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SCRANTON LIFE BUILDING

SCRANTON, PENNA.

Scranton Luce
Newspaper
General

Dear Sir:

In 1917 all the great American educational institutions of higher learning situated at Peking, decided to unite their activities in one American University. In pursuance of this plan, their old buildings were turned into preparatory schools, and an old estate situated outside the walls of Peking was purchased and plans drawn up by an American architect for a new University; the buildings to be of Chinese architecture, but of American stability and utility.

The operating expenses and maintenance of this University is to be taken care of by the Foreign Missions Boards of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches.

The construction cost, amounting in total to $2,000,000, must be furnished by public subscription from men and women in America who have a broad enough viewpoint to see the great advantagesof such an American University situated in the center of the political, educational and social life of China, the home of one-fourth of the human race.

Dr. Henry W. Luce, a Scranton man, who is Vice-President of the Peking University, is the man who is responsible for raising the construction costs; something like one-half million dollars has already been subscribed and plans are under way for raising the balance.

In the center of the proposed campus is a lake, and in the center of this lake an island, on which there is at present a small pavilion used as a tea house by the Manchu Prince, who formerly owned the estate.

It is proposed, and plans are now being drawn, for the erection on this island, of a group of related buildings to be used as the social center of the University. The cost of these buildings is estimated to be $25,000. It is proposed to raise the money for these buildings in the City of Scranton, as Scranton's tribute to a Scranton man. This group of buildings, with the island upon which they are built, will be known as "The Scranton-Luce Social Island", and will be the place at which all visitors to Peking will be entertained when they go out to see the University. Most travelers around the globe visit Peking, and this appears to be an opportunity of bringing to the attention of many people of many rases, the fact that in our city live men and women with broad vision and a world-wide outlook.

We wish to know whether you will not be one of the general committee who will give us your help and sympathy in this movement.

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The Board of Trustees of Peking University tells us that although this building is one of the cheapest in cost, it is unquestionably the most attractive part of the whole campus. The opportunity they are giving to Scranton to build this building is due largely to their pleasure in having Dr. Luce recognized in this way. Although building is cheap in China and $25,000.00 will go twice as far as it would in this country, the Board of Trustees have agreed that if the cost should exceed this amount, they will take care of any surplus needed from other funds. The Board of Trustees have also agreed that subscriptions to this fund shall not be binding unless the buildings are built and called "The Scranton-Luce Social Island".

We have been given two years in which to raise the money and it is our opinion the amount is one which, with proper organization, can be obtained from the public spirited citizens of Scranton.

Those of us who know Harry Luce and recognize the personality and character of the man, feel that this City is amply justified in giving this recognition to his life-long services to humanity.

We are very anxious to have a strong representative committee and we have selected you as one who will be glad to have your name associated with this movement.

Very truly yours,

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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

150 Fifth Ave. N.Y.
March 22, 1923

Mr. James A. Linen, Jr.
Scranton Life Building
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Mr. Linen:

President J. Leighton Stuart of Peking University has intimated to me your interest in securing contributions from some of our Methodist people toward the Scranton-Luce Building for Peking University. This Building is one of the important projects to be provided in the present Campaign for securing a million dollars for Peking University. Our Methodist share of this enterprise is more than any project for which thus far we have given specific Methodist designation. Contributions toward the Scranton-Luce Building by Methodists may receive Centenary credit, if desired, under the conditions under which such credit is given for gifts of the University.

Doubtless you are familiar with these conditions. The gift of the individual should be over and above his pledge to the Centenary. Any money designated by a Church for Peking University should be in excess of the amount of the giving of that Church to the Centenary during 1922.

I shall be glad to keep in touch with you on this important matter.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A. Ward

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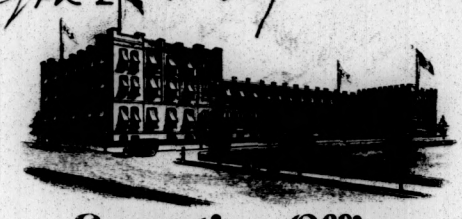
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Dear Miss Roberts: Will you attend to item in paragraph 2 & my note at side of paragraph?

N. W. L.



Executive Offices
INTERNATIONAL TEXTBOOK COMPANY
Scranton, Pa.

June 28,
1923.

Dr. H. W. Luce,
Room 912,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Doctor Luce:-

Endorsed by Rew & returned to Mr Banks

Enclosed is a check which I have received from Mrs. Emma V. Rose, 601 Webster Avenue, this City. This was not deposited in our local fund, which is carried in the Peoples' Savings and Dime Bank, as it requires your endorsement.

Will Miss Roberts send this receipt & also a memo of all items to date given for the Scranton Hall.

We have noted on our records that a donation of $100. has been made to the Fund by Miss Charlotte C. Hand of this City, in the form of a Liberty Bond. In order that our records may be complete, will you kindly have the New York Fund send us a receipt for the bond. This receipt will be deposited in a file I am keeping here.

I am very glad you had such a satisfactory conversation with Dr. Gray. I feel quite certain we will be able to secure some substantial subscriptions from members of Elm Park Church this fall, and I hope from other Methodists in this City.

Yours truly,

Robert E. Weeks

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The Scranton-Luce Fund
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SCRANTON LIFE BUILDING
SCRANTON, PENNA.

July 5, 1923.

Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing check of Forster & Evans Co. for $10.00, payable to the Bankers Trust Company. This money should be applied to the Scranton-Luce Building Fund. We are forwarding check to you, as we are unable to deposit it in the Scranton-Luce Fund in Scranton, inasmuch as the check is payable to the Bankers Trust Company.

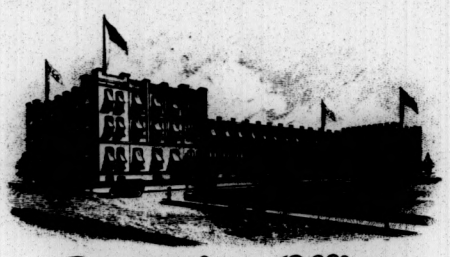
Yours very truly,

James A Lawrence Jr

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INTERNATIONAL TEXTBOOK COMPANY
Scranton, Pa.

August 2,
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Mr. H. T. Luce,
Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Luce:

Mr. Weeks has asked me to acknowledge receipt of checks which have been endorsed by you, as follows:

W. C. Shafer----------	200.00
Emma V. Rose----------	100.00
Elizabeth C. Doersam--	5.00

These will be deposited in the Peoples' Savings & Dime Bank of this city, to the credit of the Scranton Luce Fund.

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Long

SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT.

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SCRANTON LIFE BUILDING

SCRANTON, PENNA.

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November 2, 1923.

Mr. H. F. Strong,
Room 912,
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Strong:

Since your visit here in October we have not heard from you, although at the time you agreed to prepare a subscription form for the Scranton-Luce Building, and obtain the signature of Clarence B. Sturgis, for an amount of $2000.00, and then forward the papers to Scranton for us to work on.

We trust that you have not overlooked this matter and that we may hear from you as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

James A. Linen, Jr.

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November 7th, 1923

Dear Mr. Linen:

I do not wonder that you feared I had overlooked the matter of seeing Mr. Sturges and then sending you the subscription sheet. It was indeed neglectful on my part not to have written you on this subject. My only excuse is the excessive activity evolved by the coming of President Stuart. It is his coming also which has influenced me on the matter of seeing Mr. Sturges.

Dr. Stuart as you can well imagine has reached us ideally equipped to present the facts of the University in an effective way. He just reached New York a few days ago and has been flooded with appointments, but we expect to try to get him before Mr. Sturges this week. Of course he would probably have agreed to letting his name go down for the amount already pledged, but we are in hopes that Dr. Stuart can present the matter to him so strongly as to bring about an increase, or personal contribution to supplement the amount subscribed by the estate.

While it was our general understanding that I was to see Sturges and send the sheet back to you within a few days, I judged that you would hardly plan to see the other men on this matter while they were so engrossed with the local propositions that were occupying them when I was there. It was this fact that induced me to hold up the matter pending Dr. Stuart's arrival, but of course I should have written you on this. I will send it on to you as soon as we can arrange the interview here.

Doubtless, you will be glad to know that we have got in over $80,000.00 from the Fall Conferences of Methodist churches this month and have some other encouraging prospects.

I am writing to Dr. Gray as per the enclosed copy.

