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Peking University
Peking, China,
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Gentlemen:

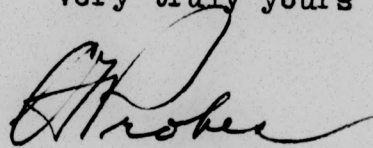
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- 1 Name of president
- 2 Name of president of board of trustees
- 3 Names of deans of each college comprising the university
- 4 Are both men and women admitted to the university?
- 5 Is there a preparatory department connected with the institution?

We shall appreciate an early reply in order that the information may be incorporated in the new handbook.

Very truly yours

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June 21, 1928

The University of the State of New York
The State Department of Education
Albany, N.Y.

Attention Mr. C. F. Probes

My dear Mr. Probes:

In response to your letter of June 13th we give below the following information for Peking University:

1. President - J. Leighton Stuart, D.D.
2. President Board of Trustees - Franklin H. Warner
3. Dean, School of Religion - J. F. Li, M.A., Th.D.
" Yenching College for Women - Mrs. M. S. Frame, B.D., Litt.D.
The School of Arts and Science at the present time has no dean but the functions of this office are performed by the following:
T.H. Chen, Ph.D., Chairman, Commission on Men Students' Welfare
Shuhsi Hsu, Ph.D., Chairman, Committee on Graduate Studies
4. Men students are admitted to Peking University and women students to Yenching College for Women.
5. There is a preparatory department connected with the institution.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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July 25, 1926

The University of the State of New York,
The State Department of Education,
Albany, N.Y.

Attention Dr. Charles B. Heisler

My dear Dr. Heisler:

We are attaching a slip containing information in regard to Yenching University which you appended to the circular letter sent us some time ago.

It is very difficult to give, at this time, information regarding Yenching University which will not be, to some extent, out of date before your handbook is published. At the present time the University is undergoing a rather comprehensive reorganization. The legal name of the institution at the present time is still Peking University. However, the Board of Trustees has taken action proposing the formal adoption of the name YENCHING UNIVERSITY and this proposal has met with the approval of the Mission Boards cooperating in the institution. Before such a change can become legally effective it must, of course, be approved by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York in the form of an amendment to the present charter of the institution.

At the present moment Dr. J. Leighton Stuart still holds the title of President of the University. When the reorganization referred to above becomes effective this title will probably be changed to Provost. However, I feel that the logical procedure at the present time is to retain the title of President as is recorded on your information slip.

An examination of our records indicates that, at the present time, the School of Arts of the University is conferring the degrees of B.A., M.A. and B.Sc., and that the School of Religion is conferring the degree of B.D. I have therefore added the degree of B.D. to the three degrees listed on your slip.

We trust that the above information will meet your requirements and that it will arrive in time to be used.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary *X*

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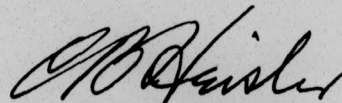
July 31, 1928.

Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary,
Yenching University,
Peking, China.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter with the information regarding Yenching University. I am sure the Board of Regents will be very ready to consider at any time an application for the amendment of the charter issued originally to Peking University so that the new name shall become the legal name of the institution.

Very truly yours



Charles B. Heisler

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AMENDMENT TO CHARTER OF

PEKING UNIVERSITY

THIS INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH That the Regents of the University of the State of New York

have amended the charter granted June 25, 1890 to The Trustees of Peking University (which was amended on December 2, 1915, by changing among other things, the name of the said corporation to Peking University), by changing its corporate name to Trustees of Yenching University and by changing the first paragraph of the second numbered clause of the said amendment made December 2, 1915, to the said certificate of incorporation, to read as follows:

"The purpose of the corporation shall be to establish and maintain in Peking, China, a university to be known as Yenching University, founded and conducted on strictly Christian and evangelical, but not sectarian principles, and to aid the youth of China and of other countries in obtaining in such university a literary, scientific, or professional education."

and by adding a new clause to the certificate of incorporation, to be designated "SIXTH", to read as follows:

"The corporation shall have the right to take and hold by gift, grant, devise, and bequest, property or endowment without restriction as to value or amount."

(SEAL)

Chester S. Lord
Chancellor

GRANTED September 27, 1928
by the Regents of the University of the State of New York executed under their seal and recorded in their office. Number 3788

STUART P. GRAVES
President of the University
and
Commissioner of Education

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TELEPHONE: JOHN 5330
CABLE ADDRESS: "SMARVAN"

December 24, 1928.

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

TRANSFER

Handwritten note:
Sent to Mr. Garside
12/27/28

My dear Mr. Garside:-

I received a letter from Miss Linehan, dated December 18, 1928, stating that no formal answer appeared on the records to the information asked of me in Action R-2222, regarding certain considerations relative to the nature of the Charter of the University. In one of the meetings of the Reorganization Committee, I made a report on these questions.

The first question was as to the advisability of adopting some such name as "Foundation of Yenching University". It appeared from my inquiries, and I so informed the Committee, that there would be no objection on the part of the Regents to the adoption of such a name, but a different name, as we know, was later adopted for various reasons.

The second question was as to the nature of the charter which the University now holds in respect (a) to the process of awarding degrees, (b) to the powers of the corporation under the Rules and regulations of the Regents and the provisions of the Educational Law to delegate administrative educational powers to the local Board of Managers.

With regard to clause (b), the delegation of the powers under the new constitution is such as is permitted under the Rules and Regulations of the Regents and the provisions of the Education Law.

In respect of clause (a) above, the law forbids the granting of degrees except under authorization of the Board of Regents. Degrees may be granted through the Board of Regents after the institution has been registered with the Board, after approval of the courses given and the standards maintained. A University may grant degrees on its own account provided after registration it petitions the Regents for such authority and the Board authorizes an amendment to its charter specifically conferring such power.

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As I reported to the Committee on Reorganization, it appeared that Yenching University had not been properly registered with the Regents and was probably acting ultra vires in conferring diplomas. It appears that Yenching University was once registered as an institution giving two year courses of a college grade and I suppose on that basis was entitled to grant certain certificates and diplomas under the seal of the University of New York and executed by the proper officers of the University of the State of New York. As I understand it, some other method not authorized under the law or rules of the Board of Regents has been followed.

The matter was discussed with Dr. Stuart who felt on the one hand that the University should have the power to grant degrees on its own account but that Chinese graduates desired diplomas granted through the State of New York and such diplomas apparently meant more to them than degrees granted by the University on its own account. It appeared from further inquiry at Albany that the University might be permitted to grant degrees on its own account but state in the diplomas that the degrees were granted under authority of the University of the State of New York. This practice has been permitted, if I recollect correctly, in Porto Rico and some other foreign countries. Such degrees would be equal in force and effect over here to degrees granted through the University of the State of New York. My personal belief is that such an arrangement is the proper one for Yenching University and would meet the considerations mentioned by Dr. Stuart.

