am very glad that you are in the office. I am sure that it will be good for Yenching to have you there.

I have found my family all in good health and enjoying Claremont very much. Mrs. Wilson joins me in extending best wishes to you and Mrs. Corbett.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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January 10, 1944

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California.

Dear Stanley:

In response to your letter, I would say that Gerald Winfield is in Chungking with the Office of War Information, and I suppose should be addressed in care of the American Embassy. However, his wife is in America and her address is as follows:

725 Page Street
Springfield, Missouri

Gerald was in the United States for several months last year, leaving sometime near the first of October, if I remember rightly. I trust you will be able to find out something about his research notes.

I am glad to hear that you find your family in good health. The return of yourself and the other Yenching repatriates brought us all a great feeling of joy and gratitude.

Alice Boring has already started in to teach histology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. Dr. Detweiler is the head of the Department. Her appointment is for six months. She feels very happy that she has landed on her feet in this way.

Dr. Adolph wrote to us last week in regard to subscriptions to chemical journals, and we are working on the problem. You will probably be hearing from him about the matter before long.

With very kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Wilson

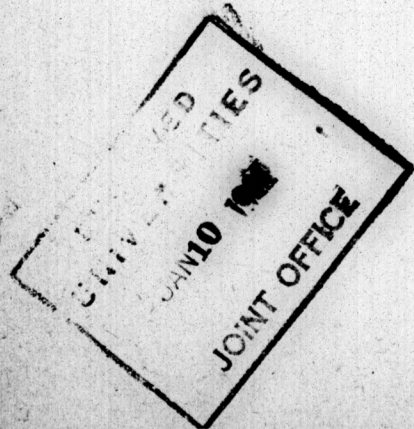
Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Corbett

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February 14, 1944

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Wilson:

At the suggestion of Miss Speer and Miss Wagner I am enclosing check for \$160.00 which is to reimburse you for the loan secured by Dr. Chao Cheng-hsin. It is my understanding that you have reached an agreement with Miss Wagner on the rate of exchange and that this check will adjust the matter satisfactorily.

Miss Cookingham has been taking a vacation since the latter part of December and we expect her in the office some time next week.

With best of wishes to all you good people on the west coast, I am

Most sincerely yours,

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C. A. EVANS

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Presented to Mr. Evans
February 14, 1944.

Mr. C. A. Evans, Secretary,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Just a short note to-night to tell you how much we enjoyed the January number of the Yenching News. Of course I had a good understanding of the situation in North China, but my knowledge of the situation in West China was less complete and so Grace Boynton's letter was doubly welcome.

I have had a letter from Lapwood inviting me to return to China and take up the duties of dean once more. It appeals to me very much but I am not yet ready to leave the family and start out once more. I must remain here some time yet before I decide what should be my attitude in these matters. We may know a great deal more about the probable length of the war in a few months now. Somehow I have faith that we will.

There are a few minor errors in the lists which you gave in the News.

- ✓ Mrs. Saetti was in Peking and not Weihsien when we left the country.
- ✓ The A. H. Jowett Murray and family were in Shanghai and not Weihsien
- ✓ The W. Sheldon Ridges were in Peking rather than Weihsien.

The above items are not very important, but perhaps they should be corrected on your lists for further use.

I have been having a very fine rest since arriving here, but am planning to begin work on the research staff at the California Institute of Technology on March fifteenth. I am looking forward with keen anticipation to taking up this work. It will be in a new field for me but there are many ideas there which will be useful when we get back to China once more.

Will you kindly permit Charles Corbett have a chance to see this letter. Thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson
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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your check for \$160.00 in the letter of February 14, 1944. It exactly reimburses me for the loan that I made to Miss Wagner. I had no idea what she used the money for. I am glad to learn that Dr. Chao Chenghsin has received it. He is a good man.

I am glad to learn that Miss Cookingham has been able to have a vacation. I am sure that she needed it after all that she has been through.

The E. O. Wilsons and the Galts seem well located and very happy here. Galt has taken up his regular plan of study and I see him in the various libraries from time to time.

Very sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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February 24, 1944

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Dr. Wilson:

I greatly appreciate your letter of February 14th and your comments upon our recent copy of the Yenching News. We have made the corrections in the list as suggested.

The Yenching group at Chengtu have written to all of the staff members from North China but for the present it seems best not to make any decisions regarding such an important step. The near future may bring some very important developments, anyway it seems that you are putting in time to good effect and your new work sounds most interesting indeed. More power to you.

Mr. Corbett has seen your letter and we are all glad to hear from you, come again.

Most sincerely,

CAE:EW

C. A. EVANS

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Dr. Y. P. Lei,
Yenching University,
Chongtu Szechuan,
West China.

630 Berkeley Avenue,
Claremont, California.
March 20, 1946.

Dear Y. P.:

I cannot tell you how pleased I am to receive your letter of Dec. 17th. in regard to the situation in Chongtu. Some weeks back I had an invitation from Ralph Lapwood to return to Yenching. It warmed my heart that everybody wanted me once more. But at that time I was not too sure in my own mind as to what I ought to do. I had not been back very long and needed more time for mature consideration, but I was sure that I should not start back at once. I wrote to Lapwood to that effect. As I have now been here longer, I feel clearer in my mind and will try to state my situation more clearly.

In the first place I wish to make it entirely clear that I feel that I am a part of Yenching, that I belong there and that I am looking forward with such eagerness to the time when we will all be back on the campus at Peking. I cannot think of anything that I would willingly permit to keep me from putting in the remainder of my active years with Yenching. I have also felt that I should return to Yenching at Chongtu if the war does not soon close. I still feel much drawn to the work in Chongtu and have it in mind to come to you there if there is no prospect for an early opening at Peking.

However family and health reasons make it wise to delay plans for a period at least. I have been separated from the family for nearly three years. The girls are now 15 and 16 years of age and I should be with them for a brief period at least. My wife and I also need to be together at this time and this means a stop in this country, since it is evident that she could not return to China, even if we could find some way to leave the girls. But I do not believe that the family would keep me here if it was the only factor.

During the last year in China I felt somewhat below par physically. I was lacking in my usual energy and pep, and did have a few ill spells for which neither the doctors nor I could account. I gained a great deal on the trip home and felt much better on landing... thorough medical examination indicates that I am organically in good condition. But there is still a considerable residue of this lack of energy. It seems to be connected with diet. In the past I have been able to eat anything and everything and to enjoy all my food. Now I find that rough food upsets me, and I am quite certain that my trouble in China was largely due to the rough diet which we used most of the time. Possibly there were some diet deficiencies. At any rate with some care in my diet I am gaining in energy. In time I expect to be back to my former pep once more. But until I feel really vigorous and secure I feel that I should not venture into a region where the diet might again bring about a lack of efficiency. If I should come out now there is fear that I might be a liability rather than an asset to the cause and that would be too bad. You yourself comment on the problem of living in Free China. I think that in time I will be in condition for a return. Be sure my small amount of Chinese would be a handicap, but I feel that I could make myself useful even with what I do have.

In the meantime I have taken a government research at the California Institute of Technology. We expect this work to contribute to the general cause and so I feel useful in this time of world crisis.

The Galts are living here in Claremont. He seems very well and is active at speaking etc. The E. C. Wilsons are also very near. He is not very well but seems to be improving and I expect that he will take up some work before too long. A recent lot of preliminary Ferguson reports, from the State Department, that negotiations for further restrictions are going

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on but that progress is exceedingly slow. I still have faith that there will be further repatriations and that Leighton and his associates will be included next time. Mrs. Wilson joins me in extending all regards to all of our friends in Chengtu. I certainly wish that I were with you in the venture there. It is something well worth doing and putting one's best into. I am irritated that I should move slowly at this time. Remember me especially to Lapwood and to Rand if he comes your way. I hope that I may hear from you again before too long. With many regards to your own good self, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Stanley Wilson

P. S.:— Of course a return on my part would have to be approved by the American Board Mission. I don't know what their attitude will be, but when the time comes I hope and expect that they will agree to it.



STANLEY D. WILSON
635 BERKELEY AVENUE
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

March 20, 1944.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your recent note enclosing a copy of Y. P. Mei's letter. I have just replied to Mei. I am enclosing a copy of my reply for your files. This will give you an understanding of my feelings and condition at the moment.

I have begun work on the government research at Cal. Teck. and find the work very satisfactory indeed. I hope that something of value may come of it in time. I hope that you will keep me informed as to things about Yenching and West China.

Very sincerely yours,

Stanley Wilson

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April 17, 1944.
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Rev. Charles H. Corbett,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Charles:

Recently your office sent us an address list of former Yenching Staff members in the United States and Canada. Thank you for this as I find it useful. There are a few additions and corrections that I can make to this list, and I am sure that you will want to keep it as near up to date as possible. They are as follows.

