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PEKING UNIVERSITY FINDS ARTESIAN WELL
ON ITS NEW SITE

Water is one of the greatest problems of China. In the dusty but otherwise perfectly beautiful city of Peking, among the first impressions that interest a stranger are those made by the water wagon and the street watering "machine." The former is a stingily oiled wheel barrow, heavily loaded with a wooden water tank on each side pushed by a stoic coolie apparently as oblivious of his surroundings as of the eight hour day enjoyed by his comrades in other quarters of the labor world. Unlike the other peddlers on the street who announce their wares at the top of their voice, he maintains a dignified silence because the squeaking of his wagon can well advertise his goods to the inmost compound behind the walls. The so-called street watering "machine" generally consists of a couple of wooden water buckets, the contents of which are slowly removed by a patient train of coolies with long handled wooden dippers which drip a pint at a time of the precious liquid into the heavy dust. We have these people and this machine to thank when we return home through the streets and find only a few ounces of dust about our ears and eyes.

The plutocrats and foreigners have of course plenty of water to use and to spare out of those marvellous pipes from the city reservoir. This water is so costly that very few dare to water their flowers, and once paid for it is under any circumstances not drinkable. The Chinese solve the problem of thirst by drinking boiling tea in which, of course, no bacteria can function; the foreigner who prefers a cold drink has to resort to distilled water or Western varieties from the bar.

For Peking University the water problem is even more acute. The site is so far removed from the city that the cost of piping is prohibitive, to say nothing of the cost of the water itself. Of course no university can subsist on the water wagons, nor can we ask our students in philosophy or poetry to endure the squeaks. Just when this problem was weighing heavily upon our Construction Engineer, the President and the Deans, an unexpected solution was suggested by the Department of Geology.

According to the formation of the land, the possibility of an artesian well on our site was discovered. A preliminary survey of the locality was at once made, and a careful forecast and recommendation were drawn up by the Department. Instructions were given for a well to be sunk at a spot chosen to meet the needs of our construction plans. A Chinese wooden drilling machine was installed which, typical of the frugality of Professor Gibb, the head of our Construction Bureau, entailed only a fraction of the cost involved in a Western outfit.

The well drillers were told to look for water between 110 and 130 feet below the ground. Down they went to 110 feet, then 120, 130--and still there was no water. They continued to a depth of 163 feet, when the effort was given up as a failure and a great disappointment, and the drillers withdrew their drilling tools.

Just about a month later the well began to gush out in an artesian fountain ~~many~~^{some} feet into the air. When it was measured, it was found that all the water came from a depth of 122 feet. Hurrah for our Department of Geology! There is now an insured supply of water, of pure drinking water, said to amount to 50,000 gallons per hour, with the prospect of doubling it at any time simply by dropping another well. May this symbolize the fountain of wisdom which is soon to be on this new site.'

Campaign Publicity Committee

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ANSWERED
By

Rose Hodge

La Mesa Cal.

Jan'y 5th 1925

sent copy to
Pearson

M^r

James H. Lewis

156 5th Ave.

My dear M^r Lewis.

I've been in the "Romance
of Wells" ever since I dug one for Miss Porter in
our compound in Peking - forty years ago.

We have a beautiful flowing well at Jung-
sien, and even at Jesien we don't have to
bring water two miles from the Grand Canal
in squeaking wheelbarrows. When I heard
of your water supply at the University I was
delighted. Seeing the plans for the build-
ings the pagoda water tower caught my eye

and I've been doting on it ever since.

It does not appear in the new plans. I felt as if I had lost a friend and wrote to my nephew Prof. Porter asking about it.

They must have the reservoir, but he tells me the additional cost - estimated at \$5000⁰⁰ gold - of the pagoda form induced them to give it up. If your trustees in this country think well of it I will give \$2500⁰⁰ gold toward securing such an unusual reminder of God's gift to your students in their water supply. - "The University Pagoda" would be a fitting illustration on paper and in speech

Very sincerely yours

James W. Porter

January 29, 1925

James W. Porter
Rose Hedge
La Mesa, California

Dear Mr. Porter:

I am exceedingly sorry that your delightful letter has waited so long a time for an answer. I have been on an extended trip and have returned just this morning.

