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January 23, 1937

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield  
14 Beacon Street  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Fairfield:

I have just received a letter from President J. Leighton Stuart asking us to explore the possibilities of securing a teacher of the New Testament to spend the academic year 1937-38 in the Yenching School of Religion. Dr. Stuart writes as follows:-

"This is to request that you explore the possibilities of our securing some well-qualified teacher of the New Testament to spend the next academic year with us. The conditions make such a possibility very unlikely, but it may be worth trying. Out of our slender budget for the School of Religion it would be impossible to offer anything more than living quarters without charge. The expense for housekeeping arrangements would of course be relatively slight. It is possible that someone who is entitled to a sabbatical year would find it worth while to make a visit to this part of the world and gain impressions during residence here, while at the same time carrying not more than three courses, or, shall we say, from six to nine hours of classroom work a week. It is also not impossible that special funds might be secured for such a purpose."

Do you know of anyone in your Congregational circles who might be free to go to Yenching to teach the New Testament during the academic year 1937-38 under these conditions? This opening would seem to offer a very attractive opportunity to spend a year in China in a way which would be both pleasant and profitable for the appointee and for the University.

We have today written Union Theological Seminary, Hartford Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Yale Divinity School, Drew University, Crozer Theological Seminary and McCormick Theological Seminary. If you have any suggestions to offer, I would be glad to go into the matter in further detail.

With best regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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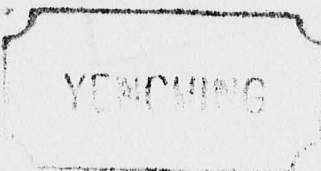
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February 5, 1937

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



Dear Garside:

In accordance with your letter of January 23  
I have now written to:

Rev. Amos M. Wilder, Ph.D.  
Andover Newton Theological School  
Newton Centre, Mass.

Rev. Benjamin W. Robinson, Ph.D.  
Chicago Theological Seminary  
5757 University Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Rev. Clarence Tucker Craig, Ph.D.  
Oberlin Graduate School of Theology  
Oberlin, Ohio

Rev. Chester Charlton McCown  
Pacific School of Religion  
Berkeley, California

Each of these is Professor of New Testament in his Seminary. I do not know the other men, but Craig was formerly on the faculty of Yenching for a while and it is my impression that he has not taken a sabbatical year for some time, so that possibly he might be interested. I will report to you any progress in the matter.

Cordially yours,

*Wynn C. Fairfield*  
Wynn C. Fairfield

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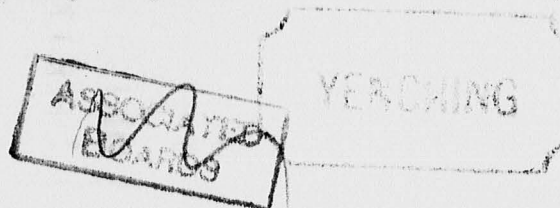
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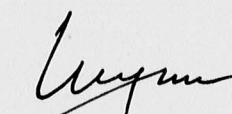
Mr. B. A. Garside  
Associated Boards for Christian  
Colleges in China  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

*sent material  
2/17/37*

Dear Garside:

Mrs. C. C. Pratt of 116 North Lincoln Street, Hinsdale, Illinois and of the Yenching College Committee says that the problem which is bothering her at present is that she knows nothing whatever about Yenching College and so has difficulty in serving effectively on the Promotion Committee. Will you please see to it that she is deluged with all available material which she ought to have. I think you ought to go beyond the promotional material to factual reports such as Cressy's statistical studies and put her in a position of first-hand intelligence on such documents.

Cordially yours,

  
Wynn C. Fairfield

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Mr. E. A. Gerside  
Associated Boards for Christian  
Colleges in China  
100 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Gerside:

Mrs. G. C. Pratt of the North Lincoln Street  
Mandarin, Illinois and of the Yenching College Committee  
says that the problem which is bothering her at present  
is that of securing a suitable person for the college  
and so has difficulty in serving effectively on the Promo-  
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delivered with all available material which she ought to  
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Cordially yours,

Wm. C. Fairbank

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February 18, 1937

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



Dear Garside:

I am enclosing the three replies so far received to the inquiry whether there is any one who can go to Yenching this year. As I feared, they are all negative. Clarence Craig makes a very good point with regard to earlier planning for such a vacancy.

Cordially yours,

*Handwritten signature of Wynn C. Fairfield.*

Wynn C. Fairfield

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14 BRADDOCK STREET BOSTON, MASS.

Foreign Department

February 18, 1937

Dear Sir:

I am sorry to hear that you are unable to come to the States for the present. I am sure that you will be able to come when you are able to do so. I am sure that you will be able to come when you are able to do so.



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Attached to Fairfield's letter of Feb. 18, 1937

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY  
OBERLIN COLLEGE  
OBERLIN, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF NEW TESTAMENT  
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CLARENCE TUCKER CRAIG

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YENCHING

February 9, 1937.

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Ans. 2/18/37

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield,  
14 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Fairfield:-

Thank you for writing me about the request of Yenching University. It would be a pleasure to spend the time with them, but unfortunately it is three to four years before I have another sabbatical, and then we have only a semester's leave. As far as the future is concerned, we do not expect to take an eastern trip on our next absence; ten years from now, it would be a very attractive opportunity, but that does not meet their present need.

I hope that you may find someone who can go under this arrangement, but the probability is not great. I might say that for future cases of this kind, very much longer time would be advisable. Sabbaticals are very precious, and planned long in advance. Two or three years in advance of the time a man is needed for this sort of thing is none too early to begin the search. Professor Hamilton of our faculty goes back to Nanking, for instance, for service during his sabbatical in 1938-39, and that was arranged some time ago.

Very cordially yours,

*Clarence T. Craig*

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February 2, 1937

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Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. in relation to the matter of the proposed purchase of the land for the proposed site of the new building for the University of California at Berkeley. The matter is being considered by the Board of Regents and the Board of Trustees of the University of California.

I am sure that you will understand the importance of this matter and the need for a prompt decision. The Board of Regents and the Board of Trustees of the University of California are currently engaged in a study of the proposed purchase of the land for the proposed site of the new building for the University of California at Berkeley. The study is being conducted by a committee of the Board of Regents and the Board of Trustees of the University of California.

Very respectfully,  
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Very truly yours,  
[Signature]

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*Attached to Fairfield's letter of Feb 18, 1937*

PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION  
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF NEW TESTAMENT LITERATURE  
AND INTERPRETATION  
DIRECTOR OF PALESTINE INSTITUTE  
CHESTER CHARLTON McCOWN

February 11, 1937

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield  
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14 Beacon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

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Dear Dr. Fairfield:

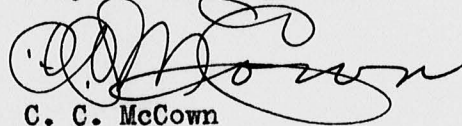
Ans. 2/18/37

I wish that I were free to take a trip to China next year to spend at the Yenching School of Religion. Unfortunately, I had a sabbatical last year and therefore cannot ask leave again so soon.

If I should hear of anyone else whom I think suitable, I will write to you.

Allow me to thank you for suggesting the matter to me.

Very sincerely yours,

  
C. C. McCown

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Attached to Fairfield's letter of Feb 18, 1937

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ANDOVER NEWTON THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW TESTAMENT  
NEWTON CENTRE, MASSACHUSETTS

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~~FEB 10, 1937~~  
2/14/37

Dear Dr. Fairfield,

I appreciate very much indeed your inquiry as to teaching at Yenching University. At some later time I would consider it not only a great opportunity but one that I would do much to take advantage of. For the next year or two however I shall not be able to leave here - since I have only been here three years - this is the fourth - and in '34-'35 I was ill most of the year, and



taking a sort of advanced sabbatical year in that way. Moreover we have not resources other than my salary for such an venture. I suppose the only possibility of our doing it later would be in case the Anchor Trustees felt they could continue my salary as a considerable part of it during a year of absence — and providing President Herwich could make arrangements for the Biblical teaching I would be suspending.

