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CHEMISTRY

WM. H. ADOLPH, PH. D.

YENCHING

3408 Wallace St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 1, 1921.

Rev. H. W. Luce,
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Luce:

I have returned east again, and will use the above address as headquarters during the summer and fall. Your letter was forwarded to me here.

Dr. Tage U. H. Ellinger is in South America during the summer and can be addressed "% Royal Danish Legation, Southern Building, Washington, D. C." During the fall semester he will be at the University of Illinois, and can be addressed "% Department of Genetics, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill." If you send his address to China I suggest of course that you send the second one.

Personally, I think Dr. Ellinger's presence on the staff of your School of Animal Husbandry in Peking would be a splendid opportunity from the point of view of the prestige which it would mean. In addition, he is in touch with all the leaders in his line on the continent of Europe, and I presume is rising rapidly to be one of them himself. Thinking of the future of the school, it seems to me it would be well worth while making contact with a man of his training and position. I know Dr. Ellinger would be pleased to drop in to see you when he reaches New York at the close of the summer if you would like to get into touch with him.

With very sincere regards,

Yours truly,

Wm. H. Adolph

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see if has
correspondence*

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

TRANSFER

November 8, 1928.

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

YENCHING

see letter
8/11/28

My dear Garside:

A short time ago, I received an invitation from President Stuart of Yen-ching to join the Yen-ching staff in chemistry. He intimated that details re such an appointment would be handled by the trustees of Yen-ching in New York. My understanding is that you are secretary of this Board of Trustees.

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I have not yet replied to the invitation proper. There are some respects in which it presents an appeal. Can you give me more definite information as to the mechanism on which my salary and appointment would be handled, if I should accept? Would this be as of a mission board appointee or under the university direct? Would the financial arrangements under the university be about the same as under a mission board? I am under the impression that there have been some changes in the salary ratings for North China. Is this true? My interest in the financial end is only secondary, but with a family of school-age children, one can not but count the cost first. My impression is that under the Presbyterian Board the travel trips allowed the junior members of our family would be soon overdrawn ~~in such manner~~ ^{taking into account my previous service} that the expense of future trips would have to be taken care of in some other way.

I will be glad if you can jot down for me some time at your leisure whatever information you think I ought to have.

5 Katharine joins in regards to Mrs. Garside and yourself.

Very truly yours,

Wm. A. Adolph

P.S.- Thank you for sending copies of the China Universities program. I hope the institutions concerned will carry out what they have put down again on paper.

W.A.A.

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November 12, 1928

U. S. A. State
100 North
New York City

My dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours very truly,
The University of Michigan
Library

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The University of Michigan
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November 12, 1928

Yenching University

Dr. William H. Adolph,
Department of Chemistry,
University of Nebraska,
Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Adolph:

I am enclosing two somewhat formal letters which have been prepared for you during the last week or so. Just as I was on the point of mailing them I received your letter of November 8.

We are anxious to have you consider the claims of both Cheeloo and Yenching on their merits. My own feeling is that the important thing is to get you back into the work in China, and I feel that at either of these two university centres you would be able to render a splendid service.

I will try to answer briefly the questions you raise in your letter of November 8: -

If you should accept the Yenching appointment, it is planned that you would continue under the Presbyterian Board, as one of their quota at Yenching. There is now one vacancy on the Yenching quota and your name has been mentioned first on a list of several distinguished gentlemen as a desirable appointee to fill the vacancy.

The present salary ratings for North China have been somewhat increased during the last few years. At the present time the Presbyterian salary rate is \$1680 per year for the first fifteen years, with the same children's allowances as before, that is, \$200 per year for each child until they are ten, and \$300 a year thereafter. From fifteen years on the salary is \$1800 a year. The Presbyterian allowance for children's travel is five single trips for each child.

For your information I am also enclosing copy of the salary schedule for the staff members supported direct by Peking University. You will note that they are very much the same as provided by the different Boards.

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Dr. William H. Adolph - - - - - (2)

Thus far we have not completed arrangements at Yenching for pension and retiring allowances, but we are at work on the proposition now and will, I hope, have something concrete accomplished within the next year.

We will be very much interested in hearing from you further.

Margaret joins me in sending all good wishes to Mrs. Adolph and yourself.

Cordially yours,

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YENCHING

~~SHANTUNG~~

dec 11/24/28

November 12, 1928

Dr. William H. Adolph,
Department of Chemistry,
University of Nebraska,
Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Dr. Adolph:

On September 14, 1928 Dr. J. Leighton Stuart wrote as follows:

"Department of Chemistry. The Faculty Executive Committee has unanimously approved the recommendation of the Department of Chemistry that Dr. William H. Adolph be invited to join our faculty after next summer, provided that he come under appointment from the Presbyterian Board. You know Dr. Adolph too well for me to make any comments regarding his technical equipment and Christian purpose. There has been very serious consideration of the vacancy created by Mr. Gibb's change of plans, and all concerned feel that there cannot be a better solution than the one proposed."

You are too well acquainted with the work being done at Yenching to need any prolonged discussion of the splendid Christian service they are rendering there. Yenching has now completed the major part of its building program and has by far the best equipped Christian university plant in China. It has also the largest amount of financial support of any of our China colleges. The development of the Harvard-Yenching Institute of Chinese Studies, and the additional endowment which it is confidently expected will come to the University through the estate of Dr. Charles M. Hall, will further increase the scope of the work and the solidarity of support of the University. The correlated program now being developed quite rightly gives Yenching a leading position in the work of Christian higher education in China.

Not only from Dr. Stuart's formal communication but also from a number of more informal letters and comments I have received from Yenching, it has been made clear that they are extremely anxious to have you join the staff there. I believe that you are already acquainted both with Dr. Stanley D. Wilson and Professor E. O. Wilson, who would be your colleagues in the Chemistry Department.

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Dr. William H. Adolph - - - - - (2)

Under separate cover I am sending you various recent Yenching publications, which will show just what is being done there at present.

Within the last few days we have received a cable from Dr. Stuart urging that you be secured for this place in the Department of Chemistry. There is now a vacancy on the Presbyterian quota of the Yenching staff, and I am sure that the Board would be happy to have you fill this position.

Please write us for further information about the whole proposition. In this first letter I am not attempting to do anything more than outline the situation. I am sure there are many questions you will want to ask.

Very cordially yours,

BAG:RL

Secretary.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN

November 22, 1928.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

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

My dear Garside:

Thank you for your letters of November 12th. It was good of you to write the informal letter along with the others. I am pleased to know that it is thought that I am needed at Chee-loo and that there is another sphere of activity in Yenching. I feel honored by the urge of the invitations.