Hildabrand:

- ✓ Mrs. Hildabrand and her son are living at
716 Plymouth Road,
Pilgrim Place, Claremont, Calif.
Mr. Hildabrand is still interned in the Philippines.

- ✓ Potter, Mrs. Truman S.
The address is Harper Avenue, not Harper Street.

- ✓ Worley, Dr. Edwin.
The address is 10919 Wellworth Avenue. Los Angeles, Calif.
You seem to have the name slightly wrong in this case.
I have not seen him since I returned but we have had
correspondence with him. He is a member of the Physics
Faculty at University of Calif. at Los Angeles.

Add the following;

- ✓ Meng Chao Ying, Formerly Lecturer or Asst. Prof. in
Physics at Yenching.
Address, Dept. of Physics, Calif. Inst. of Technology
Pasadena, California. He is carrying on
Research there.

- ✓ Pi Te Hsien, Formerly Instructor in Physics at Yenching.
Address, Dept. of Physics, Calif. Inst. of Technology,
Pasadena. He is now Instructor in Physics
Here at Cal. Inst. of Technology.

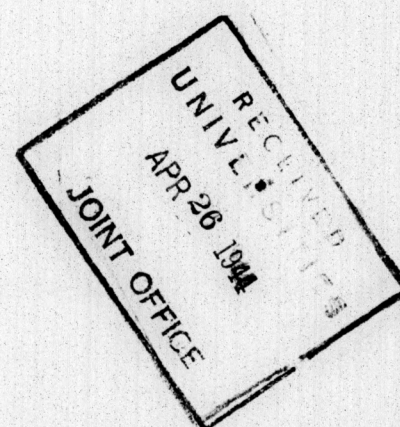
I hope that these will be of use to you in keeping the list up to date. I am now engaged in research at Cal. Tech. and find that I enjoy it very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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April 28, 1944

Dr. S. D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Stanley,

Here is a copy of a letter from Dr. Thompson to Dr. Vaughan regarding E. O. Wilson's health. There is nothing really new in this letter but it makes us realize that we must get together all the facts we can and give the case very careful consideration. In a recent letter from Flo she states that she is not satisfied with Dr. Thompson. She feels that he does not give Sherm as much encouragement as he needs. We are writing to Dr. Hamilton Anderson and inquiring if he will recommend another doctor.

What we particularly want to know from you is how the experiment at Cal. Tech. is working out. Perhaps it is too early to state anything very definite yet but we would like to know your opinion.

We all want to do everything we can to help Sherm and it seems to me that the present time is a better time to get all the help we can than any future time will be. Perhaps the case is hopeless anyway but I do not feel that it is.

Any advice you can give us will be much appreciated.

Please give my greetings to Anna and the girls. We had a message from Lucius Porter (sent on by Lillian) today dated November 28. All was well in Weihsien at that date.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham

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STANLEY D. WILSON
635 BERKELEY AVENUE
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May 3, 1944.

Miss Mary Cookingham,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mary:

Anna has just sent your Air Mail letter of the 28th. to me here at Cal. Tech. It arrived at Claremont a few hours after I left for the week.

Two recent letters to Marnie have included at least partial answers to your questions. At the present moment I feel very encouraged in regard to E. O. and the work here at Cal. Tech. For the first two weeks I was in despair about the whole thing, but now it looks very hopeful. He is showing a lot of interest in the work and seems in a hopeful, happy frame of mind regarding it. I recommended him to the Cal. Tech. people in the first place, and made arrangements for him to share a room with me in the Robert McCann home for the five days each week that we are here. I also do everything else for him that I can, so you see I have quite a personal interest in his success.

The people here are very nice to him and are giving him every opportunity to make good. If he should fail or give up on this opportunity, I would feel that there would be no hope of success in any other venture of a similar nature.

I feel that physically he is not as well as when you last saw him. There is a continued loss of function in his left arm and leg. On the other hand I agree with you that the case is not yet hopeless, though I expect that it will not be long before he will have to be taken care of completely.

I am not sure that I can advise you more at the moment. I shall be writing to various people in the office frequently and will pass on comments as conditions here develop. I must say that Dr. Thompson is much more pessimistic than Anderson was the last time I discussed the situation with him. On the other hand Anderson always said that there was little prospect of any final improvement. However He maintained that the course of the disease could be slowed up very much if E. O. would only get to work at something which would interest him.

By the way, I am coming East on personal business just after the middle of June. I expect to have at least two days in New York, and if there should be any business at the office I shall be available to attend to such. Details are not yet certain, but I expect to arrive on the 20th. or 21st and to leave on the 23d. or 24th. Will let somebody in the office know as soon as I have reservations. Don't make news of this trip public in such a manner that it will get back here for a while at least, as I have not yet told people here of it yet.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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May 16, 1944

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Stanley,

Thank you for your letter of May 3. We were particularly glad to hear that Sherris was showing an interest in his work. We hope he has been able to carry on. I am sure you have been a wonderful help to him.

I am enclosing a copy of part of Dr. Anderson's letter together with Dr. Vaughan's comments. You may have some wisdom as to the best procedure to follow now. We do not feel like pushing for a consultation unless we get the name of a doctor who meets with Dr. Vaughan's approval.

We are very glad to hear that you are coming East next month. I am sure Marnie and I will have a new set of questions which we will be glad to refer to you. It will be good to see you and have a real visit.

The meetings of the Associated Boards last week were very interesting. I also attended the Yenching meetings and prepared a few financial statements for Mr. Evans to present at the meetings of the other college boards. Mr. Ballou is now in the office. I am sure he will have a fine contribution to make to the work here. I have always admired him but have never had an opportunity to get really acquainted with him.

Please remember me to Anna, Helen and Marion.

Sincerely yours,

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STANLEY D. WILSON
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May 25, 1944.

Dear Earle: (Ballou)

Probably Miss Cookingham has told you that I am making a trip East in June. I have finally gotten my reservations for the trip and shall arrive in New York on June 21 and will be there for the whole of the 22d and the 23d. and will leave during the morning of the 24th. I expect to return to New York during the day of the 26 and expect to leave for my return to the West late in the day of the 27th. if all goes as I plan. I shall need accomodations in New York for four nights, the 21st, 22d, 23d. and the 26th. I wonder if you or somebody else in the office would be good enough to make reservations for me for these dates. I think that the Hotel Prince George is indicated. If nothing is available there you would know the type that I would want. Not too expensive.

Please keep the next item absolutely to yourself as such news is not given out before the event. Wesleyan University is giving me an Honorary Doctor of Science at commencement on the 25th. This is the reason for my trip to the East. In the meantime I will be available for any meeting at the Yenching office or at the China Medical Board if such should be wanted. At anyrate I want to get up to date on what has taken place in connction with the P. U. M. C. and also with Yenching. I probably do not need any appointment at either place, but if in your judgement an appointment should be made in either place, please make at least tentative arrangements. I am anxious to see you and hope that you will be in New York while I am there, but am afraid that you will be off to Grand Rapids for the whole time. There are a number of things that I feel that I would like to discuss with you if you are to be in the city. Will you let me hear from you as to the reservations, if it is not too much trouble.

My work here at Cal. Tech. is going along nicely. It meets my need in three ways. I am sharing in the war effort. I am learning something all the time and I am working with a very brilliant and most pleasant group of men. The project is a very large one and there are many men and women working on it. Will tell you something of it when I see you.

The family all sends regards. Give mine to the wife.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley

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635 Berkeley Avenue,
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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:

A situation has suddenly arisen where I need to consult your opinion or at least have your permission to reach a decision by myself. President Lyon of Pomona College is urging me to accept an appointment as Visiting Professor and Chairman of their Department of Chemistry for one year. The offer has just come and I am not at all clear as to what I want to do, or should do.

The Head of the department died very suddenly a few months back. Due to war conditions they are unable to get the type of man that they want for a permanent appointment at this time. They have several in mind, from whom they hope to get one when conditions become more normal. There is no thought of a permanent position by either side. As far as one can see the work at Pomona should be light this coming year. The student body will be smaller than usual and made up mostly of women who will not elect chemistry to any great extent. They are offering me more than I am getting at present at Cal. Teck. The courses are ones that I could handle fairly easily. It would allow me to live at home with the family, while at present I am away from Monday morning until Friday evening. I would probably have some time for research on some ephedrine derivatives that might be of value in the medical field. In many ways it would seem a very desirable connection to make.

On the other hand I am enjoying my work at Cal. Teck. very much indeed. It gives me a feeling of ~~saving~~ ^{sharing} in the war effort, a chance to learn something of value and an opportunity to work with a most outstanding group of men. President Lyon tells me that he has spoken to the Cal. Teck. people and that they would not object to my leaving if Pomona needed me. It is possible that he has misunderstood them. I certainly would not leave Teck. if there was any feeling on their part that I was deserting them, or if they felt that I was under obligation to remain. They have been too thoughtful and considerate in many ways for me to break off relations without complete willingness on their part.