With deep appreciation

Sincerely yours

Amos M. Wilder

YENCHING

*Answer Bd. of  
Commissioners*

March 3, 1937

Dear Fairfield,

Following my conversation with you, I checked through our Yenching records, and had a telephone conversation with Mrs. Finley, to ascertain just where we stand on President McAfee's election as a Yenching Trustee.

Mrs. Finley reports as follows:- Two or three months ago she had a very full and friendly talk with Miss McAfee concerning her coming on the Yenching Board of Trustees to succeed Miss Pendleton. She stated in general that the Yenching Trustees were eager to have Miss McAfee on the board, and in fact already considered her one of them, though they felt that because this first year would be particularly crowded for her they should probably not ask her to take up any official responsibility immediately. Miss McAfee assured Mrs. Finley of her keen interest and of her willingness to serve on the board of trustees, though she agreed that during these first months of her administration she would be grateful if she were not called on for any burdensome duties on the Yenching Board.

That is where the matter rests at present. Mrs. Finley, acting on authorization given her informally by the Yenching Trustees, has invited Miss McAfee to accept a position on the board, and Miss McAfee has signified her willingness to do so. But the formal action of election has not yet been taken, and normally would not be taken until the Annual Meeting of the Yenching Trustees in May. As a matter of fact we have been discussing the desirability of having the Yenching Executive Committee take action during the next week or two electing Miss McAfee as a member of the Board of Trustees, so as to encourage her attendance at the Annual Meeting in May. There is some question as to whether the Executive Committee is fully authorized to take final action on matters of electing trustees, but this is usually gotten around by inserting the phrase "subject to final confirmation at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees". Such confirmation always follows as a matter of course.

Mrs. Finley says she is writing Miss McAfee this afternoon, reviewing their previous conversations and saying that she expects the Yenching Executive Committee to take formal action on her election within the next week or two.

I have set this situation forth at some length, that you may see best how to approach Miss McAfee for assistance in your Boston efforts. Best of success in all you are doing.

Cordially,

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April 3, 1937

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield,  
14 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Fairfield,

Thanks for your letter of April 2nd. Even after making allowance for your usual kindness in saying the best things you can about even a feeble effort, I find grounds for cheer in your comments on that material for the Committee on Higher Educational work. The material was prepared in the midst of such a continual stream of interruptions and of pressure from other sources that I felt it was at best very mediocre. Hope it will fit into your needs fairly well. I intended to ask - would it be of any value if I prepare a similar statement for the University of Nanking? We'd like to get your honorable Committee to give very serious study to that institution as a key point from which to hasten the advancement of the good work.

Under separate cover I'm sending ten copies each of quite a series of pamphlets bearing on various phases of the work under review. You probably won't want to inflict nearly all this material on your Committee, but perhaps can make your selections from it ad lib and then turn the balance over to Miss Uline or whoever else may have need for it in future.

As to the possible secretarial position in Mrs. Yui's office - A month or so ago when Mrs. Yui came back from Oberlin she seemed very enthusiastic about taking out a young woman who would be a combination secretary - physical instruction, director of music. She told me she had met a young woman - I believe it was Miss Fuller - who seemed to fill the bill admirably. But within the last fortnight I have received a letter from Mrs. Yui which seems to indicate a rather marked shift in emphasis. She outlined several other needs which seem now to take precedence her mind to the secretarial position, and intimated she might wait a year and then find somebody in China rather than bringing some one out from America. Her list of needs will greatly exceed the resources of the Cheeloo Woman's Committee which are now in sight, and as yet the Committee has not committed itself definitely to any of them. I am writing much of this to Mrs. Davis so she and Miss Fuller will not have higher hopes than the situation justifies. We will try to get the Cheeloo Woman's Committee to proceed toward some decision as promptly as possible. But meantime you should certainly continue to think of Miss Fuller as very

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Dr. Fairfield

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actively in line for that Tientsin position if she is interested in and qualified for that particular place.

We are getting off in this mail a letter to Cressy about that Committee on Secondary Education and the faintness of the hopes for his \$1,500. Regret that he has such a disappointment coming to him. Will consider the desirability of a cable, and will send one Monday if it looks desirable.

Cordially,

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## YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Organization and General Policy. The history of Yenching University goes back almost seventy years, to several small schools established in the vicinity of Peiping. The American Board's participation in this work dates from 1867 when it established in Tungchow the small school which later became the nucleus of North China Union College. The American Board also had from an early date a share in the North China Union College for Women, which developed from a small school for girls established in 1864.

Yenching University as it is now constituted was organized in 1917. Cooperating in the general university are the American Board, the London Missionary Society, the Northern Methodist Board, and the Northern Presbyterian Board. Cooperating in Yenching College for Women are the American Board, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, the Northern Presbyterian Board, and Wellesley College.

General Work of the University. Yenching University is today the leading Christian University of China from the standpoint of the value and beauty of its physical plant, the income available for its annual budget, and probably in the academic standards of its work. It now ranks second in enrollment, and in the full time equivalent of faculty. Its program is carried on through the College of Arts and Letters, the College of Natural Science, the College of Public Affairs, and the School of Religion. The Yenching College for Women does not have a separate academic faculty or program, but does maintain on its own campus a distinctive social and spiritual life. Certain departments of special interest to women students are conducted by the College. The College is also expected to provide support for its fair quota of the staff members of the University.

The enrollment at Yenching during the autumn semester 1936-37 was 823, of whom 575 were men and 248 women. For 1935-36 the full-time members of the teaching staff numbered 95, and the part-time members 24. The full-time teaching equivalent of the entire faculty was  $103\frac{1}{2}$ .

The number of Yenching graduates now serving throughout China is approximately 1,500. They are found in every portion of the Republic, most of them are in active Christian service, and many of them are occupying prominent and influential positions in the life of China today.

