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B.A. Garside Esq.,
Yenching University,
150 5th Avenue,
New York City.

August 17th 1937.

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September 25, 1937

Mr. George E. Taylor
c/o F. J. White
Route 1
Upland, California

Dear Taylors

Your two air mail letters - one dated September 19th and the other September 22nd - arrived together this morning. Apparently the earlier of these letters was delayed for a time en route.

Since this letter may not have time to catch you before you leave Upland, I have just sent you a wire as follows:- "YENCHING OPEN ENROLMENT FOUR HUNDRED APPARENTLY EXPECTING YOU LETTER FOLLOWS."

Two or three days ago we received a cable from Yenching stating that after some delay the University had opened without interference. The enrolment to the date the cable was sent was 268 men and 111 women. The cable also asked that Miss Veghte continue to postpone her sailing. In the absence of any reference to the postponement of sailings of other members of staff, we would assume that the University wishes all other staff members to go forward as previously requested. I am surprised that the cable made no reference to the inquiry we sent Dr. Stuart as to your own plans. One possibility is that that particular message did not get through, even though we know that such messages have reached him. Another possible interpretation is that Dr. Stuart assumed we would understand that except for Miss Veghte, who was specifically mentioned, all other members of staff were to come on as already instructed.

Several cables from Peiping which have come to various Boards here in New York during recent days all agree that the situation in Peiping is quiet, and that the work there is going forward very much as usual. Just how much difficulty one will have in trying to get into Peiping, is a question we cannot answer very definitely. It ought to be possible to go by steamer from Japan to Tientsin and then by rail to Peiping. Perhaps also the traffic is now open by rail from Moukden down to Tientsin, so that one could take the overland route from Japan. Undoubtedly the situation will change somewhat during the next few weeks, so even if we knew the exact situation today, we could only guess as to just what you will find when you reach Japan.

We have not had any word whether Mr. and Mrs. Band have been able to get through to Peiping. In fact, we have had very little detailed information as to just what members of the Yenching staff are on the campus today, and where any absentees are located.

We can appreciate Mrs. Taylor's desire to follow you on the next boat. Perhaps it would be safe for her to do so. But because of the uncertainties of the situation and the possible complications involved in travel for your charming young daughter Clare, if she should get into some of the trying situations which have faced American mothers and children during recent weeks, one would be inclined to counsel the more conservative policy of waiting until you yourself can see just what conditions are and can cable back word to Mrs. Taylor.

We are glad to know that the check from England has arrived. It seems to me that your wisest policy is to obtain cash for whatever portion of the total you require and to make an accounting to the Field Treasurer after you arrive in Peiping.

If any further word comes from Yenching within the next few days, we will try to get it to you at once either at Upland or in care of your steamer.

With all good wishes for a safe and pleasant journey to Peiping despite the disturbed conditions, I am

Very sincerely yours,

HAG:MP

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NEW [illegible], SURREY.
Phone: 640.

staying in Cambridge for a day or so.

With many thanks for your kindness and the hope of having the pleasure of meeting you in New York.

Yours sincerely,

George E. Taylor.

as from F. J. White
Route 1
Upland. Calif.

September 18th.
1937

Ans 9/25/37

Dear Mr. Ransick:

I find that I have not, as I had thought, written to you about my sailing. I have changed my passage to the Canada, leaving Vancouver Oct 2nd. This will give a little more time in which to make a decision to get news from Yenching. Have you definite news of the opening? And have the Bands etc got through safely? They were wanting to follow on the next boat - it would help us to make a decision about that if we knew what other women are doing about it.

If you have time to write

me before I leave California. The White address will find me till the 27th. I get to Vancouver on the morning of Oct. 2nd. - at the C.P.R. Office there. ~~[illegible]~~ I should like to have some definite news about Yenching before leaving.

One of the main things to hold me up was that the cheque from Yenching, which Lindsay was to forward me from England, has not yet arrived and I do not have enough money to travel without it. It should arrive soon I should think.

We get to Los Angeles the 22nd.

