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The Nation

20 Vesey Street
New York

May 3, 1920.

Mr. W. Reginald Wheeler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

It was very kind of you to write me, but I do not seem to have received the enclosure which you speak of. At any rate, will you not drop in to see me before you go to China? I should like very much to have the privilege of thanking you in person for your interest and your kindness last year in sending us your book.

Yours very sincerely,

Amos Garrison Villard
Editor

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The Nation

20 Vesey Street
New York

April 24, 1928

My dear Dr. Stewart:

The Nation staff is giving a luncheon on Friday, April 27, at one o'clock at the Railroad Club, 30 Church Street, in honor of Miss Edith Pye and Mme. Camille Drevet, delegates of the Women's International League of Peace and Freedom in China. It will give us great pleasure if you are free to join us at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Anne Garrison Villard

Dr. Leighton Stewart,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.

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April 26, 1928

Dear Mr. Villard:

I have your kind invitation to attend the luncheon on behalf of Miss Edith Pye and Mme. Camille Drevet tomorrow and should be delighted to accept were it not for an engagement affecting the work for which I am staying in the country. I heartily appreciate your remembrance of me.

Very sincerely yours

Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard
The Nation
20 Vesey Street
New York City

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October 6, 1928

Mr. Paul Blanchard
"The Nation"
20 Vesey Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Blanchard:

I enjoyed very much my few moments of conversation with you. It was gratifying to learn that you had spent some months in Peking and were already familiar with Yenching University.

In accordance with your suggestion that I state in writing the nature of my present special effort in behalf of the University, I submit the following. If Mr. Villard should wish to ask any questions, I should be glad to answer them.

First, as to the nature of the institution. There are sixteen or more so-called colleges in China which have grown up out of the foreign missionary enterprise in that country. Of all these institutions, two have been rated recently by a competent commission as belonging in the A-class colleges according to the American conception. Yenching is distinctly the more important of these two and the same commission which has recently classified it after careful study also recommends that Yenching University alone of this entire group of institutions should emphasize advanced and post-graduate research. In other words, it is clearly marked to be the leading institution under joint Chinese and American control in the Chinese Republic.

At the present time the University receives a very small part of its support through annual appropriations from four of the boards of missions. In a certain sense, therefore, it might be said to be interdenominational. I think, however, that this would be misleading and that it should be called entirely undenominational. Under the very able and enlightened leadership of President Stuart it has been marked by a progressiveness and liberality which have won the admiration of the most thoughtful observers of relationships between Chinese and foreigners, Christians and non-Christians, in China. It long ago abolished compulsory chapel attendance and compulsory courses in the study of religion. Its atmosphere is distinctly that of a university and in no sense that of a propaganda institution.

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President Stuart would certainly be regarded as among the foremost educators in China and his understanding of the Chinese people, their history, culture, and characteristics, and in the intimacy of his personal friendly relations with their most promising present leaders.

The University has set itself against a policy of over-expansion and superficial achievement. It does not propose for some time to enroll more than a maximum of seven hundred students. At the present time its enrollment is somewhat more than six hundred, of whom approximately one hundred and fifty are women. It has a faculty of somewhat more than one hundred members which will compare favorably in scholastic fitness with the faculties of most of the smaller institutions in the United States. The Chinese faculty has been drawn to this institution from various parts of China and represents a quite exceptional group of young Chinese scholars. The relationship between the Chinese and foreign faculty has always been unusually happy. This cosmopolitan group lives as a single community without any distinction whatever on account of race and with the Chinese members outnumbering the foreign members two to one and holding a large proportion of the most important administrative and teaching positions in the University. The institution registered under the Chinese Ministry of Education long before there was any pressure to bring about such registration. After the official examinations of last spring, the Ministry published the information that the students of Yenching University had easily ranked first of all the colleges in that section of the country. The fact that this information was given out by the Ministry at a time when there was a wide-spread feeling of tension between foreigners and Chinese indicates the unusual relationship existing in the case of this institution.

