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THE PEIPING YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

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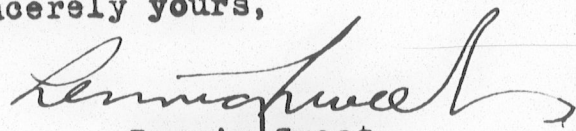
Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,  
Princeton-in-Peking,  
Room 903,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, U.S.A.

Dear Olin:

I am in receipt of two copies of the Prospectus of the Boys Brotherhood Republic, and would be very happy to thank Mrs. Blair for them if you will send me her initials and her address.

Things are going on very well indeed here. I enclose a recent report letter together with a clipping from a newspaper which may interest you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Lennig Sweet.

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# THE PEIPING YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

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### The "Y" News

Previous issues of the "Y" News have been mailed only to contributors. This number, in addition to going to them, is being mailed to other public-spirited members of the community.

Many people are asking: "What is the "Y" and What does it do?" We are not going to philosophize about this question, but rather let the figures from the 1930-31 Statistical Report speak for themselves.

First of all we are a group of young men—bonded together for self-improvement, fellowship and service. There are 1,302 of us, who are called "members of the Association"; 81% are under 32 years of age. In addition there are 868 students in Y.M.C.A. schools and 300 rug factory apprentices who are in constant touch with the Y.M.C.A., but who are not counted as members.

We are an organization for service to the people of Peiping. During the past year 689 of us gave our time to promote interests of the Association and the community. Two hundred and forty-two served on committees; 177 served in the membership and financial campaign; 290 aided in Health Campaigns and 71 students took part in country evangelism during their Christmas vacation.

We are a Young Men's Christian Association. Part of our work is to spread the Christian message.

The following Table tells the story of our Religious Work for 1931:

Number of Decisions for Christian Life	48
Number joining Church	20
Number of Bible Classes	52
Total Enrollment in Bible Study Class	64
Total Attendance	6,231
Number of Life Problem Groups	47
Enrollment	676
Total Attendance	11,116
Number of Religious Meetings	102
Total Attendance	13,194

But our object is all-round manhood—we stress no one side of life alone. We believe that a young man should "increase in wisdom and stature, and favor with God and man." During 1931, 180 lectures were held under the auspices of the Association. These included a series on Modern Literature; on Changing Attitudes in Toward the Relations of Men and Women; on the Care of Children; on Problems of Livelihood and many other topics. A total attendance of 32,532 persons attended these lectures. The majority of them were University students. However, weekly lectures were also held in two of the largest rug factories of the city.

Sixteen clubs and social groups met weekly through the year. Among these were Boy Scouts, Literary Societies, a "Y's Men's Club", a Dramatic Society. 339 different men and boys were enrolled in these self-governing groups. The ages ranged from 12 to 60.



The "Y" stresses Chinese culture  
This picture was drawn by one  
of our Junior Middle  
School students



There was a total attendance of 10,381 boys and girls at the Good Citizenship Week activities held in May.

With a total budget of \$75 for the year, our Boys Library loaned 5,316 volumes.

The Physical Department of the Association worked at capacity through the whole period under review. An additional mat shed had to be erected to care for the number of teams who clamored to enter Basket Ball Leagues.



*The "Y" fosters initiative.*

*When the Government Universities did not open in the Fall this committee of students organized a series of lectures which were delivered by leading professors in the principle schools and colleges of Peiping*

Altogether 105 organized teams and 31 gymnasium classes carried on activities during the year with an enrollment of 1,661 and a total attendance of 63,488. There were 18,859 spectators at games; 31,599 baths; and 110 physical examinations. In addition the attendance at the community playground was 22,500. These children were almost entirely of the poorer classes and except for this playground would have had to play in the streets. The cost of maintenance for the twelve months was \$368. The attendance at the Boys' Department Game Room was 14,186 and at the Men's Reading Room 72,000.

In addition to the above activities, the Association maintains four schools. The first of these is the Peiping College of Commerce & Finance, which enrolls graduates of Junior Middle Schools in a five-year course in Business. It therefore corresponds to a Junior College. There are 378 students enrolled. The Three Principles School, in which there are 140 students, is of Junior Middle grade. It receives students who have studied in the country or with private tutors and prepares them to enter Mission and Government Higher Middle Schools.



*At the Y. M. C. A. Community Playground.*

*A total attendance of more than 22,500 boys and girls was registered here last year.*

There are also two Night Schools--one in the East City and one in the West City. They enroll 353 students.

