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Warren S. Thompson



October 31, 1931

My dear Doctor Thompson:

A reference in a bulletin of Yenching University, to your visit to the institution, last April, does not give me your permanent address. Reference to other sources, however, elicits the information that you are now at Miami University, and I am sending this letter to you there in the hope that it will reach you.

We are always eager to have a statement of impressions by competent persons who have visited our institution in China. Whether the impressions be highly favorable, or unfavorable, or a mixture of the two points of view, they are always useful to us. I should be grateful if you could find time to write me. Any adverse criticisms you might have to make would be useful to our Trustees. If we are so fortunate as to have won a large measure of approval on your part, and you feel free to authorize me to quote you in regard to the University in general, or any aspect of its work, I should be grateful for such a privilege.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Professor Warren S. Thompson, Ph.D.
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

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MIAMI UNIVERSITY
OXFORD, OHIO

SCRIPPS FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH
IN POPULATION PROBLEMS
WARREN S. THOMPSON
P. K. WHELPTON

November 3, 1931

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

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

I have your letter of October 31st asking my impressions about Yenching University.

My work is in the study of population problems and I was interested in work along this line which is being done at Yenching by Drs. Hsu and Young of the Department of Social Science. We had not much in the way of funds to invest in work in China, but the fact that we gave this department \$300.00 to carry out a study of vital statistics in a village a few miles from the college will clearly indicate my own opinion regarding the work they are doing. I did not get to meet Dr. Hsu, as he was in this country, but I was very favorably impressed by the work that Dr. Young is doing, and my only regret is that we cannot do more to get going more studies on Chinese vital statistics.

I had no occasion to look into other types of work being done at Yenching and so am not competent to express a general opinion. Certainly they are to be congratulated on the plant available, and the men I met are going at their work in a thoroughly competent manner. I hope at some later time I may be able to spend a few months with them studying more intensively the population problems of China.

Yours very sincerely,

Warren S. Thompson
Warren S. Thompson

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November 7, 1931

Dear Professor Thompson:

I am happy to have your letter of November 3rd.
Dr. Leonard Hsu had told me about this generous contribution
of \$300 to carry out certain population studies and your letter
confirms your generous interest in what we are trying to do at
Yenching. I hope the work for which you made that appropriation
will be carried out entirely to your satisfaction.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Professor Warren S. Thompson, Ph. D.
Miami University
Oxford, Ohio

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COPY OF LETTER FROM ROBERT P. SCRIPPS TO DEAN WALTER WILLIAMS. JOURNALISM

My Dear Dean Williams:*

I received your letter of March 24th ~~and~~ in due course; and since receiving it, I have had a talk with Mr. Nash and President Stuart.

To come to the meat of the matter at once, I have told Messrs. Nash and Stuart that, in accordance with a question asked in your letter, I will contribute \$1,000 a year for five years to the Peking School of Journalism project. I would prefer to make these payments annually. I will ask you to advise me as to the dates on which the payments should be made, and to how checks should be drawn and forwarded. I will not consider this a commitment unless the balance of the needed \$10,000 a year is secured.

As to my accepting membership on a committee, that may be as you desire, and in accordance with the practical necessities of the situation. In matters of this kind, I do not believe in trying the hands of responsible university executives through appointment of committees with any other than purely advisory functions. Although I should appreciate keeping in touch with the work of the Peking school, I cannot promise you that I would be a regular attendant at the meetings of a committee; I am already, because of the demands that my own business makes upon my time, disgracefully remiss in my duties along this line to several institutions.

I believe I have as real an interest as any newspaperman in this country in the development of a responsible, financially stable and unsubsidized and politically independent press in China. My interest in the saleability of the United Press report in China is one element. Beyond this I have an even greater interest in the completeness of the United Press report out of China ----such a completeness as can only be based on the building up of a permanent and independent group of Chinese United Press clients. Further, I believe this is a matter reaching to my public even more than to my private concern.

