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457 Washington Ave.,
Brooklyn, N.Y., Feb. 10, 1930.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Dr. Stuart asked me to send you a statement about the encouraging letters I have had mentioning the Christian work in Yenching. I have unfortunately destroyed most of these letters; but if the following statement is of any use to you, you may have it printed in the "Peking News" or do anything else you like with it.

During ~~my~~ furlough, Mrs. Ritter and I have had many letters from friends at Yenching, both students and faculty members. It is an arresting fact that in almost all of these letters, mention has been made of the increasing interest in ~~the~~ Christian living, and in the religious life of the University. I take it that there has been a rather marked forward movement along this line, and am, of course, much encouraged by the news.

A number of students have mentioned the splendid effect of the large service of dedication at the Opening Exercises last Fall. Others have stated that the number of members in the Christian Fellowship (our campus church) has been enlarged. One mentioned the fact that students are more than ever appreciative of Yenching's freedom in religious observance and that a number of students who had been "brought up" on compulsory religion and had therefore come into manhood rather hating it have been charmed by the free atmosphere of Yenching to such an extent that religion has been approached with a new curiosity and freshness. Evidently some real discoveries have been made in the beauties of the Christian life.

Other lads have told me of their own personal growth and Christian activities. One writes, relating to his summer work in a Presbyterian Church in Peping, "I have enjoyed and am still enjoying my work here very much. I have found my work for this summer the most interesting ~~one~~ I ever had in the past summer vacations. Here I have two Bible classes in two rug factories, and some evangelistic work. I also have to take care of three D.V.B.S. schools. I have just come back from a Bible class in a factory. Every time we have had a very good discussion. I always come back with my heart full of joy and happiness." Another states: "Have been very busy, for I have been absent from school for nearly three weeks to attend the National Y.M.C.A. convention in Hangchow ~~as~~ the delegate of both Yenching and Tan Shih." (Tan Shih is an inter-college Christian fellowship in Peping which some students in Yenching have founded.) "Since I was elected as the chairman of Tan Shih, I am unusually busy to organize our members into small fellowships among different schools. Regularly I do my visitation and evangelistic work every Sunday, and preach once every other week in Mrs. Wolferz' factory... ~~From~~ Our Tan Shih is now publishing a periodical every fortnight. This small paper is actually the expression of religious experience and life of Christian youth in Peping. This paper is now very popular. Each time we have 500 circulation." This is an undergraduate student, not a full time preacher! I wish I could lay my hands on some of the other letters, many of them just as enthusiastic as this.

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Of course I cannot say that this is the prevailing mood among all the students. ~~It is obvious~~ It is obvious that it is the enthusiastic Christians that would be more likely to write to me. But I do think I am safe in making the judgment, from the letters I have received, that Christianity is "on the up" in Yenching, and that our policy of freedom and friendship is slowly winning out.

Yours very sincerely,

Richard H. Ritter

Richard H. Ritter.

P.S. If you do print this anywhere, please send me a copy.

I wonder if you could not put me on the list for "Leading News" anyhow; I would like very much to receive it regularly.

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457 Washington Ave.,
Brooklyn, N.Y., Feb 19, 1930.

Dear Mr. Naunamaker:

Last Monday I was with Corwin Strong, in
Washington, & had a very satisfactory visit.

I asked him for \$5,000, — \$1,000 a year
for 5 years, toward C. F. Chen's salary. He
stated that the Foundation could not, nor
could he, but that he thought his mother would.
She is at present in the South. He is to visit
her in about a month, & will advise her, at that
time, to make this contribution, of whose wisdom
he is thoroughly convinced. He says his mother
generally follows his advice, so he told me my
chances were about 90% of getting it. When
I hear from him ^{again}, I shall let you know.

I sail for Europe, on March 14th, to
be back on May 25th.

Best regards to all in the office.

Cordially.

Richard H. Ritter.

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457 Washington Ave.,

Brooklyn, N.Y., Feb. 21, 1930.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

I think your suggestion about asking Corwin Story to address me in your care is a good one. I had planned to have Mrs. Ritter send on the letter to you after it arrived, but this would be less direct.

I shall be very glad, however, if you will send his letter on to Mrs. Ritter (above address) after you have read & acknowledged it, so that she can pass the news on to me.

I also think it would be wise to cable Yenching if the news is favourable, because I had a very discouraged letter from Mr. Chou the other day saying that he would have to resign unless his salary was put into the budget.

I also told Mr. Story & now repeat to you that Mrs. Ritter & I (provided Mrs. Story's gift becomes actual) will add to it whatever is necessary to complete Mr. Chou's salary, for a few years at least. If the exchange should drop again, Mrs. Story's gift would not be sufficient. We wish this underwriting of ours, however, to be kept anonymous.

Yours very cordially,
Richard H. Ritter

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HATTIE M. STRONG FOUNDATION
Incorporated
Suite 809 Hill Building
839 17th Street Northwest
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 24, 1930

Mr. Richard H. Ritter,
457 Washington Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Dick:

I realize that you are doubtless still abroad but I am writing this to you at any rate in the hope that you will sometime receive it.

I had quite a talk with my mother regarding the project which you mentioned, and I find that she feels quite strongly that she is doing at the present time, her full share toward Yenching University. I can sympathize with her view point, especially in view of the important work which is being done by the foundation, with the result that I did not attempt to use strong arm methods. The outcome was that she would be willing to give \$1000.00 for the first year only with the idea that during the interim you would have an opportunity of locating someone else to carry the work on from that point. I am sorry that I was not more successful, but I am sure that you understand our position, especially after your visit to the office. Please let me know as soon as possible when and how you would like to receive this payment.

It was a very great pleasure to see you again after all these years and to pick up the threads of our school days. The old gang has certainly been scattered to the four winds since that time. When you get back from Europe, we all hope that you and your good wife will have time to pay us at least a visit. We are fairly well settled in our new house now and will have excellent accommodations for guests. Think it over.

Very kindest regards, as always.

CORRIN

L. Corrin Strong
President

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Note: From Mrs. Ritter who forwarded us Mr. Strong's original letter;

"Please return at earliest time convenient. Send to Mrs. Richard H. Ritter please."

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✓ X to Strong
✓ X to C. F. Chow

copied from original
in box of Mrs. Ritter

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April 8, 1930

Dear Mrs. Ritter:

Heartiest thanks for the opportunity to read Mr. Strong's letter. I have taken the liberty of having a copy made in order that we may keep a clear record of the attitude of Mrs. Strong in regard to this matter of Mr. Chou's salary.

Please note enclosed copy of my letter to Mr. Strong.

We are deeply grateful to Dick for the help he has given us. In Dick's letter to me dated February 21, he states "that provided Mrs. Strong's gift becomes actual" you and he will add whatever is necessary to complete Mr. Chou's salary for a few years at least. He goes on to say that if the exchange should drop again, Mr. Strong's gift would not be sufficient. He requests that any gift from you and him should be considered anonymous.