With hearty appreciation of your interest,

Cordially yours,

For the Promotion Committee

Mr. James A. Linnen, Jr.
Scranton, Pa.

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November 15th,
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Dear Mr. Linen:

With further reference to our plans for putting through the Scranton-Luce Hall, I write to say that we are planning to give you as much help as possible during the week of December third. Dr. Stuart is to be at Portville, New York for an important call on Sunday, but can go to Scranton sometime Monday and stay until Tuesday afternoon. Then he could probably return for Friday or Saturday.

We also could probably get a day or two of the time of Professor Porter who is now at Columbia University. Dr. Luce plans to be there only one day, namely, Thursday, the sixth. You can see, therefore, that on practically every day we would have one or more persons available to go with local committeemen for personal calls.

Mr. Sturges has been out of town but will be back next week. However, Dr. Stuart, also Dr. Luce and Mr. Caskey, will be in Pittsburgh all of next week. If you desire to get under way as soon as possible with the circulation of the subscription sheet and so advise, I will try to see Mr. Sturges at the first opportunity next week. Otherwise, we would wait and get Dr. Stuart to see him the following week in the hope of getting him to sign up for a much larger amount than the $2,000 now pledged. I should appreciate a line from you by return mail, indicating your judgment on this point.

I am also awaiting word from Mr. Weeks or yourself as to whether it is deemed worth while to press Dr. Gray to permit a presentation by someone like Dr. Ward or Dr. Frank M. North in the Elm Park Church on December 2nd.

With kind personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Mr. James A. Linen
Scranton Life Building
Scranton, Penna.

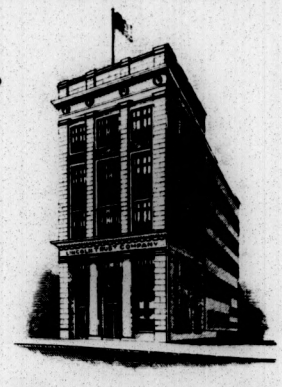
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Replied to Lion Letter of September 15. - Interested - unable to give now

SCRANTON, PA.

September 24th, 1924.

Mr. James H. Lewis, Executive Secretary,
American Office, Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lewis:-

In acknowledgment of your letter of September 15th in which you outline the needs of Peking University, I wish to call your attention to the fact that we endeavored in Scranton to raise a fund of $25,000 for a Scranton-Luce Building which was to be a recreation hall to be situated on the island in the small lake on the Peking University Campus.

On account of Mr. Luce's inability to get the Churches adequately interested, a civic movement to raise the fund was suggested. I accepted the position of Temporary Chairman of a Committee and several of the leading citizens of the city were induced to lend their names to the movement. The local interest in favor of such a civic movement was however not nearly as enthusiastic as we had hoped and in the opinion of the members of the Committee, the plan was a failure.

We were only able to raise between $6000 and $7000, all pledges being dependent upon the building of such a hall. This movement was started a year ago last winter and has been dead for the past year. The only way it could possibly be resurrected, I believe, would be by some inspiring person, such as yourself, making a personal campaign of it in Scranton. I believe it is a proposition which has to be sold to the individual through Church affiliations or some one vitally interested in the work in China.

At least I found it impossible to make the plea sufficiently strong from a civic standpoint to obtain pledges in any appreciable amount.

I will be glad to hear your ideas on this question and some time I am in New York I will be pleased to talk the situation over. It seems a pity to lose any money that we have pledged and I personally am enthusiastic over the idea of having a building in Peking bearing the name of Harry Luce.

Very truly yours,

James A Linen

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September 5 , 1924.

Mr James A Linon Jr
Lincoln Trust Company
Scranton Pa

Dear Mr. Linon:

I have held your good letter of the 24th for a few days, in order to go over again the data which we have in the office, concerning the projected Scranton Hall and to think over again your letter in connection with it. I agree with you that it would be a pity to lose such money as you had in sight because it is a very considerable amount of money. Moreover, the painstaking and sacrificial work of Harry Luce in the back breaking, early days of Peking University, surely deserve their reward by having some sort of a memorial hall in Peking, and I am frank to say that the projected Scranton-Luce Social Hall is, in my judgment, the thing that ought to be carried through. I am filled up with engagements in October and must stay reasonably close to New York during November, but I will plan to come up to Scranton sometime in November, if only for a day, to talk this matter over with you and perhaps to see two or three other persons. I have one or two friends there and am quite sure that we could get the churches to cooperate, at least to the extent of allowing me to speak in them on a Sunday. Then, if we could arrange several other conferences, perhaps at luncheons or evening gatherings, I really believe we might be able to bring this about.

Events are moving in China in a perfectly astounding fashion. The renaissance has just struck it within the past two years - 500 years after it came to Western Europe. The "thousand character" movement is sweeping over China like a flame and the indications are that within ten to fifteen years, ninety per cent. of the adults of China will be able to read within the limits of these thousand words. When we realize that the ordinary vocabulary goes around in a circle of four or five hundred words, we can appreciate the transformation which knowledge of these thousand characters will bring about in China. Coupled with this, their elevation of the soldier from last to first place in the list of

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occupations, and with that the observation that in the present war the Chinese are learning the use of machine guns, light and heavy artillery, aeroplanes etc. - all for the first time, and you face the beginnings of a Chinese problem besides which all previous talk of race problems becomes mere light conversation and petty words. Literally China is beginning to flame. It is my belief that the next ten years will pretty well set the path along which China will walk for the next two or three generations, and perhaps for centuries. It is surely a day for action and not for dreams.

The next number of the Peking News will be issued the latter part of October. I think you will enjoy it.

Very sincerely yours,

Jas. M. Lewis

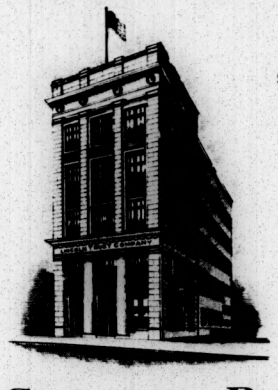
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SCRANTON, PA.

October 6th, 1924.

Mr. James H. Lewis, Executive Secretary,
American Office, Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Lewis:-

I wish to acknowledge your letter of September 30th and shall certainly be very glad to have you come up to Scranton for an interview some time in November.

If you will let me know some time prior to your visit, I will try to make arrangements to call with you on the members of the Committee who were chiefly interested originally in the Scranton-Luce Enterprise. I think that personal interviews rather than a meeting of the collective body would be more satisfactory in your obtaining the right slant on the situation.

I hope that you will make plans to be my guest while in Scranton.

Very truly yours,

James A Linen Jr

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
(YENCHING TA HSUEH)
PEKING, CHINA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Regarding the Scranton Fund October 27, 1924.

Dear Jim:

I think I sent on to you a letter from Jim Linen in regard to the Scranton Hall. Things do not look very promising there. I think the difficulty is in part because we were unable to get the right man to lead the matter, but probably it is more due to the fact that there is very little foreign missionary interest there.

I do not know how much the sum is that has been raised but we really ought to try to conserve it for our use. If they want to go on with the plan as formally outlined alright. However I suggest that you have this up your sleeve as a secondary proposition - the following :- The more I study the architectural landscape situation of our campus the moreI am inclined to believe we should not put up a building on the island, certainly not a large one. Of course if we get the Scranton money we may want to put up something smaller, on lines modified from our original drawings. If we should put up a building on the island, certainly in height it would obstruct some of our best views and would give the feeling of being crowded. On the other hand, if they could raise ten or fifteen thousand there in Scranton and have the island still called the Scranton Island or Scranton Social Center, this sum could be used partly for fixing up the island and cleaning up the lake, and the balance could be used for endowment to keep it all in good condition.

A friend of Dr. Stuart's from Georgia who is, as an amatuer interested in landscape gardening on her own estate, a Mrs. Judd, has been with us for several weeks and has given a good deal of interest to our campus development. Quite independently she expressed a hope that we never put up buildings on the island. She also said(and I entirely agree with her)that the clearing out of the lake and deepening it (the lake is full of tall waving reeds which we have let grow because they will net us $250 !) will be the most expensive single item of our campus development. It would seem to me that we ought to try to wind up this Scranton matter this fall, a winter which for some reason or other has dragged on interminably. If you visit Scranton again try to see Mortimer Fuller. He has as much money as any of the young men, perhaps more, and while he is not a bit interested in foreign missions(I will tell you so) he is likely to give because of his interest in me personally and because he usually plays the game with the other fellows.

