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80 Alexander St.,
Princeton, N.J.
October 1-1922

Dr J.E. Williams,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.
Dear Dr Williams,

I had a letter from Dr Bowen the other day while I was still at my home in Hulmeville, Pa and he suggested that I write to you and let you know my address.

I got here last week and Mrs Illick and the kiddies are in Olean, N.Y. her home. We spent one month there and then came down to Hulmeville, Pa, near Phila, my home where we spent about one month before time to come here.

This week the work begins in earnest and I think I have myself loaded up pretty well. I am assisting in lab three afternoons; I have four courses in the department of Biology besides the usual seminar work for graduates. I cannot tell yet how the work will go until several weeks.

I like Princeton very much. It is near my home too so that they can easily run over and I there. The Rows live just up the street from here- they are all well.

There are two men whom I know and whom I think ought to do something for missionary work. One is a first cousin of Mrs Illick's. He owns a large wholesale meat place in Philadelphia and lives at Bala. I have been in their home- just man and wife- not quite middle age. Mrs Illick wants to get after them sometime. The other person is second (354 etc) cousin of mine- a retired business man who now lives in Washington, D.C. They motored up to our place several weeks ago. He ought to give something too. He is Presbyterian. The other people go to the Episcopal church. If you have any suggestions about these people- as to how to get around them I will try to help all I can.

The above address will get me, or Hulmeville, Pa.

I am sure Mrs Illick would want to join with me in sending myr regards to you all.

Very sincerely yours,

L. T. Illick.

October 20, 1922.

Mr. J. T. Illick,
80 Alexander St.,
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Illick,

Your good letter of October 1 was greatly appreciated for its news of the family and your doings. I am glad that you are finding the work you want at Princeton and that it is near your home. It will be very pleasant for you to be there with the Rows. Please give them my kindest regards.

I am very much interested in what you wrote about the two men who might do something for the work of the University. Our most desperate need, of course, is to wipe out that deficit that keeps us overdrawn in the banks. Through the \$5000. gold which came from Dr. North and the \$7500. gold (arrears of interest) some help was secured, and the \$9000. gold from the Severances on the buildings, but there is still remaining an amount of over \$45,000 Mexican. Asking new people to pay for a deficit is not the best psychology. You might ask them for \$3,000 or \$5000 toward the development of your laboratory work and allow some of that to go for the equipment and apparatus already purchased; or they might respond to the appeal for a residence, telling them that there is at present eight families unprovided for, and the number is increasing. Ask them for \$5,000 gold for a residence.

We are now located in an apartment in New York, at 540 West 122d Street. I have just returned from a trip to Cleveland, Chicago, St. Paul, Superior, Wis. and a little time at Evanston and Buffalo. It was a speaking trip for Dr. Arthur J. Brown who had appointments with the Synods of Minnesota and Wisconsin and churches in Chicago. It renewed valuable contact and I had a delightful visit of two days with Dr. and Mrs. Holgate and their daughters, at Evanston. I hope later to have some good appointments in Evanston and Chicago. The special campaign to raise \$2,000,000 for the Foreign Boards is in full swing now. Bishop Fred B. Fischer was in Chicago and Evanston and I hope they will be very successful in that. It will mean so much for your Foreign Board. If they can be relieved of the incubus of the debt, Dr. North will feel differently toward our enterprise.

Mrs. Williams would join me in heartiest regards to Mrs. Illick, the children and yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

JEW:LB

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80 Alexander St
Princeton, N.J.
February 2-1923

Dr J.E.Williams,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
New York.

Dear Dr Williams:-

I am writing for some information. Do you have any small booklet on the work at the University of Nanking containing pictures of the students, buildings, short statements concerning the work, what we are trying to do and then a brief financial statement with the needs at this time etc etc.

It occurred to us that such a booklet would be a splendid thing to place in the hands of business man where he could see at a glance what we are trying to do and the needs etc.

I would also like to have some specific statements or stories of some of our graduates which could be used in approaching a man for money, to give something concrete of what we are doing.

I am enjoying my work here very much; but thus far not received any "large" sums of money for our work!

With best regards to Mrs Williams and yourself, in which Mrs Illick would be glad to join with me if she knew I were writing to you, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

T. Illick

February 6, 1923.

Mr. J. T. Illick,
80 Alexander Street,
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Illick,

I wish we had such a booklet as you called for in your letter received today. We have not prepared a new one but we have it in mind and are working on one now. I had in mind two kinds, a little leaflet that could be mailed in letters and a fuller booklet such as you suggest with pictures and fuller statements. Neither have we specific statements or stories of some of our graduates. Mr. Reizner prepared one, copy of which I enclose, of Hsu Chen.

I am enclosing copy of letter which Mr. Lamont wrote to Mr. Speer in connection with the left-over famine funds. I do this that you may see the personnel of the Committee that voted upon the proposition. It is a very significant endorsement for the University.

You may know that the sericultural building is now up to the top of the first floor and they hope to have it finished by April. There is also another building going up at the Hospital group. If you can do anything to secure funds about \$1,000 for physics' apparatus desperately needed, or a residence for a missionary or one of the returned students, it will be along the line of our most acute need now and will really come in very directly against our deficit.

I hope you are enjoying your studies. Mrs. Williams would like to join me. I am sure, in most cordial regards to Mrs. Illick and yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

JEW:LB
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March 1, 1923.

Mr. J. T. Illick,
80 Alexander Street,
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Mr. Illick,

In reply to your request for another
folder of Hsu Chen, Dr. Williams has asked me to
forward same to you.

Our supply was exhausted so I tried
to get more copies from the Presbyterian Board where
we had secured them before, but was informed that they
did not have them. However, as soon as we are able
to get a supply on hand, we will send you one.

Dr. Williams is out of the city,
and upon his return he may advise how and where we
can get a new supply.

Yours truly,

Secretary to Dr. Williams

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DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

University of Nanking
NANKING, CHINA

80 Alexander St.,
Princeton, N.J.

Dr J.E. Williams,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.
Dear Dr Williams:-

Just a line to advise you that this week Wednesday-April 4th-
Mrs Illick and I expect to be in New York and shall look you up. We shall be in
sometime in the morning. We want to know what you know about this second year
proposition and all these letters that have been coming from Nanking-first saying
stay and then again doubtful. From what Dr Bowen says he would like to see us
stay but Dr Gibbs seems to be bent on research work which the Baptist Board sent
him out for. But we shall call on you Wednesday and hope you will be in the city.

