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JOURNALISM

January 26, 1928

Dear Vernon:

Herewith a copy of the statement about the department of Journalism that we sent yesterday to Mr. Ochs. Dr. Stuart saw Dr. Finley yesterday morning and he said that if we would have the statement ready by last night, he would present it to Mr. Ochs and ask him to read it on the train. (I forgot to say that Mr. Ochs is going somewhere - Hawaii, I believe.) Of course, we are all hoping for the best.

Dr. Stuart is busy as usual. Some money is coming in these days and you can be sure we all rejoice every time anything that looks like a check makes its appearance.

With much love to all the family,

As ever,

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Mr. Vernon Nash  
105 Willis Avenue  
Columbia, Missouri

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January 1928

YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM

When Americans think of China, certain questions are uppermost in their thoughts: Where is that great country tending? What will be the outcome of all this turmoil? Is there any national force capable of producing coherent action in a land without a central government to which all yield allegiance?

1. Public Opinion the One Nation-Wide Political Force in China Today.

Under present chaotic conditions in China, public opinion constitutes the one nation-wide political force. It produced the almost bloodless revolution which established the Chinese Republic, it prevented the setting up of a new dynasty by the first president, and later frustrated the attempts of the Japanese government to dominate the Chinese political situation. Whenever sufficiently aroused, public opinion has been invincible against any odds. It really governs China today. Especially does the attitude of the masses determine the character of China's foreign policies. Certainly until a stable government is established, public opinion will remain the sole controlling factor in Chinese political affairs.

2. The Rapid Expansion of Journalism in China.

The expansion and growing influence of the Chinese press makes it imperative that newspaper personnel be obtained in large numbers. Far more young men and women must be found than can possibly be produced by existing newspaper staffs. It is vitally important also that these young people, the journalists who will mould the new China, shall be persons of fine character, broad international outlook, and with proper training in the technique of the profession. It is apparent that the largest numbers of young men and women



able to meet all three of these requirements will be found within the student bodies of the colleges and universities in China founded under American auspices.

3. An Irresponsible Press - The Result of Poorly Trained Workers.

No factor in this new journalistic situation is more certain than that poorly-trained personnel will fill places of great responsibility unless well-trained men and women are ready as the opportunities come. This would be almost sure to mean the development of a "yellow press" in the Far East, perhaps the most immediate and real of all the so-called "Yellow Perils", since a jingoistic press would be largely determinative in producing menaces to good-will and peace between Orient and Occident. It is perhaps not too much to say that the public opinion of a quarter of the human race is at stake. The need for schools of journalism is not only immediate and critical, therefore, but will also increase during the long period of rapid expansion of newspapers and other publications in China.

4. Chinese Students Greatly Attracted by Newspaper Work.

Concerning the interest in newspaper work among the students of China, there can be no doubt. Chinese young people are attracted both by the certainty of employment and by the opportunities for high public service inherent in the profession. The whole student world is at present intensely nationalistic; newspaper work offers one of the outlets most appealing to them for the expression of their patriotic purposes. But, if a sufficient number of them are to obtain the right kind of preliminary training and if the work as a whole is to be adequate

to meet all the possibilities of the situation, funds must be obtained sufficient for the development and maintenance of a Class-A school of journalism.

5. What Has Been Done Thus Far to Meet This Great Opportunity.

Some three years ago a Department of Journalism on a very simple scale was founded at Yenching University in Peking. Its two instructors were graduates of the Pulitzer School and the Missouri University School of Journalism. Their work consisted in teaching several typical journalism courses, in "prospecting" the field, in experimentation, and in an intensive study of the Chinese language, customs, and journalistic problems. The results clearly demonstrated that the work should be continued and would have unlimited opportunities before it of the most exceptional kind. It is also clear, however, that it cannot proceed unless it can be done with complete thoroughness and on an adequate scale. An incomplete training in the field of journalism, as in medicine, may do more harm than good. Accordingly it was thought wise and desirable last spring for the acting head of the department to return to America to seek funds for the permanent adequate financing of a full-fledged School of Journalism.