I fear you cannot count much on Jim Linen. He is a fine fellow at heart but in a matter like this has real limitations. We only accepted him to lead in this work because all the other possible leaders were tied up with other things. Mr. Weeks a Methodist, and Dr. Sawtelle are really the ones to confer with.

Ever truly,

W.W.P.

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November 5,1924

Dr J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching Ta Hsueh
Peking, China

Dear Leighton:

I have been in correspondence with Mr Dixon of Scranton and am going up there this month for a conference with him on the Scranton-Yale matter. He too is anxious to save as much as possible of the original pledges, and together we are going to put in a week-end for the Scranton-Yale fall. I am hoping we can plan enough in the churches to bring Alex Wheeler along, then together with Mr Dixon and one or two others we ought to be able to get at least ten or fifteen thousand dollars. It would seem to me that $15,000 would do nicely for that sort of an enterprise, however I will report on that after my visit. If I can get the whole $25,000 you may be sure that I will.

I will write you another letter within a day or so concerning Auburn, Tulsa, Wichita Falls and Masterson at Houston.

Our Yale Campaign thus far has brought us $11,917.00, cash and subscriptions. I certainly hope you can get the $2600 to take care of the making of the plans from our Chinese friends there.

Always yours,

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December 4,1924

Mr James A. Linen, Jr.
Lincoln Trust Co.
Scranton, Penna.

Dear Mr Linen:

All my plans for November were upset by reason of the fact that we had been expecting the birth of a child before the 15th of the month, and the birth did not finally take place until last Sunday afternoon - as late as possible on the 30th! For this reason I have been unable to get to Scranton as you and I had thought.

I wonder if you will be in Scranton on Tuesday next, December 9th. If so I will plan to run up on the night of the 8th. I would very much like to go over the matter with you because we do need the money very badly in the erection of the buildings and the arranging of the grounds during this winter and the coming spring.

I am glad to be able to report that affairs in China are decidedly quieted down and I really believe that China is entering upon the greatest period of unification and internal peace since 1911. We can talk more about this when I arrive there.

With deep appreciation,

Very sincerely yours,

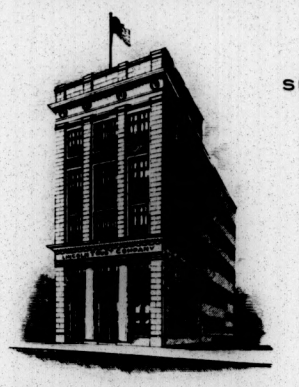
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SCRANTON, PA.

December 5th, 1924.

Mr. James H. Lewis, Executive Secretary,
American Office, Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lewis:-

Let me congratulate you upon the new arrival at your home. I am sure that if you need an excuse for not coming to Scranton, it is an ample one.

It will be impossible for me to see you next week. For some time I have had a lawsuit pending which is called for trial during the week of December 8th and it will be necessary for me to keep my time absolutely free from any other complications during the period of the lawsuit.

I would suggest that you arrange to come up some time during the first part of January if this is satisfactory to you.

Very truly yours,

James A. Linen Jr.

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December 8, 1924

Mr. James A. Linen, Jr.
Lincoln Trust Company
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Linen:

Thank you for the congratulations and I confess I am happy to be in a position to receive them !

In line with your suggestion I will not plan to come to Scranton this week. I will have to be going west the first part of January and it is possible that if we could make the Scranton trip the first week in January this would be excellent. Unfortunately I have not yet settled a date at which I must be in the middle West. The fixing of this is in process now and as soon as I learn what date in January I must be there, I can adjust my other dates to fit. I will write you again in the next couple of weeks.

It will surely be a great help to get some money in on the Scranton-Luce Memorial even though we do not get the entire $25,000 which was originally sought.

Affairs have quieted down very materially in China, and it looks as though the country has entered upon the most stable period of unification that it has enjoyed since the revolution of 1911.

Our inadequate quarters for this year are entirely overflowed with students, despite the fact that we had to turn away more new students than we admitted. This means that we must

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somehow manage to get into our new buildings next fall, but it is surely making us scratch for every penny to carry forward the construction without delay.

I will look forward to seeing you the first of the year.

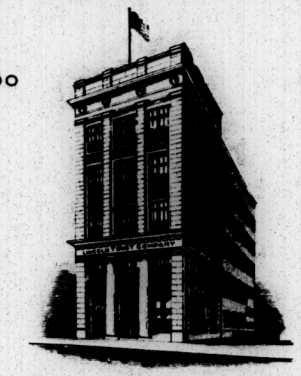
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SCRANTON, PA.

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December 17th, 1924.

Mr. James H. Lewis, Executive Secretary,
American Office, Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Lewis:-

I wish to acknowledge your letter of December 8th. I will be very glad to have you notify me when you have fixed the date on which you can arrange to come to Scranton.

In reference to your statement that you would be glad to get some money at least from Scranton, I desire to call your attention to the fact that the Scranton pledges were all based on the fund being raised and are not good unless the Scranton-Luce Building is actually built.

Trusting to hear from you, I am

Very truly yours,

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December 22, 1924

Mr James A. Linen, Jr.
Lincoln Trust Co.
Scranton, Penna.

Dear Mr Linen:

I understand of course that the Scranton pledges were all based upon the fund's being raised and will be no good unless the Scranton-Lace building is really erected.

How would it be if I came to Scranton on Tuesday, January 6th? If this would be convenient for you, I think I can arrange it.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a really <u>good</u> New Year.

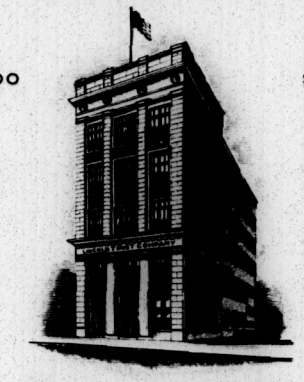
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SCRANTON, PA.

December 27th, 1924.

Mr. James H. Lewis, Secretary,
American Office, Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lewis:-

I wish to acknowledge your letter of December 22nd and in answer beg to say that Tuesday, January 6th, will be a convenient date for me to have you come to Scranton. I would suggest that you call on me at the Lincoln Trust Company as soon as you reach the city.

I want to take this opportunity of renewing my invitation that if convenient to you I would be glad to have you come up to dinner and spend the night at my home in the country.

Very truly yours,

James A Linen Jr

JAL:MTG

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Scranton-Luce Fund

December 29, 1924

James A. Linen, Jr.
Lincoln Trust Company
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Linen:

Thank you for your good letter of the 27th. I will reach Scranton in the morning of the 6th and will come up to the Trust Company offices at once, arriving there probably a few minutes after nine oclock.

I shall be very happy for the privilege of going out to your home for dinner and to spend the night. Thank you for the invitation.

We just received a long cable from Peking, stating the probability of Dr. Luce coming back to America, sailing in January, in order to help insure the completion of a few of the building projects which he personally had very well in hand. If he does come I certainly trust he can return to China in the summer as his heart is there and he much prefers to be there than carrying on this money raising business here in America.

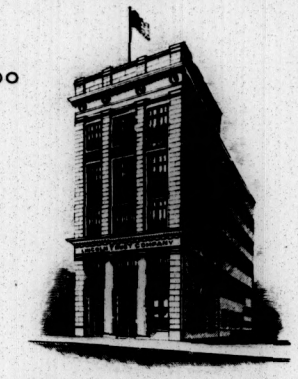
Very sincerely yours

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SCRANTON, PA.

February 19th, 1925.

Mr. Henry W. Luce,
American Office, Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Harry:

I was delighted to receive your letter of February 18th and to know that you have returned to this country. Genevieve and I had been informed by Mr. Lewis that you expected to get back in the spring and I had written you at Peking, telling you how glad we would be to see you.

I am very much concerned to know that you will have to undergo medical treatment and trust that things will not turn out to be as serious as you evidently anticipate.

Genevieve and I send you our best love and hope that you will drop off to see us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

James A. Linen Jr.

JAL:MTG

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SCRANTON, PA. June 2, 1926

Mr. James H. Lewis,
Peking University
150-5th Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Lewis:

I find I did not acknowledge receipt of the new book on Peking University, which came to me last month. The development of the plans since I was last in touch with same is certainly very interesting, and considering the trouble in China which must react on your financial campaign, I would think that the results accomplished must be very satisfactory to you.