There are one or two thoughts that come to my mind concerning the question of a return to China. We will need to consider carefully the childrens' schooling. I find that another five years would bring our two older children to 14 and 16 years of age. The older will be ready perhaps for school in USA, the second, hardly. Their travel trips across the Pacific will have become exhausted. Either I must decide on a 5-year appointment only, which I do not think wise, - or I must handle the matter of additional travel myself, which might be difficult. -- Next, I hesitate to return to the Orient unless I can feel that there will be provided the opportunity to keep myself fit and prepared for efficient service. I think of furloughs, as relates to and the specific teaching and research which I might be returning to undertake, and direct. China has changed; the jack-of-all-trades day in the universities is past. I would be doing wrong if I should go to China just as part of a vague western Christian influence, rather than to make an intense impression and a specialized contribution. I could do more effective service in USA. One feels a confidence that Yenching University for example would arrange for that the matter of leaves-of-absence is arranged for its own staff most effectively. I do not feel the same confidence in a mission board which deals in quantity lots. The furlough regulations of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions do not fit into the program well of those in university work. -- Personally, I feel too that I must keep in mind the next collapse, when I will be laid by again to fend for myself. And if I return to China, it would be with the hope of prolonged service there, but with some prospect of efficient work equal to the new day and generation.

With two opportunities facing us, I feel under obligation to indicate somewhat our mind in choosing between the two, if it seems that we should return to the Orient. We have given this much thought and consideration, and have decided that we would consider the Yenching invitation.

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There are a number of thoughts that suggest themselves in this connection. My sympathies have not been nearly so closely wrapped up in Chee-loo as they have been in the progress of Christian University training in China. I am pleased ~~that~~ to note that the emphasis of Chee-loo has been changed. The recommendations of the Council on Higher Education in Shanghai with regard to the universities have been entirely too modest; they should have done more surgery. -- I feel that my special qualifications and capacities best fit into the opening at Yenching. I would not suggest that my work at Chee-loo has been completed, but I am sincere in believing that the post I held there should be turned over to a Chinese. There are sentiments that drew us to Chee-loo of course, and it has been difficult to break with these.

Next, if I should go to Yenching, I am wondering to what extent the appointment would be a Presbyterian appointment and to what extent a Yenching appointment. The system of dual control to me has been very disturbing. There are many cases in which it is impossible to serve two masters. I would not object to receiving a salary thru a mission board, but if I should take service at Yenching, I should want to feel that I was responsible first to Yenching University. It should be so; these universities can not be staffed effectively otherwise. Now I know there are transition steps, and I would be anxious to help bridge a transition stage; but if there is a university vacancy, I would not be averse to filling the university appointment instead of the mission appointment.

These are some of the thoughts that are occurring to us as we deliberate as to whether we ought to return to the Far East or no. I have written to Peking re matter of school facilities and also details re the course work in bio-chemistry which they have invited me to undertake. If, meanwhile, you have information bearing on some of the random thoughts I have jotted down here, you will be able to help us in arriving at a decision.

Of course, if there is a possibility that we might be leaving for the Orient next summer, I want to come to a final decision as soon as possible. Arrangements would have to be made here with the university; the University of Nebraska will need to secure my successor. I have already arranged tentatively to teach here during the 9 weeks of the summer school in 1929; some other arrangements would have to be made for this; I think I could slide from under this summer school work if necessary.

Very many thanks for the printed booklets. I am returning the office copy of Yenching catalogue as requested.

Very truly yours,

Wm. H. Adolph

Wm. H. Adolph

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TRANSFER

YENCHING

Yenching University
Shantung Christian University

December 4, 1928.

My dear Adolph:

We are glad to have your letter of November 22nd and to know that you are once more seriously considering the call of the East. In this particular case the call is both loud and persistent.

I weighed in my mind for some time the question of whether I ought to go over with Dr. Scott in some detail several of the questions you suggest as to the financial arrangements if you return to China under the Presbyterian Board. I decided, however, that I had better send this letter to you so as to get a little fuller expression of your viewpoint on several things before I go formally to Dr. Scott, or any of the other Presbyterian brethren.

You discuss specifically the question of whether if you should decide in favor of the call to Yenching you would prefer to go out under direct University support or continue under the Presbyterian Board. We have already sent you a copy of our Yenching University schedule and you know the financial schedules of the Presbyterian Board, so there is not a great deal more we can add to assist you in forming your judgment. We quite sympathize with you in feeling some lack of confidence "in a Mission Board which deals in quantity lots", but undoubtedly there are certain advantages of Mission Board support which have not yet been duplicated by any of our Universities. In the first place, under the Presbyterian Board you would have the advantages of their new Pension Plan, which is far better than anything either Yenching or Shantung has yet been able to develop independently. Since you already have 13 years of missionary service to your credit, your interest in a pension fund is a pretty substantial one. At the present time Yenching is just beginning a serious study of some pension plan for members of staff supported directly by the University, and we hope that in a year or two some satisfactory plan may be evolved, but as yet there is nothing final or concrete. The question confronting you as regards future trips for the children has not, so far as I know, ever yet been raised by any of the Yenching staff supported directly by the University.

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I hope, but of course have no positive assurance, that if you were under direct University support the question of any limitation on the number of trips taken by the children would not be raised. This might be considered a logical procedure since the earlier trips taken by the children were before you went on the University support. You are undoubtedly correct that the furlough regulations of the Presbyterian Board are not well suited for those of us engaged in educational work, as they give too infrequent opportunity to return home and catch up with the trend of educational progress in our specialized field. The University regulations are slightly more satisfactory in this regard. There are some other comparisons that might be drawn but you will recognize them all and it is not necessary for me to comment on them.

The particular form in which the Yenching invitation has thus far been extended contemplates your coming out under Presbyterian support. There is now one vacancy on the Presbyterian quota which it is proposed you fill. I have no official word from Peking as to how the University would react to a proposal that you come out under direct University support, but will of course be happy to pass that suggestion on to them if you so desire.

You are quite correct, of course, in keeping in mind the prospect of what may happen in "the next collapse". I hope, however, that you will not give undue weight to the possibility that you "will be laid by again to fend for yourself". The situation in the summer of 1927 was a most unprecedented one and I hope will never occur again. The mess that was made of your own case was due largely to the fact that dear old Dr. Orville Reed, who was handling your own case, was already on the verge of the collapse from which he died a few months later, and everyone else in the Presbyterian Board was simply worked beyond their strength. As a result a number of serious blunders in handling missionary personnel were made by the Presbyterian Board. Many of these blunders, such as the one made in your case, were recognized too late, but at least we hope the experience gained then will help to prevent a repetition in the future. Many of your good friends have not failed to express to our Presbyterian brethren in no uncertain terms what they think of the way your case was handled, and I hope the impression we tried to make will be a lasting one. I am still convinced that the work for Western Missionaries in China will continue long after both you and I, and our children as far as that matter, have finished our job and passed on to our reward for good work done or punishment for work left undone.

As I stated before, I feel that the decision as to whether you can do better work at Cheeloo or Yenching must be left entirely to you. Both institutions are doing a splendid piece of work, each in its own way, and both I feel have great prospects

for the future. While the need in both is great, you quite appreciate that in Cheeloo just at this time it is unusually urgent. They have been counting greatly on your return and if they find you are not coming they will be keenly disappointed, and without doubt somewhat discouraged. Yet, on the other hand, there is certainly need and opportunity for you at Yenching. My own feeling is that the important thing is for us to persuade you to return to China, and to leave the field of your work to your own choice.

