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July 21, 1924.

Mr. E. C. Winters,
616 Finance Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Winters:

fine I have just received a letter from our New York office, giving the definite assurance that we can look forward to having Mr. Vernon Nash with us for the next three years. The letter mentioned the fact that you had done a large part toward making this possible. Although I am unknown to you, I cannot resist sending you a line of appreciation. After meeting Mr. Nash last winter in Kansas City, I felt especially attracted to him, and realized the full contribution he could make to our program, both because of his personal qualifications, and because I have had a growing conviction that a Department of Journalism, even on most limited lines, would be one of the most effective forms in which Western Christians could help in the development of a general and moralized public opinion in this country.

The only hope of a strong and decisive government for China is in such public opinion. Newspaper reading is spreading everywhere, but the technique is naturally inferior, and almost all papers are controlled by one or another political interest, with consequently low moral standards.

After Mr. Nash arrives, he will doubtless keep you informed of developments in his special department.

I wish it were possible for you to look forward to visiting the Orient and seeing for yourself the significance of enterprises such as this University.

Very sincerely yours,

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VERNON NASH FUND

Winters

October 6, 1936

E. C. Winters
Miner Co.
Finance Bldg.
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Winters:

Vernon Nash forwarded your check for \$1.00 just before he sailed and I want to tell you of the appreciation of the University for it. I presume that Nash will write you from time to time of his impressions, not only of things but of things Chinese. He will be better able to tell you informed than I could here. It is possible however that through the information in the Peking News and in other ways I may be able to put facts into your hands which would not otherwise reach you.

I hope you are watching this as a fine opportunity and are watching it as such. The results will be to check for themselves and assure you that I will watch them closely and personally committed to the proposition that the Peking University enterprise is one of not more than three or four equally important pieces of work being carried on with increasing influence in the Far East.

China is having another recurrence of her disease of "too many generals". You have doubtless seen in the papers the reports of the imminent conflict near Shanghai. So far as China as a whole is concerned it does not make much difference which side wins. Such strife is a nasty conflict while it lasts but it has about as much national influence as a Berlin mob.

I shall look forward to seeing you sometime in the winter when I am in Kansas City. With cordial personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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LION OIL REFINING COMPANY

FINANCE BUILDING

KANSAS CITY, MO.

September 16, 1924.

Mr. James H. Lewis,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, New York.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I have been away a great deal and have not found the time to write you before this. I know that Vernon Nash will do some great work for you in China and I hope to keep in close touch with him. I have not been in New York since I saw you last but on my next visit, will call and if you should be in New York, will look forward to a pleasant visit.

When you were here last you spoke something of sending me a little souvenir and I believe it was a Lion. This probably has escaped your attention and I would appreciate getting it. I hope when you come thru Kansas City, you will call and see me.

Sincerely yours,

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September 16, 1924

Mr. E. C. Winters
~~11-14~~, Oil and Refining Co.
 Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Winters:

You will recall that two or three weeks ago I suggested in a note to you that I did not think the quarrel between the two generals in the central part of China would seriously disrupt Chinese life as a whole. I find in the "Times" this morning this statement by Minister Schurman who, as you know, was formerly the president of Cornell University and in which I think you will be very much interested

I will add, however, this general word about the mixed relationships of the warring situation in China. The reports are of course much more alarming on this side than over there. General Lu Pei-lu seems determined to unite China. I think he is allied General Feng, the Christian General, who is a convert of Pastor Lin Yang of the Methodist Church in Peking. General Lu is considered the strongest general in China today, though General Wu is probably the better military strategist. General Lu's ability lies not only in his impeccable Christian character nor in the fact that he conducts daily Bible Study Classes and preaches at least every week to his own troops but also in the fact that he is building his army of the best trained young men from Western schools of education, taking returned students from American and European universities including those with military training, and developing a genuinely strong army. He has today four or five subordinate generals on whom he can absolutely rely. On the other hand he will have to increase this number to eighteen before he will have a sufficient number of absolutely honest men of sufficient ability, leadership and loyalty to put in charge of provincial administration and thus unify the government.

