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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

NEW YORK

December 18,1928.

Dear Dr. Williams: -

In reply to your letter of December 7, my interest in the movement to organize a Department of Journalism in Yenching University was first enlisted by President Stuart, who came to me with a letter from my friend, Walter A. Strong, of the Chicago Daily News. From Mr. Strong's recommendation, and from my talk with Dr. Stuart, I became convinced that the undertaking was a practical and highly beneficial one, and that the right men were in charge of it.

I am sorry to learn that your effort to raise the necessary money has not as yet been successful. Have you thoroughly canvassed the possibility of interesting such men as Adolph S. Ochs, of New York, and Cyrus H.K.Curtis, of Philadelphia, and other owners of important newspapers who would be likely to be in sympathy with such an undertaking?

With kind regards,

Very sincerely,

William T. Dewark

PRESIDENT.

Dr. Walter Williams, University of Missouri, Columbus, Mo.

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January 17, 1929

My dear Mr. Dewart:

Deen Williams has sent on to me your recent letter to him in which you inquire that has been done to bring this matter to the attention of other outstanding publishers in America. The Dean suggests that perhaps I can answer this more satisfactorily than can he.

Dean Williams has written to every newspaper publisher in the country who seemed at all a favorable prospect. I have endeavored to see as many as possible of these men and have succeeded in seeing most of them with the exception of a number of New York publishers. Several are ill, others are a sy from the city, and in a few cases it has been impossible to get access to them.

You ask specifically about Mr. Ochs and Mr. Curtis. Almost a year ago the matter was presented quite fully to Dr. John H. Finley. At about the same time, Mr. Talter Strong wrote Mr. Ochs. Mr. Ochs replied to Mr. Strong that it was always his pleasure to cooperate in anything in which Mr. Strong might be interested and that kney would talk it over. Some weeks later, Dr. Finley telephoned to our office that Mr. Ochs had said to him, "If these other men are going into the undertaking and you recommend it, I suppose we should do the same." Dr. Finley thereupon said, "I think you may count upon the Times pretty definitely." Sometime ago we endeavored to have this put in formal shape and were astonished to have a note from Dr. Finley that Mr. Ochs had definitely refused.

Two letters have been sent to Mr. Curtis, neither of which has been acknowledged. I went to Philadelphia last week and made a number of efforts to get in touch with Mr. Curtis. I was not able to get an answer from his office even to the question whether he was in Philadelphia or not. I do not know what further steps can be taken in the attempt to have the privilege of presenting this matter to Mr. Curtis in person. So far as our experience has gone

this is the only way in which to get favorable action on such a matter.

While in Philadelphia I did have the privilege of a delightful interview with Mr. William L. McLean. He seemed very favorably inclined but has heretofore never contributed anything to a foreign project and seems reluctant to change that policy. However, he did not say no. In naming the men who are cooperating he seemed most impressed at the mention of you. If you should feel inclined to drop him a note urging that he join the group, I think it would be exceedingly helpful.

Although the matter has moved very slowly, it does continue to move. Since we have so thoroughly canvassed the field,

Although the matter has moved very slowly, it does continue to move. Since we have so thoroughly canvassed the field, however, I see no reasonable prospect of success unless we find one individual who would be willing to finish the effort for us, or it may be necessary for us to make a second call upon a group of men who made what might be termed "favorable refusals".

When the pressure upon your time is relieved I should like very much to discuss this problem with you personally. Thanks for arranging the interview with Mr. Walker. In addition to much helpful advice, he made one specific suggestion that should prove resultful, namely, that I attend the annual mid-winter meeting of the New York Publishers Association. I expect to leave Monday for a trip in the near midwest coming back by way of Syracuse. I hope that I may be able to see you upon my return soon after February 1st.

Very sincerely,

Mr. W. T. Dewart The New York Sun 280 Broadway New York City

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April 19, 1929

My dear Mr. Dewart:

The attached list indicates those donors to the Yenching 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. Mash and his family while in America, by his and Dr. Jenney's expenses incurred in raising the funds for his 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.

pladge has been met, may we ask when it will meet with your convenience to make payments on the pladge? 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 Er. Nash and his family to China and back to America. Our records indicate that you subscribed \$5,000.00, to be paid \$1,000.00 annually. 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. William T. Dewart The New York Sum 280 Broadway, New York City





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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

NEW YORK

July 26,1929.

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

My dear Mr. Wannamaker:-

I have yours of June 20 regarding a trip to reking and the formal opening of Yenching. I wish there were a possibility of my taking this trip but I have just returned from abroad and there are too many business demands to allow me the time necessary for a trip to China and back.