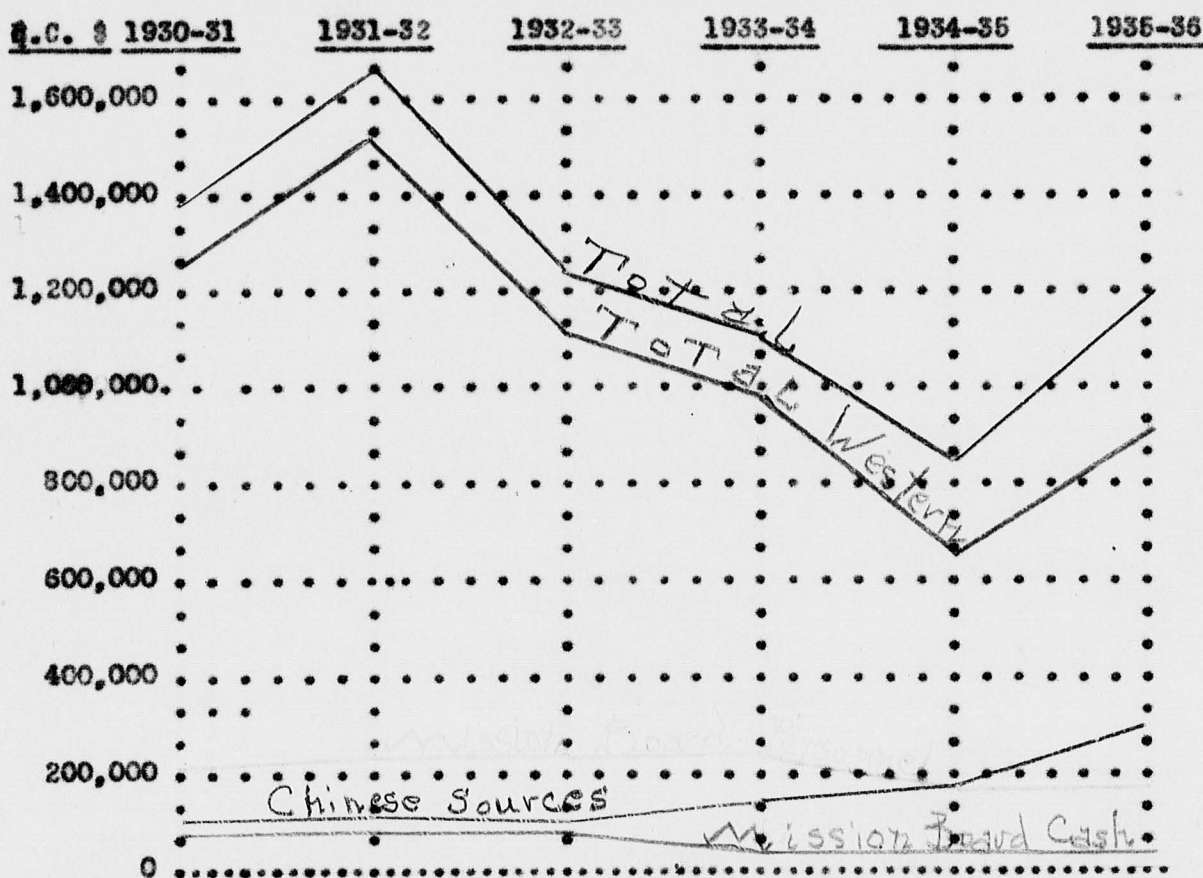
Finances. The income available for the work of Yenching University has fluctuated widely during recent years, with the general trend decidedly downward. This decrease in total income has been due entirely to the falling off of support from Western sources, for income from Chinese sources has more than doubled during the last six years. Below are given, first in tabular form and then in graphic form, a summary of income for Yenching University (including the College for Women) during the past six fiscal years:-  
(All figures are in Chinese currency).

<u>Source</u>	<u>1930-31</u>	<u>1931-32</u>	<u>1932-33</u>	<u>1933-34</u>	<u>1934-35</u>	<u>1935-36</u>
<u>Western</u>						
Miss.Bds.Cash	\$81,661	\$97,721	\$77,612	\$63,500	\$38,937	\$34,924
" " Personnel	215,460	250,230	239,970	252,000	179,550	198,000
Endowment Inc.	297,754	334,114	259,522	227,000	159,338	326,221
Other Sources	665,734	834,137	521,954	432,873	284,478	344,362
	\$1,260,609	\$1,529,202	\$1,099,058	\$ 975,373	\$ 662,303	\$ 903,507
<u>Chinese</u>						
	120,191	127,702	124,335	142,595?	180,570	285,967
	\$1,380,800	\$1,656,904	\$1,223,373	\$1,117,968	\$842,873	\$1,189,474



# Yenching University

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The above tabulation and chart show strikingly the steady decrease in Mission Board participation in Yenching University. This is a situation which is causing serious concern to the Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors and the administrative staff. While all rejoice at the increase in support from Chinese sources, from endowment income, and from other western sources of support, everyone is eager that Yenching University continue to have a direct and intimate contact with the missionary groups which founded the institution. While financial support is only one of the many ties between the University and these Christian bodies, it is an important one. We hope that with the gradual return of more prosperous economic conditions in North America each one of the participating Mission Boards will be able to restore both its cash grants and its quota of personnel to the previous levels.

The American Board's Contribution to Yenching.a. To the General University Budget. For a

number of years the annual cash grant of the American Board toward the general Yenching budget was US\$3500 per year. Since 1929--30, this has been successively reduced, and since the beginning of the fiscal year 1935-36 has amounted to only US\$900 per year. By far the largest proportion of the cash appropriations received by Yenching University each year are designated for specific pieces of work. Some colleges and departments are much better provided for than others. The University has to provide for departments and colleges not yet supported from special sources, as well as to take care of the general expenses of administration and operation, from Mission Board appropriations and other undesignated income. The sharp drop during recent years in Mission Board grants and other undesignated income has created a very serious problem in these portions of the Yenching budget which are cared for by special sources of income. Thus there is a very urgent need for the restoration of the Mission Board cash grants at an early date.

b. Salary of Dr. T. T. Lew. Dr. Lew is one of

the outstanding Christian leaders of China, and in providing for his support the American Board is making an extremely valuable contribution to the Christian enterprise in China. At the present time Dr. Lew's services are being rendered both to the College of Arts and Letters in the Department of Psychology and to the School of Religion in the Department of Religious Education. For a number of years, the American Board appropriated US\$1800 per year to cover Dr. Lew's salary and allowances. Since 1933-34 this appropriation has been reduced to US\$1,482 per year. While this reduced appropriation covers Dr. Lew's basic salary, it does not adequately provide for his various allowances, such as medical attention for himself and his family, retirement, and sabbatical leave.



The financial problem in the School of Religion is particularly acute. If the American Board could restore this appropriation to its former level of US\$1,800 per year it would help insure the continuation in service at Yenching of this outstanding Chinese Christian leader.

c. Yenching Women's College Budget. For a number of years the American Board appropriated US\$1,333.32 per year toward the Yenching Women's College budget, together with US\$1,271 for salaries of Women's College staff. In 1935-36 the salary appropriation was reduced to US\$636, and with the appointment of Dr. and Mrs. de Vargas in 1936-37 the salary appropriation has been discontinued entirely. Thus these cash grants toward the support of the Women's College budget have dropped in the last four years from US\$2,604.32 to US\$750. The support of Yenching College for Women has become an increasingly serious problem during the last few years. The College has not benefitted directly by the new money which the general University has received for designated work, and has continued to depend almost wholly upon support from Mission Boards, income from a small amount of endowment, and student fees. The reduction in American Board cash grants has been a very serious blow to the College.

d. For Equipment and for Faculty Graduate Study. This appropriation of US\$500 per year from the American Board's Higher Educational Endowment Fund has been of great value to the Woman's College because it provides support at two needy places - the securing of equipment and the provision of facilities for graduate study for members of the faculty. This appropriation has been very productively used from year to year. It is hoped that it may be continued.

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ACKNOWLEDGED

REV. EDWARD LINCOLN SMITH  
2520 MT. BAKER DRIVE  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

April 17, 1937.

Mr. Geo. G. Barber

President Yenching University

150 - 5th Ave N.W. City.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of April 8th is  
at hand. I have no doubt of  
the truth of what you say and  
wish it were possible for me to  
respond to your request. But, I  
regret to say, it is not. I am  
an invalid now from the effect  
of a stroke & not able to do  
as was once possible. But  
I am greatly rejoiced & proud  
of the fine record of the Peking  
University.

Yours very truly

Edward Lincoln Smith

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YENCHING

May 27, 1937

Dear Fairfield,

We need your wisdom on one point concerning our Yenching Trustees -

Some time ago there was active discussion of the suggestion that the American Board invite Paul Cravath to be one of your representatives on the Yenching Board. I was under the impression that this suggestion had met with general favor at 14 Beacon Street. But apparently nothing has come of it.

Just how does the situation stand at the moment? It seems to me you spoke of Mr. Outerbridge being appointed a "general alternate" on the Yenching Board, rather than a regular member. If that be true there would apparently still be a vacancy in your quota to which, if desired, Mr. Cravath might be elected. Is this true, and if so what are the prospects of the ABCFM favoring him.

I understand that Mr. Cravath is going out to China soon, to spend quite a while there. If we are to move, we must do so promptly. Aside from this possible place in the American Board representation, the membership of the Yenching Board is quite full, so it is aut hic aut nullus.