I shall be grateful for a definite statement from you and Dick as to just what your intention is in the light of the final decision from Mrs. Strong.

With every good wish.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. Richard Ritter
457 Washington Ave.
Brooklyn, New York

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April 15, 1930

YENTA
PEPING (CHINA) (VIA NORTHERN)

THE FOLLOWING IS SENT AT THE REQUEST OF J. LEIGHTON STUART PLEASE TELEGRAPH FOLLOWING WHAT WAS THE COST OF BUILDING WATER TOWER PAGODA NOT INCLUDING WATER TOWER IN ADDITION TO CONTRIBUTION JAMES PORTER, ALSO ESTIMATED COST OF IRON CAP WATER TOWER PAGODA. DO YOU WISH US TO SECURE ANY TEACHERS HERE IN ADDITION TO MISS WHITE MISS BURTT. THERE IS A SUITABLE CANDIDATE AVAILABLE FOR EUROPEAN LANGUAGES, ONE SINGLE MAN FROM GERMANY ALSO LI CHEN NAN EDUCATION PRINCETON UNIVERSITY. OWING TO THE FINANCIAL SITUATION, NOT ABLE TO INVITE HUANG TSE-TUNG COMING ACADEMIC YEAR. WE THINK IT POSSIBLE FOR NEXT YEAR. THE FOLLOWING IS SENT AT THE REQUEST OF O. D. WANNAMAKER. [HATTIE M. STRONG FOUNDATION HAS PROMISED GOLD \$1,000 ANNUALLY FOR FIVE YEARS SALARY C. F. CHOU.] WE UNDERSTAND MR. & MRS. RICHARD RITTER WILL AGREE TO SUPPLEMENT. THE FOLLOWING IS SENT AT THE REQUEST OF MISS LOUISE MCCOY: SEND AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT PHOTOGRAPHS OF BUILDINGS AS PER CABLEGRAM SENT TO YOU MARCH 18th. ALSO RUSH SIX COMPLETE SETS COLLEGE BUILDINGS SMALL GLAZE PRINTS THREE EACH ENLARGEMENTS MAIN GATE LUCE MEMORIAL CLOSE-UP AND LAKE

See letter of
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May 12, 1930

Dear Mrs. Ritter:

Do accept our heartfelt thanks for your generous letter upon the matter of the salary of Mr. Chou as well as on the article I requested Dick to write for me.

It is my understanding that you and Dick will supplement Mrs. Strong's gift provided that it is not sufficient to cover the salary of Mr. Chou for one year, beginning July 1 of the present year, and that you and Dick will also give the salary of Mr. Chou for one year after that. I have inquired of Mr. Garside and he finds that it would take about \$200 Gold added to the \$1,000 from the Strong Foundation to cover the salary of Mr. Chou for one year. I fear this is a considerable supplement to ask of you and Dick. Please let me know definitely whether you and he can give for the year beginning July 1, 1930, \$200 as well as the salary for the following year.

I shall be glad to have the article when Dick can write it. With renewed thanks for all your genuine interest, I remain

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. Richard Ritter
457 Washington Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

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Yenching University
New York, N.Y.

May 12, 1930

Memorandum to Mr. Garside:

The following statement is to replace one I sent you some time ago in regard to the action of the Hattie M. Strong Foundation in the matter of Mr. Chou's salary.

Mrs. Strong consented to make one single donation of \$1,000 toward Mr. Chou's salary and quite definitely did not pledge anything beyond that single gift.

In the meanwhile Mrs. Richard Ritter has informed me that she and Richard will supplement the gift from Mrs. Strong if that is not sufficient for one year's salary, and also that they will give Mr. Chou's salary for the next year. I have just written to inquire definitely whether they can supplement the \$1,000 to the extent of \$ 200 as well as to give the salary for one additional year.

Please note that Mr. and Mrs. Ritter distinctly desire their gift to be anonymous.

O.D.W.

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May 26 Mr. B. d. G. wrote H. S. Gatt - that salary is for 2 yrs. only -

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Keller, Mr. & Mrs. Richard

457 Washington Avenue

Brooklyn

Recd 5-16-30

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Yes, Dick and I will give \$1,400 gold
for Mr. Chou's salary, \$200 to supplement Mrs. Strong's,
and \$1200 for the following year, if that much is
needed for the complete salary. He will soon be back
now, and will write or see you himself. But you can
count on this, unless something most unforeseen should
occur.

year 1930-31

Our best wishes to you

(signed) Emma L. Ritter

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June 3, 1950

My dear Dick:

The following cable has just come in reply to ours:

"Chou Ching-Fu cannot (will not) withdraw resignation. Satisfactory arrangements will be made."

I suggest, therefore, that you ask Mrs. Strong to continue her pledge unaffected by the change in personnel. I am curious to know what has happened, but am at least somewhat relieved that there is no plan to cut down these activities.

With remembrance to all members of the family.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Richard Ritter
457 Washington Ave.
Brooklyn, New York

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P.S. The enclosed letter may be of interest to you.

from Lin Kwan Te to J.L.S.

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L. Corrin Strong
Suite 809 Hill Building
Washington, D.C.

June 7, 1930

Dear Dick:

I was very glad to receive your letter of June fifth and to learn that you were safely back in the U.S.A., after such a very pleasant trip abroad.

Although mother is not here, I am sure I can give you every assurance that she has not the slightest objection to your applying the fund to some other than Mr. Chen, for after all the work and not the individual is the important element to be considered in a case just like this, and I have no doubt that someone else can be found who will do the work equally satisfactory. I presume you have already been notified that our check was sent to your New York Office of the Yenching University on April twenty-third and it was sent with the understanding that it was to be used more or less as you yourself desired.

We all regret that you cannot accept our invitation to see us installed in our new house, but I certainly don't blame you for not being anxious to travel during this hot weather with a small child. I very much doubt if we will be coming to New York during the summer, as there is little to take us there in hot weather. At any rate, if I don't see you again before you return to China, you will always have our very best wishes and we will follow your career with a great deal of interest. The next time you come to the U.S. you and Emma simply must lay aside at least a week end with the Strongs. I do not want to lose touch with you and I only hope that we will have more opportunities for seeing each other than we have had in the past.

Good luck and best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

Corrin

L. Corrin Strong *x to ✓*

Mr. Richard H. Ritter,
Atlantic Highlands, N.J.

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CHARLES W. MCALPIN
TREASURER

Princeton-in-Peking

150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

OLIN D. WANNAMAKER
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

C O P Y

Atlantic Highland, N.J.

June ~~11~~, 1930.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker,

Thank you for your letter of the 14th.