Surely it has been your portion to help supply not only spiritual but pure physical water to China. Your generous offer to contribute \$2500 gold towards making the water tower along the lines of a pagoda is exceedingly welcome. The hesitancy of the Board of Trustees has been due to the fact of the extra cost of such a design - not that \$5,000 is an impossible sum but because of the fact that this year we are having a terrific struggle in carrying through the mechanical equipment program of the University for which very little provision has been made.

The first intimation which we had of any possible change from the strictly materialistic design was in a letter from President Stuart, written from Peking under date of September 23 in which he stated that "Lucius Porter brought the news that his uncle might aid very largely to transform the water tower into a pagoda." I felt, however, that this was a personal matter between you and Lucius and so did not feel at liberty to even raise the question here.

Yes, the University pagoda would be an exceedingly unique illustration for us to use in all of our literature and I am quite sure that I would like to see it on all of our letterheads. I cannot think of a single unit which could be made into a more suggestive memorial - "and he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out from the throne of God ----" - the capture of this pure Artesian water from underneath the impure strata contaminated

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by the centuries of Chinese living instinctively make one think of the verses in Revelation and the assurance that the purity of the spirit of God lies underneath, even the depths of Chinese life. If one cared to let one's mind run homiletically how easy it would be as you suggest to continue this illustration in speech.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours

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April 9, 1925

Miss Mary H. Porter
La Mesa
Calif.

Dear Miss Porter:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 29th which I found awaiting me on my arrival here from the Chicago Hospital. I have to report to the Hospital in three months, in the meantime following their treatment which is about as awkward and inconvenient as could be imagined for a man who has to travel, sometimes spending several nights a week in sleeping cars. It is possible that I really ought to stop, but the need in Peking is so very great and urgent and ever before my eyes that I have decided to go ahead at a much slower pace and with a good deal of care.

I think no one single item has given me greater joy in connection with our buildings than the word of Mr Porter's cooperation in building a water tower as a pagoda. I had great difficulty in persuading most of our group of the fitness of the pagoda style, as some of them feared that we would offend the Chinese. Four well known and trusted Chinese assured us without any hesitation that we need have no fear of that, so that when the question was raised that it would cost \$5000 Gold more than an ordinary type of water tower, the Committee felt that we must build the ordinary type.

It is possible that I misunderstood, but I was under the impression, until I got to America, that the whole amount was being given by your brother. Apparently, from the correspondence here, that is not so, and I sincerely hope that this will not cause them to change their decision in Peking. We have not found anyone to match the gift as yet, partly for the reason that we have had to address ourselves so strenuously to the effort of getting dining halls, of which we have not even one as yet. One dining hall will require the students to eat in relays, and two are really needed for the present student body.

Word is just at hand that they have decided to take the Tung Shion pagoda as a model and have sent out someone to make the proper drawings. As I said, I was greatly rejoiced that we are able to think in terms of a pagoda water tower, and hope indeed we may carry it out. There is no one single thing that will lend dignity and tone to the whole campus more than this item. It will tower up 135' and I hope we can manage eventually to

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have an elevator in it because it will be a place where people will want to go to view our campus and the country for miles.

The buildings are going up in a wonderful way far beyond what I had expected to see in China. It is certainly going to be a great creative contribution to the architecture, educationally and otherwise, of China.

I greatly enjoyed what you wrote me of Mrs McCann and Mrs Sheffield. It must have been a great time for you to have this reunion.

We have a meeting of our Board of Trustees today, and I am busy planning with Mr Lewis as to my schedule for the next few weeks. I imagine I shall be going here and there among the cities between here and Chicago. I still regret that I did not take my trip on the Pacific Coast in February.