Please write me further and if you are willing to do so, give me permission either to go to the Presbyterian Board and talk over some of the details of your return to the field or else to communicate with the field and ask for arrangements as to your return under the direct support of one of the Universities.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very cordially, yours,

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Dr. Wm. H. Adolph,
Department of Chemistry,
University of Nebraska,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

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YENCHING

TRANSFER

Shantung Christian University
Yenching University

December 27, 1928

Dr. Wm. H. Adolph,
The University of Nebraska,
Department of Chemistry,
Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Adolph:

Yesterday I was able to spend some time going over with Dr. George T. Scott the various questions you raise in your letters of November 22 and December 13.

I find that Dr. Scott agrees heartily with me in feeling that we must by all means get you back into the work in China. I think he agrees too that the place where you are to work and the details of your arrangement should be decided in ways that are most satisfactory to you. These details are secondary to the important problem of getting you back on the field next summer.

As to the Yenching invitation, there is, as I stated in my earlier correspondence, one vacancy on the Presbyterian quota which is being held open awaiting your decision. There have, during the last few months, been other suggestions of former Yenching members of staff who might be appointed to fill this vacancy, but I understand it is Dr. Stuart's wish that we try if possible to keep this place open until you have reached your decision.

On the Cheeloo staff we are, of course, keeping a place on the Presbyterian quota available for you.

We sincerely hope that you and Mrs. Adolph will find it possible to go to one of these two Universities under Presbyterian support. We want you to understand quite clearly though that, even if you should ultimately decide you do not care to return to the field under a mission board, there is still a very good possibility of providing for your support in either University direct from University funds. Yenching already has a fairly large group of Westerners supported directly by the University, and this list is growing year by year. At Cheeloo, as you know, we do not as yet have a very large group of Westerners supported by the University direct, but it is certain that this group will increase steadily during the next few years. So if your decision in regard to returning under mission support should prove to be adverse do not let that deter you from continuing to think of a return to China for I will at once get in touch with the field and see what can be done along lines of direct University support.

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Dr.W.H.Adolph-2

12/27/28

I can assure you that the Presbyterian Board and the authorities of both of these Universities are keenly interested in you and are extremely anxious to have you back on the field next year.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

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Dr. W. H. S.
M. A. A.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN

January 10, 1929.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

B. A. Garside, Esq.,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

TRANSFER

YENCHING

Feb. 1/23

My dear Garside:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 27th.

We have practically ^{decided} ~~agreed~~ to accept the invitation from Dr. Stuart to join the faculty of Yen-ching next fall. As to the manner of handling the salary arrangements, I have decided to leave this in Dr. Stuart's hands. Your letter emboldens me to suggest that I would like him to know my very decided preference to be under the university. I feel I could serve the university best if that was our status. However, Dr. Stuart has his financial plans for the university with which I would like to accord, as far as possible, and if he desires me to act as one of the Presbyterian Board's appointees, I will not seriously object; except that, - it must certainly be understood that I be responsible to Yen-ching University and subject, I should hope, to the rules and regulations governing their own appointees.

Whatever financial arrangements are made, I presume the contract will contain some sort of proviso for terminating the appointment, if such a crisis arrives. It occurs to me that there might be a proviso that the engagement be terminated with one year's notice from either side; and while I would go to Yen-ching to all intents as a permanent appointment, I do not think I would be wrong in requesting some such understanding. My best friends in China urging our return to the Orient, are not backward in noting that an appointment at any university in China carries with it a 100% risk, and I believe they are correct. I want nothing for myself, but merely reasonable protection for my family, and do not think I am asking too much. These things are but elements in assuring that one's mind is made free for satisfactory and constructive work.

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I have received several letters from Stanley D. Wilson, the last one answering queries of mine regarding the type of work in chemistry; it further assures me that I could fit into their scheme in the teaching work. I am not writing to Dr. Stuart. -- I think we shall therefore vaguely plan on a return to China for the fall semester. If the appointment materializes, I would have to inform the university of my resignation not later than ~~by~~ the close of March. Moreover, if the Yen-ching proposal materializes, I should wish to send a note to my friend Li Tien-lu, a copy of which I would send you.

You will be interested in the arrival, Dec. 27th last, of Dorothy-May Adolph. The little lady is doing splendidly.

With regards,

very sincerely,

Wm. S. Adolph

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YENCHING

January 23, 1929

Dr. William H. Adolph,
Department of Chemistry,
University of Nebraska,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

My dear Dr. Adolph:

I am sorry that your letter of January 11 has not been acknowledged sooner. I was in Detroit a couple of days last week, attending the Foreign Missions Convention, and have been struggling since then to catch up.

We are mighty glad to know that you have about decided to return to China. I have sent to Dr. Stuart in the last China mail a quotation from your letter of January 11, and am asking him to cable their decision as soon as they receive this communication. We should therefore have some word from the field in about four, or at most five weeks. I have tried to keep Dr. Stuart quite fully informed of developments, so he should have the facts pretty well in mind before this latest correspondence reaches him.

We congratulate you and Mrs. Adolph on the safe arrival of little Miss Dorothy May.

Very cordially yours,

HAG:BL

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Ed Scott.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

TRANSFER

2/18/29.

YENCHING

Ack
2/21/29

My Dear Casside: -

I am writing to anticipate in a way the letter you may be writing me soon when that cable answer reaches you from Yenching. — I mentioned to the University here a while ago the possibility of my not remaining at Nebraska another academic year. They would be put to the task of finding my successor, of course. Recently the department chairman has suggested that they will be extremely grateful if I can give definite word as to my staying or leaving as speedily as possible. They have got in touch with another prospect who will be available up till March 1st; in addition to this are fellowship awards which would have to be fixed by March 1st ^{and} which would depend on the new personnel. — I write therefore to suggest that when you write you include in your note whatever definite information you can so that I can reach an immediate decision ^{as to} accordingly. Staff changes are always awkward & I want to help the department here all I can.

It is in my mind to suggest that, if it seems that I am to go to Yenching, ^{as is possible} that I receive from you whatever assurance ^{in line of} ~~formal appointment~~ ^{formal appointment} that will enable me to resign here knowing that my salary for next academic year is an assured fact. —

Next, - at a very early date, I ^{would like to} ~~must~~ know when this appointment would start. - My work here ends May 31st. I can not will remain idle or just vacationing during the summer. If I carry thru my summer school appointments,

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I would be kept here till Aug. 15th - too late I fear to permit my visit
 home to Philadelphia & arrival at Peking in time for fall semester. - I
 might approach the Chem. Medical Board for a 2-months' fellowship for
 June & July. but am doubtful if they would appoint for such a short period. -
 If I undertake to withdraw from my summer school appointments here. -
 (the appointment was made last October) I am duty bound to inform
 the authorities at a very early date.