Cordially,

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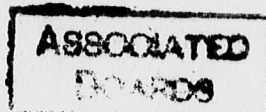
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HERBERT E. B. CASE

May 28, 1937

*Ack 6/24/37*Mr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Garside:

Your letter of May 26 is in this afternoon. You are quite right about Outerbridge. He is a general alternate and the vacancy in the Yenching Board is still unfilled. The idea of the appointment of Mr. Paul Cravath did receive approval here and I have sufficient authorization to approach him. My understanding was that you and I were to arrange a mutually convenient time when we could catch the gentleman and present the matter to him, since he had told Leighton Stuart that he would be willing to consider it. I am sorry that the matter has been let slide so long. At one time when I was going to press it I found that he was just sailing for Europe and after his return the whole matter slipped my attention.

I am writing now to say that I expect to be in New York next Tuesday and to be free from fixed engagements so that if it should be possible to make an engagement with him for that morning I could go with you at almost any time between 9 and 11:30. I am due at the Parkside Hotel for lunch at 12:30. I will get in touch with you at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Cordially yours,

Wynn C. Fairfield

*What about Miss Fuller?*

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15 Broad Street  
New York, New York

YENCHING

My dear Mr. Cravath:

Your name has been familiar to me for many years through Oberlin associations as well as from the fact that I have had some indirect connection with Fisk through the fact that my father taught at Howard University for a good many years and my cousin, James Fairchild, was treasurer there up to the time of his retirement.

I am writing today on behalf of the American Board to invite you to accept appointment as one of the Board's representatives on the Board of Trustees of Yenching University. I understand from President Stuart that he had discussed this matter with you and that you were willing to consider it. For some weeks, I have been hoping to arrange a time when Dr. Garside, the Secretary of the Yenching Board of Trustees, and I might call on you during one of my visits to New York, but they have been so few and so short that it has proved impossible. In view of your rapidly approaching visit to the Far East, I have decided that it would be better to write you and to ask that Dr. Garside and Mr. George C. Barber, the President of the Board of Trustees, see you and talk over with you the proposal. Dr. Garside has just informed me on the telephone that they have made an engagement to see you on Monday next and I am writing now to lay the matter before you for your decision after you have heard their presentation. If you will give your permission at that time, the matter will be acted on the next day, June 22 and your status will be clear as you visit Peiping.

The American Board has kept a vacancy in this position ever since the retirement of Dr. James L. Barton because we wanted to make the appointment which would be of most significance to the University. We are now convinced that you would be ideal for the position if you will accept it and earnestly hope that you will do so.

Very sincerely yours,

*rose get word to me by  
Tuesday A.M. if possible*

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Wynn C. Fairfield

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Copy for Dr. Garside

15 Broad Street  
New York, New York  
June 18, 1937

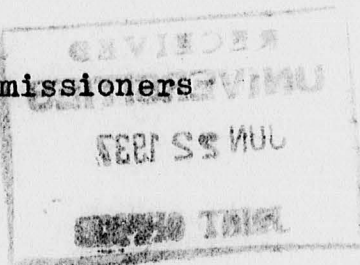
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Very sincerely yours,

s/ Paul D. Cravath

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield  
American Board of Commissioners  
for Foreign Missions  
14 Beacon Street  
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Copy for Dr. Garfield

15 Broad Street  
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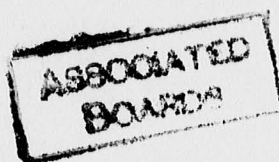
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Dr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York



Dear Garside:

The enclosed copies of the letter from Paul Cravath and of my reply to him are self-explanatory. I hope that you were successful in the interview this morning and that I shall have word from you tomorrow morning authorizing me to go ahead with the appointment.

Cordially yours,

*Wynn*  
Wynn C. Fairfield

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Patricia H. Hays

June 21, 1937

Dr. H. A. Hays  
110 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

The enclosed copy of the letter from Paul

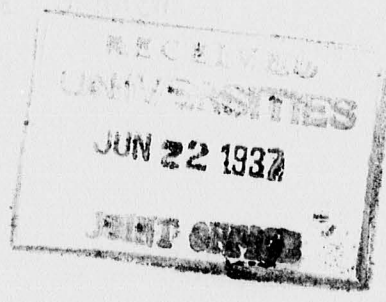
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be sure with the appointment.

Cordially yours,



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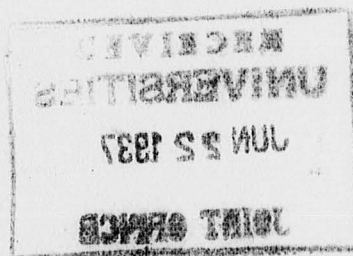
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I hope that your conference with them was sufficiently convincing so that I may soon have word about your willingness to serve in this capacity.

Very cordially yours,

Wynn C. Fairfield

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Wynn C. Fairfield



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DR. WYNN C. FAIRFIELD  
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June 23, 1937

Ack 6/24/37

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

Dear Garside:

address  
15 Broad St.,  
New Yorknoted  
R.G.

Yesterday afternoon the Cabinet acting for the Prudential Committee voted to elect Mr. Paul D. Cravath as the American Board representative on the Yenching Board of Trustees for the term ending April 1940. I will not send the official notification to him until I have your confirmation and if he should finally decide against it, we will cancel the election at the next meeting. We felt that it was best to take the action as your telegram suggested so that he could go to China as a full fledged trustee.

I have been talking this morning with Mrs. Macmillan on the matter of the Wellesley girl who has had considerable experience on the campus at Wellesley in taking moving pictures. I have also talked with Miss Ruth Seabury of our staff who was very favorably impressed with her and who is arranging for her to take some films for our Board at certain stages of her trip. Miss Seabury tells me that she is sailing from New York for England on June 29 and will not be in Yenching until next spring, so that there would be time for them to work up a scenario before she got there and then have her shoot it while she is in Yenching visiting Miss Liu Hui-ch'ing, who was her Wellesley roommate.

As Mrs. Macmillan may not be in before Friday, she asked me to give you this girl's address and to suggest your getting in touch with her with a view to having a conference before she sails. The address is: Miss Alice K. Carnrick, 185 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey. She is spending the first few days of this week at some point in the Adirondacks but expected to be back at her home the end of the week.

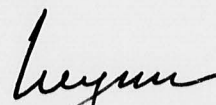
I have further learned from Miss Seabury that this young lady is an orphan with some means of her own who is making this leisurely trip around the world with no set schedule and can stay as long in any one place as she may want to. I am asking Miss Risley of the Alumnae office in Wellesley who suggested her to give me a

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statement on her work there which I can quote in writing to Yenching if you people in the office after interviewing her think that it would be a good thing to suggest her cooperation in the project of the Yenching movie.

Cordially yours,



Wynn C. Fairfield

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July 14, 1937

Mrs. Eva B. Macmillan  
Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Thank you for your various letters with reports of progress and especially for the one received this morning about Miss Carnrick. I am afraid that I shall not be able to get the letter off to Yenching until I get back from vacation now. As a matter of fact, I am not supposed to be in the office today, but had to come in to mop up some last things before starting in. In view of your letter I will simply mention the fact that Miss Carnrick will be coming along for a few days and might help, but not build the matter of a movie around it.

One wonders a bit whether any movies or news reels will be taken in the vicinity of Peiping these next weeks.

Cordially yours,

*Wynn C. Fairfield*

Wynn C. Fairfield

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September 13, 1937.

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield,  
14 Beacon Street,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Fairfield:

Information given in your China Bulletin No. 9, which reached our desk this morning, reminds me that I should have passed along to you before this the following cablegram which came to our office via the State Department a few days ago.

"TELEGRAM FROM EMBASSY NANKING REPORTS MR AND MRS STANLEY WILSON AND CHILDREN ARE NOW AT PAOTING INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATES ROADS IMPASSABLE OWING TO RAID AND IMPRACTICABLE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN EVACUATE FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS"

This cable is not entirely clear, and may not give any information regarding the Wilsons which you do not already possess.