If the University had been regularly registered for four year courses of college grade, I am informed by Mr. Sullivan that there would be little difficulty in obtaining the grant of an amendment to the charter authorizing the University to grant degrees on its own account. I am inclined to believe also that it might serve to render the position of the University somewhat more flexible in the event that special regulations were issued by the Nationalist Government respecting the granting of diplomas and degrees. It is true, however, that the form of the various degrees and the form of the diplomas would have to be approved by the Regents. I believe Dr. Stuart felt at the time of the meeting of the Reorganization Committee that the situation in China was so uncertain that it might be wise to put off this matter until things became clearer. I believe, however, that steps must be taken to regularize the position of the University with the Board of Regents before the granting of degrees at the end of this academic year.

Provided it is decided that it is desirable for the University to grant degrees on its own account, the first step to be taken will be to have the University officially registered as conducting such courses of collegiate character as are given. Upon grant of this registration, petition can be made for amendment to the charter authorizing the granting of degrees on its own account. A special meeting of the Board could be called for this purpose.

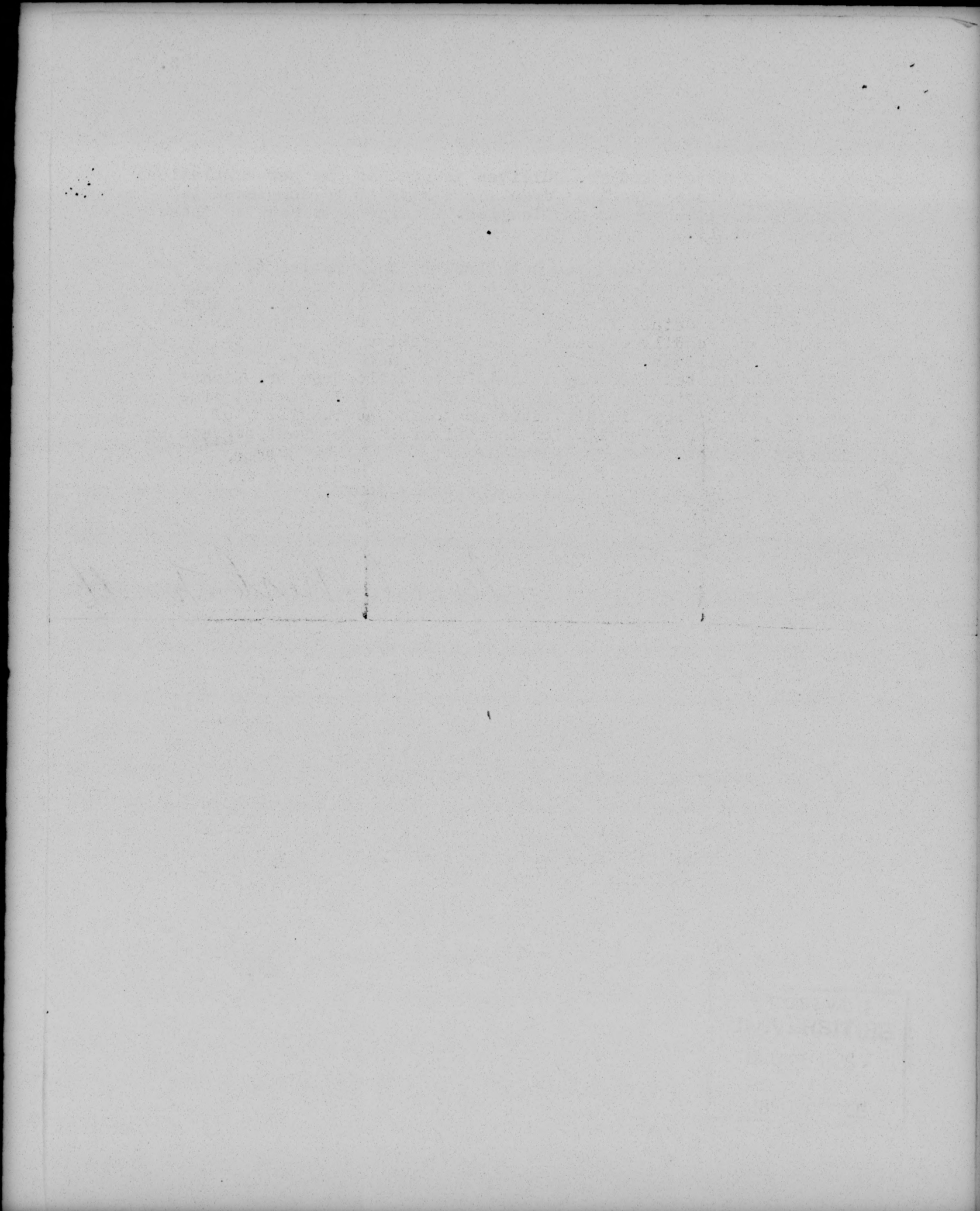
I have asked Mr. Sullivan to send me the new regulations covering registry and the forms which have to be completed in connection with such an application. I expect to receive these papers shortly.

I am glad that you have brought this matter to my attention for I had made a note that something should be done in respect of it shortly after the first of the year. I have not gone into detail in respect of all the requirements as they can be more readily explained when I receive the forms to be sent me by Mr. Sullivan. When application is made for registry it will probably be necessary to obtain by cable from Dr. Stuart information as to the courses of study offered. At that time we can obtain from him his views as to the advisability of petitioning for authority for the University to grant degrees on its own account.

Very truly yours,

Karl S. Markham

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TRANSFER

December 28, 1928

Mr. Van S. Merle-Smith,
57 William Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Merle-Smith:

We are grateful to you for your very careful letter of December 24th discussing the degree granting powers of Yenching University. I am having copies of this letter prepared for distribution to the members of the Yenching Executive Committee and also for forwarding to Dr. Stuart.

This letter is in your copy. Refer to Mr. Merle-Smith.

Five copies of the forms you requested of Mr. Sullivan were received in our office today. I am forwarding all of the copies to you under separate cover at this time and am enclosing a copy of a letter which was addressed to this office by the State Department of Education at the time they forwarded these forms. Will you acknowledge receipt of these forms or do you wish our office to do so?

I have glanced over the application forms rather hastily and have at once been impressed with the fact that a great many details are asked for which it would be very difficult for us to supply accurately here in New York. I am wondering, therefore, if it will not be necessary to send these forms to Peking to be filled out there.

As soon as you have had an opportunity to go over these forms and have received and studied the new regulations covering registry which, I understand, Mr. Sullivan is sending you, I will be glad to talk over these matters with you further. I can probably arrange to come to your office at almost any time that would be convenient for you.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

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THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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*See Heiler
7/16/29*

January 25, 1929

PROCEDURE IN OBTAINING AN AMENDMENT
OF CHARTER

When the trustees of an educational corporation shall have determined to apply to the Regents for an amendment of the charter of such corporation the procedure should be as follows:

- 1 A petition should be prepared, addressed to the Regents of The University of the State of New York and executed and acknowledged by all of the trustees or by one or more of the officers of the corporation who shall have been duly authorized by the board of trustees to make and execute such petition.
- 2 The petition should set forth briefly a history of the organization of the corporation, its present operations, the amendment that is proposed with reasons therefor. The petition should ask that the Regents amend the charter in accordance with such petition.
- 3 There should be attached to the petition a certified copy of the action taken at a regularly called meeting of the board of trustees proposing such amendment by motion or resolution duly adopted. The certificate should state the names and addresses of all the trustees; the names of those who attended such meeting and the vote of each trustee should be recorded.
- 4 If it appears that all of the trustees are present and vote in favor of the amendment the Regents may take action thereon at the next available meeting. If all of the trustees are not present or do not act favorably on the resolution a notice as prescribed in section 62 of the Education Law will then be given.
- 5 The petition and certificate should be prepared in quadruplicate and forwarded to this Department. Thereupon the matter will be referred to the appropriate committee of the Board of Regents, which must be done at least ten days before the next succeeding meeting of said Board.

