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March 15, 1928.

My dear Harry:

Since our chat last week, I have been thinking quite a bit about your going to Princeton to study and have talked with Messrs. Wannamaker and Burgess both of whom are greatly pleased with this prospect. Neither one have ^{has} enough information as to the exact amount of credits, courses offered at Princeton along the lines of your special interest etc., to be of very much help but Burgess suggests that you arrange to spend a week end with him some time soon. You can get to know each other and talk over such aspects of the problem as would concern him. He is away now and will be for two weeks. I shall try to see that he does not forget this suggestion but if you do not hear from him in the course of the next few weeks you might write to him. His address is

J. S. Burgess
Sterling Ave. & Overlook Road
White Plains, New York

Mr. Wannamaker is secretary for Princeton-in-Peking and wants to give you a letter of introduction with the suggestion that you go to Princeton yourself and in conference with those in charge of the departments get exact information about further study at Princeton that will enable you to take a Doctorate or at any rate a Master's degree with opportunity for some work elsewhere. Mr. Wannamaker's address is

Olin D. Wannamaker
Princeton-in-Peking
12 East 41st Street
New York City

I want to have at least one more visit with you before going away to China and to see Julian at the same time. The next few days are all filled up and I shall be out of the city until after Easter. I think you already have my telephone number.

With keen interest in the attractive prospect of having you with us at Yenking,

Affectionately yours

Mr. Harry Price
654 Bergen Avenue
Jersey City

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Massenetta Springs Station
Harrisonburg, Va.
Aug. 5, 1928 -

Mr. Olin D. Waunamaker
Yenching University
Nippon

My Dear Mr. Waunamaker:

When, early in the summer, you suggested the possibility of my spending some time in attempting to raise some money for Yenching, I was, as you will remember, already signed up to do some tutoring, and at the time knew of no one who might be secured to take my place.

I have a cousin who will be studying in New York next year, who, I think, can replace me in my tutoring job after Aug. 15. After that, I will be free for two weeks, during which time nothing would suit me better than to take a shot at the money-raising game, if you would be willing for me to make my bread and butter in that way. The more I think of it, the more I am sold on the program of Yenching, and I would welcome an opportunity to have a glimpse of the financial burdens of the home office before going out.

The reason for my saying two weeks only is that my brother and an older doctor here both advise me to take off two weeks before going to Princeton to have an operation for hernia. I am consulting on Sept. 10 to 14 for this. Two weeks is not long, I realize, but during this time I might capitalize a little on several contacts already made with people whom I would feel more free to approach if I were working directly for the University, and be of some use in establishing a few new contacts. Personally, I don't like the thought of being a liability and would like to try to do my bit before starting school in the fall. I had in mind the possibility of spending three or four days in studying the history, scope, policies and prospects of Yenching and in preparing my line and then going to it for better or for worse for ten days.

I will appreciate it very much if you will wire me at my expense whether or not some such plan will be satisfactory to you, as I will be leaving for New York in less than a week and would

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like to make definite plans before then.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Harry Price

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August 8, 1928

Dear Mr. Price:

I am much interested in your suggestion that you might spend two weeks in the effort to secure some money for Yenching. We need help decidedly. We are about \$73,400 short of the \$510,000 required to secure the conditional \$90,000 pledged by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd. We are about to send out our final mail appeal before the time limit newly set by the Boyds - September 1st. I should be happy to have you lend a hand.

I find it impossible, however, to answer your inquiry by telegraph, for this reason. I, myself, must take a vacation and I expect to go away not later than next Monday, to be gone for some little time. The office secretaries here are worn out with the uninterrupted campaign work. It would be somewhat difficult under these circumstances to co-operate with you in any satisfactory way. We have exhausted most of our contacts and would have to depend largely upon what you could discover yourself. Miss McCoy could, of course, mail you or hand you old publicity material which you could absorb within a few hours. If you went into the history of the University more deeply than that, the only procedure would be to spend months unearthing material out of the files.

In short I would say that I should be delighted to have you spend the two weeks in an effort to secure money for the University and to pay you the same remuneration you are now receiving as a tutor and also cover your expenses, assuming, of course, that you are going to do no distant traveling but remain within a very short distance of the center here.

The question as to whether this work should be undertaken, however, would depend upon your own judgment as to the number of people with whom you have already established a promising contact and through whom you might add still other contacts. Two weeks is not a very long time for campaigning and it may very well be that those with whom you have already become acquainted and the others to whom they might send you would occupy your time for the two weeks.

I trust that you will receive this letter. If so, please send a day letter, at our expense, expressing your judgment regarding the situation in the light of this letter. I will then telegraph you my own final judgment.

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Mr. Harry Price
Aug. 7, 1928

Please be assured that I am sincerely grateful for
your offer and eager to avail myself of it if it seems to you
practicable.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Harry Price
Massanutta Springs Station
Harrisburg, Va.
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Massena Springs
Harrisonburg, Va.

Aug. 11, 1928.

My Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Thank you very much for your detailed letter. There are, naturally, a number of things I should have liked to ask you personally, such as, for example, the approach which the university is taking towards the problem of a changing Chinese civilization, where intelligent study is needed as much as American teaching. Your experience has no doubt given you a grasp of the situation very helpful to one just beginning to study it.

But I shall hope to see Miss McCoy in New York and, as you suggest, secure from her whatever literature and information she has available. This should, I think, furnish me with enough material for the limited number of interviews I can crowd into two weeks. I cannot promise anything of course, but I'm glad of an opportunity for a try at it, and hope to make the most of two short weeks.

Your vacation is no doubt much needed and I hope that you will find a spot where you can really rest and enjoy your family. Our reunion here, before father and Mother sail for China, will be a fine memory.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Harry Price

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Union Memorial Hospital
Baltimore, Md.
Sept. 20.

Dear Mrs. Britton:

I am sorry that I failed to leave my address here with you before leaving New York, causing you so much trouble in locating my brother.

Thank you for the letters which you forwarded. I am very glad to have them.

The Mr. Creger of whom you write must, I think, be Maynard C. Louger, a friend whom I knew at the U. of Mo. I am mighty glad to know that, if he is the one, he is in New York, and I am writing him at the Wharton School of Finance. Thank you for telling me about him.

I am beginning to feel like myself again, but the docs advise me not to try to go to N.Y. again before going to Princeton, where I'm due on next Tuesday, the 25th. They say I will likely leave the hospital on Monday.

Will you, then, place in an envelope the answers to any of my letters and mail them to me at the Graduate College, Princeton, N.J.? After reading them, I will mail them back for your files with copies of any that I write.

By this mail I am sending to Mr. Wainwright a much-delayed letter which you will no doubt see.

Thank you again - with very best wishes,
Sincerely yours,
Harry Price

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Union Memorial Hospital
Baltimore, Md.
Sept. 20, 1928-

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
150 Fifth Ave.
N.Y. City

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

This is a much-delayed letter which I should have gotten off to you sooner.

I am progressing nicely - was up in a rolling chair this morning for two hours - and hope to be able to reach Princeton in time for the Graduate School opening on the 25th, although I regret very much that I cannot come to New York as anticipated for two or three days before then.

I have about come to the conclusion that I have more talent in digging ditches than raising money. I would like to keep at it a little more during the year, though. The experience was very valuable. I have at least a little more appreciation of the responsibility carried in that office and find myself more sold than ever on the things which Genetling is endeavoring to accomplish.

Enclosed is a list of persons whom I have written or interviewed or both whom I believe it will prove worth while in the long run to add to your mailing list. Many of them I hope to keep in touch with personally.

I do not wish any remuneration of course, for my short period of work here - except my expenses - \$25.00.

The lodging and board bill is, I

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understand, payable at the Princeton Grad. College
upon registration - in my case, \$560⁰⁰. If, therefore,
you could mail to Princeton the \$500⁰⁰ scholarship
fund which you say has been set aside for me,
I will greatly appreciate it. My address here:
Graduate College, Princeton, N.J.

I hope that Mrs. Wannamaker continues
to improve in health - Soon after arrival in
Princeton, I will try to look around and become
acquainted with John Hume.

In the early fall, I plan to be in New York for
a week and will drop in to see you then.
I will write you first, however.
With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Harry Price

P.S. I am omitting, on the enclosed list, names of
persons whom, it appears, will not become
sufficiently interested to make worth while placing
their names on your mailing list. There are several
here whose replies to my letters I have not seen.

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Gerald Livingston, Livingston Co., 111 Broadway, NYC.
 F. J. Daley, Maplewood, N.J. - mail etc. included from this address
 F. B. Langfellow, 111 Walnut, E. Orange, N.J.
 Theodore H. Price, 16 Exchange Place, New York City
 Harley L. Stowell, 15 William St., NYC.
 Arthur W. Page, 195 Broadway, NYC. (W. Pres. H. T. & T. Co.)
 Archibald Knoxwell, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.
 Percy H. Jennings, 50 E. 42nd St., NYC.
 Mrs. Robert Haines, Gettysburg, Pa.
 Mr. A. F. Hyde, Wichita, Kansas (Mentholatum-magnate)
 E. C. Harley, Dayton, Ohio
 Mrs. Thornton Penfield, Englewood, N.J.
 Mrs. Wallace M. Alexander, Piedmont, Calif.
 W. F. Hypos, Marshall Field Co., Chicago, Ill.
 Mr. James Walker, Marietta, Pa.
 H. W. Hoover, President Hoover Vacuum Cleaner Co.
 North Canton, Ohio
 Frank C. Page, Int'l Tel. Co., 67 Broad St., NYC.
 Major Denis McSweeney, Bureau of For. & Domestic Commerce,
 Commerce House, NYC. (suggested as good source
 for information & suggestions), likewise
 Chinese Consul General, (Yang?) Chinese
 Legation, NYC.

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September 21, 1928

Memo to Mr. Garside

In the schedule of expenditures suggested by Mr. Burgess and me to Mr. Day of the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial for the first year of the grant we included a scholarship grant of \$500 for Harry Price who has been selected by Dr. Stuart as a future member of the faculty of the social sciences at Yenching and now about to enter the Graduate School of Princeton University. Mr. Day approved this schedule and we transmitted it to Dr. Stuart as the schedule approved by Mr. Day.