General Chang in Peking is quite an able general but he is Machiavellian in his methods and in his character. However he was defeated by General Lu when they clashed on the open plain below Peking in 1922. It is hardly probable therefore, that with General Lu and Feng's better trained troops occupying the heights over the passes between Manchuria and the northern province of Chili, General Chang will be able to break through and seriously menace Peking.

In the meantime the University affairs go right along; there is no appreciable apprehension there for the University is accorded the cordial approbation of both opposing contenders. Indeed, in 1922 when General Chang was retreating and a corps of his

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army asked to come into our grounds for encampment, when the institution was explained to them, their commander ordered that under no consideration should our property be touched and the troops all moved on so that there might be no engagement at that point.

I have written to you fully because I know that events in China at least for the next three years will hold a real interest for you. Indeed they are significant for the whole future of the Far East.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours

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Copy
Peking University
December 11, 1924.

Mr. Ernest C. Winters,
c/o Lion Oil Refining Co.,
Finance Building,
Kansas City, Mo.
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Winter:

Recent developments here have led me to determine to write to you regarding our mutual friend, Mr. Nash. I hope that my doing so on this subject will not seem impertinent. Some time ago Mr. Nash in telling me of the arrangements in Kansas City for his support mentioned how actively interested you were and that you had given him the impression that had not others joined in you might have undertaken the whole amount yourself. He also felt that you might be disposed to supply him with the house which he is to occupy. He is looking forward eagerly to a visit from you in one or two years and I feel quite confident that should you do so you would feel at first hand the force of what I am trying to express in this letter.

Quite recently, however, the Nash family has been forced to leave the Language School Hostel, a damp, old Chinese building, and pay a heavy rental for a foreign built house which happened to be vacant. This was due to the continued illness of both of their normally very healthy children, and the serious risk of staying any longer where they were. The little boy only escaped what would probably have been a fatal attack of pneumonia by hurrying him at once to the Rockefeller Hospital in this city. As you are probably aware we are expecting to move to our new site several miles outside of the city after next summer. We are, however, unable to provide foreign built houses for all of our faculty families at the outset, and at least for the first few years we will

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be compelled to put some of them in such Chinese houses as we can rent or make other temporary provision. Although the Nashes have not said anything to this effect and are facing their situation bravely, yet I am quite conscious of the dread with which they are looking forward to this prospect in view of their recent rather harrowing experience. I had been hoping that our financial efforts in America would before this have made it possible for us to include them among those who could from the outset be housed in a way that would guarantee safety, especially for the children, and it may yet prove possible. It occurred to me, however, that if you knew this state of things and really were contemplating a gift of a house for the use of Mr. Nash, you would enjoy the sensation of having them in it from the time of our removal to the new campus. If the house is started after the spring weather breaks about the middle of March it could be ready for occupancy in early September. We are estimating that these houses cost about \$7000 each American currency, and if it were not convenient to pay this money as actually needed, I feel sure that the arrangement could be made with our Trustees by which the construction could go ahead.

I am not saying anything to Mr. Nash about writing you, but from the way in which he referred to you I am very sure that it would give him not only the comfort and protection which he needs, but a very deep personal joy to have this evidence of your belief in him and the useful task for which he is now so energetically fitting himself. Not only so, but when you do visit us, as I certainly hope you will in the near future, it would give him the greatest delight to have you as a guest in his own house.

If anything in the American Press has led you to feel that investments in China at this time are risky, I can assure you that any such anxieties are without foundation. I do not feel in the least concerned about any of our property interests, either now or in the future. Treaties between China and America plus the increasing goodwill of the Chinese people towards such an institution as ours would be an abundant guarantee even though we did not have the specific protection of our Legation Guards, and friends in high position among Chinese officials.

Apart from all that the reports have all been greatly exaggerated as to events of the past few months, and there seems no reason to think that there will be any more fighting around here in the near future.

You will pardon me if I am presuming in writing you thus, but my solicitude for Vernon Nash has led me to do so. I am sending a copy of the letter to Mr. J.H. Lewis, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, who is in charge, as you know, of our New York Office. This will enable him to understand any communication from you on the subject.