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February 2, 1929.

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see 7/8/29.

Mr. B. A. Carside,
Secretary, Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Carside:

I took up this morning the matter of completing the application for degree granting powers for Yenching University. In your letter of December 28th you state that you are forwarding all the copies of the forms sent you by Dr. Sullivan under separate cover and enclosing a copy of the letter which was addressed to your office by the State Department of Education at the time they forwarded these forms. You asked me whether we would acknowledge the receipt of the forms or whether we wished your office to do so. I find I did not reply to your letter at the time because I waited the receipt of the forms. We have no record in the office of ever having received these forms and it appears to me that they must have been lost in the mail. I suggest that a search be made in your office to see whether, by any chance, they were not mailed. If they were mailed, either you or myself better write to Dr. Sullivan to send us additional copies.

*Search made
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Very truly yours,

Van S. Merle-Smith

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Yenching University

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May 13, 1929

Mr. Van S. Merle-Smith
57 William Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Merle-Smith:

We have just received from Dr. J. Leighton Stuart a letter written on April 18, 1929. In this letter he comments as follows on the subject of the New York State registration:

"New York State Registration. The sub-committee of the Faculty Executive Committee presented the following report yesterday at a meeting during one of the two days when because of the misreading of a cable it seemed that I would be starting for the States in a few days. I was therefore asked to use my discretion after conference with the Trustees in presenting the local point of view. There is a general and rather strong reluctance to open an issue which might seriously restrict our freedom. Personally, I still feel of the opinion expressed more than once in New York that we must be sure of our right to give degrees, and should be very happy if the arrangements suggested in Mr. Merle-Smith's letter as applying to 'Porto Rico and some other foreign countries' could be made applicable to us.

"Recommendations regarding Registration with the Regents of the University of the State of New York.

- I. That the University secure official registry of all Schools and Divisions in the University with the Regents of the University of the State of New York.
- II. That after securing the said registry petition be made for amendment to the then existing charter so that the University may grant degrees on its own account but to have the right to state on the diplomas that such degrees are granted under the authority of the University of the State of New York.

April 16, 1929

Committee on University Charter"

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Mr. Marie Smith

5/13/29

This, you will note, is in reply to letters I wrote him under date of February 21st transmitting to him a copy of your letter of December 24, 1928, and six copies of application form for registration of college as prepared by the University of the state of New York.

Dr. Stuart did not make any reference to the early return of the application forms we sent although in my letter of February 21 I urged that these be filled out and returned to us as promptly as possible. If you think it wise I will add to our next cable to the field a request that these forms be returned to us at the earliest possible date.

You will remember that we discussed this over the telephone about a week ago and I stated then that I would mention the matter in an early cable. It seemed wiser to wait, however, until we had an opportunity to receive by mail Dr. Stuart's comments on our February 21 letter. We were quite sure that these comments would arrive in this mail that has just reached us.

Very sincerely yours,

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YENCHING

May 15, 1929.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Sec'y. Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Garside:

I have your interesting letter of May 13th setting forth Dr. Stuart's comments in the matter of the registration of the University with the Board of Regents. It would seem to me vital to add in the next field cable a request that the forms promptly be returned to us. Unless they are now on their way it would seem highly improbable that we could get matters arranged prior to commencement this spring. However, I think we should make every effort to expedite things so that we will have done everything possible on this side in the event that the Board of Regents should criticise the issuance of diplomas according to the old method. Even though our petition was granted too late it might be taken as ratifying the issuance of diplomas this spring.

Cordially yours,

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Van S. Merle-Smith

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We shall appreciate an early reply in order that the information may be incorporated in the new handbook.

Very truly yours

Charles F. Probes

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Chancellors - Dr. Van Lee Chuan

Dr. Van Lee Chuan
" Francis C. Lee
" Howard S. Lee

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Yenching University

June 8, 1929

Mr. Charles F. Probes, Editor
The University of the State of New York
The State Education Building
Albany, New York

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of June 5th for the names of officers of Peking University for inclusion in the handbook which you are publishing, we are pleased to supply the following information:

By charter amendment on September 27, 1928 the name of "Peking University" was changed to "Yenching University".

In reply to your other questions the following facts should be noted:

1. Chancellor: Wu Lei Chuan, ^aHsinlin Academy.
Names of president: J. Leighton Stuart, D. D., . . .
2. Name of president of board of trustees: Franklin H. Warner.
3. Names of deans of each college comprising the university:
Dr. C. W. Luh, Dean of College of Arts and Letters.
Dr. Francis C. F. Wu, Dean of College of Natural Science.
Dr. J. B. Tayler, Acting Dean of College of Applied Social Science.
4. Are both men and women admitted to the university? Yes.
5. Is there a preparatory department connected with the institution? No.

We trust that our information is in ample time for inclusion in your publication.

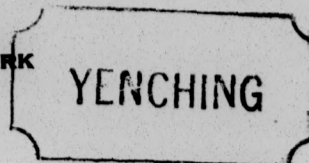
Very sincerely yours,

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CHARLES B. HEISLER
ASSISTANT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Aug. 6, 1929.

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*all by
Hull - Smith*

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Av.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

After considerable correspondence and some investigation it appears what Yenching University really desires is formal authorization from this Department to confer degrees by its own right and authority. There has always been some question about this right but after the investigation that has now been made it seems clear that formal authorization of this nature has never been granted. It also seems clear that the matter can best be settled by amending the charter of the University and I therefore suggest, after talking the matter over with Dr. Sullivan and with the Law Division, that the University should petition the Board of Regents for an amendment to its charter authorizing it to confer the degrees of B.A., B.S., B.D., M.A. and M.S. and whatever other degrees are desired. The inclosed circular will show you the procedure that must be followed and I do not believe that the Regents will hesitate to grant Yenching this authority. The next meeting of the Board of Regents takes place on September 19th and I do not believe it will be possible for me to bring the matter to the attention of the Board unless you can prepare your petition and get it to me not later than the 5th or 6th of that month. If this is impossible the matter can go over until the October meeting but I imagine

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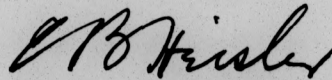
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Mr. Garside-8/6/29 - #2

you would like to have it settled as soon as possible. After the authority has been given you by the Board of Regents we can register these degrees. Yenching University will then be an independent university conferring its own degrees and its graduates will be the holders of degrees registered by the University of the State of New York.

