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December 27, 1929

My dear Sam:

Thanks for your pretty Christmas card which vividly reminds me of the good time I had in Honolulu.

I am beginning to get quite busy here but cannot yet tell anything about my results or plans for return to China.

I wrote Dr. Houghton of the University of Iowa and have a letter from him to the effect that he regrets very much that the applications to their School of Medicine are so numerous that they have been forced to limit these to persons from the State of Iowa.

Some days ago I wrote to the other two universities and asked them to reply to you direct. If any other opportunity comes to my knowledge, I shall take advantage of it on your behalf and let you know. You will also write me what further developments take place.

With the greetings of the season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Samuel L. Yee  
1225 Tenth Avenue  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Mar. 27, 1930

Dear Dr. Stuart,

I received your letter some time ago and was very glad to hear from you again. I have not heard a word from Philip Fu yet and I am wondering where is.

I am very happy to tell you that three students from the University of Hawaii have definitely decided to go to Yenching next year. I believe they are not of the same type as those that have gone in previous years. By that, I mean they are not athletic inclined and are not given much to extra-curricula activities. However, they are excellent students and very congenial and easy to get along with. I am glad that they are going because I know they will boost Yenching in one way or another. Two of them, Edmund Lee and Philip Chuck, are Pre-medical students and the other, Harold Ing, is planning to study commerce. Edmund and Philip are Sophomores and Harold is a Freshman. All of them are popular among the students here especially Edmund. Besides being a good student he has had much experience along the line of student publications. He is this year's business manager of the Chinese Students Alliance annual and I am one of his assistants.

Mr. Mei, Registrar at Yenching, wrote to me saying that he was sending application blanks and pamphlets. I have waited nearly two months but have not received anything yet. I wrote back to him about two weeks ago for the papers. Those who are going are quite anxious to fill in the necessary forms so I hope to receive them in time.

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It was very good of Miss Hague to write to me about doings at Yenching. It made me feel very "home-sick". She also sent me several interesting pamphlets containing pictures of the campus and students and of the wonderful dedication ceremonies. Great interest was shown among the students to whom I have distributed them.

As regards to myself, I am now a graduate with a B.A., thereby finishing in three and a half years. So you see how thankful I am for my training at Yenching. And, as you may already know, I am assistant laboratory instructor in Chemistry. For a student, I think I have been quite busy this last year. I have taken part in tennis, dramatics, student associations besides carrying on my assistantship and my school work. I am president of the Pre-medical Club. This was the sort of activity I carried on at Yenching so , all in all, it was more interesting than painstaking.

I am very grateful, Dr. Stuart, for all your efforts in trying to place me in a medical school. I have been doing some hustling myself and I am quite sure that I will find a place in a good institution. I received word that there is no scholarship available at Chicago. Generally, no school offers any scholarship for the first year so I shall try to prepare myself financially before I leave.

I hope you are well. Have you made any plans yet for returning to Yenching by way of Honolulu? Please write to me when you do.

Philip Ho is returning to Honolulu on his way to America  
and I hope to go together with him.

Wishing you all success for our dear Yenching, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Sam Yee*

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Honolulu, Hawaii,  
Mar. 30, 1930.

Dear Dr. Stuart,

In my last letter to you I had intended to mention something interesting but I forgot. This something concerns a University of Hawaii graduate, Hiram Ching by name. To put it briefly and to the point, Hiram is focussing his hopes and interest upon Yenching University. Although he graduated as a Civil Engineer from U.H. two years ago, he is more interested in educational and social work and so has been with the local Y.M.C.A. for the past several years. He is a full-fledged Y.M.C.A. secretary.

Hiram is a recognized leader in the community and his work as an organizer of boys' clubs is well known. He has been outstanding in school activities. His athletic ability is of such a caliber that at present he is appointed by the U.H. as its track coach - quite an honor for a Chinese.

As I said, Hiram is a C.E. He has twice been offered a position in south China to become affiliated with an oil company. But after a great mental debate he has decided upon his life work. He will sail in May for the University of Chicago to take up religious education and physical education. He will study continuously for two and a half years and expects to get a degree in that line. Then, if he gets a chance, he wants to render service in China.

Hiram and I have spoken together many times (incidentally, we are Fraternity brothers) and he has told me that his greatest desire would be to obtain a position in Yenching as a teacher

or director of boys' athletics and activities. I have told him that there is not one real good athletic director in the whole of China as far as I know, and I think I am quite near the truth. The Chinese athletes for the Far Eastern Olympics were handled terribly. And with a growing school like Yenching some form of organized physical training should be enjoyed by every student.

Hiram is well liked and respected by all of us. His character is of the cleanest. Anyone in the community will recommend him. He is undoubtedly the best that the Chinese community of Honolulu can offer today as far as social work is concerned. Money is not his aim - he can make money now if he were looking for it. He is about 24 years old.