Financially the University is on a fairly substantial basis. It requires very little addition to its present buildings and faculty to meet the requirements of the number of students which it contemplates enrolling in the near future. It draws income from approximately \$3,000,000 in addition to the appropriations referred to in the first paragraph above.

There are three divisions of the University to which I should like to invite your special attention, and primarily the last of the three that I shall mention here.

The Harvard-Yenching Institute of Chinese Studies, now established with adequate financing and under the joint auspices of Harvard and Yenching, will devote itself to training both Chinese and foreign students to carry on research in all aspects of Chinese culture - history, anthropology, literature, art, etc. It will provide the best opportunity for foreign scholars to prosecute their researches in this field at a place where material is available in abundance. It will send a few of the most brilliant young Chinese scholars to Harvard for special technical training and will give special training to a limited number of young American and European scholars at Peking. As a basis for the advanced work of this Institute, the University is providing adequate courses in Chinese language and literature in its under-graduate curriculum.

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Secondly, we have begun the financing of a School of Applied Social Sciences. With funds already available to the University and with an additional grant recently secured from one of the foundations in New York, we are in position to expend annually during the next few years approximately \$60,000 in conducting the departments of sociology, economics, and political science. We are now seeking an additional fund in order that we may develop adequate research and experimentation in the field of the social sciences, carrying on this research and experimentation in economics, sociology, and political science in a unified way. We hope thereby to establish certain facts regarding those elements in modern occidental economics and sociology which may be beneficially applied to China and assist to some extent in avoiding the unwise efforts to apply Western ideas wholesale to oriental conditions. Our primary purpose, however, will be to train young Chinese in discriminating study and selection in this field.

The Special division of the University, however, in which I hope Mr. Villard may take a personal interest is the School of Journalism. Mass psychology often determines the course of events under present conditions in China even more than it does in America. In some instances the turn given to the course of events by mass psychology in recent years has been fortunate. This happened because the mass was following the leadership of enthusiastic and patriotic young students and the issue was clear cut. It is obvious, however, that China stands in great need of trained journalists. We feel that it is not immodest to say that Yenching University is unusually well qualified to develop such a school. The student body comes from every part of China. A greater number of students enrolled last year from Canton province than from Chihli itself, if one eliminates those from the metropolitan district alone. Since this institution is to specialize in advanced and post-graduate work and already enrolls 70 post-graduate students who have come there from various institutions throughout China, it will be easy to attract from every section of China the most promising young men and women interested in journalism as a profession. Since the institution is characterized by a warmly sympathetic attitude toward the present nationalistic aspirations of the Chinese people and at the same time lays great stress upon moral integrity, honesty, and devotion to an ideal, we hope that we may be able to send out from such a School of Journalism a certain number of conscientious and courageous young newspaper men and women.

We are endeavoring to secure the necessary funds for financing the department of Journalism on an experimental basis for a period of five years. Dean Williams of the Missouri School of Journalism has taken the lead in this movement. He has shown an earnest conviction that such a School of Journalism would be of great value to China and America and has personally suggested that it should be experimentally financed for the most part by a group of publishers and editors, each to pledge \$1,000 a year for a period of five years - the aggregate income to be \$10,000 a year for these five years. We have the following pledges as part of this aggregate amount.