If any questions arise relative to this procedure please do not hesitate to write me at any time.

very truly yours



Charles B. Heisler

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August 8,
1929.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Assistant Treasurer,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Evans:

I have your letter of August 7th, and have written Mr. Heisler in accordance with the enclosed copy.

The situation is as follows: After correspondence with Dr. Stuart, it was finally decided that our ultimate aim should be to amend the Charter of the University so that the University might grant degrees on its own account but under the authority of the University of the State of New York. At the same time, we were anxious to regularize, as quickly as possible, the present procedure of the University, which had not been duly authorized by the Board of Regents. Dr. Sullivan's suggestion was, that we apply at once for registration, and then proceed by amendment of the Charter to have the University authorize the granting of degrees on its own account. In each case, a formal petition had to be made to the Board of Regents. We had sufficient authority to make the petition for the registration, but at the time of the last meeting, we had not definitely decided, in view of conditions in China, as to the advisability of an amendment of the Charter for re-granting powers. No action was taken, therefore, to this end. As we were not able to obtain the necessary information on the application forms prior to the last commencement, we were not able to complete the first step. The Board of Regents is now, apparently, willing to consider a petition for an amendment of the Charter, and we should proceed to that end. We cannot do so, however, until we can hold another meeting of the Board, but, in the meantime, I can prepare the necessary petition as soon as I receive from Mr. Heisler a copy of the application forms filled out in China, and a decision is reached as to just what degrees we may now and in the future desire power to grant.

I believe that it would be wise for Mr. Garside, promptly, to communicate with Dr. Stuart notifying him that we intend to apply for an amendment of the Charter along the lines suggested in his letter of April 18, 1929, and ask him to wire us, confirming my letter, what degrees it is desired that the University be permanently authorized to confer. Mr. Heisler suggests in his letter, B. A., B. S., B. D., M. A. and M. S., and whatever other degrees are desired. It is obvious that we should look somewhat to the future, but,

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Mr. C. A. Evans.

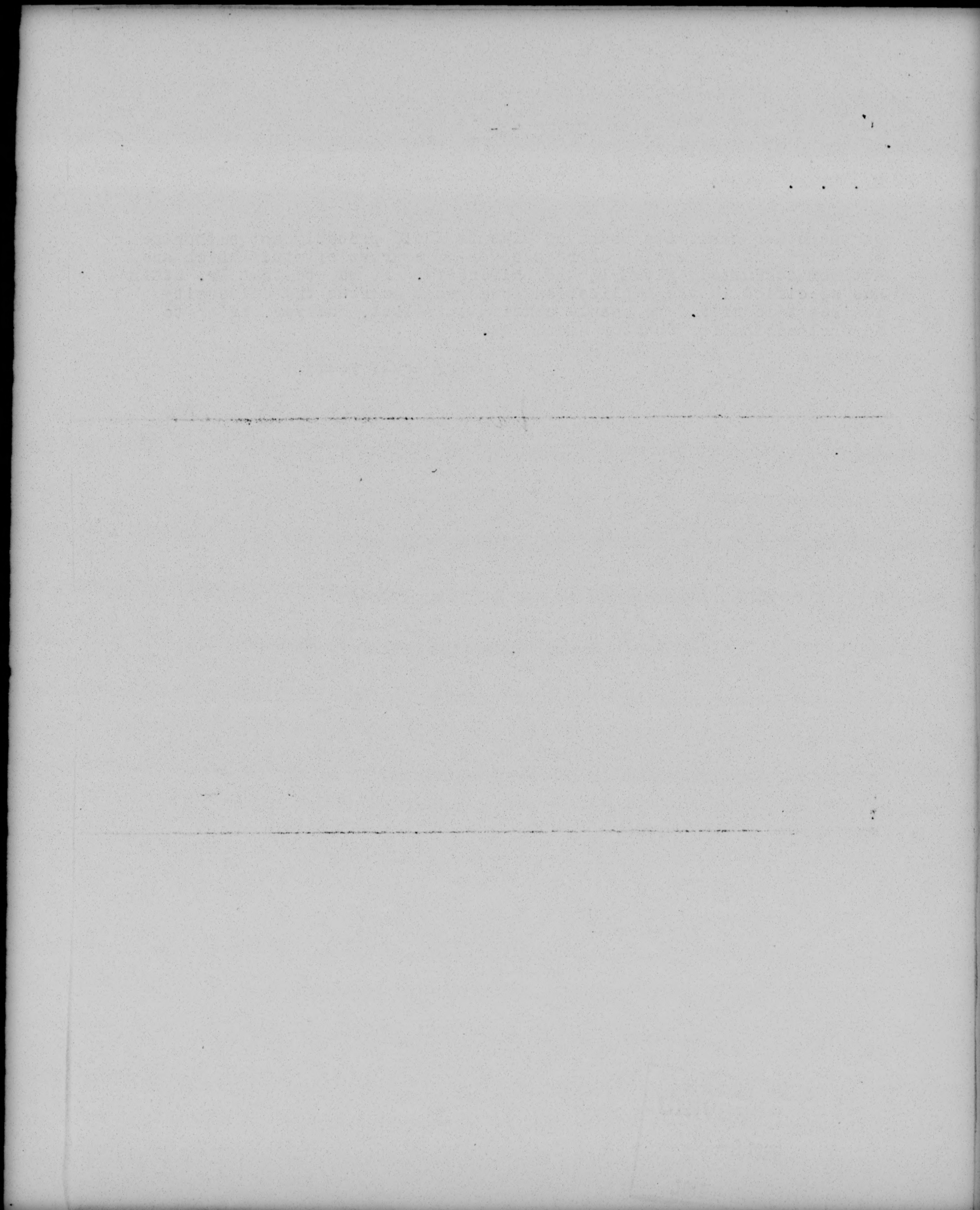
on the other hand, the Board of Regents would probably not authorize the University to confer degrees covering courses of study which are not now adequately given in the University. It may be, that Dr. Stuart has specified in the application forms what degrees the University desires to confer. We should confirm this list, however, prior to an application for Charter amendment.

Very truly yours,

Van S. Merle-Smith
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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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My dear Mr. Garside:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter sent today to Mr. Charles B. Heisler of The University of the State of New York, and, also, an additional copy of a draft of the proposed petition to the Board of Regents.

The letter and the draft explain themselves. I would appreciate any suggestions you may have.

In addition, it would seem advisable for you to consider the calling of a special meeting of the Board of Trustees for consideration of the matter. The unanimous consent can be obtained by letter from the members of the Board of Trustees who may be unable to attend such a meeting, and by cable from the representative of the London Missionary Society. It would not appear to be necessary to obtain the consent of the cooperating boards to an amendment such as the one herein proposed.

Very truly yours,

Van S. Merle-Smith

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Mr. Charles B. Heisler,
The University of the State of New York,
The State Education Department,
Albany, N. Y.

Re: Amendment to the Charter of the "Trustees
of Yenching University".

My dear Mr. Heisler:

We contemplate that we will be able shortly to hold a meeting of the Trustees of Yenching University, in order to authorize a petition to the Board of Regents for an amendment of the charter to authorize the University to confer degrees on its own account.