With kindest Easter Greetings to you all, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

J. T. Illick

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April 5, 1923.

Mr. J. T. Illick,
80 Alexander Street,
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mr. Illick,

In the latter part of a letter to Dr. Bowen, which has just been written, I find this reference to your going back:

"Mr. Illick is expected in town today and I hope to have a good talk with him. In the light of our great weakness in biology during his absence, it seems to me that it would be necessary for him to return and get into the work at this time when we have such crucial burdens. We would do better to release him some time later for further study when we have weathered our present strained situation."

I have thought much over the situation since you were here, and if we could have got some prospect of relief or help from Mr. Greene and the China Medical Board, I should have been inclined to reconsider the matter with that in mind. Now we know there is no prospect of help from that source, and it is my judgment that it would be better for you to return and get into the work at Nanking. There will be more money made available for the development of your Department, if you were there working on it. A man of your personality teaching will be more fundamentally essential for building up the Department even than the increased equipment.

I believe every effort should be made to hold your connection with the view to completing your work for the degree later, and if after further thought you think my going to Princeton and seeing Dean West, after conference with Dr. Conklin, would help the situation, I should be very pleased to do so.

You will not regret returning to China at this time and getting into the work. The University is carrying a very heavy burden financially. You had one full year free for study which will have helped you very greatly for your class room work. You had a full

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April 5, 1923.

term of service in China, but only two years with the University before furlough, and the extra year would have to come from the University at a time when we are in desperate straits financially, which means desperate straits to maintain the required teaching force for the college work.

It was a great pleasure to see you and Mrs. Illick. I hope you can secure a time of real recreation during the Summer that will enable you to go back to your work physically entirely fit.

Very cordially yours,

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Princeton, N.J.
April 6-1923Dr J.E. Williams,
150 Fifth Avenue,
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I was extremely surprised to get your letter and note its contents, especially the quotation of your letter to Dr Bowen re our return this year!

Evidently I did not make myself plain when we were in to see you Wednesday. I realized then, that you had very strong ideas concerning the probably expense that would entail to the University if we should remain home another year. But I tried to show that they need be NO expense to the University but rather it would be an asset. I am sure we can be able to secure some little money while home. In the second place if we should return, on the grounds given in your letter, there will SURELY be added expense because there will be THREE men in the Dept of Biology at Nanking asking for money and that will be a fact because for simple running expenses some money is needed. While if one man is absent and the General Biology be dropped as such, for one year, and all the effort be concentrated on just one required course- viz General Botany- the expense will be considerably less.

When we left you Wednesday it was with the understanding (at least we thought so) that you were going to write Dr Bowen suggesting that Gen. Biology be dropped for one year and Gen Botany be substituted since the students would get enough biology in it to suffice that one year, and then to have Dr Bowen cable at my expense- "Stay" or "Come"- after the men THERE had considered. And moreover whatever their decision would be- we would be very willing to accede to. But I honestly feel the other reasons ~~are~~ have any grounds for our returning.

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I am not making a brief for myself to remain here. But I do feel we ought to disregard the extra expense because as long as I am here I can't spend money on the Dept at Nanking and hence NO expense at all. Neither will an assistant ~~be~~ necessary to take my place! Steward is reasonable and would consider such a proposition as I suggested very well I feel sure, and whatever they would decide, since they know just how things are, we will gladly agree to.

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I would appreciate a letter from you regarding this matter. I also sent Steward a letter yesterday re this matter. Very sincerely yours,

J.F. Ellick-

copy sent to Dr. Bowen Apr 20

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(Signed) J. T. Illick.

April 26, 1923.

Mr. J. T. Illick,
80 Alexander Street,
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mr. Illick,

I have been at a loss to know what to reply to your last letter of April 6, since you were awaiting for definite word from Dr. Bowen in reply to your previous letters. If, in the light of our deficits and the problem of carrying on the teaching work, Dr. Bowen desires you to remain in this country, of course, I shall do anything I can to cooperate. As I understand the situation, you are waiting for a cable from Dr. Bowen. I sent him copy of your letter to me with only this comment, "I am enclosing letter from Illick. I do not know what to reply to Illick, because I don't want to discourage him in his plans and yet I do not see how at this juncture the University can afford to give him another year free.

We really have on far too much for our resources under the conditions." The difficulty with your argument of saving money was that it would prove too much. The saving would be only at the cost of weakening the teaching work at Nanking. I deeply regret that the University is in the hard straits that it is financially.

Very cordially yours,

JEW:LB

May 15, 1923.

Mr. J. T. Illick,
80 Alexander Street,
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Mr. Illick,

In Dr. Williams' absence at the Presbyterian General Assembly, I am writing to let you know of the cablegram which has just come from Nanking. It says, "Illick stay" and I therefore take it for granted that the opinion of the men on the Field is that it would be best for you to continue your work here next year, with the Fellowship that you have been granted. For your sake, I congratulate you on this outcome for it certainly will give you the opportunity to get exactly what you want.

Most cordially yours,

LBM:LB

L. B. Moss.

Nanking

June 1, 1923.

Mr. J. T. Illick,
80 Alexander Street,
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Mr. Illick:

I have your card of May 26th asking about the cost of the cable. The rates that we have to pay from here are one dollar a word plus ten cents for war tax. This would mean \$3.10 for the message which we received for you. I presume that the rates as paid on the university are practically the same, although of course paid in Mexican.

I am obliged to write you with a good deal of reluctance upon a matter which I know will not give you any particular pleasure. When we brought up to the Board of Trustees at their meeting on Tuesday the matter of approval of your staying here another year, supposing that there would be no difficulty about it, they took a very different point of view. The action which they finally took approves your remaining in this country provided you are able to meet the costs yourself, thereby releasing your salary for the use of the university during this coming year. The first question which was raised was as to what the reaction of the mission boards would be when they found that one of the members of the faculty was staying in this country for two years when people in Nanking were making such a desperate plea for more teachers and more support. The second was, that while they felt it was very valuable for members of the faculty to have an opportunity for study in this country, providing it for you would mean inevitably an appeal of the same sort from other members of the faculty who are probably just as worthy and just as needy as you are. It is exceedingly rare that any of the mission boards agree to provide the home allowance and salary for their missionaries for two years for purposes of study, and the Board of Trustees felt that it was most unwise for them to start a precedent of this nature. Therefore they took the action as indicated above.