Sorry we could not have you with us at Poughkeepsie. The retreat there seemed to me to be very much worthwhile. There was opportunity for free interchange of opinions, and all of our discussion was conducted from a constructive and forward-looking viewpoint. No attempt was made to formulate any definite findings since these will come out of the more formal meetings which will be held here in New York this week and next. If you will indicate the dates on which you might be able to attend a Pukien executive committee meeting, we will try to set it up accordingly.

Cordially,

BAG/am

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September 18, 1937.

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield  
14 Beacon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Fairfield:

We enclose herewith a copy of a letter we recently received from Dr. Leighton Stuart. You will note that this is in response to the question raised in your letter of June 2, with reference to a possible adjustment in the grant made by the American Board last year toward the support of Dr. T. T. Lew.

Even if the present crisis in China had not developed, I would have been inclined to urge that our friends of the American Board do not press for any readjustment in their grant to Yenching last year toward the support of Dr. Lew. As I pointed out in my letter of June 24, Yenching normally spends quite a bit more on Dr. Lew's salary and allowances than the amount it receives from the American Board for him. Even though it might be possible (as seems doubtful) that in one fiscal year Yenching had spent on Dr. Lew's account somewhat less than the American Board grant, certainly over a period of several years, Yenching always has to supplement quite substantially the funds which it receives from the American Board for this purpose. Dr. Stuart's letter touches on some of these same points and also shows how upsetting it would be, to not only the financial processes but also the general policies of the University, if adjustments of this kind were demanded by the supporting Mission Boards.

With the serious problems which Yenching must face during the coming year as a result of the crisis in North China, and with the certainty that we are going to have to secure additional funds to compensate for the losses and additional expenses which Yenching will undoubtedly have, it would be particularly unfortunate to press such a question at this time.

In sending you a copy of Dr. Stuart's letter, we are of course trusting to your discretion as to what use should be made of it. Dr. Stuart obviously intended it as a personal letter to me, rather than that it be forwarded to the American Board. As a good friend of Dr. Leighton and Yenching University you will know the places at which it can be used, and where it should be withheld.

Very sincerely yours,

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*Attached to Garside's letter of Sept. 18, 1937*

YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
Peiping, China

Office of the President.

July 31, 1937.

Dr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Garside:

Your letter of June 25 came duly to hand but has been delayed by my preoccupation with the armed conflict in the midst of which we have been living. I confess to a feeling of pained surprise that such an issue as the demand of a refund on Dr. T. T. Lew's salary should be raised by one of our constituent mission boards. It has been the consistent policy of the University to treat staff members assigned to it as entirely at its own disposal, once the assignment had been made and accepted. We are constantly giving such individuals a leave-of-absence for longer or shorter periods, because of some reason which has been regarded as justifying the arrangement. The financial adjustments have been worked out between the individual and the institution, primarily with a view to providing either for the work for which he is responsible here or for the other interests involved in the plan. I do not recall ever before our having been asked to make an accounting to the organization supplying the teacher.

In the case of Dr. Lew, the problem is complicated by his original leave-of-absence to get medical treatment in Shanghai, his sabbatical leave-of-absence, the uncertainty as to the period during which he was to serve the Legislative Yuan, his attendance (at no slight financial cost to himself and to Yenching) on the Oxford and Edinburgh Conference this summer, the expenditures to which we have been put in carrying his classes and other work during his absence, the occupation of his house by his family rent-free during his absence, etc. The financial saving to the University has been very slight, if any, and I believe the gain to the Christian cause by the medical treatment made possible for him, the larger service he is rendering to that cause by his attention to its vital interests in China's new legislation, the part he is taking in the general affairs of the Christian movement, ought to gratify the American Board. Much of this would not be possible were it not for the existing cooperation between the A B C F M and Yenching. Furthermore, the accounts for the past year have all been closed, and we have no funds whatever from which we could make such a payment.

I hope that the Trustees will undertake to clarify and support this policy with the A B C F M and regularize it so that similar issues may be avoided in the future.

Since the Mission Boards have felt free to reduce by unilateral action their commitments to the University, it would seem we might at least be left free to dispose of the resources in personnel and money at our own discretion, and trusted to use these in what after all is a common cause.

Please use your discretion as to the use of this letter in taking up this matter. I am writing under a time of very severe tension which may be reflected in phraseology, although the principles involved are, I believe, thoroughly sound.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Leighton Stuart.

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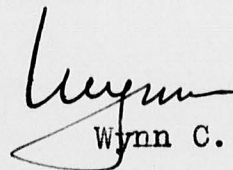
Mr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Garside:

I hoped to have a chance to speak to you about Leighton Stuart's letter when I was in New York Tuesday but was unable to work it in. I was also very sorry to have missed my second chance at Mrs. Macmillan. Earle Ballou wrote on August 8 to Leighton after seeing a copy of his letter of July 31 to you. I am sending you a copy of Earle's letter which gives the background and which I hope may have made it clearer to Leighton that the suggestion made in my letter of June 2 was not of such a "pinch penny" nature as the letter implies.

One difficulty with the situation is the fact that Timothy Lew's name is definitely tied up in this particular appropriation. While the Board does not pay the exact cost to the University and therefore should allow some leeway, it is true that from the time when his support was found in a particular group outside of the regular income of the Board he has been on a "quasi-missionary" basis and the reaction in the committee was a natural one. As I said in my earlier letter, I do not want to upset Timothy in any way by suggesting the change in the status. Yet if this had simply read "toward the salary of a faculty member" I think the question would not have been raised in the committee as it was. I will make a report to our committee on the income of the Higher Educational Work Fund in my own words and I think the matter will be disposed of without further question.

Cordially yours,



Wynn C. Fairfield

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October 1, 1937

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield  
14 Beacon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Fairfield:

Thank you for your letter of September 23rd and for a copy of Earl Ballou's letter which you enclosed. Mr. Ballou very kindly sent me a copy of this letter direct, and I believe that it arrived within a day or two after I wrote you.

We can appreciate the difficulty which you face because of the fact that "Timothy Lew's name is definitely tied up in this particular appropriation" from the American Board. But, of course, as you point out, the final difference is that the annual appropriation of the American Board does not cover the total of T. T.'s salary and allowances even under the most favorable conditions. And when there are extra items of illness or travel, the Yenching budget has to stand a very heavy expense.

We know that you will take the matter up with your committee on the income of the higher educational work fund in an able and sympathetic way.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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February 1, 1938

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield  
14 Beacon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Fairfield:

Some weeks ago when we acknowledged your letter of December 29th, we did not comment specifically on one question you discussed - that of the relationship of Dr. Timothy T. Lew to the American Board and Yenching University. No doubt you have received further correspondence from Earle Ballou and others since you wrote me.

During recent weeks we have had several letters from Dr. Stuart in which he comments on this question, and with which he sends copies of correspondence between himself, T. T. Lew, and Earle Ballou. In this correspondence Dr. Stuart quotes the following action from the minutes of the meeting of the Yenching Administrative Committee held on November 29th, 1937:-

"ADC-703 VOTED in response to a communication from Rev. Earle Ballou, that Dr. T. T. Lew's leave of absence be considered indefinite and that the University relinquish its claim on the American Board salary assigned to him as long as he continues in work approved by the American Board."