Now I realize that this ^{disturbance} ~~disturbance~~ in my past career ~~unavoidable~~ ^{unavoidable} ~~of~~
 that I have caused you lots of trouble. It just occurred to me that
 writing a note to you now. I might save an extra return letter.

In event of our sailing orient. ward this summer. I presume
 the close of the summer would be the ^{healthiest} ~~healthiest~~ travelling ^{time}. - we
 would want to reach Yenching in time to get settled if possible
 before opening of the fall semester, - sailing about first week of August(?)

Best wishes for your work. - I often think of the very
 unselfish service you are doing. - of the thankless kind, - in helping
 to hold together & push forward these union institutions. - the kind
 which Balme remarked 'involved more Board ~~and~~ less joint'. Your work
 has been an inspiration to a lot of us.

Yours.

Wm. S. Doerflinger

PS

Congratulations on the last number of Chem. & Med.

I just gave another of my lecture talks yesterday, in "Chemical Culture"
 One of my former Chem. & Med. students is here at Princeton, studying not chemistry,
 but political science!

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NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 27, 1929

WILLIAM H. ADOLPH
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

TRANSFER

YENCHING HAS CABLED REPEATING INVITATION YOU COME OUT UNDER PRESBYTERIAN BOARD
STOP PRESBYTERIAN BOARD MEETING TOMORROW MORNING WILL DECIDE YOUR APPOINTMENT
DATE SALARY BEGINS STOP I WILL WIRE DECISION AT NOON TOMORROW STOP EARNESTLY
HOPE YOU DECIDE IN FAVOR OF RETURN TO CHINA.

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WILLIAM H. ADOLPH
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN NEBRASKA

TRANSFER

NEW YORK FEBRUARY 28 1929

PRESBYTERIAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVES APPOINTMENT YENCHING SALARY BEGINNING

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YENCHING

TRANSFER

Yenching University

February 28, 1929.

Dear Adolph,

I enclose confirmation copies of the night letter sent you last night, and the telegram sent you today. We made pretty close connections in the matter of getting these facts to you before the end of February, but I trust that bothreached you in time to enable you to reach your decision wisely and unhurriedly.

Yesterday we received a cablegram from Yenching in which they repeated their request that we try to secure you under Presbyterian support. I at once got in touch with the Presbyterian Board and found they were having a meeting of the Executive Committee this morning at which the matter of your appointment to Yenching could be taken up. I therefore wrote them fully in regard to the situation, and last night sent off the night letter.

I understand that the Executive Committee of the Presbyterian Board approved the request with real rejoicing at the prospect of your early return to the field. Dr. Scott's office reported to me by telephone as quickly as they could that the Executive had approved your appointment to Yenching, and had agreed to the resumption of your furlough allowance as of June 1, 1929. I believe that as far as the Presbyterian Board is concerned, only two technicalities remain to be cleared - approval of the Executive Council action by the full meeting of the Board next week, and approval by the China Council of your transfer from the Shantung Mission to the North China Mission.

I sincerely trust, therefore, that you will find it possible to accept the University's invitation, and that by the beginning of September you will be happily established on the Yenching campus. I could shed a regretful tear over the big gap in already decimated ranks which your going will leave behind at Cheeloo, and I can picture the wailing which will go up in Tsinan when the news reaches the field. But the big thing is the Christian educational enterprise of all China, which after all is a unified undertaking in which we all play our parts as best we may. I know you can do a magnificent piece of work wherever you go, and having you go is the important consideration.

Warmest of good wishes.

Cordially,

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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

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YENCHING

My dear Garrison.

TRANSFER

Just this line to acknowledge the two telegrams which you sent this week. I appreciate the care you exercised in getting this information ^{to me} by March 10th. I ~~have~~ ^{immediately} informed the university that my post will be vacant next year & they took steps immediately. I think the Department will be able to get ~~them~~ ^{the} men whom they want to take my place.

I presume that the University or the Presbyterian Board will let me have some sort of memo as to length of ~~time~~ notice which it is understood will be given ~~me~~ if a withdrawal from the service becomes necessary. I do not think I am asking too much here. Both Roy Herinburger & I felt this was nothing but a just protection against emergencies & I trust it will be forthcoming. Contingent upon some simple understanding of this sort, you may inform Yenching of my acceptance of this invitation for next fall. —

It was very gracious of the Presbyterian authorities to vote to advance date of beginning of my salary. — I find now, on careful examination of the calendar, that the date the Univ. year end^d & the date on which my summer contract was to begin was June 10th not June 1st. I will be pleased if you ^{will} have this date corrected if it comes to the matter of commencing salary payments.

Yours very truly,

Wm. A. Doolittle

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

March 5, 1929

Dr. W. H. Adolph,
Department of Chemistry,
University of Nebraska,
Lincoln, Nebraska

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. Adolph:

On February 28th we received a letter from Mr. B. A. Garside quoting a cablegram just received from Yenching University reading as follows: "We desire to have Dr. William H. Adolph if he can be appointed by the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A." Mr. Garside also quoted a letter from you, dated February 18th, in which you indicated again your willingness to go out to Yenching University under either Board appointment or direct University support. He urged the necessity of a prompt decision by the Board. I regretted the necessity for making such a decision in the absence of Dr. George T. Scott; yet, as Dr. Scott and I had talked the matter over pretty thoroughly, I thought I knew his mind and therefore did not hesitate to present the matter to the Executive Council and the Board. Fortunately the Council met a day earlier than usual, so that on Thursday of last week I was able to report to Mr. Garside that the Board had approved your transfer from the Shantung to the North China Mission and from Shantung Christian University to Yenching University. Mr. Garside expected to wire you at once of this decision and my purpose in writing today is simply to confirm the decision by sending you the Board's formal action. This is as follows:

"In view of the desire of Dr. W. H. Adolph for a transfer from Shantung Christian University to Yenching University, North China Mission, and of the desire of Yenching for his transfer to their Premedical Department, to complete the Presbyterian quota, the Board approved the transfer from University to University and from Shantung to North China Mission, subject to approval of China Council. In order to prevent the necessity of Dr. Adolph's teaching during the summer at the University of Nebraska and thus being late in arriving on the field, it was voted to extend the Adolphi's furlough from March 31, 1929 and to reinstate the allowances of the Adolphi from the cessation of Nebraska salary, May 31, until their sailing the first week in August."

You will note that the transfer is "subject to the approval of China Council." I think no difficulty needs to be anticipated in securing that approval, but the Board's action is so stated in

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view of the understanding between Board and Council that transfers from Mission to Mission are subject to the Council's approval. The Board is sure that you will find a large field of usefulness at Yenching University. The only cause for any hesitation about the transfer was the feeling of Dr. Scott and others that Shantung perhaps needed you more; but the Board had no desire to force preference in the matter.

Hoping that all may work out satisfactorily in the development of your plans for return and that some day we may ourselves see you in Peking. We have had very delightful acquaintance with Mrs. Adolph's sister, Miss Minnie Witmer.

