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separated the two countries, Canada was an eminently suitable place for a new school of Chinese Studies.

Believing, as we all do, that intellectual co-operation and mutual understanding contribute largely to international peace, we felt that such a development might in the end have a value apart from its cultural importance.

We were fortunate in the fact that at the same time as these plans were under consideration, Mr. G. M. Gest deposited in the University the 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 pre-eminent authority on the