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**Third Presbyterian Church**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.

CHURCH OFFICE AND MINISTERS' STUDIES  
IN THE PARISH HOUSE, 4 MEIGS STREET

MINISTERS

ANDREW GILLIES      WHITNEY M. TROUSDALE

Oct. 9, 1935.

Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Ave.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs,-

We are making a special effort in the Third Church to get more missionary information before a larger number of women than those who have been in the habit of attending the monthly meetings of the two missionary societies, making this a real educational campaign.

As the Third Church has been paying the salary of Dr. William H. Adolph, one of the professors of Yenching University, we are starting out with this University as our first topic of study.

To this end we have made a list of questions that we would be glad to have you answer if you can do so without too much trouble. These questions are enclosed on a separate sheet and if you could write in the answers on the same sheet it might be easier for you.

Perhaps you have leaflets, reports and so on that would give additional items of interest, especially in relation to Dr. Adolph's classes and his work in general. As he is in this country now we hope to have him come to us at some future date, and it will add to the general interest in his visit if we can circulate this information beforehand.

We would therefore appreciate it very much if we may have your answer to this letter within a few days. And will you send it, with the leaflets, direct to the chairman of the special committee-- address as below.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter,

Very sincerely yours,

(Miss) *Hattie L. Webber*  
29 Tracy St.  
Rochester, N. Y.

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INFORMATION IN RE YENCHING UNIVERSITY

When was this university founded?

Under what auspices?

Was it originally denomonational (what denomination) or interdenominational?

When was the name changed from Peking University?

Why was name changed?

Where is the university with relation to the city of Peiping?      On out-  
skirss or in main part of city?

What is the value of the plant?

How many buildings?

Size of campus?

What are some of the most important buildings?

Is the architecture Chinese or American?

Who designed the builldings?

How many on faculty?

What proportion of faculty are Christians?

How many alumni are there?

What is average number in graduating class?

What proportions in graduating classes are Christians?

What proportion of faculty are Chinese?

Is Dr. Stuart still President? If not who is?

How nearly self supporting is the University?

What is the average amount received from tuition fees?

What effect will the Wendell bequest have on Yenching?

What does the name "Yenching" mean?

October 11, 1935

Miss Hattie L. Webber  
29 Tracy Street  
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Miss Webber:

We are glad to learn from your letter of October 9th that you are making a special effort in the Third Church to get more missionary information before a larger number of women than those who have been in the habit of attending the monthly meetings of your two missionary societies. We will be happy to assist in any way we can in supplying the information you request.

I know that Dr. and Mrs. Adolph who are making their headquarters in New Haven this year, would be glad to visit Rochester at any date which might be found mutually convenient, in order to give you a first-hand description of what they are doing. Dr. Adolph is one of the most valuable members of the staff at Yenching, and in providing his support the Third Presbyterian Church is making a very significant contribution to Christian higher education in China. Dr. Adolph has a very attractive personality, is a good public speaker, and is excellent in meeting with smaller groups. Mrs. Adolph is also a very charming and talented person whom you would enjoy meeting.

Let me answer as briefly as I can the specific questions you ask:-

The original Peking University was founded by the Methodist Episcopal Board in 1870. In 1917 it became a union institution through a merger with the North China Union College at Tunchow. A little later the North China Union Women's College and the North China Union Theological Seminary were also added.

Since 1917 the Chinese name of the university has been "Yenching", the classical name for the city of Peking. Until 1927 the name "Peking" was retained in the English title, but at that time the name "Yenching" was made the official title in English as well as Chinese, thus giving uniformity and also avoiding a confusion with a government university known as "Peking University."

Yenching is located on a beautiful campus of ~~over~~ sixty acres about four miles northwest of the city of Peiping (formerly Peking). The value of the plant is approximately two and a half million dollars, American currency. There are eleven major academic buildings, about fifteen

student dormitories, several dozen residences, and a number of minor buildings. A pictorial map being mailed under separate cover shows the main buildings on the campus.

The buildings were for the most part designed by Mr. Henry K. Murphy, and are in the finest style of Chinese architecture. Yet at the same time they are substantially built and are well adapted to modern educational requirements.

There are 86 full-time teachers on the Yenching faculty, including 49 Chinese and 37 Western members. There are also 24 part-time teachers and six honorary lecturers. All Western members of staff are Christian. About 75% of the Chinese staff are members of the Christian church, and all the others are in fullest sympathy and accord with the Christian purpose and ideals of the institution.

Including only full-time teachers and administrators, the staff is about 57% Chinese and 43% Western. When part-time and honorary members are also added, the proportions are about 60% Chinese and 40% Western.

