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YENCHING

Mr. B. A. Garside  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

TRANSFER

You will find enclosed the Western Clergy Fare application blank filled out as completely as it was necessary for me to do so. I surely wish to thank you for taking care of this matter for me. The fee of \$1.04 will be taken from the check which you have received, I presume.

All the hum drum of school, and the excitement of being a senior in college have been brought to an end. I am now in my home town at Grayville, Illinois, and I have changed my address to this place. Immediately upon my return home from school I was fortunate enough to receive work at the office of my home weekly, selling advertising and writing up a few news stories. I will in this way be able to get about six more weeks of practical experience in the newspaper field.

I am also working out the courses which will be given at Yenching, and am getting all prepared for my new mission. I am becoming all enthused about the trip, and am becoming anxious for the time for sailing to arrive.

I am making application for my passport immediately. I will sail from San Francisco on the Dollar Liner, President Garfield, August 9, and if it can be arranged I would like to land at Yokohama. I would like to spend a week in Japan before entraining for Peking by way of Korea and Manchuria. If this route sounds feasible to you, then permanent reservations can be made and the steamer ticket purchased.

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If it is not too inconvenient I would appreciate a letter telling me what commodities, etc., I should plan on taking to the Orient with me. I am purchasing a ward-robe steamer trunk, and am planning on taking a portable typewriter and my portable victrola--if such is practicable.

Thanking you, and hoping all arrangements can be completed in the next few weeks,

Very cordially yours,

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Dean Walter Williams  
University of Missouri  
Columbia, Missouri

March 18, 1939

CORDIAL AFFIRMATIVE FIRST FOUR QUESTIONS GLAD HAVE YOU EX END MONEY YOUR DIS-  
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WHETHER ASSOCIATION AND OR MISSOURIAN SUBSCRIPTIONS SUFFICIENT. BOOKS RECEIVED.  
THANKS. STORY SENT SATURDAY.

Vernon Nash

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Samuel D. Gross

1401 Rosemary Lane,  
Columbia, Mo.,  
April 27, 1929.

Mr. Olin D. Wanamaker,  
Yenching University,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wanamaker:

If you will recall the fellow with whom you dined at his fraternity house when you were in Columbia last fall, then you will, no doubt, remember me. I do not at this time remember the exact date of that Sunday, although I know it is recorded in the Guest Book at the house, but I can assure you I shall not soon forget the pleasant day spent with you.

Since that time many things have happened in my life, and one especially, of which I am all enthused about. You probably had the Missouri-Yenching school of journalism fully explained to you by Franklin Parker, and by Dean Williams when you were in Columbia, and I imagine you ~~also~~ had a lengthy talk with Vernon Nash before he sailed from New York City, recently, for Peiping, about the fellow who was to be sent from the 1929 graduating class of the school of journalism at Missouri U.

Before Vernon left Columbia, he informed me that the committee here had met and had recommended me as the first Missouri-Yenching Fellow. Of course I utterly astounded, and I began then making arrangements to take up the appointment if the recommendation went through.

I met two stumbling blocks--one, finances, and the second, the parents. I have had several talks with the Dean, and he has assured me of having \$500 placed at my disposal for traveling expenses over to Yenching and back at the end of the two years. I next tackled my parents, and although both of them refuse to give me their full approval, they have stated that they will not stand in my way if I wish to take up the opportunity. And so I have continued making preparations for the trip over.

My advertising instructors have granted me access to their lecture notes in the three courses which will probably be offered in the advertising department of the Yenching journalism department, and they are going to help me work out my courses for the following courses: Principles of Advertising, Advertisement Writing, and Advertising Layout.

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Now that everything seems to be well under way over here, there appears on the horizon another problem, one which you can help me to solve. Neither the Dean, nor I, know the date of the opening of school at Yenching, and at what time it would be necessary for me to sail from San Francisco. I would appreciate it very much if you would write me in regard to this matter, and any other things which you might tell me concerning what I should take, what arrangements I might be making now, etc.

Immediately after school I am planning on spending about six weeks as advertising manager on my home paper at Grayville, Illinois. And before I sail I would like to spend about a week with my sister in Santa Ana, California. But not knowing the date for sailing I am unable to make any definite arrangements.

The Dean, in a recent interview, explained to me that the New York office would be able to get a discount from both the railroad and steamship companies, thus making the amount which would be placed at my disposal for expenses go farther. Is this true or not, and what discount is it? I would like too, a statement of the approximate amount which would be necessary for the trip over.

Dean Williams, in planning the thing with me, marked out my itinerary thus: Leaving from San Francisco, on either the Dollar Lines, or the N.Y.K. lines, via Honolulu, to Japan. From thence to Peiping. After the two years at Yenching, teaching and studying, I could catch a slow boat at Shanghai and return via Singapore, Bombay, Cairo and Europe. It will be quite a trip, will it not, and I am looking forward to my work at Yenching both anxiously and enthusiastically--for it is my one ambition to do all I can to make a success of the work which will be required of me at Yenching.

This letter is quite lengthy, and is neither well worded, nor <sup>well</sup> organized, but I hope it explains the condition I am in in regard to final arrangements for going on this all-important mission to China. I certainly will appreciate a letter from you explaining all the things you think I should know. And if you would, I know a letter from you to my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Groff, at Grayville, Ill., would carry much weight in explaining to them the importance of this mission, and asking them to give me their approval, and to encourage me in being able to take up this wonderful opportunity.

Thanking you, I remain

Cordially,

Samuel F. Groff

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May 2, 1929

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Groff:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to learn that your son now at the University of Missouri is the first student to win the fellowship in journalism at Yenching University. I can well imagine that he is looking forward with the greatest enthusiasm to the two years he is to spend in China. It is all the easier for me to enter into his feelings when I remember the enthusiasm with which I set sail from San Francisco two years after the Boxer outbreak to spend five years in south China.

