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January 7, 1928.

My dear Mrs. Sharman:

Your letter came duly to hand and was very timely as I have been trying to interest a big group in the matter of Mei Lan Fang. We have taken the liberty of copying your letter and sending it to one or two of these persons who seem interested in the project. It is difficult to get responsible managers in this country to take the risk although they all seem attracted by the possibilities of having this Chinese actor come over here.

With cordial regards to Dr. Sharman,

Very sincerely yours,

J. L. Stewart

Mrs. H. G. ^BSharman,
Yenching University,
Peking, China.

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400 West 119th St.,

New York

Jan. 26, 1930

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Mr. Lau-fung's prospects in New York have been so much on my mind lately, that I have made bold to suggest to Mr. Hopkins a method for accomplishing the necessary, but difficult, orientation of the audience. Incidentally I have told Mr. Hopkins of my connection with you, and that you knew me. I have

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made it clear, however, that nobody else is implicated in my presumptions. However, I wish you to know that I have mentioned your names. Unless the suggestion really appeals to Mr. Hopkins - and there are a thousand chances against that - you will hear nothing of it.

Some day, if you have any time in your next rush in America, we shall hope to see you and talk about pushing

and China. Personally, I have
gone through changing phases during
our three years at Yenching. For
more than the last year in Peking
I had a distressing feeling that
I was saying certain things too
clearly. I have an almost
burdened sense of mission to
make clear certain issues that
seem to me to be, only very
dimly discerned by modernist
China. I may find some
way of expressing these ideas

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but I can see that the way it
is done will be extremely
important.

Partly because of this, it
was good for me to play with
Chiang. o Jen yueh and Yang Kuei-wei
and to discover that I still can
find joy in trying to interpret
Chinese cultures.

Best wishes for your difficult
enterprises.

Very cordially yours
Abbie von Sharnau

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GUELPH ONTARIO

3rd June 1930

Dear Dr. Stuart:

During those few moments we had together at the University of Pennsylvania Club the other evening, time seemed all too short, and the pressure of others too hurried, for me to convey adequately to you my appreciation for that most gracious and stimulating invitation you brought me, through Philip de Vargas, from the Faculty at Yenching. You cannot know how deeply touched I was by their most generous and cordial attitude, as indicated by the suggestion for our return to Yenching this year. And your own personal supplement meant more to me than can be conveyed by words. I do so eagerly wish to make it evident to you that the suggestion about our return has not been taken lightly by us, nor has its significance been lost on us.

When the opportunity comes to you personally to convey somewhat more intimately to the members of the Faculty of the School of Religion our feelings, kindly make sure that they know something at least of how keenly we have felt concerning the proposal. It is not with a light heart or easily that we have to face the fact that this Autumn can hardly see our return to Yenching. A factor that we have not at all expected would enter into the situation has come from the very unusual dragging out of all that has been involved in the work of the surgeon on my eyes this past Winter. As you will observe from the heading of this letter, I am now back in Canada for the Summer, with the expectation of meeting a group of university people after the manner of several recent Summers. Before leaving New York I had my final word of consultation with the surgeon and found him quite insistent that I should return to him in the Autumn. Though I tried to persuade him that perhaps whatever adjustments are necessary might be made elsewhere, he felt that he owed it to me and to himself to have the opportunity, in the late Autumn, to examine my eyes after the months of outdoor life had been mine through the Summer. So we have to face the fact that no plans involving our leaving the East in time for University openings in the Orient can be considered.

You know how all along we have kept the matter of our

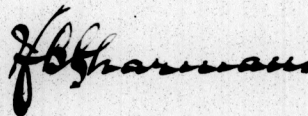
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return to Yenching open as fully as we could, drawn so strongly are we to all that the life there has offered us in the past and would hold for the future. But we feel that now the decisive word must be given - against so many of our strongest impulses, as you will surely know.

How can we thank you worthily for all that you personally have done in welcoming us originally to Yenching and in making our years there so rich in fellowship and so filled with the keenest delights because of that spirit of the place which is so singularly and surely your own personal creation. We have so often said to ourselves, and to others, that remarkable and entrancing as the University is, nothing about it is comparable in its steady impressiveness ~~to~~ the personality, and personal achievements, of its gracious President.

