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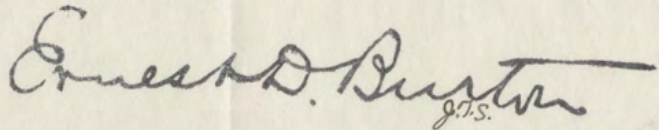
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

February 18, 1913.

My dear Mr. President:

My knowledge of the China Society in America is slight. The Recording secretary is Mr. Wang, who was our interpreter in China and with whom I have been in somewhat close touch ever since. On the basis of his request and in connection with it, and of Dr. White's honorary Presidency, I felt justified in joining the society at a cost of \$1.00, but I have no knowledge other than the long list of names on the letter head to judge whether it is expedient for you to accept the position of honorary Vice President. I return herewith the papers in the case.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ernest D. Burton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name in parentheses.

(Signed in Mr. Burton's absence)

President H. P. Judson,

The University of Chicago.

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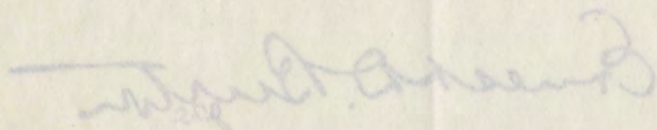
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

February 19, 1913.

My dear Mr. President:

My knowledge of the China Society in America is slight. The Secretary is Mr. Wang, who was our interpreter in China and with whom I have been in constant close touch ever since. On the basis of his request and in connection with it, and of Dr. White's honorary presidency, I felt justified in joining the Society at a cost of \$1.00, but I have no knowledge other than the long list of names on the letter head to judge whether it is expedient for you to accept the position of Honorary Vice President. I return herewith the papers in the case.

Very truly yours,



(Signed in Dr. Burton's absence)

President H. F. Johnson,

The University of Chicago.

Chicago, February 25, 1913

Dear Sir: -

Your favor of the 1st inst. with enclosure is at hand. As your letterhead shows my name already printed I suppose that I may have heard from you before on this subject, although I do not recall the correspondence in question. I have no objection to the honorary vice-presidency under the circumstances.

Very truly yours,

H.P.J. - L.

Mr. Hua-Chuen Mei,
457 W. 123d St., New York.

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THE CHINA SOCIETY OF AMERICA

(INCORPORATED 1912)

"TO PROMOTE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA
AND TO DISSEMINATE AMONG THE AMERICAN AND CHINESE PEOPLES
EACH TO THE OTHER A CORRECT KNOWLEDGE OF THE IDEALS,
CULTURE, AND PROGRESS OF THE TWO NATIONS."

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NEW YORK, February 1, 1913.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that at the annual meeting of the China Society of America held at the Hotel Astor on January 13, 1913, upon the proposal of our President, Dr. Louis Livingston Seaman, you were unanimously elected an Honorary Vice-President of the Society.

The Society, being composed of both Chinese and Americans who have rendered distinguished services towards promoting friendly relations between the United States and China, congratulates itself upon its good fortune in numbering you amongst its membership, for it appreciates that you, sir, have rendered such services and are strengthening the bonds which now unites the two Republics in mutual regard and friendship.

I venture to enclose herewith a copy of the Society's constitution and several application folders which you may have occasion to recommend to the use of your friends who may be interested in the objects of this Society.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Yours respectfully,

Hua-Chuen Mei

Secretary of
the China Society of America.

HCM:K.

CONSTITUTION
OF
THE CHINA SOCIETY
OF AMERICA

ARTICLE I.

Name.

The name of this Association shall be "THE CHINA SOCIETY OF AMERICA."

ARTICLE II.

Object.

The objects of the Society shall be to promote friendly relations between the United States and China and to disseminate among the American and Chinese peoples each to the other a correct knowledge of the ideals, culture and progress of the two Nations.

ARTICLE III.

Officers.

The officers of the Society shall be an honorary President, one or more honorary Vice-Presidents, an honorary Secretary, a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and an Auditor.

ARTICLE IV.

President.

The President, and in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at the meetings of the Society and of the Council, and may, whenever he deems it advisable, call a special meeting of either. In the event of their absence a meeting of the Society or of the Council may elect its presiding officers. The President shall, with the Recording Secretary, sign all written contracts and obligations of the Society, and shall perform such other duties as the Council or the Society may assign to him.

ARTICLE V.

Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall collect all fees and all dues, shall keep the accounts of the Society,

and report thereon at each regular meeting of the Council. His accounts shall be audited by the Auditor. He shall pay all bills on certificate of their correctness by the Auditor.

ARTICLE VI.

The Auditor.

The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and report as to the correctness thereof at the meetings. He shall likewise certify as to the correctness of all bills before their payment by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII.

Secretary.

The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society. He shall, at every meeting of the Council, report such letters and communications as he may have received; he shall prepare all letters to be written in connection with the business or objects of the Society, and transmit the same; but the Council may appoint a Committee to prepare a letter or letters on any special occasion. He shall notify all members of their election, and of such other matters as he shall be directed by the Council. He shall keep in suitable books to be provided for that purpose true copies of all letters written on behalf of the Society; and shall carefully preserve said copies and the originals of all letters and communications received.

ARTICLE VIII.

Recording Secretary.