We shall be glad to pay the \$200.00 for Mr. Chou's successor before we leave for China. Please remind me again on July 15th. As for the other \$1200.00, there is no immediate hurry, so it would be easier for us if we left it until a year from now. Please let us know in time so that you can get our remittance by July 1st, 1931. We have definitely decided that we shall give our support to Mr. Chou's successor up to July 1, 1932 as we would to Mr. Chou, relying on the Yenching authorities to choose a proper man. I am glad to inform you that Mr. Strong thinks that his mother will do the same. I am enclosing his letter which you will probably wish to answer, though I have done so informally.

I wish you would write to Dr. Galt, however, and state emphatically that the gifts both of Mrs. Strong and of Mrs. Ritter and myself are for the carrying on of the administration of loans, scholarships and self-help, and not (as Dr. Galt said in his letter quoted to me by Mr. Evans) "or for someone to do closely related work." Naturally no one would object to his giving a portion of his time, as any faculty member does, to other committees and activities, but the understanding must be that his work is to be primarily, fundamentally and basically student financial aid.

Mrs. Ritter and I also wish to join in the endowment fund for the Princeton -Yenching School of Public Affairs and I am enclosing cheque for \$100.00, which I had made out before your form letter of the other day arrived. I am now also adding another cheque for \$25.00 for the current year expenses and one pledge for a yearly contribution of \$25.00 for 3 years.

I am also enclosing a letter from Dr. Leonard Hsu in regard to the Chou case, which I should like to ask you to give to Dr. Stuart.

With best regards from both of us, I am,

Cordially yours,

Richard H. Ritter.

P.S. Did you get the artical P sent you a week or two ago?

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June 25, 1930

Memorandum to Mr. Ritter:

My attention has been called to the fact that you wish your and Mrs. Ritter's contribution to be kept anonymous. I did not think of this in dictating the letter to Doctor Galt, in accordance with your very recent request. It is a little awkward to write the letter to Dr. Galt without indicating you as donor. Nevertheless, if you prefer that I should not mention you in this connection to Dr. Galt, I will redraft the letter. Please let me know by return mail whether the letter as written is satisfactory. I am holding the original until I hear from you.

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H.S. Galt's letter sent 7-1-30

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June 25, 1930

Dear Doctor Galt:

Mr. Richard H. Ritter and Mrs. Ritter who have been wonderfully generous in helping us with the support of someone to do the work previously assigned to Mr. C. H. Chou, Mr. Ritter secured a pledge of \$1,000 Gold from Mrs. Mattie H. Strong of Washington some time ago, and Mr. and Mrs. Ritter supplemented this with \$200 Gold to cover Mr. Chou's salary for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1930. When the news came of the resignation of Mr. Chou, Mr. Ritter felt obliged to explain this situation to Mrs. Strong's son, since Mr. Ritter had laid great emphasis upon the personality and unusual fitness of Mr. Chou for the work described. Fortunately, H. Strong expressed for his mother her willingness to have her contribution used for the successor chosen in the place of Mr. Chou.

Mr. Ritter requires me to emphasize very earnestly in writing you that the gifts of both Mrs. Strong and the Ritters are for "carrying on of the administration of loans, scholarships and self-help" and not for "someone to do closely related work." Mr. Ritter feels that in the light of his conversation with Mr. Strong and also with reference to his own gift that there would, of course, be no objection to having the person who receives this support give a portion of his time, as any faculty member does, to other committees and activities, but that the understanding must be that his work is without any question "primarily, fundamentally, and basically student financial aid."

It is of the greatest importance that we should be in position at this office to assure all our generous contributors that their wishes with reference to contributions are carried out in spirit, and so far as humanly possible, in the letter. I shall appreciate information from you during the course of the year which I may be able to pass on to Mrs. Strong. No doubt Mr. and Mrs. Ritter will be able to satisfy themselves without any correspondence through my office.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Howard S. Galt
Yenching University
Peking, China

Assistant to the President

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added → P.S. Mr. and Mrs. Ritter wish their gift to be strictly anonymous.
7-2-30 after receipt of Mr. Ritter's letter of 6-27-30

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HOTEL BRIGHTON
ATLANTIC CITY

Atlantic Highlands, N.J.

June 27.

Dear Mr. Munnemaker:

Thank you for your good letter & envelope. No, I don't mind Dr. Galt's knowing who gave the money. Dr. Stewart also knows. The main thing is that we don't want it to get to the ears of the new man about to be employed; so we want it to be kept as quiet as possible. ^{write H.S.G. to Dr. G.}

We think your letter a very good one. After reading Dr. Galt's letter to you we reconsidered our condition that it be used for financial aid only, and came to the same conclusion as before. Otherwise we are sure that it would mean that the financial

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aid would become secondary.
I know from experience that it
will require a good man's full
time to do it right. Dr. Gaet
does not realize this; neither do
the members of the Executive
Committee generally. But financial
aid is what the Strong's & the
Pitts are interested in. The
budget for general student welfare
must be raised, we are afraid,
in some other way.

Many thanks for your sympathetic
view of the situation.

Cordially yours,

Richard H. Pitts.

Atlantic Highlands, N. J.

July 25, 1930.

Dear Miss McCoy:

Your letter of July 12, addressed to my father, was for myself, since it was Emma & I who had pledged the \$200. This was for the specific purpose of completing the salary during the year 1930-31, of the successor of Mr. C. F. Chon in the Reef Keep & Loan work at Yenching. I am enclosing my check for it.

We leave on Thursday the 31st. Please give our farewells & best wishes to all in the office, especially Mr. Burgess. And keep a good share of our regards for yourself. Will see you in 7 years. Very cordially, Richard H. Little.

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May 23, 1951

Dear Mr. Ritter:

Last year when you made the pledge of \$1200.00 for the salary of G. F. Chou for the year 1951-52, you asked that we remind you about this time. We understand that since Mr. Chou has resigned, the money will be used for the salary of his successor.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Richard H. Ritter
Yenching University
Peiping, China

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
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June 22, 1931.

Dear Miss McCoy:

Thank you for your letter of May 23, reminding me of Mrs. Ritter's and my responsibility for the salary of Mr. C.F. Chou's successor.

I believe, however, that there has been a little misapprehension of this matter in your office, which I can explain by going somewhat into detail. It really was not a pledge of \$1200 which I made to you, but a promise to underwrite the salary of Mr. Chou or his successor for a few years. We knew that his salary was to be \$200 l.c. a month, which would amount to \$1200 G a year if the exchange was 2 for 1. Mrs. Strong paid \$1,000 and we added \$200G. I was under the impression at the time I paid the money that the exchange actually was about 2 for 1, and your office did not tell me any different. It had already begun to rise, however, and by the time the money was actually cashed by our treasurer in Yenching, (Mr. Ts'ai), the exchange had gone up to above 4 for 1. Now, under these circumstances, it is obvious that Mr. Ma's (Mr. Chou's successor's) salary, had been taken care of for two years instead of for one.