I have prepared a draft of a proposed petition, and I am enclosing herewith a copy. I wonder if you would be good enough to look over this draft and let me know whether you have any suggestions with regard to its form or in respect of the statements contained therein. I would particularly like to know whether the proposed clause authorizing the University to confer degrees, as set forth in paragraph Seventh of the draft petition, is in proper form. I gathered from the suggestions contained in your letter of April 6th to Mr. Carside that the clause in the charter should authorize the conferring of specifically stated degrees. It is, of course, possible that in the future the University might desire to confer additional degrees, and it would seem that the power conferred by this clause should be sufficiently general so that the University might be authorized to confer such additional degrees on approval of the Regents without the necessity of again amending the charter. The statement on the diplomas or certificates to the effect that they are granted under authority of The University of the State of New York would seem, in China, to be advisable. Dr. Sullivan, some time ago, told me that he believed that such an arrangement, in the circumstances, would be approved by the Board. To this end, I have included a clause to this effect in the proposed amendment. With the exceptions noted above, the proposed amendment follows the general form of the provision in the Education Law authorizing Cornell University to confer degrees.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your early convenience in order that the matter may be expedited.

Sincerely yours,

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20 September 1957

The Secretary of the State
The State Department
Albany

Enclosed for the Department of the Interior
is a copy of the report of the

Commission on the Administration of the
Department of the Interior, dated
September 10, 1957.

The report contains a number of
recommendations which are being
reviewed by the Department. It
is hoped that many of these
recommendations will be adopted
and that the Department will
be able to carry out the
policy of the President and
the Secretary of the Interior
in a more efficient and
economical manner.

I would appreciate hearing from you
if you have any suggestions or
comments.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

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BENJAMIN B. McALPIN, COUNSEL
TALBERT W. SPRAGUE
VAN SANTVOORD MERLE-SMITH
PAUL HURLBURT SMART

SPRAGUE, MERLE-SMITH & SMART

COUNSELLORS AT LAW

57 WILLIAM STREET

NEW YORK

TELEPHONE: JOHN 5330
CABLE ADDRESS: "SMARVAN"

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Mr. B. A. Garside,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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My dear Mr. Garside:

I received today a letter dated September 26th from Charles B. Heisler, Assistant in Higher Education of The State Education Department at Albany, the letter stating that the petition prepared by me seemed to them in proper form, and that they have no suggestions to make. He believes that the Board of Regents would not only grant an amendment authorizing the University to confer degrees on its own account, but would also permit the statement in the diplomas that the conferring of such degrees was done under authority of the Board of Regents.

He stated that the next meeting of the Board of Regents would take place on October 17th, and that the completed application should be in the hands of the Board not later than October 4th or 5th. In view of the fact that ten days notice for a special meeting of the Yenching Board is required, it would seem difficult to complete matters in time to send the petition to the Board of Regents by October 4th or 5th. I suppose it might be done by obtaining waivers of notice from each member of the Board, and by obtaining the unanimous consent of the absent members by telegram. I doubt, however, whether it is essential to present the petition to the next meeting of the Board of Regents, but I believe you should promptly call a special meeting of the Board of Trustees so that we may reasonably expedite the matter.

The notice should state that a special meeting of the Board of Trustees is called at a stated time and place upon request of the President of the Board, to consider the amendment of the charter of the corporation by adding the following clause. The clause should then be quoted in full as contained in the draft of the petition which I recently sent you.

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Mr. B. A. Garside.

This is an amendment of the charter and not of the by-laws, so I do not believe that it is necessary to circulate previous notice of the nature of the amendment at least one month before the meeting. The matter was considered at the Annual Meeting of the Board held on April 10th, 1928, and it would seem in any event sufficient to comply with the statutory provisions which require unanimous consent, unless the procedure of hearings held by the Board of Regents on one month's notice is adopted.

I suggest, therefore, that as soon as practicable, you give ten days notice of a special meeting in the form outlined above.

Cordially yours,

Karl S. Mark Smith

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Nov. 6, 1929

UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF :
the :
TRUSTEES of YENCHING UNIVERSITY : PETITION.
TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION. :

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TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

The petition of the Trustees of Yenching University, the
Petitioner above-named, respectfully shows:

FIRST: That it is a corporation duly incorporated,
organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the
State of New York.

SECOND: That annexed hereto and marked "Exhibit A"
is a copy of the original Certificate of Incorporation of said
corporation, which, as your Petitioner is informed and verily
believes, was duly filed and recorded in the Office of the Sec-
retary of the State of New York on the 25th day of June, 1890,
and from which Certificate it appears that your Petitioner was
duly incorporated under and in pursuance of the provisions of
an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled
"An Act for the Incorporation of Benevolent, Charitable, Scientif-
ic and Missionary Societies" passed April 12, 1848, and the Acts
amendatory thereof.

THIRD: That the aforesaid original Certificate of
Incorporation was amended by the Regents of the University of
the State of New York, by grant made December 2, 1915, copy of
which amendment is annexed hereto and marked "Exhibit B", by
changing the corporate name of the institution from "Trustees
of Peking University" to the name "Peking University", and by
changing the wording of the Second and Third of the numbered
clauses of the said Certificate of Incorporation.

FOURTH: That the amended Certificate of Incorporation was further amended by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, by grant made September 27, 1928, copy of which amendment is annexed hereto and marked "Exhibit C", by changing the corporate name of the institution from "Peking University" to its present name "Trustees of Yenching University", and by changing the first paragraph of the second numbered clause of the amendment made by the Regents of the University of the State of New York by grant dated December 2, 1915, and by adding a new clause to the Certificate of Incorporation designated "Sixth".

FIFTH: That your Petitioner is managed by a Board of Trustees; that the whole numbers of its trustees is twenty-five (25); that the names of the Trustees as of 1929 and at the date hereof, and their places of residence, are as set forth in a certificate attached hereto, executed by B. A. Carside, Secretary of the said Board of Trustees, and marked "Exhibit D", and that the names of its principal officers are as follows:

President	--	Franklin H. Warner
Vice-President	--	George G. Barber
Vice-President	--	Mrs. J. M. Avann
Treasurer	--	E. M. McBrier
Assistant Treasurer	--	B. A. Carside
Assistant Treasurer	--	C. A. Evans
Secretary	--	B. A. Carside
Assistant Secretary	--	C. A. Evans

SIXTH: A report, relative to the operation of the University, dated April 22, 1929, signed by the President of the University, has been submitted to the Board of Regents and is now on file with the State Education Department. This report covers the resources, equipment and faculty of the University; the courses offered by it; the requirements for graduation, and information appertaining to the student body.

SEVENTH: That your Petitioner would further set forth that it wishes to amend its Certificate of Incorporation by adding a new clause to said Certificate to be designated "Seventh"

to read as follows:

"The University is authorized to confer degrees of B. A., B. S., B. D., M. A. and M. S., and such other degrees as, from time to time, may be authorized by the Regents of the University of the State of New York; and in testimony thereof, to award certificates or diplomas stating therein that said certificates or diplomas are awarded under authority of the University of the State of New York."