You will, of course, share this letter with your brother to whom and to you I send my most cordial greetings.

With warm regards,

Ever most sincerely,

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La Mesa Cal^a

May 9th 1925

Mr. James H. Lewis -
Executive Dir^y of
Peking University
150 5th Ave
New York, N.Y.

Spine #2500

My dear Mr. Lewis -

Your letter of information, and the small, condensed, finely illustrated and very attractive "Peking University" reached me a week ago - But the latter gave me the pictorial information that the Pagoda water tower was to be a smoke stack for the Power Plant - and I have waited, and the conditional check has waited, for further information.

As a matter of choice and sentiment it seems to me a very undesirable change. I don't want to answer every time I am asked about it, in Aaron's excuse to Moses. "I threw in the gold and there came out this calf." If the work has progressed so far that no change of the site of the pagoda can now be made I withdraw

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My offer of \$2500⁰⁰ gold toward building
the Pagoda water tower: but will give you
that amount to expedite the completion of the
lighting and heating plant,

Or if it can still be done, and the Paga-
da water tower restored to what I supposed
it was to be I will secure, I will see to
the securing of the additional \$2500⁰⁰ upon
which my offer was conditioned.

I enclose exchange on New York to the order
of your Treasurer E. M. M^r Brier, and
wish you increasing success in your
great and arduous work,

Very sincerely yours

James W. Porter

Received	Pagoda Water Tower
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Pledge card	✓
Follow up card	✓
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May 20, 1926

Mr. James A. Porter
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Porter:

I am exceedingly grateful for your letter of the 10th, and your check for \$2,500.00. I am sorry that the little cut used in the picture in the pamphlet was the incorrect one. I had to have something in that picture to illustrate the point at which we are securing money and I simply had to use the one I had.

What we have been hoping to do is to match the \$2,500.00 you so generously suggested with the \$2,500.00 in order to make the water tower distinct in type from the other towers. The Executive Committee and Chinese artists have agreed that the tower should be a monument at a prominent place and should be made of after the Chinese style. I am enclosing a copy of the proposed plan.

Could you please underwrite your suggestion that you will secure or see to the securing of the additional \$2,500.00? If so, I should be grateful if you would wire me as soon as receipt of this letter, because we will then expect to start immediately the work of water tower, which they are anxious to erect at once. It would be known, if you have no objection, as the "Porter Pagoda" or called by any other name which you prefer. It would have with it all of the beauty and inspiration which we have hoped from such a housing of the water tower.

With deep personal appreciation and regard,

Very sincerely yours

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JAMES H LEWIS

EXECUTIVE SECY OF PEKING UNIVERSITY 150 5 AVE NEWYORK NY

I WILL UNDERWRITE THE ADDITIONAL TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED FOR PAGODA

JAMES W PORTER.

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La Mesa Cal^a

May 30th 1925

My dear Mr. Lewis

Dr. Lues, your most interesting as well as brave Vice President had been our guest overnight, when I took your letter from the Post Office. He was gone before I could show it to him, but he knew of it that same day.

I wired you in the afternoon underwriting the additional amount, and am glad that you could so easily and quickly untangle the snarl. Thanks for the beautiful picture of the pagoda. Dr. Lues wondered if it wouldn't be possible to have an elevator! Remembering what a painful mistake we made in not having one in our fair Fair tower here, —

It would have paid for itself over and over again, and have given our friends who can't

climb a long stone stairway a view
worthy of Grenada in Spain —

Is the matter ^{worthy} your looking into for me?

The alliterative name too would be interesting
in connection with my noble Great Heart
Henry D. Porter, missionary. My nephew Lucius
in a letter received yesterday writes

"The pagoda of the water of life" is the idea
we want to get into the name."

Very truly yours

James W. Porter

June 10, 1934.

Dear Mr. [Name],

In my letter of June 7, 1934, I mentioned that I was thinking of going to Europe for a few weeks. I am sorry that I cannot do so at present, but I hope to do so in the near future.