Finally, I was greatly impressed by the personality and apparent sincerity and force of your protege Nash. It is only fair to him to say that the action I am taking in this matter is largely based on the understanding that he will be in charge of the actual working out of the experiment, with the backing of so sympathetic and well-informed a chief as President Stuart.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Robert P. Scripps.

Ridgefield, Conn.
April 16, 1928.

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Robert P. Scripps
~~Editorial Board - Newspapers~~

Ridgefield, Conn.

April 16, 1928

\$5,000 - pledge of \$1,000 a year beginning in 1928 -

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See his letter of
April 16, 1928 to
Dean Williams

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June 4, 1928

My dear Mr. Scripps:

You will be glad to know that we are making progress toward success in our effort to secure the initial financing for the Yenching School of Journalism. I shall inform you somewhat later when we do reach the amount required.

When the Nationalists enter Peking, my impression is that within a short time such a school as we have in mind would be of immense importance in giving the right kind of training in journalism to the young Chinese filled with patriotism and enthusiasm but needing thorough training for their profession.

All of us are especially grateful to you for giving such an important impetus to the effort of Dr. Stuart and Mr. Nash in this direction.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Robert P. Scripps
Ridgefield, Connecticut

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February 16, 1929

Dear Mr. Scripps:

Early in 1928 a gentleman in Philadelphia made a large subscription to the University on condition that we obtain within the year a total of a half million dollars exclusively for capital and endowment accounts. This we were able to do by what now seems like a miracle.

A letter was prepared to be sent to all subscribers to this effort apprising them of our success. By a quite natural secretarial error, since the list of contributors to the publishers journalism fund had been filed by Dean Williams in our office during the year, this letter was sent to you and others and from it you no doubt assumed that our journalism effort had at last been successful

How I wish it were true. The first half came very quickly but the last fourth is taking longer to get than the first three fourths. We now have just \$40,000 as you will see by the enclosed list. While we still have a few persons to be seen upon their return from winter vacations, the field of possible larger givers has been pretty thoroughly canvassed.

It seems imperative that we must obtain some reconsideration from what might be called the more favorable refusals.

Just before Karl Bickel left on his recent western trip, I was reviewing our situation and Mr. Bickel himself suggested the possibility of a subscription being made by the United Press. I certainly had had no thought of this, feeling that an appeal either to it or to the Scripps-Howard newspapers as such might be considered by you to be a breach of the understanding between you and us that we would not come back at you for an increase in subscription in case we had difficulty in completing the fund. I mention this so that if the matter is raised in the Board of the United Press, you will know my relationship to it.

We should be very pleased to have such additional help. The Associated Press episode, about which I told you, has very nearly been fatal to our undertaking. Not only did one very influential publisher cancel a verbal promise of support, but from that day to this I have been

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unable to get a cent from any publisher active in the direction of that association. It would certainly seem as if I stepped on a very sore corn.

So long as you and the other men are willing to leave your subscriptions operative, I personally will have no thought of going up but I do not know how long the trustees will consent to prolonging the matter unless we can soon show some sizable gift that would put us beyond question in striking distance of the goal.

With kindest personal regards to you and Mrs. Scripps,

I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Robert P. Scripps
Ridgefield, Connecticut

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ROBERT P. SCRIPPS
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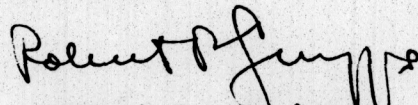
Palm Springs, Calif.,
March 1st, 1929

Mr. E. M. McBrier
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. McBrier:

I have delayed answering your letter of December 20th, about the dedication exercises of Yenching University in Peking next autumn, having in mind the possibility that I might be able to make some definite arrangements for that time. However, it is impossible for me to look so far ahead. You had better just count me out of your plans, and if I should happen to be in Peking around or about the time of the exercises I will look up your people there.

Sincerely,


Robert P. Scripps.