6. The Amount of Money Required To Meet This Strategic Opportunity.

The authorities of Yenching University in Peking do not expect to proceed with the project without an assurance of at least \$10,000. annually for a period of five years. This sum is the bare minimum required; \$15,000 a year could be used wisely from the beginning. It is reasonable to expect that the requirements of the school would entail a budget of \$25,000 a year

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by the end of the first decade of work. (These figures all presuppose the conscious avoidance of any "forced" growth; such a School of Journalism is not procured by fiat but by development).

In terms of a permanent endowment, therefore, these yearly budget needs would require the income from a fund starting at \$200,000 and increasing to not less than a half million dollars. Since the annual needs would be smaller in the early years, it would be possible for the fund to be built up \$100,000 a year for five years, \$50,000 a year for ten years, or by any similar arrangement which would be satisfactory to the donor and which would produce an increasingly yearly budget as the School's requirements grow. (Tentative itemized budget in Section 7).

COMMENTS: A large programme of work is possible on a comparatively small budget because it would be an integral part of an already established university. Only regularly enrolled juniors and seniors in Yenching University, Peking, are eligible as students in the Department of Journalism. All instruction for the present could be given satisfactorily in the regular class rooms of the University. A separate journalism building would of course ultimately be needed.

The calibre of our 650 students, the training of our faculty, and the quality of the academic work generally, will not suffer by comparison with any college in America. Graduates in each of the last two years have received their M. A. degrees at Harvard after only one year's work. The University occupies a new site of 125 acres northwest of Peking with twenty-five new buildings erected at a cost of almost \$2,000,000. This campus should become famous in a short time since the buildings constitute the first successful synthesis of Chinese architecture with modern building materials, conveniences, and equipment.

7. Tentative Annual Budget in Three Stages.I. With the "starting minimum" of \$10,000:

(a) Two fully equipped instructors (one a Chinese and the other an American) salary and expenses, including travel to and from U.S.A. each five years for the latter	\$ 6,000
(b) Three graduate student assistants, salaries, etc.	2,000
(c) Current operating and incidental expenses, books, etc.	<u>2,000</u>
Total	\$10,000

II. With the "ideal starting minimum" of \$15,000:

(a) and (b) The same as in Budget I	8,000
(c) Current operating and incidental expenses of larger programme	2,750
(d) Maintenance of a continuous fact-finding survey of newspapers in China	1,000
(e) Development of practical "laboratory" work, such as a small practice publication, a feature-news service to newspapers, photographic (news illustration) work, etc.	1,000
(f) Library fund for books, periodicals, manuscripts, etc.	500
(g) Five scholarships for seniors at \$100 each	500
(h) One post-graduate scholarship or fellowship	250
(i) Emergency and depreciation fund	500
(j) Share in the University overhead (waived as a rule in the first years of a department whose funds are very limited)	<u>500</u>
Total	\$15,000

III. The addition of one or two more fully equipped teachers to the staff, the normal increase in most of the other items listed under I and II, and the offering of a special American fellowship to meet a part of the cost of a graduate's study of journalism in America would absorb the \$10,000 additional which would be available when the School's annual income had become \$25,000.



May 12, 1928

Dear Vernon:

Late yesterday afternoon we telephoned Dr. Finley hoping to get some definite decision from Mr. Ochs about the journalism proposition. Dr. Finley said that he had been extremely busy and had not been able to see Mr. Ochs yesterday as he had promised to try to do, but that Mr. Ochs had told him that if he, Dr. Finley, recommended it and these other publishers were going in on it, he would do so, too, and Dr. Finley said, "I think you can count on it pretty definitely." So evidently Mr. Ochs wasn't as much influenced by this A.P. business as Mr. Strong feared.

Dr. Stuart sailed last night, or rather this morning at one. We shall miss him terribly here in the office, but I am glad for his sake that he can rest a while from this money raising business and get back to Peking where there may not be much rest, but where he will, at least, be doing the thing he wants to do.

You may have seen this clipping about the Cologne Press Exhibition, but I'm sending it along in case you didn't. It will be great if you can take that in on your way back to Peking.

Tell Mary I am going to write some of these days. After we get the office moved next week things should be a little less strenuous.