My letter to Mr. Wannamaker, of Feb 21¹⁹³¹, will make it perfectly clear that we did not pledge \$1200G per year, but merely undertook to underwrite Mr. Ma's salary for several years. I quote from this letter: "I told Mr. Strong and now repeat to you that Mrs. Ritter and I (provided Mrs. Strong's gift becomes actual) will add to it whatever is necessary to complete Mr. Chou's salary, for a few years at least. If the exchange should drop again, Mrs. Strong's gift would not be sufficient. We wish this underwriting of ours, however, to be kept anonymous."

When I returned to China and found out that the gold \$1000 of Mrs. Strong's would have been more than sufficient for Mr. Ma's first year even without my adding the \$200, I was a little surprised that the Yenching office had asked me for the \$200. And the same may be said of this new request. Since the \$1200 which Mrs. Strong and we, together, contributed last year, has actually amounted to M\$5262, it is obvious that our responsibility is complete for the two years, already, and more.

Furthermore, there was a ~~gap~~ of six months between Mr. Chou's resignation and Mr. Ma's assumption of the office. Surely it is not right for the Yenching office not to mention such an event when reminding contributors of their pledges. I happen to be on the spot and have this information; but if I had not known, the money would really have been contributed without proper information.

To go a little further into the situation, - I must add that since last year we have, so to speak, "lost our fortune." That is, the business depression has cut off our income. We could not give any more, from any other source except our own salary, even though we had not already met our underwriting. But we feel that

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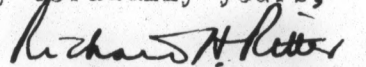
we have met, our underwriting for more than two years already. Now what we underwrote was Mr. Ma's salary "for a few years"; we would have to consider the word "few" as meaning "two," were we really pressed to it, and could therefore rightly consider our pledge already met. But because of our interest in this work, we are actually contributing more than a quarter of our salary to it now, in order that we might lengthen out the "few years" to as many as possible. We can do this because of the high exchange rate now prevailing for gold. Furthermore Mr. Ma's salary (unknown to us) was raised from \$200 to 250 l.c. per month. We approve of this raise, and want to help the University meet it. So, for the past six months we have been putting into a fund here a sum varying with the exchange but averaging about \$190 l.c. a month, which we are saving up for Mr. Ma. At \$250 per month, the \$5262 l.c. already contributed by Mrs. Strong and ourselves will last twenty-one months, or until August, 1932. By that time, if the exchange stays high and our salary is not cut, we shall have a considerable nest egg in the bank here and will be able to continue to pay his salary for some time to come.

Upon the day that our nest egg plays out, however, the University will have to find means to pay for his salary without our help. Already our nest egg has enough in it to pay for four months additional, or until December 1932. Perhaps we shall have enough to continue through that school year, 1932-3; but this we cannot promise.

Such is the situation. Pardon my long letter; but we wish you and Mr. Wannamaker to know all the details, so that you will not think we are going back on any pledge.

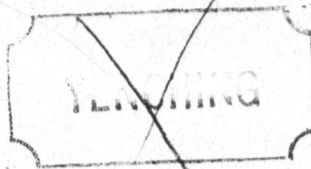
We wish you all success in what must be a tremendously difficult year for you, and also send our personal regards to you and all in your office.

Very cordially yours,



Richard H. Ritter.

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July 20, 1931

Dear Mr. Ritter:

I am so sorry you have had to go to the trouble of writing the long explanation of the salary money for Mr. C. F. Chou's successor, Mr. Ma. We here in the Promotional Office all really understand that you and Mrs. Ritter did not pledge definitely to give \$1200 this year for that salary but that you would give whatever the salary amounted to in local currency. It was my mistake, when writing the reminder letter to you, that I did not state our understanding definitely. Our records are all perfectly in accord with what you have said in your letter of June 22nd just received.

You can rest assured that no further remittance will be expected or hoped for from you for the year 1931-32, since exchange is now more than four to one, so that the \$1000 given by Mrs. Strong and the \$200 given by yourselves last year will cover two years' salary.

Regarding the \$200 which you gave last year, I have a carbon copy of a letter from Mr. Wannamaker to Mrs. Ritter of May 12, 1930, in which he indicated that he had apparently made inquiries about exchange before writing to ask you for that \$200 and was satisfied that the exchange at that time would require \$200 more to make up Mr. Ma's salary. There must have been some misunderstanding about exchange.

In defense of my part in this misunderstanding about your pledge, let me say that it is the first time since I have been with the Yenching office that we have had any pledge which was dependent on exchange and that my particular office has nothing to do with that part of the work when our remittances come through for forwarding to China. Our gifts have always been in gold and have been allocated generally to definite funds, such as for instance "Residences," and there has been no occasion for us to keep track of exchange. So please forgive me, if you will, for not thinking of that side of the question.

I am making note on your record card that you hope, though cannot promise, to continue to contribute to Mr. Ma's salary until August 1932, and perhaps throughout the year 1932-33.

We will show this letter to Mr. Wannamaker before sending it as he may wish to add some comments or write you another letter.

With many apologies and best regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Richard Ritter
Yenching University
Peiping, China.

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August 3, 1932.

Dear Miss McCoy:

We are all very sorry to hear of Mr. Wannamaker's resignation. He has done a lot for us out here in Yenching. Will you please be good enough to forward to him this little note?

We are also glad to welcome Mr. Hedrick, and hear that Mr. Gee will also be in your office before long.

In regard to our connection with Mr. K.Y. Ma's salary, may I say that Mrs. Ritter and I have saved enough out of our last year and a half's salary (due to the high exchange) to take care of Mr. Ma for the whole of this coming school year, 1932-3? You will remember that in my last letter, of June 22, 1931, I expressed the hope that we might be able to do this. As a matter of fact the amount that Mrs. Strong and we gave, (G\$1200, which totalled Chinese \$5262) has just reached up to August 1, 1932. Beginning with August 1, our own savings had to be drawn upon, and we have saved just about \$3,000 Chinese money, which is enough for one year. In the meanwhile, Mr. Ma was used half time by the comptroller's office for some months, and I understand that therefore half ~~him~~ of his salary for those months came from the comptroller's budget. This will make our money last still a little longer.

We are now able to put into our savings for Mr. Ma only about \$110 a month, Chinese money; so that ^{for the time} ~~for~~ the year 1933-4, ^{consequently} we shall not have saved enough to see him through that year. Somewhere in the middle of the year 1933-4, therefore, the University will have to begin to take him over from other funds. We are glad we have been able to carry him along thus far, which is all the more surprising since his salary was raised from \$200 to \$250 a month which was something we had not counted upon.

I see your sister from time to time, but all too seldom, since she spends so much of her time in the country. She is surely a heroic person, and is doing a great deal for the country folk of China. I know that they appreciate it.

Cordially yours,

Richard H. Ritter
Richard H. Ritter.