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E. M. McBRIER

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

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April 19, 1929

My dear Mr. Scripps:

The attached list indicates those donors to the Yenching University Journalism Fund who subscribed \$500.00 or more. According to the judgment of Dean Williams and Mr. Nash, this will furnish the absolutely necessary budget for a demonstration of the value of modern education for journalism in China.

You will be glad to know that the success of this demonstration is rendered the more likely because of the enthusiasm shown by a considerable number of friends in addition to the list sent you herewith. The aggregate amount pledged by all contributors to the fund is \$58,945.41. Although it will be seen that we have gone well past the \$50,000.00 necessary to validate conditional gifts, the additional amount has already been covered by the living expenses of Mr. Nash and his family while in America, by his and Dr. Jenney's expenses incurred in raising the fund for the department, and by a small fund toward the amount which we earnestly hope may be secured to erect a home for Mr. Nash at Yenching.

Now that the condition prerequisite to the validation of your pledge has been met, may we ask when it will be convenient for you to make payments on the pledge? If you desire, we will follow the usual practice in such cases of reminding you at stated times, to be designated now by yourself, when the instalments are to be paid. The understanding was that the fund was to be collected and used during the course of five years in order that we may have the necessary money available for the beginning of the autumn semester, and we shall appreciate it if you will find it convenient to date your first payment before the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 1929. Our expenses for the first year and the last year of the period will be heavier than for the intervening years because of the expense of transporting Mr. Nash and his family to China and back to America. Our records indicate that you subscribed \$5,000.00, to be paid in annual instalments of \$1,000.00 each. We trust this record is in agreement with your own.

With renewed expression of our sincere appreciation of your gift, I am

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Robert P. Scripps
Ridgefield, Connecticut

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APRIL 24, 1929

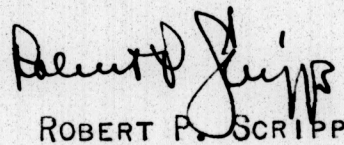
MR. OLIN D. WANNAMAKER
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

DEAR MR. WANNAMAKER:

THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF
APRIL 19TH. I AM GLAD TO LEARN THAT THE SUBSCRIPTION TO THE
YENCHING UNIVERSITY JOURNALISM FUND HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

I HAVE ADVISED MR. H. E. NEAVE, WHO IS AT THE HEAD OF
OUR CENTRAL OFFICE AT CINCINNATI, AND WHO ALSO HAS CHARGE OF
CERTAIN OF MY OWN AFFAIRS, TO SEND YOU A CHECK FOR \$1,000.00,
PAYABLE TO YENCHING UNIVERSITY, EARLY IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR,
AND TO CONTINUE THIS PROCEDURE EACH YEAR UNTIL MY TOTAL SUB-
SCRIPTION OF \$5,000.00 HAS BEEN PAID IN. I HAVE ASKED MR.
NEAVE TO TAKE STEPS SO THAT MY CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE CREDITABLE
ON MY INCOME TAX RETURNS, AND I ASSUME THAT THIS WILL INVOLVE
THE ISSUANCE BY YOU OF FORMAL RECEIPTS AS THE PAYMENTS ARE
MADE. SUCH RECEIPTS SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO MR. NEAVE, WHO
HAS THE WHOLE MATTER IN CHARGE.

SINCERELY,


ROBERT P. SCRIPPS.

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H. E. NEAVE
TREASURER

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1119 Union Central Bldg.

June 10, 1929.

Mr. Olin D. Warmamaker
150 - 5th Avenue
New York City

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Mr. Robert P. Scripps' letter of April 24, 1929, we enclose herewith a check on The Chemical Bank and Trust Company in favor of the Yenching University for \$1,000.00, being payment on his subscription to the Yenching University Journalism Fund.

Please send us the proper receipt covering this payment.

