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WILLIAM ERNEST HOCKING

16 QUINCY STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

May 12, 1933

PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Mr. Nathaniel Gist Lee,
Vice-President, Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Gee:

I am disposed to take a rather slim chance of getting together in New York a small group of those friends of China whom we were talking about with Dr. Stuart the other day.

It is not a question of the size of the group, but of getting together the persons who would have some practical suggestions to make: Mr. Grover Clark, International House, 500 Riverside Drive; Mrs. Pearl Buck, Murray Hill Hotel; Professor James T. Shotwell, Columbia University;— seem to me the essential persons. Would you kindly find out whether these three can meet at any time on Wednesday, the 17th,—morning, afternoon or evening—and if so, I will come down to New York to confer with them. Dr. Stuart would meet with us. If they can come I should like to invite also the other persons mentioned, ^{E. W.} namely, Alexander Smith, 61 Broadway, New York; Professor Kemmerer, Princeton University; President Frank Aydelotte, Swarthmore College; Dr. Edward H. Hume, New York Post-Graduate Medical School, 303 E. 20th St. New York. I shall also inquire whether Professor Holcombe and Professor Bruce Hopper would be able to come down to that meeting.

You will know how to frame the invitations. Dr. Stuart has seen all of these persons, I believe. The theme of the gathering is to inquire whether a group of friends of China can, by writing or otherwise, bring more actively before the American people, and perhaps before our own government, certain truths regarding the inner coherence of China, and the positive progress which China has made in various ways, economic and otherwise, in recent years; and the importance and possibility of something better than a passive attitude toward the course of events.

I rely on your kindness in securing the data in regard to a possible meeting. Since you are in the city, you can arrange the hours more expeditiously than anyone at a distance. The 17th is the only free time I can command until the 24th, and that would be too late to have Dr. Stuart with us. Kindly wire me collect when you have the facts in hand.

Sincerely yours,

William Ernest Hocking

WILLIAM ERNEST HOCKING

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16 QUINCY STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

May 16, 1933

Dear Mr Gee:

I have just returned to my desk after an absence of several days. I am sorry for the delay in communications, and for the mix-up in the wire from Maine.

The point of that telegram was that while Tuesday was impossible for me, an opening had appeared for the following Sunday. I could meet with the group mentioned at any time on Sunday ^{21st} (until time for the night train for Rochester), and would be glad to do so. I doubt however whether it would be worth the effort of meeting unless Dr Stuart could be with us. On this point I will be guided by your advice.

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The following Wednesday is still open, but of course Dr Stuart will by that time be out of reach.

I am glad to note by this evening's paper that there is some likelihood that military pressure upon China will be relaxed.

Yours very truly

W E Hocking

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Clare
Stuart
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May 23, 1933.

Dr. Frank Aydelotte
President, Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pa.

My dear Dr. Aydelotte:

I have just this morning received word from Dr. Hocking, through Dr. E. H. Bums here in the city, that the conference planned by Dr. Hocking for noon, Wednesday the 24th, at the Faculty Club, 117th St. and Morningside Drive, will have to be postponed since some of the most important persons desired at the conference are unable to attend.

I regret very much that this group is not able to get together at the present time but doubtless you will hear from Dr. Hocking concerning further plans at a later date.

I have this morning sent you the following telegram, which I hope has reached you at about the time that Dr. Hocking's invitation arrived, thus saving you from upsetting any plans which you have already made.

"Hocking conference New York Wednesday twenty-fourth postponed stop letter follows."

Very sincerely,

HGG.A

H. Gist Gee,
Vice-President.

Similar letter to Dr. E.W. Kemmerer
CC- Dr. Hocking

May 24, 1933

Dear Doctor Hocking:

I regret very much that the gathering which was proposed was not held. I hope that even yet a satisfactory group may be assembled and some active project initiated. As I go around over the country trying to interest people in Yenching University, I find that there is a very strong pro-Chinese sentiment and I rarely find any feeling of sympathy at all for Japan's position.