Cordially yours,

Courtenay H. Fenn,
Acting Secretary

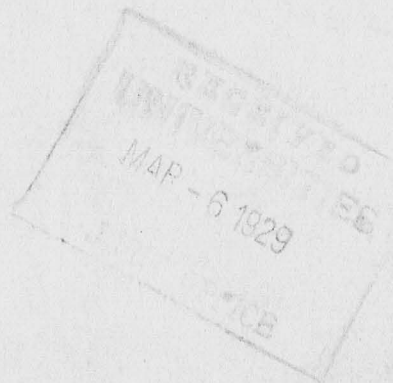
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Cordially yours,

Courtesy H. Ford,
Acting Secretary



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Yenching University

March 6, 1929.

TRANSFER

Dr. Wm. H. Adolph,
Department of Chemistry,
University of Nebraska,
Lincoln, Neb.

Dear Adolph:

Glad to have your letter of March 2nd and to know that you have been able to go forward with definite plans for going out to Yenching this summer.

Dr. Fenn has today sent me a copy of a letter he wrote you yesterday so you will already have the Presbyterian Board's formal notification of the action of the Executive Council.

In the second paragraph of your letter you make a request which is not entirely clear to me so I wish to get your viewpoint more clearly in mind before I make any move. You state that "I presume that the University or the Presbyterian Board will let me have some sort of a memorandum as to length of notice which it is understood will be given if a withdrawal from its service becomes necessary". I am not sure whether, by the phrase "withdrawal from the service" you refer to possible voluntary resignation at your own initiative, or termination of the service at the initiative of the University or the Presbyterian Board, or whether you have both of these possibilities in mind.

As you know, all of our Universities in matters affecting the appointment or withdrawal of mission supported personnel, deal through the mission rather than with the individual direct. Any matters relating to your withdrawal would, therefore, be taken up by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions although, of course, this Board would always act in cooperation, and after consultation, with the University authorities.

The provisions of the Presbyterian Board in regard to withdrawal of missionaries from service under the Board are set forth in full in the "Manual of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. I am sure you will have a copy of this Manual. On pages 22, 23, and 24 the provisions for withdrawal from service are taken up in full. On pages 59 to 78 the whole subject of salaries, allowances, furloughs, etc., is gone over quite exhaustively. I have noticed that, whenever any special case is brought to the attention of the Board, they always refer to these sections in the Board Manual and base their decision thereon. I suspect that it would be extremely difficult to get the Board to approve any formal commitment to any agreement beyond the provisions in the Manual. When an individual need is presented to the Board

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is apt to be more generous than its accepted regulations demand if the situation seems to justify special treatment.

In general, where the Board has found it necessary to have a missionary withdraw from active service because the situation on the field is such that a missionary cannot continue, it has usually tried to do the generous thing and to provide for the missionary for a reasonable length of time after the withdrawal becomes effective. In the summer of 1927 we had a situation that had never occurred before and will probably not occur in the future. At that time an extremely large number of missionaries were brought home very suddenly from China, involving the Board in the expenditure of many tens of thousands of dollars for special traveling expenses and furlough salaries. At the same time disturbed conditions in China resulted in a serious falling off of income. The Board therefore asked as many of the missionaries as could, and would, to voluntarily seek other means of support for the time being. I believe there was a clear understanding on the part of the Board that its missionaries were under no obligation to accede to this request and that, if any missionary asked that the Board continue its regular payments of salaries and allowances, the Board was legally obligated to make these payments. Both you and Dr. Heimbürger very generously agreed to the Board's request and sought other support for the time being. Should the same situation arise again, however, both of you would be quite justified in insisting that the Board continue its regular payments to you, and there is no doubt that the Board would of necessity grant your request.

I hope that such an emergency will never arise again. I feel, however, that you would be protected by the present terms of the Board's agreement with its missionaries, should you find it necessary to ask for that protection. I would appreciate it, however, if, after you have gone over the sections in the Board Manual which I have referred to above, you would write me again as to what further guarantees you feel the Board should make.

I notice that Dr. Fenn's letter restates my understanding that the Presbyterian Board is willing to assume your salary as of June 1st. You point out that June 10th is the date when your contract with the University of Nebraska terminates. If you wish the Presbyterian Board to postpone the beginning of your salary until the tenth, will you please mention this matter to Dr. Fenn when you write in reply to his letter of yesterday.

Please let me know whether there are any other points in which I can assist. I do not want our friends at 156 to get the idea we are too Bolshevistic on any of these matters but, at the same time, I am anxious that we do everything possible to make every possible adjustment consistent with general Presbyterian policy, which can be made on your behalf.

Very cordially yours,

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

March 12, 1929.

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TRANSFER

Dear Garside:

Let me acknowledge your letter of March 6th. I fear I do not have the manual which you mention, but never mind. It is evident to me that big corporations have steam-roller rules which are intended to cover all cases to the greatest benefit of all concerned! and I do not wish to appear too Bolshevik. And I believe essentially in working out from existing conditions rather than in radical legislation.

I quite agree with you, as far as the situation on the whole is concerned, but individually,

In asking for some sort of understanding, I had in mind "termination of my service at the instance of the University or Board of Foreign Missions". I am interested in knowing that you think the situation of 1927 will not occur again.

I however would go out to Yenching very definitely to make it occur again as far as I am concerned, and will not feel my work is done properly if I do not aim to bring it about that my services as professor of biochemistry at Yenching are dispensable within 10 or 15 years say. Moreover the result may manifest itself suddenly, - over night as it were, - for this is China!

i.e. to help replace foreign staff by Chinese

Let me suggest that one of the secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions, - since it is they who will be paying my salary, - give me a memo, not a special board action, intimating that in case of another situation arising where my services must be dispensed with, sufficient time will be given me to locate another position. An assurance something like this was given Dr. Heimbürger. If you feel that I am asking too much I really want to know. -- If I felt that I was going to China either under Yenching or under the Board of Foreign Missions as a sort of life proposition, I might have nothing to ^{be anxious} ~~be~~ about it, but in justice to the university I have no right to think of it in this light.

Again I regret that I am continually bothering you. I trust this will all be arranged soon so that I can leave you in peace.

Regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Wm. A. Joseph.

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Very Respectfully,

Let me acknowledge your letter of March 10th. I
am glad to hear that you are interested in the
work of the Department of Chemistry. It is a
very important part of the University and I
am sure that you will find it very interesting.
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Yenching University

March 23, 1929

Dr. William H. Adolph,
Department of Chemistry,
University of Nebraska,
Lincoln, Neb.

TRANSFER

My dear Dr. Adolph:

Your letter of March 12th has been lying on my desk awaiting acknowledgment for several days. We are in the midst of hectic preparations for the annual meetings which are to be held during the second week in April and it seems that we have time for very little else.