With love and best wishes to the whole family,

As ever,

Mr. Vernon Nash  
105 Willis Avenue  
Columbia, Missouri

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## YENCHING UNIVERSITY

(Incorporated 1889 as PEKING UNIVERSITY)

PEKING, CHINA

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May 14, 1928.

Dear Blanche:-

The encouraging news about Mr. Ochs arrived at a happy time just when I was writing Mr. Baker of Cleveland to urge an early decision on his part, and to Mr. Brown to ask if he would take the other half of a share with Mr. George B. Dealey, publisher of the Dallas News. Mr. Dealey, here for Journalism Week, agreed to give us \$500 a year for five years. So we have one-third of the way and probably one-half. +

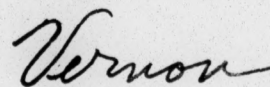
The only possibility of a slip-up is that the remark quoted by Dr. Finley was made by Mr. Ochs to Dr. Finley before the misapprehensions about the A.P. had come to his attention. That matter seems to be clearing, however, as I got a much more assuring letter from Walter Strong. Dean W. and I are working out replies to him and the assistant general manager of the AP. this afternoon which will, I hope, end the incident. Certainly I hope so.

Thanks for the clipping on the Press exhibit. I had not seen it. I sure do hope that I may be able to go that way in time for Pressa, but I am determined more than ever with the thing running as hopefully as it is not to leave until the finances are in shape beyond peradventure.

Mary is almost herself again after the tonsils out. The kinds are just reaching that stage of coughing which gives it the name of whooping cough.

I feel like the lull after a storm with Jour. Week over, but had but little break before plunging into a welter of letters that awaited answering.

As ever,





June 4, 1928

Dear Dr. Finley:

I did not telephone your office last Monday as you suggested I might do when I spoke to you briefly the previous week about the matter of a possible contribution from Mr. Ochs to the initial financing of the Department of Journalism at Yenching. I preferred not to seem to be pressing you or Mr. Ochs for a decision.

Naturally it would be of the greatest assistance to us to have the endorsement of Mr. Ochs in this matter. At the present time we have pledges of \$1,000 a year for five years from Mr. Walter A. Strong of the Chicago Daily News, Mr. W. T. Dewart of the New York Sun, and from Mr. Robt. P. Scripps of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers. We also have \$4,000 from other sources. With the endorsement of Mr. Ochs to the extent of \$1,000 for five years I have no doubt whatever of being able to secure the remaining two pledges. I shall be grateful for your cooperation in this matter.

When the Nationalists take Peking and a certain degree of political soundness and stability arises in China, a School of Journalism at Yenching University will then be in a position to render an extremely important service to the development of an intelligent, articulate public opinion. It would be a great asset to have the name of the New York Times in any way whatever related to this undertaking.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. John H. Finley  
The New York Times  
229 West 43rd Street  
New York City

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JOURNALISM

Ochs

March 11, 1929

Dear Dr. Jenney:

When there is a drought on it seems that no amount of clouds will scare up a rain. Conversely, when the rainy season is on it seems impossible to stop it. I hope and am inclined to believe that we are entering the rainy season.

Mrs. Finley 'phoned Saturday afternoon that Mr. Ochs had definitely subscribed \$5,000 to Dr. Finley. She specifically asked that no announcement of the gift be made until the subscription was received in due form. I hope that you will have had our wire that the subscription is in hand long before you get this letter.

Mr. Strong of Chicago has sent me a letter from Mr. Chandler of which the enclosed is a copy. Use your own judgment as to whether you divulge any knowledge of it to Mr. Chandler. Mr. Strong said nothing about its being either confidential nor did he even ask that it be returned. The last paragraph is, of course, of special interest to you.

Colonel Knox has given me an appointment for three this afternoon. Since he heard me at Syracuse and since I left very definite information with his secretary as to why I wanted to see him, I am quite hopeful of this interview.

A total of \$345 has been received to date in response to the Dean's last letter to newspaper executives. If the Ochs gift comes through it seems probable that we can leave with \$50,000 net in hand.