Exclusive of the educational work, a total attendance of 322,045 was registered at the different activities of the "Y" during the twelve months. Of course mere numbers is no indication of the worth of an Association. We do believe, however, that it shows the interest and support of the right-thinking, idealistic members of the community. In the next issue of the "Y" News, we hope to tell in a more intimate way of the influence of the Association on the life of individuals.

President

Acting General Secretary

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Lennig to

April 28, 1931

Dear Lennig:

I am glad to know that you intend to write your thanks for the prospectus of the Boys' Brotherhood Republic to the lady who is so enthusiastic in her interest. This is Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair, Hotel Windermere West, Chicago, Illinois. She is enthusiastic in her interest in Yenching. She admires Dr. Stuart, but her primary interest is in Dr. Timothy Lew. This is rather confidential information. I am passing it on to you because when you write her it will be a good turn in behalf of Yenching University if you refer favorably to the University, Dr. Stuart, and Dr. Lew. We are not endeavoring to get any help from Mrs. Blair just now for anything else, since she has an outstanding pledge to contribute the money for a residence.

Heartiest thanks for the very attractive copy of the News.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Lennig Sweet  
Y. M. C. A.  
Peiping, China

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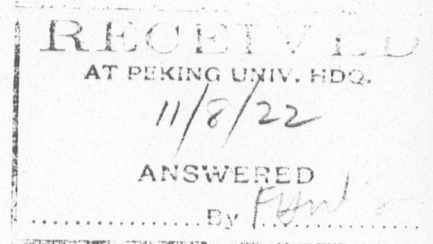
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WILLIAM E. SWEET  
U. S. NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
DENVER



November 1, 1922.

Mr. Franklin H. Warner,  
Warner Chemical Company,  
52 Vanderbilt Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Warner:

Replying to your letter of October 19th I am in the midst of my campaign, being the Democratic nominee for Governor.

Your letter, I note, is not a request for funds but I generally find that those who are prominent in such efforts as you seek to enlist me, are expected to subscribe more or less liberally - which is as it should be. If those who are leaders in a movement do not help finance it, others cannot be expected to do so. I regret that I am unable to consider such appeals at this time. Being out of business my income is necessarily reduced materially and I must harbour my resources. When I retired from business I realized that I would be obliged to curtail my subscriptions for benevolence but felt that by giving my time to public affairs and other worthy causes in which I am deeply interested perhaps I could render a real service.

I have no objection to the use of my name in connection with the appeal for funds for Peking University but I wish it to be clearly understood that I cannot make any subscriptions at the present time nor can I see my way clear to do so for some little time to come.

Very truly yours,

*William E. Sweet*

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November 6, 1922.

Mr. William E. Sweet,  
U. S. National Bank Bldg.,  
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mr. Sweet:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 1st. I sympathize with your arguments, and will use your name on this Endorsement Committee with a complete understanding relative to any gift during the campaign.

I consider the movement one of the greatest on the calendar today, and am giving a lot of my personal time to it. I am planning to go to China in the spring in order to be sure that the new plant is being constructed both wisely and economically.

I wish you all success in the voting tomorrow, and trust that on Wednesday morning I can see your name where it belongs in your State. My brother-in-law, Mr. Seabury C. Mastick, having served two years in the legislature as a representative in Albany, is running for senator with assured success tomorrow. He also is trying to serve his state as you are trying to serve yours, and through him I am naturally becoming more and more interested in political matters, although I do not expect to try my hand at it, reserving my spare time entirely for benevolent enterprises of our denomination.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 4, 1924

Gov. William E. Sweet  
State House  
Denver, Colorado

My dear Gov. Sweet:

Now that I have returned to our office, I want, among the first things, to send you a brief word of hearty appreciation for your generous help to the University, both in arranging to have the luncheon at the Brown Palace Hotel, and in contributing the cost of this. It was a pleasure to meet you personally and to see something of the splendid way in which one occupying your position in public life is also counting for the Christian cause.

I was quite disappointed not to be able to see Dr. Bayliss in the hope of interesting Mr. Humphrey through him in a fairly substantial contribution to the University. Mr. Braukman and Mr. Lute of the Y. M. C. A. agreed that they would be very glad to be associated with you in representing our case to Dr. Bayliss, and I have taken the liberty of writing him, asking if he would be willing to arrange such an interview. I feel sure that we can count on you to assist us in this important possibility.

The items that would serve us most effectively are a dormitory (\$50,000), a central hall to a dormitory quadrangle (\$35,000), an infirmary (\$10,000), one of the fifteen faculty residences as yet unprovided (\$7,000), or the salary and other expenses of a teacher, guaranteed over a term of years, costing on an average \$2,500 to \$3,000. Any one of the buildings could be known as "Humphrey Hall", or "Residence", and the Professorship could most certainly have his name also associated with it.