Mr. Price now informs me that he understands that the bill for lodging and board at the Graduate School is payable upon registration and that, in his case, this total bill will be \$560. He asks whether it will be convenient to transmit the whole \$500 scholarship grant to cover the major portion of that item of his year's expenses.

If this is practicable and if you have no different suggestion to offer, can you make the remittance at this time? Mr. Price's address is Graduate College, Princeton, New Jersey. He expects to reach Princeton from the hospital in Baltimore by the 25th, the date of the opening of the Graduate School.

Just before I left for my vacation Mr. Price offered to spend two weeks in financial effort for the University. He had been in contact with a good many rather prominent people and was willing to give up his tutoring position for two weeks in order to render us this service. He does not request any remuneration except his expenses amounting, as he informs me, to \$25.00. Will it be entirely in order to send him a check for this amount?

O. D. Wannamaker

copy to H. Price

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Graduate College
Princeton, N.J.
Sept. 27, 1928.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Thank you for your letter of Sept. 21 with which you enclosed a copy of yours to Mr. Garside. In the same mail, which greeted me on arrival, I found a letter from Mr. Garside together with a check for \$5.75. Thank you very much for arranging this for me.

I do not know yet when I shall be able to come to New York, so if you will mail to me such letters as have come in answer to some which I wrote, I will appreciate it, and will mail them back to you immediately.

Work is getting under way here now and promises to be full of interest.

My greetings to Miss McCoy and Mrs. Britton.

Sincerely,

Harry Price

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Price
Graduate College
Princeton, N.J.
Sept. 29, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Britton:

Thank you for the letters you sent me. They weren't so easy. I'm enclosing them with copies of my replies. Will you do me one more favor?—and then I'll stop bothering you for a while. If you are not planning to make use of it in the near future, will you send me the list of companies doing business in China which Mr. Frank C. Page had sent to the office there? Thank you—also for sending me the book and catalogue.

I have not looked up Mr. Eubank yet but hope to during this week-end.

Princeton is a great place and the men here at the Graduate College are a stimulating group. So, needless to say, I am anticipating this year considerably.

I am glad to know that the limit for the Boyd's conditions has been moved to January 1st.

With best wishes,

— Cordially yours,
Harry Price

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Graduate College
Princeton, N.J.
December 14, 1928

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Since Dr. Kemmerer had agreed to notify me definitely within a few days as to whether or not I would be included as one of the staff of secretaries in the commission to China which he is leading, I have delayed writing you until I should have some word from him.

As he informed me yesterday that I would be one of the group to go across, I am writing now to confirm our brief conversation in your office on last Saturday morning. For the valuable experience of a year's association with such a commission, in which we concurred, I shall plan to go across with the commission for the period of its activity - a year as now planned, hoping that the experience gained will fit me better for work at Yenching later.

I shall hope, if possible, coming back in a year, to take up my work here where I will be leaving it off in January. Such an arrangement is agreeable to the authorities here. If such an arrangement is satisfactory with you, I will put aside one-half of the scholarship fund of \$500.00 which was granted me until the opening of the second semester here in the spring of 1930. Although this seems very unlikely to me now, if the work with this commission should divert my plans for later work from Yenching, I will of course consider myself under immediate obligation to pay back the entire \$500.00 with interest accrued. Parenthetically, I might say that in addition to travelling and living expenses while working with the Kemmerer commission my salary is to be a rather nominal one.

I didn't have a chance, in our brief interview, to tell you of having met your nephew, John Hume. He is a fine fellow and I enjoyed talking with him. I think he's making the grade nicely and he seems to be enjoying his work.

With best wishes for a very happy Christmas and the finest New Year yet.

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Sincerely,

Harry B. Price

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January 7, 1929

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your note of the 4th. I reciprocate all your good wishes. We will place the name of Miss Elizabeth Rugh immediately on our informational mailing list.

I have intended to write you in reply to your letter of December 14th to ask one question about that \$500 fellowship but have been forced to allow this letter with a number of others to remain unanswered while we were concentrating attention upon an elaborate report of the campaign. I am a little perplexed as to how that \$500 item should be treated. I write you only for information.

It is my understanding that the \$500 check from us paid your tuition at Princeton for one full academic year. Is this correct? If so, will Princeton refund a part of that payment to you because of the fact that you are now withdrawing from the University? Is it possible to secure such a refund and redeposit that money in the Yenching University treasury to be drawn on again when you are actually ready to resume your university work? It does not seem quite a proper procedure to allow \$250 to remain with Princeton University for an entire year when there is always at least the possibility that you may not return there.

I hope my letter may reach you punctually so that you may inform me about this before you actually leave the country.

Hastily,

Mr. Harry B. Price
Graduate School
Princeton, New Jersey

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En route to Washington
January 11, 1924 -

Dear Mr. Wannemaker,

Thank you for your letter and good wishes. In the rush of finishing examinations and getting ready to leave, I wasn't able to answer it promptly.