Thanking you for all that you have been doing toward the spiritual adventure in which we are all now associated and hoping to see you out here before long, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

J. S.

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VERNON NASH FUND

KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

1330 GRAND AVENUE

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI July 18, 1925.

From → ROBERT J. CLARK,
TREASURER

Mr. Vernon Nash,
Peking University,
Pekin, China.

My dear Vernon:-

I am quite disgusted with myself to note I received two or three communications without acknowledging same to you. I really have no good excuse to offer and hence will not attempt one.

Ernest Winters, as you perhaps have surmised, has been exceptionally busy and while we have spoken of you several times he has not found the opportunity to write. The Lion Oil Company discovered a very productive sand in the Smackover field and had to carry on a very extensive drilling campaign and this has required an enormous amount of time. The listing of the securities in New York followed and is consuming much of his time in traveling back and forth to New York and now I understand another company has found a third sand and in all probability the Lion Oil Company will have to enter into another drilling campaign. So it looks as if you will have to depend upon me for news and I will try to be a better correspondent than heretofore.

2 I am glad to say every meeting day you are mentioned from the head-table of the Lions Club and the boys are glad to hear about you. Many of them expressed a desire to contribute but as I had received no pressing demands from Mr. Lewis for money I merely entered their names intending to see them when there were not so many campaigns on so that it would not be a burden on them to contribute to all funds, as well as the Nash fund.

Today, however, I am in receipt of a letter from Lewis asking for money and had to advise him I would have to give this matter my best attention as soon as I return from my vacation.

*To Lion Oil Refining Co.
Peking, China.*

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

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DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM

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PEKING, CHINA

September 2, 1925.

Dear Dr. Stuart:-

The inclosed letter from Mr. Clark may be of use to you in two ways while in America. It occurred to me from (1) that it might be possible for you to get an appointment with Mr. Winters in New York. Such activity doubtless means that he will ultimately be much richer but it also means that every cent of loose capital is probably tied up in drilling. I have never had a reply to my letter concerning a residence.

With reference to (2), I have no idea as to whether Kansas City has produced the amount required for my support for the first year or not. You will recall that I said to you I felt a serious mistake was made when Lewis left town that very first day without tying men up while enthusiasms were high, and especially while they felt that my going was genuinely conditional upon their doing something. With the situation such as Mr. Clark outlines in the inclosed, I'm afraid a good deal of what might have been permanent support is lost forever.

It appears from recent letters that the man (Fletcher) on the "Y" staff who manifested the most substantial interest in securing money for me has probably transferred from Kansas City by this time. If you should still happen to pass through there, Mr. Wetz or Mr. Morgan would be the next best bets to see on the "Y" staff after Mr. Bishop and Mr. Lord.

We have had a delightful and thoroughly satisfactory summer. All, especially the children, are in the best of health and we are looking forward happily to our return to Peking. I go back next Saturday and the rest will follow in a week or two depending on the heat in Peking.

Sincerely,

Vernon Nash.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
(YENCHING TA HSUEH)

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 3, 1926.

Mr. J. H. Lewis,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, U. S. A.

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My dear Jim:

I am writing today especially in connection with the house for Vernon Nash which we have been hoping would be given by a Mr. Winters of Kansas City. The last news from our office on the subject of residences has made it impossible to consider starting this one out of the common fund, or even taking chances by letting a tentative contract and beginning the foundations subject to further advice from America. Nash had written to Mr. Winters on February 16 asking him to increase the amount of \$7,500.00. I wonder if you can tactfully communicate with him and ascertain whether he would be willing to have our office cable permission to start this house. The Nash children have been constantly sick, and they are greatly frightened at the thought of living in anything other than a foreign house. We have absolutely no provision for them beyond allowing their occupancy of some house that would not be claimed until autumn.

There is the further question of not starting this house until funds have been promised for all that each of these costs including its proportion of over head, etc. My own opinion would be from the promotional standpoint it would be unwise to ask Mr. Winters to go beyond the original \$7,000.00 which Nash has put up to him, but to try to secure this amount even though we had to supplement these extra charges. In other words, we had better face the music in instances where specific amounts have been mentioned rather than run the risk of losing the whole thing, especially in the case of a man with whom we hope this is only a beginning of help to the University, and with a family as urgently in need of this kind of provision as is the one in question. If you take this up please cable as soon as possible what Mr. Winters has decided.