I hope that everything is going well with Yenching, under the circumstances. Mr. George Barbour (I met him on the train from N.Y.) was strongly in favour of my continuing.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely

George E. Taylor

P.S. If the cheque does not arrive in time can you let me have some money?

c/o E. J. White, Route 1 Upland Calif.

Rec'd 9/25/37

September 22nd

Dear Mr Gouside.

The cheque arrived from England to-day and I am writing immediately to let you know. It is for $800. If I cash some of this I can continue to China and render account on arrival.

I leave here on the night of the 27th and catch the "Empress of Canada" on Oct. 2nd: as I told you in my letter from St. Paul, where I was waiting.

I am hoping to hear from you about Yenching's opening before I leave.

Meanwhile all good wishes,

Yours sincerely

George E. Taylor

To Dr. T. J. White
Route I
Upland, Calif.
~~Oct~~ Nov. 3

Dear Mr. Garside, Rcd 11/12

Thank you for your letter and the material. I am sending it on to Georgie's family. I wonder if in the future you could send them any general letters or circulars of this type? I am sure that they would appreciate it very much. My parents, of course, hear thru other sources of the conditions in China, but they too would be glad to get recent information applying specifically to Yenching. Your mailing list is long, I know, and I don't

want to add to your burdens but I know how ~~much~~ eager Georgi's family are for every word remotely connected with him. His father's address is J. Taylor
83 Kingsland Ave
Coventry
England.

note #. 311.

Now for our news! Last week I got a cable from Georgi in Peking saying "Come", and today a letter from Kobe. He was unable to get a booking on a boat to Tientsin for a week and so was going via Mukden. He evidently got there safely.

note
1st M.

Claire and I are sailing on the Hoover leaving here Nov. 14 & San Francisco Nov. 17. I have called George the name of the boat & expect word in Kobe as to how to proceed.

Thanks you for your wishes for our journey. I feel sure it will be safe, tho' perhaps wearing for the mother of an exuberant 21 lb. baby!

With kind regards,

Sincerely

Roberta Taylor

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

(SEPTEMBER 25, 1937)

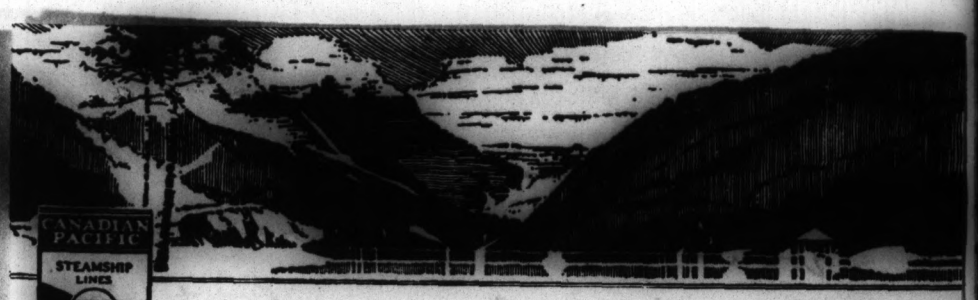
GEORGE E. TAYLOR
c/o F. J. WHITE
ROUTE 1
UPLAND, CALIFORNIA

YENCHING OPEN ENROLMENT FOUR HUNDRED APPARENTLY EXPECTING YOU

LETTER FOLLOWS

GARSIDE

WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE.



R.M.S. Empress Canada.

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B. H. Gaus de Esq.
150, 5th Ave. N.Y.C.

Dear Mr Gaussidge,

Thank you for letter which I picked up here on the boat. I am writing this immediately in order to post it in Victoria.