The enrollment at the opening of the present academic year in September was 868. The average number of graduates each year is around 120. Yenching admits students with no requirement as to religious affiliation, and relies on the thoroughly Christian atmosphere of the campus to exercise its influence on all members of the student body regardless of whence they come. About 28% of the entering classes of students are church members, but this proportion increases year by year until between 40% and 50% are church members at time of graduation. Of course even those students who have not actually become church members while in the University are profoundly influenced by the Christian atmosphere in which they have lived for four years.

The number of alumni who have completed their work at Yenching since it was re-organized in its present form in 1917 is about 1,400.

Dr. Stuart is still the President, and the recognized leader, of the University, although he has succeeded in bringing together at Yenching a remarkably capable group of Chinese educators who are carrying an increasingly large burden of leadership. We are hoping that Dr. Stuart will come to America this autumn for at least a brief visit.

The average amount received per student from tuition fees is about \$100, Chinese currency, per year. This is approximately \$40, U.S. currency. Dormitory fees are \$40, Chinese currency (about U.S. \$16); and the cost of board per year is about \$60, Chinese currency (U.S. \$32).

The amount received by the University from tuition and fees, and from other Chinese sources of income, is now about 30% of the total cost of operating the institution. This percentage is rising steadily, particularly as a result of the endowment funds now being built up in China through the alumni and other Chinese friends.

Miss Webber

Oct. 11, 1935

The Wendell bequest will have no appreciable effect on our Yenching finances. The income from this bequest (which will not be anywhere near as large as many reports have implied) is restricted under the conditions of the gift to the support of the Nanking Theological Seminary. While the Nanking Seminary has very generously laid out a program under which these funds will be used for as widely distributed a program of theological training as the terms of the bequest will permit, there is no way in which these funds could be made available for the work at Yenching except in certain restricted parts of the School of Religion. Even in the School of Religion these funds will have to be used chiefly or even wholly for certain extension courses, rather than to meet the regular budget requirements of the School.

I trust that this answers fairly well the specific questions you ask. If anything has been omitted or not made clear, please feel free to write again. Under separate cover I am sending you an assortment of Yenching publicity material which will give you much more detailed information concerning the University. The "Guidebook for Students" will provide general information about the University and its organization. The Bulletin of the College of Natural Science will show what work Dr. Adolph and his colleagues are doing. The three folders and bulletins sent you in quantity for distribution among the ladies in your missionary societies may help to give them a concrete idea of what the University is and what it is doing. If you need additional copies of this material, please let me know what and how many.

With all good wishes for the success of your plans, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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29 Tracy St., Rochester, N. Y.

Oct. 30, 1935.

Mr. B. A. Garside,  
Yenching University,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Garside,-

Pardon my delay in acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. and the package of literature relating to Yenching which followed.

I greatly appreciate your courtesy and trouble in answering so fully my many questions, and the leaflets when distributed at our meeting will help to fix some facts in the minds of our women.

When arrangements are made for the visit of Dr. and Mrs. Adolph to the Third Church I am sure that they will be listened to with a great deal more intelligence and interest than would otherwise have been the case.

Again thanking you for your prompt and thorough assistance, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Gattie L. Webber

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29 Tracy St., Rochester, N. Y.

Nov. 30, 1935.

Yenching University,  
New York City.

Dear Sirs,-

Some years ago, I think it was when you were raising the special fund for new buildings, you had a little card about the size of a postcard with a picture of the laughing lion and on the back the story of the tradition connected with it. If you still have any such cards on hand would you send me a dozen; or if you haven't the cards but have the picture and story in any other small leaflet or other form I would be glad to have them. Am enclosing ten cents which may cover cost.

With many thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

Hattie L. Webber

We enjoyed the visit  
of Dr. and Mrs. Kwei and  
the secretaries here  
last week.

December 4, 1955

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Miss Hattie L. Webber  
29 Tracy Street  
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Miss Webber:

I am enclosing herewith a few copies of the card showing the "Laughing Lion" at Yenching. It was very kind of you to enclose money to cover the postage on these cards.

I have just written Dr. Nixon that Dr. Stuart will be in Rochester January 26th and 27th. He is looking forward with much pleasure to seeing his Rochester friends again.

Sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

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April 2, 1936

Miss Hattie L. Webber ←  
29 Tracy Street  
Rochester, New York

Dear Miss Webber:

May I add a word to our formal receipt for your gift of twenty-five dollars for the work of Yenching University? We hope that this evidence of your appreciation of this work is to be the beginning of your personal participation in it which may continue for many years to come, although we have noted on our records your statement that this is a special gift and not to be repeated.

We have already expressed our gratitude to Mr. Angle, whose endorsement we have, no doubt carried weight with you.

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer

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Webster, E.S.