Very sincerely yours,

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April 27, 1926

Mr. E. C. Winters
c/o Lion Oil Refining Co.
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Winters:

This last week I read two statements of mutual interest. One of them was the excellent report of the Lion Oil Refining Company, with its hopeful comment on the conservative development of the Buckover Field. I certainly hope you find some additional sands as you found the present prolific deep sands.

The other statement I read was in a letter from President Stuart from Peking in which he spoke at great length of the urgency of a house for Mr. Nash and his family on the new campus of the University, to be occupied this late summer or early Fall.

Having in mind our original conversation on this matter, I wondered whether you might wish to add to this year's contribution toward the salary for Mr. Nash, a house for him and his family to occupy. If you wish, this could be considered a memorial residence and a little tablet put on the inside somewhere describing it as a gift. We would be able to float the cost of construction until August 1 and we can take care of the Nash residence for \$8,000.00.

I am sending under separate cover a copy of our new bulletin and also several photographs of the buildings as they are being completed, so that you may have a rather accurate idea of the development taking place.

There has been a lot of civil war in China this year, but it has not particularly disturbed the University. Some of our materials were delayed a little in reaching Peking, and University classes were upset three or four days on account of demonstrations. Aside from these minor interruptions the work goes ahead in its usual manner. It stands today the most important and influential International University in China. We have four times as many students in our collegiate department as Yee Canton Christian College, and we have at least a third more than any other university with a Christian purpose in China. You will particularly enjoy reading the bulletin upon its arrival.

With cordial personal regards,

Very sincerely yours

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VERNON NASH FUND

Winters
July 12, 1926.

Mr. E.C. Winters,
Lion Oil Refining Company,
Finance Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Winters:

I had hoped to see you in New York this spring but am sorry that our time would not permit it.

I have inquired at the Commodore several times this last month but apparently you have not been there.

I had dinner with the Chinese Minister last week and he told of the undercurrents of life running in China today. It is possible that there will be another flare up, somewhat similar to the Shanghai episode of a year ago, but it will not be directed against the Americans or America. The Chinese regard us as their friends - but about the only real friends whom they have.

We move out to our new Campus and buildings this fall. This morning we are terribly disturbed over a cable just received stating that they have been compelled in Peking to draw on us for their budget requirements in excess of the amount originally estimated. This, in addition to the continual drafts for building requirements, throws a terrific burden on us here to meet. The only possible way we can meet this draft is by the help of our friends in contributing their pledges immediately. This draft will arrive probably within the next ten or fifteen days. I am making bold therefore, to ask whether it would be possible for you within that time, to send us the \$1,000 of your pledge on the salary of Nash for last year and for the present year, which will complete your whole pledge.

With warm personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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LION OIL REFINING COMPANY
FINANCE BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MO.

E.C. WINTERS
PRESIDENT

July 21, 1926.

Mr James H Lewis,
Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr Lewis:-

I am enclosing you herewith my check for \$1000.00 and will advise that I will try and give you another thousand a little later in the year.

I have been stopping at the Biltmore of late and at this writing, can't say when I will next be in New York.

With best regards, I beg to remain

Yours very truly,

E. C. Winters

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Vernon Nash Fund

VERNON NASH FUND

Winters

July 6, 1927

My dear Mr. Winters:

We are very happy to acknowledge the receipt from Mr. Nash of your check for \$1000 which completes the full payment of your pledge toward his support at Yenching University during the years 1924-1926. Our receipt for this amount is enclosed herewith.

The officers ask that we express to you their deep appreciation of this generous gift and to forward to you their sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

Mr. E. C. Winters,
Lion Oil & Refining Co.,
Finance Building
Kansas City, Missouri

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Kansas City,
Oct. 20, 1928.

Dear Mr. Wanamaker:-

You will doubtless have had my wire that Ernest Winters subscribes a sum of \$7,500 for the building of a Nash residence. This is subject to certain conditions which I trust will be acceptable. He is the kind of person who likes to make his money bring in other money. His first proposition was that he would advance the money for five years without interest, subject to a repayment of \$1,500 annually, we to seek to get that amount from the Lions Clubs of the State of Missouri.

