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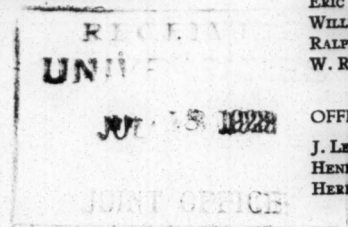
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Mr. C. B. Morse
 150 Fifth Avenue
 New York City.

My dear Mr. Morse:-

After six months time with the Bashford Memorial, I now make a summary report of the entire situation as it appears to me.

Situation.

1. Ohio is the best state in which to promote the Bashford Memorial. Peking University with the Bashford Memorial has been presented in every important city there with the exception of Cincinnati. Presentations have been made for our cause at the Area Meeting, Ohio Wesleyan chapel, Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Banquet, ministerial bodies, Rotaries, churches, commercial clubs, luncheons, and parlor meetings.
2. The actual territory that has been covered fairly well is central Ohio and north-east Ohio. The ground that remains to be covered is north-west, west, and south Ohio.
3. Our main object in Ohio has been to secure from churches their excess payments to the Centenary this year over the amounts paid last year. The Bashford Memorial has been used as a leverage to stimulate payments.
4. The three conferences of Ohio meet as follows. West Ohio meet at Marion on August 29th, North-East Ohio at Lakewood on September 11th, and Ohio at Columbus on September 19th. Therefore the uncovered territory should be visited before these conferences are held as at these conferences the ministers will know their excesses.

Proposal for purchase of a car.

Reasons.

1. Ohio has received the most cultivation.
2. Unvisited territories must be made before

conference.

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3. With present transportation, it is impossible to cover the desired ground before conference.

4. The expense for the upkeep of the car and general expense should be less than the usual expense accounts as with a car hotels of small towns could be used and unnecessary retracting of ground can be avoided.

Plans with car.

1. Visit Chautauqua, New York, from July 15-July 20th.
2. Visit Lakeside, Ohio, from July 22-August 5th.
3. Visit Lancaster Camp Ground, Ohio, from August 5-12.
4. Visit Springfield Camp Ground, Ohio, from August 12-17.
5. The balance of the time will be spent in the territories of the three conferences giving ten days to each section before the meeting of its conference.
6. Follow-up work will be made.

Action so far.

1. Mr. Strong has approved ~~of~~ the proposal for action.
2. Miss Gray of Tamblin & Brown has given her sanction.

Conclusion.

It seems unthinkable that the territory of Ohio should not be covered before the meeting of the conferences. With a car more territory can be covered than otherwise. The approval of this proposal will burden the man in the field the necessity to secure tangible results the best he can.

Most sincerely yours

December 5, 1923.

Mr. K. A. Wee,
Fort Cumberland Hotel,
Cumberland, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Wee:

Mr. Tamblin informs us that beginning today, December 5th, you are no longer on the pay roll of Tamblin & Brown, and that in future your expense account should be rendered directly to this office. I do not know what your arrangement with Tamblin & Brown has been with regard to securing your money each week. Do you wish us to deposit this in a checking account in New York City, or shall we forward your expense checks to your address? Please keep us posted with your addresses so that we can reach you, and also tell us how often you wish your salary paid. I understand that you are being paid \$50.00 per week on salary, which is in addition to any expense items that you may render on your expense account.

I hope you are having the best kind of success, and we shall be glad to do anything we can to assist your progress.

Cordially yours,

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Mr. Leslie B. Moss
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

My dear Mr. Moss:

Thank you for your kind letter. To avoid complications I shall send you my last week's expense account. Would you please then settle with Tamblin & Brown what part of it they should pay.

It is customary that I render my expense account every Saturday for the week. But I shall be glad to do it on any other day if it will help accounts at your office.

On my wanderings it is better for me to use your firm's check than my own. It is satisfactory to me if you pay my salary twice a month. May I trouble you again to find from Tamblin & Brown to what date my salary has been paid. Then if you will send the weekly expense checks and the salary checks to Peking office, they will be forwarded to me.

When I return I shall tell you my whole plans. I must be on duty until Christmas Eve. I shall see you the day before or the day after Christmas.

Last Sunday I left New York. Since then I have visited York, Gettysburg, Chambersburg, Waynesboro, Hagerstown, Frederick, Martinsburg, Cumberland, Bedford, Hallidaysburg, Frostburg, Altoona, and Tyrone. From all these places except Frostburg we have secured support from the Methodist Churches.

Words are worthless. Let us work with the hope that the result will vindicate our action.

Most cordially yours

P.S. My salary has been
sent to Dec. 5.
W.C.

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July 20, 1924.

Mr. K.
The Lennox Hotel,
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Mr.

I understand that you made a fine speech on behalf of the
Bathford Memorial the other day, and I am glad to congratulate you on
speaking before so notable a body as the Methodist General Conference.

I have not forwarded your salary or expense checks recently
but have been holding them against the purchase of your automobile,
on which I understood you were going to make a payment before you left
for Springfield.

I wonder why it would not be a good idea for you to get some-
one in Springfield to buy the car and then this money could be used
toward purchasing a car in China for the use of the University, when
it seemed advisable.

With cordial best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary,
Peking University.

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July 8, 1924.

Dr. K.
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr.

We have just received a cablegram from Dr. Stuart which reads as follows:

"K. GO DIRECTLY TO PEKING".