I do not think there is anything further that I can do, for there is undoubtedly justice in the position which the board has taken, and I do not see any way to change their point of view, even if it were advisable to try to do so. This will undoubtedly make considerable change in your plans, and I do not know whether you will feel it possible to stay on or not. I can only express my sympathy for you, in the reversal of what seemed to be a settled matter. I had not entertained the slightest thought of the trustees changing the report from the field. With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

J. T. Black.

June 11, 1923.

Mr. J. T. Illick,
225 N. 6th Street,
Olean, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Illick,

Your letter of June 7 received this morning.

The action of the Board of Trustees was wholly unexpected by myself, but once they raised a question upon the matter the opinion seemed to be very positive and definite.

I should be very pleased to do anything within my power to persuade Dean West to make possible for you to work out your thesis in absentia. Please give me a statement of the whole case on the lines you would like to have it presented to him, because I have not the whole situation as clearly in mind as you have. I shall have to act promptly as you suggest.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Illick and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

JEW:LB

JUN 16 1923

225 North 6th Street,
Olean, New York.
June 14, 1923Dr J. E. Williams;
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.
Dear Dr Williams:-

In reply to your letter of the 11th I would say that in presenting this to Dean West, you already know the situation at that end and all that is necessary in addition is the fact that I have been one year at Princeton. Two years are the minimum after having the Master's degree. In this year I have completed the required quota of courses- these are shown in my record book now in the Dean's Office. At least one more year is necessary in which to pass off the preliminary examinations, complete a thesis, and then take the final oral examination. If we return this fall, I would like to have the opportunity of taking the preliminary examinations in the fall- in October- and to do my thesis work in absentia and on completion and acceptance, to take my final oral examination at Princeton.

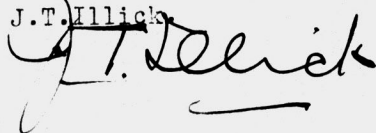
The question with the Dean will be that I was an assistant in Biology and therefore my year's residence will not count as such. And the fact that my residence is in China I am asking that he count my year's residence as such regardless of my assistantship.

As I said in my other letter we have not yet decided whether we will remain another year or return this fall. It has been a continual worry all year and we have been trying to get a little rest and enjoyment the past week trying not to think any more about it.

Thanking you I am,

Very sincerely yours,

J. T. Illick



June 26, 1923.

Professor E. G. Conklin,
Woods Hole,
Mass.

My dear Professor Conklin,

I was at Princeton yesterday in the hope of meeting you and Dean West, in regard to Mr. J. T. Illick's further work at Princeton.

I saw Dean West yesterday noon and he suggested that I write to you directly. The situation for Mr. Illick is as follows. He had secured a Fellowship in biology and would like to continue his studies with you for his Doctor's degree. The University of Nanking has had a rather desperate financial problem owing to continued growth and expansion during the war in building and the unfavorable war exchange. Part of the time a gold dollar yielded less than \$1.00 Mexican, whereas before the war we were receiving as high as \$2.50 for the gold dollar. We were involved in a heavy deficit which I have been trying to clear off in the United States, with the aid of the cooperative Mission Boards, five of which are united in the support of the University. In view of our deficit and the plea of President Bowen and the Board of Managers on the Field for the increase of staff, the Board of Trustees of the University at their meeting, May 29, 1923, decided that they would not be able to continue Mr. Illick's home allowance for another year's study.

Mr. Illick, naturally, is very desirous of going as far as possible with his studies, and we are desirous of having him do so. He has raised the question whether it would be possible, by taking his preliminary examinations in October, to be permitted to work out his theses in absentia, and to come up for final oral examination on his next furlough. Dean West would want your judgment in regard to the matter.

I was delighted to learn from Dean West of the good record and favorable impression which Mr. Illick had made by his work at Princeton.

President Bowen and I would appreciate very much, as would also the Trustees of the University,

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June 26, 1923.

any accommodation that could be extended to Mr. Illiek in his purpose to continue and conserve the advantages gained in his year's study and if possible to complete his work for the Doctor's degree.

Awaiting your word, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. E. Williams

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Vice-President.

June 26, 1923.

Mr. J. T. Illick,
~~80 Alexander Street,~~ 225 N. 6th St
~~Princeton, N. J.~~ Clear, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Illick,

I was at Princeton yesterday, having gone over from Bay Head where I had an appointment on Sunday.

I had a pleasant conference with Dean West. He spoke very enthusiastically of the good work you had done and the favorable impression you had made. He said he did not see how they could hold the Fellowship open and expressed the hope that you could continue in your studies now.

I had called at Professor Conklin's home and found that he had already left for Woods Hole. Dean West urged me to write to him at once in regard to the matter; and I have written as per enclosed letter. I found that Dean West was very favorable to do all that they could, to your advantage.

I shall await his word and will write you as soon as I have heard.

Very cordially yours,

JEW:LB
Encl.

JUN 29 1923

225 N. 6th Street,
Olean, New York.
June 27, 1923

Dr J. E. Williams,
159 Fifth Avenue,
New York.
Dear Dr Williams:-

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I wish to thank you for your efforts in seeing Dean West.

Since you have referred the matter to Dr Conklin, I shall also write to him myself, since he knows nothing about this situation and of course I knew nothing of it till after leaving Princeton.

I wish you would see Dr Ralph Ward and ask to see the letter I sent him of Dr Bowen's which came during the past two weeks. I suspect you also had one. But I would like the Board of Trustees see what the men on the field think about the whole question, which they apparently never knew, from what I can learn.

Very sincerely yours,

J. T. Illick



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MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY
WOODS HOLE, MASSACHUSETTS

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June 29, 1923.

Prof. J.E. Williams, Vice- Pres.,
University of Nanking,
156 --5th Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Prof. Williams:

In reply to your letter of June 26th, concerning Mr. J.T. Illick and the possibility of his finishing his work for the Doctor's degree in absentia, I am sorry to say that it would probably be impossible for Mr. Illick to do this.