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THE YENTA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

R. H. RITTER

The Yenta Christian Fellowship was founded by residents of the Yenching University campus, Peiping, in the autumn of 1926. The university had just moved to its new site five miles outside the walls of the city. Except for a small church in the town of Haitien there were no organized christian groups in the new neighborhood. Both the Men's College and the Women's College, on their old sites, had had Students' Christian Associations and there had been, traditionally, faculty committees on religious life, conducting chapel services and assisting the student associations where needed.

But conditions were now quite different. We had become, by moving ourselves out of the city into the midst of a country district, a community all of our own. We now felt the need for a unified, community church or fellowship of some kind. After a number of meetings between the various groups, the Yenta Christian Fellowship was enthusiastically entered into by all. At first it was a kind of federation of the student Christian associations and others; but after one year the student associations merged their interests and organization with the larger group, and for the past five years this has been the all-inclusive association. It functions, in all but name, as the campus church, and indeed is really an independent, interdenominational community church.

The Fellowship is composed of an unusually diverse variety of groups, all working harmoniously together for the Kingdom of Christ. There are many nationalities, many denominations, servants, artisans, clerks, students and faculty, and both sexes, with offices equally open to all, and with genuine fellowship between all.

Membership in the Christian Fellowship is simple in its statement, but, if taken seriously, leads to deep and difficult living. New members must pledge their intention of studying earnestly to learn more of Jesus and to live in accordance with what they have learned.

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The government of the group is democratic in nature, a representative Executive Committee, elected annually, being the administrative agency. This committee consists of ten members, at least one of whom must be a faculty or staff member, one a student, and one from the workmen's group. Seven of the ten are elected at the annual meeting of Fellowship members, and these seven choose the final three. The complete committee then chooses its own officers, consisting of a chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer and secretary.

The administration is divided horizontally and vertically, vertically by the three departments of Faculty and Staff, Students, (men and women), Workmen; horizontally by the six departments of Religious Life, Social Life, Social Service, Workmen's Social Center, General Affairs, and Financial. At the head of each of these departments is a member of the Executive Committee. There are many committees and sub-committees working under these various departments, and there are also three chaplains.

The three vertical departments conduct such activities as affect the members of their own groups alone. The Faculty, for instance, have a faculty prayer meeting and discussion group; and the Students' department manages all affairs relating to students only. These consist chiefly of extra-university relationships with the national and provincial students Christian association; the students' department also has stimulated many small campus fellowship groups and other activities.

Of the six horizontally organized departments, the General Affairs (Business), and Financial departments are self-explanatory.

The Religious Life department is responsible, under the leadership of the three chaplains (who are also elected annually by their respective congregations), for the three Sunday services. One of these services, the largest and central one, with Dean T. C. Chao for its chaplain for the past few years, is on Sunday mornings. It is designed to suit the needs of educated persons, and is conducted entirely in Chinese. The afternoon service is also in Chinese and is primarily for those whose education has not been highly developed. Its chaplain is generally a theological student. The vesper service is in English, primarily for those who cannot worship easily in the Chinese language. Of course these groups are by no means exclusive,

and some persons may even be found at all three services some Sundays. On special festivals, such as Easter and Christmas, the three groups worship together in services conducted in both languages, in order not to lose the common consciousness.

Two daily chapel services are held on week-days, fifteen minutes for each service, students predominating in the committees which arrange for them; and this year special weekly services of prayer for the nation and for peace have also been held. Student discussion groups or Bible classes, with faculty leaders, are provided as well as occasional lectures on religious topics. This year one of the chief topics for common thinking has been Christianity and War." There is a Fellowship library and exhibition board; very frequently, at Alumni Home Coming Day, there is a large exhibit of religious art. A group of people in this department visits the sick in the hospitals; and fourteen Sunday Schools and two Children's Churches, both for community children and for children in nearby villages, are maintained. During this past year a new hymn book has been issued by the Fellowship, for college and senior middle school students, Dr. Chao and Mr. Wiant being the joint authors and editors. This hymnal is already used widely not only in our own Fellowship but in many colleges and schools throughout the country. The Chinese Home missionary society also has a chapter in Yenching, which is sponsored by this department.

The Department of Social Life arranges for a welcome meeting for new members and several large picnics each year. Friendship and helpfulness are among the largest values for which we strive. The officers of this Department assist in many ways, especially among new comers, to bring the members together in friendly personal relationships.

The Social Service Department is extremely active in the neighboring towns of Haitien, Ch'eng Fu and the villages, through schools for poor children, ricksha men and others, Daily Vacation Bible Schools in the summer vacations, introduction of the sick to the Free Infirmary conducted by one of the University physicians, distribution of old clothing, and co-operation with the Yenching Welfare Federation in the scientific investigation and amelioration of cases of poverty.

Two years ago, the Fellowship raised a special fund, with the assistance of the University, to build a Social Center for workmen. This building is now completed and affords a reading and recreation room for servants and workmen connected, directly or indirectly, with the University. Classes, lectures, social meetings, concerts, moving pictures, holiday gatherings, and small groups meetings are constantly recurring in the hospitable rooms of this Center. Workmen who have odd times off may also go there for rest, or reading. And there is a bath room which is in constant use by the men.

Throughout all these activities it is the aim of the officers and members of the Fellowship that the Spirit of Christ may shine. We try not to allow our activities (which may sound rather formidable when summarized in this brief form) to swamp our attitude of friendliness in all our undertakings. Personal relationship to God and the indwelling of his Spirit in our own lives and in the lives of those about us is our constant aim; and we believe that this will do more than anything else to increase our usefulness as members of our home, university, neighborhood, national and world communities. We need the suggestions and prayers of friends everywhere.

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MAKING AND TEACHING HISTORY AT YENCHING

In the course of its centuries China has produced many learned historians and countless volumes on history. No other country existing as such anywhere in the world has had such a long continuous history as China; and no literature can show such a quantity of historical writing as China.

Yet China, even more than Western lands, has written most of its histories in terms of official apologia, propaganda, annals, long lists of names or imperial happenings, events of merely local significance, or romantic (and often half-legendary) stories. The critical examination of such material, with scientific and analytical insight, has been neglected until very recent times. The mere writing of history, either as a literary art or as a dynastic monument, is insufficient to satisfy the modern insistence on truth. "Just how did we get to be the way we are?" is the question to which the modern historian demands an answer; and if the answer is uncomplimentary to one's ancestors or one's dynasty or country, it is nevertheless in the interests of modern society to reveal the truth, insofar as, with the most painstaking and fair-minded efforts, it can be revealed.

Even in the West this new historical science is all too little developed. But in China, with its vast stores of materials to cull, and its almost complete absence of reliable chronological tables, reference data, indices, and other tools of the historian, one can see how overwhelming the task is! It is to the cracking of this nut that the Yenching historical nutcrackers are now turning their efforts.

Yenching is situated within a few miles of some of the greatest historical libraries of the world, in the vast and dusty halls of the old Forbidden City. Peiping is a city which has not only preserved its records, but which has had ample and thrilling secrets to preserve. No historical detective could ask for a place where he would be surrounded by more fascinating and mysterious problems than those of old Peking.