We interpret this to mean that Dr. Stuart's judgment is that it would be best for you to go to Peking across the Pacific, and not attempt to go to the Strait Settlements. We should also interpret it to mean that you should plan to leave for Peking at an early date, and would suggest that you make arrangements for your sailing by the very early part of August.

With these definite instructions in hand, I think that Dr. Stuart evidently expects you to come to Peking at once, and I feel that you should make arrangements to go out there at the earliest practicable opportunity. With these considerations in mind, we shall not be able to pay you any salary in this country after the end of July, and your field salary will be arranged by the resident Stuart in Peking.

We shall, of course, expect to pay for your travelling accommodations to Peking, as we do for all the others who go out. I imagine that you would rather attend to securing these for yourself, and so shall leave them to you to fix up with Dr. Hasemeyer.

Cordially yours,

Assistant Secretary,
Peking University.

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Box 70
Teachers College
Columbia University
New York

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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K. A. Wee
September 20, 1927

President J. Leighton Stuart,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear President Stuart:

I am very glad to have your letter regard-
ing Mr. K. A. Wee.

In my course in "Principles" this past summer
I found him a very thoughtful and earnest student. He
should do very good work here because he is not handicap-
ped as so many Chinese students are with English.

I am glad to have this picture of his back-
ground so that I can advise him more intelligently.

Very sincerely yours,

Jesse Feiring Williams
Jesse Feiring Williams

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K. A. Wee

January 30, 1928.

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Dear President Tsao:

I am writing to request a renewal of the partial scholarship for Mr. K. A. Wee for the year 1928-29. You have been very generous in showing consideration to your neighbor and I hesitate to impose further. Mr. Wee is, however, doing very well here but needs further study to act as a director in physical education. It may be that there would be an advantage to China generally in having a man who had taken an advanced degree on this subject. As my own movements are uncertain, will you kindly send your reply to him at International House, 500 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y.?

Sincerely yours,

President Y. S. Tsao,
Tsing Hua College,
Tsing Hua Yuan,
Peking, China.

JIS:O

Copy sent to Mr. K. A. Wee, International House, NYCity

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(Copy)

105 Willis ave.,
Columbia, Missouri,
February 3, 1928.

Dear K.A.:-

One of the principal annual events at Missouri U. staged by the Student Religious Council is "World Friendship Week." This year it is from March 1 to 4. The S.R.C. is unique among the campus religious organizations in America in that it federates all Catholic, Jewish and Protestant activities among the students.

They desire each year to have some foreign student from outside Missouri with a record suitable to good publicity and able to speak effectively. I am told and persuaded, as are they after hearing about you, that you are the very person they want. This is specially true since they plan, soon after the week, to launch a campaign for student support of our work in journalism.

When the Hsiao Chang talked with Mr. Morgan, he expressed a desire to talk the matter of your support over with you in person before long. He could do this, I suppose when he comes to N.Y.C., but he also said that it was very desirable for you to meet and talk with several leaders in Kansas whom he would depend upon for help in getting your support. My own experience in the slowness of the Kansas City folks and here also convinces me that you can't get the ball to rolling any too soon.

Consequently I hope you will consider coming out this way the first week in March for a joint visit. The program here is flexible enough that we could fit you in well any of the days. The principal event of Friday, the 2nd is a publicreception of the International Club, of Saturday a banquet and of Sunday a joint young people's meeting in the university auditorium. They prefer to have you share the speaking part of the banquet program Saturday night the 3rd with Dean Walter Williams of the Sch. of Jour. I hope you can come. If you need some time to decide, please wire me your decision. The invitation is extended by the S.R.C. on the assumption that the University (Yenching) will meet the expenses of your trip.

Wash

February 4, 1928.

My dear Sir:

I am writing to request a fellowship or scholarship for Mr. K. S. Lee who is now working for a Doctor's degree in Physical Education at Columbia University. Mr. Lee is of Chinese parentage. He was graduated with credit at Ohio Wesleyan University where he also had the unique distinction of being elected captain of the University base ball team, the only instance, so far as I know, where a Chinese had such an experience. After taking his Master's degree at Ohio Wesleyan University, he joined our staff and promoted the athletic achievements of our students with splendid enthusiasm and good judgment. In the incipient stage of physical training and competitive games in China, Mr. Lee had the opportunity to exercise various qualities not required of one in a similar position where athletics are more highly developed. On his return to our University, he will be much better prepared to undertake training promising students for doing similar work in other schools as part of his general task. If at all possible to grant a fellowship or a scholarship to him, I can recommend him without reserve as unusually capable, hard-working, and of the highest personal character.

Very sincerely yours,

Director
International Institute
Teachers College
120th street
New York City

JLS:O

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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
500 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK

Feb. 17, 1928.

My dear Dr. Stuart,

Again I am requesting for some of your time. I presume that you know that Dr. Hawking Yen is now president of Tsing Hua College. I wonder if you should not write him regarding the scholarship which I now hold and request for its extension for 1928-1929. It might be important to mention that no application has been made from America and that the scholarship was granted from China.

Most cordially yours

P.S. It occurred to me more strongly lately that there should be a good possibility of the Y M C A sending Willard Massey to us for Physical Education work. A good department with some permanency should be established somewhere and why not Yenching. And the Y should be in on it. In your visitations, I wonder if you could not sound out this idea, if you think it worth attempting.



February 21, 1928

"INTERNATIONAL HOUSE."