If I was feeling in full vigor I would not consider the Pomona position, but would try to get back to Free China. However I do not yet feel in full vigor and so I do not see how I could start for the Orient during the next college year. The opportunity to live at home with the family would doubtlessly be better for me than to live as I am now doing. My present arrangements are however very happy ones.

President Lyon is anxious for a decision on my part as soon as possible, within the coming week if such is possible. Of course such an attitude is understandable on his part. Have you people in the office in New York anything that you wish to say on the matter. Could you let me know by telegram whether or not you approve the move if I should decide to make it. I am communicating with the American

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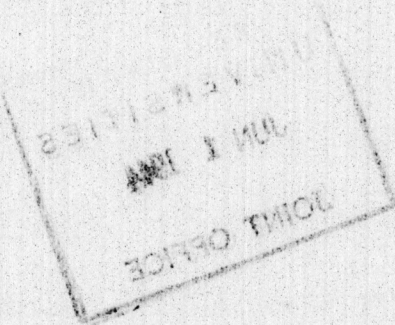
Board in Boston. I am still a member of the Mission and want to remain as such. And as such I must take up a position only with their approval.

I might add that probably the Pomona position would be an easier job than my present one, since I would not be so closely confined as to hours etc. I wish that this could wait until I was in New York so I could talk it over with the people there. However I can see that Lyon wants to get the matter settled as soon as reasonabl

Very sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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STANLEY D. WILSON
635 BERKELEY AVENUE
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May 28, 1944.

Miss Mary Cookingham,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mary:

Your letter of May 16th. has been here a week waiting for a reply. I don't see much that I can say that will be of assistance.

Sherm is carrying on at Cal. Teck. and is really interested in his work there. On Friday I asked his director how he was doing, and the reply was "wonderfully well". They are thoroughly satisfied with his work and are only worried that he is working too hard. He worries that he is unable to domore and to keep up with some of the young and lively fellows on the project. They feel that his maturity of judgement and his real training more than makes up for a slightly slower rate of action. As I have said before it is the nicest place to work that I have ever seen. If he cannot make good there, he cannot anywheres. He certainly is not feeling well and has lost ground since he left the Cripsholm. He gets tired and goes no-wheres after work. It would be much better if he took advantage of the social opportunities, but perhaps he is too tired. I feel that for a while at least he is going to hang onto the job and as a result he may gain and feel better in time. I also feel that Flo is in a more reasonable frame of mind and that is all to the good. The longer he can work and carry on the better, as it will delay the final break-down, which I expect is on the way.

Just at present I do not see any need to press the matter of another doctor. Perhaps if you could discover somebody that Dr. Vaughan approved of, it would be well to keep it in reserve for a bit.

I am arriving in New York on the 21st of June and will be there for the 22 and the 23d. and very likely will be back for the 26th. and part of the 27th. I hope that Marnie will be in town for at least a short visit during this period. Shall want to learn as much as possible about the University while I am there.

The family all send regards.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley

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May 31, 1944

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California.

Dear Stanley:

It will be awfully good to see you and I extend my heartiest congratulations for the cause of your trip East. I am not at all surprised that it is going to happen. -- A reservation has been made for you at the Prince George. The rate will be either \$2.50 or \$3.00 a day, which is I believe their minimum.

I have talked with Miss Ferguson on the phone and if things move along fast enough so that we are in a position by the time you are here to act concertedly on the next steps regarding our petition to the Regents she will try to set up a meeting. In any case there will be plenty of chance to bring you up-to-date on some of the more recent developments which have been hinted at only sketchily in the report of our informal meeting of May 12 and the legal steps now in process. So far as Yenching is concerned we expect to be right on the job here at "150".

No, I am not at all disappointed in the absence of any plan to attend the meeting at Grand Rapids. As I suppose was the case with yourself, we were cordially invited to be there at our own expense. Robbins is to be our North China spokesman, Wynn tells me. I understand not many others are to attend as guests of the Board. Thelma and I had an awfully good time at the Mid-Winter meeting at Cleveland, which in several respects was a pleasanter and more revealing affair than a General Council has ever seemed to make. When the travel allowance precluded more general invitations I was not one who was disappointed. Incidentally, if I have my head above water in this present job by the adjournment of that meeting my time and strength will have been better spent.

After talking things over with Mr. Evans we are sending you the following telegram signed by both of us:

APPROVE ACCEPTING POMONA APPOINTMENT FOR NEXT YEAR
UNLESS BOSTON OBJECTS

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Dr. Stanley D. Wilson

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May 31, 1944

I feel there is no real question as to what you should do. The paragraph noting that you are not yet "in full vigor" is
Have you heard that Rowland is ordered home on advice of three doctors, suffering probably with sprue? Or that Albert Hausske is having renewed trouble with his tummy? presumably a recurrence of his old ulcers? Mabel Nowlin arrived last week with a big bunch of folks from China and India. She spoke in highest terms of the help Rowland, Jim and Harold were bringing to West China, but said that no one ought to consider going back unless they were well above what normally would be thought of as perfect physical condition. The strains must be terrific -- far more than those of an interment camp!

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Dr. Stanley D. Wilson

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I feel there is no real question as to what you should do. The paragraph noting that you are not yet "in full vigor" is understandable. Have you heard that Rowland is ordered home on advice of three doctors, suffering probably with sprue? Or that Albert Hausske is having renewed trouble with his tummy, presumably a recurrence of his old ulcers? Mable Nowlin arrived last week with a big bunch of folks from China and India. She spoke in highest terms of the help Rowland, Jim and Harold were bringing to West China, but said that no one ought to consider going back unless they were well above what normally would be thought of as perfect physical condition. The strains must be terrific -- far greater than those of an internment camp!

The position there at Pomona would seem to meet your needs ideally, and a year from now the whole picture should be somewhat clearer for all of us. Y.P. does want people back as fast as he can get them, and the general attitude here is to encourage those who are considering the possibility. But your circumstances are unusual on several counts, and I feel thoroughly confident that the attitude expressed in our telegram will be supported by Anna.

I am sorry that Thelma will not be here to greet you. We are falling heir to a small apartment on Gramercy Park which seems to meet our needs almost perfectly, but it does not become vacant until the end of June so she is staying on at Auburndale until then.

With kindest regards to the family,

Very sincerely yours,

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September 23, 1944.

Miss Mary Cookingham,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mary:

For the past three weeks I have been trying to get a letter off to you enclosing a copy of Lapwood's letter which you sent forward to me on August 30th. and also a copy of a second letter from Lapwood dated July 13th. to which there is attached a "Yenching University in Chengtu. COLLEGE OF SCIENCE REPORT FOR 1943-44". I have been much delayed by the business of the opening of the college year here at Pomona. Classes are larger than they had expected, staff is lacking, and so I have been well occupied, but things are going well finally. In addition I did not have time to copy these letters and reports myself and it was very difficult to find any one else to undertake it. Finally Helen did it for me and as she also is busy, it has not been very well done but I think that you will get everything that he said in these various letters and reports. I am sending copies to Marnie, Ran, Boring, Galt and Adolph. I will forward Ran's through your office as I am not certain that I now have the correct address for him.

In Lapwood's letter of July 13th. he mentions their need for microfilm projectors etc. Can you people see any way to get any sent out? I don't seem to have any way at the moment at anyrate. On page two of this letter he also mentions the equipment which our air-force has in China and which will become available perhaps at the end of the war. If anybody knows how to make the correct contacts we might obtain considerable scientific material from that source at a very low cost. Can anybody in the office make the contacts? Be sure to discuss this matter with the people there like Corbett and Ballou. They may know how to get after this. I feel that both Corbett and Ballou should read both of these letters of Lapwood's. If there are others in the office who should read these be sure that they have an opportunity to do so.

Recent communications from Dr. Harry Taylor tells me that Ran has taken on a position at Berea for the year. I wonder why he is leaving Washington? I am expecting to be in New York before too many weeks to attend a meeting of the P. U. M. C. trustees. Shall of course try to see you all then.

The family all join me in best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

P.S. The E.O. Wilsons are living very quietly here in Pilgrim Place. He seems better than when he stopped working but has made no marked improvement. There is a rumor in Claremont that Wroughton and Wright have been moved to Zenith. Have you any word of this? S.D.W.

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College of Science,
Yenching in Chengtu
1 April 1944

Dear S.D.

I was very happy indeed to receive your letter of January 22 which arrived here nearly three weeks ago. My delay in replying has been partly due to the stress of activities, and partly due to my wish to give you the most carefully considered news and suggestions.

