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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF EDUCATION,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Name of institution.

Chicago, Illinois Location.

PROVISION FOR CHINESE STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.

1. Have students from China at any time attended the institution under your direction?

1892-99: 0 1903-4: 2 1906-7: 8  
1899-00: 1 1904-5: 3 1907-8: 8  
1900-03: 0 1905-6: 5  
This does not include students in the University High School. Summer, 1914

2. Would proof of equivalent attainments, including a preliminary knowledge of English, be accepted in the case of such students, in lieu of the usual admission requirements or examinations?

Univ. has been liberal in interpreting adm. reqs for all foreigners. Since some of the adm. reqs are prerequisite to further study, not all can be replaced by "equivalent" attainments in other lines. Inq., <sup>at least one</sup> Eu + US Alg + Pl. geom. Hist + math should be considered as necessary.

3. What special inducements does your institution offer in the way of scholarships available for Chinese students, or fraternities or societies open to them?

Reynolds Club is open to all. Recently a Japanese was a favorite in the comic opera of the Beachfront. No Greek letters or fraternities have admitted Chinese. The P.B.K. Society has a Chinese member. The University houses are open to Chinese. Several are now living in Hiltcock Hall, Middle Divinity Hall. The faculty of the physics department includes a Chinese - Mr. J. Lee. The Chinese Students Alliance includes all the university Chinese. Many are allied with churches.

Sept. Clu. 4. What facilities in the way of summer sessions or special courses of study for such students are possible under your plan of organization?

The summer quarter is a regular part of the academic year. Two courses in Chinese have been offered by Mr. Wang as docent in Chinese. No special provision has been necessary for the large number of Filipinos and Japanese. Probably none would be required for the Chinese.

5. What would be approximately the annual expense to each student—for tuition? \$40 per quarter for living expenses?



6. What residence accommodations could be secured by Chinese students during the terms and

during vacation? *Men's dormitories are now residences of several. No prejudice whatever has been shown towards Chinese students.*

7. What special care would be exercised over the welfare of such students? *The presence*

*of Mr Lee on the faculty at once gives the University a close hold of Chinese students. Mr Wang, likewise, affords helpful influence. These men have in large part earned their own education.*

8. Other information that may occur to you as bearing upon the subject, including the title of any

handbook issued by your institution giving fuller details of interest to Chinese students:

*Mr Thomas C Chamberlain  
Mr Ernest S Burton are now on their way to the Orient to investigate for the University educational, social, & other conditions to see how the Orient and the United States may be mutually helpful. They has been in touch with the governmental authorities and have doubtless acquainted Mr Brown with their plans. Further details will be sent if needed.*



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