One of the interesting places I visited recently in New York City was "International House." It is situated on Riverside Drive, a few hundred yards from Grant's tomb on a hill overlooking the Hudson River, a location both historic and picturesque. It is the temporary home of several hundred students from foreign lands who are taking college work at Columbia University. There are about 500 of these young people living in the well-arranged and comfortable apartments, getting the inspiration of American education and acquainting themselves with American ways.

I sat in a big leather chair in the large lobby waiting for my friend, Mr. Wee, and scanning with interest the passing groups of reds and yellows and browns and varying shades of whites—Students born far from the American continent but here in New York chatting and laughing as they discussed the problems of school, the prospects in athletics, or the rigors of examinations which had just been finished. There was almost a shock to me in the evident fact that the color of the skin had very little connection with the character, the temperament and the actions of youth. There were students from China and Japan, from Malaysia, from India and some from those parts of Asia concerning which we know but little. There were students from Europe, from South America and from the far-off islands of the seas. But except for an occasional slant of the eye, a prominent cheek bone or the color which had crept into the skin, they might well have been a bunch of Kansas young folks on Mt. Oread or on the Hill at Manhattan.

That is the reason for International House. These foreign students come to study in the college classes. If left to the average boarding house or homes open to aliens, they would have gotten the wrong idea of American ideals and would have given Americans a wrong idea of their own. A wise provision of International House is that at least one-fourth of the inhabitants shall be Americans. In that way a better understanding is reached by the folks from distant climes and also by our own.

About twenty-five percent are young women, just enough to round out the social life at International

House and give to all comers an education into the thoughts and ways and ambitions and hopes which animate the various peoples of the earth.

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A very representative citizen of International House was my friend, Mr. Koh Ann Wee. He is a Chinese, born in Singapore. His father, a wealthy Chinese merchant, sent him to America under the care of a Methodist bishop. He graduated at Ohio Wesleyan University where he also received his master's degree. During the World War he served with the A. E. F. Since that time he has traveled much, but for the last few years has been in charge of the department of physical education at the University of Peking. Now he is at Columbia studying for the degree of doctor of philosophy.

Just think of the many currents of racial and environmental forces which have met to form the character of Mr. Wee! And now with all the ardor of an American college boy, he is preparing himself for the work which he considers most important, that of taking the American idea of physical education to a Chinese university, and through its students sending out to the ancient people the modern ideas of football and basketball, team work, fair play and sportsmanship. Just think of the great influence his life may have upon the lives of countless Chinese in the next generations, and perhaps on the future history of China.

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International House is one of the creations of the Rockefeller Foundation. As all of us have contributed in some way to the financial structure known as Rockefeller, we may be properly glad that the profit made from our business is being so wisely used. I should say that no single instrument is so helpful in bringing about the understanding necessary to friendship and peace as is this provision made for a companionate student life for the world's representatives. Certainly when these young people return to their native lands they will have a better and more friendly knowledge of America, and certainly the Americans who are thus thrown into close association with the others every day will gain a knowledge of the motives which animate other people in a manner far superior to that which it may be learned from books of travel or statistics. The mutual acquaint-

ance is made, the tone of life when impressions are easy and clear. They will stick in spite of conflicting national ambitions and prejudices.

Nearly all these students are graduates from colleges in their own country or from American colleges, and are at Columbia for post-graduate work, largely in preparation for the teaching profession in their native lands.

There are many interesting spots in New York City. There is the Stock Exchange and Greenwich Village, Central Park and the steamship docks, and other scenes attractive to visitors. But as I sat in the International House talking to my friend, Mr. Wee, and observing the activity of mind and body which marked all the nations and none in particular, I was impressed with the importance of International House.

W. Y. MORGAN.

K. A. Lee

March 1, 1928.

Dear Dr. Sze:

I am writing to ask if you would be willing to recommend for a fellowship in Columbia University Mr. K. A. Lee who is working for his Ph.D. in Physical Education in order to fit himself for taking charge of this department in our University.

Mr. Lee has made an excellent record in this country in his studies and is also a fine athlete. The authorities at Columbia only award fellowships to Chinese students upon the recommendation of a representative of the Chinese government. In this case, I think it is more as to the standing of the university concerned than to the individual. A statement from you that Yenching is registered under the Ministry of Education in Peking and is recognized by the government as having an established place in China's life and that therefore the granting of a fellowship to Mr. Lee would be appreciated, would I think accomplish the purpose. If you feel yourself able to make such a statement, not only would Mr. Lee be grateful but I also should very much appreciate it. The statement should be addressed to The International Institute of Teachers College but should be sent to Mr. K. A. Lee, International House, 500 Riverside Drive, New York City.

I was sorry to miss you when last in Washington. If I have any occasion to be in the city, I shall certainly endeavor to see you.

With cordial regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Alfred Sze,
China Legation,
Washington, D. C.

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CHINESE LEGATION
WASHINGTON

March 17, 1928

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Stuart:

With reference to the case of Mr. Wee applying for a fellowship at the Teachers College, I have not failed to take up the matter with an authority in that College. I append hereunder his reply.

"I have your note of the 12th with reference to scholarships and fellowships for Chinese students. Columbia university has a certain number of scholarships for foreign students among them, I believe, some designated for the Chinese. These are under the control of a committee on scholarships of the University, of which I have not been a member for some years.

"In the International Institute of Teachers College, we also have a number of scholarships and a more limited number of fellowships. The fellowships are ten or twelve in number to be assigned each year to various countries. We have given one this year to Mr. Y. K. Chu. We have fourteen or fifteen scholarships, namely, \$300 a year. Of these fifteen we have assigned three or four to Chinese. It is quite impossible to grant all of the requests for there are more requests from the Chinese students than we have scholarships all told. All of the applicants are deserving and I wish it were possible for us to help them all. Since it is quite impossible, we make the best choice we can.