May 13, 1930

My dear Mr. Webster:

I hope I may be permitted to make a definite suggestion to you in the light of our recent conversation. I can well understand that the present unpleasant reports from China might cause you some uncertainty as to the stability of such an institution as Yenching University, even though those who are most intimately connected with the University have not the least misgiving in regard to this. In order, however, that you might feel free to act upon the impulse of your generous heart and help us at this time and yet be free from concern lest such a contribution be wasted, it occurs to me that you might feel disposed to contribute the salary of Professor William Hung for a period of five years with the definite understanding that you might discontinue making payments at any time if conditions in China seem to you to render such an action necessary.

There is nothing more important at the present time than to strengthen the work of just such an institution as Yenching. Nor is there any more influential personality connected with the University than Professor William Hung. The net cash salary of Professor Hung is \$1300 a year. An addition of \$500 a year will cover all other items in the budget of a professor in the University.

May I refer you for an estimate of Yenching University to Dean Chase of the Harvard Graduate School and to Dean Donham of the Harvard School of Business Administration? These gentlemen and a number of other members of the Harvard faculty are deeply interested in the University.

With assurances of my grateful appreciation for your interest, and hoping that you may feel it wise to make that interest effective at this time, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mr. E. S. Webster  
307 Hammond Street  
Chestnut Hill  
Boston, Mass.

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Executive Secretary

sent booklet & reading card

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C O P Y

August 23, 1933

Rev. Chester E. Jenney  
Presbyterian Church  
Lockport, N. Y.

My dear Chester:

I have not been forgetful of the ornament for Mr. Webster's desk, but have not found it easy to find something which met the various requirements. I am mailing you under separate cover an article which because of its intrinsic value and perhaps more because of the circumstances ought to be precisely what you had in mind. The parting of it involves genuine sacrifice and a beautiful devotion to the interest of the University.

You will remember meeting Philip Fugh. He comes from a long line of Manchu dukes, and his grandfather, who held the title until the revolution of 1911, took him when a six-year old boy to do homage to the Empress Dowager. Manchu nobility does not follow the principle of primogeniture, but the succession is passed on to the oldest person in each generation. Philip's uncle would have succeeded the grandfather, and Philip his uncle, had the old system not been ended by the new republican regime. On this visit the three of them went together. The old Empress seems to have been much pleased with the little boy and gave him with her own hands as a souvenir of the occasion an apple green jade container of the ink used for stamping with the Imperial seal. She also gave him the name Yung Ching which means eternally pure, and which has remained the name used by his family and most intimate friends. The word Ching is also the official name of the dynasty, so that the name implies the idea of being forever loyal to the Manchus. Furthermore, by a play on sounds, Ching also means pale green, which for this reason is the dynastic color and adds significance to this particular hue in the gift. Experts will point out that the quality of this piece is shown in the way in which the upper and lower parts are fitted together and the border of vermilion which was the color of the imperial signature. The "vermillion pen" was a constantly used equivalent for imperial edicts.

On my return here, among other efforts, I stated this problem to Philip and asked him to find something appropriate. He brought various things to me none of which seemed quite what was wanted, and at last brought this up and told me the story. I could see that he was doing this with great reluctance and also that his wife greatly disapproved what seemed to her almost a sacrilege. I told him it met exactly the requirements we had in mind, but that it was asking too much of him. He then said he would make another effort and had gotten hold of another article even more attractive to look at, but without the intimate personal history of this one. He was having a box especially made for it, when his little girl inadvertently pulled the box and the ornament off the shelf where they were and shattered it beyond recovery. After this little catastrophe Philip urged me to send you the jade piece, saying that if it really brought substantial benefit to Yenching he would be amply repaid. He said that he would be quite willing in any case. In fact

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(Edwin S. Webster, Boston)

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he had already thought of giving this to our University museum which is beginning to be built up, and raised the question whether Mr. Webster could be asked to provide that after his death this article should be returned to our museum. He does not make this condition, neither do ~~it~~ I, but in view of all the circumstances you might use your judgment as to whether it would be advisable to make this suggestion or not. I hope that you will feel that this serves your purpose, and we shall continue to cultivate Mr. Webster under your skilful handling.

Let us hear from you occasionally about the individuals in various places with whom you are especially keeping in touch. With all the anxieties about our finances it is a continual heartening thought to remind myself of your concern over these problems of ours, and your amazing capacity for reaching worthwhile people whom we could otherwise scarcely hope to touch.

My greetings to Mrs. Jenney and Ruth,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) J. Leighton Stuart

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
COR. CHURCH AND ONTARIO STREETS  
LOCKPORT, N. Y.

Sept. 19, 1933

Mr. Bayard Hedrick  
150 Firth Avenue  
Yenching University  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Hedrick:

Inclosed you will find a letter from Dr. Stuart that contains some interesting information. I hope you will read it carefully and advise me just how you want this presentation made to Mr. Webster. Would the Trustees of the University like to send a card with this presentation? Would they like to present it themselves, or shall we send it by mail, or do you want that I should present it? Kindly give me detailed information about this.