It is no wonder, then, that students flock to Peiping to study their history. And it is quite fitting that Yenching, in its graduate department particularly, should be developing a Chinese faculty which is (at least in our opinion) among the very best in China. This faculty is pioneering in offering master's work to students of Chinese history, as well as doing very valuable research and compilation work itself.

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Of course, as a background for the more advanced type of student activity, it is necessary that a solid foundation in general Chinese history be laid. Fundamental courses in the department are chosen by many students besides those majoring in history. The undergraduate department, though not very large, is composed very largely of those who wish to be teachers of history themselves, and quite a high proportion of them persevere in taking the M.A. degree, or even go abroad for higher degrees later on. No doctors' degrees can as yet be secured in China; but a master's in history from Yenching, with its intensive training in methodology as well as in the actual study of available materials, is sufficient for the present needs of many of the Chinese colleges. As our graduates grow older and continue their studies, they will contribute in an ever growing degree to the establishment and teaching of this new and extremely important science in China.

Western history is not neglected in Yenching either. A number of background and intensive courses are offered. Furthermore the conditions here, with several different nationalities on our faculties and among our students, are quite conducive to a particularly valuable study of the relationships between West and East both in ancient and in modern times. Almost all of our faculty, both Chinese and Western, have at least one such project in process. And a number of our students are always interested in writing their theses on such subjects.

The Yenching University department of history, then, has a unique opportunity in two fields: a creative share in the establishment of a new and much needed science in China, and a thorough study of an important problem in intercontinental, intercultural, and interracial relationships. This opportunity it fully realizes, and in pursuit of it both faculty and students are finding great joy.

RICHARD H. RITTER.

Dec. 20, 1933.

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Copy for Mr. Farnside

March 19, 1937

Rev. Richard H. Ritter,
85 Sherman Street,
Hartford, Conn.

My dear Mr. Ritter:

Thank you very much for your recent letter. In view of your desire to keep your connection with the Board for the time being, I presented to the Board the following minute which was approved at the meeting of the Board on March 15:

"Since the Rev. and Mrs. Richard H. Ritter, who arrived in America July 19, 1936 on a five months' furlough from Peiping, North China Mission, are unable to return to the field at the present time and since they have been without furlough salary from August 31, 1936, the Board voted to extend their furlough for a period not to exceed two years from their arrival in America in 1936 without any allowances but with provision that, should they return to the field during this period, their furlough salary and other allowances would be reinstated for that period of the five months' furlough which they have not drawn. Inasmuch as Mr. Ritter's absence from the field creates a vacancy in its quota on the staff of Yenching University, the Board voted, beginning April 1, 1937, to reimburse the University at the rate of C\$250 a month during the period of this financial vacancy."

I think the minute is self-explanatory and I hope it will meet with your approval. We shall appreciate your keeping us informed as to your plans.

Very cordially yours,

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Ralph C. Wells

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Rev. Richard H. Ritter,
55 Western Street,
Hartford, Conn.
Dear Mr. Ritter:

Thank you very much for your recent letter. In view of your desire to keep your connection with the Board for the time being, I presented to the Board the following minute which was approved at the meeting of the Board on March 18:

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Very cordially yours,

Ralph C. Wells

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85 Sherman Street,
Hartford, Connecticut,
June 14, 1937.

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

YENCHING

Dear Dr. Garside:

Dr. Penn has sent me a quotation from Dr. Stuart's letter and from your own letter to him regarding your hopes for appointing Mr. Hanna as a member of the Yen-ching Faculty.

Almost at the same time as I received this, I accepted a call to the Congregational Church at Mansfield Center, Conn. I should therefore like to say that I am now ready to resign my position as a member of the faculty of Yen-ching University, and also withdraw from the Presbyterian quota. This will open the door to the immediate appointment of Mr. Hanna, a man whom we know and respect.

It goes without saying that Mrs. Ritter and I both ~~send~~ in our resignations with the utmost regret. Our associations at Yen-ching have been most pleasant, from beginning to end, and we are grateful to you all for having given us the opportunity of serving there all these years. We shall always retain much affection for Yen-ching, and shall continue to do what we can in its support.

Until September 1, our Brooklyn address will be the best. After that, our address will be, The Parsonage, Mansfield Center, Connecticut. We shall be very happy if you will keep us on your mailing list for publicity material, and keep us posted about the various dinners or opportunities for gatherings in New York, Hartford, or elsewhere.

Again thanking you for your friendliness throughout these years, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Richard H. Ritter
Richard H. Ritter.

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Yenching Promotion



June 25, 1937

Mr. Richard H. Ritter
85 Sherman Street
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Ritter:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 14th in which you tell of your decision to present to the Presbyterian Board your resignation as one of its quota on the staff of Yenching University.

I can say to you very earnestly that everyone at Yenching would sincerely regret having you withdraw permanently from the Yenching staff. We have received many evidences from year to year of the warm admiration and affection in which both you and Mrs. Ritter are held on the Yenching campus, and all show appreciation for the excellent and distinctive service you have been rendering to the institution. I am quite sure that everyone on the campus is eager to have you back again - if not immediately, then at any time in the future that you are free to return.

The question of whether you should resign from the Yenching quota at this time in order to permit the appointment of someone who can go out this year to replace you, is a question which we will have to leave for the decision of the Presbyterian Board. Of course we all recognize that the University is always in urgent need of additional members of staff, and it is usually unfortunate in many ways to leave an unfilled vacancy for too long a time. If the way for your return should open up later, there might be a vacancy at some other point in the Presbyterian quota or - what would be highly desirable - the Board might be persuaded to restore to its quota one of the reductions which it made during the depression. No matter what decision may be reached on this question of your technical relationship to Yenching during your stay in America, we will continue to think of you as one of the valued members of our Yenching group. We will see to it that you receive copies of all the publicity material going out from the Yenching Office, and we want you to keep always in touch with us. Whenever you happen to be in New York, make it a rule to drop in at the office and see us.

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With all good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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June 25, 1937

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Dr. Stuart:

We enclose herewith a copy of a letter we have received from Mr. Ritter, together with a copy of the reply I am sending him.

A few days ago I had a conversation with the Secretaries of the Presbyterian Board, both with regard to Mr. Ritter's resignation and Mr. Hanna's appointment. While Mr. Hanna has been under the Presbyterian Board before, and they have detailed information about him, they are making further investigations just now before deciding the question of appointing him as one of the Presbyterian quota on the Yenching staff. I hope that some decision on this point can be reached within a very short time. We will transmit such decision to the field immediately.

Very sincerely yours,

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The Parsonage,
Mansfield Center, Connecticut, U. S. A.,
August, 1937.

To all our friends, near and far:

Our last year's Christmas letter, for several reasons, was never sent off, nor—for that matter—even written. And this one, coming so near to next Christmas, will have to carry our wishes for you for that glorious season and for the new year which so soon follows it. In thus sending our holiday greetings now, we are sure that we have made a "scoop" over all your other friends.