It was good to hear of your happy return to your family and how well they are all getting on. I found it was no use to send on your letters in the form you send them, to Weihsien. They must be retyped in 50-word letters in capitals, and sent off part by part. I am doing that now and very glad to be of any assistance in such a way.

Your letter got in the same time as Bill Band turned up from Chungking. Both he and Claire looked much the same as ever, and though Claire was very tired, Bill was extremely fresh and well. Claire is staying on here and rapidly regaining energy and freshness. Bill left today to return to Chungking - a two day journey by Postal truck.

The British officials in Chungking had been unduly cautious and would not hear of Bill's immediate return to the University, though at this end we thought it would be quite all right. We are much more free than pessimists make out. So Bill was grabbed by Dr. Joseph Needham and has been formally appointed a member of the staff of the British Council - Scientific Section. This happened before he came here, and when he saw our work and the amount that he could do in Yenching I think he was rather sorry he was already committed to Needham. But on the other hand there is a great deal that he can do to help the University both now and later by staying where he is.

We tried to persuade him to get appointed to work in Chengtu. He would like to do that, and it depends on Needham. If Bill does come here we expect that he will be almost like a member of the 5 Universities' faculty, and it will be very valuable indeed to have him at hand for consultation. During the past three weeks it made a world of difference to have him on hand to discuss all problems connected with the present and future of the Science College.

Of course I showed your letter and also those that came from Dr. Adolph and Dr. Boring, to Bill, and also called in the people who are acting as Heads of Departments - Chen Shang-Yu (Phys.), Paul Chang (Chem.) Chang Tsung-Ping (Bi.), Mrs. Y. P. Mei (Home Ec.) for general discussion. After careful deliberation we decided that I should write to you and others describing the situation here as faithfully as I can, leaving it finally to you to decide in consideration of your own health, etc. whether and when you should come to join us.

Present Situation of the Science College in Chengtu

1. No one here is hopeful that the war in China will be over in less than two years, and pessimists think in terms of five or more years in Chengtu. This is a world factor over which we have no control, and its uncertainty makes all planning difficult. But our general line of thinking is that we should (a) hold a skeleton staff and organization through this period in Chengtu, (b) cooperate to the maximum with other universities here, (c) try to build one or two phases of work which can stay when we leave, and strengthen West China Union University, (d) undertake no large financial burdens, but rather assist in the saving for future rehabilitation, (e) assist in planning for future reconstruction of the college. I will take these points in detail later in the letter. 2. The attitude of the Ministry of Education to Yenching has been very "correct." It is not to be expected that private institutions should enjoy special government aid or privileges.

We fall in line closely with government regulations. For instance, our students

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must study courses which meet government requirements exactly - with no leeway except what is specifically allowed in the schedules. In general no great hardship is entailed, for the regulations themselves are very reasonable. For instance the schedule of courses in Mathematics is much better planned than was our old schedule in Yenching.

But it means that we are not in position to act on any point without Ministry approval. For instance we could not open new courses or new departments or new graduate work without first getting official approval in the correct manner. Thus it is a great advantage to have a running organization which can recover its original scope gradually. This has been a guiding principle in our policy here.

What of future relations with the Ministry? Most of us think that the trend is towards the gradual elimination of non-government Universities. Now in addition to Christian Colleges only one private University (Huang Hua) survives. We want to survive, and the way to do it is not to become weak so as to be an easy prey to financial or other pressure. Of course changes in Ministry set-up and policy are conceivable, and even likely, given sufficient time. But it is too difficult to prophesy what those might be. We can only act on the certainties of the present and the immediate future.

3. The five Christian Universities in Chengtu have a very poor record in cooperation - going back to the original arrival of Cheeloo, Nanking and Ginling. Most obvious failure was the splitting off of Central Medical College from its cooperation with West China. Other failures have been the lack of coordination of agricultural programmes of WCUU and Nanking, the extensive duplication of courses in many departments, scattered and unplanned research projects, poor planning for joint use of buildings. Every University has thought in terms of a short exile and the need to preserve individuality, rather than combine.

I mention these points not as criticism of other Universities - please do not quote me - but to show the kind of atmosphere of mutual reserve into which we came. Personally I have been in favor of most thoroughgoing cooperation, even at sacrifice of the interests of individual institutions including our own. After experience of trying to cut out overlapping courses, exchange students and teachers, coordinate advanced work, I have come to the conclusion that it is a waste of time to try to work out a plan with Nanking but that we can proceed with WCUU. Cheeloo Science is very weak and Ginling negligible. People will ask you to what degree we are cooperating, so I will summarize the facts of this semester.

In Mathematics WCUU and Yenching each teach our own freshmen. In the second year we each teach our own differential equations course, for this being studied by students of Math.Ph. and Ch. has big classes. All other courses are in common. Yenching has given up Advanced Calculus, Analytical Geometry, and Higher Algebra to Hua Ta, while Hua Ta has given up Projective Geometry and Theory of Equations to Yenta. Advanced courses are planned without overlap. Many people feel that Yenching gave up too much, especially as Hua Ta has almost no Math. students, and sometimes advises them to wait a year to study a Hua Ta course rather than enter the corresponding Yenta course this year.

In Physics the situation is about the same as in Mathematics. Each University teaches its own courses for Freshmen. Other courses are planned jointly without overlap, in general with Hua Ta giving courses with more experiment and Yenta teaching theoretical courses, since our only apparatus is that which we borrow from WCUU. It is generally recognized that Yenching teachers in Physics are much superior to those of West China, but this does not mean that WCUU teachers willingly surrender their courses to Yenching.

In Chemistry a Yenching teacher teaches our freshmen, and all other courses are part of a joint program with WCUU. But Yenching's share is only one or two courses per

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semester. We also pay a contribution each term which covers all costs incurred in experiment and demonstration by our students, and also a share of overhead of the WCUU Chemistry Department. Yenching Chemistry students are an excellent group, and head the classes generally.

In Biology Yenching teaches only one course for Yenching students only - Non-Science Biology. All other courses are part of a 5-University jointly planned programme. Chang Tsung-Ping teaches two or three very popular courses in the joint programme. Our instructor and assistant join the common pool.

In Mathematics and Physics there is a good deal of overlapping in courses offered by Nanking and offered by the Yenching-Cheeloo-WCUU groups, made much worse by Nanking's habit of beginning many year-courses in the second Semester of the academic year and carrying them over to the first semester of the succeeding year. The Chemistry and Biology Departments have done much better. In Chemistry there is no overlapping in third and fourth years, and in Biology there is none at all.

In Home Economics there is good cooperation between Yenching and Ginling - mainly in the way of Ginling's sending students to Yenching's courses. In this field West China, which has the only other H. Ec. Department, does practically no cooperation with others. This is a matter of personalities.

Thus set out, the Science Colleges' record in cooperation seems fairly good, and it is excellent compared with all other Departments except English, which carries a united programme. But in the science work there is still a lot of room for advance. For instance there is almost no joint planning, once the year's courses are settled. Many electives are given for one or two students, for cutting down overlapping courses has enabled many teachers to offer electives. We should plan research, extension, translation, etc. but so far we have failed to do so. We should have cut out some of the worst teachers and teaching methods, but such awkward questions are avoided.

4. I feel consequently that when the rest of the world is bending all energies to winning the war, Chengtu is cut off and pursuing peacetime activities. The Government allows little modification of prewar curricula, and students are preparing rather for reconstruction than fighting. So often our work has a remoteness which is unpleasant to those of us who want to see China's youth (and ourselves) engaged in work of immediate significance.

5. I asked Paul Chang whether you would be needed as a teacher, and he said "Yes, there is none here so well qualified to teach Advanced Organic Chemistry." So I imagine there would be at least one important course for you to take up. Probably not more than two though. There are here very few supplies of chemicals, and I understand that there is an especial shortage of reagents needed in research analysis.

6. I hope that if you come you will take up the work of the Dean, tho I realise it may be more necessary for you not to be tied up in details of administration, if you want to spend your main energies in the more important statesmanship of planning for the future of your Science work, and of Christian Higher Education in China as a whole. But you will anyway be interested in knowing what the work of Dean now involves. First there is an inordinate amount of Committee work. The Faculty Executive, the Deans' Committee (concerned purely with academic problems), the Student Welfare Committee (concerned with all questions of students' life, health, and discipline), the University Council, meet regularly (the first two weekly, others monthly). Then there are Ranking and Salary Committee, Budget Committee Admissions Committee, and various ad hoc Committees on which the Deans are ex officio members. Most of these committees occupy a lot of time, for two reasons:- 1) Yenching is now governed very democratically, and every problem is talked out until we reach a united mind on it. This is a very valuable process, but

takes a lot of time. II) Everything had to be reorganized from scratch, and we have had to learn by experience and repeated modification how to set up regulations for faculty treatment, student treatment, setting up budget, and so on.