The \$150⁰⁰ which you mention I had intended leaving on deposit in the Princeton bank until a year from now. Due to the expense of getting ready to leave for China for a year, however, I borrowed from this fund, thinking that I was borrowing from myself and could return the amount to deposit in Princeton during the course of the year. But since you prefer to have the fund deposited to your credit, I will plan to send that \$150 to you as soon as I can. I am sorry that it cannot be immediately - I shall plan to send \$100⁰⁰ from the coast, \$100 in May and \$50⁰⁰ in September, including interest on the last two payments - I hope that this will not inconvenience you and will be a satisfactory arrangement. May I hear from you as to whether or not I may depend on this fund when I return to Princeton next January, if all goes as planned. Otherwise, I will need to arrange for a loan.

I read a very interesting letter the other day from Mr. Burgess - I have say he sent you a copy -
With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Harry Price

P.S. Thank you for placing Miss Luyton on your list.

China address:

Care Am. Consulate Gen'l
Shanghai -

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CHINA UNION UNIVERSITIES

Fukien Christian University
Lingnan University
University of Nanking

Shantung Christian University
West China Union University
Yenching University

Princeton - in - Peking

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B. A. GARSIDE,
Secretary-Treasurer

C. A. EVANS,
Associate Secretary-Treasurer

Yenching University

April 30, 1929

Memo. to Mr. Wannamaker,

We acknowledge receipt of draft for Gold \$100.00 sent to you by Mr. Harry B. Price as a first partial repayment on the amount of Gold \$250.00 which Mr. Price is refunding to Yenching University as the unused part of a five hundred dollar scholarship given him during 1928-29.

We note from Mr. Price's letter of April 5 that he expects to return the remaining \$150.00 about the first week in June.

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B. A. GARSIDE

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April 30, 1929

Dear Leighton:

When Harry Price decided after conference with us that it would be advisable for him to take advantage of the opportunity to go to China with Professor Kemmerer, I felt that it would be advisable to suggest that he refund to the treasury of the University one half of the scholarship grant of \$500 which had been paid to him to assist him in a year of graduate work at Princeton. Since he had spent only half a college year there it would not be legitimate to charge the whole scholarship grant to his account. On the other hand, I feel that we should certainly desire to protect him in a certain prior claim on a grant of \$250 when he returns to Princeton to continue his year's work. He has sent me the first remittance of \$100 in refund of the total of \$250 and expects to remit the balance of \$150 early in June. This money is being returned to the treasury of the University.

I am writing you this in the hope that you will take whatever measures seem to you practicable to place a prior claim in Harry's name for the \$250 when he returns to Princeton - I suppose about January 1930. I am sending him a copy of this note and he may perhaps wish to correspond with you about the matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peping, China

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copy to H. Price + Central Office

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International House
500 Riverside Drive
New York
March 26, 1930

Dear Uncle Leighton:

I have been waiting to write you about our plans until they could take more definite form and there would be something specific to report.

Betty and I have both been fortunate enough to secure fellowships, under the National Council on Religion in Higher Education. These assure us of being able to go straight ahead in our study, she in education and I in economics, until we finish the requirements for our degrees - we hope, in two more years. The fellowships offer opportunity for work at Yale, Harvard, Chicago, or Columbia. Due to the fact that three of the stronger men of the Chicago economics department will be away from there next year, we are postponing our decision as to place of study until we can make some further inquiries about the two departments at Harvard and Yale.

We were asked in applying for the fellowship to state what definite plans we had, if any, for the future. We said, in brief, that there was a possible opening for work in China that appealed to us strongly; that there were, however, no definite commitments on either side, and that we were going ahead with a view to fitting ourselves to teach anywhere - in the place that offered best opportunity for progressive usefulness as we saw it.

Betty is finishing up this spring her work for an M.A. I am taking six courses in economics: Current Types of Economic Theory, an excellent survey course under Dr. W.C. Mitchell, Contemporary European Economic Thought, Public Finance, Dynamics of Value and Distribution, Corporation and Trust Problems, and Marx and post-Marxian Socialism. Next year I expect to get more into labor, transportation, and international trade problems, and other factors affecting and affected by industrial development. The year just spent in China puts conditions there in the background for all my study and thinking.

Excuse all this about us. There's really another purpose, also, for this letter - It is to

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ask if you couldn't break away for an evening soon, say on Saturday of this week, and go with a couple of youngsters to see a show. We had thought of Ruth Draper, whose characterizations are the best thing we've seen on the stage recently; her programs change, and we'd like a lot to see her with you. If you have seen her or would prefer something else, it will be fine with us; the main point is that we would like to be with you when you can forget all about Yenching for an evening. A note or a telephone message left here (Monument 8500) will let us know whether you can be free on Saturday or on another evening soon.

I was sorry not to see Uncle Warren while he was here. Junebug enjoyed seeing you both.

