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18, Middle Road,
Singapore.

December 25th, 1923.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart D.D.
Peking University,
(Yen Ching Ja Borch)
Peking, China.

My dear Dr. Stuart,

Beauty Greetings to all! And a very
merry Christmas and a happy and bright New
Year to you and your beloved family.

During this great festive season when the
Divine Master's Spirit of "peace on earth and
goodwill towards men" is abroad, one is
naturally loth, however constrained he might
feel led to say anything that would sadden
rather than enhance the cheer and joy which
belong particularly to Christmastide's ^{time} ^{of} ^{year}.
I believe, the Bible is right in its insistence -
that we should not only "rejoice with those
who rejoice" but also "weep with those who
weep," and so, you will so readily understand
when I say that the loss of two relatives
within the year, and whose names had long
so to speak, in fact in the very name of which
I am not the younger, my heart is sore.

to bring home to one the deep significance of that immortal line "life is real, life is earnest," and yet not to relate, I cannot as yet see my way out of the present dilemma, considering that nothing short of another suit of litigation over a certain class - in the will of my late grandfather could ever come through. If it were a mere question of sacrificing oneself for some great principle, things might have been so different and perhaps, but in point of fact, it seems to be something more than just that, namely, one that might mean the sacrifice of one's near ones for a principle that ^{they} either do not pretend to understand or will not take the trouble to weigh. However, we can, at present, only pray and hope for further enlightenment. Hence, you will see that much as I long to leave here in His service for young China, unfortunate circumstances and an empty pocket surely cannot be expected to carry one very far. However, my trust is in His hands, and to whom I lay open the innermost promptings of my soul, but you may be particularly interested to know that since the severance of my connection with a certain leading local ^{of concern}, I have given almost all my time to the preparation of some work on behalf of the Student Volunteer Movement for

March 5, 1924

Mr. C. F. Woon
18, Middle Road
Singapore

My dear Woon:

I was very glad to receive your letter, enclosed in one from my wife, a few days ago. It was especially welcomed because the whole tone of the letter would indicate that your physical and spiritual condition is better than I feared from previous letters. This was undoubtedly due in part to a happier environment.

I feel sure that you are acting wisely in staying where you are and keeping your relationship with the members of your family. It may be that before long the way will open for realizing the desire of your heart. I earnestly hope that this will be the case.

I am starting in a few days to Great Britain, and shall return to New York about a month later, perhaps spending another month in this country before starting for China. Like you, I am impatient to be at my own immediate task, and chafe under the necessity of having to be so much of the time in this country raising money. However, with our Lord controlling our affairs, we can only believe that such delays have a wise purpose and can be used for spiritual progress.

With constant remembrances and the hope that you will keep me constantly informed about all that concerns your welfare, I remain, as ever

Affectionately yours

JLS:S

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9, Kampong Altap,
Kuala Lumpur,
Selangor, F. M. S.
December 24th, 1927.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart D.D.
Yen Ching University,
Peking, China.

My Dear Dr. Stuart,

I feel grateful for this further opportunity offered me this Christmas Eve of writing you upon a subject which is of mutual interest to us. You will be glad to learn that my father has definitely promised to secure the reimbursement of my University expenses by the Estate, the amount having been placed at \$1,500/- Straits Currency. In view of this arrangement, I believe, it will now be possible for you to make me a further advance of, say, dollars one hundred only (\$100/- Straits Currency). Were my present circumstances less pressing, this request would certainly not have been repeated here. That you will deal with this personal appeal in the spirit of goodwill and with the utmost consideration, I do not for a moment doubt.

It has recently been found necessary to seek

further legal advice as to the correct rendition of certain parts of the Will of my late Grandfather prior to arriving at an agreement among the various beneficiaries concerned relative to the distribution of the Estate. I have been informed that six months must elapse before the necessary sanction of the Supreme Court of Singapore could be obtained for that particular purpose hence I most earnestly pray for your further patience and indulgence.

Looking forward to your kind answer at your early convenience.

With our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Yours very sincerely,
C.F. Foon

March 9 , 1928

My dear Mr. Woon:

Your letter of December 24th has been forwarded to me from Peking and only came to hand a few days ago. I am enclosing herewith my personal check for \$100. Straits' currency as per your request. This is not at all easy for me in view of the added expense of my presence in this country but I want to share to the utmost in relieving the embarrassments from which you now suffer. I am also sorry that my absence from China has resulted in this long delay.

I am glad to know that there seems a fair prospect of the settlement of your grandfather's estate in the next few months and of the return of the loans which have been made to you by our University.

My very best wishes in regard to your own happiness and health and even more to the maintenance of your spiritual vitality and active usefulness in our Master's service.

With constant remembrance and admiration, I am

Very affectionately yours,

Mr. C. F. Woon,
9, Kampong, Altap,
Kuala Lumpur,
Selangor, F. M. S.

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retd. to JLS
Copied from a COPY sent JLS and found in his correspondence
after he left - 7-8-30

Singapore, 6th November 1929.