In one of his letters Dr. Stuart expresses his own views as:-

"In general, I incline to recommend for him that he continue as a representative of the American Board, keeping a nominal connection with Yenching, but with the expectation that for the immediate future at any rate, he be freed from routine duties here. Should he in such a policy receive remuneration from other sources, this should be adjusted with the American Board through their representatives in China. I am of course aware that Yenching loses one effective worker by this process, unless indeed the American Board felt itself in a position to increase its quota, which is at present rather unlikely. On the other hand, it seems to be the fairest solution for Timothy himself, and keeps him freed from economic anxieties as a permanent asset to the Christian movement. With his extremely delicate health, he ought not to be exposed to the vicissitudes of governmental or other secular support, especially at such a time as this in China. There are positive reasons why he would prefer not to come north under existing conditions. If Daniel Lee comes to us next summer, religious education will be cared for in the School of Religion. With the return of Randolph Sailer the Department of Psychology will be relatively well cared for without

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"Timothy. Our people can keep in touch with him in such literary work as School of Religion or other units may feel able to carry on under changed conditions, and in this respect he can help as much away from here as on the campus, and in some respects will be more free."

Everything that we have had from China indicates that Yen-ching is willing to have Dr. Lew continue to receive his support from the American Board, even though this might, for the time being deprive Yen-ching of the benefit of your support of one member of the University staff. Of course we hope that such a temporary arrangement would continue only during the existence of the present crisis in North China, and that sometime within the next year or so the whole situation could be reviewed afresh. There is always a danger that such a temporary arrangement might gradually become a permanent one, and that the University would lose the American Board's support of one representative on the University staff. This we must avoid.

I would be grateful if you would keep me informed of any new developments in Timothy's case which have been reported to you by Mr. Ballou or others or of which you may hear from time to time.

Cordially yours,

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February 15, 1938

*Feb 9/12*Dr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Garside:

I have just received your notification that the meeting of the committee on allocation is to be held at my preferred date, 2:30 p.m. on February 24. I certainly trust that I shall be able to make it then. John is a little off again this morning and so a new element of uncertainty has come in with regard to my plans for the next two weeks.

I want to report to you that on February 8 the Prudential Committee voted:

(B) "That the American Board approve the action of Yen-ching University in granting to Dr. T. T. Lew a leave of absence for literacy service under the direction of the National Christian Council of China, on the understanding that this approval is for the two calendar years 1938 and 1939 and with the hope that thereafter the improvement of conditions will make possible his return to routine service with the University; that from January 1, 1938 the American Board assume responsibility for the direct payment of his salary at the rate of U.S.\$1482 per annum as provided in the appropriations from the income of the Higher Educational Work Endowment Fund and discontinue the payments for that purpose to the Yen-ching University budget; that the salary be paid at the current rate of exchange; and that Dr. Lew be authorized to expend any share thereof not needed for his personal expenses in securing clerical help for his literacy work."

Since this was voted, we have received the letter of February 10 from Evans saying that a cable had been received from Yen-ching instructing him to return to the American Board the \$1111.50 paid over by the American Board to the Yen-ching University Trustees in three quarterly payments on your fiscal year 1937-38. We understand from Steven T'sai that the University finally paid Timothy's salary to June 30, 1937. This means that

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we shall have to take further action with regard to the period from July 1 to December 31, 1937 during which we had thought that the University would make some provision. I agree that it is a more clear cut handling of the matter to do it in this way and as I understand it it leaves full responsibility with the American Board to decide what portion of the \$741 refunded for the last six months of 1937 should be paid over to Dr. Lew. I am inclined to think that we shall act on the basis of the letter from Mr. Ballou in which he specified certain part-time arrangements beginning November 1, 1937, but leave the matter open for further consideration in the light of correspondence that may develop. Will you please report this to Evans and ask him to send the \$1111.50 direct to Belcher?

Perhaps I should add a paragraph concerning the vote itself, although I have written quite fully to Mr. Ballou on the subject. The reason we began this from January 1, 1938 was because that was the beginning of our field fiscal year and half way through the fiscal year of the University and of the appropriations from the Higher Educational Work Endowment Fund. The vote as taken is very elastic to fit a situation that may constantly be changed. It is made rather more difficult by the fact that the figure of U.S.\$1482 per annum was a resultant of parts of a series of cuts which went on after that so that it has no direct relation to what our missionaries in the North China Mission are receiving. At the current rate of exchange we figure that it should be enough to provide salary for Dr. Lew at approximately the normal rate for North China missionaries with one child of the age of his daughter, rental and something extra for clerical help. It seemed better not to attempt to get it into too much detail in the vote. The whole thing is unprecedented from many points of view and so is the situation, but I think that we are working along the lines that the University would desire and trying to keep as close to established procedures as the situation permits. Personally, I greatly appreciate the splendid spirit of Leighton and the Administrative Committee of Yenching while agreeing with you that the situation needs to be reviewed afresh. We have made provision for that by limiting this present arrangement to two calendar years and it may be that the more normal time for reconsideration would be a year from now in anticipation of the beginning of a new budget and an academic year of the University on July 1, 1939.

I find to my great chagrin that I have never sent in my approval of the minutes of the Committee on the McBrier Foundation held on November 3. I am in accord with the budgetary and other decisions reached in those votes.

I find also that I have not been able to follow through the question which I was asked to study in your letter of October 29, 1937 concerning the Cheeloo School of Theology. The situation

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with regard to the whole future of Cheeloo is so uncertain at the present moment that perhaps the study contemplated is largely academic. I was unable to talk with either Armstrong or yourself while in Toronto, largely because I was shuffled into the chairmanship of the Business Committee. However, I am willing to act as chairman of the sub-committee of three and to try to keep the whole matter as active as the circumstances warrant.

Unfortunately, there has been a concrete development which I have not yet reported to you, namely that in connection with the whole situation it has seemed best to request Lyman Cady to withdraw from our North China staff, at least for the present. We have had to make a further reduction in our budget to be fully effective by 1939-40 and in view of the health conditions of which you know, it seemed wise to suggest to the North China Council that the Cady family be one of the two withdrawn. We have now had a reply from a meeting of the Executive Committee enlarged as an Emergency Committee in which they reluctantly accepted the suggestion of the Board. In a way, while I should not want this quoted to Lyman, some of his friends think that it has been a definite relief to him not to face the necessity of returning to the place where for the last two or three years before furlough he was having such a difficult time in physical and nervous adjustments. That may or may not be so, but at least Lyman is entering enthusiastically upon a year of study at Union Seminary for which he has been granted a fellowship beginning with the present semester and looking forward to securing his doctorate by the end of that time. Very likely he has been down at the office to talk with you.

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I want to emphasize that even if he should not go back later, from the point of view of the Board that does not necessarily mean a decrease in our representation on the faculty of the Cheeloo School of Theology, since the recommendation was based on Lyman's personal condition rather than on the relationship of Cheeloo to our whole program in North China. Nevertheless, there has been serious question whether as far as the School of Theology itself is concerned and in view of the American Board's contribution to theological education at Yenching University, it was not bearing a disproportionate share of the budget and staff of the School of Theology. That question has been raised in the Kung Li Hui as well as here and is the type of question with which our sub-committee ought to grapple.

There is one other item which should have had attention long ago. I am enclosing a letter with a statement from Kendric Marshall, a very active member of our Boston Committee. It speaks for itself. Mrs. Macmillan and I talked it over at the time and were agreed that it should be properly acknowledged as a contribution and charged against promotional expense. May I ask you to attend to it from that end.

I think this clears my file of all outstanding matters in the correspondence with you. That may be a challenge for you

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abundantly worth while.

Cordially yours,

  
Wynn C. Fairfield

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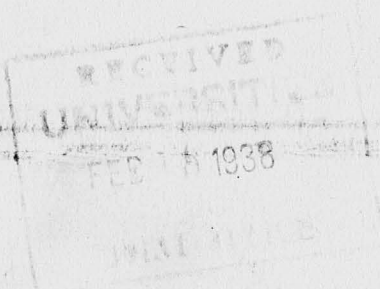
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Cordially yours,

WYTH C. HARRIS



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March 12, 1938

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield  
14 Beacon Street  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Fairfield:

Your second letter of February 15th discusses the arrangements between the American Board and Yenching University with reference to the support of Dr. T. T. Lew. We note the action taken by your Prudential Committee on February 8th and are referring this to President Stuart and to our Yenching Trustees. Mr. Belcher has written concerning the payments made by the American Board on T. T. Lew's salary during the current fiscal year. We are at this time returning to him the \$1,111.50 you have paid us since July 1st.