I am greatly interested in the working out of the plans at Yenching and some time later I may be able to arrange to go there.

Sincerely yours,

William. 7. Dewart

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

NEW YORK

October 21,1929.

Mr. Olin D. Wanamaker, Yenching University, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wanamaker:-

Mr. Dewart wishes to thank you for your letter of October 17 and for the two little Peking Lions which he thinks are most attractive and which he is delighted to have.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Mr. Dewart.

The Sun

OFFICES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

NEW YORK

May 6, 1929

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

My dear Mr. McBrier:-

In line with the instructions received from Dean Williams, we enclose herewith our check for \$1,000., being the first annual payment on Mr. Dewart's subscription of \$5,000. to the Yenching University Journalism Fund.

> Very truly yours, THE NEW YORK SUN, INC.

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NEW YORK

July 8, 1930

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

My dear Mr. McBrier:-

In line with the communication received from Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker, we are enclosing herewith a check for \$1,000., being the second payment on Mr. Dewart's subscription to the Yenching University Fund.

Very truly yours,
THE NEW YORK SUN, INC.

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October 27, 1930 Doar Mr. Dowart: Extracts copied at the office from September issues of Peking newspapers, give some interesting details about the beginning of the new session at Yenching University. Perhaps you may find this information of some interest. May I call your attention especially to the extract on page three, wreferring to the new Chinese member who has joined the staff of journalism? Sinoorely yours, Assistant to the President Mr. Wm. T. Dewart The New York Sun 280 Broadway Hew York City OD *KK

OFFICES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

NEW YORK

July 7, 1931

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

My dear Mr. McBrier:

In accordance with your notice dated June 24, 1931 from Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker, we send you herewith a check for \$1,000., which is the third payment on Mr. William T. Dewart's subscription to the Yenching University Fund.

Very truly yours,

THE NEW YORK SUN, INC.

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April 6, 1932

Dear Mr. Gray:

I am sure you will be pleased, because of your generous interest in Yenching University, to know that the executors of the estate of the late Walter A. Strong have approved our claim for \$5,000 based upon the verbal pledge made by Mr. Strong. I was able to substantiate our statement with sufficient written evidence to justify the executors in granting the claim. We expect to receive the full amount of this pledge very soon, probably during the month of May.

I should have been very sorry had this effort turned out otherwise, since some of our good friends made their pledges on the basis of let ers from Mr. Strong.

President Stuart, of the University, recently arrived in America for a very brief stay. He came primarily to attend the annual meeting of the Trustees of Harvard-Yenching Institute of Chinese Studies, to be held at Boston, but he will be in New York briefly and I know he will be happy to have the opportunity to talk with some of you there about this China-Japan problem.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to President Stuart

Mr. J. C. Gray The New York Sun 280 Broadway New York City

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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

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April 8,1932.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Mr. Dewart was delighted at your success in pushing your claim and congratulates you.

When President Stuart arrives and is free, if you will let me know, the Sur will arrange for an interview which will no doubt be most enlightening for our readers.

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Sincerely yours,

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

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Yenching Looks Forward.

"A mass educational movement, conceived, inspired and directed by Chinese, presents a spectacle of progress seldom equaled in the history of mankind." The sentence is from a booklet issued by Yenching University. Any reference to schooling in China as a mass movement, however, must be made in a relative sense. A population of which it is believed 75 per cent is illiterate is far from ready to transform itself into a multitude which thinks of learning to the same extent, for instance, as the American people do. China's need for schools and teachers can be measured in terms of the distress which has come from their lack. Those who assert that the key to a more progressive China must be fashioned from capital to develop the country's economic power must also admit that such a plan waits on the rise of trained and wise native organizers and administrators.

Just outside the walls of Peiping the buildings of Yenching University are nearing completion. Supported chiefly by American Christian missions, this institution has attained its present form through the union of four colleges, two of them sixty years old. It was incorporated in 1889 as Peking University. A gift of a million dollars from friends in the United States provided its new site. There, beside the city which for centuries has been regarded as the country's cultural center, Yenching is building for the future of a China that will advance under control of intelligent leadership in politics and agriculture. These leaders will be the product of a far-reaching school system whose teachers will come from institutions such as Yenching University itself.

Yenching has endowments totaling more than \$2,049,000 and a plant likewise valued in excess of that sum. Its property is held in trust by a board whose headquarters are in New York; the local management

in Peiping is largely Chinese. With its enrollment growing, Yenching needs funds, is threatened with "a vital injury," and its trustees appeal reluctantly to Americans interested in saving an enterprise which has won such prestige.