Trusting that you will remember me to Mr. Luce when you next see him, I am

Very truly yours,

James A Linen Jr

JAL:M

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Plan to be carried out next year. Conference on the matter with Kenan, Weeks Books in Jan 1927 or later late Dec 1926

SCRANTON, PA. October 1, 1926

Mr. Harry W. Luce,
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Harry:

I wish to acknowledge your recent letters and note with pleasure that the wedding went off so successfully; I am glad that Mary and Lou were able to be with you.

I have received your list of possible subscribers to the Peking University Fund. These names apparently cover all denominations and are not confined to any particular churches. As I told you in Scranton, I feel that this campaign should not be taken up again until it is found possible to get the two churches, namely; the combined First Presbyterian and the Elm Park to back the movement. We tried to make it a civic movement, as you know, two or three times, without satisfactory results. If we can permit a small group in each church to back our next attempt with the prestige of the two churches, then I feel sure that our efforts will bring the desired result. Until we obtain this backing, I think it is a waste of energy to do much more circularizing. When we have obtained this backing I think we should ask for a committee to be formed in each church, who would recommend those to be seen and canvassed.

I have crossed off the list the names of those who have either died or who, I am sure, would not be interested, but have not attempted to limit the list to Presbyterians and Methodists.

I was up with Jamie at Hotchkiss over Sunday and had the pleasure of seeing Sheldon. He seemed very much pleased because the doctors are going to allow him to play football.

Very truly yours,

James Linen Jr.

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Chicago, Ills.
December 13, 1926.

Mr. James A. Linen,
Lincoln Trust Company,
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Jim:

Owing to the sudden death of our Executive Secretary, Mr, James Lewis, I have an unusually heavy schedule which does not permit my reaching Scranton before Spring.

Our Trustee, Mr. Evans, who is devoting no little time and thought to Peking University, has agreed to come to Scranton in my stead to talk over with you and Mr. Weeks and others whom you may suggest, plans which you felt should be carried out this Spring, but plans for which should be taken up at about this time.

I am sure you will be glad to confer with Mr. Evans at some mutually convenient time.

I am hoping to meet Elizabeth at San Francisco December 22.

Ever truly,

HHL:FP

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Please Return for Files

December 27, 1926.

Mr. James A. Linen,
Lincoln Trust Co.,
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Mr. Linen:

Enclosed please find a letter under date of December 13, from Dr. Luce. Before leaving for the Pacific Coast, Dr. Luce asked me if I would confer with you in regard to reviving Scranton's interest in Peking University. If your friends are ready to reconsider a gift to Peking, I would be very glad to come to Scranton and talk the matter over with you.

Dr. T. T. Low, a Chinese scholar, Dean of the School of Religion, is now in New York, and I believe he would be a fine man to come to Scranton and talk over with your friends the situation in China and the needs of the University. If a luncheon or other small meeting could be arranged, I believe he could present some object worthy of your deepest consideration.

While the newspaper accounts of the situation in China are rather disturbing, the University has gone ahead in a most satisfactory way. We are now located on the new Campus, and have the largest enrollment of any year since organization.

A pamphlet, mailed under separate cover, will give you a general idea of what has been accomplished during the past few years.

Awaiting the favor of your reply, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Chairman Finance.

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SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

March 28, 1927

Mr. Harry W. Luce,
c/o Mr. C. R. Holden,
Union Trust Company,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Harry:

I have just returned and find your mail awaiting me. It is my memory that we decided if we continued the campaign for Peking University, to do it on the basis of endeavoring to have the Elm Park Church take half of it, and the new Westminster Church take the other half. This would necessitate waiting until the new church has a minister and is in good running order. I think in view of our failure in the original community effort, it would be very foolish to attempt any new campaign without having secured the pledged support of the above two churches.

Genevieve and I, as you know, will be delighted to see you at any time.

The conditions in China at the present time must be causing you a great deal of anguish, and we are all trusting that it will work out to the benefit of China.

Very sincerely yours,

JAL:M

0442

July 18, 1927

Mr. James A. Linnen, Jr.
c/o Lincoln Trust Company
Scranton, Pa.

Dear Jim:

I have been wondering whether the question of Pastor had been settled as yet with the Presbyterian Church and whether we could hope to take up the long deferred plans in connection with Peking University. Of course I fully realize that to launch anything at this time would not be a wise thing to do but we shall need to consider carefully just what ought to be done and how we ought to do it so as to be ready when the time does come. It is of course true that we cannot tell when that time may be but it is quite as likely to come before we are ready as it is at any other time. One cannot be sure of what will happen in China during the next six months but there is a real good chance that some time during the Fall the situation will be such that again we can turn to friendly men and women and ask their help.

There are one or two facts that give us real ground for hope. First, the University, owing partly to its fine geographical position and partly to the admirable way in which Dr. Stuart and his colleagues managed affairs, has been the only University in China that has kept faculty and students intact through the whole year, ending the academic year successfully. Second, more than once in the thirty years that I have known China we have come up to great issues like this and suddenly the whole thing flatted out and things became peaceful. There is quite as much chance that this will happen in Peking as that the opposite may happen. The Nationalistic movement dealt with the minority "red" element in central China. It was originally thought by the Nationalists and other observers that they would try to reach Peking first. It is all to the good that this matter has been dealt with much earlier and has contributed not a little to the peaceful situation in the North. All the men who know North China and in whose judgment I have the greatest faith, believe that before long we are likely to have an opportunity greater than anything that has heretofore confronted us, and I recall a sentence out of one of Dr. Parker's sermons in 1893 (he was a great reforming preacher in New York at that time and students flocked to hear him). It ran as follows "It is never too early to plan for a great event."

I am writing to ask if it would not be possible for us to have a little conference either in August or early September for us to consider the situation and possibly make tentative plans which would offer a guide to carrying the matter through whenever the time came to act. This Fall we could have Dr. Timothy Lew, one of our well-known professors help us. He is in this country at this time. There are also one or two other members of our faculty who could probably assist us.

We are continuing building operations there at Peking and while, of course, we cannot guarantee there will be no difficulties, yet the chance of the buildings being injured is less than that the buildings in southern California will be injured by an earthquake. They do not stop building in southern California even with this possibility before them. I suspect you are finding the days hot even as we are here and I hope that your nightly retreat to "Blairmont" is found refreshing.

Ever most sincerely yours,

HWL/ES

Hwl

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SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

July 21,1927

Mr. Harry W. Luce,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,

Dear Harry:

I have your letter of July 18th in reference to the revival of your efforts in connection with Peking University.

Up to the present time, the question of a new Pastor for the Presbyterian Church has not been settled. The only man they have called was rejected by the local Presbytery because of his modern views.

As you know, I feel quite strongly that no effort should be made to renew the campaign until the responsibility for its success has been undertaken by the Churches interested, namely--The Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Elm Park Methodist Church.

You suggest a conference sometime in August or early September. This of course, I will be glad to endeavor to arrange if you deem it advisable. However, I would much prefer to have a new Minister in the Presbyterian Church before the conference.

It would be my intention in addition to having Mr. J. H. Brooks and Mr. Ralph Weeks at the conference, to have Doctor Gray and whoever the new Minister happens to be.

As you know, we are always delighted to have you visit us at Blairmont, and if you are coming on as a Supply any time this summer or fall, be sure to plan to spend at least a night with us.

Very truly yours,

JAL:EN

James A Linen Jr

0444

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October 24,1927

Mr. James A. Linen
c/o Lincoln Trust Co.
Scranton, Pa.

My dear Jim:

I note that the Westminster Church has called a pastor from Trenton whose name at this moment I do not quite recall. Has he actually come to Scranton yet? And if so, should we not take up the Peking matter.

From this end of the line it would be an opportune time, for Dr. Stuart has just arrived from China. We are all well here and hope the same is true of all of you at "Blairmont".

Ever most truly yours,

HWL:BB

Mr. Linen replied 10/28/27 - stating that Rev Peter K. Emmons would be installed as pastor of the Westminster Ch. on Nov. 17th & that he thought it advisable to permit him to get somewhat settled in the pk before taking up the matter with him. Mr. Linen's letter sent to HWL 10/31/27

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Scranton - Luce

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SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

October 28, 1927.

Mr. Harry W. Luce,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Harry:

Reverend Peter K. Emmons, formerly of the First Presbyterian Church of Trenton, N. J., will be installed as Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church on Thursday night, November 17th.