"The Committee on Scholarships sat yesterday and we selected the nominees for next year. Among these I am sorry to say Mr. Wee has not a place. It seems impossible to make a selection on the basis of the worthiness of the various applicants except as to their record and the probability of their getting an advanced degree. The selections have been made in this way and I fear there is not much prospect for anything more for this coming year."

Yours sincerely

§ .K. Alfred Sze

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CHINESE EDUCATIONAL MISSION

2300 19TH STREET NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PEKING

July 24, 1928.

Dear Friend:

We take pleasure in notifying you that your application for a Tsing Hua Half Scholarship from July of this year until June of next year has been granted by the President of Tsing Hua College.

Enclosure

Kindly fill out and return the enclosed address card at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Archao

Mr. Kok An Wee
500 Riverside Drive
New York City.

p. s. Will report final result.
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December 27, 1928

Yenching University

Mr. K. A. Wee,
500 Riverside Drive,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Wee:

A cablegram received from Yenching two or three days ago contains the following cryptic message:

"MR WEE YOU MAY CONTINUE ANOTHER YEAR"

We will not know definitely just what is meant by this until we have had time to receive letters from the field, but possibly this is in reply to some correspondence you have already sent President Stuart.

With all good wishes for the New Year I am,

Very cordially yours,

BAG:RL

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Yenching University

January 2, 1929

Mr. K. A. Wee,
500 Riverside Drive,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wee:

You will be interested in the actual wording of the minute taken by the Finance Committee on December 18th in regard to your plans. This minute was as follows.

"E-2421 VOTED that the Committee on Finance, Property and Investment, acting on behalf of the President of the University, approves a grant to Mr. K. A. Wee for the remainder of the fiscal year 1928-29 of G\$150.00 per month for living expenses, plus G\$50. per month for rent, this grant to begin on January 1, 1929, and in addition, an allowance of not to exceed G\$1,000.00 to cover tuition fees, the visitation of schools he is making in connection with his dissertation, and expenses involved in the publication of his dissertation; it being understood that expenditures on these items are to be charged within the appropriation already made for the Managers' Budget for 1928-29, same to be adjusted on the field from any gain in exchange on current funds accruing in the fiscal year 1928-29 or such other sources as may be available on the field."

I am sure that you will let us know your needs as they arise. We will send you checks for G\$200.00 at the first of each month. I am enclosing our check for January herewith.

With all good wishes for the new year, I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

Enc.

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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

500 RIVERSIDE DRIVE

NEW YORK

December 3, 1929.

My dear Mr. Garside,

This morning your letter with check lifted quite a load of worry off my mind. You must have understood that I did not enter on this "daring adventure" unaware of the responsibilities that go with it.

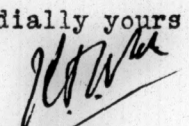
For some reason or other our telephone communication regarding the action of our Financial Committee did not convey to me the idea that the present budget would go into effect immediately. So when I saw the check this morning I looked at it as if it was something nice but that it was not mine. I feared I had to make a partial return of the amount I saw.

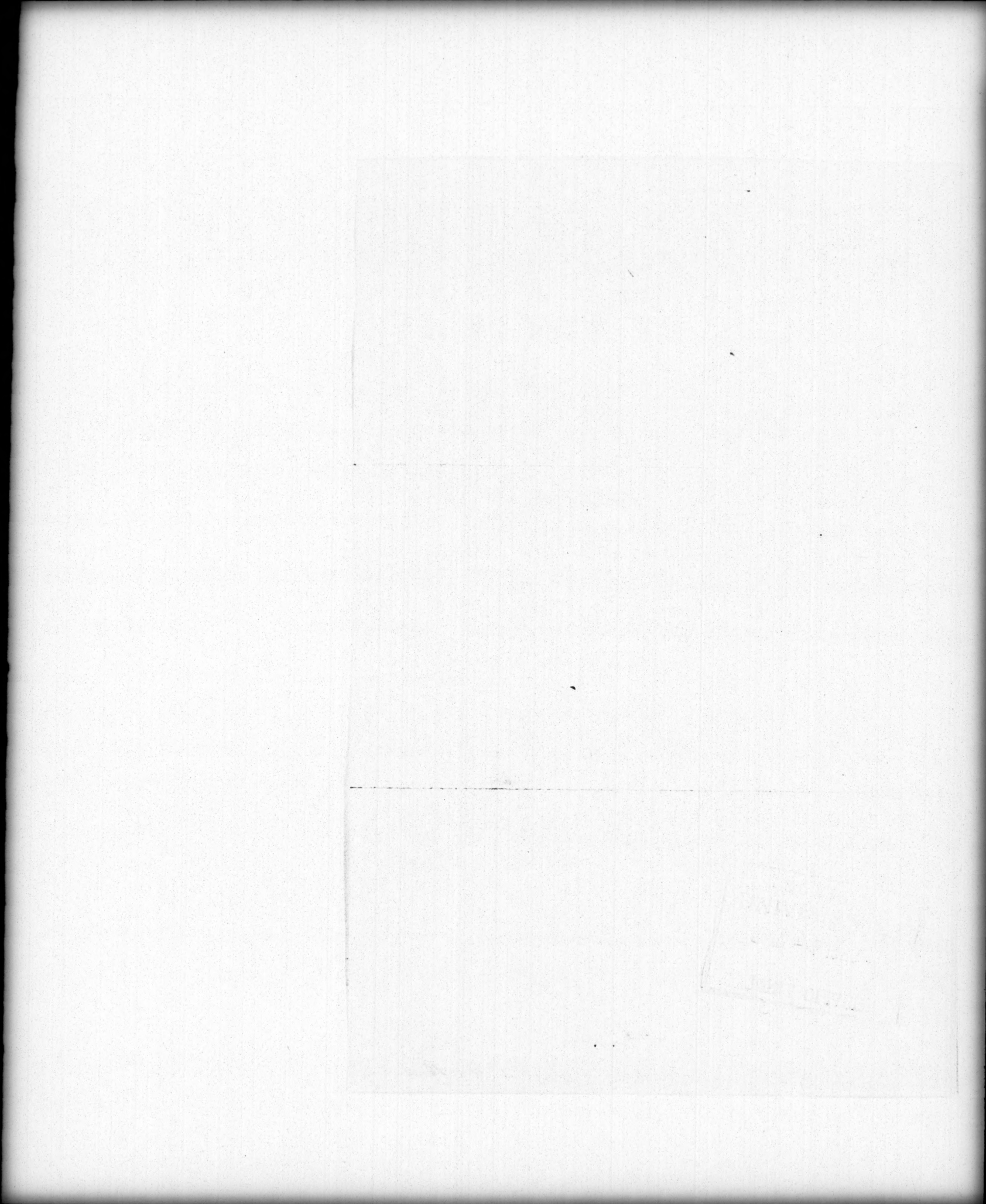
What I have always said regarding Yenching's treatment of me, I wish again to stand by that statement. Only now I have additional reasons to believe that Yenching is still fair and generous in her considerations of me. It is not so much what she does but her expression of ~~of~~ her desire that ~~alt~~ stimulates me to want to cooperate with her in her work and in her purpose.