An enormous amount has happened in China in the intervening twenty-seven years but that country exercises just as strong magnetic pull upon the best type of young Americans today as it did a quarter century ago. Those of us who went out at the earlier date felt that we were in a unique position to render service to another people at a period in their development when they needed foreign assistance. Although conditions are now so greatly altered and there are so many Chinese young men and young women with the finest Western education that the foreigner is no longer in position to be the only competent person to impart Western ideas, nevertheless, these services are possibly even more important at the present moment than a quarter century ago. In those days we had almost to search for students and induce them to enter our school. At the present time they are clamoring for admittance. In my day we were forced to admit practically every one who would enter no matter how poor their qualifications. At the present time an institution like Yenching can choose from the very finest young men and women from every province in China.

I am sure that it is no exaggeration to say that your son will have an opportunity, as a teaching fellow in the School of Journalism at Yenching, to make a contribution far more significant than a recent graduate from an American college could possibly make

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in any connection in the United States. It happens that only last evening I was at a gathering where a young business man, now occupying a very important position on one of the great automobile companies in this country, was talking with the greatest enthusiasm about the brief period he spent in 1916-17 teaching in a business school in Peking, an institution not to be compared at all with Yenching University. I had the feeling that this young Princeton man rather longed for the kind of romance and sense of real value he had during that period in Peking as contrasted with the splendidly salaried work he is doing in the United States.

I do earnestly congratulate you and feel sure you will always be glad your son had this experience in the Far East.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Groff  
Grayville, Illinois

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JOURNALISM

Mr. Groff

May 2, 1929

Dear Mr. Groff:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to read your letter of April 27th. I can well imagine how enthusiastically you look forward to your trip to China since I probably had very similar emotions when I set out for Canton so many years ago that I do not like to recall - 1902. I can assure you from my own experience that you will not be disappointed.

Let me try to answer your questions briefly as a great many other details await my attention.

The University opens on September 16th. The time when it would be necessary for you to sail depends upon several considerations - the steamship line you select, the time you would like to have in Japan, etc. The quickest trip is via Vancouver but it is not the most pleasant. There are certain reasons in favor of your taking the route suggested by Dean Williams since this will give you the only possibility of seeing Honolulu. In that event I should suggest that you arrange to sail early enough to stop over in Japan between two steamers of the same line. Only in this way could you secure your ticket all the way through at the reduced rate and at the same time have an extremely satisfying glimpse of Japan. Supposing that you plan to arrive in Peking a few days before the opening and that you allow yourself one week in Japan, you should sail one month before the date of the opening.

The proper way to arrange for your passage and secure the missionary discount is to request Mr. Garside, the secretary of the Board of Trustees, to purchase your reservation and give you the cash remaining from your \$500 travel allowance after paying for your railway ticket from Columbia to the port of debarkation and your steamship ticket. When you have once definitely decided from what port you prefer to sail, write to the following address for all further information and arrangements: Mr. B. A. Garside, Room 903, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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I am very much interested in the plans you are making for the assistance of some of your teachers to prepare for your courses at Yenching. I know you will find this very helpful.

I take great pleasure in writing you mother and father in regard to this experience of yours. I find myself wondering whether your family may be related to that of Dean Groff, head of the School of Agriculture at Lingnan University, Canton, China. He is one of the finest men we have ever had on the staff of that institution and some persons consider that he has done a type of work in the botany of south China similar to that done by the greatest botanist in this country. I know you will make an equal reputation in Yenching.

Please do not hesitate to write me if I can help you further.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Samuel D. Groff  
1401 Rosemary Lane  
Columbia, Missouri

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Samuel D. Gross

JOURNALISM

1401 Rosemary Lane,  
Columbia, Missouri,  
May 20, 1929.

My dear Mr. Wanamaker:

I am very grateful to you for the lengthy and instructive letter of May 2nd. And I also wish to express my sincere gratitude for the letter which you sent to my Mother and Dad. It was quite influential in changing their false attitude, and opinions, of the many dangers lurking in the Orient, and it did much in assuring them of the wonderfulness of the opportunity.

The twentieth annual Journalism Week has been in progress on the campus this last week, and due to that fact the Dean has been exceedingly busy with other activities. Therefore we have not been able to accomplish much in planning further on the matters that have arisen in regard to the Missouri-Yenching affair.

Dean Williams has informed me, however, that the recommendation has met with the approval of all concerned, and the official announcement will be made sometime this next week.

I am writing Mr. Garside today, explaining all to him, and asking him a few questions concerning transportation. I hope it will be possible for me to sail from San Francisco on August 10, stop off a week in Japan, as you suggested, and arrive in China 5 to 7 days before the opening of school.

I am looking forward to the day of departure anxiously, and if I can just make a success of my work, and do my bit for God in this undertaking, I will be the happiest fellow in the world. My whole heart is going into this opportunity to serve, and to learn.

I will write you again in the near future in case anything new transpires. Thanking you again for the letters. I remain

Cordially yours.

Samuel D. Gross

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Samuel D. Gross

1401 Rosemary Lane,  
Columbia, Missouri,  
May 20, 1929.

**TRANSFER**

My dear Mr. Garside:

I have recently received the appointment as the first graduate of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri to receive the Missouri-Yenching Fellowship. In a recent letter from Mr. Wanamaker, of the New York Yenching University office, he advised me to write to you concerning my plans for transportation, etc., and thus it is for this reason I am writing you.

In an interview with Dean Walter Williams, of the journalism school here, following the receiving of a letter from Mr. Wanamaker, we decided that it would be best to sail from San Francisco on August 10, via of Honolulu, stopping off between boats in Japan, arriving at Yenching some few days before the opening of school on September 16.

The Dean has assured me of \$500, which will be taken from a fund donated by him, and which is to be used in paying the traveling expenses of the Fellows who will be sent to Yenching every two years. He has also informed me that it is possible to get a missionary discount on all traveling expenses, too, and Mr. Wanamaker assured me of that, providing that it be gotten through you.

We have some three months in which to complete all arrangements, but the sooner reservations on the boat can be secured, and the sooner the passport is all arranged, the better it will be, of course, and a bit of worry can be dismissed from our minds.

I am planning on leaving from my home, Grayville, Illinois, sometime the first of August, stopping off a day at Columbia, and spending about a week with my sister in Santa Ana, Calif., sailing from San Francisco the second Saturday in August. Do you think all this can be arranged?