I countered with the answer that this was equivalent to the trustees borrowing the money to build me a house and that I did not believe that they would do it, even without interest. I therefore proposed that he advance it without interest subject to the repayment by us of such amounts as we were able to obtain from the Lions Clubs of Missouri (outside Kansas City) within five years. It so happened that the Missouri District Governor of Lions was here this week on his annual visitation of clubs and the chairman of the Nash Fund Committee of the State Lions Association was here at an undertakers convention (lucky coincidence) so I got the three of them together. The latter two assured Mr. Winters that, in the light of the response which has already been received by the committee, it seemed quite feasible. He thereupon made his offer, as above.

Other engagements made the drawing up of a statement of our understanding possible, then, but I hope to be able to send it in with check for \$7,500 when I get back here for the election. I leave tomorrow morning for Columbia, Mo., St. Louis, Chicago, Minneapolis and Des Moines. Winters desires to have his name left out of any publicity in the matter and that the house be known as the Missouri Lions Clubs Residence.

Ten leading members of the Lions Clubs of Kansas City each took ten names to solicit on behalf of my personal budget for five years. The Community Chest Fund campaign is on for ten days but week after next, they have promised to close the matter up and have it ready for me when I return here to vote. The Club accepted the report of the board last Tuesday, recommending that they sponsor and see to the permanent maintenance of a Nash Fund Committee of K.C., but without organic connection with the club. A representative

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of the Y.M.C.A., C. G. Lord, Assoc. General Secretary, will serve on the committee; also one of the women from the church groups, yet to be chosen.

Concerning my program after the election, there will be a few days clearing up work here, then I should be at the Univ. Of Missouri for their annual World Friendship Week Nov. 8-11. A wire today reveals that they are much distressed by the cancelling of a date by Arthur Hugh, and before the receipt of this letter you may have had a wire from me concerning possible speakers, when I have conferred with the leaders Monday morning.

Following that, I have a tentative date for the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Nov. 14 and then comes the Missouri Press Association Nov. 17 and 18. As soon as possible after that, I plan to come East with my family to remain until we are ready to sail.

So many of the interviews with publishers, notably the Oklahoman at Oklahoma City, have been favorable, though without finality, that I feel sure that the thing can be closed pretty rapidly when we once get a break of a big name on which to make the occasion of another appeal from Dean Williams. R. S. Sterling, publisher of the Houston Post-Dispatch, said at the close of his interview: "Well, I'm one of these fellows who likes to finish a thing. If you get nine and can't get the tenth, let me know and I'll give it to you." I don't take such verbal conversations any too seriously, but Mr. Winters, who knows him well as his principal business is oil, says: "Sterling remembers what he promises and performs on them to the letter." So there's that, for whatever it is worth. It is baffling and discouraging for the weeks to get by and no decision from Mr. Ochs. Mr. Clark here got the promise of another hearing for me from the new head of the K. C. Star, but pressure of business incident to the change in affairs following the death of Mr. Seested make it impossible to arrange this visit. Hope for it right after election.

I am presuming that you do not care for a highly detailed report of my activities each day. If you, or the office force, desire such a report, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mr. O. D. Wanamaker,
New York City.

V. Nash

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October 22, 1928

Dear Nash:

I am delighted with your telegram informing us that Mr. Ernest Winters has subscribed \$7,800 for a residence. You have certainly beaten us. My utmost effort has failed in the case of Mr. Villard. Mr. Blanshard has written an exceedingly friendly letter explaining that Mr. Villard is called upon to contribute to many causes to which the ordinary type of more conservative philanthropist is not called upon to contribute and that Mr. Villard feels, therefore, that he must withhold any contribution from us.

Mr. Crawford, in spite of much insistence, has failed to get Dr. Jenney in touch with Mr. Ochs. The latest news he had is that Mr. Ochs is ill. Dr. Jenney does not know whether to take this quite at its face value or whether Mr. Crawford is so tied up with the political situation that he has not the time for this. Dr. Jenney is coming back to the city shortly and will then virtually demand that Mr. Crawford bring him into the august presence of Mr. Ochs.