I might add by way of information that at the end of a long conversation with Mr. Webster that Dr. Stuart and myself had last spring, Dr. Stuart feeling Mr. Webster's unusual interest in the university said "I feel it would be fine if we could get some rare thing to give to Mr. Webster to be on his desk as a constant reminder of our appeal to him. I heartily endorsed this idea and Dr. Stuart has faithfully carried out the suggestion he, himself, made at that time.

This is rather important for I know that Mr. Webster has an unusual interest in the university and that he intends to make a gift of large proportions as soon as it is possible for him to do it. It might be that you would like to talk with Mr. McBrier and Mr. Garside about this thinking through the best possible method of presentation. Then if you will write me I will do as you say.

Kindly return Dr. Stuart's letter to me when you write me that I may make myself thoroughly familiar with it.

Sincerely

*Chester E. Jemney*

Chester E. Jemney

CEJ:DT  
Encl.

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I have made  
a copy of  
Dr. Stuart's  
letter of  
Aug. 23d*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
COR. CHURCH AND ONTARIO STREETS  
LOCKPORT, N. Y.

October 19, 1933

Mr. Bayard Hedrick  
Pierce and Hedrick  
500 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Hedrick:

The jade ink holder sent by Dr. Stuart of Yenching University to me and which is to be presented by me to Mr. Webster has arrived and is at the customs office in New York. I am writing today for its release and asking that it be forwarded to me. I judge from the letter accompanying the affidavit that the holder will be released without duty charged to it.

Try to find out how you would like to have this presentation made to Mr. Webster. Let me know at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Sincerely yours

*Chester E. Jenney*

CEJ:DT

Chester E. Jenney

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Edwin S. Webster

November 6, 1933

Dear Dr. Jenney:

I am giving you a belated answer to your several letters because this morning I have had the first opportunity to confer with Mr. McBrier and others concerning the question of your letter of September 19th.

We all agree in the judgment that the very best possible thing to do is for you to write a letter of presentation to Mr. Webster such as you deem to be most suitable, incorporating such facts as you care to include from Dr. Stuart's letter of August 23rd which is returned to you herewith. That you send this letter directly to Mr. Webster and send him at the same time the jade ink container by parcel post, forwarding to this office the item of cost of transportation.

We all appreciate the interest you have had in this matter and the trouble you have taken to clear it through.

Sincerely yours,

Bayard M. Hedrick

Dr. Chester E. Jenney  
50 Spruce Street  
Lockport, New York

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December 1, 1933

Dear Dr. Jenney:

We are wondering whether Mr. Edwin S. Webster has as yet made any acknowledgement of the jade ink holder. We are expecting to write to President Stuart to suggest that he write Mr. Webster and we feel that it would be advisable to have this point clear before we send Dr. Stuart the letter.

Today I am leaving for a few days in the middle west and would be pleased if I might have your reply upon my return.

I trust that all goes well with you and that things are beginning to pick up in the vicinity of Lockport.

Sincerely yours,

Bayard M. Hedrick

Dr. Chester E. Jenney  
50 Spruce Street  
Lockport, New York

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
COR. CHURCH AND ONTARIO STREETS  
LOCKPORT, N. Y.

*Edwin S. ...*  
*5-14-34 Report of*  
*CEJ; saw him*  
*presented the jade*  
*holder; reported the jade was*  
*pleased; CEJ thinks it*  
*he will get a gift &*  
*he will follow up.*

December 5, 1933

Mr. Bayard Hedrick  
Yenching University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, New York

My dear Mr. Hedrick:

Your letter came yesterday relative to the ceremonial jade I am to give to Mr. Webster of Boston. As yet I have not sent it. There are two reasons for the delay. One is that I have been sick for two weeks. I am around again but have not had time to get it off with the accompanying letter in which there must be some thought. The other reason is that I may be going to Boston some time after Christmas and if I should I would much prefer to make the presentation personally. It would go over much farther. I shall know within a very few days whether I shall make this trip and if I do go I shall wait and take the jade with me and present it to Mr. Webster at that time. If I do not I shall send it to him with a letter accompanying. I will send you both the copy of the letter I send him and any reply I may get from him.

Sincerely

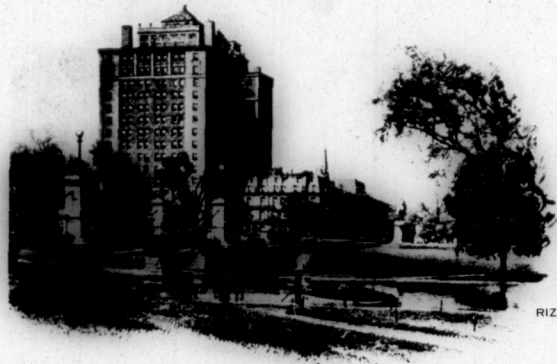
*Chester E. Jenney*

Chester E. Jenney

CEJ:DT

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# THE RITZ-CARLTON

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July 11, 1934.