Cordially,

Dr. Chester E. Jenney  
Clark Hotel  
Los Angeles, California

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\$5000 <b>Contribution</b> - four annual payments	first payment
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E.M. McBrier, Treasurer,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
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Herewith find check in payment of items listed above. No receipt or return of this voucher necessary.  
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The New York Times Company JOURNALISM

Mr. Adolph Ochs, Pres.,  
229 West 43rd Street  
New York City

Apr. 11, 1929

*Pledge \$5000 to Journalism*  
on which pays \$1250 as 1st instalment

Gift received	4-11-29
Receipt slip #	2435
Entered on annual record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contrib. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	734
Pledge card attached	✓
" " card	✓
Letter ack. sent	4/16/29
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Payable: "In 4 annual payments  
beginning not later than  
April 11, 1929."

To aid 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 \$ , (or) (and) I hereby pledge the sum of **Five thousand - - - - - (\$ 5,000.00)**, in accordance with the plan checked below:

- In 2 annual payments beginning not later than.....1, 1929
- In 3 annual payments beginning not later than.....1, 1929
- In 4 annual payments beginning not later than **April 11, 1, 1929**
- In 4 quarterly payments beginning not later than.....1, 1929
- At my convenience, on or before January 1, 1931

JOURNALISM

Signed *Adolph Ochs* Pres.  
Street 229 West 43rd Street  
City and State New York, N. Y.  
Date April 11, 1929.

Full name of my local church:

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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April 16, 1929

Dear Mr. Ochs:

In the name of the Board of Trustees and of President Stuart, permit me to express our sincerest thanks to you for your generous pledge which enables us to complete the fund for the five year demonstration period in the Department of Journalism at our institution.

We have a sense of distinct responsibility in this effort and this feeling is increased by the fact that a considerable number of the outstanding editors and publishers in America have shown their confidence in us. We assure you that we shall do our utmost to merit your approval of the use made of your financial assistance.

We are enclosing herewith our official receipt for \$1250.00 which we understand is the first payment on your pledge of \$5000.00.

With sincerest thanks for your gift, we remain

Most sincerely,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Adolph S. Ochs  
The New York Times  
229 West 43rd Street  
New York City

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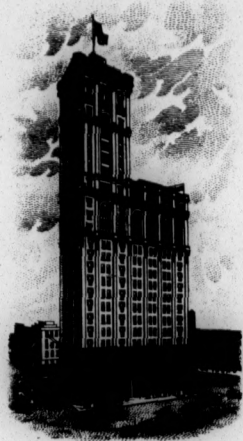
E.M. McBrier, Treasurer,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

PARTICULARS	Amount
4/11/31	
Contribution to Journalism Fund for Yenching University.	
<u>Pledge \$5,000.00</u>	
First payment made 4/11/29 1250.00	
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Third " herewith	1250.00

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April 14, 1930.

MR. E. M. McBRIER, Treasurer  
YENCHING UNIVERSITY,  
150 FIFTH AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check for \$1,250 for the 2nd payment on our contribution to the Yenching University.

Perhaps it would be well if future notices of maturity of these payments as they come, whilst addressed to the New York Times, be mailed to this, the Secretary's Office, if agreeable to you?

Very truly yours,

THE NEW YORK TIMES COMPANY

*W. C. French* SEC'Y.

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**The New York Times Co.***"All the News That's Fit to Print"*

Times Square, New York, N. Y.

VOUCHER No. 4353

E. M. McBrier, Treasurer,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N. Y.

PARTICULARS	Amount
4/9/32	
Contribution to Journalism Fund for Yenching University.	
<u>Pledge \$5,000.00</u>	
First payment made 4/11/29	1250.00
Second " " 4/11/30	1250.00
Third " " 4/10/31	1250.00
Final " herewith	1250.00
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April 11, 1932

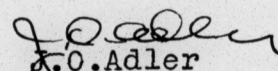
Attention: Mr. E. M. McBrier,  
Treasurer

Yenching University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

We hand you herewith check for  
\$1250., representing the fourth and final  
payment on contribution pledged to the  
Journalism Fund of Yenching University in  
April, 1929.