Best wishes always,

Harry

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*Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rugh
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

Elizabeth Louisa

to

Mr. Harry Bayard Price

on Friday, the sixth of June

Nineteen hundred and thirty

at eight o'clock

*James Memorial Chapel
Union Theological Seminary*

New York City

*Reception following the ceremony
The Riverside Church*

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80 Howe Street
New Haven, Conn.
April 29, 1931

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Uncle Leighton:

Here is a copy of my letter to Dad's first cousin, Theodore H. Price. The offices of his paper, Commerce and Finance, are at 95 Broad St., but he has been confined to his home with arthritis for nearly two years, and I do not think that he is yet able to go back to his office. I have written to him at his home address. I hope that he will be willing and able to be of some substantial service to you. If you wish, I shall be glad to come to New York to go with you when you see him.

It was good of you to give us so much of your time while you were here.

As ever yours,

Harry

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80 Howe Street
New Haven, Conn.
April 29, 1931

Mr. Theodore H. Price
900 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Cousin Theodore:

We have recently seen Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, the president of Yenching University in Peking, and it seems not unlikely that, a year from now, we shall go there for a five-year term at least. If we do, I shall be working and teaching in the economics department.

I do not know of any other university in China to which I should be willing to go at present. Yenching is liberal. Its standards are high. Its faculty is easily the best in China. Its students come from every province. It keeps direct contact, through exchange professorships, fellowships, and financial support, with Harvard, Princeton, and Missouri's school of journalism. It takes seriously and sanely the job of training educational, industrial, commercial and political leadership for China. Unlike almost every other institution that is partly foreign in its leadership, Yenching is heartily indorsed by the government. The president, Dr. Stuart, is, to my mind and to a good many others, the outstanding American in China.

Even so, you may wonder why we are attracted into going there rather than into an American institution. My own motives, family tradition notwithstanding, are not "missionary." But I am tremendously interested in China's terrific economic problems. Here the woods are relatively full of economists and far-sighted businessmen, but there fundamental common sense in economic thinking and planning have high scarcity value. And in actual human consequences China's droughts, agricultural backwardness, lack of transportation, lack of capital, lack of industrial leadership, and military intrigues (which are primarily economic struggles) each seem to me to outweigh, say, our own industrial depression just now. At any rate, I am eager to work at some of these problems and to try to get some Chinese students intelligently interested in them.

Well, to come to the point of this letter. Each addition to the staff at Yenching means of course a new financial commitment on their part. The university is well

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established, but its funds for expansion are limited. Dr. Stuart asked me if I could suggest any new sources of financial support for the university's work that would help in covering our own salary. It occurred to me that you might wish to help in extending, among your own wide acquaintance-ship, the contacts which Yenching University is making in this country.

Dr. Stuart is to be in New York from May 4 to 11 and would be glad, I am sure, for a chance to meet you. He has long been a friend of the family, and I am certain that you would find him an extremely interesting person.

Please judge all of this entirely on its merits and apart from any personal relationship. I hope that I am not asking for something that will be too much of a strain to you at this time. Please be frank about this.

Dr. Stuart can be reached directly through the Yenching University offices, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York; or I would be glad to forward any message to him.

I enclose \$25.50 due you on May 1. Thank you again for this loan.

I certainly hope that your condition is still on the upgrade.

As ever,

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80 Howe St.
New Haven, Conn.
May 8, 1931 -

Dear Uncle Leighton,

I have had two letters from Mr. Theodore Price, and I am afraid that the prospects of securing assistance from him are nil. He is personally cordial but he is not interested in the type of enterprise that Yenching represents and has "never been very sympathetic with the foreign missionary enterprise".

Have you had an opportunity yet to confer with the Princeton interests about the prospect for our going out supported by that fund? If it is possible, we would be glad if some definite arrangement could be made before you leave for China, so that we may plan intelligently for next year. If for any reason it would be advisable for me to see you again before you leave for China, I would be glad to come to New York.

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I thought you might be interested, if you
haven't already seen it, in this brief review clipped
from the last Christian Century.

Sincerely,

Harry

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Harry Price

May 9, 1931

✓ X to Fosdick
✓ X to H Price

My dear Harry:

Your letter reached me this morning. I am not surprised at the attitude of Mr. Theodore Price. Meanwhile, it occurred to me to try to get your support by Dr. Fosdick's Church, and we are now in negotiations with him and his staff.

I had a good talk with Betty's father yesterday afternoon in order to get his views and help. The outlook is promising so far, but I have been "stung" too often to count over much on this until it takes more definite shape. I shall be away from here after Monday until the first part of the following week, after which I shall probably be starting for the Coast. I too am anxious to get this matter settled before leaving and shall keep you informed of developments.

With very pleasant memories of that picnic on the rocks, and rather confident expectations that somehow our plans will carry through.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Harry B. Price
80 Howe Street
New Haven, Conn.

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80 Howe Street
New Haven, Conn.
May 15, 1931

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Uncle Leighton:

We might have known that you would produce an original plan for our support at Yenching. I would value a contact with the Riverside Church, and because of the type of message and activity which that church represents, I would not have the objection to representing it that I cannot help but feel in regard to most of the foreign mission boards. Rather, I would be enthusiastic about it.

I know that you enjoyed seeing Jack just at the time of his graduation.