Our minds will be constantly upon you and your work at Yenching in the years to come, even though it may be denied us to share the life there with you. We rejoice in the recognition which Princeton University, we understand, is presently to give to your work. Significant as that honour is, for us it is only a partial intimation of what you have accomplished. And it is our faith that the greater achievements are yet to come.

Ever most sincerely yours



Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Office of Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

P. O. B O X 8

GUELPH ONTARIO

4th June 1930

Dear Dr. Stuart:

You cannot know how seriously I intended that invitation to Northern Canada to be taken by you. All winter my mind has been upon that possibility. Ever since I saw you when you first came to New York from China, I felt that certainly you should have at least a month of complete relaxation and rest before plunging once more into the work in China. And no better conditions could be found for such a period than at what we think of as our Summer home in the northern woods of Algonquin Park.

That feeling about you simply will not depart from my mind. It keeps pressing in upon me more insistently as the days go by. So, though you gave me no encouragement whatever when I mentioned it to you the other evening at that dinner, I cannot do less than write you with intensity of conviction about it.

You said that you would have June in America, and then must start back to China with the first of July. Most keenly do I realize how many and how important are the issues that are pending at Yenching until your return. But I do have the conviction that your health, your physical condition, your strength and vigour, are vastly more important than any single month in China just now can be. We plan to go into Algonquin Park this year on 1st July, about two weeks before our group comes together there. Mrs. Sharman and I wish to press upon you the invitation to be our guest there through the whole of the month of July, at least. That does not mean your participation in anything that goes on in the mornings there, but rather your complete sheltering from obligations of all kinds, under conditions that are such as you could nowhere else secure, we feel confident. Afterward, you could go across the continent by the Canadian Pacific direct to your steamer.

Do take this seriously, our dear friend, and give us the assurance that we may look for you thus to prepare yourself physically for all that ~~applies~~ lies beyond this strenuous year you have had in America at the kind of work

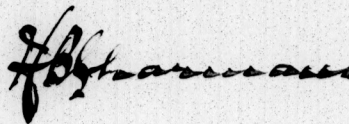
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that properly so little appeals to you, and rightly should be placed upon other shoulders.

Ever most warmly yours

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Office of Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City



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June 9, 1930

Dear Doctor Sharman:

On my return to the office this morning I find your two fine letters, and am greatly touched at what you say in each. I fully understand the circumstances which make it unwise, to say the least, for you to gratify our desire that you return to Yenching this coming autumn. I hope you realize, however, that this is an invitation which continues open whenever you feel that the time has come when you can accept.

Many, many thanks for your thoughtfulness in planning so delightful a rest cure for me this summer. I could almost wish I had physical ills sufficient to justify my taking advantage of so attractive a prospect. As a matter of fact, however, I feel very well and fear that I have already gone too far in commitments across the continent and in matters that are being held up at Yenching for me to delay at all. There are no serious issues, but there seem to be a good many minor ones, the total importance of which, in the aggregate, you can understand. Under these circumstances my conscience would prevent me from getting the full value and enjoyment out of such a holiday. I intend, none the less, to relax very completely on the steamer and shall try to have a week to do so at Peitaiho.

I greatly appreciate your kindly but all too generous comments about my share in the common life which we are trying to make the witness at Yenching to the spirit of Christian faith in action.

With cordial regards to Mrs. Sharman and best wishes for the summer seminar and the ocular treatment.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. H.B. Sharman
P. O. Box 8
Guolph, Ontario
Canada

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TREASURER

30th Sept 1930

Yenching University
New York City

Both Miss Jane Hewell and myself have recently been on the Faculty of Yenching.

I returned to America a year ago; Miss Hewell recently.

Unfortunately, Miss Hewell's present American address is unknown to me. And I'm very desirous of reaching her at once.

Will you kindly discover her address and forward the enclosed letter. Thank you.

Most cordially
J. H. H. H. H.