Very truly yours,

  
J. O. Adler  
Vice-Pres.

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JH Finley

July 26, 1932

Conference with Dr. John H. Finley

Wrote to advisory Council

I dined with Dr. Finley at the Players' Club in Gramercy Park and spent the evening there with him. Dr. Finley expressed a very great interest in the Christian Colleges in China and spoke of Yenching as outstanding in the group. He said that through Mrs. Finley he had kept rather well informed about Yenching. Dr. Finley himself is a trustee of Chelco University.

Dr. Finley spoke of the tremendous impression made by Mrs. Pearl Buck at a dinner the preceding evening, given her by the outstanding literary people of New York. He said that Mrs. Buck had greatly moved this audience - an audience which is normally not easily moved. He felt that Mrs. Buck made China live for many persons there who had never regarded the country as anything more than a remote abstraction.

Dr. Finley felt that Yenching could greatly profit if Mrs. Buck could be persuaded to address any group of the friends of the University. He said that he would try to arrange to have Mrs. Buck and me as his luncheon guests at the New York Times within the next few weeks so that such an address could be arranged.

Dr. Finley assured me that he would be willing to aid in the promotion plans for Yenching at any time. Dr. Finley must never be asked to do anything which takes much time, because he takes an active interest in a great many institutions and causes. He serves best if he is asked to do something at the moment of the request, such as writing a letter of introduction, calling someone on the telephone, or something of that nature.

Lyman H. Thompson

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Journalism - Pub.  
Adolph S. Ochs

April 14, 1933

Dear Mr. Ochs:

It gives me much pleasure to send to you under separate cover with our compliments a Newspaper Directory of China, The Journalism Study Series No. 2 of the Department of Journalism of Yenching University.

This interesting little volume will doubtless prove of value to you in checking the various newspapers in that part of the world.

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee  
Vice President

Mr. Adolph S. Ochs  
The New York Times  
229 W 43rd St.  
New York City, N. Y.

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The New York Times  
Times Square

ADOLPH S. OCHS, PUBLISHER

April 18, 1933

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

My dear Mr. Gee:

It was kind of you  
to send me a copy of the Newspaper  
Directory of China, which I am sure  
will be useful in our reference  
library. Many thanks.

Yours faithfully,

*Adolph S. Ochs*

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New York Times

May 25, 1933

Dear Mr. Ochs:

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. Adolph S. Ochs  
The New York Times  
229 W. 43rd St.  
New York City, N. Y.

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Ninde Divinity Hall

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First Methodist Episcopal Church  
Edward S. Ninde, Pastor  
Residence 257 High Street

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Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.  
December 1, 1921.

Eric M. North, Ph.D.  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr. North:

*X. is correct*

The memorial tablet which I am planning to place in the Divinity Hall at Peking will indicate that the building was erected in memory of Bishop William X. Ninde and Mrs. Elizabeth Falley Ninde. Nothing will be said concerning the donor or donors. The fact is that the bulk of the money is being given by "John Doe." If the Trustees should care to take action recognizing this gift, I shall be very glad to pass the letter on to the donor.

I remain,

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) Charles S. Ninde

Jan. 25, 1922

Dr. North replied for the Trustees, accepting pledge of \$25,000 for the Theol. School Bldg. as a mem. as stated above.

[See Central office files]

Says total cost may be \$32,000 to \$35,000.

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Germantown, Pa.  
March 8, 1922.

Eric M. North, Ph. D.,  
New York City

My dear Dr. North:

I have been over your proposition with John Doe and he consents to make a further subscription toward the Peking Building, of \$15,000, with the understanding that the payments may be made in annual sums of \$5,000. Three years ago, he and I agreed to put in \$25,000 into a Memorial in China, under the auspices of the Centenary, he giving \$20,000 and I giving the balance, both names to be permanently suppressed. For the Conference year now closing my own \$1,000 has been sent to Dr. Fowles, for you. John Doe is feeling the stringency of the times and will be able to pay only \$2,000, making a total to date of \$16,000, which amount will reach you in a few days. But at the rate of \$5,000 a year we are still ahead of our pledge. John Doe is a man of very moderate means; his annual income has never reached \$10,000; but he is a man of sacrificial spirit, and he will certainly do his best. But it would not be just, in view of the original stipulation, to ask him to imperil his small capital fund by drawing from that to hasten the payment of the full amount for Peking. ~~But~~ I will continue to help, and I think that the whole \$40,000 can be cleared off in five years.