There has been a great deal of miscellaneous business, with the procuring and occupation of this floor we now occupy, purchase of furniture and small items, and the business office being understaffed and the Dean having no real Secretary and no telephone, these details take up an amount of my time which I resent without being able to do much about it.

Students all have their individual problems, starting from difficulties in fitting into courses when they arrive from Peking in the middle of a term, and going on through finance and efforts to find them self help work, to sickness or additional dietary needs. Dealing with them individually takes a lot of time, but is a rewarding piece of work. In this respect I am much less busy than last year, for Chen Shang-Yi and others have taken a lot off my load.

Arranging cooperation with other Universities has meant cultivating good personal relationships, and going in person to take up points where we have been asking for favours. Also pushing ideas about cooperation means individual talks with a lot of people. I should do more of this but don't find time.

The Science College Committee meets monthly (I forgot to mention this above) but most of the work is done by personal talks with the heads of Departments.

At the end of this semester I shall have carried the Dean's work for two years, and I shall much appreciate the chance to hand over to someone else. Chen Shang-Yi doesn't want to do it, and perhaps it is rather soon to put him into this position as he has little administrative experience.

For my own part I realise keenly that I should be preparing for further studies and research. But for the past two years I have made no progress in this direction, and I am afraid that if I go on in the same way I shall not be able to make much future contribution to the Mathematics Department.

7. One point which you should know before coming to China is that during the past three years every Science College has felt severe lack of students. Now Economics and Sociology and Political Science are popular Departments. Premedical and Industrial Chemistry are in some demand, but pure science - mathematics, physics, biology is experiencing a dearth of applicants. The government is taking steps to encourage students to study science, and we ought to benefit by them, but family pressure and economic conditions exert greater pressure the other way.

8. You will no doubt be eager to get a clear picture of the actual living conditions in Chengtu, since that matters greatly in your decision to return.

In my opinion missionaries are suffering no privation. There is no lack of any essential foodstuff, - milk, eggs, flour, meat, vegetables, are plentiful. In fact it is difficult to name anything except imports like cheese and coffee which cannot be bought here. The problem is not supply but price. But it seems that now each Missionary Society which has decided to keep people in China has determined a scale of salary which while it allows for nothing else does suffice to buy food adequate for health. People like Harold Robinson who came out a year ago have retained excellent health. Good medical service and all necessary drugs for ordinary diseases are available in Chengtu. Excellent holiday places are available in the high mountains to the west, though holidaying is very expensive. But some still manage to take holidays.

We are crowded compared with prewar conditions, but not in any absolute sense. Now in our house, Miss Boynton, Robinson, and Haussake have a room each, the Bands have one, and Nancy and I and Peter have two. There are large common rooms and verandas. But we are among the more crowded people in Chengtu.

Then why do people complain all the time about the terrible drop in standards of living? Food is much simpler than before - such items as butter and chicken and cake are usually beyond our reach. We have no money to buy clothes, and do very little entertainment. There is not much chance for exercise such as tennis. We live in an atmosphere of strain and worry, especially those who are concerned with financial administration of institutions. It is the cumulative effect of several years of such conditions which have made people ready to complain.

Future prospects and plans

1. The Council on Christian Higher Education in China has taken first steps towards a new attempt at rationalising our University programmes. It has been suggested that we should envisage five Christian Universities in postwar China, distributed regionally - n, s, e, w, and center. Yenching people here are somewhat afraid that Yenching being not well represented will not get adequate consideration. For instance, now Nanking has the most prosperous Chemistry work. What more natural than to decide that Nanking should take up the graduate work in Chemistry, and other Universities not? We hope that the future might see perhaps combination of Cheeloo and Yenching as the North China Unit, and Yenching selected as the centre for Christian University graduate work. The pushing of such an idea needs activity both in USA and China.

2. In various interviews Ministry of Education officials have suggested that Christian Universities should make science and medicine their special fields, and have indicated that the prohibition of Christian Universities from having Education Departments may be extended to other departments such as Political Science. Most Christian educators take a negative view of this, and think that Christian education should be "cultural" or "emphasizing the humanities." I prefer to take the positive view, and consider that a Scientific education may also be a liberal education, and it is the job of Christian Universities to make a unique contribution in producing scientists with keen social conscience and awareness of World events, trends, and questions. Don't you think that those of us who believe that scientific education is a suitable field of Christian work should demonstrate to the government (beginning now, not at the end of the year) that we can make a big contribution to China in this field. If so there is a lot of work to be done in the Five Colleges of Science in Chengtu, in raising standards, pushing extension and research programmes, etc. Registration of the still unregistered Chemistry and Biology Departments in Yenching might be a by-product of such activity.

3. Some of us hope that Yenching while here will make one or two concrete contributions which can be left behind to strengthen WCUU for the future - for instance, an optical shop, Shang-Yi having trained people and set up the shop while here, not planning to move things back to the North. Again Yenching is helping push the leather programme here, but that would stay with Huata. I think that even at a time of economies and general decision not to purchase apparatus, such schemes should be promoted.

4. Bill and I discussed at length, as far as one can discuss now, the problems which would arise when it is time to set up again in Peking. It seems that people should be working things out beforehand, and that there should be a strong advisory body to make decisions on policy of the College of Science during the hectic time of moving back. Many of our senior people are in Peking and can do little or nothing except consider plans. Those of us who are here are free to act, but we cannot do so without general agreement. You people now in America form a third group, in a position to take general actions but not detailed carrying out. Bill and I suggest that perhaps you could form a "Planning

Committee" composed of people in all three places, working now by correspondence, but as soon as the time came getting together in action. This Committee would work on the determination of order of development of work of reconstruction of the College, people to be invited to the staff, raising of funds, relationships with the Government, rehabilitation of library, cooperation or combination with other Universities. By careful consultations it could build up relations of confidence with the Trustees, the present Yenching in Chengtu, and the Peking group. Thus it would be powerful and even decisive in effecting a smooth transition from the present condition to the future absorption of all groups in the postwar Yenching. You would be the natural person to head up such a committee having been in Peking and America, and coming to China yourself later on. Other membership we suggest is Tsai Lu Sheng, C. F. Wu, Hsu Hsien Yu, Chu Sheng Ling, Band, Boring, Adolph, Lapwood. It was our opinion that this group of two from each main department (two more might be added from Home econ.) contains the senior people who would have greatest prestige as a group. But of course you may have other information which leads to a different constitution.

We have means of passing on information to the Chinese now in Peking, so that circuitous communications could keep people at present separated by war in touch with each others' thinking.

We have not proposed this idea to any people here, as we like first to have your reaction to it.

Well, I have written a very long letter in an attempt to give you enough material for decision on coming back immediately or in the future. Obviously we want to have you, and in our minds the most important thing is planning. But if the war lasts five more years it would be unreasonable to spend five years talking of plans. So just when you might come out so as to be at the right places at the right times is a question we must leave with you.

I am writing today or tomorrow to Miss Boring and Dr. Adolph who both wrote shortly after you did. In order to avoid repetition I hope you will be able to share this letter with them. In letters to them I am dealing with other questions which they have raised, and I will ask them to let you see their letters too.

I will close with a little personal news. Bill's work with Needham has very great possibilities, as he has facilities for getting out from England, USA, and India many of the books, magazines and equipment which scientists in China are craving for. Their office also acts as a centre for exchange of information. Bill will probably be writing himself to give you more details.

Chen Shang-Yi has done very well, and proves very hard working and easy to work with. Chang Tsung Ping is making himself a reputation as a brilliant lecturer, and is much appreciated for his wide scientific interests, which range from mathematical philosophy to economic entomology. Kuan Chao Chih, of whom I have great hopes as a mathematician, has been sick six months with TB, not yet fully recovered. He is a victim of wartime reduction of living standards. Mrs. Mei's work in Child Welfare is very successful, though the department is awfully weak on the scientific side (nutrition, etc.).

We very much hope for the early return of Hsu Peng Cheng. He is needed for straight teaching, as Yenching contribution to the joint programme, and to look after thesis work and other individual needs of the students. His work would not overlap with yours. If you see him and he is still querying whether to come or not please urge him to come quickly.

YP is now in Chungking, working on the campaign for raising a ten million dollar endowment fund. The outlook is quite good, with Chengtu's quota of 3 million already

mostly promised, and Kung helping actively in Chungking. This is not to make us independent, but a desperate effort to raise funds to carry on next year on the same scale as this.

I keep my interest in CIC, and next month will probably be made treasurer of the International Committee operation here. This takes away precious time from my other work, but I am convinced of the extreme value of the CIC work and wish to help where I can.