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OFFICE OF THE TREMSCREAM
HOTEL MCASTIN, NEW YORK, N. Y.

June 10, 1932 Dear Mr. Dewarts Publicity which is artificially stimulated may be worth a great deal, but that which is spontaneously and generously given by a great newspaper, such as The Sun, is of far greater value. We are deeply grateful for the assistance rendered our institution through the splendid editorial in your issue of June 8th, especially since we know that the editorial would not have appeared but for complete confidence on your part in the value of what Yenching is undertaking to do. Because of your generous attitude, I am sure you will be happy to learn that we now feel optimistic as to the outcome of an effort made under quite abnormal difficulties. It seems as if we shall reach the total required to avoid losing a generous offer of \$250,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation. With renewed thanks. Sincerely yours, Assistant to the President Mr. Wm. T. Downt The New York Sun 280 Broadway New York, New York ODW :KK

280 BROADWAY, NEW YORK TELEPHONE: WORTH 2-2923 EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT June 13,1932. Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker, American Office Yenching University, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Dear Mr. Wannamaker: I have asked our circulation department to forward you 50 copies of the Sun of June 8. I am forwarding your letter to Mr. Dewart. It was a pleasure to hear from you again. With best wishes, Yours sincerely, JCG:nh THE NEWSPAPER OF DISTINCTION IN ITS READERS, ITS NEWS AND ITS ADVERTISING

THE OFFICE OF WILLIAM T. DEWART 280 BROADWAY NEW YORK, N. Y. September 12, 1932 Mr. E. M. McBrier, Treasurer, Yenching University, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. Dear Sir: In line with your notice dated September 7, 1932, I enclose herewith Mr. Dewart's check for one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) covering the fourth annual instalment on his pledge to the Yenching University. Very truly yours, aB. Baunt ABG: TAH

THE OFFICE OF WILLIAM T. DEWART 280 BROADWAY NEW YORK, N. Y. July 3, 1933 Mr. E. M. McBrier, Treasurer, Yenching University, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. Dear Sir: In line with the notice dated June 28, 1933, signed by Mr. N. Gist Gee, Vice President, I enclose herewith Mr. Dewart's check for one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) covering the final payment on his pledge to the Yenching University. Very truly yours, assaunt ABG: TAH 0792

Jeveling University July 2, 1936 Mr. William T. Dewart, Sr The New York Sun 280 Broadway Hew York, H. Y. Dear Mr. Dewart: Upon behalf of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University, I wish to thank you for the splendid account of the School of Journalism which appeared in your paper Tuesday, June 30th. It is very kind of you and Mr. Gray, also Miss Greens who wrote the article. I am sure it will accomplish good results. Due to your generous contribution of \$5000 in 1929. completed in 1933, together with the gifts of other interested persons, this outpost of American Journalism in China was made possible. Its value is established by many facts. The results are bound to be increasingly deep and enduring. It is helping China to express herself, free from all historic encumbrances. It is fostering international emity. Practically all of the original subscriptions were made on an amual five-year basis, and were paid on schedule. We are therefore faced with the immediate necessity of securing renewals of these pledges, else the vital nerve of the school will be cut. China is bearing her proportionate share, but we must help. The task of securing the renewal of these subscriptions to underwrite the budget for the next five years is largely in the hands of two of our Secretaries, Dr. S. P. Young and Mr. George C. Aydelott. Shortly one of them will be going to Detroit, Chicago and other important centers to visit former contributors with the definite aim of securing their renewals. Nothing would be as helpful at this critical juncture as the assurance that you will resume your financial support in the amount of your previous participation. It would be tangible confirmation of your interest and confidence in the School of Journalism which would have important national bearing. In rateful appreciation, I am, Yours sincerely, George . Barber, President, Board of Directors. GCA: B



EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

July 6,1936

Mr. George G. Barber President of Board of Directors Yenching University 150 Fifth Avenue New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Barber:

Mr. Dewart is glad to have your letter and to know that the Sun was able to be of service to your work. He asks me to say that he will always continue to take an interest in Yenching but the pressure of events in the United States makes such demands for funds to aid our needy citizens that, to his regret, he is unable to promise the help you so urgently require at this critical time in the history of your School.

May I add that it was very pleasant to meet Dr. Young, and that if I can at any time assist Yenching I shall be glad to be called on.

Yours sincerely

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THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA MONTREAL 6th May 1938. The Secretary, Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. Dear Sir: Re: Group Annuity Policy 1597-G Yenching University In accordance with the terms of Provision I of the above contract, notice is hereby given that on and after the first of December 1938 no further employees shall be covered under the policy. Very truly yours, CDR/FP. Associate Actuary.