Furthermore, we wish to report to you promptly our new address, which we have put at the head of this letter. Emma has accepted a position in Mansfield as pastor's wife in two churches: the First Congregational of Mansfield, and the Baptist of Spring Hill, near by. Both of these churches are small, and the community is a delightfully rural one. The people are of the best possible kind,—earnest, good-hearted, and intelligent. Some are farmers, some tradesmen, some professors, clerks, or others connected with the near-by Connecticut State College, and some commuters to Hartford. The presence of the college there will make us feel at home, and even though ours is not the college church we shall no doubt have many pleasant contacts.

Mansfield Center is about thirty miles east of Hartford, four miles from Willimantic. It is located amidst the hills. Our own house,—The Parsonage,—was built in 1795 (Ch'ien Lung period), and is a quaint, Colonial-style, commodious but simple white dwelling. President Hayes was once a guest of the parson of his generation, and slept in what is now our bed-room. For some years the house was a tavern, and there is a wine cellar which we think will be quite adequate! The village was founded in 1692 and the church in 1710, which, in America, is considered very old. We shall be doubly delighted whenever any of you, our good friends, can contrive to pass through Mansfield Center and stop off. The guest room is always prepared, and we shall deem it a great favour if you will visit us. There are far too many of you whom we have not yet seen since our return, and we are eager to do so. Do take this as an urgent and personal invitation! And, in the mean time, please keep us in your thoughts, as we shall need the co-operation of all in making this new venture a success. We

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are entering upon it eagerly and joyfully, and want you also to share in our cheer.

Since our last letter we have traveled half way round the world, from Peiping to New York, via Shanghai, Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore, Sumatra, Columbo, Suez, Marseilles, and England, being entertained by many friends en route. We had to omit Italy and Spain on account of sanctions and revolution, but had ten good days in and around London. All that traveling was most enjoyable to the four of us; it enabled Dick to get the long distance cup at his twentieth Princeton reunion, and taught the children, we hope, enough geography to take them through the 7th grade!

After spending a month with Dick's parents in Brooklyn, we went to Hartford where Dick was a Fellow of the Theological Seminary. What with frequent trips to New York, mumps for all except Dick, candidating for a degree and a job, seeing old friends, making speeches about China, Emma's two months' stay in a New York hospital, and a good vacation for us all at the Jersey shore, the year has gone by with ups and downs. On the whole we have enjoyed it, except for Emma's above-mentioned escapade. This all started with a minor operation which was followed by a very scary embolism and then phlebitis, the effects of which are still with us, though manifesting themselves in ever lessening form. It is because of this that we are not beginning our new work until September 1st. The girls had splendid schooling in Hartford and many companions. The missionary apartment house there is really excellent, and the fellowship inspiring; we can recommend the Seminary and School of Missions to all our furlough-ing friends.

To say that we are missing Yenching and China is to put it mildly. At present our hearts go out in shocked, anxious and profound sympathy to all our Chinese friends, as well as to our Western friends living there. The unspeakable actions of the Japanese militarists cast shame upon them and all mankind; we must repent in sadness and seek to spread ever faster the Gospel of love and gentleness.

We wish also heartily to thank our Chinese friends for their warm hospitality through all these years. We have learned many and beautiful lessons from you and can never forget your kindness and neighborliness. To you and to all our other friends, scattered in many lands and states, we send our sincerest greetings. We think of each one of you personally, and wish you all the best of success in life.

Yours very cordially,

Emma and Richard Ritter.

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Mansfield Center, Conn.,

Sept. 6, 1939.

Oct. 9/8/39

Dear Mr. Garside:

Dr. Stuart's letters continue to come, & continue to give us a great thrill. Thank you for keeping us on the list.

Another former Yen-ching instructor, Prof. Kenneth Chien, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, T. H. (34 stamps) has asked me to write & request that he also be put on the list for these letters. He is a very loyal Yen-ching graduate & M.A., & a former instructor in my department, - History. He will appreciate the letters very much. I hope you can send him the last one, too, about the trip to Chung King.

We keep in touch with many old Yen-ching-ites, & still consider ourselves members of the fellowships. Our good wishes are always with you in your fine work.

Sincerely yours,

Wrote Prof. K. Chien

Richard H. Potter - 9/8/39

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September 8, 1939

Mr. Richard H. Ritter
Mansfield Center
Connecticut

Dear Mr. Ritter:

Thank you for your letter of September 6.

We are glad that Dr. Stuart's letters are continuing to reach you promptly, and that you find them interesting. This series of letters form one of the most interesting accounts I know of the events that have been happening in China during the last two years. As one reads them, it is easy to understand why Yenhsing has succeeded in carrying on in Peking.

We will glad to send Dr. Stuart's latest letters, together with his future communications, to Prof. Kenneth Ch'en in Honolulu. As you know, we have been guarding these letters rather carefully, for we do not want any of them to fall into hands that might be careless, even if not actively unfriendly. Above all, we do not want a copy of any letter to find its way out to China. I have been a bit cautious about sharing these letters with many of our Chinese friends, for I have been a little afraid that in their patriotic zeal they might use or quote them in a way that would prove embarrassing. But I know that we can trust Prof. Ch'en's discretion.

Whenever you are in New York City, I hope you will come in to see us. We try to keep you informed of events here in which you might be interested, even though we know you cannot come into the city very often.

Very cordially yours,

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DEDICATION OF THE LEIGHTON STUART COTTAGE, MOUNTAIN REST

LITHIA, MASSACHUSETTS

July 28, 1942

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WELCOME TO THE GUESTS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalm 24

Matthew 7: 24-25

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

Psalm 127: 1

"Peace be to this house." Luke 10:5

PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: We, thy needy creatures, render thee our humble praises for the preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day. We bless and magnify thy glorious name, humbly beseeching thee to accept this our sacrifice of praise, thanksgiving and dedication, for his sake who showed unto us in perfectness the love of the Father and the blessedness of the life of the home.

And since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that this house has been builded to thy glory in this place of beauty, we come to thee now, a little gathering of thy worshippers, to consecrate both this physical structure and the inner temple of our souls in thy service, in soberness and devotion; in which resolution do thou confirm and strengthen us.

For this holy mount on which so many of thy saints have felt their hands lifted and their spirits upholden, for the memories which cluster about it and for the beauties which bathe it round about, we are truly grateful. For those who gave this land to thy service; those who - through the years - have contributed goods and funds and time and labor; for her who has been the guiding spirit of the life here for a generation, and for her family; for the missionaries of the good news of Jesus Christ who have rested and prayed here, - we give thee heartfelt thanks.

Open our eyes, now, we beseech thee, to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works of beauty and in the lives of thy devoted servants. Grant that the cause to which so many have given the full measure of dedication may prosper. Grant that peace may return and justice flourish in our world. And grant that this house, fabricated from the materials that have been given by nature, for the use of man, may have some slight share in our effort to return unto thee a token of our love and gratitude in service to thy children throughout the world.