You will remember how when in Peking I discussed what kind of mathematics I should study when on furlough, I never came to a clear line then, being interested in all kinds of applied mathematics from surveying to physics. During the past five years my interest has been focussed clearly on statistics, and I am determined to pursue that line in the future. I remember your work on fertilizer which required statistical analysis, and C W Lu's in psychology. I would like to become fully familiar with the various fields of statistical analysis so as to be able to undertake with confidence either advising or analysis for any project from other fields. This would not overlap with Lin Chia-Tung's work, as he is little interested in the mathematical side of statistics.

I have asked the Mission to grant me a two-year furlough when the time is appropriate, and would use it in study for Ph.D. either in Cambridge or London (originally I hoped to study in USA, but if the London Mission finances me, I shall have to stay in England to do weekend deputation work for them, etc.) I hope you will approve of this plan. Certainly my idea is to return to Yenching if I am invited.

Peter is very well, and has just started to walk. Nancy has been off colour for a month with catarrh, but we hope the return of warm weather will put her right. Very best regards to Mrs. Wilson and the two girls,

Yours as ever,

/s/ Ralph Lapwood

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College of Science
Yenching in Chengtu
13 July 1944

Dear S.D.

We have been expecting to hear from you in reply to my letter of last April 1st, but mails seem to have been coming more slowly lately, so I am going on to write again without waiting for your letter.

I enclose my report on the work of the past year. It does not contain statistics, as it is meant to be part of the University report which has statistical sections, and will reach you later. As you will see by the report we are making progress in certain directions - our Mathematics, Physics, and Biology are developing satisfactorily. We are worried about the failure to find adequate fundamental staff for the Home Economics and Chemistry. We still hope for news from Hsu Peng Cheng that he is returning, and I am pinning my hopes for the immediate future as far as Chemistry is concerned on him.

In order to let you have a clearer idea about the College now I will give you a few notes on our personnel here, but please treat them as confidential.

In Mathematics, Dr. Tseng Yuan Yung, as Visiting Professor, is a hard worker, a good lecturer, and inspiring to the students in personal conferences. He also has great influence with our younger faculty. Of course we can't work him as hard as our own people, and he takes no administrative work. He is much respected through the five Universities. Kuan Chao-Chih has devoted the time of his illness to extensive reading, and now has an encyclopaedic knowledge of mathematics. But naturally he has not felt much urge to create. It is now time for him to be doing original research, and I have had Mr. Tseng promise to direct his work. Kuan is very brilliant and I hope that he will before very long have a chance to study abroad. I would also look forward to him as a permanent member of the Department, as he is a good teacher and popular with the students. Yao Chih Chien is the fourth man in the Department, a rather angular personality and not very good academically. But he is a very hard worker, and good at doing business. So after some consideration we kept him on for this next year. I do not regard him as permanent however.

In Physics, the Department might have made much progress, but after Han Ching-Lien left Cheng Shang-Yi was conscripted to the Dean of Studies' position, where he has done well. But this has meant that he has given inadequate time to the Department. Tu Lien Yueh was a hard worker as his second-in-command, but found it hard to control the people below him. Recently Tu took leave of absence to get his family from Peking where they had been suffering great hardships. He was up in Honan when the Japs advanced, and we know only that he is safe, but not whether he succeeded and when he will be back. Lo Wu Nien after good work last year proved a failure this year, giving little attention to the job while he was trying to get abroad to study. We have dropped him from the staff, and will try to find a better man. Tseng Tae Pei was rather spiritless for a period after his arrival from occupied China, but with the arrival of Mr. Band has bucked up a lot and is working hard. He is a good research man but not such a good teacher, and I think Bill does not regard him as a permanency in the Department. Chu Pao Hsi the assistant is a pleasant hardworking fellow.

In Home Economics, V.K. is essentially an administrator, and has not given much time to teaching. Miss Hsieh Wen Mei, teaching nutrition, is not very good, but for lack of people we have to keep her another year. Miss Liu Chao Kuo, the assistant, is capable. The Home Economics Extension work has a couple of capable people.

In Chemistry, Chia Ting Hsuan is not satisfactory, as his academic qualification is not enough to command the respect of the students, and his whole heart is not in

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teaching. But for the time being while we depend on Paul Chang we have to have someone who will work with him and do all the chores of the department. So we are keeping on Chia, but look forward to changes when Hsu and yourself come. The Assistant Yin Shing Chih is good, and is now working on translations for publication as "Abstracts from Chinese Chemical Journals" sponsored by Needham's office. This is in addition to his regular work as an assistant.

In Biology Chang Tsung Ping has been a great success. His lectures are brilliant, and he has found time to write several papers, and direct excellent thesis work. He is also very cooperative and efficient in administration, surprising some of the people who knew him as a student. Miss Tang Chi Hsueh is a very good lecturer and Mr. Chin Tsun Te an energetic assistant. The spirit of the Biologists is excellent.

I have mentioned the names of all the people we now have on the faculty in the College. Obviously with such a tiny staff we are only equipped to play a part in a joint programme - necessity and commonsense combine to direct us into that policy.

We have found that Needham's office will make gifts of textbooks, and so we have sent in long lists of needs, which should equip us well, especially in Maths and Physics, with books from England. Is there any hope that any organization in America similar to the British Council would present us with books? If so please request on our behalf. We have almost nothing and every book will be welcome.

Another need is for microfilm projectors or readers. The five Universities only have two public projectors. We have a makeshift machine which hasn't been made to work yet. We could use at least three machines in the college if you could find any way of getting them to us. Even the tiny hand readers like reading lenses would be valuable if you couldn't send us anything larger.

There is another question which you may have in mind. Now there is in China an immense quantity of scientific equipment belonging to the US Army and airforce. It is likely that when the war is done this will be disposed of rather carelessly. Could you find any way of getting as much suitable apparatus as possible made over to the University for physics use? Of course that lies in the future, but the idea was suggested to me by one of your airmen.

So far the University has been able to make up a balanced budget for 1944-5. Total \$20,000,000. Whether we can keep within it depends on the rate of rise of prices, but I for one am pessimistic about it. Costs are now 600 times prewar.

This is the first time since I came to China that I have stayed put during the summer vacation, but the China situation is unsteady, and Nancy is expecting another infant in September, so we decided to stay in Chengtu together. I am very fit, and shall try to get in a ten-day geologising-climbing trip into the high mountains on the west (17,000 ft.) in the beginning of August. Next year I hope will be my last as Dean.

Nancy and Peter are very well.

Please give my kindest regards to all your family,

Yours ever

/s/ Ralph Lapwood

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13 July 1944

Yenching University in Chengtu

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE REPORT FOR 1943-44

1. General

The academic year 1943-4 has seen the continuance of the drift away from Science by the student in China. Economic and family pressure, and lassitude after years of war conditions, drive more and more students into lines of study which promise less rigorous discipline and more immediate financial benefits after graduation.

The Ministry of Education and all Universities are aware of this dangerous tendency - dangerous in view of the need of first-class scientists for the industrialisation of China. Special inducements in the way of subsidies and scholarships are given to students of science; but naturally no rapid reversal of the present drift is to be expected. Especially the pure sciences - Mathematics, Physics, Biology, will be short of students for some time. But the work of these departments must nevertheless be continued and developed as part of a balanced programme of scientific work.

A very healthy tendency among students of science is towards courses which they see to have immediate practical value - medical, home economics, industrial chemistry, etc. The standard curriculum of the Ministry of Education has lagged behind demand that all our work should be related to the needs of war and reconstruction.

2. Five-University Cooperation

The Colleges of Science of the five Christian Universities in Chengtu have achieved a healthy degree of cooperation. During 1943-4 there were few overlaps in courses taught, and students beyond the freshman year in any University were able to take any course offered in any other University. For 1944-5 overlapping will be completely eliminated, and the syllabus further rationalised by cutting down the number of electives with few students.

Naturally, sharing of apparatus and supplies is a more difficult task, but Yenching and W.C.U.U. have operated an excellent arrangement by which all W.C.U.U. apparatus, and most supplies, are available to Yenching, Yenching making cash payments for their use rather than trying to buy new equipment.

In Mathematics, courses have been shared equally, in Physics, Yenching has taught the bulk of the advanced courses, in Chemistry we have been dependent on W.C.U.U., while in Biology Yenching assets are pooled in a complete 5-University plan. In Home Economics Yenching has offered most of the post-freshman work.

Yenching came onto the scene after four other Universities had been established for several years, so that very little space remained empty. Nevertheless, two rooms were allocated for Yenching offices in the main Chemistry building, one for Yenching Biology, and one for Yenching Physics, and classroom and laboratory facilities were provided for courses taught by Yenching. Then at the beginning of this academic year Yenching Science College was able to take over one floor of a new building, in return for a contribution of \$200,000 approx. There are eight large and two small rooms, available for Yenching for the duration of our stay in Chengtu. This now shows up as a very valuable arrangement.