EIGHTH: Your Petitioner desires that the above amendment be made because it believes that the power so conferred would simplify the procedure relative to the granting of degrees, because the possession of such power would, in the opinion of the Chinese people, be consistent with the prestige of the University as one of the most important if not the leading institution of higher learning in the Republic of China today, and because it would be helpful to the University in maintaining its position and relations with the Chinese Government while giving, at the same time, to recipients of degrees the desired prestige of holding a degree stated in the diploma or certificate to be granted under authority of The University of the State of New York.

NINTH: That your Petitioner would further show:

(a) That the aforesaid desired amendment to its Certificate of Incorporation and the making and filing of this petition with the Board of Regents has been authorized by resolutions of its Board of Trustees as below set forth, duly adopted at a special meeting of the said Board held on the 6th day of November, 1929:

"Whereas, it appears to the best interests of the Corporation to amend its Certificate of Incorporation by the addition of a clause authorizing the University to confer certain degrees on its own account, and to petition the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York to that end,

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Trustees and each member thereof present at this meeting, authorize, consent to and approve an amendment of the Charter of the Corporation by the addition of the following clause to be designated "Seventh":

'The University is authorized to confer degrees of B. A., B. S., B. D., M. A. and M. S., and such other degrees as, from time to time, may be authorized by the Regents of the University of the State of New York; and in testimony thereof to award certificates or diplomas stating therein that said certificates or diplomas are awarded under authority of the University of the State of New York.'

or Acting President

2. That the President/ of the Board of Trustees and the Secretary of the Corporation be and they hereby are authorized and directed on behalf of the Corporation to take steps to obtain written consent of each member of the Board of Trustees absent from this meeting; and to make application to and to petition the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York to make the aforesaid change and amendment in the charter, to issue and verify on behalf of the Corporation the necessary and proper petition, and to do all things proper and necessary to effect the said amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation."

(B) That a copy of the said resolutions is attached hereto, signed by all the Trustees present at said meeting in evidence of their approval of and consent to said resolutions and is marked "Exhibit B"; that in addition thereto copies of the said resolutions signed by all the Trustees not present at said meeting in evidence of their said approval and consent are attached hereto and marked "Exhibit B".

WHEREFORE, your Petitioner prays for an order or grant altering and amending its Certificate of Incorporation in the manner above mentioned and as set forth in the said resolutions.

Dated: New York, November 6 , 1929

(SEAL)

TRUSTEES of YENCHING UNIVERSITY
By George E. Barber
Acting President of the Board of Trustees.

Attest:

B. A. Garside
Secretary

STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : SS.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

GEORGE G. BARBER, being duly sworn, deposes and says:
 Acting

That he is the President of the Board of Trustees of Trustees of Yenching University, the corporation named in and which executed the foregoing petition; that he has read the foregoing petition by him subscribed and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to his own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief; that the seal affixed to said petition is the corporate seal of said institution and was affixed thereto by authority of the Board of Trustees of said institution and that he signed said petition on behalf of said institution by like authority.

That this verification cannot be made by the Petitioner in person because it is a domestic corporation; that the deponent is the ^{Acting} President of the Board of Trustees thereof and makes this verification from his personal knowledge and supervision of the affairs and business of said corporation.

George G. Barber

Sworn to before me this

6th day of November, 1929.

Harold Kishler

NOTARY PUBLIC, Bronx Co. No. 79
Cert. filed in New York County No. 579
Bronx County Register's No. 3107A
New York Co. Register's No. 1M397
Commission expires March 30, 1931

EXHIBIT "A"

CHARTER OF PEKING UNIVERSITY

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

We, the undersigned, Edward G. Andrews, James M. Buckley, James H. Taft, Mercein Thomas, Lewis S. Pilcher, John M. Reid, Henry C. M. Ingraham, Charles H. Taft and Stephen L. Baldwin, all being of full age and citizens of the United States of America, and all but James M. Buckley being citizens of the State of New York, and the said James M. Buckley being a citizen of the State of New Jersey, and we being desirous of associating ourselves for benevolent, charitable, literary and scientific purposes, in order to become a body politic and corporate in pursuance of the provisions of the act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable, scientific and missionary societies" passed April 12, 1848, and the acts amendatory thereof, do hereby certify as follows:

FIRST: That the name of title by which said society hereby intended to be incorporated, shall be known in law, shall be THE TRUSTEES OF PEKING UNIVERSITY, China.

SECOND: The particular business of said society shall be to raise a fund for the purposes hereinafter mentioned; to make, from time to time, such investments and reinvestments thereof as may seem to be most judicious; to collect and receive the income thereof and to apply the same and such portions of the principal fund, from time to time, as may be deemed necessary or expedient, in establishing and maintaining, or assisting to establish or maintain in Peking, its immediate vicinity, or in other adjacent countries, a college or other educational institution, which shall be founded and conducted upon strictly Christian and evangelical, but not sectarian, principles, and also to act in the appointment of the officers and faculty of the college and as a board of control and appeal in its management.

The object of said society shall be to aid the youth of the Chinese Empire and of other countries in obtaining, in such college or educational institution, a literary, scientific or professional education.

THIRD: The number of persons constituting the said society or board of trustees, to manage the same, shall be nine, all of whom shall be of full age and citizens of the United States of America and a majority of whom shall be citizens of and residents within the State of New York.

FOURTH: The names of the trustees of said society for the first year of its existence, shall be the said incorporators, Edward G. Andrews, James M. Buckley, James H. Taft, Mercein Thomas, Lewis S. Pilcher, John M. Reid, Henry C. M. Ingraham, Charles H. Taft and Stephen L. Baldwin.

FIFTH: The business of said society shall be conducted in the city and county of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names at the city of New York, the twenty-fifth day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

Henry C. M. Ingraham	Mercein Thomas	J. M. Reid
Chas. H. Taft	Edward G. Andrews	S. L. Baldwin
Lewis S. Pilcher	James H. Taft	J. M. Buckley

STATE OF NEW YORK

City and County of New York

On this 20th day of May, 1890, personally came before me Edward G. Andrews, James H. Taft, J. M. Reid, S. L. Baldwin, J. M. Buckley, known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged before me that they executed the same for the purpose herein mentioned.

(Seal)

John R. Huff,
Notary Public #244

State of New York)
County of Kings, : ss
City of Brooklyn)

On this twenty-second day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety before me personally came Henry C. M. Ingraham, Charles H. Taft, Lewis S. Pilcher, and Mercein Thomas, to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

J. D. Bell,
Notary Public, Kings Co.

State of New York
County of Kings, ss:

I, William J. Kaiser, Clerk of the County of Kings and Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for said County, (said Court being a Court of Record) do hereby certify that J. D. Bell, whose name is subscribed to the certificate of proof or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument, and thereon written was at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a notary public of the state of New York, in and for the said county of Kings, dwelling in said County, commissioned and sworn, and duly authorized to take the same. And further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary and verily believe the signature to the said certificate is genuine, and that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of the State of New York.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court, this 24 day of June, 1890.