The University requires one year of uninterrupted residence as a graduate student as a minimum requirement for the Doctor's degree and inasmuch as Mr. Illick was a part-time Assistant during the past year, his residence in Princeton during that year could not be counted as a full year of graduate study. This is a point upon which the Faculty has always insisted, - that a part-time Assistant should not be counted as a full-time graduate student. In all cases, part-time Assistants are expected to be in residence two years in order to count their residence as one full and uninterrupted year of graduate study. If Mr. Illick could overcome this difficulty and could take the first part of his examination for the Doctor's degree before returning to China, it would then probably be possible for him to finish his thesis in absentia and return at some future time to take the final examination and receive his Doctor's degree.

I will write Dean West about this matter and get his judgment upon the case but I am fearful that we will not be able to count Mr. Illick's year with us as a full year of Graduate Study.

I am very glad to report to you that Mr. Illick has made an excellent record with us and that we were very favorably impressed with him and are very sorry that conditions are such that it is difficult, if not impossible, for him to return to Princeton next year.

Sincerely yours,

E. G. Conklin

EGC/Z

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Dictated June 30

July 2, 1923.

Mr. J. T. Illick,
225 North 6th Street,
Olean, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Illick,

I was very glad to receive your letter of June 27, and to know that you were also writing to Dr. Conklin.

Dr. Ralph Ward is away at present, but I rather suspect that copy of Dr. Bowen's letter came to him. Of course, it came subsequent to the meeting of the Trustees that took the action.

I want to assure you that I have a deep sympathy with your desires and plans, and shall do all in my power to help out in some way that will be effective and I hope that that can be done. I am awaiting a letter from Dr. Conklin and shall take up the matter with Gist Gee and Roger Greene when Mr. Gee comes to New York, and there may be considerable help from that source for you.

I fear there is little chance of the Trustees reconsidering and reversing their action. The only contingency would be that you might be provided for financially so that your salary would be available for the work in Nanking. I will write you definitely in regard to this as soon as I have word.

It will be worth while for you to get in touch with Mr. Gee while he is in the country this Summer.

Very cordially yours,

JEW:LB

MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

Woods Hole, Mass.

July 6, 1923.

Mr. J. T. Illick,
225 North Sixth St.,
Olean, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Illick,

I was very sorry to get a letter from Dr. Williams a short time ago, telling me that it would be necessary for you to return to China next year and asking if we could arrange to have you finish the remainder of your work for the doctor's degree in absentia. I wrote him that the minimum requirement for the doctor's degree with us was one year of uninterrupted graduate study and that we have never, as far as my knowledge goes, granted a degree to one who had served during his year of residence as a part-time assistant, since Dean West has strenuously insisted that at least two years of residence is necessary in the case of men who are serving as part-time assistants. Under these circumstances I am confident that it would be impossible for you to take the doctor's degree at Princeton without spending additional time in residence. Of course, you could go ahead with your doctor's thesis and I shall be very glad to assist you with it in any way in my power and if you will keep me informed as to your progress, I will help you with suggestions, advice, literature and the like as far as I am able. It is a question, of course, whether you will be able to continue the problem which you have taken up, at a distance from Princeton. Indeed, I doubt whether it would be advisable for you to undertake to do this but you may perhaps be able to take some problem in China and work it out, and if after your return you have anything which you like to work on and will let me know about it, I will assist you in any way in my power. At some future time, you may be able to return to Princeton for at least a half year of uninterrupted graduate study in order to complete the requirements for the doctor's degree and if this is the case, I should of course do all in my power to see that you are given every facility. I am very sorry that it is necessary for you to go back to China next year but I understand, I think, the situation and of course realize that you have to do what you are ordered to do.

I have written to Dean West about your case as I said above, but I am of the opinion that he will be unwilling to count the year which you have spent in Princeton as a part-time assistant as fulfilling the requirements of residence for the doctor's degree.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

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(Signed) E. G. Conklin.

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225 N. 6th St.,
Olean, N.Y.
July 12, 1923.

Dr J.E.Williams,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.
Dear Dr Williams:-

Thank you for your efforts of assistance
thru the Rockefeller people in you letter of the 2nd.

In rereading your letter and Dr Bowen's,
it scarcely seems as tho Mr Roger Greene would consider
giving any financial assistance in view of the fact that
Dr Bowen's plan for us to stay calls for no additional man
for my work but for the men already there to carry on the
work. My salary would thus be a clean financial gain to
the university.

Could you request the Trustees to reconsider
their action in view of letters from Dr Bowen with the
University's plan to carry on the work? it seems as tho they could
since the Methodist Board has not officially concurred in the
Trustees' action in reference to my salary.

The reason why I continue this 'discussion' is
because the university is planning for us to stay-two letters
from Dr Bowen since the one I sent to Dr Ward-, repeat the same
thing. Our house in Nanking has already been assigned to other
people for next year.

Awaiting your letter re the Rockefeller's de-
cision, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

I. Delrick

JUL 16

19 Ramble Avenue,
Chautauqua, New York.
July 13, 1923Dr J.E. Williams,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr Williams,

Your telegram came this morning- I got it at noon. I did not reply by telegraph because I had sent you a letter the day before(yesterday) answering most of the questions you asked in your telegram.

I have had a letter from Dr Conklin in addition to the one you sent me a copy of, but neither give any assurance of permitting me to do the balance of my work in absentia and at the same time count the past year's work as full residence time. His letter stated he was writing to Dean West and ^{leaving} ~~letting~~ it all with him for final decision. That decision I imagine would be sent to you by Dean West himself.

I am planning definitely to remain till the first part of October and take the preliminary examinations. IF nothing has developed by that time re our continuing here, we shall plan to return by the middle of that month. The problem I am now working on will have to be given up as suggested by Dr Conklin because of material. And as to any other problem, I am doubtful whether I can do anything at Nanking toward it because of lack of library facilities, etc etc. The reason why I would stay till October is that ^{getting} ~~reservations~~ earlier is practically out of the question at this time and we might as well wait till then and I can try to do what I can in the meantime in my work. *Plus something else may develop by that time.*

Expense will make it impossible for me to come to New York at this time. I am sorry. I think you have the case in hand well enough anyway so that my presence would not help materially.

Thanking you I am,

Sincerely yours,

*H. J. Decker**Sent M. Decker*

July 16, 1923.

Mr. J. T. Illick.
19 Ramble Avenue,
Chataqua,
New York.

Dear Mr. Illick,

I am just sending you the enclosed telegram, and I hope your reply will be that we will meet you in New York on Wednesday or Thursday. Any day before Tuesday was impossible for Dr. North and I am leaving on Thursday night or Friday.