In the new floor we have the Dean's office, Mathematics and Physics departments, Biology storeroom, two classrooms, a reading room for students, and living space for four junior faculty members.

3. Individual Departments.

When the University was first reopened, Departments of Mathematics and Home

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Economics were registered. In the summer of 1943, after the arrival of reinforcements to Physics, that Department was also registered. With the news of Miss Boring's decision to come out as soon as possible, we are trying to re-register the Biology Department.

We are only allowed to receive students by entrance examinations into registered departments, but old students from the north may be received into unregistered departments. Thus we have students in all the original main departments. We also have premedical students, who can study suitable courses in W.C.U.U. or Cheeloo. Pre-engineering students, however, are sent on as soon as possible to other Universities.

(a) Mathematics: The Department has been greatly strengthened this year by the presence of Dr. Tseng Yuan-Yung, visiting Professor from Tsinghua U. He has taught two courses in advanced Algebra, and has also been active in his own research programme and the direction of studies of students and junior faculty members. Mr. Kuan Chao Chih was knocked out by T.B. during the first semester, but with care and rest, followed by a programme of light work, he has recovered, and will be able to take a full load next semester.

(b) Physics: While the Department has suffered greatly during the absence of its Chairman (drafted into the office of Acting Dean of Studies) it has been stimulated by the arrival of Mr. William Band, after his adventurous journey of two years through guerilla China. Mr. Band is now working with Dr. Needham in the Sino-British Science Corporation Bureau, and visits Chengtu frequently, giving his time liberally to the Department. He has taken up again with Mr. Tseng Tse-Pei his programme of research in the Statistical Mechanics, and is expected to lead a seminar in that subject for the five Universities next semester. Dr. Ch'en Sheng-Yi has proceeded with setting up his spectroscopic grating in a locally made wooden frame - iron is impossibly expensive - and hopes as soon as his load of administrative duties is lightened to proceed with development of a plan of teaching and research in Spectroscopy.

(c) Home Economics: The Department has had little help from other Universities in teaching, and the shortage of trained personnel in this field means that faculty are hard to find, especially for advanced work in nutrition. Nevertheless the Department has prospered under the energetic leadership of Mrs. Mei, and there is great demand for the graduates.

(d) Biology: The small staff of the "Preparatory Department" has shown excellent teamwork, and made a good contribution to the 5 U. joint programme. Dr. Chang Tsung-Ping's lectures have been very popular and stimulating, and he has been responsible for the Joint Seminar. Students have made a good collection of local insects and amphibia.

(e) Chemistry: Our student body in Chemistry is the best in the College, but so far we have not been able to strengthen the staff. We have depended very heavily on the help of Mr. Paul Chang of W.C.U.U., and he has led an excellent series of research problems in leathertanning, in addition to looking after the needs of our students to borrow apparatus or buy chemicals. Dr. Chang also brought experienced industrial chemists to lecture in the five Universities. Most of them were Yenching graduates and lectured as a Yenching contribution to the joint programme. We certainly hope for the early arrival of Dr. Hsu Fong Chang and Dr. S. D. Wilson, and look forward then to the registration of the Department. Yenching has been deeply indebted to Mr. Roy Spooner, Chairman of W.C.U.U. Chemistry Dept. for the way in which he has made available to Yenching students a share of the precious imported chemicals belonging to W.C.U.U.

4. Students:

With few exceptions, students of the Science College are refugees from the north. Some have families in Szechwan, but perhaps have no means of support through their studies

except scholarship, loans, and self-help work. They are a hardworking bunch. Of the June 1944 graduates, 5 students of the University graduated with honour, 4 of these were Science College students.

The total number of students in the College is over 80, equally divided among the years except for Sophomores. This is because when the University re-started the Science College got going slowly, and took very few freshmen, and those into the Departments of Mathematics and Home Economics only.

Considering the wartime conditions, student theses have kept a good standard. In Chemistry Tsao Tien Ching (son of C. P. Tsao) wrote a brilliant thesis on the tanning properties of a local root named "chian T'au". Lu Cho Ju (son of C. W. Lu) wrote an excellent thesis in Theoretical Physics. Good work was done by other students in problems on tanning, dormancy of insects, acoustics, and organisation of nursery schools in Chengtu.

During the summer vacation most of the students are earning their living, and some extra funds for next year's expenses, by work outside the University and related to their line of studies.

5. Projects:

The Home Economics Department has achieved considerable success with two projects which have now run for two years - the nursery school, with 30-40 children, and publications.

The Nursery School is located within the tiny University campus, and serves both as a practice ground for students of the Department, and also as a convenience for faculty members with small children. Although its original building was burned down last year, it survived and is now quite well equipped.

The Department has published three pamphlets dealing with Child Training and Nutrition, and these have had an excellent sale, being extremely suited to the needs of the time.

The Chemistry Department has ^{cooperated} with the W.C.U.U. and the C.I.C. in a programme of teaching and research on leathertanning. Yenching students have studied research problems, assisted in tanning processes, and taken most of the duties in the teaching of the leather-tanning technical School.

The Biology Department has taken the making of a collection of Szechuan flora and fauna as a major activity, and trips have been made to nearby and distant areas by faculty and students. We expect that by the time we return to North China we shall be able to carry back with us a representative collection of West China specimens.

6. Apparatus and Books

It is impossible to buy in West China the apparatus which would be needed for the science work, and we have therefore appropriated very little money for this purpose. What funds there are are used to supplement W.C.U.U. budgets, and to fill in deficiencies in the materials for the joint programme.

We have been forced to buy some books locally, as they came onto the market at excessive prices. But we bought as few as possible, and now that Dr. Needham's office gives facilities for purchase of books abroad we are trying to make best use of them.

Microfilms are now available in Chengtu, but the College needs a machine in each Department to make them really useful.

Meanwhile we have asked our members in USA to arrange for the purchase and storage of scientific magazines ready for the time they can be brought out to China.

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October 21, 1944. 10/31

Rev. Earle E. Ballou,
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China.
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Earle:

It was certainly nice to see you last week and to meet Mrs. Ballou once more. I still cannot get over the fact that you were able to discover such a fine apartment so nicely situated for your work. I was most fortunate on my trip back and got a good train out of Chicago after waiting only one and a half hours. Arrived here Tuesday night. The whole trip took only eight days. I think it was well worth the effort. Hope that the Foundation will not be too much over come when they get my travel bill. I certainly feel happy that we have the P. U. M. C. trustees organized once more and that we are able to do business in a legal manner at last.

On my way back I saw Hsu Peng-cheng at Chicago. He is a member of the faculty at the University of Chicago and has enjoyed his work there but he is now ready to return to Yenching in Free China I feel sure. That is, he will be in a few months. You will perhaps recall that he is from Yenching and that we have always expected that he would return to our Chemistry Department. He is both able and fine in all ways. I am going to write Chemgtu about him and I expect that they will make definite request that he be gotten back in some manner. It is possible that he has saved enough to pay his expenses. The department needs him very much indeed. Miss Cookingham, Miss Boring, and Marnie Speer all know him very well and will give you additional information if you need it.

A letter from Adolph suggests that perhaps the British Central Scientific Office, Du Pont Circle, Washington 25, D. C. would be in position to ship the Micro Film readers that Lapwood is asking for in the letter to me. You have copies of his letters to me in the office. If one or two such readers could be sent out they would be of great value to Yenching, I am sure.

In regard to the matter of the Scientific Equipment belonging to the U. S. armed forces, Adolph suggests that it would be well for you to communicate officially with the Cultural Relations Division of the State Department and secure their advice as to how such an approach could be made and also when it could be made. He also notes that we should not forget that General Stillwell is one of Yenching University's best friends. You may have still better methods of approach.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley D. Wilson

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October 31, 1944

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Stanley:

You were indeed lucky on your return journey, far beyond the most optimistic hopes of any of your friends, I think. Yes, I agree that the PUMC trustees are now set to do real business again, and I am personally delighted that the responsibilities on the Board are comfortably distributed.

We are glad to know about Hsu Peng-cheng. I think I am right in understanding that any invitation for him to join the faculty would have to come from the field. The question was raised the other day by Miss Boring in connection with another possibility, Li Hui-lin. We are ready of course to help in any way we can from here, but the initial steps have to be taken by the University. If I am not right in this, please correct me. There also has to be a clear understanding as to whether or not the University is charged for travel in such a case.

There is a lot of fog around the whole subject of getting supplies to China.* At the moment we are trying to find out definitely just how big the wanted microfilm readers are, what they weigh when packed, exactly what current they are to be used with (AC, DC, or both) and any other information to fill out the scanty supply our shipping department has. There is then hope that our own State Department may be willing to help in getting them there. I find some people loath to ask the British for assistance which our own government ought to be willing to give us. Hopefully, within another week or two something will at least have been started to supply the need at Chengtu.