Mr. Wm. T. Dewart (N.Y. Sun)	\$1000 a yr. for 5 yrs.	\$5000.00
Mr. R. P. Scripps (Scripps-Howard Newspapers)	\$1000 a yr. for 5 yrs.	5000.00
Dean Walter Williams (Mo. School of Journalism)	\$1000 a yr. for 5 yrs.	5000.00
Mr. W. A. Streng (Chicago Daily News)	\$1000 a yr. for 5 yrs.	5000.00
Mr. G. B. Dealey (Dallas Morning News)	\$500 a yr. for 5 yrs.	2500.00
Mr. James W. Brown (Editor & Publisher)	\$500 a yr. for 5 yrs.	2500.00
Mr. M. E. Foster (The Press, Houston, Tex.)	\$333 a yr. for 5 yrs.	1665.00
Mrs. Leonard K. Elmhirst	1929 - \$3500	3500.00
American Society of Newspaper Editors		1000.00
Other gifts		<u>242.69</u>
	Total	\$31,407.69

Additional pledges aggregating somewhat more than \$18,500 (\$3700 a year for five years) would complete this initial fund.

Mr. Vernon Nash, a graduate of the Missouri School of Journalism, who has spent three years at Yenching and has more recently taken a year of post-graduate work at the University of Missouri, will return to Peking in the winter. If we secure the necessary funds for this experiment, we shall chose, with the assistance of Dean Williams, one additional teacher. The rest of the modest income secured will be used for the other expenses of the department. If we are successful in demonstrating the usefulness of such a department, we shall then endeavor before the close of this five year period to secure an adequate endowment for a School of Journalism.

I hope that I have not wearied you by this long letter. I felt that I must present the University at least as a background in order to enable Mr. Villard to determine whether he would be interested in a department of Journalism in such an institution. I shall be grateful for his consideration and appreciative of your willingness to pass this letter on to him.

Sincerely,

Assistant to the President

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The Nation
20 Vesey Street
New York

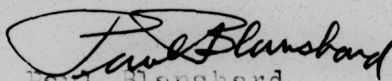
October 11, 1928.

Dear Professor Wannamaker:

I went over with Mr. Villard your letter of October 6th in relation to the School of Journalism at Yenching University. Mr. Villard is very much interested, but unfortunately he feels that his other benefactions will make it absolutely impossible for him to contribute anything to this project. You will appreciate the fact that he has a tremendous number of demands upon his generosity for liberal causes which cannot win the support of the usual conservative philanthropist. I hope that you succeed in getting your quota from some other people.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Paul Blanshard
Associate Editor.

Professor Olin Wannamaker,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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January 10, 1929

My dear Mr. Villard:

In a recent batch of letters from Dean Williams concerning the project which we have to develop a school of journalism at Peking is enclosed a copy of your last letter to Dean Williams in reference to that matter.

I appreciate your expression of willingness to be of such help as you can in the matter of membership on a committee. There was not thought of such a group holding meetings or anything requiring expenditure of time. It was rather that we should like to have a group of outstanding journalists in America before whom we might feel free at infrequent intervals to lay certain problems for an expression of their judgment and for advice. It would also be inherent in the nature of such a committee that its membership would stand as sponsors of the undertaking.

After considerable work in other parts of the country I have come east to remain until our efforts are completed. I should very greatly appreciate an opportunity to discuss our problem with you personally while in New York and would, therefore, appreciate it if you could let me know if this is possible and, if so, what time would be most convenient for you.

Very sincerely yours,

Head of the Department of Journalism

Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard
The Nation
New York City

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February 24, 1929.

Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard,
The Nation, 20 Vesey street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Villard:-

Since I talked with you five weeks ago concerning our effort to develop a school of journalism in Peking, I have made an intensive canvass of the East and a supplementary trip of two weeks through the near Middle West. While I have been universally disappointed in my efforts to secure any sizable gifts from outstanding publishers, the fund has grown slowly until we now have slightly more than \$45,000.

The probabilities are all against our getting this remaining \$5,000, except in relatively small amounts. I know no practical way to do this save in a large number of letters to newspaper executives, and acquaintances. Since we know how difficult it is to get action from correspondence in such a matter, I cannot say that I am very optimistic.

During our interview, you very kindly suggested that I get in touch with you later if nearing the completion of the fund, saying that you would try to find a way to include our undertaking in your philanthropy budget for \$100 a year for the five-year period, provided we had to have it to finish up. As we are now in just that situation, I write to say that such a gift would be a tremendous help, and we would appreciate it greatly.