Saturday morning Mr. Greene and Mr. Gee said they would both recommend that you should receive one of their grants for study in the United States, which will provide \$1000.

I do not recall what your Fellowship from Princeton was, but if it grants you \$600 or \$800 with the \$1000 from the China Medical Board and if you can continue your assistantship at Princeton, it ought to be in the range of practical politics for you to carry out your plans and complete your studies under the action of the Board of Trustees.

I have two blanks which Mr. Greene gave me for you to fill out. We should like to have one for our files here and one should go to their files. If I had not telegraphed you I would forward the blanks to you there, but in view of the telegram it would be safer to keep the blanks here until you arrive.

Dr. North is very anxious for a conference with you over plans, and Mr. N. Gist Gee would like a further conference with you, and I feel we can talk over more frankly the issues involved than write about them. We will cover expenses of travel. I hope that you have a clerical ticket so that that can be reduced by half. I trust you will take a night train down so as to get here by Wednesday, if possible.

As ever,
Faithfully yours,

W. H. T. D.

July 30, 1923.

Mr. J. T. Illick,
~~225 North 6th Street,~~ 19 Ramble St.,
~~Green, Chautauque~~
New York.

Dear Mr. Illick,

I enclose copy of a letter which has come from Mr. Greene. I was of course delighted that the fellowship was assigned, but have been in a good deal of perplexity because of the condition attached; namely, that the University should provide the additional funds which you will need, - a perfectly natural and legitimate condition and might go without saying. You will recall, however, the specific action of the Trustees as follows:

"VOTED: That the Trustees approve the plan for an additional year's study by Mr. Illick provided that he can find support apart from the missionary allowances."

This would preclude my doing anything in the matter until I have authority from the Trustees. Unfortunately, by the condition attached in Mr. Greene's letter, this may delay your receiving the fellowship. Will you not indicate how much additional funds will be necessary for your maintenance next year, so that the matter can be taken up with the Trustees at their next meeting which will probably be some time next Fall. Since the action was taken in full meeting of the Trustees, you will appreciate the difficulty of trying to modify it by the action of a smaller group.

Awaiting your word,

Very cordially yours,

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August 2, 1923.

Mr. J. T. Illick,
19 Ramble Street,
Chautauqua,
New York.

Dear Illick,

I was delighted to receive your postal of the 30th, for it cleared up any perplexity that I had in my mind as to the best arrangement to meet the condition in the grant of the fellowship, and cleared up the whole matter. I realize fully that you will have a difficult time making it at Princeton on \$1,700., and I shall not cease trying to find a way for more adequate help.

Dr. Bowen enclosed copy of his last letter to you which indicates all the more how pleased he will be with this arrangement. I certainly am very much pleased that it has been arranged that you can have your extra year of study.

I hope you will be able to carry on some effort for extra funds for the University's deficit, and especially for equipment for your laboratories. If it were possible to secure the equipment and get it over by the time you return, it would be a very desirable thing.

You, of course, have written to Professor Conklin and made all things clear there.

I hope you and Mrs. Illick and the children are having a fine time at Chautauqua.

With most cordial regards to all,

Yours sincerely,

JEW:LB

December 3, 1928.



Dr. J. T. Illick,
1840 Windermere St.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

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My dear Dr. Illick:

I am very glad to learn that you have been getting along so well in Cleveland. I want to remind you of our anxiety to have you return to the University.

The Biology Department is exceedingly anxious of your return and I hope that you will not disappoint us in any way. Through your letter to Dr. Bowen we are glad to learn that you are willing to reconsider the problem in the near future, and I hope that you will consider it favorably.

I have talked over with Dean Kuo the matter of your return and he suggests that we urge you to return at the earliest possible date as head of the Department of Biology. He feels that inasmuch as Mr. Nelson Chen has just returned and as Mr. Chiao hi-yuen, who has been acting head of the department, is planning to go abroad for further study that it would be the desire of both the college and the department to have you the head. However, they feel that it may not be absolutely necessary to settle this question before your return, and if you prefer for any reason to have Mr. Nelson Chen or somebody else take this responsibility, the matter could be easily adjusted. We wish to have you return and feel that the details can be worked out to your satisfaction.

This year we have the largest enrolment we have ever had in the colleges with a total of five hundred and eighty-eight in all departments. You know that the Biology Department has been very greatly handicapped as far as the instructional side is concerned which is an added reason for our desire to have you return to relieve the situation.

With best Christmas wishes to you and Mrs. Illick, I am

Very cordially yours,

Y. G. Chen.



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Mr. J. E. Sullivan
1840 University St.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I am very glad to hear that you have been able to visit in New York. I have been of our office to have a talk to the Chicago

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My dear Illick,

Feb. 16/29

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Your letter of Jan 17th, has made us all anxious re your return. Everyone will be tremendously dissatisfied if you do not get back this Sept. and I can assure you that you are mightily needed in Biology. I have heard that Nelson Chen may leave, just why, I do not know. There is a lot of dissatisfaction in Agr. and For. and unrest, and several foreigners in the School and Depts. will steady things a lot. It is difficult for Pres. Chen or me to do much about it, as Deen Kuo pretty much runs things without consulting anyone, and also is away a lot working as Mgr. of the Rural Bank so your being there would help on all of your men - and others too.

The appropriations of the M.E. Board are all clear for your return and I do not see why N. Y. does not settle the matter AT ONCE and relieve your suspense; I sure can't understand them from any point of view. We have written again and again to them re you and Jones or Steward and given them the approp. and how it will work out, showing that TWO of you can more than be covered. When Mr. Cartwright gets there on the job, I feel sure that matters will clear up, so I do hope that you have not settled the question of your return so it can't be SURELY fixed for your being here in Sept. Your old house will be available and all in repair - rented to Govt. now. There is a most cordial spirit in the Univ. towards foreigners, both by teachers and by students. I am sending a copy of this to Mr. Cartwright and writing him, so I hope he will take it up AT ONCE and get it settled.