Please, Mr. Garside, convey my deep-felt appreciation of the Committee's action to each of the Committee Member. I hope it will all be for the best.

With happiest greetings for the New Year, I am

Most cordially yours


K.A. Wee



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"That Brotherhood May Prevail"

**INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
NEW YORK**

YENCHING

MORNINGSIDE 8201

RIVERSIDE DRIVE
AT 124TH STREET

January 20, 1929.

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My dear Mr. Garside,

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As soon as the examinations are over and registration for the next semester is completed, I propose to be ready to visit a few schools. I am writing to ask if you would add to next month's allowance an advance of \$100 to be used for visitations the account of which will be rendered later. This advance will also help me to meet next semester's registration fees before turning in to you whatever charges I may have to meet.

Most cordially yours

K.A. Wes
[Handwritten Signature]



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C O P Y

January 21, 1929.

Mr. K. A. Wee,
International House,
500 Riverside Drive,
New York City.

My dear Wee;

I have your letter which came during my absence in the south. This explains my delay in replying. The letter from Governor Morgan is certainly a keen disappointment and causes me quite a little embarrassment. As you doubtless know the money budgetted for your expenses has already been exhausted and Mr. Garside has written for instructions. From the baldly sensible treasurer's or budgetary standpoint there is nothing for it but to ask you to return here, and this has been advocated by some members of the Faculty Executive Committee. On the other hand, your travel back and expenses for the remainder of this fiscal year would add to the deficit, to say nothing of the disappointment to you and the loss to the institution. Your continued study in America not only involves the financial requirements but leads to a continuation of the present inadequate provision for athletics here, or to still further increase our expenses by finding a local physical director. The solution I proposed was that we approve of your studying in America until next summer in the expectation that you with the help of our promotional representatives and Mr. Morgan can succeed in some effort to get this feature provided for, and thus make your own expenses a first charge against such results. We all feel that anything you should do in this respect should not interfere with the main purpose for which you are in America. I want to urge this upon you even in the face of the financial problems involved. I venture to hope that so capable a man as Dr. Jenney can with your cooperation tackle the Kansas prospects or arouse interest in some other quarters. In any case there is every reason as I see it for seeing your program through both as to study and as to the best financial backing that we can secure. I am very sorry to have to worry you in the midst of your studies with these somewhat sordid exigencies, but you understand fully.

Meantime, with enthusiastic confidence in yourself and in the ultimate success of our efforts, I am

Affectionately yours,

(Handwritten signature)

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**INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
NEW YORK**

RIVERSIDE DRIVE
AT 124TH STREET

February 7, 1929.

My dear Mr. Garside,

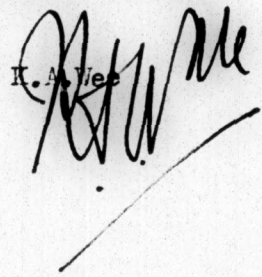
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Attached is an account which I think will be the last as far as books and tuition are concerned.

I wish to say a word regarding the charge for the French Tutor. French is one of the language requirements for the doctorate. For me it is not easy. I have had only one year of French some 14 years ago. I cannot keep up with the work without additional help. So for last semester and it is the same for this ~~this~~, I am having a friend twice a week giving me at least 1½ hours each time to help me with my French. The charge is \$20.00 a semester. You can readily see the charge is nominal. I wish to make this explanation because I dislike making accounts which are not exactly clear.

Please return my bursar's receipt which I need for library and gymnasium identification.