By kindly also inform me of Miss Hewell's address

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October 1, 1930

Dear Mrs. Sharman:

I have made inquiries all around the office here but cannot find a forwarding address for Miss Newell later than last November. I have, however, sent your letter on to that address, which is in care Prof. Elisa Kendrick, Wellesley College, and if Miss Newell is a Wellesley person your letter will probably reach her. I am sorry we can be of no better assistance.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. H. B. Sharman
Pendle Hill
Wallingford, Pa.

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P.S. If we should get a more recent address we shall be glad to let you know.

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June 15, 1936

Dear Prof. and Mrs. Sharman:

In thinking of the friends of Yenching University, you are among those who have displayed real interest in the past. Your gift of \$100 in 1925 came at a time when sorely needed, and we were very grateful for your help.

On reading the enclosed leaflet you will, I am sure, experience profound satisfaction in the phenomenal growth of the school. With scores of graduates filling important positions throughout China, this American-founded Christian university is now one of the most worth-while educational institutions in Eastern Asia.

From its inception the task of providing funds, erecting buildings, and maintaining required academic standards, has laid a heavy responsibility upon the American Board of Trustees. But with your help and that of other loyal friends, this great university has been brought into existence. The problem we now face - and we must face it squarely - is, can we maintain it? Unfavorable financial conditions both in America and China have reduced income by almost one-half. We have drastically reduced salaries and other budget items, but this has not solved the problem. We need \$10,000 at once to meet pressing obligations due July 1st. The situation is critical.

Obviously this money should be in cash, but if you find it impossible to participate with a ready check, then a commitment on the enclosed card with an amount which you could pay within six to twelve months would help greatly.

China needs us now, and needs us direly. Regardless of political disturbances, China will remain; likewise Yenching. Christian missions are not a whim or a vogue; they are basic and fundamental. This is a time for cool heads and stout hearts. The Orient needs the sanity and sincerity that is supplied through Christian leadership. Yenching has helped and will continue to help. Missionaries are not cowards, nor are we who sent them out. This is the testing time. You have proven your loyalty before and our Board of Trustees believes you will do it again. Will you do what you can, and do it now?

Sincerely yours,

President, Board of Trustees

Prof. and Mrs. H. B. Sharman
Pebble Beach, Monterey County
California

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June 15, 1936

June 15, 1936

Prof. & Mrs. H. B. Sherman

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sherman:

I am glad to hear that you are among those who have responded to the appeal for the purchase of the new building for the Yenching University. Your gift of \$100 is a very generous one and will be most gratefully received.

The building is now under construction and will be ready for occupancy in the fall. It will be a most desirable building and will be a great asset to the university. I am sure that you will be glad to hear that the building is now under construction and will be ready for occupancy in the fall.

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Sincerely yours,

President, Board of Trustees

Prof. and Mrs. H. B. Sherman
Peking, Honan, China

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h. B. SHARMAN «studio house» AT PEBBLE BEACH IN CALIFORNIA

Dear Dr. Barber

1 October 1936

Let us try to express to you something of our deep appreciation for your generous sending to us of the account of Dr. J. Leighton Stuart's CYCLE OF CATHAY. How vivid and how splendid Lucius Porter made it all to us. And your passing it on to those of us who have had a part, in the past, in the life of Yenching University, is valued most highly.

It used to be, in other years, that each autumn the American office of the Yenching University published a list of Yenching people who were in America. That has not seemed to happen for the last year or so - at least it has not come our way. Has that project been abandoned? Perhaps so on the score of cost. If not, we should like to be on the list of those who are thus kept informed of the whereabouts of Yenching folk in this country.

We must not forget to tell you that we value your thoughtfulness in sending along a copy of the picture of President Stuart taken on his birthday.

Ever most cordially

George G. Barber, Ph.D.
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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October 10, 1956

My dear Dr. Sharman:

Mr. Barber has asked me to acknowledge your letter of October 1st, and to tell you how glad he is that you enjoyed reading Professor Porter's account of the celebration of Dr. Stuart's birthday.

We had a few copies made of another photograph sent to us from the field, and I am sending you one, showing President Stuart with a group of the delegates attending the Alumni Association meeting on June 25th.