This seems to take care of the situation for the present. But I hope that both of us, as well as the field authorities at Yenching will make a note that the whole question of this place on the American Board quota at Yenching should be reopened in the near future. If Dr. Lew is to return to Yenching after a year or so, that will probably settle the matter automatically. But if he is to transfer his activities elsewhere for some years, or permanently, then both the American Board and Yenching University would wish this place on your quota to be filled by some one else.

In this same letter you discuss the problem of the future of the Cheeloo School of Theology. I agree with you that for the present the whole question of the future of Cheeloo is so unsettled that it is hardly worth while taking valuable time to work out recommendations or proposed policies which will be obsolete before they can be presented to the Board of Governors. It would seem to me therefore that we may as well let the Committee on the Cheeloo School of Theology rest in peace for a time until the situation becomes somewhat more clarified.

I am sending Mr. Kendrick Marshall a note of acknowledgment and thanks for the \$5.08 which he expended for various items in connection with the panel discussion you had in Boston last fall.

Very cordially yours,

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April 12, 1938

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield  
14 Beacon Street  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Fairfield:

On February 19, 1937, we received a letter from Miss Cookingham stating that Timothy T. Lew would be on leave of absence for six months and that annuity payments should be suspended over that period.

On August 3rd the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, which is carrying our annuity insurance, wrote us asking if Dr. Lew was to be reinstated. Agreeable to the understanding, we replied in the affirmative, but failed to notify the field. I have talked to Mr. Stephen Tsai about it, and he states that Dr. Lew wishes to continue this annuity beyond any doubt whatever. As he is still a staff member, it is permissible for him to continue by paying the full 10% of salary. Whatever that percentage will amount to is due to us since August 1, 1937.

If you think it in order to make this deduction, we should be glad to have a check covering the amount, and monthly payments thereafter covering 10% of his salary until such time as he returns to the payroll of the University.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans.

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Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield  
14 Beacon Street  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Fairfield:

A letter has been received from Dr. Timothy T. Lew regarding the annuity payments which we discussed with you some time ago. You will recall that the university gave him a leave of absence and suspended payments on the annuity for six months. Payments were reinstated on August 1, 1937 and now Dr. Lew desires to have the annuity continued from that time.

You stated that you were willing to make deductions from salary accordingly and that there was a fund from which payments for August, September and October could be made. The total for these payments for three months is \$54.00. Since that time, we have paid \$144.00. But, we are raising the question as to the advisability of deducting all of this at one time from Dr. Lew's remittances. The remittances which we are making to the Sun Life Assurance Company net \$18.00 per month.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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August 26, 1938

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield  
Church Committee on China Relief  
105 East 22 Street  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Fairfield:

Your comment regarding Vernon Nash and the possibility of using him for volunteer service would seem to call for some answer.

His application covered only to December 31, 1938, and had the money not been made available from the Porter Fund, there would have been no chance of rendering support. Mr. Nash understands that this is particularly to cover his expenses while securing his Doctor's degree in education. If he can render any volunteer service or services that are not voluntary, that is up to him; but I am quite sure that there will be no enthusiasm whatever for another application after January 1st.

I have a long dissertation on my desk written by one member of our committee and approved by two others, which is to be forwarded to the field, and covers such relationships as that of Mr. Nash to Yenching University.

I presume that with Lucius Porter returning to China that you have in mind using Mr. Nash in your China relief work.

Very cordially yours,

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A SUGGESTION FOR THE STATEMENT TO BE SENT TO DR. STUART

The Trustees of Yenching University desire to record their profound thankfulness that despite the disturbed conditions of the past sixteen months Yenching University has been able to go forward with its work. They appreciate that this has been possible only through the wise and courageous leadership of President Stuart and the loyalty and devotion of his colleagues and of the student body. Above all, they acknowledge their gratitude to God for His protection of the University and its personnel in a time of grave danger.

The Trustees are aware that the crisis is still continuing, that it may be prolonged, and that conditions may grow even more difficult during the months and years just ahead. Yet as they remember how Yenching has gone forward with its work during the many crises ~~it has~~ encountered during the past sixty-eight years, they have every confidence that it will emerge triumphant ~~from~~ this present period of difficulty, *also, it will be enabled to carry on.*

The Trustees recognize that at this particular time when almost all the other Colleges and Universities of North China have been compelled to close their doors, Yenching's opportunities for constructive service have been multiplied. It is making to the ~~educational, religious, economic, and social well-being of the~~ people of North China a vital contribution which no other institution is now able to give, and which could not be discontinued without grave losses.

The Trustees therefore reaffirm the convictions they have already expressed:- (1) that the University should continue in operation on its present campus so long as, and to the extent that, it is possible to fulfill the purpose for which the University exists; (2) that the Trustees have full confidence in the ability of the President and the Board of Managers to determine what readjustments may be called for in carrying that conviction into effect; and (3) that the Trustees pledge their continuing cooperation with the field authorities in whatever program may be developed.

*Changes suggested by  
Weymuth Sanford  
11/21/38*

February 21, 1939

My dear Dr. Smith:

On the evening of February 28th, the Yenching Trustees are giving a testimonial dinner in honor of Mr. E. M. McBrier, who is just beginning his twenty-third year as the Treasurer of the Yenching Board of Trustees. The dinner will be held at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, here in New York City, beginning at seven-fifteen o'clock.

You were one of the sixteen members of the Board of Trustees of Peking University on February 2, 1917, when it elected Mr. McBrier to membership and made him its Treasurer. We sincerely wish that you could be with us on the twenty-eighth, when we pay tribute to him for the splendid service he has rendered to Yenching during the twenty-two years since you and your colleagues brought him into your fellowship. You know what a vital part his devotion and leadership have had in the growth of the University during this period.

Dr. Edward H. Hume, together with Professor Hubert S. Liang of Yenching, will be the principal speakers. The field authorities are sending laudatory Chinese scrolls and letters of felicitation which will be presented to Mr. McBrier.

All of Mr. McBrier's friends - both those who will be present and others scattered throughout the world - are being asked to send letters and messages of felicitation, which will be bound and presented to him. You are of course invited to send us such a message for inclusion in this Book of Remembrance. All letters and messages should be addressed to the Yenching office in my care, and not direct to Mr. McBrier, as we purpose to keep secret the details of this "conspiracy" to do him honor.

We are anxious to have as many as possible of the Peking Trustees of twenty-two years ago present at the dinner, but realize of course that it will be impossible for you to come across the continent for this occasion. But we know you will be with us in spirit and that you will want to send your greetings and good wishes to Mr. McBrier.

Very sincerely yours,

President, Yenching Trustees

Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith,  
2520 Mount Baker Drive  
Seattle, Washington

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April 17, 1939

Dear Dr. Fairfield:

I attach hereto a copy of the letter we have just received from Dr. Eric North. As you will note, it raises the question as to whether the governing boards of the six universities receiving support from the Restricted Fund of the Harvard-Yenching Institute would like to call at this time for some or all of the surplus of \$60,000 which accrued some years ago to the Restricted Account. You will remember that two or three years ago these six Boards of Trustees considered the matter, and appointed representatives to consult jointly. At that time it was agreed that it would be wiser to let this surplus remain in the hands of the Harvard-Yenching Institute as a reserve to maintain income for work in Chinese Cultural Studies at any future time that economic conditions might cause another sudden drop in income.

During the years 1931 to 1934, as you will recollect, there was a sharp decline in the income within the Restricted Fund, and all the six universities had to curtail their programs in the field of Chinese Cultural Studies because there was no reserve available to tide us over the period.