I prefer the Dollar Lines, out of San Francisco. And I prefer taking the rail route through Salt Lake City. But I will leave it up to you to outline the best and cheapest route to California, and to China.

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On the return trip, in 1931, Dean Williams and I planned the route eastward, leaving Shanghai, taking a slow boat through Singapore, Calcutta, Bombay, Cairo, Jerusalem, and through Europe. I don't know what can be done at present about making plans for the return trip, but I presume all arrangements may well be completed later.

I am aware that you know more about this than I, and that you understand all the red tape that is necessary to wade through, so I am leaving it up to you to arrange for the transportation. If I can be of any help though, I surely will be at your service.

Thanking you, and hoping that I may be of some assistance to you in making arrangements, I am,

Cordially yours,

Samuel D. Gross

P.S. It might be best to route me from St. Louis, rather than from Grayville, as my Dad will probably drive me to St. Louis. Thank you.

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

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School of Journalism

Office of the Dean

May 21, 1929.

Mr. E. M. McBrier,  
Yenching University Office  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. McBrier:

The faculty of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri has named Samuel David Groff as the first Graduate Fellow from Missouri at Yenching. The appointment, I am informed, has been approved by the proper authorities. I am therefore asking the secretary-treasurer of the Missourian Publishing Association, Mr. E. A. Soderstrom, to deliver a check for \$500 to Mr. Groff. This amount should be credited to the subscription of \$4500 made to the Missouri-Yenching Fund and underwritten by me. I am reporting to you for your records the payment.

Very sincerely,

/s/ Walter Williams

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Yenching University

May 27, 1929.

Mr. Samuel D. Groff,  
1401 Rosemary Lane,  
Columbia, Mo.

My dear Mr. Groff:

We thank you for your letter of May 20th discussing arrangements for your travel to Yenching, and also for the information blank in connection with your appointment to Yenching University as Missouri-Yenching Fellow.

Since the by-laws of the University require that all Western appointees to the staff of the University be approved by the Candidate Committee of the Board of Trustees, I will bring your name to the attention of this committee at a meeting to be held during the next ten days. I am quite sure, however, that this formality will not cause any difficulties or delay for I know the committee will be very happy to ratify your appointment and will warmly welcome the prospect of your going to Yenching as the first graduate of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri to receive the Missouri-Yenching fellowship.

I am at this time taking up with the Dollar Line the matter of your steamship reservation. Your letter of May 20th states that you are planning "to sail from San Francisco on August 10th, via Honolulu". Our latest schedule of steamer sailings does not list any boat sailing from San Francisco on August 10th but shows that the "President Garfield" on the Dollar Line sails from San Francisco August 9th, arriving in Honolulu August 16th, in Kobe August 29th, and Shanghai September 2nd. I presume this is the steamer you will wish to take and will therefore put in a tentative request for reservations on this boat. You mention stopping between boats in Japan. Do you plan to go from Japan to Peking by way of Korea and the Peking-Mukden Railway or have you thought of continuing by boat to Shanghai and then by rail from Shanghai to Peking. Most of our travelers to Peking are taking the former of these two routes because the uncertainties of travel between Shanghai and Peking are so great as to make this method

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rather difficult just now, If you are taking the route through Korea we will purchase your steamer ticket only to Kobe. If you wish to leave the steamer at Yokahama and travel by train through Japan rather than going by steamer all the way to Kobe, we will purchase your ticket only to Yokahama.

I am sending at this time an application for a Western clergy certificate which you will need in purchasing your railway ticket to San Francisco. If you will fill out this application and return it to me I will secure the clergy certificate for you. To the application I am attaching certain notes which will help you in filling out the form. Since in using this certificate it is necessary that you purchase tickets yourself, our office will not be able to assist you greatly in arranging your railway travel. I am sure, however, that you will have no difficulty in determining the most comfortable and most economical route to follow.

You will undoubtedly wish to wait until after you reach China before planning the details of your return trip in 1931. I am sure that the itinerary you outline will provide an extremely interesting trip for you.

If there are any other points at which we can assist you please call on us freely. I will send you your steamer ticket about July 1st, addressing it to Grayville, Ill.

A recent letter from Dean Williams seems to indicate that he is turning over to you direct the sufficient sum to cover your travel to Peking. If this is correct I presume we should send you a statement covering the cost of your steamer ticket and any other incidental travel expenses we advance, for you to reimburse our office. The cost of your steamer ticket, after deducting 10% missionary rebate, and 5% agent's commission, would be as follows:

Shanghai to Yokahama.....	\$256.50
San Francisco to Kobe.....	265.90
San Francisco to Shanghai.....	286.33

The cost of your Western clergy certificate will be \$1.04/

In the sincere wish that your plans for your journey to Peking will go forward without any serious difficulties, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Encs.

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JOURNALISM

*Samuel D. Gross*

1401 Rosemary Lane  
Columbia, Mo.  
May 27, 1929

Mr. E. M. McBrier  
New York City

Dear Mr. McBrier:

The check for \$500, which is to be used for the defrayment of traveling expenses of the first Missouri-Yenching Fellow to Yenching University, has been received, and I wish to extend my sincere gratitude for same.

The check has been endorsed and has been sent to Mr. B. A. Garside, of your office, for him to make reservations, arrangements, and any other details which are necessary to be taken care of.

Announcement of ~~the~~ my appointment to the Missouri-Yenching Fellowship award is being made in the various newspapers of the country this week. Dean Williams has expressed his desire of obtaining as much publicity in regard to this first appointment as possible, and an effort is being made to do so.

I am fully aware of my mission to the Orient, and I wish to assure you that I seriously intend to make these two years years of constructive upbuilding of the great and coming profession of journalism in our sister nation, and to perform a service which is expected of me.

Thanking you again

Very sincerely,

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*Samuel D. Gross*

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Yenching University

May 27, 1929.

Dean Walter H. Williams,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Mo.

My dear Dean Williams:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 22nd addressed to me and also your letter of May 21st addressed to Mr. McBrier.

In your letter of April 22nd you mention that your understanding with Mr. Nash provided for your payment from the subscription made by yourself on behalf of the School of Journalism of such amount as you may find desirable for travel expenses of the Missouri-Yenching Fellow. This is quite in accord with our understanding of this arrangement.