After my meeting with Mrs. Sweet and yourself in Denver, and the insight I had into your life, I am looking forward all the more to seeing Lennig and telling him all about it.

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March 4, 1924

It seems necessary for me to make a short trip to Great Britain on University business, and I am sailing the end of this week. After that I shall spend the month of April in this country before sailing for China.

Again with grateful appreciation for all that you have been doing for us, and my very best wishes in your own significant duties, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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The State of Colorado  
Executive Chamber  
Denver

19. March, 1924

Mr. Franklin H. Warner  
52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City

My dear Mr. Warner:

I am in receipt of a letter dated March fourth from Mr. Stuart and, knowing that he is abroad, I am addressing my answer to you

Mr. Stuart suggests that I see Dr. Bayless in the hope of interesting Mr. Humphreys in a substantial contribution to Peking University. In his letter he suggests items of considerable size. I cannot possibly make the approach which Mr. Stuart suggests, and I am firmly of the opinion that Mr. Stuart must make his own appeal if it is to avail anything.

I have only recently become acquainted with Mr. Humphreys, and he has expressed himself very kindly as to our friendship. A short time ago I asked him for a gift of \$5,000 to reconstruct the heating plant of the Old Ladies' Home in Denver, and he responded favorably to my request. I later asked him to give a similar amount to the Colored Young Men's Christian Association of Denver, for which we have just broken ground, and he promptly turned me down, saying that his former pledge of \$1,000 was all that he would give.

Mr. Humphreys gives especially to church objects, although in the case of the Home, this would not be true. I do not know whether he is at all interested in education or whether he has any particular interest in foreign missions; therefore it would not be wise for me to ask him for a pledge to Peking University and I am sure that he would regard it as quite presumptive on my part. If Mr. Stuart could have remained in Denver long enough, I should have been very glad to present him to Mr. Humphreys to make such an appeal as he wished to make.

Answering your own letter in regard to Stephen Knight, I would say that the most I expected to give was \$100.00, although knowing him as well as I do, I am not entirely surprised at his pittance of \$25.00 which he forwarded to me during my absence in the east and which, I presume, my business secretary has sent to you. It is true that Mr. Knight has never taken any interest whatsoever in foreign missions. The Boys' Department of the Young Men's Christian Association has been his chief hobby and to this he has given very fair sums, but nothing commensurate with his wealth. He is a hard worker and a good money maker, and he sees to it that his boys follow in his footsteps, but naturally he is not liberal and I think he finds it difficult to part with his money. At least I have always found it difficult to part him from it, which I have frequently tried to do, with varying success.

My feeling is, Mr. Warner, that this "hit or miss" method of getting money for an institution located in China - by having Dr.

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Stuart deliver an address to a group of men and then go on for another night's stand - will not avail anything, so far as such a community as Denver is concerned: and will not pay the railroad transportation and hotel bills. One of our most interested men severely criticised this whole scheme on this point.

I was very glad indeed to pay the cost of the luncheon at the Brown Palace Hotel: but the annual subscription which I am making toward the maintenance of the Princeton Unit in China, with which my son is connected, is all the money which I can afford to give in that direction.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) William E. Sweet

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(Copy)

The State of Colorado  
Executive Chamber  
Denver

21. March 1924

Mr. Franklin H. Warner  
52 Vanderbilt Ave.  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Governor Sweet directs me to send you the enclosed check  
for \$25.00 from Mr. Stephen Knight, being a contribution to the  
fund of Peking University.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) I. W. Craft

Secretary

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March 27, 1924

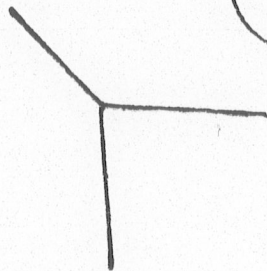
Mr. Stephen Knight  
Denver, Colo.

My dear Mr. Knight:

Your check of \$25.00 which you sent to Governor Sweet for Peking University has been forwarded on to me by my good friend, the Governor, and I am in turn sending it to the Treasurer of Peking University today. In the name of the Board I wish to thank you for your contribution.

I wish that I might have the privilege some day of meeting you and telling you of the great work that is being done in Peking by that university and of the tremendous opportunities that lie ahead of it in making China a fit neighbor for this country. I have visited China three times and I appreciate the danger of that great nation to the world unless efforts similar to those being made by Peking University become more powerful in the influence of that nation as she becomes more self-conscious of her position in the world.

