

December 31, 1924.

Dear Mr.

In December, 1911, we were called to Pennsylvania to carry on an experiment in the work of cultivating friendly relations between the Foreign students at this University and our American people in their homes (during the first six of these years trying this out in our own home; during the latter seven years developing these plans on the larger scale in the International House) We have successfully proved, I think, beyond all question that there is need of,

- (1) A place where they can meet our American people.
- (2) Providing the opportunity for men of different nations to form friendships among themselves.
- (3) Social gatherings of representatives of our American homes and these foreign students to be held at least weekly as a valuable means to this end.
- (4) A dining room that should be typical, to some extent, of an American home, as an almost indispensable adjunct and aid in this work.
- (5) Providing a place where at least a picked group may live together in a close relationship with the Head Secretary as one of the best means of carrying on an intensive work of cultivating these friendships.
- (6) Continuing the plan of the Secretary's family in gathering around their fireplace from time to time different small groups for the discussion of the deepest moral problems, as a means of building individual character and finding the only basis by which international problems can be settled.
- (7) Providing for and encouraging the continuance of the national groups already formed among the foreign students (a) Chinese Club, (b) Japanese Club, (c) Chinese Christian Association, (d) Japanese Christian Association, (e) Chinese-American Forum, (f) Japanese-American Forum, (g) Russian-American group, (h) British Society, (i) Latin American Federation, (j) Academie Cosmopolite and other smaller groups.
- (8) Providing more and more attractions at the House to keep drawing a larger number of those who do not respond to the smaller group method.
- (9) Increasing, therefore, the physical equipment of the House in the way of increased dormitory space, recreation rooms, library, reading rooms with newspapers, magazines and books from different countries, additional meeting rooms for different groups, etc., etc.
- (10) Forming definite plans from our experience in the past that can be shaped into a concrete program for the next ten year period.

As this will be a large and strenuous work, we wish to ask at this time, (a) that we might be released from this undertaking some time

during this coming year in order that someone may be found to carry on this larger task of development, (b) since to others who are engaged in teaching in University circles is given a sabbatical year (or one year's absence in seven with salary) and, as we will be completing in this coming year a second sabbatical period, or fourteen years without intermission, in fairness to ourselves we believe we might ask a similar concession, for obvious reasons, so as to make our plans for the future.

The various committees at the House are all formed and functioning well so that we believe there, never before were so many groups that will be willing to carry on this undertaking.

We wish to bring this up in plenty of time so that by all of us working together we might be able to plan it without causing any interruption to the work.

Yours very sincerely,

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