Over and beyond the substantial and tangible help of such a gift on your part, may I say again that I would greatly welcome the addition of your name and that of The Nation to the list to which as much publicity as possible will be given both in this country and in China when the gift fund shall have been completed and the undertaking assured. Because of the knowledge among informed Chinese of the unusually sympathetic attitude of The Nation and yourself toward their aspirations, the absence of such a name from the list would be the more marked. With sincere personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

V. Wash.

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The Nation

20 Vesey Street
New York

March 14, 1929

My dear Nash:

You may count on me, or The
Nation, or some other agency in our name
for \$100. a year for five years.

Faithfully yours,

Arnold Forster-Killip

Mr. Vernon Nash,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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To aid ^{Paving} YENCHING UNIVERSITY of Peking, China, in carrying forward its Christian educational activity and in consideration of the securing, by representatives of this University, of gifts from others for this purpose, I am sending herewith a cash gift in the amount of \$ five hundred (~~one hundred~~) (and) I hereby pledge the sum of \$ 500, in accordance with the plan checked below:

- In 2 annual payments beginning not later than1, 1929
- In 3 annual payments beginning not later than1, 1929
- In ^{July} 5 annual payments beginning not later than1, 1929
- In 4 quarterly payments beginning not later than1, 1929
- At my convenience, on or before January 1, 1931

VERNON NASH

Signed G. J. V. [Signature]

Street 20 Vesey St

City and State New York

Date March 14 1929

Full name of my local church:

Mine, Grand St.

Please remit to the order of E. M. McBRIER, Treasurer, Yenching University, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

NOTE: I shall expect to be reminded previous to due dates.....

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March 16, 1929

My dear Mr. Villard:

It is very gratifying to have your generous pledge of \$500 to our work. We have also received this week a pledge of \$1,000 from the United Press and, after several reconsiderations, we were glad to have a favorable decision by Mr. Ochs. These sums bring the total above that required for validating the conditional gifts. I am therefore happy at the prospect of sailing for China next Thursday.

Early next fall I shall be glad to write you in full concerning the resumption of our work. I can only hope that these accounts I shall send you from time to time of the progress we make will prove satisfactory "dividends" on your investment.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely,

Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard
The Nation
20 Vesey Street, New York City

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Oswald Garrison Villard
No. 20 Vesey Street
New York

July 1, 1929

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

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith Mr. Villard check for
\$100. which is the first payment on his pledge made to
Mr. Nash of \$500.

Yours very truly,

Wm. L. Ambler
Secretary

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The Nation

20 Vesey Street
New York

October 29, 1929.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Mr. Villard has asked me to thank you for the two very nice little Peking Lions which reached us last week.

Sincerely yours,

Rachelle Goodberg
Secretary

Mr. O.D. Wannamaker,
Yenching University,
150 - 5th Avenue,
New York.

Oswald Garrison Villard
No. 20 Vesey Street
New York

July 8, 1930.

Mr. O. D. Wanamaker,
Yenching University,
150 - 5th Avenue, New York.

Dear Mr. Wanamaker:

Enclosed please find Mr. Villard's check
of \$100, his second annual instalment towards his subscription
of \$500 to Yenching University.

Sincerely yours,

Rachelle Goldberg

Secretary to Mr. Villard

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Oswald Garrison Villard
No. 20 Vesey Street
New York

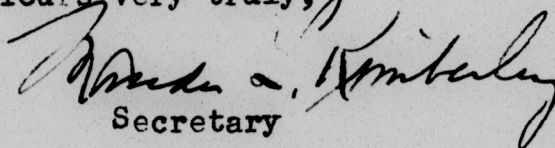
July 6, 1931

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

Dear Sir:

I enclose Mr. Villard's check of \$100. now
due on account of his pledge of \$500. to Yenching University.