Dr. Gee ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Gee:-

This is a brief report on Mr. Webster's situation. I was with him three hours yesterday and last night, and have just this minute left his office. He is making a thorough-going investigation of the Yenching University, and is interested right now to the extent of \$100,000. He asked me many questions relative to certain departments and what the money might best be used for. He will make up his mind shortly, and when he does he will communicate with me. He is quite confident that he will be able to reach a decision within the next three months. When he comes to a decision he will let me know, and I will work out with him his wishes in the matter.

This is very favorable and is the end of a long period of cultivation, and I am confident now, not only of the amount, but also of the probable time, sometime in September. The thing to do is just to wait until he reaches his decision. I will inform you what that decision is, and if you care to accompany me to Boston to see Mr. Webster in September, I will be most delighted to have you do so.

I am enclosing my expense account as per agreement.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles E. Jenney*

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January 14, 1936

My dear Miss Bowen:

As we look forward to President Stuart's further program in this country, we wish to include a brief return to Boston. Mr. Stuart will be very much disappointed if he is unable to see Mr. Webster, and I shall be glad if you will help us to the extent of suggesting periods when Mr. Webster is likely to be in Boston within the next two months. I have appreciated deeply your cordiality to our many enquiries in the past.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan  
Executive Director

Miss Bowen  
Secretary to Mr. Webster  
Stone and Webster  
49 Federal Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

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February 25, 1936

Mr. Edwin S. Webster  
c/o Stone and Webster  
49 Federal Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Webster:

Before starting back for China, I venture to write you a letter regarding the hope which our mutual friend, Dr. Jenney and I have had in relation to your interest in the work of Yenching University. His nervous breakdown has made it impossible for me even to consult him on this matter. I certainly do not wish to annoy you by presuming upon the acquaintance made possible through Dr. Jenney, still less have I in mind any immediate appeal for contributions. What I do greatly covet, however, from one with a past interest in China, who is regarded with high esteem, is that you allow us to keep you informed from time to time of the work that Yenching is undertaking, and the general developments in that country, as these would be of interest to her American friends. If at any time in the future, you felt yourself in a position to assist us in realizing our efforts to serve the people of China, we should welcome such assistance, not only because of the financial benefit, but because of the endorsement it would carry with it. I can, however, assure you that there is no such obligation implied in requesting that you permit your name to be included among those whom I think of as the friends in America of our University.

Dr. Jenney's illness has also made it impossible for me to ascertain whether he explained to you the circumstance which led to the piece of Chinese jade now in your possession. This was given by the Empress Dowager to one of our students, descended from a long line of Manchu dukes, when, as a six year old boy his grand-father took him to be presented to her. She gave him the name by which he is still known in his own family and this souvenir of the occasion. He, in his turn entrusted it to me for any use that would be of benefit to the University which he feels has done so much for him. Dr. Jenney did want you to have something that would be of, not only artistic value, but would also have a somewhat more personal significance, and I gladly sent this to him for the purpose. This account of its origin I feel will be of interest to you.

I shall be sailing from San Francisco, March 20th, and mail will always be forwarded to me through this office. Or, I can be reached at any time c/o Yenching University, Peiping, China.

In the hope that the somewhat casual personal acquaintance may be renewed on my subsequent visit to this country, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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*Copy to IAS.  
sent to IAS.*

**STONE & WEBSTER**  
INCORPORATED

NEW YORK

BOSTON

February 26, 1936

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart  
Yenching University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Stewart:

Your letter of February 25 has come while Mr. Webster is in the south for a few weeks.

I know he will appreciate your frankness in expressing your hopes regarding his interest in the work which you are doing in China.

I also want to take this opportunity to explain why you had no word from Mr. Webster in regard to the Chinese jade piece which Dr. Jenney presented to him with your compliments. Mr. Webster was pleased with it and thought it most attractive. Before acknowledging, however, he wished to have it taken to the Art Museum of which he is a Trustee, to get an idea of what its use might be and some report of its history so he could write intelligently in thanking you for your kindness. I deposited it in the safe until I had free time to go there, and am embarrassed to confess I forgot it completely. I assure you it will be brought forth upon Mr. Webster's return, and I know he will want to write you personally when he gets back.

Yours very truly,

*Maustance J. Bowen*

Secretary to Mr. Webster

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**STONE & WEBSTER**  
INCORPORATED

NEW YORK

BOSTON

January 4, 1937

Yenching University  
Peiping, China.