Since you did not have a copy of the Presbyterian Manual for missionaries to which I referred in my letter of March 6th, I am sending you a copy of this pamphlet under separate cover at this time. I still feel that it would be quite worth while for you to study over the policy of the Board as formally set forth in the sections I mentioned in my letter of March 6th before we raise any question of further agreements or understandings with the Board or its various secretaries. As I stated before, I feel that the hardship which was suffered by so many of the Presbyterian missionaries two years ago was not due to the operation of the approved policy of the Presbyterian Board, but rather due to the fact that these missionaries agreed to waive salary payments and other considerations to which they were properly entitled had they insisted upon receiving them. It would seem rather pointless to ask the Presbyterian Board to promise that it would not in future request one of its missionaries to forego privileges to which he might be entitled, for any missionary is always free to decline such a request if it is made.

If, after studying through the Manual, you find there are points on which you desire further assurance than is given in this formal policy of the Presbyterian Board, I feel you could make most rapid progress by writing direct to Dr. Scott and telling him just what you have in mind. I think that such a request coming from you direct would be more effective than if I or anyone else were to present a request for you for I am afraid that for a third person to intercede in negotiations between a Presbyterian Board secretary and one of the regular missionary appointees of that Board might do more harm than good. I would, of course, be glad to have a copy of any such letter you might write to Dr. Scott if you wished to send me such a copy, and would be happy to discuss the matter with Dr. Scott if you desire. As a matter of fact, however, I am going to him so often in connection with matters affecting all of our Universities in the office that I often feel my welcome is worn pretty thin and that, therefore, I am not able to accomplish as much as someone who is not going to him so persistently.

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Dr.W.H.Adolph-2

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We received yesterday from Yenching a cablegram with which was included the following message:-

"YOU MAY INFORM ADOLPH MISSION MADE PROPOSAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A. REGARDING PROTECTION MISSIONARIES IF APPROVED APPREHENSION IS ABLE TO BE REMOVED TELEGRAPH DECISION IN EVERY CASE."

Apparently this is in reference to some inquiry you have made to Dr.Stuart in connection with matters somewhat similar to those you have discussed in correspondence with our office. I wrote Dr.Stuart immediately after receiving your letter of March 2nd, telling of the progress in your plans for going to Yenching. We will, however, follow his request and advise him by cable that you are looking forward to going to Yenching this fall.

Margaret and Jean are now back in New York. Margaret is feeling fairly well but will still have to take things easy for a while. Give our best regards to Mrs.Adolph and the family.

Very cordially yours,

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Yenching Biochemistry Notes.

December 15, 1933.

To the Members of the Biochemistry Family :

The past year we have not expanded, but have settled down to more thorough and more conscientious work. The university has been affected by the economic depression ; there have been less funds, and some decrease in staff. All attention is now upon the campaign to raise in China an endowment of \$1,000,000 ; this is the first step to make the university independent of American sources.

We plan to change our general course in biochemistry so that we use the tutorial method of instruction. This means individual conferences, and less emphasis on lectures. The work in nutrition is being greatly improved under the leadership of Dr. Kung Lan-chen, whose students are working on vitamins and on child nutrition. Our laboratory workers meet at a biochemistry-nutrition tea monthly to hear and discuss research reports. Dr. Kung is in charge of our rat colony ; her experience in this line is extremely valuable.

Last June three masters' degrees were awarded in biochemistry. Of these, Ch'eng Yu-ch'ing (sodium glutamate) is at St. John's University, Chiang Hsien-ch'ing (proteins of cowpea) is chemist at the Bureau of Public Works, Shanghai, Feng Kuo-chih (millet starch) is at the Institute for Translation, Nanking. Hsieh Yü, D. Sc. has returned to China from France after completing a thesis on glucosides. Liu Hsi-chen is studying at the University of Michigan. Kao Hsueh-chung continues as China Foundation Fellow in our laboratory, working on plant metabolism. Hsu P'eng-ch'eng and Lo Tsung-shih are with us as assistants. A number of research contributions from the Yenching laboratory appeared in print during the year past ; our College of Natural Science prepares an annual list of all publications. In addition, reprints from other members of the family have reached us : Hsu Chih-fang on the drug I-mu ; Cheng Fa-wu on tung-oil. We like to know about the work you are each undertaking. Our laboratory workers here just now are interested in mungbean, copper in metabolism, legume proteins, calcium in nutrition. I hope all of you have become members of the Chinese Chemical Society. The Journal of the Chinese Chemical Society began publication quarterly in April 1933.

My own visits to other laboratories outside Peiping this year have been few. At the Cheeloo laboratory last spring I met a very busy group of chemistry students and staff. I greatly enjoyed a visit with the chemistry department at Nankai University. I also met the Cheeloo group of teachers at the Nankai Middle School ; they are to be congratulated for continuing there a very high standard of effective teaching. It becomes increasingly clear that for the next twenty years in China, attention must be concentrated upon the genuinely efficient teaching of chemistry in the middle schools.

Do you keep in touch with the new textbooks ? Chapin's *Second Year College Chemistry* has appeared in its third edition. One must be very alert to keep in touch with the changing emphasis in present-day chemistry. At Yenching, for example, the freshman course under Professor S. D. Wilson is being thoroughly reorganized. Many of you would not recognize the subject of general chemistry as now taught in the colleges. I think we need a chemistry teachers' journal in China to keep us informed about new developments. I hope you will write occasionally and tell us of your teaching problems.

This letter is sent to carry our sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

Wm. H. Adolph

學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

February 20, 1934.

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS:
"YENTA"

Dear Mr. Gee:

Your note of January 16th we very much enjoyed, especially your digest of the financial outlook, and the news about the family. We have just concluded the second week of class work in the spring semester. The students in all divisions of the university are very much in a work-a-day mind, and the esprit-de-corps in good.

I have wished for some time to ask your advice and help with respect to plans for my approaching sabbatical year. E.O. Wilson will be away 1934-35; it will be natural for me to take furlough leave 1935-36. On two previous leaves of absence, I took teaching posts in U.S.A. which involved the suspension of my China appointment; this acceptance of a teaching post was necessary for financial reasons. Now, if I stay with Yenching University, I feel it would be wiser to maintain my definite connection with the university and if possible secure a fellowship of some sort, or even arrange an exchangeship. I am taking for granted that the Rockefeller Foundation would not be inclined to award a fellowship to a westerner from China. I am therefore writing to ask whether you can suggest any other similar foundation, which you think might respond favorably to an application for a year's researchship in USA. I will very much appreciate any suggestion which you can make, - any device by which I could take my year's leave and still maintain my connection with Yenching University.

Things are going smoothly at Yenching as far as the teaching is concerned, but the financial outlook is causing more than a little concern, and my fear is that this is beginning to be reflected in the daily work of the staff. This of course is a disturbing element with a group of staff members who are trying to concentrate on laboratory problems. The original suggestion 5 years ago was that I return to USA permanently in 1934, but Dr. Stuart has approached me with the suggestion that I join Yenching as a permanent member of the staff. The invitation seems to be sincere, but I have not yet been able to satisfy myself thoroly that the College of Natural Science has a constructive and vigorous program in which I can play

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a part in a substantial way. I have however decided to give serious consideration to the prospect of staying on, and am planning to be here next year at least while E.O. Wilson is on furlough,- and the above request for your advice on the fellowship outlook is with this in view, that is that if all goes well we may decide to cast in our lot with Yenching University.