Dr. Fergusen has just paid us \$10,389.11 Mex. covering all of the Boston deficit and \$300 Akerstom borrowed from Li Hung-teh and never paid - a mighty generous thing of him. He recently sold his interest in the Sin Wen Baa for \$270,000 to \$700,000 it is reported, so had the cash. The \$600,000 G of the Hall Estate is also a GREAT gift and will be tremendous help, making our endowment over \$1,200,000 G. So we ought to be able to get along fairly well with increasing gifts out here from now on, likely if we hold to a small student body and to QUALITY work, we can finance Steward likely AND Jones and you if Steward can't come till spring of 1930; so we HOPE they decide to send you and Jones this Sept. I guess Thomson is not going Home this summer, after all, on a short vacation.

With very best wishes to all of the family - and thanks for the \$25 G for one of the Kiangsi boys, will write which later; this will enable us to handle all 3 on it and M. E. Scholarships - they are A.1 boys.

As ever yours

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Appendix "C"

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COPY OF LETTER FROM PROF. J. T. ILLICK
to MR. CARTWRIGHT; APRIL 13, 1930

I have planned to write to you for sometime about a certain matter and I believe the time is now opportune. The enclosed clipping is partly along the line I have been thinking for several months.

Not more than a month after our return last fall my attention was called to the question of the religious status of the University. Figures from our Registrar indicated that 33% of our student body, last term, were Christian and 42% of our faculty for the same term. This semester is no better. The percentage seemed very low. Of course, I was and am aware that the past several years have been unusual. I decided nevertheless to make a study of the situation. During the Central Conference we had the privilege of having as guests, Davis of Yenching, Havermale of West China and Goudy of Fukien Christian University. Their figures for both students and faculty were far better than ours. I have had hours of conversation with the Chinese staff members who have charge of the Religious courses, Christian students leaders and also had occasion to mention it to President Chen. I have also talked the question over with certain foreign faculty members. There was a general agreement and concern expressed for the situation. Finally I decided to write to three members of the Board of Managers who live in Nanking giving them the facts and asking them to bring the subject up for discussion in their meeting. I considered it as important if not more important than some other routine business they transact. In order to have definite figures before them, I secured the last report of the China Christian Educational Association which gives comparative figures on these points. One gentleman brought it up in the Executive Finance Committee meeting which met sometime before the Board of Managers and it was disposed of by putting it into the hands of a committee.

In my letter to these gentlemen and to another one later on in Shanghai, I suggested several methods that I thought would point out the way for improvement. These were (1) a reduction in the student body to a maximum of 450, (the present maximum is 600 and the present enrollment is almost that), (2) an elimination of some of the work the University is attempting to do, and (3) a cutting down of our faculty personnel (We now have one teacher for about every 5 students in the Arts and Science Colleges and one teacher for every 3 students in the Agricultural College). The suggestions made above have all been endorsed by those with whom I have discussed the matter. Several Chinese and foreign faculty members moreover, have expressed the desirability of the reduction of students because of our lowered scholastic standards which they feel exists.

The Board of Managers simply reaffirmed their previous policy to not go beyond 600 students for the whole University (colleges). Their time was so limited that they did not discuss the real problem.

I feel that such a reduction in student enrollment, faculty personnel and the work we are endeavoring to do, would enable a raising of our scholastic standards and would tend toward a more wholesome influence for Christian work. Of course I realize that personal work is necessary among the students under any prevailing condition, but the suggested change would make such work much more productive at the present time in China when the feeling against foreigners and Christianity still flares up at every opportunity.

You ask the question, why does not the University Administrative Officers

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'adopt these three suggestions made? In reply I would say that in reference to a reduction in the student enrollment, it is generally recognized that we simply must have the money that comes in as the result of a large student body. To reduce the student numbers would mean closing the doors of the University. I have heard that mentioned ever since I have been connected with the University. It is pathetic and tragic to run a Christian institution on such a basis! You say a reduction in faculty and work would reduce the expenditures so as to enable us to enroll fewer students. Theoretically that sounds safe but practically it doesn't work out that way as can be seen in any one of our Church schools in the States. Student fees can not keep an institution open together with the small subsidy we now receive from the Boards. (Our fees now in the University are high and can not be increased.)

The next two suggestions go together. A reduction in the work which we are now attempting to do, should naturally result in a reduction in faculty personnel. This is a different problem and I feel it will need pressure from the Boards in order to bring it about. Any reduction I feel, should come probably in the Agricultural College in particular where we have a large faculty who teach a few courses while their extra time is devoted to "research". Much of this research work I feel should be left to the National Universities who are as capable and I believe more capable in many respects than our own staff for such work. But as you can imagine, such pet projects are difficult to eliminate.

It is extremely difficult to find and secure sufficient number of Christian faculty members to supply the many new places necessary with our present amount of curriculum work and projects we are undertaking. Right here it should be said that President Chen has spent weeks and weeks trying to secure Chinese Christian faculty members. They were either not available or we had not sufficient funds to get them. They went to other Christian institutions in East China. President Chen needs to be highly commended for realizing the very needy situation and trying to remedy it but has been largely unsuccessful because of lack of funds.

The Boards at home, it seems to me, need to study this question carefully and see that a proper reduction is made in our work. Then with such a reduction here there would naturally follow one in faculty personnel. This latter would mean a fewer number of faculty places to fill. In this connection, an additional number of consecrated Christian foreign faculty members would be a wonderful asset. And great care needs to be exercised in selecting not only faculty individuals but also secretaries who are sent out.

Here comes in the editorial which I have enclosed. The foreign members with whom I have talked also feel the same way about the situation. The question is what was the purpose of the founders of the University and have we continued to follow closely that purpose? The editorial I believe states the purpose:- "to provide educational facilities for our Christian constituency and to train Christian leaders." Is this still the purpose for the institution and its supporters or have we unconsciously gone beyond and are attempting to undertake work that had better be left for Chinese institutions? Are we emphasizing education instead of Christian education? Does it not seem opportune for the Boards at home to again determine the purpose of this institution? If our purpose is to provide educational facilities for our Christian constituency and to train Christian leaders it would seem to us on the field that this can best be accomplished by adopting the three suggestions: reduction in students, faculty and work.

This is impossible of accomplishment for the most part, especially in

regard to size of student body unless the Boards more fully subsidize the institution. If the work is not worth subsidizing so as to more fully attain the purpose of its existence then it would seem to be time to adopt a different definite policy toward our educational work.

We deeply feel the problem demands your most careful consideration and that some definite action will be taken. May we all have your full support in our prayer.

Very cordially yours,

(signed) J. T. Illick.