Dear Sir,

re: C. F. Woon.

We have seen Mr. Woon Hong Chin, the Trustee of the Estate
of Woon Ah Choon deceased, with reference to the above matter.

C. F. Woon will receive his share of the estate in six years ¹⁹³⁵
time, and we are instructed that the value of his share will be far in
excess of the amount mentioned in the letter written by Mr. Leighton
Stuart to you on the 9th September 1929. Thus the amount owing by
the above to the Yenching University will be repaid six years hence,
with interest, if claimed.

Six years is a long time to wait; but satisfaction of the
claim is then assured.

Do you wish us to write to the University: If so, please
give us your instructions.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Allen & Gledhill

Rev. Hobart B. Amstutz,
4 -1, Fort Canning Road.

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October 12, 1921

Rev. Henry W. Luce, D. D.,
C/o Hotel Statler,
Buffalo, N. Y.

My dear Harry:

Your conclusions are correct. I am still in Baltimore. I feel as if I have worked like a Trojan, and hope I have, but trust results accomplished are better than the Trojans secured for themselves. The work of the Trojans and the results of the Greeks I am after. But by that I do not mean I have been slaughtering everybody whom I have been trying to help.

Father and Sister are still in Buffalo living at my house, I think where you visited me last. At any rate, 69 Ashland Avenue, and the telephone number is Tupper 7. Sister will be delighted to hear from and see you. Father, on account of his deafness and having been so long removed from active affairs, will not be able to join in the conversation as he used to do when you were with me some years ago.

For the four or five men's names for which you ask, I would suggest William H. Crosby of the Congregational Church, William H. Rogers of the 1st Presbyterian, living on North Street, Walter P. Cook of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Arthur E. Hedstrom of the Baptist Church, Norman F. Clement of the Westminster Church and President of the Citizens Trust Company, and E. L. Koons, whose Church I do not know, but who made a pleasure trip to China last winter with his wife, - a splendid and very able man. No Methodist names come to me, but these men I have mentioned could advise you as well as any, I think, regarding what you might want in Buffalo. Mr. Rogers, if my recollection serves me rightly, gave largely to Yale in China. Do not forget that Charles Sears is in Buffalo, is a Judge of the Supreme Court, knows everybody there, and can give you valuable advice. I would suggest your checking up with him before seeing any of the men I have named. There are some young men to whom wealth has come through death of their forebears who might be interested, among them Knox, Rumsey, Goodyear and Rand. Charles can advise you how to approach these, and if you ~~like~~ Mr. Cook, he will know whether they would be interested in your work.

Let me know when you are coming to Baltimore and I shall look forward to seeing you here.

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great friend of well brought
(2) E L Coome =
Most sincerely yours,

Miss Wright's
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Mrs F Reed & Securities Trust Co, Marine Trust ..

(5) Father = Mrs Marine Trust Co, killed in aer-plane
in France - 97th Stump - back. very bright & very nice.
very charitable.

(4) Dexter P Rumsey
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Mrs Dexter P Rumsey
742 Delaware.

Widow, sympathetic, charitable, wealthy.
Very pleasant, always does good things.

Catonsville, Md.,

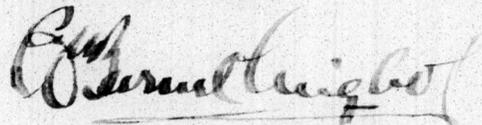
August 31, 1928

Mr. Olin D. Wanamaker, Assistant to President,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wanamaker:

Your Vice-President, Henry W. Luce, was a classmate of mine in Yale, and through all the years since has been one of my dearest friends, though we have not seen each other often, owing to our different work in life. He is one of God's noblemen, and Mrs. Wright and I are anxious to make a little contribution to the fund being raised, as outlined in your letter of August 10, for the institution and cause with which he is associated. I am enclosing our pledge for \$250.00, to be paid at convenience any time on or before January 1st, 1930. We wish Yenching University all success in raising its funds, and pray God to bless its work and give strength and guidance to each of its officers in their efforts for the work in China.

Very truly yours,



Wm. Burnet Wright, Jr.

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*copy sent to
Dr. Luce 9/6/28
original pledge in safe*

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W. B. Wright Jr.

Catonsville, Md.,

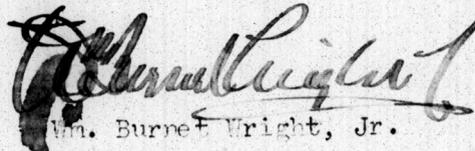
January 28, 1929

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,
Assistant to the President,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Wright and I wish to thank you for the laughing lions, which will remind us of the University and its great work, not only in Peking, but throughout China. We are glad we can have a small part in it, and wish that 1929 may surpass all expectations.