Very cordially yours

K. A. Jee


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Yenching University

February 26, 1929

Mr. K.A. Wee,
400 Riverside Drive,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wee:

We have today received from the National Surety Company
a letter reading as follows:

Re: Bond #3734439-Kok Ann Wee
Alien Bail Bond-U S A

Gentlemen:

We are again in receipt of a letter from the Department of Labor stating that the application for an extension on behalf of the above alien is denied. Therefore, it is requested that you effect her departure as soon as possible.

Will you kindly furnish us with information regarding the alien's departure such as name of vessel, date of sailing and the port through which she departs. Also number of steamship ticket, class, stateroom and berth are desired.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J.H. Claypoole
Custodian Department"

We would be very glad to have word from you as to what you are planning to do so that I can notify this company as requested. I am sorry that this matter has been causing you so much difficulty and hope that you will now be able to get it cleared up satisfactorily.

Very cordially yours,

BAG-H

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Yenching University

TRANSFER

May 3, 1929.

Mr. E. A. Wee,
136 Park Avenue,
Leonia, N. J.

My dear Mr. Wee:

A cablegram just received from Yenching University contains the following message to you and Miss Chow:

"MR. AND MRS. WEE ACCEPT OUR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS WITH BEST WISHES FOR LONG LIFE AND HAPPINESS."

I know that this message brings with it the warm and unanimous endorsement of everyone on the Yenching staff.

Cordially,

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Mr. Mow-lan Chow
requests the honor of your presence
at the marriage of his daughter
Hong Jung

to

Mr. Kok Ann Wee
Friday evening, the tenth of May
at half after eight o'clock
Methodist Episcopal Church
Teonia, New Jersey

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At home
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Yenching University

July 19, 1929

Mr. K. A. Wee
218 Broad Avenue,
Leonia, N.J.

My dear Mr. Wee:

We have this morning received a cablegram from Peking reading as follows:

"MR. AND MRS. K. A. WEE - STRONGLY URGE YOU TO ARRIVE IF POSSIBLE BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS, OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE COMPLETION OF STUDIES, IN THE INTEREST OF THE WORK OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION. THIS MATTER IS VERY IMPORTANT. IN THE NEW SCHEDULE OF CHINESE SALARIES NO PROVISION MADE FOR OUTFIT."

The field did not reply to the inquiry we made as to whether they approve the additional travel expense involved in your return to Peking via Singapore. Since, however, they strongly urge that you plan to arrive in time for the opening of school the first week in September, they evidently assume that you will come across the Pacific and would not, therefore, require any additional travel funds.

You will also note their explanation that in the new schedule of Chinese salaries no provision is made for outfit.

I am afraid that the decision of the field on both of these points will prove disappointing to you, but I sincerely hope that you will be able to arrange your plans in accordance with their recommendations without too serious inconvenience.

Very sincerely yours,

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Will
J.S. Salasby answered
this
3-10-30
January 8, 1930.

My dear Dr. Stuart,

Unfortunately I write seldom and when I do I express myself very poorly. In this letter I simply wish to convey two points, first, how I have missed **your** presence and second that this year has been a difficult one for me. On the first point I do not mean to say that your presence here means that I get anything I want, but it does mean that any proposals that are made do receive your sympathy and you do give your sincere advice tho your advice may not be to our personal liking. I have so often preached loyalty so that this year I have ample opportunities to prove it. To institution, to department, to individual, and to principle, I wish always to act justly.

This is a lean year for physical education. I fear our faculty as a whole does not appreciate it, at least that part of the faculty which has control. I went to the first Council Meeting in the fall when you presided with the intention of determining the status of physical education in Yenching. It was only yesterday that I was called again to the Council with the purpose of presenting what proposals I had to make. Military training was discussed to the extent that there was no time left for physical education. I requested at the end if it would meet with the approval of the council if at the next meeting, next Monday, if it would not **consider** physical education as the first item on the agenda. There was no objection. This delay shows that altho we hear on the campus that physical education is so important, yet no direct steps have been made to give it a status or funds enough to even meet the minimum essentials.

The sub-committee which was to have met within a month after the request for reconsideration of the ground east of Sage Hall was granted, did not meet until three months later. When it did meet, Dr. Galt, Miss Stahl, Dr. Learmonth, Mr. Chuan, and I were present. The request was to consider the Sage Hall land as a possibility for physical education purposes. But such was

not the case. Motion after motion was made to have physical education land ~~here~~ elsewhere, the present tennis court or the agriculture land. Never once did the committee consider the Sage Hall land as a possibility for physical education. When I asked Dr. Galt if this committee would consider it as a possibility, his reply that the committee was appointed to consider a place for physical education. I stated that the request was for reconsideration and that at least a little reconsideration should be made. At least six motions were made to put physical land elsewhere with not a regard to the Sage Hall land as a possibility. I opposed all six of them vehemently arguing that it would do injustice to the policy and future growth of this institution. Finally the matter was voted to be left in the hands of the University Council to determine what it might have to recommend. Of course this motion meant a death blow to my hopes but its better than to have motions on paper which show that Yenching disappreciates physical education. On the points I tried to make in behalf of the Women's College I could not say more than three words when Miss Stahl would tell ^{directly} ~~quite~~ that I had no business there. I made no reply except that I understood the Women's College ^{side} very well. So there I am out and do not wish to intrude, tho I am quite interested in the program for women. And several times too motions were made that gave blows to physical education and given as if it were the unanimous wish of the committee. Each time I arose as humbly as I could to state that I did not quite think it was unanimous. The powers that be had quite forgotten ^{the} insignificant element of the committee.