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1597-G - Yenching University

Revised terms offered in respect to employees becoming covered on and after 1st December 1938

Schedule of percentages which the Annual Amounts of Annualities are of the Individual Annual Premiums

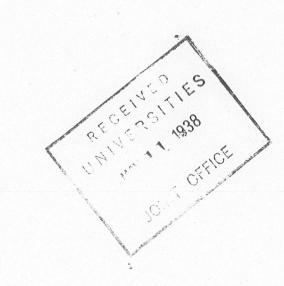
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30	34.08%	24.96%	29.40%	21.42%	
35	28.68%	21.53%	24.72%	18.48%	
40	24.12%	18.57%	20.88%	15.94%	
45	20.40%	16.02%	17.52%	13.75%	
50	17.16%	13.82%	14.76%	11.86%	
55	14.40%	11.92%	12.48%	10.23%	
60	12.12%	10.28%	10.44%	8.82%	
65	10.20%	8.87%	8.88%	7.61%	

- (a) The individual annual premium will be the total monthly payments in respect of the employee during the year accumulated without interest.
- (b) The refund on death will be the total contributions accumulated at 3% interest from the end of the policy year in which the payments have been made.
- (c) The withdrawal benefit shall be the return of the contributions actually made, together with interest at 3% calculated only up to the policy anniversary preceding the date of withdrawal by three years.

CDR/FP. 6th May 1938.



THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA MONTREAL 6th May 1938. The Secretary, Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. Dear Sir: Re: Group Annuity Policy 1601-G University of Nanking In accordance with the terms of Provision I of the above contract, notice is hereby given that on and after the first of December 1938 no further employees shall be covered under the policy. Very truly yours, C& Rutheford Associate Actuary. CDR/FP. $\Box \ B \ \Box \ \Box$



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SUN·LIFE·ASSURANCE·COMPANY·OF·CANADA· ·HEAD·OFFICE: MONTREAL· HITH FLOOR 1616 WALNUT STREET IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT POLICIES PHILADELPHIA, PA. PLEASE REFER TO THEIR NUMBERS GROUP LIFE & PENSION DEPARTMENT May 11, 1938 Mr. C. A. Evans, Secretary Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China 150 Fifth Avenue New York, New York Re: Group Annuity Policies 1601-G - University of Nanking and 1597-G - Yenching University Dear Mr. Evans: Prior to March 1931, our Company issued a number of Guaranteed Annuity policies on the participating plan. A rate of 32% was guaranteed and the annuities purchased were allowed on a very favorable basis, approximately 14% in excess of the amount which would be allowed at rates now current. Your Guaranteed Annuity Policy was issued on the above basis and on the anniversary date excess interest dividends were allowed by the Company and were applied, under the terms of the contract, to purchase bonus additions. The dividends originally were on the basis of 2% excess interest, but have been gradually reduced until at the present time the excess interest dividend allowed is one-quarter of one percent - a total of 3 and 3/4%. The theory on which this contract was issued was that the difference between the rate of interest actually earned by the company and the rate allowed by it would be sufficient to pay the expenses of administrations. Experience has shown that the 1% margin assumed was adequate, but in actual fact the Company has not secured this margin. This has been due to the continued drop in interest rates, coupled with the fact that for some years we maintained the rate of dividend in anticipation that the depression would be of short duration. We are now reasonably satisfied that any substantial rise in the rate of interest cannot be anticipated for at least several years, and it is very necessary to place these policies on a more satisfactory basis. So far as the employees at present covered are concerned, we have no power to change the terms of the contract other than by the omission of the excess interest dividend. Under the terms of Provision 14 in the contract, we have the right to close the contract to new employees by giving six months notice to that effect. IIBII4



Mr. C. A. Evans, Secretary

5/11/38

Realizing that you will thoroughly understand our position, we are enclosing a formal letter giving you this six months notice. There have not been many new employees coming into the Plan but there are occasional entrants and we would be prepared to amend your policy to provide for new entrants on a different basis, commencing with the 1st of November, 1938.

In order to give you some idea of the rates that would apply November 1st, 1938, for new employees, we are attaching a sheet which gives the rates at five year intervals on the new basis, and other comparisions under the terms of your present policy. In addition to the change in annuity rate there are some other changes. The principal one is the change with reference to 3½% interest throughout the policy to 3% so far as new employees are affected.

We have gone into some detail in explaining the circumstances for our action at this time, and if you would like to discuss this matter in greater detail, I would be pleased to arrange to see you personally in New York.

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Johnston

District Group Representative

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