Sorry not to send you better news. I have not had time to accomplish anything more.

Sincerely,

Mr. Vernon Nash
c/o Dean Walter Williams
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

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December 5, 1928

Mr. Ernest C. Winters
Lion Oil Refinery Co.
Midland Bldg.
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Ernest:

I was an acute disappointment to me not to be able to see you before I left Kansas City for good Monday. I would be very happy to know of your whereabouts in case you come to New York any time before I sail. You can reach me on the phone in care of China Union Universities at 150-Fifth Ave.

I was, of course, particularly eager to know the impression made upon you by the letters from the various leaders in Lions' groups in Missouri and throughout the country. Judging by the tenor of those who sent me copies of their letters to you I am most hopeful that you have received the assurance which you desired. They are ready to make your tentative subscriptions in final form. If the suggested form which I left with you is not satisfactory to you will, of course, feel quite free to state the matter in any way you like. I would be glad if you would mail it to Mr. O.D. Wanamaker, room 903, 150-Fifth Ave. New York City, as it will be ten days or two weeks before I reach New York as I am calling upon a group of publishers in cities En Route to New York.

Beyond the natural eagerness of Mrs. Nash and myself to know that the problem of acutest personal importance to ourselves is finally assured ~~and~~ is another reason why we

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Mr. Ernest C. Winters

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earnestly hope that you are ready to make your final decision. Earlier this year the Vice-president of the Curtis Publishing Co. a Mr. Boyd gave the University a subscription of \$100,000 on condition that the University within this calendar year raise an additional \$400,000 in subscriptions for endowment for capital accounts only. Faculty residents come, of course, within this latter category. The University is now within the last \$50,000 of meeting these conditions and faces the very critical possibility of failure to meet the condition. The donor originally set the closing date at September first, later under considerable pressure extended it to the first of the year with the flat assertion that he would not consider further extension.

You will readily how large a proportion \$7500 is, not less than a fund of \$50,000 and the University authorities join me in the earnest hope that you may be willing to give us your decision at the very latest before the end of the month. I stress this latter point because of your own assertion at various times that you like to see your own money produce other money. It is quite within the realm of possibility that your desire in this matter will mean the saving of a conditional capital of \$100,00 to our general University fund. Since the University authorities have been very generous in their support of my efforts in Journalism it would make me extremely happy to be able to be instrumental in thus helping them in their larger task.

Hopefully yours,

Encl.

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JOURNALISM

February 25, 1929

My dear Ernest:

It was a tremendous encouragement to get word from Bob today of your generous gift to our work. It certainly came at a time when it was critically needed. We have been for a long time in one of those baffling dead centers which a financial campaign machine seems to be liable to. I had begun to think we never were going to get over with it, but with Mr. Porter duplicating your gift and another sizable subscription reported from Oklahoma City today, I feel sure that we are going to complete the fund pretty promptly now.

My fear that we might actually fail in our major effort, after having gotten this far, has loomed so much larger in my mind in recent months than the remoter question of a residence that I am not as disappointed as I might have been at our failure to get together upon the original plan discussed by us. It doubtless means, of course, that we will have to go out and take pot-luck again in the assignment of too few houses in a growing faculty but we stood it for three years before and I presume can do it again. My chief regret in the entire matter is that Allen Hays and I misunderstood you and therefore gave premature publicity to a plan which has had to be abandoned.

The big thing for which I am grateful is that your interest and belief in the work are such as to make you ready to continue your support in a sizable way. I can only hope that the reports which I will be sending back to you from China at intervals will repay you more fully than any words of appreciation can possibly do.

Cordially,

Mr. Ernest C. Winters
Lion Oil Refining Company
Midland Building
Kansas City, Missouri

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LION OIL REFINING COMPANY

908 MIDLAND BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MO.

E. C. WINTERS
PRESIDENT

March 5, 1929.

Mr Vernon Nash,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Vernon: -

I have your letter of the 25th and was glad to hear from you.

By the way, when I was at Culver visiting my boy, I met a Mr Bishop who said he was a classmate of yours.