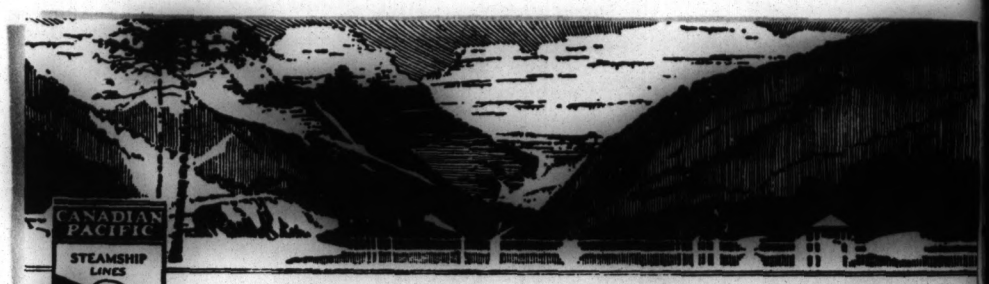
I quite agree that it would appear that I am expected to go in. There is every reason to expect that I shall get through. The M.Y.R

office – San Francisco
would make no reservations
from Yokohama but said
that I could go via Yukon.

I shall do as you say
with the cheque: I am keeping
full accounts.

It is a pity that you
have no definite information
about the Bands or others
but you are more likely
to hear if people do not
get through than if they
do. No news is good
news in this case.

I have not cabled
Sir Stuart about changing
my sailing. Perhaps you



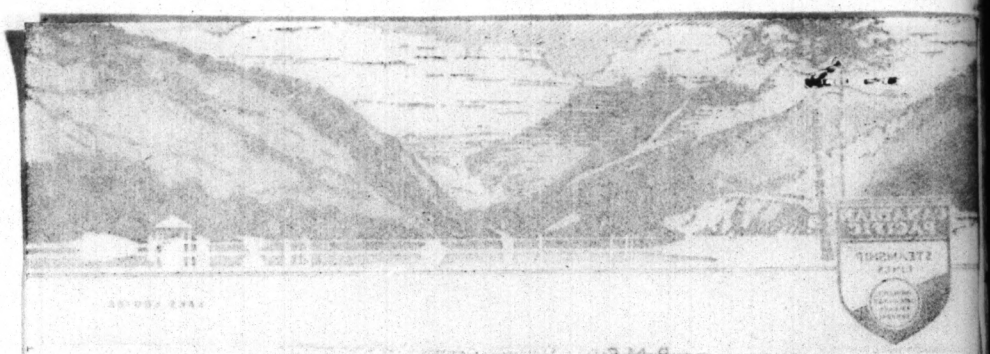
R.M.S.

would be good enough in your next routine cable to mention that I am coming by the E. of Canada?

Thank you again for your letter.

Yours sincerely

E. E. Taylor.



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Care of Dr. F.J.White
Route I, Upland, California
Oct. 9, 1937

Ack 10/25/37

Dear Mr. Gardide,

It has just occurred to me that you may be receiving news direct from Yenching which you are sending out to members of the staff in America, as the mission boards are doing. If so, I should be very glad to be included on your mailing list. It will be some weeks yet before I hear from George, and in the meantime I would like very much to know how things are faring in Peiping. Even after George gets there he may not have an opportunity to send out an uncensored letter for some time.

I have postponed my passage one boat in order to have time to receive a cable from George after he arrives. At present I have a reservation on the Pres. Hoover, sailing on Nov. 13 from San Fransisco. I am certainly hoping to sail then, but will not do so unless George thinks it wise to do so. If it had not been for the baby, I would have gone with him.

I am sorry to have had such a brief and interrupted talk with you while we were in New York. Travelling with a baby has its drawbacks. Claire didn't really seem to suffer, and is as fat and happy as ever. We are enjoying the California sunshine, but would be gaad to exchange it for the sunshine of Peiping.

With sincere regards,

Yours,

Roberta Taylor.

Dear Mr. Gallaige,

If has just occurred to me that you may be receiving some direct from yourself which you are sending out to members of the staff in America, as the mission posts are not forwarded on from Montreal. If so, I should be very glad to be included on your mailing list. If will be some weeks yet before I hear from George, and in the meantime I would like very much to know what future are taking in Petrograd. Every staff George here feels he may not have an opportunity to send out an occasional letter for some time.

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I am sorry to have had such a brief and unfortunated talk with you while we were in New York. Travelling with a pap has its disadvantages. Claire didn't really seem to enjoy the Chamberlin. We are enjoying the Calif-orn is as fat and happy as ever. We are going on to Mexico if the tourist situation, but would be sorry to expense it for the remainder of Peiping.