We miss Mrs. Gee and yourself in Peiping. I miss being able to drop into your office for a chat in Lockhardt Hall on my occasional visits to the city.-- Spring is already very much in the air, and ice skating is over for the season. Our little people are busy at school. Just as soon as a break in the teaching work comes, Katharine and I hope to get out for a jaunt to the hills. Meanwhile just at this moment we are having our biennial problems with the servant personnel in our home. This means we are living a normal life!

Mrs. W.H.A. joins in best wishes to Mrs. Gee and yourself.

Very truly yours,

Wm. H. Adolph

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March 19, 1934.

Dr. Wm. H. Adolph
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Adolph:

Your letter of February 20th came yesterday and I am very much interested in the plans concerning which you write.

I have recently talked with the Institution of International Education's people concerning possible fellowships for foreigners coming to America. Such fellowships would provide only board, lodging and tuition in the institution here and would make no provision for travel. These fellowships are usually arranged on the exchange basis with the understanding that the institution from which the foreign fellow comes will provide a similar fellowship for a student there. These are not as a rule preferably for a graduate student. I do not know whether this would appeal to you or not.

There is the possibility of aid from either the Guggenheim fellowships or the National Research Council fellowships. If you have a definite piece of work which you wish to do it might be that aid could be secured from one of these organizations.

Then there is also the possibility of arranging a visiting professorship with some institution with which you have already been connected. You have passed through this experience and know better than I just what the difficulties and red tape are in such an arrangement.

If after you receive this you think any of these opportunities would appeal to you I shall be glad to follow up your suggestions even by personal visits to the Foundations concerned here in New York and see what could be secured.

At the present time institutions in American are in many cases in as critical situations as the one you face at Yenching and so far as I can see there is no immediate relief in view. Times are still hard, money scarce and givers few.


Mrs. Gee and I and the children send our kindest good wishes to you all and hope that we may have the pleasure of seeing you when you come this way again.

P.S. Your letter of Yenching Biochemistry
of Dec. 15th has been received.
Thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 23rd, 1934

Dr Ray Lyman Wilbur,
Stanford University,
Palo Alto,
California.

Dear Dr Wilbur:-

Dr William H. Adolph, a member of our Yenching Chemistry staff who has done quite a good deal of very valuable work on Chinese foods, is due for furlough for the academic year 1935-36 and we are looking around to see if there is not some place where he can get some fellowship aid to allow him to carry on his work and possibly also make some contribution to our American knowledge of the food values of Chinese foods.

Some one suggested that your Institute which has the study of foods and diets might wish to use him and also might provide facilities for him to carry on some research along his chosen line. I am writing this early in order to exchange letters with China on the subject if you think there might be an opening. Will you kindly refer this to the proper person in order that we may make some plans?

Thanking you for your kindness and with kind regards, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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March 26, 1934

Dear Dr Adolph:-

I ran up to Columbia Friday of last week to see just what the situation would be there with reference to possible fellowship aid for you on your furlough year. About the only thing that he thought would be open for any one outside of their group already working there would be a small sum of only five or six hundred dollars. I told him that I did not think that such assistance would meet our problem. He was quite familiar with your work and spoke in very complimentary terms of it and regretted exceedingly that he did not have anything which would help out, for he said he would like to have you work there with them for a year.

In discussing possibilities he suggested that the Carnegie Foundation might be interested in considering an application if you termed your problem as Biochemistry instead of Food Chemistry. He said the same about an application to the National Research Council, that it should be made to the Division of Biology and for a Biochemistry fellowship.

I also discussed with him the possibility of some assistance at Stanford. He suggested that you communicate with Dr Carl L. Alsberg there and he thought that possibly something might turn up.

Let me know if you wish me to follow any of these up after you write them. You know that the sooner these applications get in the more likely you are to get a favorable consideration. They should have the formal application early in the year for there are many applications for every available place now which has any stipend whatever connected with it.

Very frankly things are not picking up as we had hoped they would. People are beginning to grumble at the plans which are being put over so rapidly by the Government almost without consideration for industry. I am afraid that we are going to have a more audible expression of opposition to the President than we have yet had before long if this keeps up. Dr Paul Monroe said this morning that the "Brain Trust" was trying to wipe out the great middle class.

With all good wishes to you all and the other friends there,
I am
Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

Dr W. H. Adolph,
Yenching University,
Peiping, China.

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

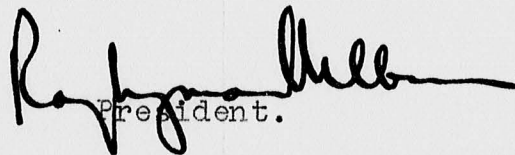
March 28, 1934.

Mr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Gee:

Thank you for your letter of March 23rd, telling us about Dr. William H. Adolph, of the Yenching Chemistry staff, who wishes to carry on in some American university during his furlough for the academic year 1935-36 his work of research in the food values of Chinese foods. I shall take pleasure in referring your letter to Dr. Carl L. Alsberg to see if he has anything to suggest for Dr. Adolph in connection with the work of our Food Research Institute or of our Department of Chemistry. It may be a little too far ahead to make definite plans; but you will hear from me again, or from Dr. Alsberg, as to the possibilities.

Very sincerely yours,


President.

R.L. Wilbur/ELF

CC&L to C.L. Alsberg

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FOOD RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Stanford University
California

April 16, 1934

Dr. R. L. Wilbur
Stanford University

Dear Dr. Wilbur:

I beg to refer to Mr. Gee's letter of March 23 together with your reply of March 28th, both of which are returned herewith. I am familiar with some of the work that Dr. William H. Adolph of the Yenching University Department of Chemistry staff has done. If he should elect to come to Stanford, we could, no doubt, give him facilities in the Department of Chemistry, and I would personally be glad to hold myself at his disposal for such consultation and advice as he might wish. However, I see no prospect of our being able to furnish him a fellowship or any other form of direct subsidy. We have not for a good many years felt justified in using the funds of the Institute for such purposes. Furthermore, it is my judgment that it would be better for Dr. Adolph to go on to an institution which specializes, as we do not, in general food chemistry. We have limited the experimental work of our Institute to problems of the wheat and fats and oils industry and to starch chemistry. I doubt whether Professor Adolph would be interested in these very special fields.

If I might make a suggestion, it would be that probably the most profitable place for Dr. Adolph to work would be the Food Research Division of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils in Washington, D.C. He would there come in contact with a diversity of problems and techniques which he would not find here. Moreover, there would be no difficulty in securing for him the opportunity to work there. The chief of this division, Dr. F. C. Blanck, is an old friend of mine, and I would be delighted to assist Dr. Adolph should he decide to get in touch with him. It is even possible that he might secure there a temporary salaried position.