Yours very truly,


Secretary

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Journals

November 11, 1931

Dear Mr. Villard:

May I call your special attention to the September issue of the "New China"-- copy sent you under separate cover. We have been sending you the monthly issues of this publication, but I hope you may find it worthwhile to give considerable attention to the September issue because of the fact that it deals with the Manchurian situation from a very representative Chinese point of view. Doctor Shukai Hsu, who writes the leading article, is considered, perhaps, the best informed Chinese on the Manchurian problem. His book, "China and Her Political Entity", attracted very favorable attention from prominent specialists when it was published a few years ago. Professor William Hung was for two years an exchange professor at Harvard University and is a man of unusual breadth of information and liberal international spirit.

The journal is, as you perhaps know, published by the Journalism Club of Yenching University, a student organization.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Oswald G. Villard
Editor, The Nation
20 Vesey Street
New York City

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Oswald Garrison Villard
No. 20 Vesey Street
New York

July 14, 1932

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

Dear Mr. McBrier:

I enclose herewith the fourth instalment
of Mr. Villard's pledge of \$500. to Yenching University, which
is now due.

Yours very truly

Wm. L. Kimberly
Secretary

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JOURNALIST

May 25, 1933

Dear Mr. Villard:

Knowing your keen interest in the China situation and its effect upon Yenching University, I wish to let you know that we have had a cable from them dated May 18th stating that though they were anxious, work was still going on and they were hopeful that they might be able to complete the work of the semester. News in the papers during the last few days makes it likely that they will not be able to carry on now; we believe, however, that by fall the situation will have cleared to such an extent that regular work will be able to begin at the scheduled time.

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of a "special edition" of the Yenching Gazette which will give you some interesting information about the various phases of activity, including Journalism, at the University.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your substantial interest in the work of the Department of Journalism, I am,

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee
Vice President

Mr. Oswald G. Villard
20 Vesey St.
New York City, N. Y.

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Oswald Garrison Villard
No. 20 Vesey Street
New York

Receipt # 3901
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July 11, 1933

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Serial # 705

Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith check for \$100. which is Mr.
Villard's annual instalment on his pledge to Yenching. According
to my records, this is the final payment on the original \$500.
pledge.

Yours very truly,

Harold L. Kimberly
Secretary

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July 12, 1933.

Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard
20 Vesey Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Villard:

We wish to acknowledge with thanks your check for \$100.00 as final payment on your pledge to Yenching University for the Department of Journalism. We want to express our very hearty appreciation of your substantial support for this valuable department of work, which has passed its experimental stage period at Yenching.

We are now assured that there is a very important place for the Department of Journalism at Yenching since the student body is continually growing and the interest in the work is intensified. Also there is a very great demand for these young journalists as they are ready to go out into active service in their chosen field. We believe that these young men and women, trained with the highest ideals of journalism in the West, and having a Chinese background and education, will be most influential in forming public opinion in the future reconstructed China.

You will be interested to know that Mr. Vernon Nash is returning at once to China to take up his work for the coming year at the University in this department. Mr. Nash has been with the work since its beginning, and Dean Martin of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri has recently returned from a term of work in the department at Yenching as a visiting professor. Dean Martin is enthusiastic in his praise of what has been accomplished and is very eager to see this work carried on.

Through the helpful interest on the part of a number of journalists and other individuals in America, provision has been made for the work of the department through June 30, 1934. Before that time it would be necessary to extend these plans if we are to carry on the department. At the present time the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation is being formed and the direction of this work is being transferred to the group largely responsible for the initiation of the original project. You will doubtless be hearing from Dean Martin concerning the matter before very long. We hope that by all means you will be able to continue your interest and support of the work over another period of effort.

Assuring you of our very hearty appreciation of all that you have done to make this work possible, and hoping that we may count upon your continued interest and support, I am,

Very sincerely,

HGG.A
Receipt enclosed.