The plan of circulating a list of Yenching people in this country has not been abandoned and I am indeed sorry that you did not receive a copy last year. I am working on it at the present time and attach a draft copy, incorporating the addresses as we have them on our records. Some of these may be changed and as soon as the list has been corrected as much as possible, I will send you a stenciled list. It will help me in preparing this list if you will let me know of any incorrect addresses you happen to see on this draft copy.

Sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

Dr. H. B. Sharman
Pebble Beach
California

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December 19, 1938

Dear Professor and Mrs. Sharman:

May I direct your careful reading to the enclosed December issue of the YENCHING NEWS? You will be surprised, I know, that in spite of war conditions, the attendance at Yenching this year is the largest in its history.

Because of this unprecedented enrollment and also because most operating expenses of the University have more than doubled as a result of the sharp rise in war-time prices, Yenching inevitably faces an acute shortage of current income. The very substantial support normally received from Chinese sources has been almost wholly cut off for the present. Despite the care and sacrifice of the administrators and staff in reducing expenditures at every point, there remains a balance of US\$56,331.95 which friends in America must provide this year, over and above their normal contributions, if Yenching is to complete the year successfully.

During the holiday season we are planning to send President Stuart and his colleagues a message of good cheer and encouragement. In this cable we hope to be able to say that these emergency funds so urgently needed are in sight. But this can be done only if the friends of Yenching respond by sending us their gifts and pledges.

I am sure you will want to share in this holiday message. Several years ago you expressed your interest in Yenching by sending a very generous contribution. Will you join the friends and supporters of this important work by a gift toward our current needs this year?

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

Professor and Mrs. H. B. Sharman
Pebble Beach
Monterey County, California

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16 October 1937

**h. B. SHARMAN «studio house»
AT PEBBLE BEACH IN CALIFORNIA**

Dear Mr. Garside

Let us try to express to you our deep appreciation for your thoughtfulness that took the form of including Mrs. Sharman and myself as among those who should receive your letter of 5th October enclosing the highly confidential letter of 3rd September from President J. Leighton Stuart of Yenching University.

We found ourselves introduced to certain phases of the effect upon North China of the Japanese invasion which had not reached us through any other medium. The letter was decidedly illuminating from many angles. Our interest in Yenching University is so keen and sustained that every development that affects the life of the institution and of those with whom we spent so many years there is of deepest concern to us.

We shall safeguard the interests of the University by giving the utmost heed to the request from President Stuart that his communication be regarded as entirely confidential and not to be left so that it is available for reading by others.

We shall greatly appreciate any word sent on to us about Yenching in the weeks and months just ahead that are fraught with so much of significance for the life of Yenching.

Most sincerely yours

B. A. Garside Esq
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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**h. B. SHARMAN «studio house»
AT PEBBLE BEACH IN CALIFORNIA**

22nd November 1937

Dear Mr. Garside

When we received a letter the other day from President J. Leighton Stuart, written on 18th October, we found that he said, among other things:

"I hope you are receiving copies of my reports from the New York office which give many details about conditions here. If not, I am sure that Doctor Garfield would be glad to supply you."

As we had received from the New York office one letter only that had come from Doctor Stuart, we thought we would better write you, feeling that perhaps we had been overlooked in the distribution of information about conditions at Yenching. But just as we were on the point of sending word to you, the second report-letter came through from New York, giving us not only excerpts from Doctor Stuart's letter but also from the interesting and stirring letters of other Yenching people.

So it is our privilege now to convey to you at once our hearty thanks that you have put us on the list and are keeping us there so that we may not be lacking in the most complete information you are sending out about what is happening to Yenching.

Most sincerely yours

H. B. Shorman

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Gentlemen

In a recent personal letter direct from President Leighton Stuart of Yenching, he says:

"You will have received my letter telling of my recent trip to West China."

Apparently he has assumed that New York has sent a copy on to our permanent address in Pebble Beach California

Is it too much to ask that you send me a copy addressed thus:

H. S. Hamman
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City of Quebec
Province of Quebec
Canada

My thanks for this favor.

H. S.
Hamman

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