Very sincerely,

(Signed) CARL L. ALSBERG

*Letter
orig. ret'd to Dr. Wilbur
Copy of letter sent Dr. Adolph*

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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS:
"YENTA"

April 23, 1934

Mr. N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Gee:

Under separate cover I am sending some copies of a little news sheet which we are starting called "Science Notes". Let me know how many of these you can regularly use. It is proposed to issue a new number every two or three months. If you so desire, you might send us names and addresses for our mailing list; copies would^{be} sent out from here. Or, if it is simpler, these could be sent out from the New York Office as you see fit.

general flavor - I am particularly anxious to have your advice and suggestions regarding content, form and ~~fully fill~~ of this new sheet. What changes or additions are needed to make it fill publicity requirements from the American standpoint? We are specially anxious to use this to link us with our English speaking constituency in China. In addition to this, it may seem advisable to issue something in Chinese also. I will genuinely appreciate suggestions as to how "science notes" can be made more effective.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. H. Adolph

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA

May 4, 1934.

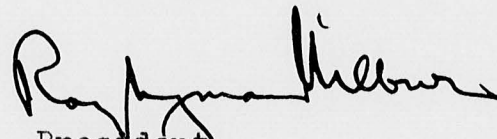
Mr. N. Gist Gee, Vice-President,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Gee:

I enclose a letter, dated April 16th, which
I have just received from Dr. Alsberg upon my return
from an eastern trip. It seems to me to cover the
question brought up by you in connection with the
proposed work of Dr. William H. Adolph. If I can
be of any further assistance please let me hear from
you.

All good wishes.

Faithfully yours,


President.

R. L. Wilbur/ELF

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May 24th, 1934

Dr William H. Adolph,
Yenching University,
Peiping, China.

Dear Dr Adolph:-

The little "Science Notes" came in several days ago and I have been slipping into letter which I have been sending out and believe that this is a good way to use the let you sent me. These notes tell of what you are doing and will keep people interested in the science work. Are you making any use at all of it here in America now? If you are sending it out here and would let us have your list, then we could check that and add a number of names of persons who might be interested and also a list of newspapers which might wish to use excerpts from it from time to time. I am very glad that you are doing this in this way and would like very much to have frequent things of this kind go out to our constituency. They will read the smaller things where the longer ones are often thrown into the waste paper baskets without being read.

I would suggest that you report some of the problems you people there are working at and some of the projects of the students who are at work on things of general interest. Chinese food reports always attract our people here and would prove of great interest there.

How often will you publish these notes? we might depend upon it as a regular item of publicity. I wrote Dr Wilson some days ago about his and your personal Christmas letter. I hope you approve of this plan.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely

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TELEGRAPH ADDRESS:
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May 30, 1934.

Mr. N. Gist Gee
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Gee:

Thank you very much for your several letters, written at the end of March, containing suggestions concerning fellowships which might be available for me in America for the year 1935-36. E. O. Wilson is leaving within a month for America and his plans are already made for 1934-35.

I am inclined to feel that securing a fellowship will be preferable to arranging an exchangeship, in-as-much as in the latter case I cannot so easily choose the center at which I want to work. After studying over the information you have sent, it seems to me most advisable that I apply both to the Guggenheim Foundation and also for a National Research Council fellowship. I will therefore be very grateful if you will send me the application blanks just as soon as they reach you. You mentioned specifically that you were arranging this for the Guggenheim fellowship, and it occurs to me that it might be helpful if you would through your office secure application blanks also for the National Research Council, Division of Biology fellowship.

Other things being equal. I am inclined to think favorably of settling down at New Haven for a year in Mendel's Laboratory. I am also dropping Dr. Mendel a line to see whether he has any additional suggestions. I want to continue work on the organic acids in metabolism.

We are still very uncertain here of course as to what will happen to the College of Natural Science after June, 1935, but we are hoping for the best. I shall be grateful for any other suggestions

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regarding my year in America that may occur to you, and also any advice with regard to these two fellowship applications which might help in securing an appointment.

With all good wishes to Mrs. Gee and yourself.

Very sincerely,

Wm. H. Adolph

Wm. H. Adolph

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TELEGRAPH ADDRESS:
"YENTA"

July 11, 1934

Mr. N. Gist Gee
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Gee:

Thank you for your letter acknowledging Science Notes. Under separate cover I am sending you 100 copies of Science Notes No. 2, and some more of No. 1.

We have decided to send these out from China, since the postage costs only five cents Chinese currency and we felt American friends might appreciate the prestige of receiving something direct from our college. Our mailing list to America is already fairly large, but we can add many more names if desirable. May I suggest that you send us a list of names to whom you suggest we send this letter. We can accommodate 200 more names I think if you have that many to suggest.* Meanwhile I do not know how many you can make ~~out~~ of yourself in informal contacts with others whose names may not be on this list which you will send us. Perhaps you will let us know how many to send you each time.

Dr. Wilson and I have talked over the suggestion you make about our annual letter^s. My own aim has been to make this such a personal letter, that I would prefer not to have it used in this way. As a matter of fact, I have gone to considerable trouble to keep it out of magazines and newspapers, and have remonstrated with a few friends who wanted to use it this way. I would however be glad to write you a little letter or some such memorandum which you could use for publicity purposes. Perhaps you will drop me a line and indicate just what along this line would be most serviceable.

* No newspapers or such in our present list, - only individuals. In the case of newspapers & such publicity, I suggest the copies be sent from your office.
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Thank you also for your notes regarding the Food Research Institute at Stanford University. It happens that I am much more interested in nutrition than in foods, but I shall by all means write to Dr. Alsberg, and perhaps he can give me some additional suggestions.

I am leaving this afternoon for a bit of vacation at T'ai Shan. Mrs. Adolph and I both wish to be remembered to Mrs. Gee and yourself. We appreciate more than we can say what you are doing for Yenching, and we know the discouragements under which you are working.

With sincere regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. H. Adolph

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August 6, 1934

Dr. William H. Adolph
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Adolph:

Thank you for your letter of July 11th which has just come.

With reference to a list of names, I wonder if it would not be wise for you to look over the Advisory Council list of some 800 or 900 names. You may recognize in that list some educators who would be interested in having publications sent direct from you to them. Up to the present time I have not attempted to make up a list specially for the scientific publications. Possibly I should do this from our own list which we already have and then add to this such other institutions as you do not already have on your list. So if you have a duplicate in your mailing list it would be helpful to us in arranging our mailing list here.

I note your suggestion that we send these things to a few newspapers or other periodicals. After your list is in I will make up a list of publications where I think it would be of service.

With reference to your personal Christmas letter, I would say that it was simply my idea to use this to enclose in letters written to people who might be specially interested and who might feel that by receiving this letter they were getting "inside information". If you would not care to have it used in this way we may just drop the matter.

Thank you for your personal message. It is certainly very hard, under present conditions, to raise any money in America. In addition to the financial depression the drought in the West and the general mental attitude, people seem to be swinging on to everything that they have. I hope that soon we will have a change in conditions for the better and that this may affect our collections. Under present conditions it is certainly very disheartening.

With all good wishes to Mrs. Adolph and the other members of the family, I am,

Very sincerely,

N. Dist Gee

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