Your letter of May 21st reports that you are directing the Missourian Publishing Association to deliver a check for \$500. to Mr. Groff. Am I correct in assuming that this \$500. is to cover Mr. Groff's travel expenses to Peking? I am now undertaking to purchase a steamship ticket for Mr. Groff and wish to know whether I should look to him for reimbursement or should charge the cost against the Journalism account.

*\$500 check  
may 31, 1929  
to apply  
on Mr. Groff's  
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We have now received from Mr. Groff the information submitted by all candidates for appointment to the Yenching staff and I will lay this material before a meeting of the Committee on Instruction to be held within the next ten days. I am quite sure that the formality of ratifying Mr. Groff's appointment will not occasion any delay or embarrassment.

Thanking you for the warm interest you have taken in all these matters, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary

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Samuel D. Gross

1401 Rosemary Lane  
Columbia, Missouri  
May 27, 1929 *act 3/31*

Mr. B. A. Garside  
150 Fifth Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

**TRANSFER**

When I wrote you recently I was under the impression Dean Williams would send the check for \$500, which is to be used for defrayment of my traveling expenses to and from Yenching University, directly to you, but I am in receipt of the check. You will please find it enclosed, fully endorsed.

As I understand it, you are to make arrangements for my transportation from St. Louis, Mo., to Santa Ana, California. From Santa Ana to San Francisco, and from there, via either the Dollar line or the N.Y.K. line to Honolulu, Japan, and on to Peking, using what is necessary of the check to pay for these traveling expenses. The rest to be put at my disposal.

I would like reservations made as soon as is convenient on the boat which sails from San Francisco on August 10. I will then have time to spend a week in Japan before going on to China--arriving in Peking a few days before school opens on the 16th of September.

As to the passport--I am waiting for instructions from you, for as this is the first time I have had any connections with sailing, I am not acquainted with the details which are necessary to be taken care of.

Announcement of my appointment to the Missouri-Yenching Fellowship is being made in the various newspapers of the country, and Dean Williams is trying to get out as much publicity concerning it as is possible. As the days pass I get more anxious to get under way.

I wish to extend to you my sincere gratitude, Mr. Garside, for taking care of these arrangements, for you cannot realize what it all means to me. Thanking you,

Cordially yours,

*Samuel D. Gross*

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Yenching University

June 19, 1929

Mr. Samuel D. Groff,  
Grayville, Ill.

My dear Mr. Groff:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 12.

We have forwarded the Western Clergy application blank, together with a remittance of \$1.04, and have requested that the Clergy Certificate be sent you at Grayville.

We are making reservations for you on the President Garfield sailing August 9 from San Francisco to Yokohama. We plan to send you this ticket about July 9. If you desire the ticket earlier than that please let us know.

I am returning to you at this time a check for \$200.00. For the present we are holding the balance of \$300.00 to pay for your steamer ticket, Clergy Certificate, and any other incidental expenses. Unless there are other expenses of which we are not as yet informed, we should be able to send you a little later a balance of about \$37.00 more. If satisfactory to you I will send you this final balance due you at the same time as your steamship ticket. This \$200.00 plus will, I believe, be enough to cover your railway travel and miscellaneous expenses between your home and Peking.

You ask for suggestions as to articles you should take to China with you. I would suggest in general that you plan to take about the same clothing and personal effects as you would require in a college community in America, together with a few special requirements for life in China. You should, of course, plan your baggage to avoid too great bulk and weight. Some of our staff members arrive in China with enough impedimenta to care for the needs of a small army.

Your clothing needs in Peking should not be radically different from what they have been in Columbia. Mr. Nash has probably given you a first hand description of life on the Yenching campus. Most of our Yenching staff go in for tennis and other athletic activities so you will probably wish to take suitable clothing for exercise. There is a certain amount of formal dress in connection with the social life of

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Mr. S.D.Groff-2

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the University so a Tuxedo is desirable, though full dress evening clothes are hardly necessary. I suppose when you get to Peking everyone will advise you to purchase a pith helmet. Most of our new arrivals wear them during the hottest part of the summer, and a few of the veterans keep up the custom. Others who have been in China for a great many years do not hesitate to walk all day in the summer sunshine without anything at all on their head. A portable typewriter will certainly come in handy. Your portable Victrola will also bring you a great deal of enjoyment if you like music. Whether your neighbors will also enjoy it will depend on your living arrangements after you arrive at the University.

Our Chinese tailors can make very good suits and a great deal cheaper than they can be purchased here in America if they have a suitable model to copy. Shoes are also turned out in a very satisfactory way by our Chinese cobblers. When I was last at Yenching Dr. Vincent of the Leather Tanning Department had developed quite a shoe making business. I do not know whether it is still carrying on at the new Yenching campus or not.

The above suggestions are pretty general but possibly they will help you in meeting some of your problems. Please write me again if you have any further questions on which we can give any assistance.

Very cordially yours,

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June 19, 1929

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Mr. Samuel D. Groff is a special appointee to the teaching staff of Yenching University.

Yenching University is a missionary institution supported chiefly by the following cooperating missionary organizations: Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the London Missionary Society, and the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
Peping, China

October 28, 1930

Department of Journalism

President, School of Journalism,  
University of Missouri,  
Columbia, Missouri.

My dear President and Students:

If the telegraph wires between Columbia and Peking hummed with the carrying of material messages of appreciation to you and to those students of the University of Missouri -- especially those of the School of Journalism -- who are promoting the Missouri-Yenching Association on the campus, as often as the membranes of my brain have hummed with mental messages, Western Union operators would have found it necessary in the months past to work overtime, I fear.

But in so far as an outward expression has not been previously made, let me take this opportunity of expressing via the "letter route" my sincerest appreciation of the great interest that has been shown and the splendid support that has been given by those students who are so earnestly backing this invaluable project of cooperation between Missouri and Yenching.