All I have to say is this, Dr. Stuart. I will fight for physical education for Yenching and for the department for all I am worth. That is what I am suppose to do, am I not. But if Yenching does not want to do what seems educationally sound, I shall not in the future object. I honestly tell you that this question of land is entirely up to you and the trustees. I cannot honestly see that the Sage Hall land should be for practice school, a school which is not a part of the university actually speaking, tho we all admit that such a school is important. I wish I could get Miss Sui Wang to speak for me. But imagine what

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physical education located there can do for ^{the} institution, for departments, and for individuals. The place is the heart of our institution, and why should not the heart be the beating center of our entire student body, a place to be used as the laboratory for making ~~for making~~ friends, for building robust bodies, and for making characters, and for making leaders. This place is a real center inherently fit for such purposes because of its size, its location, and its character. Yet, we are told that we can divide our land putting some of it still on the old place in spite of the fact that physical education men, and engineers' statement that such ^a land is not good, and the agriculture land which if it can be gotten needs negotiation and when gotten would be still far away. But I have had my say. I must content myself with the decision that you all will make. I leave all my hopes with you. There is not a ray here. But mind you I shall play the game no matter what the decision is regarding the land.

I fear physical education will not have its proper place in Yenching unless you put it there and unless you have special financial provision making it possible to function. Its up to you now. I am at your disposal. I have some proposals for raising money. You can tell whether they are sound or not. If sound and I am in America, I would never leave until the sum is secured. I am sold on physical education for China, and I am putting my lift to it.

Our budget for this year is less than one half of that of last year. I have made requests for additional aid to meet the needs of the year. The request was put to a special committee to look into the items for which I requested money. The committee reported back to the Faculty Executive that the items requested was absolutely the minimum and that other items of need were not included. The report was referred back to the treasurers. And yesterday I was told by one of the treasurer coldly that the contingent fund was exhausted and practical said I had to close up shop. I was asked to show my stuff but when I ask for aid, weeks past without any answer. What can I do but worry for my boys.

Only a word about the Mei Lan Fang affair. The faculty executive asked that I remain to do my work. Here again I had to content myself to playing the game. That's what they tell me to do, and honestly that is what I am trying to do. So

I have not said a word. As far as the Mei group is concerned I feel very sorry for them. C. F. Chou and I with Miss Hague have done all we could for them. I doubt in their group if they could send a cable without outside aid. I am fearful not of their success or failure, but now whether they will get in or not since they are meeting the immigration regulations with their ^{own} interpretation. I hope all will be o. k.

This letter so far must seem to you that I am unhappy. It is not exactly so. I have high hopes. And after all things are being done. I love my work, I love my boys, I love my servants, and I really love this place. There are activities going securing the hearty cooperation of the students. We have the Athletic Council, the Inter-Class and Inter-Unit Executive Committees, and captains and managers for about ten sports. They all are actively supporting our program which is carrying on. The students have a lot of control. We have had many difficulties but we have always come out of them with no mixed decision as the principle that we should use. The little gymnasium is daily filled with students playing at the games that we have prepared for them. The girls too have been playing there and so far the meeting have been on natural and wholesome basis, so the Women's College tho they wonder at it has still not prohibited the girls from going. All is well and I think it shall always be that way.

And now a word for next year. It is imperative for Yenching if it wants to do our work well to have at least another man here who is trained in physical education. Desirable men in China are few and are not securable. Two men would be wonderful for Yenching and should be secured at any cost, tho I realize the cost would be considerable. They are Mr. McCloy and Mr. Willard Nash. Mr. McCloy is with the Y. M. C.A. in New York and Willard with the Riverdale Country School near Yonkers. He is also attending Teachers College. Either or both of these men would make big contributions to our program here at Yenching. McCloy has the wider qualifications. The only objection that I have heard regarding him is his seeming inability to cooperate or desire to always dominate. But his training is almost perfect. Willard is an expert on intramural and has been recognized so by

by both Chinese and Americans. And he has shown that he can work with and even under Chinese leadership. Mr. Sung or a name similar to that and who is dean at St. Johns at Shanghai is now at Teachers College. Mr. Sung has been instructed by President Pottz of St. Johns to secure Williard by all means and even to promise him that there would be teacher training in the college if he would go. Most people are misled by this teacher training business. Most people think that it would be expensive and would require a large special staff. Such is not the case. With either McCloy or Williard we could have teacher training if we desired it. We could easily have a major in the department of physical education. That is really all that is necessary. You ~~the~~ major in physical ^{physical ed.} training the requirements are almost similar to general education only so many subjects are required in special physical education courses which two of us can cover. Other required courses can be given by other departments, such as biology, physiology, psychology, anatomy, English, etc. which are general requirements for physical education majors.

I wonder if you won't consider seriously getting these men for us Dr. Stuart. You would have a real department then. Either of these men here next year with gymnasiums and land problems to be solved would mean that Yenching would get very expert advice on a department which she is just launching. The beginning is so important. I wish so much that something could be done. I know its budget—but is there not a way out!

Groff is living in the house and wishes to be remembered to you. My wife has not come back ^{due} to the trains being stopped. I tried to get authorities to get physical education in the Christian Council agenda in Shanghai. That is still not a part of its program. However, there is the future.

Most affectionately

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P. S.