H. Gist Gee, Vice-President.

cc: Dean Martin

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December 21, 1934

Mr. Oswald G. Villard
The Nation
20 Vesey Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Villard:

Mr. Vernon Nash, of the Yenching University Department of Journalism, has recently sent me a copy of your letter in which you kindly agreed to provide the sum of one hundred dollars from a small fund over which you have control for the work in Journalism at Yenching University.

We are delighted that you can do this and wish to assure you that it will be most acceptable whenever you wish to send it. Our income for this department this year has been very much decreased and we are depending largely upon the income in China to provide a goodly portion even of the salary of Mr. Nash himself. We are very much hoping that there will be a change in the situation and that Mr. Nash's friends and the friends of the Missouri School of Journalism, as well as the friends of Yenching University, may be in position to come to our rescue again and help us to get this department on a more permanent basis.

I am enclosing with this a recent letter from the field which has just come to us. I am sure you will be interested in the news which it contains.

I am also sending you a recent article on the Peiping Press. You may wish this in your file for future reference.

Very sincerely,

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H. Gist Gee

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April 18th, 1935

Mr Oswald G. Villard,
The Nation,
20 Vesey Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr Villard:-

I regret that it was no possible for me to see you this afternoon when I called and I hope that some time when it is convenient that you will give me the pleasure of meeting you personally and telling you something of our work at Yenching University especially in the Department of Journalism toward which you have generously contributed in the past.

I wished to see you about two matters this afternoon and am writing you as your secretary suggested.

The first matter was your interest in our Journalism program. Mr Vernon Nash has written us that you were willing to continue your contribution to Journalism for a time. We appreciate this very much indeed and your gift will be a great help in the department. The Chinese Newspapers are coming to our support and we are very hopeful that we may be able to see this part of the work successfully through the next few years. By that time we hope the Chinese are going to come to the support of the department to such an extent that it can be carried altogether by gifts from China. Just now, however, our silver policy is hitting China very hard and they are somewhat resentful toward us for our government's policy.

The other matter is a dinner which the China Christian Colleges is planning to hold on the 14th of May. We would like very much to have you come to this dinner and if possible reserve a table and bring a group of your friends. The enclosed sheet will give the full information about plans and I am sure that you would enjoy hearing Mr Shepherd.

Hoping that I may still have the opportunity of seeing you within the next few days, I am

Very sincerely,

M. Cist Gee.

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Oswald Garrison Villard
No. 20 Vesey Street
New York

April 19, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Gee:

I am sorry indeed that I cannot be with you on May 14th. I do not expect to be in New York at that time. I should like very much to hear Mr. Shepherd, and if I find that I am going to be in town at the last moment I shall certainly come.

Thank you for your reference to my contribution to the journalism fund of the university.

Yours very truly,

Oswald Garrison Villard

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

PEIPING, CHINA

American Office

150 Fifth Avenue

New York

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October 21, 1935

Mr. Oswald G. Villard
20 Vesey Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Villard:

I wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks, your check for \$100 which Dr. Young has just handed us. I enclose herewith our official receipt.

We certainly appreciate your continued interest and generosity. Your gift will be helpful in meeting the needs of our Journalism Department during the academic year which we are just entering. A letter just received from Dr. Stuart indicates that although there has been great concern as to the results of the Japanese penetration of Northern China, he is glad to report that the enrollment at Yenching this fall is larger than ever before.

We are therefore looking forward to another successful year's work. Our financial needs are ever before us and never completely met. Dr. Stuart states that during the last year, in order to balance the budget, expenses were cut even to the point of letting certain necessary teachers go, but the year was ended without a deficit. He expresses his grave concern, however, over certain sources of Chinese contributions which the university has been receiving, and states that "efforts to raise money in China have been almost brought to a standstill by the Japanese trouble, the Shanghai depression, and more recently, the floods in the Yangtze and Yellow River Valleys, the former of which is nearly as bad as in 1931, and the latter is an added disaster which may become even worse than it is now." We are therefore hopeful that you will continue your interest and will do all you can, and if you can give us the names and addresses of a few friends who, like yourself, are generously interested in the needs of others, we certainly would appreciate it very much.