I have been thinking a great deal about the future of the country, and I believe that it is very important for us to have a strong and united government. I think that we should have a strong and efficient administration, and I believe that we should have a strong and united people.

I am very glad to hear that you are well, and I hope that you will continue to be so. I am sure that you will be able to do a great deal of good for the country, and I believe that you will be able to do it in a very efficient manner.

I am, dear sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
[Name]

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Rose Hedge

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July 6th 1925

My dear Mr. Lewis.

We are grateful for the late
and reassuring word from President Stuart.

Thank you for its prompt remittance,
and your notes on conditions -

I am glad to acknowledge them at once
because I can now make good my under-
writing: and to prevent any delay in the
work will send you the \$2500⁰⁰ (gold) for
the water tower whenever you like -

How is Mr. Luce, the brave? And did
he form any opinion as to the feasibility and
cost of an elevator for the tower?

your obliged friend

James W. Porter

Rose Hedge

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La Mesa Cal^a

Aug^t 5th 1925

My dear Mr. Lewis

I thank you very much for the good "Call", and am glad to find it again in the Congregation - it received today.

Since you do not mention it I infer that you did not receive my letter written three weeks ago or more - I asked how

Dr. Luce the Brave was
getting along; and said
that I was now ready to
advance the additional
\$2500⁰⁰ if needed to expedite
matters. In the
mean time Lucius writes
that friends of his are likely
to make up that.

Very sincerely yours

James W. Porter

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August 1, 1921.

Mr. J. M. Porter,
Post Office Box 100,
San Diego,
California.

Dear Mr. Porter:

I am greatly surprised to find that I have not yet received your letter of July 25th which your delightful letter of July 25th has arrived. I have been up in the hills and it has been a good amount of the correspondence, for which no one is to blame but me.

Very, very I only appreciate your generous offer to do good and ungrudgingly for the other half of the proceeds. If it is convenient for you to send the money, we shall be glad to receive it, as we are compelled to do some borrowing to carry on the construction work. The only thing that cannot all in the same way.

The Board of Directors of the company, I think, will be glad to do so. I hope to see you at the next meeting in the month of August, as in the interim.

The trustees voted the other day not to put an elevator in the tower. They felt that the cost was not only very high but that it would be very difficult to keep the right kind of insulation of the elevator against accident. You know how few elevators there are in Alaska. It is a very wise, therefore, to get people to get up to the top rather than provide an elevator which might get them.

Dr. Stuart Lewis in Vancouver from the University of British Columbia. He looks for about August 1st. I hope he can see you then.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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La Mesa Cal
Aug^r 14th

My dear Mr Lewis

In reply to your kind
letter of the 10th ins^r and
the information it contained
I am asking my representative
to forward to you the amount
under written -

President Stuart may be
with you tonight - It would
give us great pleasure to see
him on his way back.

Our telephone number
from San Diego - ten miles
west - is "La Mesa 8".

What prefix or affix should
I attach to your name in
addressing my letter?

I have to check my pen to
prevent its writing Reverend.

your obliged friend

James W. Porter

*Porter
James*

SHERMAN M. GOBLE
112 WEST ADAMS STREET
CHICAGO

August 19, 1925.

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

see letter of 8/15/25

Dear Mr. Lewis:

At the request of Mr. James ^{W.} Porter, I am sending to you a New York Draft for \$2500.00 payable to E.M. McBrier, Treasurer, which is to complete the Pagoda Water Tower of the University, about which he has probably written you.

As I have already made one payment towards that some little time ago, this as I understand from Mr. Porter makes the final payment.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt of same and oblige?

Yours very truly,

Sherman M. Goble

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Mr. James F. Porter

August 23, 1925

Mr. Sherman W. Coble
112 West Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Coble:

I am enclosing herewith receipt for \$2500.00 sent by you on behalf of Mr. James F. Porter. This completes Mr. Porter's very generous pledge in payment for the Pagoda Water Tower at Peking University. I am writing Mr. Porter by this mail but wish to make this acknowledgment to you.