Dear Sirs:

Mr. Webster received the very attractive box of tea which you so kindly sent to him at Christmas time, and asks me to convey his thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Along with his appreciation, he directs me to extend his best wishes for a successful year.

Yours very truly,

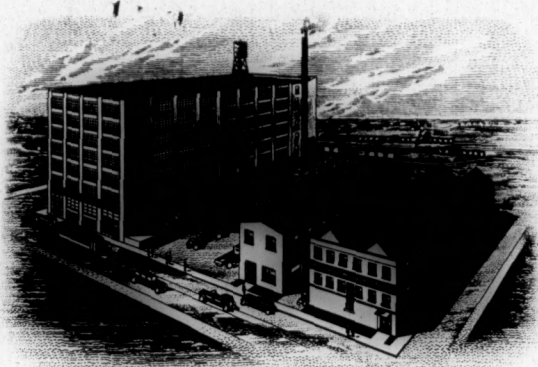
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Secretary to Mr. Webster

Webster, M. S.

(Miss A. Shannon)

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M. W. Sales.

*Wane Sept 6*

Pekin University,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Miss Webster asking if we had donated to the Pekin University.

Owing to the fact that I have made so many contributions this year I made up my mind not to do anything toward this project. One of the reasons is that we are contemplating building a church in my vicinity and I have had to give a very large subscription.

However, Miss Webster advises that she is thinking of going to China in connection with this project providing she can arrange for expense money, so I am pleased to enclose you a check for \$75.00 to help her along this line.

Regretting very much my inability to send more,  
I remain,

Yours very truly,

*M. W. Sales*

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May 14, 1923.

Mr. Murray W. Sales,  
Third & Baltimore Avenues,  
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Sales:

We have received today your check for \$75.00 toward the expenses of Miss Webster's trip to Peking. We appreciate very much your contribution for this purpose, and sincerely hope that you will bear Peking University in mind in the future, and perhaps be able to assist us when your present obligations are cleared off.

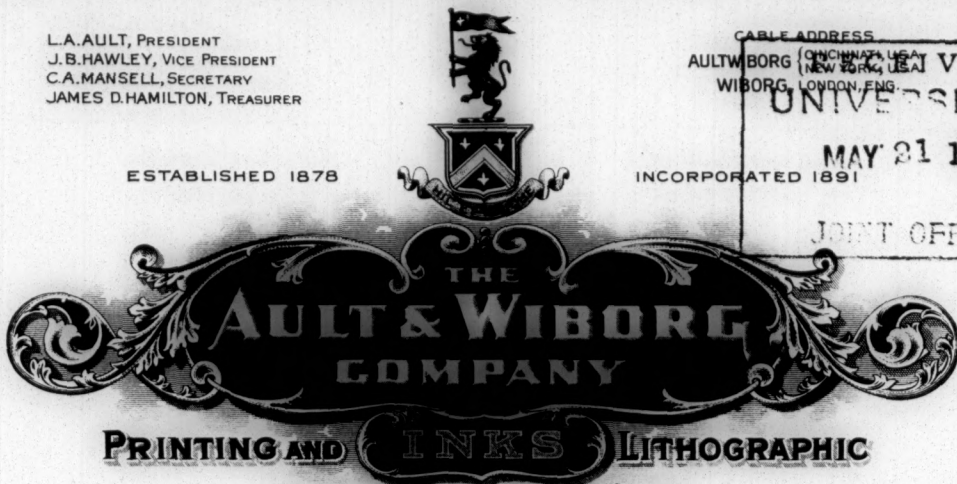
Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer,  
Peking University.

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CINCINNATI May 18th, 1923.

Mr. L. B. Moss,  
(Peking University, Inc.,)  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Miss M. Shannon Webster, who was in Cincinnati sometime last month with a view of making an effort to raise funds for the Peking University, informed me that she expected to go out there as a teacher. I told her that I would contribute \$750.00 towards her expenses. She spoke of a three-year term, but I told her I would as soon make the whole payment of \$750.00 as a single payment.

After a week's absence, returning here this noon, I have a line from her that you handle the funds and you are anxious to have all the cash possible so that you may definitely make arrangements, etc. All this is strictly in order, but I would like to hear from you definitely on this matter before taking further action. Will you, therefore, advise me, on receipt of this?

Yours truly,

LAA:L

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CINCINNATI, O., May 18th, 1923. ws.

Mr. L. B. Moss, Treasurer,  
Peking University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I inclose my check for \$250.00., which is contribution  
I was to make toward the expenses of Miss Webster in going  
to Peking University this Fall to teach. I understand she  
is sailing in September.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. A. Worcester".

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May 23, 1923.