Words fail me in an attempt to make a fitting formal statement of my personal gratitude for their making it possible for me to represent them as a student and as an instructor in the advertising division of the department of journalism at Yenching University. I feel extremely elated at having the high honor, but at the same time very muchly dissatisfied with my inability to deliver to the Chinese students at Yenching the message of good will and friendliness I am certain the students at Missouri would have me deliver.

If this letter did no more than assure those concerned of my thankfulness for their past support I would be fully satisfied, but I wish to go a double step further in stating what a huge influence the making possible of a reciprocal fellowship between the two universities has had upon the moulding of a strong feeling of good will in the minds of the Chinese students. I am prone to believe, moreover, that this influence does not have only the limited effect upon students, but that it stretches out and takes in a whole nation. I feel I am safe in making such an assertion.

A disunited country continually plunged in a civil war -- a war made more terrible by highly colored press reports to foreign newspapers; a country that faces the disastrous results each year of devastating famine; a country over-run by generals and radicals; is one needful of outside aid. Personally, I believe relief from such conditions can ultimately be realized from education, and it is to this end that organization of foreign countries are exerting a masterful influence. Missouri has chosen to make her donation through the field of journalism-- and I believe she has chosen well.

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During my short sojourn in China I have come to realize the enormous emphasis which is placed upon the shoulders of subsidized newspapers to mould public opinion toward the end of party ordination. The force of public opinion is great among the Chinese and the newspapers of the country are like wands being moved about over the reading populace swinging attitudes to and fro.

Therefore I hope you can easily recognize the enormous place there is in Chinese public life for a press with a staunch standard of ethics; for editors who maintain as their guiding principles, Truth and Accuracy, and who conscientiously are aware of their responsibilities as public servants; and for advertising men who will morally maintain a strict censorship of the prevalent patent medicine and other non-ethical forms of advertising. Over sixty percent of newspaper advertising in Chinese newspapers is "quack."

I believe, therefore, that it will be in the realization of these facts that the students of Missouri will find a requital for the interest they are showing. I feel safe in saying the eventual results of the Missouri-Yenching relationship will not be found merely in the fostering of feelings of good will and friendliness, but that such cooperation will be a direct means to the end of making the nation of China the great, prosperous and influential nation she is bound to become some day.

Again expressing my sincerest gratitude to the students of Missouri for their inestimable aid in the furtherance of this propitious project, and assuring them of my earnest efforts to make of it not only an enduring tie between the University of Missouri and Yenching University, but also to make of it a strong connecting link between this nation and ours, with regards, I remain,

Sincerely and gratefully,

The first Missouri-Yenching Fellow,

Samuel D. Groff.

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February 1931

Item from the "Missouri Alumni in Journalism" - 1930 edition.

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Groff, Samuel David, B.J. '29; Alpha Delta Sigma; linotype operator,  
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1928-29; professor of advertising, Yenching University,  
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Samuel D. Groff  
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May 22, 1931

Mr. B. A. Garside  
Secretary-Treasurer  
China Union Universities  
150+5th Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

I have your letter of May 19 in which you quote the cablegram you have received from Mr. Vernon Nash at Yen-ching. Please advise Mr. Nash that it was entirely satisfactory for Samuel D. Groff to remain at Yen-ching for the coming year if that is satisfactory to him.

Unless we hear to the contrary we shall not fill his place and count upon his remaining at the University.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Frank L. Martin

FIM:DL

Baf's cable May 27th to field  
telling Nash satisfactory Groff remain -

Nash's letter to B.A.G. Aug. 19, 1931.  
thanking Baf. for assistance in settling this matter

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# The Young Men's Christian Association

OF ST. LOUIS AND ST. LOUIS COUNTY

GENERAL OFFICES  
1528 LOCUST STREET

April 18, 1933

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I lived under the pleasant illusion for those three days you yourself, Br. Gee and Vernon were in St. Louis that I was in China again. To hear of China, to talk of Yenching, to be with ones with whom I had associated in Peiping cooperated to build a little Chinese world on St. Louis soil. Memories of days spent, and other associations formed, during those three years I was privileged to spend on Yenta campus were so vividly revived. I thoroughly enjoyed conversing with you again, and of being in your company. I sincerely wish it might be possible for me to climb into a less crowded corner of one of your bags on your return to the Orient.

Our Community Fund finance campaign was resumed yesterday under eager and enthusiastic leadership. Although to some the prospects for complete success in realizing the goal seem rather dim, to others the element of dubiousness has dwindled and hope has risen. So many YMCAs over the country are facing forced closure because of inadequate funds from subscriptions I presume we in St. Louis can consider ourselves fortunate if no more than a half of our goal is reached.

The future, in so far as I am concerned, remains so indefinite, and life seems so full of discouragements, I find it difficult to refrain from being disconcerted. However, as long as God continues to shower me with innumerable blessings I cannot help but continue looking upward and onward--hoping someday He will find a place for me in China.

It is my sincere wish that you may return satisfied with the findings made on this visit, and that you will find on your return that the work of the term and the ensuing year can be carried on uninterrupted. May your voyage be most enjoyable and restful. Should you meet Dr. Crawford at Honolulu I shall appreciate being remembered to him; may I ask, too, that you carry my best wishes to all of Yenching Faculty. With most personal and cordial regards,