(Seal)

W. J. Kaiser, Clerk.

(Endorsed) Certificate of Incorporation of the Trustees of
Peking University, China.

I consent to and approve of the filing of this
certificate.

George P. Andrews,
Justice of the Supreme Court,
1st Department

STATE OF NEW YORK
Office of Secretary of State
Filed and Recorded June 25, 1890.

Th. E. Benedict
Deputy Secretary of State

EXHIBIT "B"

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

AMENDMENT TO CHARTER OF
TRUSTEES OF PEKING UNIVERSITY

THIS INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH That the Regents of the University of the State of New York Have amended the charter granted June 25, 1889, to the Trustees of Peking University, in Peking, China, which was incorporated by a certificate executed June 25, 1889, and filed on or about June 25, 1890, in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, by changing the corporate name of the institution to that of Peking University, and by changing the second and third of the numbered paragraphs of the said certificate of incorporation so as to read as follows:

Second. The purpose of the corporation shall be to establish and maintain in Peking, China, a University, founded and conducted on strictly Christian and evangelical, but not sectarian, principles, and to aid the youth of the Chinese Empire, now Chinese Republic, and of other countries, in obtaining in such University a literary, scientific or professional education.

The corporation of the University shall, generally, have the powers and privileges of corporations created under the Education Law of the State of New York, the same as if originally incorporated thereunder.

Third. The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, shall be the constituent trustee-electing members of this corporation, and the managing board of such Boards of Missions shall each choose, to be the respective representatives of the said bodies, four persons to be members of the board of trustees of the corporation, to so hold, in the first instance and in succession, that the term of one member of each group of such representative trustees shall expire in each year.

Such representative trustees, acting together, shall, as the terms of the present nine general trustees, and of their successors, in continuing succession, expire, choose such successors, to so hold that the terms of three of such general trustees shall expire in each year.

Other incorporated missionary organizations may at any time be affiliated with and made constituent trustee-electing members of the corporation of the University, by the favoring vote of the managing boards of all of the then existing such constituent bodies; and each such so added constituent body shall be entitled to choose, as its representative, or representatives, an additional member, or such group of members as the vote of affiliation shall provide, of the board of trustees of the corporation, to so hold that the term of such trustee, or of one of such group of trustees, shall expire each year.

The successors, in continuing succession, of the representative trustees, shall be chosen by their respective trustee-electing bodies; and all members of the board of trustees of the University shall continue to hold, after the expiration of their specific terms of office, until their successors shall be chosen.

A majority of the trustees of the corporation shall be citizens of the United States of America.

GRANTED December 2, 1915 by the Regents of the University of the State of New York, executed under their Seal and recorded in their office. Number 2601.

(SEAL)

JOHN H. FINLEY
President of the University

PLINY T. SEXTON
CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY.

"E X H I B I T C"

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

AMENDMENT TO CHARTER OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

THIS INSTRUMENT WITNESSETH That the Regents of The University
of the State of New York

Have amended the charter granted June 25, 1890 to The Trustees of Peking University (which was amended on December 2, 1915, by changing among other things the name of the said corporation to Peking University), by changing its corporate name to Trustees of Yenching University and by changing the first paragraph of the second-numbered clause of the said amendment made December 2, 1915, to the said certificate of incorporation, to read as follows:

"The purpose of the corporation shall be to establish and maintain in Peking, China, a university to be known as Yenching University, founded and conducted on strictly Christian and evangelical, but not sectarian, principles, and to aid the youth of China and of other countries in obtaining in such university a literary, scientific, & professional education."

and by adding a new clause to the certificate of incorporation, to be designated "Sixth", to read as follows:

"The corporation shall have the right to take and hold by gift, grant, devise, and bequest, property or endowment without restriction as to value or amount."

Granted September 27, 1928, by the
Regents of The University of the State
of New York, executed under their seal
and recorded in their office. Number 3788

CHESTER S. LORD

Chancellor of the University

FRANK P. GRAVES

President of the University
and Commissioner of Education.

(SEAL)

STATE OF NEW YORK :
 : SS.
COUNTY OF ALBANY :

I, Ernest E. Cole, Acting Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the annexed copy of Amendment to Charter of Peking University granted by the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York at their meeting held September 27, 1928, with the original record on file in the office of the

"EXHIBIT C"

State Department of Education, and that the same is a true copy of the original and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the University at the City of Albany, New York, this 7th day of November, 1928.

Ernest E. Cole

(SEAL)

Acting Commissioner of Education

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EXHIBIT "D"

November 7, 1929

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that at the time of the close of the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University on April 11, 1929, the following constituted the membership of the Board:

Mrs. J. M. Avann - Chicago, Illinois
George G. Barber - New Rochelle, N. Y.
James L. Barton, D.D., - Boston, Mass.
Mrs. Wm. Boyd - Germantown, Phila., Pa.
Arthur J. Brown, D.D. - New York City
S. Parkes Cadman, D. D., - Brooklyn, N. Y.
Ernest A. Evans - Mill Valley, Cal.
Sidney D. Gamble - New York City.
Frank D. Gamewell, D. D., - Shanghai, China
F. H. Hawkins - London, Eng.
Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins - New York City
Mrs. Lucius O. Lee - Boston, Mass.
Charles T. Ludington - Philadelphia, Pa.
Edwin M. McBrier - Montclair, N. J.
Van Santvoord Merle-Smith - Oyster Bay, L. I.
Eric M. North, Ph.D. - Summit, N. J.
George T. Scott, D. D., - Montclair, N. J.
Arthur J. Stock - Detroit, Mich.
J. Leighton Stuart (ex officio) - Peking, China.
Prof. William J. Thompson, New York City
Franklin H. Warner - Pleasantville, N. Y.
A. L. Warnshuis, D. D., - Bronxville, N. Y.
Mrs. O. R. Williamson - Philadelphia, Pa.

This is to further certify the following changes in the above listed roster:

The London Missionary Society in June, 1929, elected Miss Margaret E. Burton of New York City to fill a vacancy in their representation on the Board

By vote of the Executive Committee on June 19, 1929, Mr. Leslie Raymond Rounds of Mahwah, N. J., was elected to fill a vacancy in the coopted group.

By vote of the Trustees on November 6, 1929, President Ellen F. Pendleton of Wellesley, Mass., was elected to fill a vacancy in the coopted group.

Respectfully yours,

B. A. GARSIDE

Secretary, Board of Trustees,
Yenching University

(SEAL)

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State of New York ss.
County of New York

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 7th day of November, 1929

Edna G. Jerome

(Notary Seal)

Notary Public, New York County, New York Co. Clerk's
No. 36, Reg. No. 0-2 Certificate filed in Kings
County Clerk's No. 34, Register's No. 100
My Commission expires March 30, 1930

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EXHIBIT "E"

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

November 6, 1929

"Whereas, it appears to the best interests of the Corporation to amend its Certificate of Incorporation by the addition of a clause authorizing the University to confer certain degrees on its own account, and to petition the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York to that end,

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Trustees and each member thereof present at this meeting, authorize, consent to and approve an amendment of the Charter of the Corporation by the addition of the following clause to be designated "Seventh":

'The University is authorized to confer degrees of B.A., B.S., B.D., M.A. and M.S., and such other degrees as, from time to time, may be authorized by the Regents of the University of the State of New York; and in testimony thereof to award certificates or diplomas stating therein that said certificates or diplomas are awarded under authority of the University of the State of New York.'