I find now that my own plans for this week are changed and that I do not get away from New York until Saturday morning. I shall then be away for several days.

Before he left for his return to China, Doctor Stuart asked me to write you and ask if you would kindly keep Yenching University and its needs in mind as you go back and forth over the country speaking on the Laymen's Report and that you would let us have information concerning any one whom you might happen to find who would be interested in helping forward our work. Some people may wish to give directly toward our special type of work when they are impatient with the older methods of procedure in giving through their Boards of Missions. You may find some others who are not even interested in church work as such and yet who would be glad to do something for Yenching as an expression of international goodwill and friendship for China.

You are so familiar with the various phases of our work that I need not attempt to tell you anything of it, but if you wish it I would be glad to send you a few bits of literature, if you care for them, that you might give out to those interested and we will gladly follow up any persons you may indicate as worthwhile. We are always glad for new contacts that may be cultivated for later support for our work.

With kind regards to both Mrs. Hocking and you, I am,

Very sincerely,

Dr. William Ernest Hocking
16 Quincy Street
Cambridge, Mass.

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Vice President

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February 9, 1931

Dr. H. G. Hodgkin,
C/o American Friends Service Committee,
20 South 12th St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Hodgkin:

At the present time there is a vacancy in the representation of the London Missionary Society on our Yenching Board of Trustees. Mr. F. H. Hawkins, the Secretary of the London Missionary Society, has asked for suggestions as to a nominee here in the United States who could most satisfactorily represent the viewpoint of the London Missionary Society. It has been the usual custom of the L. M. S. to appoint three of its four representatives from among people who are available here in the United States and can attend a fair proportion of the meetings of the Yenching Trustees. At the present time Dr. A. L. Warnshuis and Miss Margaret E. Burton are representing the L. M. S., and Dr. Cadman was the third of this group until he resigned a short time ago. Mr. Hawkins is himself the fourth representative.

The Executive Committee of our Yenching Trustees appointed a small sub-committee to make suggestions to Mr. Hawkins as to a suitable nominee. This sub-committee heartily agreed to suggest your name if you have no objection. You are familiar with the work of Yenching University and know in a general way what the Yenching Trustees are doing. We sincerely hope that you will permit us to propose your name to Mr. Hawkins.

There is, of course, a possibility that the London Missionary Society may have made some nomination already, either from among its own personnel in Great Britain, or from among its friends here in the United States, but I think this is rather unlikely.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

HENRY T. HODGKIN
DIRECTOR
JOSEPH E. PLATT
DEAN

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D. ROBERT YARNALL
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A QUAKER GRADUATE CENTER FOR
RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL STUDY

WALLINGFORD, PA. February 16, 1931

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH, MEDIA, PA., 1534

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I appreciate your letter and I think it will be alright for me to take a position on the Board if it may be assumed that in the mean time I shall not undertake any committee work. Of course I understand that at present my name is only a nomination and that the London Missionary Society may have someone else in mind.

Yours sincerely,

Henry T. Hodgkin

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March 27, 1951

Dr. H. T. Hodgkin,
Pendle Hill,
Wallingford, Pa.

My dear Dr. Hodgkin:

We have just received from Mr. F. H. Hawkins in London a cablegram reading as follows:

"HODGKIN APPOINTED YENCHING TRUSTEE."

We assume from this cablegram that you have now officially been appointed a representative of the London Missionary Society on our Yenching Board of Trustees.

The annual meeting of the Yenching Board of Trustees will be held in room 606, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, on Wednesday, April 15. Both morning and afternoon sessions will be held. President Stuart will be in attendance at this meeting and the Board will be asked to deal with an unusually large number of extremely important matters of University policy and support. We earnestly hope, therefore, that it will be possible for you to attend this meeting.