As ever yours,

Harry Bruce

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July 17, 1931

Dear Harry:

I am very sorry to report to you that our effort to secure your budget from the Riverside Church has failed. We followed through this clue in every way possible - first, by an interview with Mrs. Eddy, one of the secretaries at the church, who is a warm friend of my wife's family and who knows Yenohing and is deeply interested; then, by means of a suggestion from Mrs. Finley to Mrs. Fosdick; then, a letter to Dr. Fosdick, and finally a second letter to Dr. Fosdick answering certain questions he had raised regarding the financial support of the University. ✓ X-6 Riv
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The upshot of the matter is that the Riverside Church does not make appropriations to individual budgets, but adheres to the policy of appropriating through the Baptist Board of Missions. Dr. Fosdick wrote finally on July 15th, "With a great deal of regret at your inevitable disappointment I have to send you a negative answer.... so far as I can see we shall have to do our foreign missionary work, for the present at least, through the denominational Board."

I had made it entirely clear to Dr. Fosdick that we were not asking anything for the present year, but only for a period beginning with 1932-33.

If you think of any other lead that I might follow out, I shall be glad to have you remind me.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Harry Price
c/o Wileys
Turby Lane
Darien, Conn.

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Harry B. Price

Purdy Lane
Darien, Conn.
Aug. 3, 1931

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Thank you for your letter in which you report that the effort to secure our budget from the Riverside Church has not been successful. This would have been a valued arrangement and we both appreciate sincerely your efforts to have it realized.

I shall certainly write to you if I find another lead which might prove fruitful. We shall be very happy when the Yenching prospect becomes a definite plan.

Cordially yours,

Harry B. Price

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

August 10, 1931.

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

My dear Olin:

I had in the mail of yesterday a lot of material from you on promotional issues, and shall try to give this my early attention. Unfortunately, it is too late to catch an American mail which we must send from here at noon today.

I note with keen disappointment the reply from Dr. Fosdick regarding Harry Price, but of course this is final as far as that opportunity is concerned.

Meanwhile, could you not talk with Arthur Rugh about some joint effort among their friends and ourselves. Would you disapprove of our trying to bring him on the Princeton budget as chargeable in time to the Rockefeller funds rather than Princeton Alumni. He is so exceptionally the sort of person whom we want that I think it very unlikely we can find a Princeton graduate who would meet our need as well as he.

I am sending you a subscription to "Peking", which is published by the Catholic University recently established here. It ought to give you suggestive publicity material, and is worth while, perhaps, from that standpoint. The Miss Hsu, whose picture appears on the front page, is one of our graduates of recent years.

Hoping you will have a good trip to Europe, and that Mrs. Wannamaker's condition is at least holding its own.

Very sincerely yours,

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

Harry Price

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

August 12, 1931.

Mr. Harry B. Price,
C/o Wileys,
Turby Lane,
Darien, Conn.,
U. S. A.

My dear Harry:

The last American mail brought me the correspondence between Dr. Fosdick and our office regarding the effort to have you supported by his church. There is nothing to add to the letter Mr. Wannamaker wrote you, and you can already imagine my own disappointment at what seemed to be not only a promising possibility, but the only one left which we had not explored. This letter, however, is to ask you to give us more time, in the hope that some solution may yet be found, and to assure you of my own earnest purpose to have Betty and yourself come to us next summer, if it can possibly be arranged. The continuing financial depression in America and the pressure upon our Trustees to concentrate upon another unit, which can only be maintained by meeting rather large conditional grants in quite a limited time, have combined to make the problem somewhat more difficult than it might otherwise have been.

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Meanwhile, will you let me have a memorandum regarding the courses you are taking and the subjects which you feel most prepared to ~~take~~. It is a further irony in the situation that we have almost a plethora of persons prepared to teach social economics, whereas international relations is a field for which we should like to have an American added to the staff.

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The point of this letter is that my personal desire to have both of you here at Yenching is entirely supported by my judgment from the standpoint of administrative policy. It becomes, therefore, as far as I am concerned, merely a question of ways and means. And with the Mission Board, Princeton and any special source thus far all ruled out, it becomes somewhat of a ~~dream~~ adventure. However, Yenching began with at least as much risk as you are now facing, and has developed ever since by a process in which it is hard to determine how much has been faith and how much folly, so that you are beginning already to share in this exhilarating adventure.

We shall try to give you ample warning if all our own efforts seem futile, so that you will not be delayed too long in

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making other plans. Meanwhile, go ahead with your studies and think of this as our problem rather than yours, at least for the next few months.

With greetings to Betty.

Very sincerely yours,

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Harry Price

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS
"YENTA"

August 13, 1931.

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.,
U. S. A.