Mr. E. A. Ault,  
P. O. Drawer 880,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Ault:

I am very glad to reply to your letter of May 18th regarding funds for Miss M. Shannon Webster and her trip to Peking University as a teacher. President Stuart has an understanding with Miss Webster that if she is able to raise the money for her support for three years he would like very much to have her go out to the University as a teacher. We appreciate very much your generosity and kindly spirit in being willing to contribute to this work, and assure you that Miss Webster's request to you was in good order, and we will be glad to accept whatever payment you feel disposed to make at any time you can send it.

Very sincerely yours,

Asst. Treasurer, Peking University.

May 23, 1923.

Mr. H. A. Worcester,  
709 Union Central Building,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Worcester:

This will acknowledge with very real gratitude the receipt of your check for \$250.00 as a contribution toward the expenses of Miss Webster in going to Peking University this fall to teach. Your kindness in this direction is very greatly appreciated by the University, and I am sure will be the means of a great deal of good.

Very sincerely yours,

Asst. Treasurer, Peking University.

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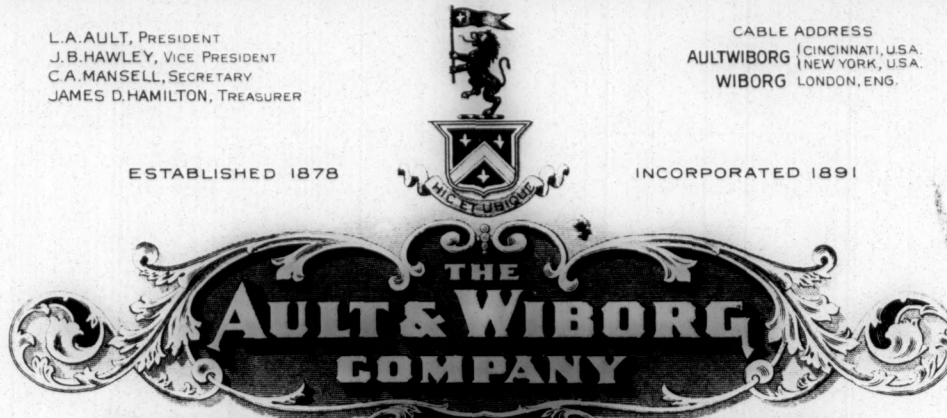
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CINCINNATI May 31st, 1923.

Peking University,  
Attention: Mr. Leslie B. Moss,  
Executive Secretary and Assistant Treasurer,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Pardon my tardiness in acknowledging yours of the 23rd inst. Miss Webster, when here -- as I recall -- stated that if I should contribute \$750.00 for her especial benefit to your University, she would surely be sent to Peking, this amount covering \$250.00 per annum for the space of three years.

If, now, I send a check, payable to Peking University, for her especial benefit, is there a certainty that she will be sent? Kindly advise me promptly on receipt of this, as I want to close the matter out now in one payment, and will also have a small contribution to make at the same time for the benefit of Peking University.

I understand that this latter check, while sent to you, should be drawn to the order of the Bankers Trust Co., New York. Am I correct in this?

Yours truly,

IAA:L

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June 6, 1923.

Mr. I. A. Ault,  
P. O. Drawer #880,  
Cincinnati Ohio.

My dear Mr. Ault:

Your letter of May 31st came to me several days ago. There has entered into the situation a complicating factor which should be explained to you. A few days ago Miss Webster's father committed suicide, and it has occasioned of course a considerable upset in their family affairs, so that Miss Webster feels it would be impossible for her to go to China during this next year. Her mother is still not in a condition to consider plans for the future, but Miss Webster ardently hopes that by a year from this fall it will be possible for her to take her mother with her and go to Peking. If by September it proves that this plan can be followed out, we are expecting to send Miss Webster when she can go to take up the work. Under the circumstances you may prefer to withhold your check for \$750.00 until the matter can be satisfactorily cleared up. This is one of the distressing occurrences that sometimes happen, and I am afraid it will be necessary for us to wait a little time until we can be sure that Miss Webster can go.

We appreciate very much your kindness in this matter, and wish to thank you also for the contribution which you hope to make to Peking University, and assure you that the satisfactory way of drawing this check is to the order of the Bankers Trust Company of New York.