A docket of the meeting will be sent to members of the Board a week or ten days before the date of the meeting.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

HENRY T. HODGKIN
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TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH, MEDIA, PA., 1534

YENCHING

March 21, 1932

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

I have made a note of the date proposed for the next meeting of the Trustees of Yenching University. I am exceedingly sorry that in my present state of health I have very little margin for undertaking work outside my duties here. Under these circumstances I am quite doubtful whether I shall be able to attend the meeting. I shall, however, do so if it seems at all likely and if I am not there I hope you will make my very sincere apology to my fellow members of the Board. I am exceedingly unwilling to fail in taking my full responsibility as a member. I seem at present to be unable to do a good many of the things I should normally be undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hodgkin

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September 20, 1932

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Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin
Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pa.

(To end of 1932; Friends House, Euston Rd., London N.W.1, England)

Director Pendle Hill Grad. School
M.B., B.C. & M.A. Kings College, Cambridge
Med. Missionary in China 1905-1910
Secy. Friends Foreign Mission Assn., London 1910-1920
Secy. Nat. Christian Council of China, Shanghai, 1922-1929
Member of West China Board of Governors
Author of a number of books, of which "Personality and Progress",
"Jesus Among Men", and "Living Issues in China" are the most
recent.

Appointed Trustee of Yenching University by London Missionary Society

March 24, 1931

Died in Dublin, Irish Free State, March 26, 1933

DR. H. T. HODGKIN, EDUCATOR, DEAD

One-Time Missionary to China
Is Victim of Ailment Con-
tracted in Orient.

AUTHOR OF MANY BOOKS

Director of Pendle Hill School
Near Philadelphia Was Leader
in Student Movements.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—

Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin, director of Pendle Hill School, a Quaker graduate school for social and religious study, at Wallingford, near here, died yesterday in Dublin, Irish Free State, where he had gone last Summer to recuperate from an ailment contracted in the Orient.

An author and former medical missionary, Dr. Hodgkin was a leader in student movements in England, China and this country. He was one of the founders of Pendle Hill School three years ago and had gone to Ireland expecting to return here later to assume active direction of the institution. He had suffered from a form of amebic dysentery.

Born in England fifty-five years ago, Dr. Hodgkin was educated at King's College, Cambridge, and St. Thomas's Hospital, London. His early career was spent as a medical missionary at Chengtu, West China, where he went in 1905.

For several years he toured China and other countries, lecturing on industrial, international and religious questions, and from 1922 to 1929 was foreign secretary of the National Christian Council of China, with headquarters in Shanghai.

Dr. Hodgkin was one of the founders of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, both in this country and England. He had been secretary of the Friends Foreign Mission Association and secretary of the board of governors of West China Union University.

His writings included many books and articles on social and religious subjects. Among his books were "Living Issues in China," published last year; "The Christian Revolution," "Seeing Ourselves Through Russia," "Lay Religion," "China in the Family of Nations," "The Way of Jesus," "Personality and Progress," and "Way of the Good Physician."

At his bedside when he died were his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Joy Hodgkin, and a son, Herbert Hodgkin, a student at Cambridge. Surviving also are two other sons, John Hodgkin, a teacher in Ellis College at Newtown Square, Pa., and Patrick Hodgkin, a senior at Haverford College.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday in Darlington, England.

As a member of the British delegation to the Institute of Pacific Relations, held at Honolulu in July, 1927, Dr. Hodgkin took a prominent part in the deliberations. He also was one of the principal speakers at the quadrennial convention of the Students' Volunteer Movement of Foreign Missions at Detroit in December of the same year.

Dr. Hodgkin spoke frequently at missionary and other religious gatherings in New York. His last local appearance was on June 6, 1931, when he made the commencement address at the Friends School, Brooklyn. Two days later he delivered the baccalaureate address to the graduates of Swarthmore College at Swarthmore, Pa.

Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin

Founder of Quaker Graduate Center in Pennsylvania Dies

SWARTHMORE, Pa., March 27 (AP).—Dr. Henry Theodore Hodgkin, author, missionary and founder and director of the Pendle Hill Graduate School, Wallingford, Pa., died yesterday in Dublin, according to word received here. He was fifty-six years old.

Served as Medical Missionary

A native of England, Dr. Hodgkin was graduated from King's College, Cambridge, in 1902, and three years later went to China as a medical missionary, returning to London in 1910 to become secretary of the Friends Foreign Mission Association. He returned to Shanghai in 1922 as secretary of the National Christian Council of China, and came to the United States in 1929, soon afterward founding the Pendle Hill School, a Quaker graduate center for social and religious study near Swarthmore. Dr. Hodgkin wrote several books on missionary work and China. He was a director of the West China Union University, at Chengtu, and the Yenching University, at Peiping.

(P.M.S.)

YENCHING

ASSOCIATED BOARDS

TRANSFER

Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin. In the death of Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin, who was a member of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University, the Associated Boards has suffered a great loss. He had served as a medical missionary in West China, and after a period of service in England, he returned to China, where, as a secretary of the National Christian Council, he greatly aided all the churches and missions, both in the deepening of their spiritual life and also in their relations to social, industrial and political developments. In all his service he was deeply interested in Christian educational work, and always eager to do what he could to increase its effectiveness in strengthening the Christian Movement in China. He would have rejoiced to share in organizing and planning for the work of the Associated Boards. He was one of God's great gifts to China and to us. It was therefore,

VOTED to record the Boards' thankfulness to God for his life and service and its sympathy with Dr. Hodgkin's family in their bereavement.

*(Statement by Dr. Karushkin to be included
with Yenching Trustee Minutes of April 20, 1933)*

ASSOCIATED
BOARDS

May 10, 1935.

Mrs. H. T. Hodgkin
c/o Friends House,
Euston Road,
London, N. W.1, England

My dear Mrs. Hodgkin:

All of Dr. Hodgkin's friends here in New York were profoundly saddened last month by the news of his death. While we knew that he had been having a severe struggle during recent months in an effort to recover his health, we were encouraged to hope that he was succeeding.

At the Annual Meeting of our Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China many spoke of Dr. Hodgkin and of their deep personal sorrow at his passing. The meeting unanimously adopted the following memorial resolution, which I was asked to communicate to you:-

"Voted, that the Associated Boards make record of its sense of the great loss it has suffered in the death of Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin, who was a member of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University. He had served as a medical missionary in West China, and after a period of service in England he returned to China, where, as a secretary of the National Christian Council, he greatly aided all the churches and missions, both in the deepening of their spiritual life and also in their relations to social, industrial, and political developments. In all his service he was deeply interested in Christian educational work, and always eager to do what he could to increase its effectiveness in strengthening the Christian Movement in China. He would have rejoiced to share in organizing and planning for the work of the Associated Boards. He was one of God's great gifts to China and to us. The Associated Boards extends to Dr. Hodgkin's family its profound sympathy in this time of bereavement."

On the day following the meeting of the Associated Boards, the Trustees of Yenching University met and adopted the following memorial resolution:-

"The Board noted with great regret the loss it has suffered by the death of Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin, who was one of the representatives of the London Missionary Society in its membership. In China, Dr. Hodgkin has been a great missionary, both in medical work in West China and as a secretary of the National Christian Council.

Mrs. H. T. Hodgkin

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May 10, 1933.

In Great Britain and in North America, he has been a most helpful interpreter of China and of the Chinese Christian Movement. In all things at all times he has been an inspiring example of faithful devoted Christian living. The Board therefore,

Voted, to record its gratitude to God for His good gift to China and to the Board in the life and services of Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin, and to express its sympathy with Dr. Hodgkin's family in their bereavement."

May I assure you that the entire membership of the Associated Boards, and of the Yenching Board of Trustees extend to you and to the members of your family their deep personal sympathy.

Very sincerely yours,

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