My dear Olin:

In my last letter I made reference to Harry Price. I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter to him, and in any efforts which are to be made on his behalf in the coming months I want to work in the closest consultation with you. I am quite aware of the desirability of having Princeton men in this college wherever possible and greatly regret that our plans for Harry to this end did not work out. Probably the most satisfactory method of getting Princetonians on our staff hereafter will be along the lines described in the enclosed copy of a letter to Dr. Corwin. But apart from visiting professors, of which he proved such an admirable instance, we should have a few Americans to maintain a certain tone that is in danger of being lost otherwise. At present, unless Burgess returns permanently, which can scarcely be counted on, we have only J. B. Tayler and Miss Wagner. The former is on leave of absence, is considering an extension of this for two or three years more, and even his retirement to England. While I hope that he will stay with us, yet he is in any case unfamiliar with the predominant American element in our make-up, and is becoming more and more interested in research and experimental projects outside of the inner workings of the University. Miss Wagner, for various reasons, can only contribute slightly to what I have in mind. Duncan, of course, is only here for two more years. If we can seriously count on permanent funding of the Rockefeller interest in these subjects, we shall be justified in the employment of some persons other than Princeton graduates, and, in fact, would find it to our advantage to have one or more Americans known to the executives of the Foundation. Of all the possible candidates I have come in contact with, Padelford and Price are easily the foremost. Either one would have met my requirements, and the former would have been preferred, because of his subject. He, apparently, is definitely out of it, and therefore I feel the more anxious to secure Price. If he could come, I should definitely aim to train him to be the representative within the faculty of the college of what we might describe as the American-supporting constituency's point of view.

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Furthermore, and very confidentially, I have another objective in mind. The time will come before many years when we shall hope to have a Chinese President, taking control of the institution in the fullest sense, but we shall continue to need an American representing the Trustees, somewhat as Henry is doing at Lingnan, but probably with less local authority. I had hoped that Donald Tewksbury would carry on in this capacity. It seems to me that such a person should preferably be younger than the hypothetical Chinese. Except for my own contemporaries, or the one or two seniors remaining here among the foreign faculty, there seems to be no one among the younger members who fits into the picture for this purpose. But if after a little more experience, here on the spot, Harry seemed fitted for such a role, I should deliberately train him for it. This should not enter in to any considerations to be taken up by those who must decide on his case, but I do not hesitate to share with you this additional thought as a further reason why I am so interested in having him come to us. The other arguments are sufficient for the purpose.

When we come to the study of the budget for the coming year, I shall give careful thought to any possibility of including him, in part at least. Meanwhile, he and his wife ought to be excellent "selling material", and with the help of her father it might not be impossible to get them supported from private sources. For the first year, under our new salary schedule, his salary would be only about five hundred dollars gold, to which, of course, travel would have to be added. It would increase after the first year, and if she taught in another department, their own finances would be easier. But under the Princeton budget the increased cost would not be very much. If Jenney could get acquainted with them, could he not be utilized to secure their support from among his friends?

Very sincerely yours,

J. H. Stewart

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping, China

September 18, 1931

Mr. O. D. Wannamaker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Olin:

Regarding the promotional problems, I am more than ready, after trying to help with the suggestions in my communications growing out of the visit of Wills to China, to leave decisions to you and the Trustees. In this connection a further idea has come to me which may help in the problem of Harry Price. Would it be desirable to retain him for a year in promotional work? I have no definite opinion as to whether he would be successful or not and should greatly prefer to have him come out here as soon as he will have finished his studies, but this may be worth thinking about.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Leighton Stuart

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October 2, 1931

Dear Leighton:

I think I failed to reply to your letter of August 13th regarding the great desirability of having Harry Price on the staff. I have read your letter with great care. I can well understand that you might choose Price for just the special function you mention. I am just now taking up with Mr. Wills and Mr. Aydelott your suggestion that we try to secure the cooperation of Mr. Arthur Rugh in getting support for Harry and his wife. We shall follow up every possible clue in this matter. It seems to me that Wills may be able to do more than anyone else in discovering some individual friend who would be interested in a special case like that of Harry Price. Depend upon us to do our utmost.

Cordially yours,

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

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October 22, 1931

Dear Leighton:

By a favorable coincidence, I have had an opportunity to talk with Arthur Rugh almost immediately after receiving your letter of September 18th, in which you mentioned Harry Price. I canvassed the whole situation with Mr. Rugh. We have three ideas in mind to be tried.

(1) He will try to send me a list of a very small number of members of Riverside Church who might, as a group, unofficially provide the budget for Harry Price and his wife. I will then confer with Mrs. Eddy and see how I can get at this group.

(2) He will mention to Fred Eldridge, whom he knows intimately, that Rugh's son has gone to Beirut and that his daughter and her husband would like to go to China. There is a possibility that Rugh and I working together may be able to interest Eldridge in this very personal problem. Its human appeal might get him where somewhat more generalised appeals would not.

(3) Rugh feels that Harry's uncle, whom you mentioned to me, might be interested, and I shall see what approach I can get and go after him.

Other details in your letter I will answer through Princeton-Yenching office.

Cordially yours,

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
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October 22, 1931

Dear Mr. Rugh: X to ✓

I hardly know whether I ought to quote to you things that President Stuart of Yenching recently wrote me about your daughter and her husband. I trust, however, that you have passed the age when compliments so genuine as these from Doctor Stuart could have a bad effect upon you! Moreover, you probably agree with me that the excellences of one's daughter constitute no justification for self-satisfaction as a father.

