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President Harry Pratt Judson, LL.D.,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear President Judson:-

While in Chicago recently I called at your office but was unable to find you. I wished to talk with you about the possibility of making exchanges of professors for longer or shorter periods.

The institution which I represent is a new one in China called, Fukien Christian University, and is located at Foochow. We are eager to get some of the best traditions from the older and better established institutions in America and have hit upon this plan which has met with a good deal of favor in certain quarters. We think that some of the teachers in American institutions would like to take their sabbatical year, or shorter vacation, in China and for the sake of closer contact with customs and institutions, would be glad to spend part of their time in teaching in some of the existing universities there. We feel that you have much to offer that will be of great service not only to individual institutions in China, but to the country as a whole. Some men have already done this sort of thing and we hope that others will see the advantage to themselves, as well as to the work of advancing China to its rightful place among the nations, and will make use of opportunities as they are offered from time to time. Naturally, the ones who would profit most by such a trip abroad, would be students of history and of the natural sciences. It may be that others, also, would feel that a stay of several months in the Orient would be full of profit for themselves.

I have spoken of this process as one of exchange. I do not know whether you would have use in Chicago University for courses such as men from our faculty could offer. In American institutions there seems to be a growing tendency to give opportunities for students to study the situation in the Far East more in detail than has previously been possible. I am not sure what your situation is in Chicago, but I feel confident that some of our men could offer a series of lectures that would be of material advantage to such a student body as yours must be.

If this matter interests you at all, I shall be glad to get your reaction on it, and shall be pleased to talk with you when I am in Chicago, or when you chance to be in, or near, New York.

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Yours very truly,  
*Edwin C. Jones.*

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# The University of Chicago

The Divinity School

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 2nd, 1919.

My dear Mr. President,

*with missionary  
colleges*

I am enclosing herewith the letter from Edwin C. Jones relative to the possible exchange of professors between the University of Chicago and Fukien Christian University, Foochow.

I do not know this institution, but I am of the opinion that some sort of exchange of professors would be very advantageous. We have this year Professor Sarvis of Nanking College who is giving one major in the Disciples Divinity House. I think it would be an admirable thing for our Professor of Missions to go to China to teach for a short time.

I suggest that the matter be followed up to the point where we discover what financial obligations are involved.

Sincerely yours,

*Shailes Matthews*

President Harry Pratt Judson,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Ill.



Chicago, April 5, 1919

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your favor of the 29th of March is received. I do not know whether the arrangement which you suggest is practicable or not. It would be possible occasionally for some teachers in Chinese institutions to give instruction with us. We have one now from the University of Nanking. It would not be so easy for our staff to go to China. If you should be in Chicago I should be glad to hear what your views are on the subject.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Mr. Edwin C. Jones  
Board of Foreign Missions  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Chicago, April 5, 1919

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your favor of the 28th of March is received.

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