Sincerely, *R. G. Goff*

*Sam Goff*

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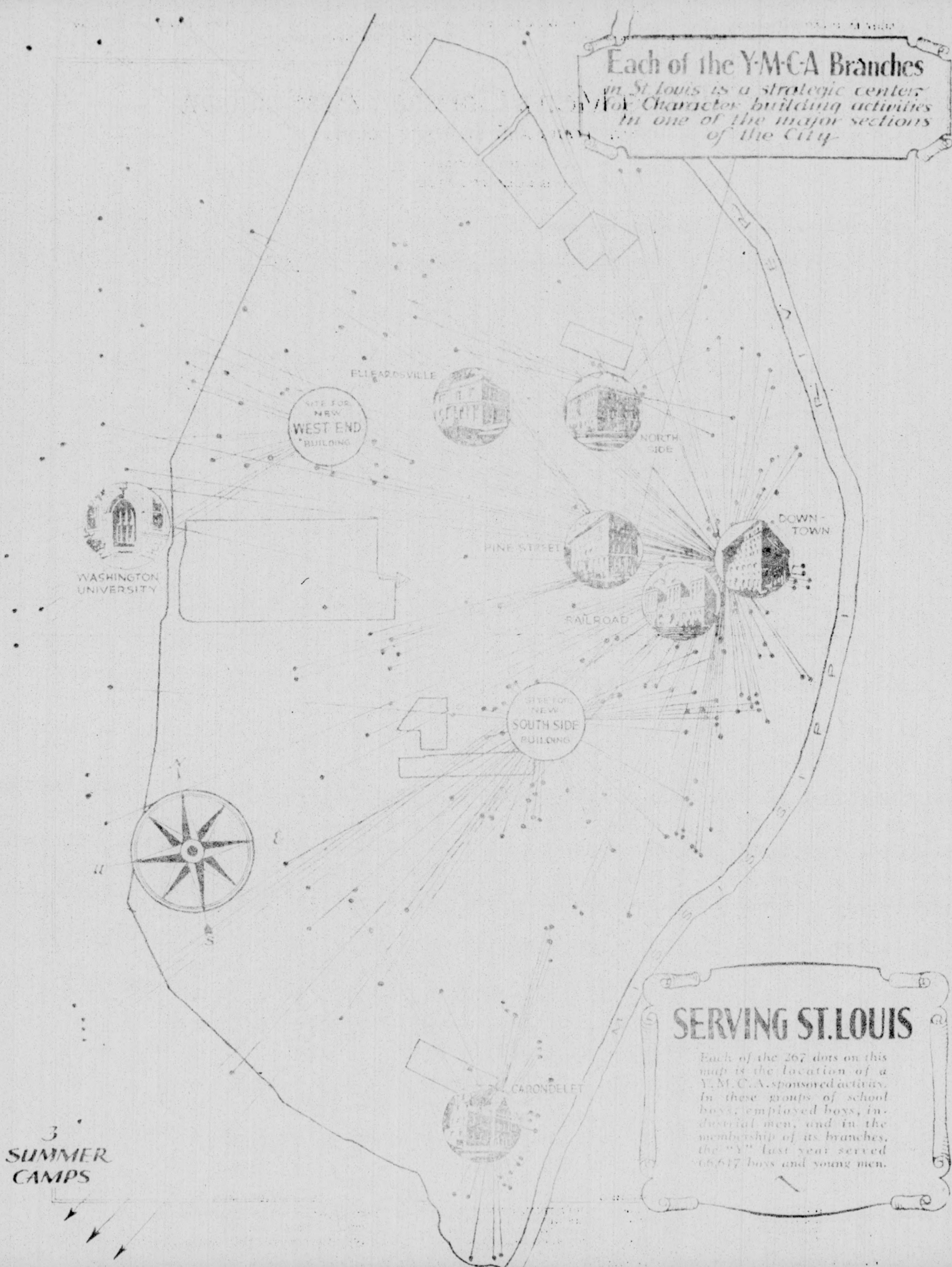
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Peitaiho Beach, Chihli  
July 22, 1925.

TRANSFER

My dear President Stuart:

I have been hoping to have an opportunity for a personal interview before you sail for America. Seeing the announcement that you are to sail soon I am sending you this letter, lest I may not have the opportunity of seeing you before you leave.

Even before coming to China I had a deep interest in Yenching University. Since assuming my official duties here, I have neglected no opportunity to express that interest. Even at the risk of being misunderstood in my attitude, I am going to express my concern at two points.

First, I have received the impression that the institution is more and more tending to become a Chinese educational institution rather than a university devoting itself to the training of Christian leaders in an atmosphere that is thoroughly and fervently religious. I am not for the moment discrediting the importance of Chinese educational institutions of highest academic standards, but if I rightly conceive our task as Christian missionaries, it is neither to educate China nor to convert China, but to train Christian leaders for this work among their own people. Without any criticism whatever upon your policy as President or upon your faculty as a body, I believe the institution is not making the contribution which it ought to make in furnishing Christian leaders to the various cooperating bodies. Unless it does this, it can not legitimately expect support from missionary funds, however valuable its work may be from the cultural point of view.

Second, in the face of existing conditions in China and of the attitude of many Chinese, my judgment is that there will be a policy of increasing conservatism on the part of the Mission boards, especially on the part of the Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the financial support of educational institutions in China. A policy of conservatism if not of retrenchment seems to me inevitable, if not desirable. Indeed, I am inclined to the judgment that the time has come when there needs to be a thorough-going revision of our whole missionary policy.

Now I have written the above with the utmost frankness and at the same time with just as much kindness and brotherliness and personal interest in the work in which you are engaged. I hesitate to increase your already too heavy burdens by a single word that could possibly be interpreted as criticism. At the same time, I am simply presenting my impressions with brotherly regard and a genuine interest in your institution.

Ever faithfully yours,  
(Signed) GEORGE R. GROSE

President J. L. Stuart.

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TRANSFER

August 26, 1925

Bishop George R. Grose  
Methodist Mission  
Peking, China

My dear Bishop Grose:

Your letter arrived here just about the time that I did and I feel very grateful to you for writing me so frankly about those features of our University which seem unsatisfactory. Only a true friend would have had the courage to make such comments and I hope that they will be as constructive and as helpful as you intend them. I shall see that the letter is brought before our Board of Trustees if there is a chance for them to have a meeting while I am in this country. I want to discuss with them quite fully the religious issues in our present development. No one can be more conscious of the defects and failures of our institution in these respects than am I. Whether or not better results could be secured by adopting another course of action or using other methods is a problem that I hope to have a chance to discuss with you as soon after my return as possible, which I hope will be only a few weeks after this letter will have reached you.

I shall not attempt to do more at this time than to acknowledge with genuine thanks and appreciation your letter to me.

Very sincerely yours

JLS/S

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Gunderson, Helen

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Letter from Wellington Liu (Chinese Student) to Miss Helen  
L. Gunderson, dated

Cambridge, Mass.  
April 13, 1923

Dear Miss Gunderson:-

I am so pleased to receive your letter today that I cannot but answer you right away - to show a little appreciation on my part.