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Very sincerely,

(Signed) Edward S. Ninde

Mar. 15, 1922

Dr. North replied, agreeing to  
payments of \$5000 annually  
to make up 40,000 total.

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April 5, 1923

Dr. Eric M. North  
Peking University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Doctor North:

We are enclosing our check #2269 to the amount of \$1,000.00 which is the Designated Gift from the Rev. Edw. S. Ninde of West Chester, Pa. "For Memorial Divinity Hall, Peking University, North China."

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Chas. E. DeVesty

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Write Dr. Hall

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December 12, 1924.

Rev. E. D. Gamewell, D.D.,  
Board of Foreign Missions,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City,  
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Gamewell:

I learned a few weeks ago that you were being held in America and ever since then had in mind writing you for advice regarding the problem we are facing in equipping the Hinde Divinity Hall. Previous to the news of your continuance in the States I had been looking forward to the time of your return to Shanghai as making possible the personal consultations with Mrs. Gamewell and yourself which are so much more satisfactory than the attempt to put ones ideas into writing. I have also delayed because I wanted the faculty of the School of Theology to make a careful study of the plans they had for the use of the building and their ideas as to its furnishing. These have now been rather definitely worked out and I shall try to send you the details before long. There is, meanwhile the problem of the source from which this furniture can be provided. What we would all have wanted would have been that the construction of the building and its furniture could all have been covered by the already very generous gift of Dr. Hinde. Although every economy has been attempted by Mr. Gibb and all of us, yet partly because of the unexpected difficulties caused by the underground flow of water in this position, requiring heavy piling and other foundation work, partly

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because of unfavorable exchange together with other factors which could not have been avoided, the building is already costing slightly more than the estimate. Knowing something of the sacrifice Dr. Ninde has already made I could not expect that he would undertake to provide the equipment also, nor would I think of asking this. On the other hand, it has occurred to me that he together with Mrs. Gamewell and yourself might know of someone who in memory of Bishop Ninde would be pleased at the opportunity of joining with the family in supplying what is still necessary for putting this Hall to use. The committee of the faculty has prepared the statement which will cover their detailed plans but the estimate for the whole scheme is thirty-five hundred to four thousand gold. About one half of this as I recall is involved in the furnishing of the chapel, the thought being that this should be a model of a place for Christian worship where the entire furnishing inspires to and aids in a spirit of devotion. As we have no University chapel to start with, this place will be constantly used for gatherings including others than the theological faculty and students. The Men's College students will doubtless be frequently in attendance at voluntary services of worship. We shall almost certainly invite the Christian teachers and students of Tsing Hua College to join with us on many such occasions. This will accentuate the importance of having the chapel so furnished as to express the emphasis that our institution places on the corporate worship of God, and our desire to have our theological students aided by every influence from the visible setting of their school chapel to appreciate dignity and beauty in worship. Such considerations should of course, be combined with the utmost simplicity and economy consistent with securing the effect desired. Furthermore, this chapel ought to suggest the possibilities in using native Chinese materials, colors and designs, combined with what the West has to supply of characteristically Christian features, thus encouraging our students to study the art of adopting our Western ecclesiastical forms, but fitting these into a truly Chinese arrangement.

I can think of no people to whom all that I am trying to suggest would appeal with any better understanding



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than Mrs. Gamewell and yourself would have. I am sure also that you would want me to bring the problem to you direct as to ways and means for carrying out such a plan. Whether or not Dr. Ninde and you will feel prepared to undertake the securing of the necessary funds from some such source as I have suggested, we shall all want your careful judgment as to the type of furniture and other fittings, especially in the chapel. The equipment for office and class-rooms is essentially the same as in the other buildings and will probably call for no special comment. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. J.H. Lewis with whom you will doubtless confer as to what steps should be taken.