Thanking you for your help, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. M. McBrier
Treasurer

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Have you had help from Frank G. Gannett the publisher - Mrs. G. Gannett

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November 11, 1955

Mr. Oswald G. Villard
20 Vesey Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Villard:

We sincerely appreciate your giving us the name of Mr. Frank G. Gannett as one who might be interested in the work of our Journalism Department at Yeshiva University.

Several years ago Mr. Vernon Nash became acquainted with Mr. Gannett, but we have had no recent contact with him. Would it be possible for you to give us a letter of introduction to Mr. Gannett? I think this would be most helpful in securing an opportunity for an interview with him for one of our representatives.

If you feel you can do this, we would appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

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Oswald Garrison Villard
No. 20 Vesey Street
New York

November 19, 1935

*Mr. Seaman
Mr. Macmillan*

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

Dear Mr. McBrier:

Mr. Villard will be happy to send you a letter of
introduction to Mr. Frank Gannett. Will you let him know to whom
the letter is to be given for presentation to Mr. Gannett?

Sincerely yours,

Maud L. Kimberley
Secretary.

January 6, 1936

Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard
20 Vesey Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Villard:

Your willingness to give us a letter of introduction to Mr. Frank E. Gannett of Rochester is greatly appreciated. We hope to undertake a special effort in reaching our friends in Rochester in the next few weeks. We are anxious to enlarge the number of people who know about the significant work of this American founded Christian University and the other American Colleges in China.

Mr. Carlton M. Sherwood, Executive Director of our Associated China Colleges, is to be in Rochester and I should like to have him make this contact with Mr. Gannett. He knows Mr. Gannett slightly, but a letter from you saying something to the effect that you understand that Mr. Gannett knows Mr. Sherwood, but that you are glad to add your word of support and endorsement to the cause that he represents - the American founded Christian Colleges in China. I attach hereto two quotations by outstanding American educators expressing their convictions. If Mr. Sherwood could have such a letter from you to Mr. Gannett within the next few days, it would be very helpful.

Sincerely yours,

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May 27, 1956

Mr. Oswald G. Villard, Editor
"The Nation"
20 Vesey Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Villard:

According to our records, for several years you have been contributing to Yenching University \$100 a year, with the exception of 1933 when you made it \$500. We are now in a campaign to raise \$2,000,000 for additional endowment which is considered necessary to guarantee beyond doubt the future growing usefulness and greatness of the University. Since you are contributing \$100 a year and probably intend to continue doing so, I am writing this note to ask if you would be willing to name some definite amount that you would hope to give during the coming five years?

I have made this suggestion because a great many of our big gifts are contingent on our reaching our goal, and where we have friends who will in all probability be making contributions during the next five years, they would help us in validating many large additional gifts if they would be good enough to let us know what they hope to do during the coming five years. Of course, you will very naturally wish to do this in your own way, but I am sure you will at least be willing to consider this suggestion.

We thank you for your dependable friendship for this great University in China and we hope you know that there is probably no place in the world where money given to the cause of education yields more quick and assured results than the money which has been put in Yenching University.

Thanking you for the evidence we have had of your goodwill in the past, I am,

Sincerely yours,

S. P. Young
American Representative

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Oswald Garrison Villard

No. 20 Vesey Street

New York

May 29, 1936

Dear Mr. Young:

I regret that it is absolutely impossible for me to meet your wishes in regard to Yenching University. I cannot commit myself nor the Flagg Fund to any stated contribution during the next five years.

With great regret that I ca not help at this time,

Yours very truly,

Oswald Garrison Villard

Mr. S. P. Young,
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue, New York

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