I have always wanted to tell you how sweet and kind a personality you are and how great a teacher you have made. I never seem to have got a chance to write you. I hope now is not too late for me to express my gratitude towards you - a thing that I ought to have done long ago.

Before I know you, I have never had so good a teacher in anything I have learned. Remember I was first time trying to learn something on the piano. I was not sure if I should like it. But as you must have noticed, it did not take me long to learn to like it. Two or three lessons under you were sufficient to make me to decide that I do like piano. If you hadn't made piano interesting to me how could have I ever found it interesting!

Of course I cannot tell you exactly how and where your teaching is wonderful. I know too little about music to pass any judgment on any technicality. But the fact that I began to enjoy my music lessons after your instructions for a few times and had enjoyed it throughout the year is enough to show that your patience, your understanding of the pupil, your intelligence and your mastery of your subjects, do make the work interesting and do make the pupil interested in the work. I don't see anything else you need as a music teacher, and I don't expect to meet many teachers like you. If I were entirely my master I would never have left Wisconsin last year. If I could have my own wish, I would come to you at once - in the same old Annex, I believe, where you are still giving out your precious instructions.

I am glad Miss Anna Chang is studying under you now. I do envy her. If I should have many things to quarrel with this little girl - of course I do not have anything - I am absolutely sure that she will agree with me in this one thing, viz. you, as a music teacher, can't simply be surpassed by anybody else. I am as clear as noon-day that she is enjoying your teaching tremendously. Tell her please, that if I should ever become a singer some day (I am quite 1% sure now!) she has to accompany my singing, so far as her accompaniment does not drown my voice altogether

Indeed, I am enjoying a splendid year here - lectures, concerts, and plays etc. Only the grand old Harvard has been making me work too much. This, however, enable me to enjoy the occasional recreation so much the more.

Although I might not have the good fortune of studying under you any more I shall always remember you as a good teacher and a sweet personality. And if our paths should cross elsewhere, I will be always honored to be and remain -

Your faithful pupil and sincere friend,  
(Signed) Wellington Liu

P.S. I shall, if asked, tell the N.Y. Committee exactly what I have told you. I hope you be offered the position in Peking and I hope you will accept it. Anyway, allow me to extend ~~you~~ to you the most hearty welcome to you, if you do go, on behalf of my people at home.

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Guy, Wm, E.

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October 31, 1924

Mr. William W. Boylston  
10 Portland Pl.  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Boylston:

I appreciate very much your note of the 19th which I find on my return to New York. With your generous giving to Princeton-in-Peking I can appreciate your desire to be excused in our present University campaign.

You will have read, of course, the article in the October number of the Peking News about the war. The rapidity with which events are now taking place in the Far East, combined with the intellectual renaissance in China, is rather startling and is surely a matter of the gravest concern to friends of the University and of China. We all know this day would come sometime but it has dawned over China with an amazing rapidity and we must face our problem and try to meet it.

Sincerely yours,

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January 5, 1925

Mr William E. Guy  
10 Portland Place  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr Guy:

I have just been talking with Mr Wenamaker of Princeton-in-Peking and he tells me of the house you are building for Mr Burgess on the University campus. I am exceedingly delighted to learn that this is the house that you are building, for I know Burgess well and realize how much satisfaction you will find in the gift you are making.

I hope that sometime when I am in St. Louis this year I may have the privilege of meeting you and reporting on the work of the whole University, though I wish to assure you that it will have no "monetary object" as I am well aware of the fact that you wish your financial interests to be assigned to the Princeton-in-Peking work.

Very sincerely yours,

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*W. E. Guy*  
*Jan 5 1925*

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April 22, 1925.

Mr. Wm. B. Guy,  
10 Portland Place,  
St. Louis, Mo.  
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Guy:

Your letter of March 20 has just come to hand and I write at once to thank you heartily for this substantial assistance, both to the University and to Princeton in Peking.

I note with interest that you desire this house to be erected for Mr. Hsu Shu Hsi, the Chinese teacher at present furnished by Princeton to our faculty rather than for Mr. Burgess. References to this matter in correspondence that had previously reached me from New York seemed to indicate that Mr. Burgess was to be the beneficiary. As it happens, the same American mail has brought me the text of an agreement between our Trustees and those of Princeton in Peking, which is as follows:

"The building shall be built by Peking University according to the desires of Mr. Burgess as to arrangement. Princeton-in-Peking will loan the money necessary for the construction of the building to Peking University, the maturity date to be indefinite. Peking University agrees to repay to Princeton-in-Peking the amount of the loan, in case circumstances occurring in the future necessitate a separation of the two organizations. In case a permanent arrangement for a close association of the two organizations is entered into, it is contemplated that the debt might then be cancelled as a part of such arrangement. The residence, after its erection, will be rented to Princeton-in-Peking for a term commensurate with the existence of the debt. The lease will be rent free in lieu of interest

Copies to Mr. Wannamaker  
Mr. Burgess  
Mr. Lewis

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on the monies loaned. Peking University will assume the up-keep of the building and the supply of water to the premises. The lease may be cancelled at any time on the part of the University by the repayment of the loan."

You will note that the name of Mr. Burgess is introduced into this document also. Apart from this detail I trust that the process determined upon will be acceptable to you. If not, I am sure that an arrangement can be reached which will meet your wishes and secure the practical benefits both to the Princeton group and to the University.

Mr. Wannamaker is due in Peking this week and I shall promptly take up with him the point at issue as to whether this house be for Mr. Burgess or Mr. Heu. My own tendency is always to give the Chinese preference in any question where other conditions are equal, and Mr. Burgess would be the first one to agree in such a policy even though it affected him. I had already been intending to take up with Mr. Wannamaker the possibility of borrowing in America or locally enough money to put up the additional house and pay interest out of what we would otherwise have to be spending in rental, or in the improvement of a Chinese house which we might buy or lease in a neighboring village. If this can be done Mr. Burgess would not suffer and the whole problem would be covered.