Faithfully yours,

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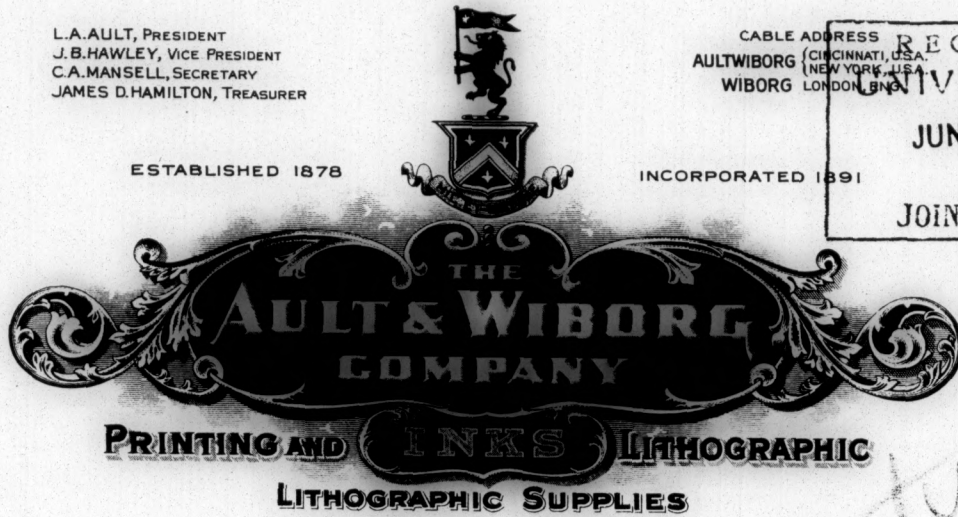
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CINCINNATI June 9th, 1923.

Peking University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Attention: Mr. Leslie B. Moss, Executive Secretary.

Dear Sir:

I regret very much to learn, through yours of the 6th inst., just to hand, of the very dreadful misfortune that has befallen Miss Webster in the loss of her father.

Before taking any further action, I will await further advices.

Yours very truly,

LAA:L

*L.A. Ault*

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Miss M. S. Webster of the Peking University Campaign Staff is making a preliminary examination of conditions in your city with reference to a possible campaign by Peking University for much needed funds. The board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church regards Peking University as one of the most important of the Union Universities which it is supporting on the foreign field and endorses fully its campaign.

I should much appreciate any information you may be able to help Miss Webster secure.

Cordially yours,

MLJ  
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Mr. L. B. Moss,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Moss:

I told Dr. Stuart that I would write the men who had pledged money toward my salary in Peking, asking if they would be willing to have this money go toward the general fund, since I am unable to go to China.

I am about to write them but I should like to have word from you as to the actual money you have toward this fund, and what you have in pledges.

As I remember the only money actually sent in was \$75.00 from - Mr. Murray W. Sales, Murray W. Sales Company, Detroit, and other promises I had were as follows:-

Mr. H. A. Worcester, Big Four Railroad, Cincinnati, Ohio.	\$250.00
Mr. L. A. Ault, Ault & Wilborg Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.	\$250.00 annually for three years.
Mr. William R. Farrand, 604 Marquette Building, Detroit, Michigan.	\$ 50.00 annually for three years.
Mrs. Eben E. Olcott, 322 West 75th Street, New York City.	\$300.00

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TO;  
Mr.L.B.Moss.

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June 4, 1924.

Mrs. Olcott is my cousin and she promised Dr. Stuart this gift mainly, I think on my account, but I will go to see her and see if she will give some of that amount to the University.

If you can let me have an answer at this address at your earliest convenience, I shall appreciate it very much.

Very sincerely yours,

*W. Shannon Webster.*

MSW:S

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June 7, 1924.

Miss W. Channon Webster,  
c/o The Drexel Campaign,  
529 Drexel Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Webster:

Upon receipt of your letter of June 4th, I looked up the money which had been received for your expenses to China.

I found that we had \$75 from Mr. Sales and \$250 from Mr. H. W. Worcester. Up to date, these are the only amounts which have come in, making a total of \$325.

I hope that you will be able to carry out your suggestion and get the donors to agree to allow the University to have the money which they have given and which has been pledged.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer,  
Peking University.

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My dear Mr. Moss:

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If I do not hear from Mr. Ault and Mr. Farrand by September, do you not think you might send them each a letter to jog their memory. The only form of pledge I had from them was verbal, and it is possible they may have forgotten it.

I prefer to call on Mrs. Olcott to explain things, as she had her heart set on my going to China. She may not care to give with the personal reason removed.

Very sincerely yours,

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Peking University,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
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My dear Mr. Farrand:

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I hope that no other campaigner has bothered you as much as I did when I was there last Spring! But it was worth it for your advice and help.

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June 11, 1924.

Miss Helen Webster,  
c/o The Inland Campaign,  
610 Broad Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Webster:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of June 10th together with copies of letters to Messrs. Worcester, Sales, Sult, and Ferrand.

If we do not hear to the contrary, from Mr. Worcester and Mr. Sales, we shall assume that we may keep the money for the general purposes of the Campaign.

I shall turn the information regarding Mr. Sult and Mr. Ferrand over to the Campaign Office, and Mr. Lewis will no doubt wish to write to them in September, as you suggest, if we have not heard from them previously.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer,  
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