P.S. This is no official letter but the feeling of many of us on the field; and is meant not only for the Methodist Board but for the Boards who are responsible for the institution.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT

January 7, 1940

The University of Nanking
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

Dear Mr Garside:

Would it be possible to have a University of Nanking film (movie) to use during the week of Jan 14-21, for the price of the shipping? That week in Syracuse there is being conducted a drive for Relief work in China.

The film I have in mind is the one I used a couple of years ago. It dealt with Nanking before the present situation developed. If that film has been modified in any way it would make no difference. (The taken by Wheeler)

If this kind of an arrangement can be made please send it to me and I will see that it is safely returned. My home address is 935 Westcott St., Syracuse, N.Y.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Theron Illick
J. Theron Illick

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105 Kensington Place

Oct 12, 1940

Ack. 10/15/40

Dear Dr. Garside:

We would greatly appreciate receiving from
time to time any China news which you send out.
For example could we have a copy of Dr. Leighton
Scott's last letter describing conditions in China
as N. China and Japan.

Name put
on JLS list
and General list

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Note our change of home address.

Sincerely yours

Theron Ellick

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November 13, 1940

Dr. J. Theron Illiek
106 Kensington Place
Syracuse, New York

Dear Dr. Illiek:

We have your postcard of the 11th and have
mailed you the following material:

25 copies Autumn "China Colleges"
25 copies "The Story of the China Colleges"
25 copies "Out of Disaster - New Strength"
25 copies "A University in Exile" (Nanking)
25 copies "The University of Nanking Helps
to Build a New China"

If you can use additional copies of any of
this material or any other material that you may need,
please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Cameron

P. S. I believe the package was addressed to Mrs. Illiek
by mistake.

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January 3, 1941

Dr. J. Theron Illick
Syracuse University
Syracuse, New York

Dear Dr. Illick:

Every since we occupied your home for a year in Nanking, I have been looking forward to the opportunity of meeting you. It now seems that the time may have arrived. I am endeavoring to find a fellowship for Chu Yong-chang of the Registrar's office. You may remember him as a tall young man who always was affable and efficient in a difficult job. He graduated in 1933 and, I believe he went immediately into Dr. Ko's office.

Mr. Chu is hoping to come to this country next year to start work for a Doctor's degree in Applied Sociology and Local Public Administration. I have been advised that Syracuse would be one of the best possible places for him. Next Monday I am intending to drive to Cornell, and I am hoping that it would be possible for me to see you on Tuesday to discuss the best procedure in securing this opportunity for Mr. Chu. We believe that the University will provide his transportation, and we have in sight \$400.00 to help him meet his living expenses next year. We must secure a tuition scholarship, plus as much additional support as can be found, because his own resources are very limited.

I have already written to the Registrar of Syracuse University concerning this matter, and I had thought I might see the Dean of the Graduate School while I was in Syracuse.

The last few days have brought several letters from China which indicate that the clouds of winter are keeping the Japanese bombers away, and that the University is enjoying a peaceful academic year.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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105 KENSINGTON PLACE
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My dear Mr Caldwell:

Do you have any movie films covering
China before the war and since the war
began - in other words before and after.
We want them for use next Sunday
Feb. 2nd. If so send them on and
let me know.

Please send me your lists of
movies. Also can you secure the names
of any films the meth. office may have.
We are conducting a series of
Sunday eve services in our church and
want the films for Feb 2nd. Thanks!
Will let you select Sincerely J. Theron Delick
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105 KENSINGTON PLACE
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Dear Mr Caldwell: Act 2/4

Thanks for the films. I used one
at Auburn and several in our
Church (Evangelical) in Syracuse. Received
\$10.00 at Auburn so I am sending
half to you for the planting and
half to Ch. Com. for China Relief
thru the Methodist Ch. Will you
kindly pass it on?

Certainly glad to get the list of
movies etc available.

Hope to be able to let you know
soon more definitely about
the place for Mr Chu to live - JAC.
I'll try to see Mrs Blace soon.

Sincerely

Johnson Selick

\$5. and Methodist Board remittance slip sent to Dr. Ehnes 2/6/41
JAC



SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT

March 14, 1941

Dear Mr Caldwell:

Our Syracuse-in-China student committee is planning an educational evening for April 3. They plan to have it in the University Methodist Church because they want to raise money and for some reason the Administration does not permit such money raising schemes on the campus. They have been doing some very fine work this year.

One thing they want is to show some movies of the work in China and of China herself from a cultural standpoint. I selected for them some of the films which you listed for me. If possible can the following be dated for us for use on the 3rd of April?

✓ 1 reel of Yenching in Kodachrome
✓ 4 reels of the University of Nanking — sent 3/29/41
✓ 1 reel of Mt Omei
no-2 reels China's gifts to the west (Harmon Foundation) J.P.
no-1 reel of Salt wells of West China

It looks as though we were going into it rather heavy but they plan a continuous show as one feature.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Theron Illick
J. Theron Illick

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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT

May 29, 1941

My dear Mr Caldwell:

I suspect you wonder why I have never written about a place for Chu Yong-chang. I have waiting to learn what Jack Tien was going to do next year. He lives in the home of Prof and Mrs Place near us. He has received his doctors degree but is hoping to stay on in USA for sometime but not necessarily in Syracuse. I did not think it necessary to decide the place for Mr Chu at once because I was sure there would be a place for him in some home in Syracuse.

What is the final action as to Mr Chu's coming to this country? One day some time ago Dean Mosher called me up on the phone and mentioned the fact that my opinion was not so favorable as yours concerning Mr Chu. He meant the way I filled out a blank covering Mr Chu. I could not answer some questions because as I noted on the blank I did not know Mr Chu well enough to answer some items while you did. So far as I was concerned it was not significant. I hope my failing to answer some items has not prejudiced Dean Mosher against Mr Chu. I am still under the impression that Mr Chu is to have a scholarship in the School of Citizenship.

We had a sad case this past week. A Dr Nien (Peter Nien) of west China who came here for the Methodist General Conf and stayed on for study in surgery. Part of the time he spent in New York City and recently was here in Syracuse in the University Hospital. Last Saturday morning he was found dead in bed - took too much of a sleeping potion according to the autopsy. We buried him Wednesday morning after a beautiful service Tuesday evening.