The Recording Secretary shall have charge of the Seal, Constitution, By-Laws and Records of the Society. He, together with the President, shall certify all acts of the Society. He shall, under the direction of the President or Vice-President, give due notice of the time and place of all meetings of the Society and attend the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings of the Society; and shall give notice to the several officers and to the Committees of all votes, orders, resolves, and proceedings of the Society affecting them or appertaining to their duties.

ARTICLE IX.

Council.

1. The Council shall consist of thirty members, ten of whom shall be elected by ballot at each Annual Meeting. They shall hold office

for three years, or until the third Annual Meeting after their election.

The Council shall have general charge of the affairs, funds and property of the Society. They shall have full power, and it shall be their duty to carry out the purposes of the Society according to the Constitution and By-Laws.

2. The Council shall, as soon as may be after each Annual meeting, elect a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Recording Secretary and Auditor, who shall hold office until the second Monday of the succeeding January and until their successors are elected. In the event of the death, resignation, absence or disability of any officer the Council or the Executive Committee may fill the vacancies caused by any such death, resignation, absence or disability.

3. The Council shall likewise annually elect an Executive Committee and a Committee on Admissions and such other committees as it shall deem necessary.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Treasurer, Secretary and Recording Secretary and eleven members of the Council. This Committee shall be vested with all the powers of the Council so far as the same can be delegated, and it shall be its duty to exercise such powers whenever action is required. Seven members of this Committee shall constitute a quorum.

The powers and duties of the Committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be defined by the Council.

4. The Committee on Admissions shall consist of three members of the Society, one of whom shall be a member of the Council. The Chairman of the Committee shall be the member of the Council. Such Committee shall act on all applications for membership and shall report to the council or to the Executive Committee all applications which they approve.

Council or Executive Committee may require the Committee to report on all applications whether approved by the Committee or not.

5. The Council shall submit at each Annual Meeting a general report of the affairs of the Society, and shall report at other times if required.

6. The Council shall meet on the third Fridays of January, May and October in each year.

The President shall call a Special Meeting of the Council upon a written request signed by ten of the members of the Council.

Eleven of its members shall constitute a quorum of the Council, except as otherwise provided herein.

THE CHINA SOCIETY OF AMERICA

(INCORPORATED 1912)

Dear Sir :

191

Please communicate with the following persons who, I believe, would make desirable members of The China Society of America :

M.....
(name) (address)

M.....

M.....

M.....

To HUA-CHUEN MEI, Secretary
457 West 123rd Street, New York

Signed.....Member

THE CHINA SOCIETY OF AMERICA

"To promote friendly relations between the United States and China and to disseminate among the American and Chinese peoples each to the other a correct knowledge of the ideals, culture, and progress of the two nations."

Resident Membership, \$3
Non-resident Membership, \$1 } per annum

Life Membership, \$50

191

The undersigned endorses the above objects and desires to become a ^{life} _{resident} _{non-resident} member of The China Society of America.

Signature of Applicant.....

Occupation.....

Address.....

Proposed by.....

Seconded by.....

Return to
HUA - CHUEN MEI, Secretary
457 West 123d St., New York

THE CHINA SOCIETY OF AMERICA

(INCORPORATED 1912)

Date: _____

191

Please communicate with the following persons who I believe would make desirable members of The China Society of America:

M. _____

(name)

(address)

M. _____

M. _____

M. _____

TO HUA-CHUNG 227, Broadway
2nd Floor, New York

Address

Address

THE CHINA SOCIETY OF AMERICA

"To promote friendly relations between the United States and China and to disseminate among the American and Chinese people each to the other a correct knowledge of the ideas, culture, and progress of the two nations."

Life Membership, \$50

Resident Membership, \$5

Non-Resident Membership, \$1

191

The undersigned desires the above person and desires to become a member of The China Society of America.

Signature of Applicant

Occupation

Address

Witness to

HUA-CHUNG 227, Broadway
2nd Floor, New York

Proposed by

Seconded by

THE CHINA SOCIETY OF AMERICA

(INCORPORATED 1912)

Dear Sir :

191

Please communicate with the following persons who, I believe, would make desirable members of The China Society of America :

M.....
(name)..... (address).....

M.....

M.....

M.....

To HUA-CHUEN MEI, Secretary
457 West 123rd Street, New York

Signed..... Member

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Signature of Applicant.....

Occupation.....

Address.....

Proposed by.....

Seconded by.....

Return to
HUA - CHUEN MEI, Secretary
457 West 123d St., New York

THE CHINA SOCIETY OF AMERICA

(Incorporated in New York)

Check No. _____

1911

Please communicate with the following persons who I believe would make desirable members of The China Society of America:

M. _____ (name) _____ (address)

M. _____

M. _____

M. _____

TO HUA-CHEN MEE, Secretary
417 West 119th Street, New York

THE CHINA SOCIETY OF AMERICA

"To promote friendly relations between the United States and China and to disseminate among the American and Chinese peoples each to the other a correct knowledge of the history, culture and progress of the two nations."

Life Membership, \$250

Resident Membership, \$5 } per annum
Non-Resident Membership, \$1 }

1911

The undersigned requests the above objects and desires to become a member of The China Society of America.

Signature of Applicant _____

Occupation _____

Address _____

Received by _____

TO HUA-CHEN MEE, Secretary
417 West 119th Street, New York

Received by _____