I assume that it would be advisable to permit him to get somewhat settled in the job before taking this matter up with him. However, I am glad to have you do what you think best.

Very sincerely yours,

Jim

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MTG

Enjoyed seeing Elizabeth and Sheldon greatly last Sunday

0446

November 28, 1927

My dear Jim:

I am wondering whether the Peking University matter so long delayed should not be taken up now and at least introduce it to Mr. Emmons before he gets too deep into other things.

It grows more important in that Dr. Gray also may find himself involved in some other things. A year ago a West China University man spoke in his church; and this next Sunday, December 4th, the President of Fukien University, Dr. Gowdy, speaks in th Elm Park Church. Dr. Gowdy is a Theological Seminary classmate of Dr. Gray and a very excellent man.

Dr. Stuart is in this country and one or both of us might come down sometime if you thought best to confer with you and Mr. Weeks and others. Talk it over with Mr. Weeks and let us know what your thought is. I just noted that in some way Mr.Weeks' name is not on our list, so would you send him one of the enclosed copies of the Peking News.

Drop me a line direct to our house, 611 West 112th Street, New York City.

Ever most truly,

Mr. James A. Linen
c/o Lincoln Trust Co.
Scranton, Pa.

HWL:BB

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611 W 112th St. Nov 30th. Dear Leyhan. This is just at hand & I hasten to send it to you.
Yours H.W.L.



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SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

November 29, 1927.

Mr. Henry W. Luce,
611 West 112th St.,
New York City.

Dear Harry:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of November 28th. I believe that the time has arrived and that if you are going to do anything and receive any help from the local Churches, the matter should be taken up now.

Your suggestion that I get in touch with Mr. Ralph E. Weeks and others, I will be very glad to follow. However, I feel that the appeal should come direct from you to them rather than through me in order to accomplish the best results. I would suggest therefore that you write to Mr. Weeks, we will say, representing the Elm Park Church and Mr. John H. Brooks, representing the Westminster Church, outlining a plan of each of these Churches striving to do an equal amount and asking that they father the movement so far as their respective Churches are concerned.

You must realize that at the present time I am an Episcopalian and although I know both Ralph Weeks and John Brooks very well, still I am not in a position to stir their enthusiasm in a matter of this kind. Furthermore, to accomplish results it is essential that you have somebody responsible in each of these Churches for the success of any movement. Therefore, I feel that the appeal should be directly from you and Dr. Stuart to these men rather than through me.

Indeed I was delighted to know that Dr. Sutart was back in America and Mrs. Linen and I would be more than pleased at any time to have either one or both of you drop off with us for a visit. I trust that you will remember me to Dr. Stuart when you see him.

Very truly yours,

JAL:MTG

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Scranton-Luce

February 16, 1928.

SCRANTON, PA. - February 2nd

I called on Messrs. Linen, Brooks, Weeks, Gray and several others listed in our files.

Dr. Emmons, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, was out of the city.

This is my suggestion for Scranton: Mr. Linen of the Trust Company has $1,000 for Peking University when the Luce-Scranton Memorial Fund is finished. Mr. Weeks says the amount paid on the campaign five years ago is $835 now in the bank, plus interest, making in all a total of about $2,000. $2,000 was paid in directly from the Sturges estate and two other subscriptions of $100 each were also paid to the University direct, making in all a total of about $4100 or $4200 now available as having been paid in or deposited in the bank in Scranton. They have an old subscription list amounting in all to about $2250 and on this list about $1000 has been paid in. The major part of the money is in the care of Mr. Weeks who is the custodian of this fund. I suggested to Mr. Leonard Brooks and Mr. Gray that the amount pledged be reduced from $20,000 to $10,000; that the $4200 already paid in be credited on this $10,000; that an attempt be made to collect at least $800 of the pledges now subscribed; and that the two churches, the Elm Park Methodist and the Westminster Presbyterian, underwrite the remaining $5,000 ($2500 each) over a period of five years. The Presbyterian layman thought they might do it, but the Methodist layman thought not. I do not think it can be done. My suggestion would be that we ask the Scranton people to make the total for the Luce-Memorial in Peking, $5,000; that we count the $4,200 already available toward this amount; that we ask the two churches to underwrite the rest which would be about $400 each. I think this can bedone. I would be willing to undertake it inthe near future if you think I should.

Chester E. Jenney

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Feb. 3, 1928
Submitted by Mr. Weeks
Re. Union

SCRANTON-LUCE BUILDING FUND

Subscriptions:

Mrs. C. S. Weston	$500.00	
Mary C. Knapp	25.00	
Emma V. Rose	100.00	
John H. Brooks	300.00	
Mrs. D. M. Brundage	5.00	
Mrs. Ruth Q. Powell	25.00	
G. D'A Belin	100.00	
F. E. Platt	800.00	
Otto R. Conrad	100.00	
K. W. Murray	100.00	
Charlotte C. Hana	100.00	
Elizabeth Doersam	5.00	
H. C. Shafer	200.00	
Total		$2,360.00

Cash Received on Above and Deposited in Scranton Banks:

Mrs. C. S. Weston	$500.00	
Mary C. Knapp	25.00	
~~John H. Brooks~~ Emma V. Rose	100.00	
Mrs. D. M. Brundage	5.00	
Elizabeth Doersam	5.00	
H. C. Shafer	200.00	
Total		$835.00

Turned over to Dr. Luce per Letter June 28, 1923:

Emma V. Rose	100.00	— Endorsed & rec'd by Mr. Weeks who rec'd 8-2-23 thru Mr. C Long.
Charlotte C. Hand	100.00	
Total		200.00

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Submitted by Mr. Weeks
to Dr. Jenney Feb. 3rd, 1928

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copy to C. E. Tenney
Mr. Strong

March 16, 1928.

Resume of Situation at Scranton, Pa. regarding the Scranton-Luce Fund

4-30-21	Clarence B. Sturges was asked by HWL to co-operate with the Green Ridge Church to give residence in memory of his father.
6-13-22 HWL to Sturges	Thanks for $2,000. Repeats need of a residence.
1-3-23 ? to Sturges	Said $2,000 had been credited to Scranton-Luce Fund and spoke of $500 additional which he thought Mr. Sturges had pledged.
3-22-23 Ralph A.Ward to Jas.A.Linen,Jr.	of latter's willingness to help raise funds from Methodist's for Scranton-Luce Fund.
6-28-23 Weeks to HWL	Re check of Mrs. E. V. Rose and gift of $100 Liberty Bond of Charlotte C. Hand.
7-5-23 Linen to P U. and 7-26-23 to Mr.Weeks	Sending chedk for $10 from Forster and Evans Co. gift Wm.F. Forster.
8-2-23 Clyde Long to H.W.L.	Ack.receipt of endorsed checks - H.C.Shafer $200 Emma V. Rose $100 Eliz. C.Doersam $5
9-18-23 H.F.Strong to HWL	Long letter re situation and plans at Scranton
9-28-23 Ralph E.Weeks to HWL	Felt there was enough money in Scranton to provide amount needed for S-L Fund. Would help at Elm Park Church.
10-1-23 Strong to HWL and 11-15-23 HFS to Linen	re subscription sheets decided on for raising fund. Decided to put Mr. Sturges' $2,000 as first gift on this list. Mr. Linen promised $1,000 and Mr. Weeks would do best he could.

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11-30-23 Strong to Linen	Says had entered Sturges for $2,500 on subscription list.
12-2-23 Letter from Edgar G. Cruses	That Mrs. Morganroth was holding the gift of the Voluntary Mission to Scranton-Luce Fund.
1-21-24 Clarence Sturges to JLS	That whatever he had paid ($2,000 or $2,500) was to stand as no more funds.
1-24-24 Linen to Lewis	That as impossible for Dr.Luce to interest churches in Scranton-Luce building, it had been decided to suggest a civic movement to raise the $25,000. However, only $6,000 to $7,000 was pledged, all dependent upon the building of such a hall.
10-6-24 Linen to Lewis	Effort to revive interest in S-L Fund. Mr. Lewis to go to Scranton and Mr. Linen would go with him to call on members of old committee in personal interviews.
10-7-24	Mr. Lewis agreed
10-27-24 HWL to Mr.Lewis	Recommending that no building, "certainly not a large one," be put on the S-L island. But that $10,000 or $15,000 only be the goal and this to be used to beautify the Social Center and keep it in order. A building on the island would spoil other views.
11-5-24 to HWL	Mr.Lewis agreed to try to raise only $15,000.
12-17-24 Linen to Lewis	That the money already raised were pledges not good unless building actually built.
10-22-25 HWL to Rev.Sawtelle	Of impediments to attempting to complete S-L Fund.
10-1-26 Linen to HWL	Thought S-L campaign should not be undertaken again unless could get the churches (First Pres.and Elm Park) to back the movement.
3-28-27 Linen to Luce 7-21-27	Campaign must await finding of pastor for the new Westminster Pres. Church. (Is this same as First Pres.Church above?)
10-28-27 Linen to Luce	That Rev.Peter K.Emmons had been installed as pastor of Westminster Pres.Church on Nov.17, 1927.