Again assuring you of the hearty appreciation we of the University feel in the fact that you think of this as a gift not only to Princeton but also to us, and hoping that it really will help effectively toward the Christian purpose which prompts what all of us are doing in this task, I am in this fellowship

Very sincerely yours,

*J. B. Stewart*

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Residence Letters

April 27, 1926

Mr. C. D. Wannemaker  
Princeton-in-Peking  
18 East 41st Street  
New York City

Dear Mr. Wannemaker:

You are familiar enough with the general program of building operations in Peking, together with the mounted costs, to know that most of the buildings have cost considerably in excess of the original estimates. This unpleasant fact has been due to an unfavorable rate of exchange and a continued rise in the cost of materials. We have been compelled to write to the donors of practically every house and ask them for an additional contribution to their original subscription sufficient to equal the cost of their residence.

The \$7,000.00 originally given by Mr. Guy was, you recall, assigned to Mr. Burgess. Mr. Burgess went over the plans and it is strictly a Burgess Princeton residence. Instead of costing \$7,000.00, however, we have actually paid out on it already \$6,050.51 and the estimated cost to complete it is an additional \$1,600.00. This estimate was made about six weeks ago and a good deal of this money has doubtless been spent already and we will be drawn on here for a total of \$9,650.51.

If this residence were the only one on which the cost were in excess of the receipts we would have no serious difficulty in taking care of it, but unfortunately this same thing is true of about fifteen or sixteen houses, and the total, I am sorry to say, is very close to \$40,000.00.

We are already in the bank to the limit of our borrowing capacity. We have no alternative than to go to the original donors of the residences and ask if they will be willing to contribute the balance of the cost.

I am writing thus fully to you because I know that in any event Princeton-in-Peking will expect to take care of their cost but I want to assure you we do not like the situation here any better than you do, for you and we here are the ones who have the embarrassing problem of finding the money.

We simply must somehow find this money within the next sixty days. We see our way clear to carry on through June. We are trying, however, to get this money in before June 1.

I am enclosing a photograph of the Burgess house, showing it in its final stage of completion.

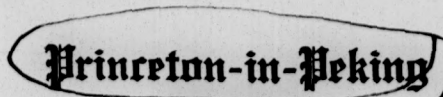
With warm personal regards,

Sincerely yours

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May 6, 1926

Mr. James H. Lewis,  
 Peking University  
 150 Fifth Avenue  
 New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I am exceedingly sorry that the University should be so burdened at the present time through the unfortunate under-estimate originally made concerning the cost of residences. I am forwarding your letter of April 27th to Mr. William E. Guy, accompanied by a note from me. I earnestly hope that Mr. Guy may be able to relieve you of this item in the large account. I am somewhat concerned, however, as to the matter, since he told me recently that he had just given a rather large sum - \$5000, I think - toward an addition to be erected at the Presbyterian School for Boys in the Phillipines, to which he gave several years ago the original building.

I shall let you know immediately upon hearing from him just what his reaction is. I am trying to secure money to pay for the third residence we need there, already erected there on borrowed funds, but I have not yet succeeded.

Sincerely yours,

*Olin D. Wannamaker*  
 Executive Secretary

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10 Portland Place  
St. Louis, Mo.      May 11, 1926

Mr. O. D. Wannamaker,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

I am sorry they altered the fine Chinese type of residence shown me to this non-descript American, and, having committed myself to a new dining hall at the Silliman Institute, which (owing to some losses) I am spreading over two years, cannot contribute any more at P. I. than amount already paid in.

Yours truly,

(Signed)      Wm. E. Guy

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Copy for Mr Lewis

RESIDENCES

May 14, 1926

Mr. William E. Guy  
10 Portland Place  
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Guy:

Thanks for your note of the 11th instant. I am handing a copy of this to Mr. Lewis of Peking University.

I am almost sorry that I sent you a photograph of the residence erected with your money - not of course because I should wish to conceal from you just what was done with that money, but simply because I had already experienced while in Peking the same sense of aesthetic disappointment to which I subjected you by sending the picture.

I discussed with the very competent missionary supervising all construction work on the new campus the question why a departure had been made from the adapted Chinese type of architecture when the residences came to construction. He explained that this had been forced upon the University because of the far greater cost of providing an equal cubic space in the Chinese type as compared with the American type of residence. I think also that questions of hygiene entered into the matter. The Chinese type of architecture is perhaps more difficult to modify in such a way that the sleeping rooms can almost all be on the second floor. This is considered very desirable in the climate of Peking - although as a matter of fact many Americans there occupy old Chinese residences after simply removing a certain number of the partitions and putting glass in place of oiled paper in the window openings.

I wish I might think of you as being a visitor both to Peking and also to your school in the Philippines. I know how delighted you would be with the general appearance of the University campus and how happy seeing your building filled with boys down in the Philippine Islands.

Sincerely yours,

O D Wannamaker

Executive Secretary.

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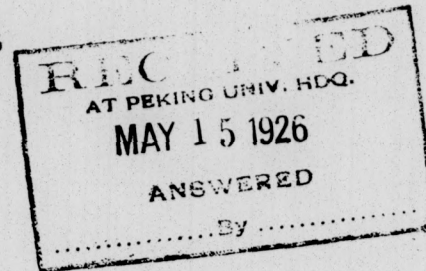
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SHUHSI HSU, Ph.D.

May 14, 1926



Mr. James H. Lewis,  
Peking University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I am sorry to send you so discouraging a reply from Mr. Guy. He really seems a little grieved over the fact that the picture sent him is so different from his imaginary conception of an attractive Chinese building erected with his money. I had already explained to him verbally several months ago the change and the reason for it.

I am at a loss as to any steps that I can take just now to secure that additional money. I am trying thus far in vain to get the money necessary to erect a residence for Leonard Hsu. The building has been erected with money lent by Sidney Gamble under a very definite agreement that I would relieve him of this burden as soon as possible. It will make a very bad impression on his mind if I do not show active effort to get the money and return his loan. He is too important a contributor, both from your and from my point of view, to risk this effect. Until I discover some source from which to get the money for this purpose, I feel rather hopeless about getting more than \$2000 to relieve you of that part of the cost of Mr. Guy's building.

Of course, however, I shall have the matter constantly in mind and do the best that I can.

Sincerely yours,

*Olin D. Wannamaker*  
Executive Secretary.

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