

nucleus - some eight thousand volumes - of the Gest Chinese Research Library, a collection which has now become world famous.

The University decided to undertake the organization of a Department of Chinese Studies. We decided, at the same time, that other things being equal it was desirable that the Department should be headed by a Chinese scholar, just as our Department of Romance Languages is headed by a French scholar. After long search, during which appeal was made to almost every known sinologist, we obtained the services of Dr. Kiang Kang-hu, a renowned scholar of Northern China, known and recognized throughout that country and Japan as a preeminent authority on the Chinese classics and holder of the ancient Han Lin degree. Under his leadership, the organization of the Department has been carried out. Its field includes Chinese culture and Chinese language, both of which subjects may be followed by undergraduates in the Faculty of Arts and Science. Graduate students studying special aspects of the subject are also accepted. The Department also carries on work in the adult educational field, lectures on Chinese culture being given in co-operation with the Extension Committee of the University; and lectures of a more general nature under the auspices of the Hung Tao Society in co-operation with the Department of Extra-Mural Relations. This extra-mural work is carried on both in English and Chinese.

So far as I am aware, this is the only Department of an Occidental university concerned with Chinese studies which is headed by a Chinese scholar with the rank of full professor, and in which extension work is actually carried on among Chinese-speaking people.

While the work of organization has been in progress the Gest Chinese Research Library has been materially increased and is now without doubt one of the most notable existing institutions of that nature. The number of volumes has grown from eight thousand to over one hundred and twenty-four thousand. The collection, while not the largest in the world, is extremely well arranged and provides material for the student in all the major subjects of study.

I am attaching to this letter a statement by Dr. Kiang Kang-hu concerning the Department itself, which will give more details as to the facilities there available. I am also attaching a statement prepared by the Curator of the Gest Chinese Research Library, with some photographs showing the library itself. I also append a statement