With kindest regards,

Yours,

Mr. E.L. Mylo
c/o Mr. Chalmers
Peiping, China

October 25, 1937

Mrs. Roberta Taylor
c/o Dr. F. J. White
Route I
Upland, California

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

I should have acknowledged before this your letter of October 9th. Our New York office has devoted practically its entire energies this fall to emergency items, and all of our correspondence has gotten sadly behind.

We owe you an apology for not supplying you with copies of all the information from Yenching which has gone out to members of the Board of Trustees and other Yenching friends here in America. I am enclosing a copy of most of the material which has been sent out recently. I hope that you have already seen at least a part of this. We will try to see to it that all future material of this kind is sent to you promptly.

Apparently the work at Yenching seems to be going on fairly well this fall, though I am quite sure that President Stuart and the other administrative officers are always under a constant strain, trying to guard against any unfortunate incident which might bring Japanese militariest buzzing around the campus like hornets. Unless the fortunes of war shift very rapidly during the next few months, the Peiping area will probably escape major military operations this year. The major problem for you and Claire would probably be that of getting into the city. I suppose, however, that by this time Japan has re-established the lines of communication so that you should be able to get through by way of Moukden without much difficulty.

It was a delight to see you again and to get acquainted with the young lady. We trust that you and Claire will have both a safe and a pleasant journey to China.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP
Encls.

November 12, 1937

Mrs. George Taylor
c/o SS President Hoover
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Taylors

Glad to know that you are finally getting off to Peiping. We certainly hope that your voyage will be a happy one and that you will arrive in Peiping safely.

We have made a note to send all the information that goes to our Tenching friends to both your mother and father and to the Taylors in England.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP

Route I, Upland, Calif.
Nov. 18, 1937.

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Dear Mr. Garside,

This is just to let you know that Claire & I are sailing today on the Pres. Hoover.

When we arrive in Peking we may cable you of our arrival if Dr. Stuart is sending a cable anyway, and we can add a word with little expense. If you do receive such word, will you please send an airmail letter to my parents telling them of it?

Thank you for the mimeographed letters from Yenching. I was certainly glad to receive it.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Roberta Taylor.

2203 S. Sixth St.
Arlington, Va.
Oct. 15, 1943.

Mr. B. A. Garside
Yenching University
150 Fifth Ave
New York, N.Y.

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10/20/43

Dear Mr. Garside,

George and I would very much like to know which of our friends are due on the refugee ship. Do you have a list you could send us? What is the latest information about the date of arrival?

Sincerely yours,

Roberta Taylor
(Mrs. Geo. E. Taylor.

October 20, 1943

Mrs. George E. Taylor
2203 South Sixth Street
Arlington, Va.

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Your letter of October 15th, addressed to Mr. Garside, has just come to hand.

First of all, may I say that Mr. Garside is no longer connected with our office--he having gone with United China Relief as Vice President and Secretary of that organization.

The latest information we have received from the State Department is that the GRIPSHOLM is expected to arrive the first part of December. Telegrams and mail may be sent to persons returning if addressed in the following manner:

Name of Repatriate
Envelopes marked: "Repatriate on M. S. GRIPSHOLM"
(Telegrams if sent on or before October 28)
c/o American Consul, Port Elizabeth
Union of South Africa

(Telegrams if sent on or before November 10)
c/o American Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

(Air Mail Letters if sent on or before November 1)
c/o American Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Those among the Yenching group who are slated to be exchanged are the following:

Alice M. Boring
Anne Cochran
Mary Cockingham
Shirley M. Duncan
Albert C. Grimes, Sr. and Jr.
Martha M. Kramer
Mary Dorothea Hemwell
Earl O. Wilson
Stanley D. Wilson
Ernest K. Smith
Augusta B. Wagner

We were in hopes that Dr. Stuart would be included in this second exchange.

but it seems that is not to be at the present time as he is still held incommunicado by the Japanese in Peking along with Dr. Houghton and Dr. Bowen of the P. U. M. C.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

(not dictated)