Sincerely yours,



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March 28, 1924

Governor William H. Sweet  
Executive Chambers  
Denver, Colo.

My dear Governor Sweet:

Thank very much for your letter of the 19th and a letter from your secretary of the 21st enclosing Mr. Knight's check of \$25. I thank you very much for your cooperation in obtaining this and for the other help which you gave President Stuart while he was in Denver.

Your criticism regarding the method employed to obtain sums of money by President Stuart on this trip is certainly just and the only reason we touched that section of the country at all was to feel out the ultimate possibilities, for Ekins University is going to be in need of money for some years to come. Dr. Stuart was gratified with the results of the trip and he established contacts through the southwest which are going to be cultivated and are going to be more and more valuable to the University as time goes on. Raising money for a foreign university during this last year was an experimental job from the beginning and has only been as successful as it has on account of the energy of Dr. Stuart and his associates. Dr. Stuart is anxious that when a place on the Board of Trustees becomes vacant that the place be filled by one of the fine men that he met from the southwest.

Mrs. Warner and I are hoping that we can strike out through your country on a motor trip this summer and if we are fortunate enough to arrive in Denver we shall pay our respects.

Sincerely yours,

FWW:LJC

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March 29, 1924

Governor William L. Sweet  
Executive Chamber  
Denver, Colorado

Dear Governor Sweet:

Mr. Warner has sent me a copy of your correspondence of recent date, which I have read with very great care.

It is very generous of you to suggest that you would be glad to make it possible for Dr. Stuart to see Mr. Humphreys in case Mr. Humphreys is in Denver when Dr. Stuart will be there. Dr. Stuart sails from Seattle on May 8 and plans to arrive there about May 4. This would bring him in Denver some time between April 25 and May 1. Dr. Stuart will see a copy of this letter and will write you direct upon his return. He has already sailed from England and will arrive in New York about April 5 or 6.

It is very probable that some time this next year I will be in Denver and if so I shall take the privilege of calling on you. I was in New York for a few days the early part of March and Charlie Wood told me one afternoon that you and Mrs. Sweet were dining with him and Mrs. Wood that evening, and kindly invited me to become a member of the party. Unfortunately I had accepted a dinner engagement previously for that evening which I could not honorably back out of. I excused myself immediately following the dinner and hurried back to the Prince George but you and Mrs. Sweet had been compelled to leave early. I was very sorry to miss the pleasure of seeing you at that time.

You will probably remember me as having been at Washington Park Church just previous to Dr. Nuckolls. I have spent the last two years out-of-doors getting back the nerves which played out on me there. We opened up a little field of oil and I have now come back to work much more along the line of my desires.

It was a delight to all of us, who count ourselves among your admirers, that you were elected to the Governorship. That election certainly spelled a new day for Colorado politics, which day was so badly needed.

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Governor William B. Sweet

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March 29, 1924

I hope that when your job is done there, you can see your way clear to spend the balance of your life in the United States Senate. Because the Lord knows that most important body of our nation is in a pretty sorry way for personnel.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours

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Executive Secretary

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THE STATE OF COLORADO  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
DENVER

WILLIAM E. SWEET  
GOVERNOR

April 10, 1924.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

It was a great pleasure to receive your letter of March 29th and I thank you for your kind personal comments and good wishes. I shall be very glad to see you this year if you should come to Denver and I hope you will call upon me.

On receipt of your letter, I called Colonel Humphreys' office and was informed that it was very doubtful if he would be in Denver between April 25th and May 1st. He is now out of the state and his office secretary informed me that he would probably not return for several weeks. I shall also be away during this time.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm E Sweet".

Mr. James H. Lewis,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

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March 10, 1926

Gov. Wm. E. Sweet  
1075 Humboldt Street  
Denver, Colo.

My dear Gov. Sweet:

I am sending under separate cover our new bulletin of the University, showing some of the buildings just completed. I believe a careful reading - particularly of the first three pages - may give you a little clearer interpretation of present movements and tendencies in China.

We will not have the dedication of the new buildings and campus until either June or September 1927. However, the construction of our buildings will be completed so that we can occupy them during the late summer of this year.

The writings, speeches and personal influence of a few of our professors and students, in addition to the quiet leadership of Dr. Stuart, have been as productive of Christian and international friendship during these most turbulent twelve months as any other factor in the entire nation.

Do you happen to know A. A. Hollistone who lives at the Metropole Hotel. He is a wealthy oil man, has given us a hundred dollars and is friendly but we wish that he might give us a very substantial gift. I know that at one time he gave \$150,000 to a college in Persia.

With cordial personal regards,

Sincerely yours

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