President Stuart has just come back to America and reports that though conditions are upset, nevertheless they are not so critical as one might be led to expect from the newspaper reports. The University will open this fall with as large an enrollment as ever. We do hope, however, that the approaching tariff conference may clear up more questions than those relating to tariff revenues.

Cordially yours

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For Mr. Porter

SHERMAN M. GOBLE
112 WEST ADAMS STREET
CHICAGO

August 31, 1925.

James H. Lewis,
150-5ty Avenue,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Answering your favor of August 26th .
Permit me to call you attention to the error in your
letter and also the receipt which names the giver of the
\$2500.00 gift as Mr. James F. Porter. I wish you would
correct your records and see that it is Mr. James W.
Porter. I am enclosing receipt also for your correction.

Yours truly,

S.M. Goble

Enc.

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September 1, 1925

Mr. James W. Porter
La Mesa, California

Dear Mr. Porter:

Your representative, Mr. Goble, on August 19 forwarded to us the \$2500.00, completing the amount so generously underwritten by you for the Pagoda Water Tower.

Leighton Stuart has been jumping from one place to another in New England ever since his return. We expect him here in the office this morning though previous to this he gave us only a brief glimpse of himself. He is tired and I think he ought to have a rest. He will have to get that on the way back, I fear. He plans to return the end of September. He reports that Chinese affairs are quieting down somewhat but that there is the undercurrent of nationalism which proclaims an entirely new day in Chinese international life.

Through all these national vicissitudes the University gains in strength of moral and intellectual leadership and more than ever creates for itself the place in Chinese life to which its friends believe it entitled.

With warm regards,

Very sincerely yours

P. S. Just call me "Mister".

JAMES F. PORTER
112 WEST ADAMS STREET
CHICAGO

November 5, 1925.

Mr. James H. Lewis
150-Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I have been requested by
Lucius C. Porter to send my contribution of
\$1000.00 towards the building of a Pagoda
for the water tower of the Peking University
to you as Treasurer of the University.

My Mother, Mrs. Julia F. Porter
of #1077 Sheridan Road, Hubbard Woods, Illinois
is likewise contributing \$1000.00 which I am
also enclosing herewith. I will ask you to
acknowledge this directly to her.

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Yours very truly,

James F. Porter

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November 9, 1925

Mr. James F. Porter
112 West Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Porter:

It is very generous of you to send \$1,000.00 toward the construction of the Pagoda form for the Water Tower at Peking University. I am glad that you have such an excellent correspondent as Lucius to keep you informed on the situation over there. The cabled word we have is all to the good at the present time. My own judgment is that as soon as the excuses for foreign agitation are removed, as a result of the Tariff Conference, and the Extra-Territoriality Conference to be held next month is over,, the Chinese as a people will likely turn to their internal troubles and start settling them. This will put them on the high road to real national recovery.

In the meantime as you hear from Lucius you will know that the construction of the buildings is going right ahead and I think now there is no question but that the University will move to its new campus next summer.

I am writing to your mother, Mrs. Julia F. Porter.

Very sincerely yours

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November 9, 1925

Mrs. Julia F. Porter
1077 Sheridan Road
Hubbard Woods, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Porter:

Through the courtesy of your son, Mr. James F. Porter, we have just received your generous gift of \$1,000.00, to be used for the construction of the Pagoda form of Water Tower on the new campus of Peking University.

The construction of this tower in this unique form is a "Porter idea" and is certainly being carried out "in the Porter way". There is little doubt but what this Pagoda will be the most striking building feature on the campus. It will be situated on a little hill and as you know this in itself will make it very conspicuous because of the flatness of the Peking plain. It will be a fitting companion for the Jade Fountain Pagoda, a mile beyond on the edge of the Summer Palace grounds.

I hope that you are planning or will plan to go to the dedication of the buildings next fall. There will be quite a considerable party. We expect to leave here about the middle of August and plan for about three weeks in and around Peking. I am very sure that it would be a journey that you would long happily remember.