I hope you get your financing arranged and get back to what you want to do before long. In reference to the house question I could not see at all, Vernon, where I was going to have any kind of a guarantee that I would get the principal back, so I simply forgot the matter. It may be at some time in the future we may be able to work out some plan. I have had experience in the past with clubs and I know that in their fit of enthusiasm they will promise anything but they fail to perform, and it was necessary for me to have something more than mere promises.

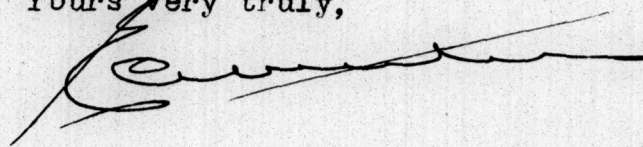
I don't think we had a misunderstanding when you and Allen Hays were here. I think a lot of Allen Hays and shall see him next time I am in Nevada. You will remember my saying to you that I had to have some kind of a guarantee that I was to receive the principal back and I was to donate the interest, but nothing concrete was ever presented. A great deal was presumed and I apparently got from it some advertising which I did not care for and for which I criticize no one. So I do not at this writing feel that we had any misunder-

Mr Vernon Nash- No 2.

standing. They simply failed to deliver a proper guarantee that I would receive the principal. I have taken up other interests now so it will be necessary at least for the present, to forget the house question.

With kind regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'L. E. ...', written over the typed name 'L. E. ...'.

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JOURNALISM

March 15, 1929

Dear Ernest:

After having stood still until we actually faced the serious possibility of failure, our journalism fund has mounted rapidly in the last three weeks and is still going. Accordingly, I am at last able to do what I have been wanting to do for months and that is get under way for China.

The most urgent reason for my returning is the necessity of finding a well qualified Chinese newspaperman to add to our staff. This should be done by early summer if he is to come to us in the fall.

The University also desires me to see a friend of our work in Great Britain and to spend some time in consultation with principals of secondary schools, Chinese publishers, and other prominent Chinese in the Dutch East Indies. Of the millions of Chinese who have gone overseas, the largest concentration is in the Straits Settlement and Java. I shall be about three months on the trip, reaching Peking just in time for our University commencement.

A long delayed rest I expect to take this summer at a seaside resort in North China where I expect to study Chinese in the morning, swim and play tennis in the afternoon, read and play bridge in the evening.

Just a word more about my feeling that there was a misunderstanding. I cannot help feeling embarrassed at the erroneous publicity you received at the hands of Allen Hays and myself. As I wrote you from the Wabash train that last day I saw you, Allen and I understood your affirmative answer to the last question I put to you to mean that you would definitely make such a pledge and that all that remained was to put the matter into formal written shape.

What you have done in the past and whatever you may see fit or find it possible to do in the future means a good deal less to me than the fact of your continued interest in and understanding of the project to which I have set my hand.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ernest C. Winters
907 Midland Building
Kansas City, Missouri

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LION OIL REFINING COMPANY

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

E.C. WINTERS
PRESIDENT

March 25, 1929.

Mr Vernon Nash,
c/o Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

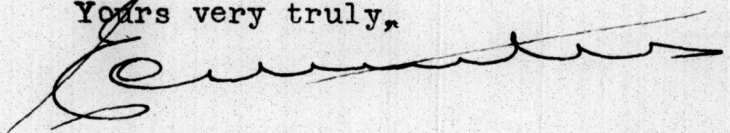
Dear Vernon:-

I appreciate very much your letter of the 15th. Have been out of the city and expect to be out a great deal more.

Let me hear from you from time to time. I assure you there is no hard feeling between us and I am only too glad to do my part in helping you make a big success of your work.

With kind regards, I remain

Yours very truly,



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April 19, 1929

My dear Mr. Winters:

We are sending this letter to all subscribers of \$500.00 or more to the Yenching Journalism Fund in order that you may know we have been able to secure an aggregate amount of \$58,945.41, thus validating all conditional pledges.