0452

11-29-27 Linen to Luce — Thought time opportune to start new campaign with help local churches.

Jan.1928 — At request of O. D.Wannamaker, Rev.Guthrie Speers wrote Rev. Emmons of the Westminster Pres.Church that Mr.Wannamaker was co-operating with Dr. Stuart in financial campaign for Yenching and that they desired his aid in reviving interest at Scranton in Scranton-Luce Fund. (Note - the letter was taken to Scranton by Dr. Jenney who was asked by ODW to go in his stead).

2-16-28 — Dr. Jenney reported on his visit to Scranton as follows: "I called on Messrs. Linen, Brooks, Weeks, Gray, and several others listed in our files. Dr. Emmons,pastor of the Westminster (First ?) Pres. Church,was out of the city.

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Contributors in Campaign office records:

W. F. Forster	$ 10	7-10-23
First Pres. Church	100	2-7-24
Miss Charlotte Hand	100	6-21-23
Mr.Clarence Sturges	2000	6-9-22
	$2210	—

Last gifts deposited at Scranton could probably be given by Mrs. Weeks or Mr. Linen

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General

March 20, 1928.

Contributors to Peking University

SCRANTON, PA.

Boies, Mrs. E. D. Clay Avenue	$100.00	9/30/24	Lion Fund
First Presbyterian Church	100	2/7/24	Scranton-Luce Fund
Foote, Miss or Mrs.Myrtle A. Century Club	25	11/13.22	Camp.Fund
Forster, W. F. (Green Ridge 1016 Delaware St Presby)	10	7/10/23	S-L Fund
Hand, Miss Charlotte C. 505 Jefferson Avenue	100	6/21/23	S-L Fund
Inglis, Wm. W. 835 Monroe Ave Off.Glen Alden Coal Co.Bldg	100	10/9/24	Lion Fund
Kingsbury, Selden H. 710 Traders Nat.Bk	25 25	10/17/24 10/21/25	Lion Fund " "
Murray, Dr.& Mrs.Gilbert D. 528 Madison Ave	50 50	1/8/25 8/24/25	
Shafer, Mrs. Hampton C. (widow) 915 Olive St	100	2/19/23	Current Exps.
Thomas, W. G. 654 North Hyde Park Ave	5	3/20/25	Lion Fund
Welles, Jr. C.H. 401 Connell Bldg.	100	9/23/24	" "
Sturges, Clarence	2000	6/9/22	Scranton-Luce Fund

In addition to these, there are the gifts to the Scranton-Luce Fund deposited at Scranton.

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April 9, 1928

My dear Mr. Linen:

Dr. Jenney has obtained a gift of $10,000 from Pennsylvania to be applied to the Scranton-Luce Island and a revision of our plans shows that a total of $15,000 will be sufficient to satisfactorily carry out our plan. You have already on hand about $4,200 in cash and $1250 in pledges still unpaid. It would help us right now if you would turn in the money you have on deposit, help Dr. Jenney collect any unpaid pledges now due, and permit us to go ahead with the plans for the Scranton-Luce Island.

Appreciating anything you may do to help us in this effort,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. Leighton Stuart

Mr. James A. Linen
c/o Lincoln Trust Co.
Scrangon, Pennsylvania

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Scranton, Pa.
April 11th, 1928.

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Miss Louise McCoy,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

c/o Peking University.

My dear Miss McCoy:

Enclosed is check for $964.62 which Mr. Weeks gave me this morning. This check includes the following subscriptions plus interest:

Mrs. C. S. Weston	$500.00	
Mary C. Knapp	25.00	
John H. Brooks	100.00	
Mrs. D. M. Brundage	5.00	
Elizabeth Doersam	5.00	
H. C. Shafer	200.00	
		$ 835.00

I called on the following people relative to their old subscriptions: John H. Brooks. He will pay his balance of $200.00 - see enclosed copy of letter to Mr. Brooks; G. D'A. Belin. Mr. Belin was busy and could not see me - his pledge is for $100.00, see enclosed copy of letter to Mr. Belin; Mrs. F. E. Platt, Mr. Platt is dead - he made a subscription of $800.00. I called on Mrs. Platt last night but could not see her, see enclosed copy of letter to Mrs. Platt; Otto R. Conrad, pledge of $100.00, cannot pay it now, thinks he may be able to later. We are to write him; Mrs. Gilbert Murray, pledge of $100.00 - called on Mrs. Murray this morning, she was not in; enclosed see copy of letter to Mrs. Murray.

Mr. James Linen will send check for $1000.00 right away. He felt he must get a relief on part of this money he holds for Peking University from one of the donors. I have written him and am sure the money will come within a week. Also saw Mr. Linen twice.

Called on Mrs. Ruth Powell, 410 Jefferson Avenue. She says

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she gave Dr. Luce her $25.00, she thinks; but that if you will take the matter up with Dr. Luce and he says she did not give the money, if you will write her she will send you check for the amount.

I am enclosing my working copy of the entire Subscription List of the Scranton Luce Building Fund. You had better keep it because of the addresses it contains. I got it after some difficulty, from Mr. Weeks' secretary.

I go to Philadelphia tonight and you can reach me at 3601 Locust Street, in care of my brother, Ray F. Janney. I leave on Friday night for Uniontown, Penna. and can be reached at the White Swan Hotel until Sunday night, when I shall return to Philadelphia and can be reached for the next three of four days through my brother at the above address, unless I am sent somewhere else. If I am, Mr. Strong will tell you where to get in touch with me.

With highest personal regards, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Chester E. Janney

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G. D'A. BELIN
SCRANTON, PA.

April 12th--1928.

Mr. Chester E. Jenney,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr.Jenney:

I regret that it was impossible for me to see you when you were in my office the other day.

Frankly, I had forgotten this subscription of $100.00 payable to Yenching University for its proposed recreational center. Now that you have brought it to my attention, however, I believe that I did agree to do something, and if you have the signed subscription card for $100.00 please send it to me and I will send you check immediately. I am going to Arizona on Sunday and would appreciate an early reply from you.

Yours very truly,

G.d'A.Belin.

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Scrantpn-Luce Hall Fund
(Ralph E. Weeks, Treas.)
Scranton, Pa.

April 12, 1928

$964.62 ---------- Mrs.C.S.Weston - $500
Mary C. Knapp - 25
~~John H. Breese~~ - 100
Mrs. Brundage - 5
Elizabeth Doersam 5
H.C. Shafer - 200

$ 835.00
Interest on same
129.62
$ 964.62

Gift received 4-12-28
Receipt slip # 1892
Entered on control record
" " acct. card
" " contr. list
Serial No. on L. and card S-141
Pledge signal attached
X-file cards
Letter ack. sent 4-17-28
Checked for O. L.
" " class card
" " stencil

This amount covers individual gifts from those listed above and $129.62 interest on $835 since 1923.

Although these gifts were originally made at that time, they were deposited in the bank with the understanding that none of the money was to be turned over to the Campaign Office unless the full amount for the project ($25,000) were raised. In 1924 it was decided that only $10,000 or $15,000 be the goal. However, recently, during the present campaign, this has been changed again and it is now thought that Mrs. Torrance's gift of $10,000 (Pittsburgh) might be made to apply on the $15,000 desired and that the Scranton people be asked to pay as many of the old unpaid pledges as possible and any other amount that is needed to make up the $15,000. This $15,000 to be used to erect a small social building on the Scranton-Luce Island and to otherwise beautify this island.

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April 19, 1928.