The primary reason for suggesting such a distribution is of course the emergency conditions now confronting the Colleges. As a matter of fact, the departments of Chinese Cultural Studies have not suffered in any of these six universities because this is one (and about the only) department in which practically all income has been maintained at normal levels. In fact, the favorable exchange ratio in the past year has given these departments somewhat more than they normally receive. If any distribution is made, therefore, the funds should probably be sought for strengthening the general programs of the Colleges, rather than restricted for the departments of Cultural Studies alone.

Closely related to this inquiry from the Institute is the fact that last year and this year they have made appropriations of \$50,000 from their general funds to assist in meeting the emergency needs of the entire group of colleges. Most of the funds made available by these special grants have gone into strengthening the work of the six universities receiving support from the Institute's Restricted Account.

The question of whether any part of this \$60,000 will be needed by the six universities during the current fiscal year 1938-39 is of course

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dependent upon how successful we are in our efforts to secure an emergency fund of \$330,000. If the entire amount is obtained, the Colleges will be able to complete the current year in fairly good financial condition, and we would probably all agree that we would prefer not to dip into this \$60,000 surplus in this current year. It might, however, be helpful to all six of the Colleges if we had some assurance that a part of this \$60,000 would be available during 1939-40 for strengthening the general work of the institutions.

The question raised by the Institute is one which ought, if possible, to be settled before the series of annual meetings are held in June. Also, it seems desirable that we have a conference of representatives of the six universities who would confer about the matter and make a uniform joint recommendation.

At a meeting of the Yenching Finance Committee on April 14th, action was taken appointing the President and Treasurer of the Yenching Board to act as its representatives to consult with similar representatives of the other five Boards of Trustees if they desired to confer about the matter. We will be having a meeting of our Cheeloo Executive Committee within the next two or three weeks at which the matter will also be taken up. Since it is not planned to have a meeting of the Fucien Executive Committee before June, do you think it would be sufficient to bring the matter to the attention of the members of the Executive Committee by mail, asking their opinion and agreement by mail upon any proposal we may wish to present?

I will get in touch with you by telephone during the next few days to obtain your instructions as to the procedure we should follow.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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June 13, 1939

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield  
Church Committee for China Relief  
105 East 22nd St.  
New York City

Dear Dr. Fairfield:

The enclosed letter is a copy of one just received from Mr. Brank Fulton in relation to the position at Yenching in connection with the McBrier Foundation.

It is very improbable that the Yenching authorities will want to consider Mr. Fulton for just a one-year appointment. We are notifying the field of his decision, so that they may let us know if they wish to consider him for just the one year. A cable has come in from Peking, indicating their desire to appoint him on a regular short-term basis. It will probably be necessary for us to look further for some other person to appoint.

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker

Secretary

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Attached to Parker's letter of June 13, 1939

208 East 16th Street  
New York City  
June 12, 1939

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Mr. B. A. Garside  
Associated Boards of China Colleges  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

Never, I think have I had a more difficult decision to make. And I deeply appreciate your patience and understanding, as well as the compliment you and the other members of the committee have paid me by considering me for the work at Yenching.

Since talking with you and Dr. North on Thursday, I have been thinking almost constantly about the matters we discussed, and have had long conversations with several friends (Mr. Van Dusen, however, being out of town, unfortunately). And the situation as regards my own thinking is as follows--as frankly and adequately as I can state it:

(1) I am more and more sure that my greatest interest and concern is in the realm of social Christianity--the relationship of our Christian faith to the problems of social change. It is for that reason that I have enrolled at Yale for Ph.D. work in the field of Christian Ethics in order to be equipped to teach in that field either in the near future or at a later date. I am looking forward keenly to this further period of study, and want very much to carry through with it.

(2) My interest in China is very strong, and I think it always will be, whether I do my life's work there or here. It is not, however, of the "I-must-get-back-to-China" sort that characterizes some of my friends. That is, the primary matter is the work--being able to throw myself whole-heartedly into something that I thoroughly believe in and have some training for; whether that is this country or China--or somewhere else, although I have pretty well "narrowed" the field down to the U.S. and China-- is a secondary consideration.

(3) Being now 28, and having tackled a succession of short-term jobs, I am more or less forced to agree with my parents and friends, that I ought in the fairly near future tackle something of a more permanent nature--my life's work. That means that the further graduate work I want and need should not be long postponed. And of course the question of marriage and raising a family--though not of immediate importance--is in the background.

(4) Then there is finally the question of the work itself--what seems to be the dual concept of its nature, etc. As you know, I have serious doubts as to my qualifications for it--from the standpoint of aptitude, training or interest--as it is conceived by the donor and the committee, as primarily consisting of extra-curricular personal evangelism on the Yenching campus.

All of this leads up to the decision itself, which is as follows:

(1) I do not feel that I should be further considered for the three-year short term appointment that is under discussion. The reasons are, I hope, clear from what I have written on the preceding page.

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from Mr. R. Brank Fulton

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(2) I would very seriously consider--would, in fact, be glad to accept a one-year appointment. This has occurred to me as a possibility for the following reasons:

(a) Mr. McBrier spoke of the appointment's being subject to review at the end of one year, which raised the question in my mind.

(b) There is, I gather, special need for outside help next year, because of the absence of several of the regular teaching staff.

(c) This would give the committee more time--in case that is needed--to canvass the field for a longer-term appointee for the particular job that the senders have in mind.

(d) On personal grounds--this would make it possible for me to throw my lot in once again for a brief period with the Christian forces in China--Chinese and "foreign"--which I would especially enjoy doing at this critical period; it would enable me to try to fill in the gaps in the curricular work, and be of such assistance as I could in the extra-curricular activities, which would of course be both a privilege and a pleasure; and finally, it would probably throw considerably more light on the question of whether or not I should plan to do my life's work in China. If so, I could come back to this country to finish graduate work, think further of marriage (if the right girl should be available, of course!), and then return to China (if there were an opportunity) to tackle the language seriously and attempt to "gear in" as usefully as possible on a permanent basis. If not, I would also return to finish up Ph.D. work and go on into the pastoral or the teaching ministry in this country.

I am sorry not to have gotten this message to you earlier--but the decision was not clear until late last night--in fact, not outlined fully in my mind till this morning; and I have been unavoidably detained from writing the letter until just now. Should you care to reach me by phone, I will be available at Plaza 3-4700 between 4:30 and 5:15, and at Gramercy 5-1193 after 9:30 this evening (Monday). I will also be at Mon. 2-2120 between 7:30 and 9:00 (at a Japanese friend's apartment, near the International House). Ordinarily, I am available at the Gramercy number in the mornings and evenings, and the Plaza exchange in the afternoons.

Please give my regards to the other members of the committee and express to them my deep appreciation--whatever is decided--for the kind and thoughtful consideration they have given me. And my gratitude to you, I would like to underscore!

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) R. BRANK FULTON

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June 26, 1939

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield  
14 Beacon St.  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Fairfield:

In connection with the considerations of the McBrier foundation Committee, we had a report from Mr. Fulton that he could not consider taking a three-year appointment at Yenching, but that he would consider a one-year appointment. Upon receipt of this information, a cable was sent to the field, as follows:-

FULTON IS AVAILABLE FOR YEAR ONLY. IT IS CONSIDERED  
UNSATISFACTORY UNLESS WE ARE NOTIFIED OTHERWISE.  
NOW SEARCHING FOR OTHER CANDIDATES.

An answer to this cable has just been received, which reads as follows:-

APPROVE FULTON ONE YEAR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS DISCRETION  
OF TRUSTEES. CABLE FINAL DECISION.

Will it be possible for you and Dr. North and Mr. Garside to take a few minutes after the meeting of the Nominating Committee on Wednesday morning to consider what should be done further in this case?

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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