In talking to Tsai just a second ago still the news is that the funds for the balance of this year is in consideration. It cannot come from the contingent fund and it cannot meet the sum I named.

Dr. Stuart for the sake of our students and for the university, in face of our needs, namely that the sectional meets are coming, the preparation for the Eastern Olympics is this spring, and the needs for making a track and new facilities will be necessary for this spring - can't you some how cable

Dr. Stuart said address 5/24 3-10-30 \$1,000.00 gold. We will give you the account to let you see if its not well spent. We must have it and there is no way of getting it here.

What shall we do? We have promised our students we would do wonders when ole Wee gets back but we have ~~no~~ nothing but reduced the budget in the face of greater needs. Is is an exaggeration?

And lastly, we need a man for next year.

Still affectionately

Copy to O.D.Wannamaker

February 1, 1930

My dear Lee:

Your letter reached me a few days ago and was read with the utmost sympathy. I admire, more than ever, your pluck and devotion, but will feel painfully helpless as to any immediate relief. Since coming here I have been continuously busy, but chiefly with preparation for financial results which as yet have been very small. What we have received is for endowment efforts or other special projects. The man I have chiefly had in mind for physical education, it has thus far been impossible to see, and I have not found any other person as yet to whom it seems wise to propose this. In other words, I literally have not any special source from which even the money you ask for could be secured, and I know that our Trustees would hesitate about approaching it from the undesignated funds they have for which there are claims much in excess of the total funds. Having said this, I shall pass the matter over to Mr. Wannamaker, who I know, will watch opportunities in the future, as shall I. I am leaving today for California and other places, to be gone about six weeks, largely in new territory so that immediate results cannot be very large.

Despite the tone of the above paragraph, I feel quite hopeful of the ultimate realization of what you have in mind, and shall do everything possible to get physical education on a solid basis of its own. Try to be patient a little longer before getting too much discouraged. The attitude of the people within the University is doubtless not so much indifference to this, as the pressure of other interests which seem to them to have prior claim at this stage of our development. It hurts me deeply to write thus. It may be some compensation to know of my increasing affection and admiration for you, and my determination not to rest until physical education is on a basis of adequate support.

Remember me to B.J. I am delighted to know of the active interest of students in athletic matters. Please convey my good wishes to the leaders among them.

Cordially yours,

Mr. A. Lee
Yenching University
Peking, China

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Yenching University

March 11, 1951

Mr. K. A. Wee,
Yenching University,
Peiping, China.

Dear Wee:

Thanks for sending me the two copies of the booklet issued by the Department of Physical Education. You have not only prepared a most attractive booklet but have also condensed a great deal of valuable information within a small space.

I note that on page 7 the athletic field is referred to as "Hamilton Field". When Mr. Carl Hamilton made his pledge in August 1928 of C\$10,000 for the purchase and equipment of an athletic field at Yenching University his pledge contained the provision that this was to be known as the "Roxor Pearce Athletic Field". I wonder whether we failed to call this fact to the attention of the field or whether possibly this provision in Mr. Hamilton's pledge may have been overlooked. Mr. Hamilton has not as yet made any payments on this pledge, but the matter is being followed up as carefully as possible and we hope that results will sooner or later be achieved. It might facilitate our negotiations with Mr. Hamilton if we could make it plain to him that the "Roxor Pearce Athletic Field" is a reality both in name and in substance.

With warmest personal regards for yourself and the family,
I am

Very cordially yours,

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CC: Promotional Office

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peping China

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Department of Physical Education

April 9, 1931.

My dear Dr. Stuart,

Our athletic field near Warner Gymnasium for the present year has been called "Hamilton Field." Today a letter from Mr. Garside informs us that it should be called "Roxor Pearce Athletic Field" as that is the wish of Mr. Hamilton. I have told Mr. Garside the chance will be made accordingly.

Our work is progressing. For next year I have some recommendations to make. I am waiting to consult you regarding them. But one item is certain and that is some money is necessary to fix the "Roxor Pearce Athletic Field" as it should be done. And some money for the Warner Gymnasium. So won't you tuck away a little for us when you return. However, we will welcome your return.

I am hoping your visit will be a success in spite of the difficult situation.

Most affectionately

Wes

May 6, 1931

My dear Wee:

Your little note with the two winsome pictures of Wee Willie has just arrived. The latter are adorning the front of my temporary desk in this office.

I have been in consultation with the people who are working on our promotional plans for the future regarding the pressing needs of the Department of Physical Education, and I hope that something can be done in the near future. Meanwhile, I have to confess that no actual money is being secured for anything, even for those items upon which the very existence of the University on its present basis depends. Despite all of this, I feel hopeful that with hard work and unflinching faith, we shall somehow get what we need.

I hope to be seeing you soon after you read these lines, so this is only to tell you that I am glad you wrote. Give my greeting to V.J. and the little boy.

As ever yours,

Mr. K. A. Yee
Yenching University
Peiping, China

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Peiping China

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Department of Physical Education

October 17, 1932.

My dear Mr. Gee,

This morning I had a conference with Dr. Stuart for over two hours. We discussed the matter of endowment for Washford Hall and the needs of our department. He will write you concerning both very soon. For the present we might leave both these projects alone until we have definite plans for getting funds. Should Dr. Stuart go to America this year he will talk to you what he has in mind.

As to material regarding our department, I shall do my best to send some and will do it thru Miss Hague as you suggested.

I have seen Mrs. Gee on the campus once or twice and she is looking both very well and charming.

Most cordially yours

K. A. [Signature]