With kind regards I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. Theron Illick
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ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT

September 10, 1941

Mr Oliver J. Caldwell
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

My dear Mr Caldwell:

I am enclosing the list of 16mm Motion Picture Films you sent me in January of this year. Do you know of any new ones that are now available? If so please list them and return the enclosed list.

Please advise me when you expect Mr Chu to arrive in Syracuse so that we can meet him. I had a letter from President Chen sometime ago and he thought he might be arriving sometime the first part of September.

Rev Lyman Hale is expected to be our Syracuse-in-China speaker here in October this fall. We spent an afternoon with him and his wife on the shores of Oneida Lake where they were spending several weeks during the summer.

With kind regards I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. Theron Illick

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September 12, 1941

Dr. J. Theron Illick
Syracuse University
Syracuse, New York

Dear Dr. Illick:

It was pleasant to hear from you again, and I am hastening to answer your letter. Unfortunately, I am not able to give you much information, either about motion pictures or about Mr. Chu.

As far as we know, Mr. Chu succeeded in securing plane passage to Hongkong, and a booking across the Pacific. However, our information is not up-to-date, and in recent weeks there have been drastic changes in the shipping situation on the Pacific. I heard recently that the ship bearing some of our returning students who left San Francisco in July went to Singapore by way of Australia, instead of going to Manila. I hope that Mr. Chu will be able to arrive in time for the academic year, but I am not at all sure that his ship has not been cancelled. In short I know nothing about him, and if you receive any information, I should be very happy if you would send it to me.

I am returning your list of our motion pictures, because we have nothing to add. I would suggest that you get in touch with the Missionary Education Movement at 156 Fifth Avenue, and with Miss Mary Brady of the Harmon Foundation at 140 Nassau Street. It is my impression that both of these organizations have new pictures of China which you might find useful for your Syracuse-in-China Program.

In the meantime, if there is anything we can do to help you, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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SYRACUSE, NEW YORK

ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Friday P.M.
Oct 6 - 1941

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Mr. Chu arrived this AM 8:27. He sent me an air mail letter yesterday. He attended his class this AM with Dean Mosher and this afternoon has a conference with the Dean. He is now filling out his Registration cards.

We had him for lunch. He will room at 788 Ostrom Ave in the home of Prof. Copeland whose family are all dead & who uses his home for students. He pays \$1.00 wk for the room. Two Korean Boys are in the same house - fine boys. The room is not fine but comfortable - has a nice room mate - a mature young man studying forestry. I'll have him meet some of the boys who are "China boys" & others. The Dean (Mosher) seems to think Chu is OK. Chu said he had not written to you but probably will. I don't know about his finances but I suspect you folks take care of that. Chu

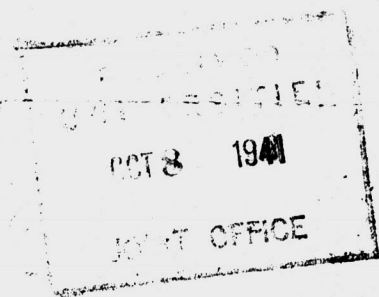
has not mentioned that. Suggested he eat in the
uni. Cafeteria in Slocum Hall which is the choicest
best place around here.

He is a fine Chap and I am sure he
will make good.

Sincerely

Theron Elliott

His Visa is for travel but I think it ought
to be changed to the student status.



January 31, 1942

Dr. J. Theron Illick
105 Kensington Place
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Illick:

I wonder if you would be good enough to give me your appraisal of Chu Yong-chang, based on what you have seen of him this year in Syracuse. Confidentially, I would like you to know that he would prefer to transfer to a school which emphasizes theory rather than practice. He is very much pleased with the intellectual standards of the Maxwell School, but informs me that his usefulness when he returns to the University of Nanking will be greater if he concentrates on the theories of political science rather than on the practical problems of government. I know so little about this field that I feel quite unable to judge his viewpoint clearly.

You may be interested to know that a fine young Yenching staff member, Gerald Tien, who is finishing his first year of graduate study in political science at the University of Michigan has applied to Dean Mosher for a fellowship. He is of the opinion that his needs might best be met in Syracuse. Dean Mosher answered Tien's application in a very cordial tone. Chu says that the Dean has also been extremely helpful and friendly to him personally.

I would very much appreciate your opinion.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT

I. Slick

February 6, 1942

Mr Oliver J. Caldwell
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr Caldwell:

Your letter dated January 31st came several days ago. We have just finished registration for the second semester and today was our first day of classes (5th). During registration I sought out one of the men in the Maxwell School of Citizenship where Chu is studying.

So far as the course here in Syracuse being practical or theoretical is beside the point. It is both in many respects. This course is a graduate course as you know, ordinarily covering two years. The intervening summer was used for "internship" work. Then during the second year of residence most of the time was spent in writing a thesis. This two year's course has been reduced to one. The thesis and "internship" I believe have been reduced or partly eliminated. For this reason the man with whom I discussed this, thought it might be well for Chu to go to some other place as Harvard, if for nothing more than to get different view points, especially since he feels the way he apparently has expressed himself to you.

Chu spoke to me several weeks ago wondering about his second year. He said they had reduced the course as to the time involved as I have already indicated above. I made no definite suggestions to him at that time.

They told me here that they expected Chu to get what he could. They did not expect he could do the work satisfactorily because his English for a month or so at the beginning (especially in the comprehension of the spoken word) was very limited. I noticed that when he first arrived. By now, he is set for good work. If he should decide to go some where else or to stay here, he ought to be able to gain a great deal. In this connection I should say that there are courses offered here in Political Science for undergraduate students. Rowland took several of them as his minor subject.

Chu must not expect to get much in America for use in China directly. With his Chinese background he must be able to take what he gets here (Syracuse or elsewhere) and adapt it to China's conditions. He "complained" once to me that the course dealt much with the American situation, as it is and as it ought to be, and that he expected something more directly related to China (or shall I say "theoretical"). I told him that ~~was~~ his job. I cannot see how he can expect to get information here in this country to use directly in teaching in China. I would hope not! He must select and adapt what he gets here.

Either Columbia or Harvard and especially the latter I understand would be desirable, for a change. If he leaves Syracuse he will get much more not because the Maxwell School did not offer any thing but because his ear is now in tune for English comprehension.

I hope this answers your letter satisfactorily.

With kind regards, I am, *A. Slick* (I. Slick)

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