Personally, I am very interested because I know that it will be a great thing for Yenching if it had a man like Hiram. With his ability, experience and purpose Yenching will be advanced one more step toward being the best.

I know you cannot promise anything, Dr. Stuart, but do you think you can give Hiram any encouragement as far as Yenching is concerned?

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Sam Yee*



April 17, 1930

My dear Sam:

Your two letters were awaiting me when I returned to this office from an absence in the Middle West. Am very glad, indeed, to learn that three Honolulu boys have definitely decided to go to Yen-ching next year and shall look forward to seeing them when I myself return via Honolulu, or at any rate when they arrive on our campus. They seem to be just the sort of students whom we should like to have with us. I am surprised at the delay in receiving application blanks from our registrar, and hope that before this reaches you, you will have heard from him.

I am much interested in the completion of your own studies for the B.A. degree and in your present work and hope that you will be able to find the right medical school on the mainland and that once established there the financial problems will be somehow solved.

You spoke in your second letter of Hiram Ching, and I hope you will tell him to be sure to keep in touch with me. He seems to be taking the training that will fit him for very useful work with us, and before he finishes his studies at the University of Chicago, I should expect that we would be ready to welcome him to a place among us. The two subjects of religious education and physical training are both of primary importance for an institution like Yen-ching. It might be well for him to write me his Chicago address so that if I happen to pass through that city on my way to China, I could see him and thus become personally acquainted. I should also like to suggest that on his arrival he make himself known to Mrs. T.S. Potter, 5714 Kenwood Avenue, which is quite near the University of Chicago. She was formerly Miss Jean Dickinson of our faculty, and would be glad to know him as well as to make him acquainted with some of our Yen-ching people who are there.

My present plans are to leave here shortly after the middle of June and probably after a few days on the California coast return to China via Honolulu. Philip Fu will doubtless be with me on this journey, and we shall look forward to seeing you and our other friends in Honolulu. I shall write you more definitely later on.

Sincerely yours,

1225-Tenth  
Honolulu  
Mr. Samuel Yee  
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January 11th, 1932.

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Gentlemen:

In pursuance of my telegraphic reply to your kind invitation, I beg to inform you that my present plan is to visit New York about the end of the month, to attend to some engagements there.

In view of the critical diplomatic situation in Manchuria, I am obliged to remain as much as possible in Washington. It is unlikely that I proceed to Geneva as stated in the papers.

As soon as I know definitely of the possibility of my visiting New York, I shall not fail to communicate with you. I shall prefer that you hold a simple meeting, where I shall have the pleasure of seeing the friends of Yenching and telling them something of the work, rather than any formal entertainment.

Very sincerely yours,

*W. W. Yen*

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Very sincerely yours,

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*W. W. Yen*

January 13, 1932.

Board of Trustees  
Yenching University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, New York

*X Advisory Council ✓*

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of January 11th,  
I regret sincerely that I shall be unable to come  
to New York the end of this month as contemplated,  
as I am leaving for Europe.

I trust that I may have the pleasure of  
meeting the friends of Yenching at a later date, and  
send my very best wishes for the continued success of  
the University.

Very sincerely yours,

*W. W. Yen*

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*H. Yenching Univ*

January 13, 1932

My dear Doctor Yen:

Thank you for your prompt reply, both by telegraph and by mail, to the invitation and request from the Trustees that you speak to a select gathering of friends of Yenching University here. We are happy to learn that you will probably be in New York near the end of this month and that you would be willing on that occasion to speak to a small gathering of the nature indicated.

Because of the many interferences that always prevent some of the most interested friends from attending such a gathering unless they are notified sufficiently in advance, we shall be grateful if you will let us know by telegraph, at the earliest possible date, just when you could be present at such a gathering in New York.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

His Excellency W. W. Yen  
Chinese Legation  
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. McBrine  
For your information  
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January 13, 1932

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(Letter which was sent to twenty members of  
Advisory Council.)

Dear Mr.....

I take great pleasure in informing you that His Excellency, Dr. W. W. Yen, the new Chinese Minister to the United States, has consented to speak to the Advisory Council of Yenching University and a few other select interested persons, near the end of this month. Unfortunately, we shall have to await definite word from Dr. Yen as to the precise day when he can be in this city before issuing our formal invitation to this gathering. I am sending you this preliminary notice in the earnest hope that you may be able to keep the last few days of the month relatively clear of other important engagements in order that you may be present and hear Dr. Yen.

He is one of the outstanding scholars of modern times in China and one of the few figures in public life who has remained absolutely free of partisan entanglements and the bitterness of political strife.

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant to the President

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