With heartiest greetings of the season to Mrs. Gamewell, Dr. Ninde and yourself and the hope that your wife and you can be back in China before very long,

Very sincerely yours,

J. P. Stuart

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May 14, 1925.

Dr. Eric North  
Peking University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Brother North:

Enclosed you will find our check #2599 for  
\$1,000.00. This is a gift from Rev. E. E. Ninde, West Chester,  
Pa. for the erection of Divinity Hall, Union University in Peking.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Chas. E. DeVesty

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Deposited May 15, 1925.

Credited Ninde Memorial Fund

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*File E.S. Ninde*

May 26, 1925.

Dr. Eric M. North,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. North:-

Enclosed you will find our check #3145 for \$3,000.00 for gift received in May 1925 from Rev. E. S. Ninde, 336 W. Mines Street, West Chester, Pa., for the erection of Divinity Hall of, Peking University Memorial to Bishop & Mrs. Ninde.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles Vesty*

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RESIDENCE 336 WEST MINER STREET  
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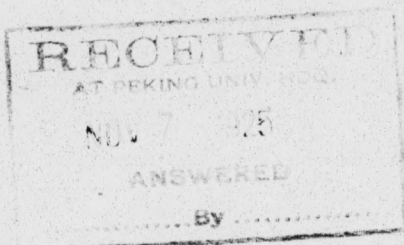
November 5-1925

My dear Dr. Lewis:

It is always a pleasure to receive your communications concerning Peking University, but they go still to Germantown. Will you please have the address changed to West Chester, which has been my home for several years?

How Often I recall with keenest pleasure the days when you and I chummed in New York! I wish I had the pleasure of seeing you often, as formerly, but I hear about the fine work you are doing.

With every good wish,  
I remain,  
Faithfully yours,



*Edward S. Ninde*

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November 9, 1925

Reverend Edward S. Minde  
Methodist Episcopal Church  
West Chester, Pa.

Dear Dr. Minde:

Your delightful note has just come, and I want to bear my testimony to the real influence your life was to me in the two or three years when I had the privilege of rubbing so closely up against you. This is wholly in addition to the warm appreciation the University has for what you and the members of your family are doing in making possible the future home of the Chinese and I trust the most spiritually productive School of Theology in China.

Very sincerely yours

Edwards

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February 24, 1926

Dr. Eric M. North, Treas.,

Peking University

150 Fifth Avenue

New York City

Dear Dr. North:

We are enclosing herewith our check #4731 for \$3,368.64. This covers the balance of designated gift #23 of August 1925, after the accumulated interest balance of \$631.36 is deducted from the full amount of gift amounting to \$4000.00, and refunded to the donor.

Dr. Gamewell states that you have full understanding of the facts regarding the above gifts.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Chas. E. DeVesty

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April 14, 1926

Rev. Edward S. Minde  
336 West Miner Street  
West Chester, Pa.

Dear Dr. Minde:

You will want a copy of our new bulletin which I am sending you under separate cover.

We feel rather relieved over the turn affairs are taking in China as it seems to be eliminating quite a bit of the military struggle which has been going on for the last ten years.

We will move out to the new buildings next September and I assure you that it will be a great relief to leave out present cramped quarters.

Within a few days I will send you a photograph of the building which is being erected with the funds you are so generously contributing and I hope that it may be possible for you to go over to Peking within the next year or eighteen months and see this "bit of your life".

Very sincerely yours

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March 2, 1927

Dr. Edward S. Ninde  
336 West Miner Street  
West Chester, Pa.

Dear Dr. Ninde:-

We have recently had available an interesting picture of part of the front of the Nindo Memorial Building, and I enclose a copy you may be interested in having. I hope that someday we may have adequate pictures of the building as a whole and when we do we will be sure to send you some of these.

Faithfully yours,

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EDWARD S. NINDE, PASTOR  
RESIDENCE 336 WEST MINER STREET  
WEST CHESTER, PA.

Edward S. Ninde  
1948 Georgian Road  
G't'n Sta., Phila., Pa.

October 26-1929

The Rev. Dr. J.L. Stuart,  
Peiking, China.