With warm appreciation,

Very sincerely yours

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October 27, 1926.

My dear Miss Porter:

Under another cover I am sending you the architect's new drawing of the pagoda and gymnasium; also, a little larger plan of the general scheme. The latter will be changed somewhat on the basis of the final restudy and plans now being made by Mr. Murphy, after his recent five weeks in Peking. The main changes are; the removal of the Athletic Field behind the hill to the extreme North East of our site. This will make the lake larger, as they were to fill in the place, where, on the earlier plan, the Athletic Field was to be.

Some time ago I suggested the Pagoda be called the Porter Pagoda, and I think they have followed this suggestion at Peking. The Pagoda is being built near the South East corner of the lake, and I have indicated by a little circle in ink its approximate position.

Ever sincerely yours,

Miss Mary H. Porter,
La Mesa,
California.

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Authorization of
Name "Pate Pagoda"

Hotel Churchill,
San Diego, Calif.,
January 20 1927

Dear Mr. Evans,

I attach a paragraph from a recent letter from Dr. Stuart. I had suggested that in view of Mr. James Porter's relation to the Pagoda that in English it be called The Porter Pagoda. Out in China where it will always be referred to by its Chinese name, they have really done that. "Po" is the family name of the Porter family in China. "Ya" is the nearest they can get to "Ja" which is the name generally used for James in China. Inasmuch as Dr. Stuart sees no objection to calling it The Porter Pagoda and as there are several good reasons for doing so, I think it might be well if the finance committee formally adopted that name and asked Mr. Murphy to use it in his plans.

As you know, Mr. Porter made the Pagoda form of the water tower possible and he is such a good friend of the University in every way and as his sister, Miss Mary Porter, (both living at La Mesa) founded the little girls' school which grew into the Venning Woman's College, it would seem to me to be entirely suitable in every way.

Very sincerely yours,



Rose Hedge ^{File under}
"Porter"

La Mesa Jan 27 1927

My dear Dr. Luce

I thank ^{you} for your letter
of the 21st inst. for the cutting,
for the pagoda characters, and
for your thoughtful memories -

Rose Hedge will always give
you and Mrs. ^{Luce} a warm welcome.

Po Ya Ja - Poyata is euphonic
easily pronounced, and I should
think that it would be quite
satisfactory -

you have I think this little
Pilgrim Place folder, but I'll put

in another to remind ^{you} of
Claremont, and what we are
trying to do for returning and
returned. I'm just putting up
a gateway into the grounds -
and hope to make both attractive.

Dr. Arthur H. Smith, or Uncle
Arthur as Lucius would say,
lives with his brother in law
Wm & Merritt - just across the
way from Pilgrim Place, at No
480 W. 6th St.

Your obliged friend

James W. Porter

Yenching University
New York

May 27 Post
all
April 9, 1930

Memo to Mr. Carside:

In a letter of April 4th from Chicago, Doctor Stuart requests that you cable immediately to Dr. Galt asking for the earliest practicable information on two points:

1. The cost of the pagoda, not including the water tower, in excess of the amount contributed by Mr. James Porter. *B. J. ...*
2. Estimated cost of iron cap for pagoda. *- this -*

Doctor Stuart wrote Doctor Galt in December, but does not think he has a copy of his letter. Mr. Porter's business manager thinks it may be possible to cover the two items indicated above from the estate but must have information quickly. *with me*

O.D.W.

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Same letter sent c/o Jas. W. Porter, La Mesa, Cal.

May 7, 1930

Mr. Sherman M. Goble,
105 West Adams Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Goble:

As Dr. Stuart was leaving New York City last week he requested that, if we received a reply from Yenching giving certain information asked for by Dr. Stuart, I pass this information on to you. The information requested by Dr. Stuart was the cost of the Pagoda features of the Water Tower on the Yenching Campus, exclusive of the cost of the Water Tower itself, beyond the amount already contributed by Mr. Porter, and also the estimated cost of the iron cap on the Water Tower Pagoda.