Sincerely yours,

F. N. Yindrock
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H. E. NEAVE
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Journal
November 11, 1931

Dear Mr. Scripps:

May I call your special attention to the September issue of the "New China"-- copy sent you under separate cover. We have been sending you the monthly issues of this publication, but I hope you may find it worthwhile to give considerable attention to the September issue because of the fact that it deals with the Manchurian situation from a very representative Chinese point of view. Doctor Shuhsi Hsu, who writes the leading article, is considered, perhaps, the best informed Chinese on the Manchurian problem. His book, "China and Her Political Entity", attracted very favorable attention from prominent specialists when it was published a few years ago. Professor William Hung was for two years an exchange professor at Harvard University and is a man of unusual breadth of information and liberal international spirit.

The journal is, as you perhaps know, published by the Journalism Club of Yenching University, a student organization.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Robert P. Scripps
Ridgefield, Connecticut

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June 10, 1932.

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ROBERT P. SCRIPPS, EDITORIAL DIRECTOR
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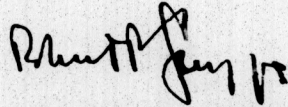
Miramar, Calif.,
December 13, 1932.

President Walter Williams
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Dr. Williams:

I am sorry that I cannot give you any constructive advice about Mr. Nash and his return to Peiping. I think I realize clearly the financial problem which you are up against in this connection. However, with things as they now are, and with the many calls that are being made upon me in connection with matters that seem absolutely pressing, I personally would not feel like contributing any more money to the Yenching School of Journalism project at this time. I am afraid that you will find many of your other friends in the same position.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Scripps.

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May 25, 1933

Dear Mr. Scripps:

Knowing your keen interest in the China situation and its effect upon Yenching University, I wish to let you know that we have had a cable from them dated May 18th stating that though they were anxious, work was still going on and they were hopeful that they might be able to complete the work of the semester. News in the papers during the last few days makes it likely that they will not be able to carry on now; we believe, however, that by fall the situation will have cleared to such an extent that regular work will be able to begin at the scheduled time.

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of a "special edition" of the Yenching Gazette which will give you some interesting information about the various phases of activity, including Journalism, at the University.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your substantial interest in the work of the Department of Journalism, I am,

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee
Vice President

Mr. Robert P. Scripps
Ridgefield, Conn.

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H. E. NEAVE
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June 15, 1933.

Mr. N. Gist Gee
Vice President
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New York City

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June 19, 1933.

Mr. Robert P. Scripps) sent to Mr. S. at
1119 Union Central Building) Ridgefield, Conn.
Cincinnati, Ohio)

Dear Mr. Scripps:

I am enclosing with this our official receipt for your payment of \$1,000 toward the Department of Journalism at Yenching University. This completes your five year pledge in support of that work. I wish to express our very hearty appreciation of your substantial support for this valuable department of work, which has passed its experimental stage period at Yenching.

We are now assured that there is a very important place for the Department of Journalism at Yenching since the student body is continually growing and the interest in the work is intensified. Also there is a very great demand for these young journalists as they are ready to go out into active service in their chosen field. We believe that these young men and women, trained with the highest ideals of journalism in the West, and having a Chinese background and education, will be most influential in forming public opinion in the future reconstructed China.

You will be interested to know that Mr. Vernon Nash is returning at once to China to take up his work for the coming year at the University in this department. Mr. Nash has been with the work since its beginning, and Dean Martin of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri has recently returned from a term of work in the department at Yenching as a visiting professor. Dean Martin is enthusiastic in his praise of what has been accomplished and is very eager to see this work carried on.

Through the helpful interest on the part of a number of journalists and other individuals in America, provision has been made for the work of the department through June 30, 1934. Before that time it would be necessary to extend these plans if we are to carry on the department. At the present time the Missouri-Yenching Journalism Foundation is being formed and the direction of this work is being transferred to the group largely responsible for the initiation of the original project. You will doubtless be hearing from Dean Martin concerning the matter before very long. We hope that by all means you will be able to continue your interest and support of the work over another period of effort.

Assuring you of our very hearty appreciation of all that you have done to make this work possible, and hoping that we may count upon your continued interest and support, I am,

Very sincerely,

HGG.A
Encl.

H. Gist Gee, Vice-President.

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