Very sincerely yours,



W. B. Wright, Jr.

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April 21, 1930.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wright, Jr.,
Catonsville,
Maryland.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Wright:

May I venture to ask whether it would be convenient for you at this time to pay the pledge of \$250.00 you made to the University on August 31, 1928? You expressed at that time the intention of paying the pledge on or before January 1, 1930. I am sure you will not think that I am pressing you for payment. We are far too grateful for your interest in the University to do that. It so happens however that we are badly in need of funds. If you could make payment at this time the money would be greatly appreciated.

Cordially yours.

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Olin D. Wannemaker

Catonsville, Md.,

April 24, 1930

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

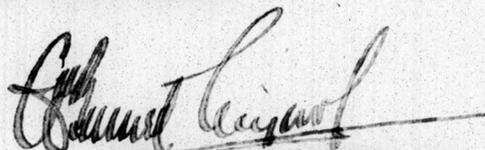
My dear Mr. Wannamaker:

I acknowledge yours of the 21st, and am sorry that owing to changes in my plans, a check was not sent you in January in payment of our subscription. I may be in error, but recollected that the subscriptions could be made payable over a period of five years, though I designated an earlier date.

I am now sending you my check #2083 on the Maryland Trust Company for \$125.00, in payment of half of our subscription. I will send you the balance of the subscription some time during the next six months.

Trusting this will meet the University's needs, I am,

Very truly yours,



Wm. Burnet Wright, Jr.

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*\$125⁰⁰ still due
on their pledge
\$125 has been paid*

January 6, 1931

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wright:

I think you will be interested in the enclosed folder concerning the religious life of the University. It was prepared primarily for persons who had not recently assisted us and has brought us a good many contributions. The printed appeal is not meant for you. We are sure you will pay your pledge, made in 1928, when it is convenient for you to do so and this note is not intended to remind you of that, only to accompany the printed matter and explain the appeal is not intended for you.

With every good wish for the year now beginning, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wright, Jr.
Catonsville, Maryland

*April 1930 he promised to
pay balance in 6 months - D*

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June 5, 1931

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Wright:

Occasionally the Promotional Office finds it necessary to repeat its reminders of past due pledges. We trust we have not offended you by doing so. It can readily be seen, however, that we assume responsibility in relation to salaries for staff and funds for the general upkeep of our University departments only because of our faith that the money pledged by our friends will actually be paid. When no response of any kind is received, we are led to believe that they have lost interest in our work. We hope that this is not true in your case and that the only reason we have not heard from you is that you are simply uncertain as to the date when you can meet your pledge.

Should you feel, however, that, due to unexpected pecuniary difficulties, you cannot make such payment for sometime to come, we should appreciate greatly some word as to when we may hope to receive at least a portion of the \$125.00 of your pledge still unpaid.

Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Wright
Catonsville
Maryland

Very sincerely yours,
Corresponding Secretary

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January 10, 1935

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wright
Catonsville, Md.

Dear Friends:

I have recently been checking over our records and find that you generously made a pledge of \$250.00 to Yenching University in August 1928, and in April 1930 you made a payment of \$125.00 on this pledge. We are most grateful for your kind help.

I am writing at the present time to ask if it will be possible for you to assist us with another payment on this pledge. We realize that many of our friends have suffered severely during these recent years of financial stress and we hope that there has been at least a certain amount of recovery and that many of them may again begin to assist us in a small way, at least.

The work at Yenching is going forward splendidly and we are very much gratified with the progress which is being made under such severe handicaps.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter written by Dr. T. C. Chao telling of the work in the School of Religion at Yenching. Other departments are doing equally well in supplying their quota of leaders for the new China.

With best wishes for the new year, I am,

Very sincerely,

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Nathaniel Gist Gee

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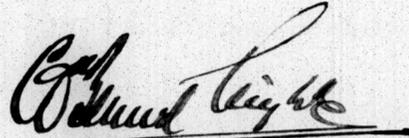
January 15, 1935

Mr. Nathaniel Gist Gee,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

A line to acknowledge yours of the 10th. I
am delighted to know how well your work in Yenching is
progressing, and later hope to help it further. I shall
do that as soon as I can, and have the matter in mind.

Very truly yours,



WM. BURNET WRIGHT

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At 125 Ave on
pledge

June 20, 1940

Dear Mrs. Wright:

We have been keeping you in touch with our initial approaches this year to the Wellesley alumni, and have thought that possible you would be happy to be considered as belonging to that group of friends of the Yenching College for Women. During these last days of June, however, we have another urgent reason for a message to you, and we are hoping very much that you and Mr. Wright will find it possible to respond.

The enclosed booklet will tell you the story of a generous conditional gift made earlier this year, which put upon us the opportunity of claiming the \$47,000 gift if we were able to raise the additional \$23,000. The terminal date for completion of this sum in cash or pledges is June 30th. We are within a few thousand dollars of the goal, and we confidently expect that Yenching's friends will not permit the loss of so fine a gift through the failure to complete the small sum still needed. We shall be most happy to include you among those who help to this end during the few remaining days of effort toward the complete accomplishment of the task.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs. Maurice T. Moore)

Mrs. W. B. Wright, Jr.
294 Cherry Avenue
Long Beach, California

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