We have the general matter of aid to be obtained from our armed forces in China in mind, with four or five leads as to how helpful contacts can be made. The latest opening is a chance to ^{next week} present our case directly to Mr. Kizer, who goes to Chungking soon as Number 1 in UNRRA. Unfortunately General Stillwell's friendship for Yenching will probably not avail us much from now on! What a sad development there has been! I don't see how it can help injure China's cause all over the country (either this country or that one, for that matter), regardless of how incorrect or garbled reports of the true inwardness of the business may have been.

A fine letter yesterday from Margaret Dow indicates clearly that she is becoming quite a college professor, with a lot of work, musical, at Ginling, Cheeloo and West China, not to mention Yenching. Incidentally, but not of least interest to Thelma and myself, she had had a good visit with our Larry. And Walter Judd had just paid them a visit and talked for about four hours straight.

Cordially yours,

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* If only we had a trans-shipment agent in India it would be an awful lot.

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November 19, 1944.

Dear Mary:

Just a short note to-day. Do you recall that while I was in the office about a month ago the matter of a set of Journals given the University by Professor Harger of the University of Indiana came up. I supposed that they were still in New York, but your shipping man discovered that they had been forwarded for E. O. Wilson to take to China. I asked E. O. about them the other day and he told me that there had been some correspondence in regard to them but that they never reached him and that he knows nothing about their whereabouts. They are not too valuable, but it might be well worth while to try to see where they went. There must be a record in the office as to where they were sent. Perhaps they can yet be found. It will not be a vital loss if they are never found however.

It was nice to see you while I was in the East a month ago, and it was especially nice of you to invite me in for lunch the last day. The Shanghai Evening Post tells me that Yenching is to send somebody here to represent the educational interests of the country etc. Do you know who will do this? I can't think of any body except Y. P. and I do not see how he can get away for a year.

Has any decision been made in the Wilson case yet? They are fussing more or less about the matter. I tried to tell them of the difficulties of having meetings these times. I suppose that the business will be attended to before too long now.

I hope that you have recovered from the blow of the election. I am rather pleased with the outcome as I did not trust Dewey in the matter of Foreign Relations. Also it seemed to me that he was a very crude man in his elections addresses.

I am finding my teaching very pleasant, but there is more than I can do as well as I would like. I have an increasing respect for the quality of work that we did at Yenching. It was not so bad I assure you. I suppose winter is arriving in New York. Our winter is here with us, but that means weather that is rather enjoyable. The temperature may reach freezing but even that is not very likely. I am still planting gardens for the winter. We have quite a variety of vegetables in our garden.

Mrs. Wilson joins me in all good wishes.

Sincerely

Stanley D. Wilson

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November 19, 1944.

Dear Earle:

I am not sure whether your letter of October 31st calls for a reply or not. I might say a few words in regard to Hsu Peng-cheng. Yes I would agree that the first move should come from the people in Chengtu. I have understood that they wanted him, and I am sure that they ought to want him as he is a splendid person and well trained. The matter of travel in such a case is something that I do not know about, but of course there should be a clear understanding as to who should meet it. I am not too clear in this matter, but I seem to have a recollection that Hsu was provided with enough funds when he left China so that he would not have to ask for more in order to return. I think that Adolph will be able to recall the details more clearly as Hsu was more intimately connected with him than with me. On the other hand conditions have changed since Hsu left China and he may have had to employ these funds to support himself during some period when he did not have a regular income from other sources. He told me that he had been able to make considerable savings while at Chicago. We must not be too tight with our fine Chinese at this point.

The Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury mentions that Yenching is sending one faculty member to this country at the invitation of the state department. I am wondering what this means and also who is going to fill the position. Y. P. Mei would be the best man but I don't suppose he could come. Yenching, exactly like the American Board, has always been spending the energy of its staff on Visions for the Future rather than on the work of the present moment. However we need visions at the present moment in the world.

I hope that you are not too much hurt at the outcome of the election. I feel rather pleased as a whole. It seems to me that Dewey defeated himself by his horrible speeches. Moreover I did not quite trust him in Foreign Affairs. He has been converted to internationalism too recently.

I am wondering if decisions have been reached in the E. O. Wilson case? I am sure that they are somewhat impatient in the matter. They are living here in Pilgrim Place very near us, though I do not see them often. It would be nice if a decision could be made in this matter soon.

I find my teaching a very pleasant task, but it keeps me very busy. We need one or two part time assistants, but people for such positions are difficult to find. Mrs. Wilson joins me in all best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley.

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November 27, 1944

Dr. Stanley D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Stanley:

There has been quite a bit of correspondence recently with and about Li Hui-lin and Hsu Peng-cheng. I have written to Y. P. about both these men and asked that, if they are wanted, cabled authorization be sent us as soon as possible so that travel arrangements may be begun. Dr. Li could be ready to go in April probably, and Miss Boring hopes they can arrange to travel together. We do need more definite instructions from the head of the University, however, before we can push matters at this end. I have assumed in my letters to China that you wrote soon after getting back to Claremont, as you said you were going to. It may be that your letter will precipitate action out there even before mine arrives.

The item in the "Post and Mercury" about a Yenching faculty member coming here escaped my notice. I had heard, however, from Miss Speer that such an appointment was brewing. She did not see how anyone other than Y.P. would qualify or how he could possibly be spared. The rest of the Chinese staff at Chengtu is not outstanding, is it? I have assumed that the men other than the Acting President who really would qualify for such appointment are all held in Peiping by the "szu lien pao"--something not too easy to escape from.

The agenda for the Finance Committee of the Yenching trustees was put upon my desk this morning. The first item of business after the opening prayer is "Annuity for Dr. E. O. Wilson." The action taken by the committee will undoubtedly be confirmed by the meeting of the Board, scheduled for Friday of this week. I had not been familiar with the issues at stake, but Mr. Evans tells me that this is the first chance to get the committee together. I am very sorry that the business has hung fire for so long.

Wynn, Harold Matthews and Rowland were all here Friday and Saturday for the final summarizing of the China Post-war Planning Conference. We had some grand visits. Rowland

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is still very thin and does not have his strength fully back, but is in fine spirits and obviously his brain was not affected. Did you hear that, of the five varieties of dysentery, the Mayo clinic found he had four? In other words, they said he was almost completely bughouse, or, as he prefers to put it, he is a host in himself.

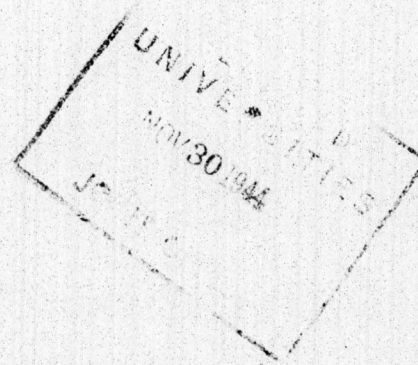
No, I was not badly hurt by the election. I was glad that the responsibility of the franchise did not rest upon me. I do not know how I could have voted conscientiously or with satisfaction. Your opinion of Dewey's "horrible speeches" is shared by me. But after listening to Walter Judd unburden himself to Harry Price and his wife a week ago Friday evening on China affairs in general and the way F.D.R. bungled the Stilwell incident in particular, I was all the more relieved that I had not been forced into voting for the present and seemingly permanent incumbent. I do know pretty well how Thelma and her mother voted, but I ain't sayin' nothin' about it up in Vermont.

Cordially yours,

P.S. Word just in - Y.P. to come
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public circulation yet.

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December 16, 1944

Dr. S. D. Wilson
635 Berkeley Avenue
Claremont, California

Dear Stanley,

Since your letter of November was received we have done some research work in this office but we have not yet been able to locate the set of Journals which was given to you by Professor Harger of the University of Indiana. We can find a record of the freight charges which were paid when the box was shipped to this office but we find no record of the case being shipped out of New York. Mr Parker who had charge of the shipment is no longer connected with this office so we cannot find out from him if he recalls what became of the magazines.

I am glad to hear from you that it will not be a vital loss if the Journals are never found. We hope that if they are found there will not be a huge storage bill attached to them. Storage bills can quickly run up the value of the shipment and apparently this case has been missing since 1941!

Y. P. Mei is scheduled to come to America sometime next spring. I think it is fine that he is coming but I do not know how the University will be able to carry on without him.

The E. O. Wilson's case has been settled by the Trustees and all the details have gone to the Wilsons. I hope there is not too much dissatisfaction with the arrangements.

I am leaving New York next Friday to spend ten days with my sister and family in South Dayton, N. Y. I expect we will have plenty of snow up there for a beautiful white Christmas.

Best wishes to you, Anna, Helen and Marion for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham

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