2. That the President of the Board of Trustees and the Secretary of the Corporation be and they hereby are authorized and directed on behalf of the Corporation to take steps to obtain written consent of each member of the Board of Trustees absent from this meeting; and to make application to and to petition the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York to make the aforesaid change and amendment in the Charter, to issue and verify on behalf of the Corporation the necessary and proper petition, and to do all things proper and necessary to effect the said amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation."

/s/ George G. Barber

/s/ Nina M. Williamson

/s/ James L. Barton

/s/ Eula B. Lee

/s/ Sidney D. Gamble

/s/ Margaret E. Burton

/s/ A. L. Warnshuis

/s/ Eric M. North

/s/ L. R. Rounds

/s/ George T. Scott

/s/ Van S. Merle-Smith

/s/ Orpha C. Avann

Certified a true copy

B. A. GARSIDE

Secretary

EXHIBIT "F"

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

The Undersigned approves the following resolution:

"Whereas, it appears to the best interests of the Corporation to amend its Certificate of Incorporation by the addition of a clause authorizing the University to confer certain degrees on its own account, and to petition the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York to that end,

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Board of Trustees and each member thereof present at this meeting, authorize, consent to and approve an amendment of the Charter of the Corporation by the addition of the following clause to be designated "Seventh":

'The University is authorized to confer degrees of B.A., B.S., B.D., MA., and M.S., and such other degrees as, from time to time, may be authorized by the Regents of the University of the State of New York; and in testimony thereof to award certificates or diplomas stating therein that said certificates or diplomas are awarded under authority of the University of the State of New York.'

2. That the President of the Board of Trustees and the Secretary of the Corporation be and they hereby are authorized and directed on behalf of the Corporation to take steps to obtain written consent of each member of the Board of Trustees absent from this meeting; and to make application to and to petition the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York to make the aforesaid change and amendment in the charter, to issue and verify on behalf of the Corporation the necessary and proper petition, and to do all things proper and necessary to effect the said amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation."

Dated <u>October 24, 1929</u>	<u>/s/ Arthur J. Brown</u>
Dated <u>October 22, 1929</u>	<u>/s/ S. Parkes Cadman</u>
Dated <u>October 23, 1929</u>	<u>/s/ Helen Hartley Jenkins</u>
Dated <u>November 7, 1929</u>	<u>/s/ Ellen F. Pendleton</u>
Dated <u>Nov. 5, 1929</u>	<u>/s/ Wm. J. Thompson</u>
Dated <u>Nov. 10, 1929</u>	<u>/s/ E. A. Evans</u>
Dated <u>4th Nov. 1929</u>	<u>/s/ F. H. Hawkins</u>
Dated <u>Nov. 6th 1929</u>	<u>/s/ C. T. Ludington</u>

(Note: Individual copies of this Exhibit were signed by the above-named members).

Certified a true copy

B. A. GARSIDE

Secretary.

EXHIBIT "F"

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the Secretary of the Trustees of Yenching University, and am in general charge of the correspondence of that Corporation.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on August 9, 1929 my office sent President J. Leighton Stuart, Yenching University, Peking China, a letter explaining in detail the proposed petition to the Board of Regents of the University requesting the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York to grant an amendment to the Charter of the Corporation by the addition of the following clause to be designated "Seventh":

"The University is authorized to confer degrees of B.A., B.S., B.D., M.A., and M.S., and such other degrees as, from time to time, may be authorized by the Regents of the University of the State of New York; and in testimony thereof to award certificates or diplomas stating therein that said certificates or diplomas are awarded under authority of the University of the State of New York."

I FURTHER CERTIFY that during the early part of the month of October, 1929, the following members of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University were in Peking China, attending the formal dedicatory ceremonies of Yenching University:- Mrs. William Boyd, Dr. Frank D. Gamewell, Mr. E. M. McBrier, Mr. A. J. Stock, and Mr. Franklin H. Warner.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on October 8th, 1929, I sent to Yenching University, in Missions Code, a copy of which is in the possession of the University, a cablegram of which the translation is as follows:- "IN ORDER TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF EDUCATIONAL OFFICIALS, HAVE MR. FRANKLIN H. WARNER, MR. E. M. McBRIER, MRS. WILLIAM BOYD, MR. A. J. STOCK, AND DR. FRANK D. GAMEWELL TELEGRAPH APPROVAL CHARTER AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING YENCHING UNIVERSITY CONFER DEGREES."

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on October 24th, 1929, Yenching University sent, in response to the above quoted cablegram, a cablegram in Missions Code, the translation of which is as follows: "TRUSTEES APPROVE AMENDMENT CHARTER."

B. A. Garside (SEAL)

Secretary

State of New York) SS
County of New York)

Notary's Seal Subscribed and sworn to before me this eighth day of November, 1929, in the City of New York.

Edna G. Jerome

Notary Public
Notary Public, New York County
New York Co. Clerk's No. 36, Reg. No. 0-2
Certificate filed in Kings County
Kings Co. Clerk's No. 34, Register's No. 100
My Commission expires March 30, 1930

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YENCHING

18 November 1929

TRANSFER

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Garside:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter
which Mr. Merle-Smith received from Mr. Charles
B. Heisler, Assistant in Higher Education, same being
self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

Estelle Ross

Sec'y. to Mr. Merle-Smith

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Nov. 14, 1929

Mr. Van Santvoord Merle-Smith,
c/o Sprague, Merle-Smith & Smart,
57 William St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Merle-Smith:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the petition for the amendment of Yenching University and copies. It is too late to present this petition at the November meeting of the Board of Regents which takes place next Tuesday. The December meeting of the Board will take place on or about the 19th of that month and immediately thereafter we shall send you word.

Very truly yours,

/s/ C. B. Heisler

Charles B. Heisler

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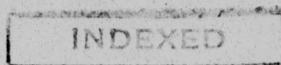
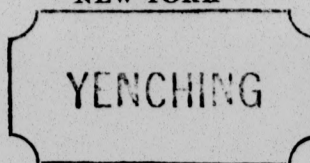
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23rd December 1929

TRANSFER

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Garside:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter dated December 20th from Mr. James Sullivan, Assistant Commissioner of the University of the State of New York, stating that the amendment of the Charter of Yenching University had been formally voted upon at a meeting of the Board of Regents held on December 19th, 1929. I presume that either you or myself will receive the formal certificates in due course.

With the Season's Greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Van S. Merle-Smith

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

December 20, 1929

Van Santvoord Merle-Smith, Esq.,
57 William Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that the Board of Regents at a meeting held December 19th, 1929 formally voted that the charter of Yenching University be amended permitting that institution to confer the degrees of B. A., B.S., B.D., M.A. and M. S.

Very truly yours,

/s/JAMES L. SULLIVAN

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