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I have just received from Dr. Gamewell a full account of the dedication of Yenching University: Needless to say I am intensely interested in all that has been done. You are to be heartily congratulated and the Church at large is to be felicitated on the fine, constructive work that you have carried forward to a successful completion. In some measure, at least, I appreciate the noble spirit in which you have poured out your very life into this great undertaking. It is quite manifest that you were just the man for the task. God called you, and you responded with a consecrated zeal that cheers every friend of the Kingdom. In spite of all her troubles, past and present, I am sure China has a glorious future; and your name will be writ large among the makers of the better Nation.

I wish I might have been present during the dedicatory days, but I know what a graphic account Dr. Gamewell will give me of the combined events, when he returns of America.

With every good wish for the continuance of your notable work,

I remain, Ever faithfully yours,

Edward S. Ninde.

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December 27, 1929

My dear Dr. Ninde:

Your kind letter of October 26th has been forwarded to me here and on my arrival I am taking an early opportunity to express my heartiest appreciation for the kindly sentiments you have expressed. I appreciate this all the more from you because the first building on the Yenching campus was dedicated as a memorial to your noble father. The association with the Gamswells and yourself from the very beginning of this undertaking has been of much more encouragement to me than you can possibly realize. I hope the Ninde Divinity Hall will long remain in favor and in efficient performance of the purpose for which it has been so generously given.

Very cordially yours,

Rev. Edward S. Ninde  
336 West Miner Street  
West Chester, Pennsylvania

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~~Bldg~~ Winde Hall

January 7, 1933

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Dr. Gamewell dropped in for a moment after a meeting in the office and talked with me for a while especially about the lovely little Christmas folder which you kindly sent for me to send to the Trustees and some other friends. By the way, please accept my thanks for these; they were sent out in plenty of time. Mrs. Gee also sent me a lot of them and I am passing these out where they will be of service.

Dr. Gamewell was not pleased with the omission of the Winde Hall from the little Christmas folder, and the fact that the religious stress was so far lacking in the folder. It had just one picture showing a religious meeting. I think that his spirit was splendid. He said, however, he had not even shown the folder to the giver of the money for Winde Hall for fear he might be offended. I wonder if some one there could send a personal note to Mr. Winde, and a copy to Dr. Gamewell, telling him of the religious activities there. If such is done, it might be made a general article and we could use several copies here. Mr. Hedrick and I feel that we will watch our own publicity here and see that we do not overlook this phase hereafter.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Speer have objected to the marked paragraph on the "Yenching Today" folder. We have explained that we meant "American Educational Standards". They have also felt that the religious emphasis has not been strong enough in our publicity. These suggestions are helpful and we will watch things of this kind more closely.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee  
Vice-President

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart  
Yenching University  
Peiping, China

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EDWARD S. NINDE  
4801 LOCUST STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

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ALLEGHENY 3525

January 27/33.

Mr. E.M. Mc Brier,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. McBrier:

I acknowledge with many thanks your kind letter with so many items of deep interest concerning Yenching University.

I rejoice that the Institution is doing such a notable work, and I sincerely regret that I am no longer able to render some financial aid.

With every good wish,  
I remain,

Fsithfully yours,

*Edward S. Ninde*

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October 30, 1935

Dr. Frederick W. Ninde  
92 Haven Avenue, Apt. 52  
New York City

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My dear Dr. Ninde:

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Yenching University the following resolution was unanimously adopted: -

RESOLVED that the Executive Committee record the sorrow of all friends of Yenching University at the news of the death of Dr. Edward S. Ninde, whom we have all esteemed one of the most warm hearted and generous friends of the institution. We remember with gratitude not only Dr. Ninde's generous gifts to Yenching, but even more the interest and friendship which he so long manifested in all that the University is doing."

The Committee requested that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Dr. and Mrs. Frank D. Gamewell and yourself.

This resolution is quite inadequate to express the very sincere and personal sorrow felt by those of our Trustees and other friends of Yenching who had the privilege of knowing your brother. We all feel that in his passing the world has lost a most beautiful and inspiring personality, and that Yenching has lost one of its most devoted and warm friends.

Very sincerely yours,

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