According to the judgment of Dean Williams and Mr. Nash, \$50,000.00 will furnish the absolutely necessary budget for a demonstration of the value of modern education for journalism in China. You will be glad to know that the success of this demonstration is rendered the more likely because of the enthusiasm shown by a considerable number of friends in addition to the list sent you herewith. Although it will be seen that we have gone well beyond the \$50,000.00 necessary to validate conditional gifts, the additional funds secured have already been covered by the living expenses of Mr. Nash and his family while in America, by his and Dr. Jenney's expenses incurred in raising the Journalism Fund, and by a small amount toward the fund which we earnestly hope may be secured to erect a house for Mr. Nash at Yenching.

With renewed expression of our sincere appreciation of your gift, I am

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Ernest C. Winters
Lion Oil & Refining Co.
Kansas City, Missouri

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Winters, Mr. E. C.

Lion Oil & Refining Co.

Kansas City, Mo.

July 11, 1929

\$500 Toward pledge #655-Journalism

Gift received	7-11-29
Receipt slip #	2542
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	655
Pledge signal attached	✓
X-file cards	✓
Letter ack. sent	7/11/29
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	
" " stencil	

City Feb 25 Date 1929

In consideration of the gifts of others to the support of the department (or school) of journalism at Yenching (Peking) University, I hereby agree to pay annually on or before June 13th each year (Vernon Nash's birthday) the sum of \$~~500.00~~ to Dr. E. M. McBrier, Treasurer, Room 825, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, for the support of that work. It is understood, however, that I may cancel this pledge upon twelve months' notice of any due date and that, in any case, it shall automatically expire at the end of five years. It is further understood that the unexpired portion of this subscription is cancelled immediately in the event of my death.

(Signature) E. C. Winters

(Address) 908 Midland Bldg.
Kansas City Mo.

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July 11, 1929

My dear Mr. Winters:

Thank you very much for the check for \$500 which came today, payment toward your pledge to Journalism.

Our official receipt in the above amount is enclosed herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Mr. E. C. Winters
Lion Oil & Refining Co.
Kansas City, Mo.

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July 6, 1937

JOURNAL

Dear Ernest:

On June 1st I completed 35,000 miles' travel in 44 states for the Williams Foundation. Lack of promotion funds prevents a continuance of that work for the present. Yenching is eager to have me return, but is unable to assure permanence of appointment; I want as much as ever to go back, but cannot consider another short-term arrangement.

This impasse has been resolved temporarily by a grant from them for advanced study here in Columbia University. The Chinese even more than we insist upon a doctor's degree for college teachers. The work will therefore add greatly to my fitness for the job if I'm able to return; if not, it will facilitate enormously my search for a desirable new connection.

The trustees were also influenced by the fact that I have not had a real furlough in the thirteen years with them. I'll continue even now to give as much time as proves feasible to promotion work on behalf of Yenching. They have asked me first to deal with the unpaid pledges in the original Missouri-Yenching fund. Almost all of those with balances due have indicated in years past that they would resume payments when same was possible and convenient. We earnestly hope that this time has now arrived for you, and that you will find it possible to complete payments upon your pledge during the fifteen months in which I'll be here.

In view of the exceptional conditions prevailing, the offices here have sent reminders only infrequently. We will be glad to make these at regular intervals hereafter at any dates suggested by you. Checks should be made payable to Mr. E. M. McBrier, Treasurer, Yenching University, and mailed to 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. I'll be glad to supply you with any further information you may desire. Records here show you have paid \$500 on your pledge of \$2,500, leaving a balance due of \$2,000.

Out of the total of almost \$70,000 in subscriptions secured by me in 1928, all but \$3,600 has been paid up in full. The collection of this amount would help provide the funds required for me in this furlough-study period and thereby keep the record perfect, in which I have so much pride, of having secured all my own support from the beginning. I am continuously grateful for the extent to which I owe this achievement to you.

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Mr. Winters

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My personal concern in the present status of the first Missouri-Yenching effort is great since \$3,335 out of the \$3,600 still unpaid is in the names of intimate friends there in Kansas City.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the work in China is continuing to develop in ways which exceed the liveliest hopes we had in the inauguration of it.

Sincerely,

Vernon Nash

Mr. Ernest C. Winters
Lion Oil & Refining Company
Kansas City, Missouri

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