In any case, I find myself in complete agreement with Doctor Stuart as regards Harry Price, though I have not had the great pleasure of knowing his wife.

In short, Doctor Stuart has spoken to me a number of times of his great desire to have Mr. and Mrs. Price on the Yenching campus. He wanted Harry before his marriage, and since his marriage has written me several times urging me to do everything possible to see that he shall be added to our faculty, saying that this young couple would be an ideal addition to the Yenching community. I suppose I ought to consider it semi-confidential, but it can certainly do no harm if I say to you that Doctor Stuart is concerned to see that among the younger American teachers there shall be the type of personalities who can meet the tremendously difficult problems confronting the University with the growth of Chinese national consciousness. Believing that Yenching University shall continue to have approximately one-third Americans on its faculty for many years, but believing also that places of prominence should be held by Chinese, he feels that only the rarest kind of American can contribute that unusual combination of sanity, capacity for leadership, modesty, firmness where this is necessary, intelligence, and patience required under the new conditions. Christian influence through our universities in China should be advanced and perpetuated under the new conditions only by such personalities. Doctor Stuart has emphasized, in the most earnest manner, his feeling that among all the young American teachers whom he knows, Harry Price is the one whom he would select with the greatest confidence that he would meet these difficult requirements and would become an outstanding influence in the coming years at Yenching.

Mr. Rugh.....#2

October 22, 1931

I have this problem of finding some means for sending Harry and his wife to Yenching very much on my heart. Until the present I have not solved the problem. Knowing you as I do, I am sure you will hope that it may be solved even though it would put your daughter on the other side of the world from you.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Arthur Rugh
Y. M. C. A.
347 Madison Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

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October 29, 1931

Mr. O. D. Wannamaker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

My dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Thank you very much for your letter about
our kids which I greatly appreciate. I
have not had time yet to see Mr. Eldgridge
but will surely see him next week.

Cordially yours,

Arthur Rugh

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December 8, 1971

Mr. Larry Price
188 Dwight Street
New Haven, Connecticut

My dear Harry:

Since writing you last I have a report from Gidton Chen, one of our former students, who is now Acting Chairman of the Department of Economics. He has gone over very carefully the list of courses which you sent and is quite anxious to have you come to us next year and take some of those which you have listed. He selects the following three in the order of importance from his standpoint. Fortunately the first one coincides with your own major emphasis.

Economic History of England, France, Germany, Russia
Economic History of the United States
Current Types of economic theory

We realize of course that if you came, the first year you ought not to have full work, both in order to study Chinese and to get your material in good shape. This is more of an indication, therefore, of the direction which your work would probably take here than the requirements of the first year.

Recent experiences in the College make me all the more convinced that entirely apart from my personal desire to have Betty and yourself here, this group needs an American man who will become a permanent member of the group and can be a ~~permanent~~ *useful* force in various ways. We have one American woman who is well equipped but has the unavoidable limitation of her sex, and one Englishman who is on a rather extended leave of absence and will perhaps be primarily interested hereafter in research or extension projects. There is in addition a Princeton man who will finish his three years agreement next session. If our financial condition improves I hope that we shall have visiting Professors from Princeton from time to time, but none of these meet quite the need that I have in mind.

I am writing Mr. Wannamaker again by this mail as to the whole problem and you will doubtless be hearing from him before long.

This letter is primarily to comment on courses which if or when you do come here we shall hope you will take over.

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With greetings to Betty-

Affectionately yours,

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY December 8, 1931
Peiping, China

Mr. O. D. Wannamaker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Olin:

.....(Concerns Princeton-Yenching only)

This description of our common problem may make it inopportune to comment further regarding Harry Price. On the other hand, it accentuates the importance of having an American man somehow connected with the group. As we look into the future, it would of course be vastly preferable if he were himself a Princeton man but I am thinking for the moment not so much of the American Promotion as the internal administrative issues here.

In a previous letter I raised the question of his being kept in America for promotional work. This seems to me to be worth considering if he is willing to undertake that sort of task. I am purposely giving him no intimation of such a possibility, because you ought to be free to take it up with him or not as you deem wise.

However, if through the help of Arthur Rugh, or otherwise, it could be possible to secure his salary and expenses for one or two years from special sources, it would perhaps be on the whole the best solution. It occurs to me that Harry Luce, Jr. might suggest possibilities among Yale men for this particular item that would be sufficiently personal, either in their contact with Yenching or with him, to avoid the appearance of competing with Yale-in-China. Another possibility would be to ask individual Princeton men to undertake this because of the future interests of the whole work. Money so designated in America could be set aside for him without aggravating the difficulties here.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which is going to him by this mail. If it seems impossible to provide for him in any of these various way he ought perhaps to be encouraged to locate somewhere in America for a year in the hope that we could meanwhile develop our resources so as to include him.

In general I am advocating that our staff would reduce operating expenses to the minimum and eliminate less necessary features on the assumption that after one or two years more things will either get much better or much worse and that we postpone fundamental questions until we know in which direction our fate lies.

Very sincerely yours,

JLS/P

/s/ J. Leighton Stuart

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