My dear Mr. Linen:

I returned to New York today and in talking over with Miss McCoy the receipts that have come in on the Scranton pledges, after my recent visit there, I find that Mr. Brooks and Mrs. Murray have sent their checks but that Mr. Belin has not done so. We are very, very anxious to close this matter up and as Dr. Stuart returns to China in a very few days now we would appreciate it greatly if the $1,000 you have could be sent immediately. has now 5-10

Thanking you for all of your kindness to me and looking forward with pleasure to meeting you again, I am

Most sincerely yours

Mr. James Linen
Lincoln Trust Company
Scranton, Pa.

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P.S. I hope your bank merger goes through and that everything good comes to you.

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April 20, 1928

My dear Mr. Belin:

Your letter of the 12th has been brought to my attention upon my return to New York.

We do not have in the files in this office your signed subscription card. You did, however, sign a subscription paper that was passed at a luncheon or dinner some five years ago at Scranton and on this list you pledged yourself to give $100 to the Scranton-Luce Memorial. Mr. Weeks will confirm this if you will talk to him as he has the list.

I hope you will send your check at your earliest convenience as President Stuart returns to China within a few weeks and is very anxious to have the Scranton-Luce funds all cleared before he leaves. Can we not hear from you immediately? Please communicate with Miss LouiseMcCoy, our office secretary.

Regretting my inability to see you when I was in Scranton and trusting that I may have the pleasure of meeting you some time, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mr. C. d'A. Belin
Traders National Bank Building
Scranton, Pennsylvania

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LINCOLN TRUST COMPANY

SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

April 21, 1928.

Mr. Chester E. Jenney,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Jenney:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of April 19th.

I am enclosing Treasurer's check of the Lincoln Trust Company for $1000. payable to the Peking University. This represents a gift of my sister, Mrs. Mary L. MacWithey, 180 Glenwood Avenue, East Orange, N. J. Mrs. MacWithey's only stipulation is that it be used for the erection of a Harry Luce Memorial and that it be expended for this purpose within a period of one year or otherwise returned to her. I would appreciate it if you would write Mrs. MacWithey acknowledging the gift and stating your intentions to proceed at once with the erection of the Memorial.

I am also enclosing my own check covering my contribution to the Harry Luce Memorial. This is a reduction from my original pledge to the Scranton-Luce Memorial based on the $25,000. being raised in Scranton as a civic tribute to Harry Luce. My subscription at that time was because of my desire as Chairman of the Drive to be a good example to other possible local givers and because I felt that it would be something unique and an example well worth establishing for an American City through a civic movement to erect a building for a Chinese University.

I trust that you will remember me to Dr. Stewart and Mr. Luce and that you personally may shortly get back where I believe you really want to be at the head of a big Church with all its problems on your hands.

Very sincerely yours,

James A Linen

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Encl.

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Scranton - Luce Memorial

Linen, Mr. James A. Jr.
Lincoln Trust Company
Scranton, Pa.

April 23, 1928

$500.00

Gift received 4-23-28
Receipt slip # 1916
Entered on control record ✓
" " acct. card ✓
" " contr. list ✓ 164
Serial No. on L. and card S-~~125~~
Pledge form attached ———
X-file cards ✓
Letter ack. sent 4-24-28
Checked for O. L. ✓
" " class card ✓
" " stencil ✓

Mr. Linen wrote (4-21-28) as follows:

"I am also enclosing my own check covering my contribution to the Harry Luce Memorial. This is a reduction from my original pledge to the Scranton-Luce Memorial based on the $25,000 being raised in Scranton as a civic tribute to Harry Luce. My subscription at that time was because of my desire as Chairman of the Drive to be a good example to other possible local givers and because I felt that it would be something unique and an example well worth establishing for an American city through a civic movement to erect a building for a Chinese University."

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Scranton - Luce Memorial

MacWithey, Mrs. Mary L.
180 Glenwood Avenue
East Orange, New Jersey

April 23, 1928

$1000 for Scranton-Luce Memorial

Gift received 4-23-28
Receipt slip # 1917
Entered on control record ✓
" " acct. card ✓
" " card ✓ 165
Serial No. on L. and card S-~~124~~ ✓
Pledge signal attached
X-file cards ✓
Letter ack. sent ✓
Checked for O. L. ✓ ✓
" " class card
" " stencil ✓

This was sent in by Mrs. MacWithey's brother, Mr. James A. Linen, Jr. of Scranton, Pa. and in his letter of Apr. 21st he wrote as follows:

"This represents a gift of my sister, Mrs. Mary L. MacWithey, 180 Glenwood Avenue, East Orange, N. J. Mrs. MacWithey's only stipulation is that it be used for the erection of a Harry Luce Memorial and that it be expended for this purpose within a period of one year or otherwise returned to her."

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April 24th, 1928

My dear Mr. Linen:

Your letter of April 21st addressed to Dr. Jenney has come to me for attention as he is at present not in the city.

We are very happy indeed to receive the gifts from your sister and yourself for the Scranton-Luce Memorial. I have communicated with Dr. Stuart who wishes me to assure you that the money will be used for no other purpose and that the building will be commenced immediately. Pledges for this fund have almost all been paid so Dr. Stuart feels that there is no reason for further delay. We have made note, however, that if the memorial should, for some unforseen cause, not be completed within a year, we are to return to Mrs. MacWithey the $1000 which she contributed. We are writing to her also today.

We shall take pleasure in forwarding your message to Dr. Luce and in telling him that the memorial is now definitely to be erected.

Thanking both you and your sister most cordially for you share in the undertaking, we are

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

Mr. James A. Linen, Jr.
Lincoln Trust Company
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Receipt #1916 for $500.00 enclosed

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G. D'A. BELIN
SCRANTON, PA.

May 9th--1928.

Mr. Chester E. Jenney,
Executive Secretary - Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr.Jenney:

Referring to your letter of April 20th, enclosed find my check to order of Yenching University covering pledge in full for$100.00.

Yours very truly,

G.d'A.Belin

G.d'A.Belin
M.G.J.

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June 4, 1928

MEMORANDUM TO MR. GARSIDE

Re - Scranton-Luce Memorial Fund

When Dr. Jenney undertook to collect certain pledges and to secure a fund on deposit in Scranton from the previous effort to raise the money for the Scranton-Luce Memorial, he informed those concerned, after full consultation with Dr. Stuart, that a friend in Pennsylvania had given a sufficient amount to meet the cost of erecting the memorial if added to the outstanding pledges and money in the bank at Scranton. The friend to whom he referred was Mrs. Torrance who had given through Dr. Jenney $10,000 as an undesignated gift.

I have personally had nothing to do either with the arrangements or with the collection of any of this money. It seems to me, however, that we ought to be very careful actually to carry out statements made to people in connection with solicitation of money. I am only calling your attention to this circumstance and shall leave to you the handling of the matter through the Finance Committee, since this does not fall within my field.

I understand that Dr. Stuart, just before leaving, spoke of the possibility that a sufficientày large social hall might be erected on the island in the lake for even so small an amount as $5,000, although the estimated cost of the project as laid before the Scranton people was $15,000. The following list of gifts from Scranton aggregate $4,999.62. It would be easy, in other words, to meet the balance of a $5,000 social hall erected mainly with Scranton gifts if this tentative suggestion of Dr. Stuart's is practicable. I presume he will write promptly but it might be well to communicate with him in regard to the matter.

Please inform Miss McCoy as to any decisions reached about this matter in order that she may keep her records absolutely clear.

In accordance with a request of Dr. Stuart to be reminded about this matter, I am simply sending him a copy of this memorandum.

List follows: (Received to date on Scranton-Luce Fund)

Torrance	$10,000.00
Weeks et al	964.62
Sturges	2,000.00
Hand	100.00
Forster	10.00
Emmons — First Presbyterian Church	100.00
Murray	100.00
Brooks	100.00
MacWithey	1,000.00
Linen	500.00
Powell	25.00
Belin	100.00
Total	$14,999.62

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Scranton Luce Social

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Fukien Christian University — Shantung Christian University
University of Nanking — Peking University
West China Union University

Cable Address
Nanfushan, New York

CENTRAL OFFICE
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City
B. A. GARSIDE, Secretary

Telephone
Chelsea 2130, 2132

June 5, 1928.

Memo to Mr. Wannamaker.
Re: Scranton-Luce Social Center Fund.

Some time before Dr. Stuart left for China, there was a verbal suggestion that Mrs. Torrance's gift of $10,000. should be placed as a designated contribution to the Scranton-Luce Social Center Fund. Thus far no written authorization to give such designation to this $10,000. has been received.