A few days after Dr. Stuart left we received a cablegram from Yenching reading as follows:

"DEFICIT ON PAGODA FEATURES OF WATER TOWER, L.C.\$14,500.
ESTIMATED COST OF IRON CAP FOR WATER TOWER PAGODA, L.C.\$300."

As you know, the rate of exchange on Peping local currency is very favorable at the present time. The gold equivalent of Mex\$14,500 at today's rate is slightly in excess of Gold\$5,000. However, the present rate of exchange is the most favorable we have ever had and we could not rely on its long continuance. I believe, however, that we could safely count on G\$5,250 as sufficient to cover this deficit of Mex\$14,500 now existing in the Pagoda construction account. The gold equivalent of L.C.\$300 estimated as necessary for the iron cap of the Pagoda is approximately G\$110.

I trust that this information will supply the facts, Dr. Stuart promised to give you. Please let me know if any added information is needed.

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 25. We have made the correction requested in the agreement relative to Mr. Porter's one hundred thousand annuity gift to the University.

I am sending copies of this letter to both Chicago and to La Mesa since I am not sure which address will reach you the more promptly.

Very sincerely yours,

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C O P Y

SHERMAN M. GOBLE
ESTATES MANAGED
105 West Adams Street
CHICAGO

May 15th. 1930.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue.,
New York, City.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

Your letter of May 7th. was forwarded to me here at Rose Hedge La Mesa California, Miss Porter's old home with her brother. As you know she died here. I have been here for some matters regarding her estate.

I am very much obliged for the information as to the necessary money needed to complete the pagoda. I can not definitely say now what I can do but I shall certainly have it on my heart to do all that I can. Lucius C. Porter is coming here in July and will see me in Chicago. I will discuss the matter with him then.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Sherman M.Goble

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May 26, 1930

To Promotional Office:

We attach hereto a check for \$250.00 from Sherman M. Goble, handed to us by Dr. Stuart.

Dr. Stuart tells us that Mr. Goble informed him that he hopes he may secure from Mr. Porter Gold \$5,250.00 to cover the deficit on the Water Tower, ^{and} cost of the iron cap for the Water Tower, as ~~directed~~ ^{discussed} in my letter to Mr. Goble dated May 7th. Evidently Mr. Goble did not clearly understand my letter, which indicates that Gold \$5,360.00 would probably be needed to cover these two items. However the further drop in silver makes it probable that G. \$ 5,250.00 will be sufficiently to cover both these items. Dr. Stuart thinks it not advisable to go back to Mr. Goble or Mr. Porter for the difference of \$110.00.

In addition to this \$250.00, Mr. Goble has suggested to Dr. Stuart that we obtain approval from the American Board for the use of \$5,000 of Porter funds now held by the American Board to apply on the Pagoda deficit. Dr. Stuart is taking up the matter with the American Board in the near future.

Will you please send Mr. Goble a receipt of this \$250.00 together with an appropriate letter with thanks.

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B. A. Garside

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Porter, Mr. James W.
La Mesa, Calif.

May 27, 1930

CU → see Bab's letter
of 5-26-30

\$250 toward the pagoda feature of the Water Tower - to apply
on a deficit of \$5,250.00

Bill received	5-27-30
Receipt slip #	2782
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " cert. list	✓
Serial No. on L. card	1002 ✓
Pledge signal attached	—
X-file cards	
Letter ack. sent	5-27-30
Checked for O. L.	
" " class card	M.L.
" " stencil	Renewal

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May 27, 1930

Dear Mr. Goble:

Mr. Garside has asked me to send you his thanks for the \$250.00 which you gave Dr. Stuart as a gift from Mr. James W. Porter toward the deficit on the pagoda feature of the water tower at Yenching. A numbered receipt for Mr. Porter is enclosed herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Sherman M. Goble
105 West Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois

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