O God, let thy fatherly goodness be upon all that thou hast made. Remember in pity such as this day are homeless, or forgotten of their fellow men. Befriend the sufferers. Cheer the unhappy. And let thy heavenly peace be upon all who enter this and all homes; - through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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LITANY OF DEDICATION

With thankful hearts, with humble spirits, and with devoted desires,
WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE TO THEE, O GOD.

Knowing that they labor in vain who build a house without thee,
WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE TO THEE, O GOD.

For the enjoyment of nature and the upbuilding of the love of beauty
in the hearts of young and old, WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE TO THEE, O GOD.

For the apprehension of visions and the unfolding of the imagination,
WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE TO THEE, O GOD.

For spiritual retreat in temporary rest from the harshness of man's
all too cruel world, WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE TO THEE, O GOD.

For the cultivation of the joy of family life, in leisure and love,
WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE TO THEE, O GOD.

For the spinning of golden strands of friendship among good folk of
all lands, WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE TO THEE, O GOD.

For reading, and the practice and enjoyment of the arts, WE DEDICATE
THIS HOUSE TO THEE, O GOD.

For the rebuilding of tired bodies and overworked minds, in prepara-
tion for further service, WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE TO THEE, O GOD.

For the development of the cause of Christ our Lord in all the con-
tinents and the isles of the seven seas, WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE TO THEE,
O GOD.

For the re-establishment and the maintenance of peace and brotherli-
ness and good will among men of all nations, WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE TO THEE,
O GOD.

To the glory of God the Father, in the love of Jesus Christ the Son,
and in the expectation of the continued guidance of their Holy Spirit,
WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE TO THEE, O GOD.

O God, accept now our gift; use this house according to thy holy
desires; strengthen those who administer it; inspire those who sojourn
here; and keep us sincere and humble, as WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE TO THEE,
O GOD.

ASSIGNMENT OF NAME

With the approval of Mrs. Cleaveland, and subject to the ratification
of the Board of Directors, we should like to name this house the Leighton
Stuart Cottage, after John Leighton Stuart, missionary of Christ in China.

Descendant of a distinguished Virginia family, son of missionaries,
President Stuart was born in Hangchow in the 1870's. He was educated in
China and the United States, returning to the land of his birth under the
Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States,
first to Hangchow and then to become professor of the New Testament in
Nanking Theological Seminary. Called to be first president of Yenching
University, he arrived in Peking in 1924; and under his leadership Yenching
has become one of the leading institutions of Christian learning in the
Far East.

For twelve years Dr. Stuart was our chief, and we love him well. Friend,
guide, pastor, - to Chinese and foreigners, faculty and students, - preacher,
teacher, scholar, author, linguist, athlete, diplomat, promoter, administra-
tor extraordinary, gentleman and Christian, Dr. Stuart has been honored and
loved and trusted and followed as few missionaries have ever been. Con-
sulted by the leaders of the nations, yet he never ceased to be the friend
of the most timid freshman or the youngest office-boy, or the lowliest
laborer.

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For years able to maintain the integrity of the university against heavy pressure from the Japanese, he is now under detention at their hands.

Truly a worthy missionary of our Lord, a profitable servant, a beloved friend, President Stuart honors us by lending his name to this cottage. May those who live here ever be uplifted by his influence, and seek to live in his spirit.

PRAYER FOR DR. STUART.

O God, our Father, we come to thee now on behalf of our friend, Leighton Stuart. We know not what hardships he may be having to endure as a prisoner of the Lord; but we are certain that he is bearing them nobly in the spirit of the host of martyrs who, throughout the ages, have been called upon to witness a good confession.

Be thou with him in strength and comfort, O God, standing by his side in the hour of his need. Let him realize, as he prays to thee, that he is not alone. Grant that, in the mysterious working of the Spirit, he may feel our presence with him today.

We thank thee that through the years he has ever borne testimony in his life and words, to the Christ who is our Lord. We thank thee for his accomplishments and his Christian character. And now we pray that comfort may be granted to him, and to his son and loved ones, and to all those who, in these troublous times, are under duress or in danger for Christ's sake and the Gospel's. Worthy prisoners of the Lord are they, and worthy is the Cause for which they suffer.

And help us all, O most gracious God, to be strengthened as we think of them, and in particular of Leighton Stuart. And may all those who in the days to come may occupy or visit this cottage be lifted to higher levels by the consciousness of the goodness and the truth and the beauty of his life, and seek in his fellowship to walk ever in the ways of our Lord and Master, thy son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE HEARTH

And now, as a token and symbol of our joy in the light and warmth that Jesus Christ has brought and is bringing to our world and to our home, and as a sign of our hopes for this cottage in lighting and warming the hearts and lives of many friends and fellow-workers in our Cause, we kindle this fire upon the hearth of Leighton Stuart Cottage.

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BENEDICTION

Evermore lighten our darkness, O Lord; and by thy great mercy hold us true to the ideals to which we have given expression today. The Lord bless us and keep us! The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us! The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, this day and forever more!

Amen.

38 Berlin Ave

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R. RITTER

Aug 21, 1942

Dear Mr. Ganside:

Last month Mrs. Ritter & I erected a little summer cottage at the Missionary Vacation Community, known as "Mountain Rest" at Litchin, Mass. As all the cottages there are named for missionaries, we too wanted to name ours for a missionary. We chose the name "Leighton Street" cottage, and had a little service of dedication after the work & furnishings were all completed. We thought that you & the Yearning Office would like to know about this; so I am enclosing for you a copy of the service of ded-

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ication. Some day, perhaps, when
you are up in that neighborhood
during the summer you can stop off
& visit us. We shall be there
one month each summer, & for
the other month of the season it
is available for missionaries on
furlough.

I don't suppose you have any
late news from the Yenching-ites.
When the Gipsholm ~~comes~~ comes in
perhaps we shall learn something.

Please note our new address.
We always like to get Yenching
letters.

Yours very cordially
Richard Whittier

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August 27, 1942

Mr. Richard H. Ritter
38 Berlin Avenue
Southington, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Ritter:

Your letter to Mr. Garside has come to my hands, and I am acknowledging it on his behalf. You will be interested to know that he is now vice-president of United China Relief, and no longer associated with the China Colleges.

I am sure that all friends of Yenching would be happy to know that you have honored Dr. Stuart by dedicating your cottage to him. Your ceremony of dedication is very impressive is very impressive. I hope some day Dr. Stuart may himself have the pleasure of visiting the cottage at Mountain Rest.

We certainly shall all be happy if it proves possible to repatriate our friends from Yenching. We have heard rumors that there may be another ship to carry Americans from North China later in the year. I hope that this proves to be more than wishful thinking.

We shall be happy to keep you informed of any important developments which come to our attention.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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