If it is Mrs. Torrance's wish that this $10,000. be so designated, all our office will need for transferring the amount on our books will be some memo to that effect from either Dr. Jenney, or whoever reached that understanding with Mrs. Torrance. It would not be necessary in that case to bring the matter to the attention of the Finance Committee, for it would be merely routine for us to enter the gift as the donor designates.

On the other hand, if the designation of the money is to be made by the Campaign Committee or the Finance Committee, we can bring this matter to their attention at the next meeting, and ask for instructions. I understand that this second alternative is the correct one.

I quite agree with you that this matter should be cleared up as soon as possible so as to keep faith with donors who have recently contributed to this fund on the understanding that the full $15,000. is in sight.

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B. A. Garside.

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September 28, 1928

Dear Mr. Linen:

You will be interested to know that Dr. Stuart has had Chinese architects draw the design for a charming pavilion to be erected on the University grounds with the money secured for the Scranton-Luce memorial. This design will be submitted to our American architect here in New York very shortly and work on the erection of the memorial ought to begin in the not distant future. I hope that the structure may be completed by the late spring of 1929.

The receipt of communications about this matter reminds us anew of your very generous share in making this possible. Permit me to thank you again in the name of the trustees.

I am writing the same information to your sister, Mrs. MacWithey, who shared with you and others in this generous gift to the University.

Very sincerely,

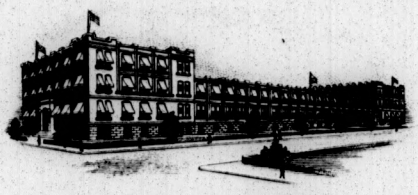
Assistant to the President

Mr. James A. Linen, Jr.
Lincoln Trust Company
Scranton, Pennsylvania

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Executive Offices
INTERNATIONAL TEXTBOOK COMPANY
Scranton, Pa.

February 7,
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Miss Louise McCoy,
Yenching University,
150-5th Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss McCoy:

I was very glad to receive your letter of January 28 and to learn that with the payment of Mr. Brooks' and Mr. Conrad's outstanding pledges, all the outstanding Scranton pledges will then be paid up.

I trust that the moving of the capital from Peking to Nanking will not too seriously affect the University.

Very truly yours,

James A. Hamilton Jr.

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Scranton-Luce
General

DW says Mr Linen is a member of the Board of Council of the Y.M.C.A. & is a personal friend of Mr Smith

February 13, 1929

Dear Mr. Linen:

Miss McCoy has shown me your note of February 7th. I want to say how much we thank you for the many times you have served us in this matter of the Scranton-Luce Memorial.

We do not feel that the moving of the capital from Peking to Nanking will seriously affect the University. Several of the most important Chinese national educational institutions are located at Peking. There is no likelihood whatever that these will be removed to Nanking. We feel that Peking will continue to be an educational and cultural center. It is possible that there may be a certain advantage in being somewhat remote from the center of political life. In any case, Yenching certainly has a great future before it and nothing will limit the scope of that future seriously if we can meet one essential requirement - obtain enough money to face the opportunities that are lying at our door in Peking and everywhere else over the length and breadth of China.

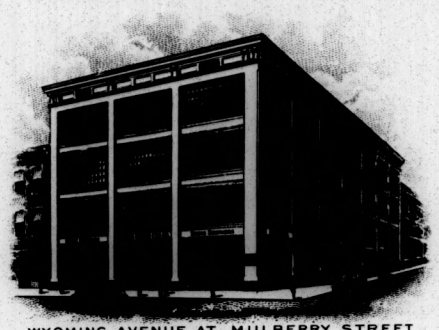
Sincerely,

Assistant to the President

Mr. James A. Linen Jr.
International Textbook Company
Scranton, Pennsylvania

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SCRANTON, PA.

July 23, 1929

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

Dear Mr. McBrier:

Some time ago I intended to help the Scranton-Luce Memorial with a contribution, and in order to keep my pledge good I am enclosing check herewith.

I sincerely hope that the work which was originally planned will be fully carried out, and hoping this subscription will be of some little help in bringing about the desired results, I wish you much success and remain

Yours very truly,

Conrad

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Yenching University
150 - 5th Ave
New York

November 4, 1929

Memo to Dr. Stuart:

Miss Anna Williams of Chicago contributed $1,000 in January 1929 toward the Scranton-Luce Memorial. You will note on February 19th you advised that there might be enough money left over after erecting the building as planned to render it possible to bore an additional well to provide water for an open-air swimming pool which could be associated with the Social Hall under Dr. Luce's name. You said " If finances permit, I shall write Miss Williams on the matter and let you have a copy of the letter."

This is just to remind you that it will be necessary to handle this matter discreetly in case any explanation whatever to Miss Williams is in order.

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December 2, 1929

Dear Mr. Linen:

We have recently received from Peking some small photographs of the Scranton-Luce Memorial Building. It is a charming bit of architecture, both in itself and also in its setting on the island in the lake. The pictures received are too small to give an adequate impression of the building and its surroundings. We are immediately requesting that enlargements be sent. As soon as we receive these, it will give us great pleasure to send one of the larger pictures to you and one to your sister.

In rendering possible this architectural expression of the debt owed by Yenching University to Doctor Luce, you have in turn created a very real debt of Yenching University to yourself.

Gratefully yours,

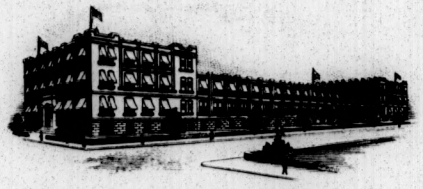
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Mr. James A. Linen, Jr.
International Textbook Company
Scranton, Pennsylvania

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Executive Offices
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Scranton, Pa.

December 9,
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Mr. Olin D. Wanamaker,
Assistant to the President,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wanamaker:

In acknowledging your letter of December 2 concerning the enlarged picture you are preparing of the Scranton-Luce Memorial Building, I wish to assure you that I would be very much pleased to obtain a copy and appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it.

The moving of the capital away from Peking to Nanking if the Nationalist Government survives will certainly be a tremendous blow to your University. However, it is so well started now I presume that there will always be a big field for its services even if it is not at the center of China's government and intellectual development.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Chamberlain

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March 31, 1930

My dear Mr. Linen:

It gives us great satisfaction to assure you, as nearly as possible through the aid of the camera, of the completion of the Scranton-Luce Memorial building which you so generously helped us to erect. Photographs are being forwarded under separate cover.

You may recall that our original plan was estimated to cost $15,000.00. The total amount of money given was somewhat more than $5,000.00. However, everyone is delighted with the beautiful social center for Yenching life which our architect and builders have been able to erect with the smaller fund at their disposal.

The building stands on Recreation Island in the midst of our small lake. It will be the center of joyful gatherings of Yenching students and alumni - and we hope their friends from America - for many long years to come. Accept our heartfelt invitation to join such a party whenever you can cross the Pacific.

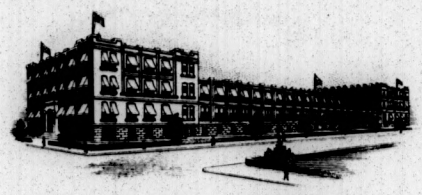
Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. James A. Linen, Jr.
c/o International Textbook Company
Scranton, Pennsylvania

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Scranton, Pa.

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April 14,
1930.

Mr. Olin D. Wanamaker,
Assistant to the President,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wanamaker:

I received your recent letters together with photographs of the new Scranton-Luce Memorial Building. They are certainly very attractive, and I am wondering whether you would care to write an article in reference to the building which we could publish in the Scranton papers together with a cut of the building itself. I am inclined to like the bird's eye view of the Lake and College with the Scranton-Luce Building on the island in the center, as it shows off the whole college to better advantage. If you believe this publicity advantageous, I believe that it could be easily obtained.

4-16-30 to better mail until Dec 1 (?) DDW

At the present time, however, I do not believe that you would be able to obtain very much financial assistance from Scranton. It was hard to awaken much interest in the days when everybody was prosperous. During the last three years, the anthracite coal industry, our basic industry, has been under a severe pressure, and the reduced payrolls have seriously affected our local business to such an extent that we are having a very difficult time to keep up our local charitable obligations.

Wishing you, however, the best of luck, I am

Very sincerely yours,

James A. Linen

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