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514 Wisconsin Ave.
Oak Park Ill,
Sept 1st '02

Dear Mr Grant,

Things have been slow during August, but it will all work out in result. Nobody is at home. They do not go so early nor stay so long as in the East but August is no good for finding people at home. However I've reached a few good people and from now on things will get better.

I want especially to write you of Mrs Nettie F. McCormick, elderly widow of Cyrus H. McCormick Jr. after whose son is now at head of the same concern. Mrs McCormick has vast wealth, and a large regular income from rentals & other sources. She is an earnest Christian and a most generous giver, giving in sums up to $50000 as I've known $100000 to go for Christian Education

found her out of the city not to return for some
weeks. Her address Lawrence, Adirondacks New York.
to Paul Smith's. This is the address given me
by the maid at the house. I did not know of a
town by the name of Adirondacks but there must be
such a place. It may not be possible for you to
call on her but if it comes anywhere near your line
of travel it would be a good thing for you to see
her & acquaint her with the character of
the institution &c. She is a Presbyterian. Gives
large sums to McCormick Theo. Sem. probably
knows Drs. Booth Ellinwood & other members
of the Board. As a trustee you would have
especial influence with her. She might give
25 000 or endowment or fit us out with buildings.
She's a fine woman and evidently loves to
give. She bears a large part of the expense of a mission
work at Huntsville Ala. conducted by my sister.
I am finding out about & will be able to
reach in due time other thoroughly good
prospects hereabout. For a notion that I'll be in
Toledo Sept 21 st & then be working on toward
New York reaching there about Oct. 1 st.
Hope you're having a strength giving vaca-
tion. I put in first rate shape. Found some good
ground in Munich & Milwaukee this last week.
Most sincerely Yours
Herbert E. House.

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234 South Boulevard

Herbert E. House.

Oak Park Ill,
January 13 1902

My dear Mr Grant:

Family sick and myself not well but have still been able to pull off the other $2000.00 in the time. I have stirred up some good territory and it will come all right a little later. Mr McCormick will extend the time to July 1st.

I'm off for the East tonight. I wish you would mail me on receipt of this a dozen copies of "Making a Christian College" and four dozen of the leaflets.

Please also send Mrs. House a check for $50.00 for I'm taking my last dollar with me

Sincerely yours
Herbert E. House

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614 Kenwood Ave.
Oak Park Ill.
Sept 3 '02

Dr W. Grant.

Yesterday and today since I wrote you things have opened up here just finely. I had worked outside the city somewhat in August and a few interviews here but yesterday I got told of a string and today of another. My acquaintance here is finding of the greatest value. I am told at once. I can get introductions and work thru channels as I could not in New York. I have the co operation of six men & they will soon represent three of the [illegible] churches of the city. I am to have returns to-day of these churches and the co operation of these men in raising the $500.00 additional for building which I trust may be secured right here. The large givers however are still out

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of the city and while I might have the
morning service (in all probability) in one of
the churches the two men I have met of
the Ch. suggest that it is better to wait till
later both say they want to have this matter
brought before the people and then I will speak
of the College definitely. This by the way is Mr. McCor-
mick's church and has a lot of good
wealthy people in it.

Also I trust that on Dr Grenfell's
return from Europe the 15th I will be able
to get his co operation.

I would be very happy if the $7500.00
might be quickly secured and then a start
made on increased endowment.

I wish that I might see a copy of the
By law providing for the endorsing of Trustees
by the Board of F. M.

Has any estimate been made of ~~just~~
about how many students will be accommodated
in a dormitory costing $10000.00. I am saying
that we have $6000.00 sufficient for two professors
houses and need $10000.00 for a dormitory with
class rooms. This at once and as a beginning.
Is your opinion is this a correct statement.

Will you please make inquiry at Miss Mills

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home as to her time of return from Europe. We might see her ourselves after. She gives when her money has accumulated and has you remember assured us that she would take the matter up with us on her return. It is important that we see her early before the summer accumulation has been given elsewhere.

I'm very glad to be in the thick of the work again. No trouble from now on about being able to work. While the mercury can still out of the city there is a lot that can be done now that will bear fruit.

Very sincerely yours

Hubert E. House.

P.S.

Has the "Bulletin" been issued yet. If so I would be glad of copies. I am sure it would be very helpful. H. E. H.

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Oak Park Ill
Sept. 10 '02

Dr W. W. Grant,

The last man in Chicago for the purpose yesterday promised to introduce me personally to Mrs. McCormick and it will probably be best therefore for me to see her here than for an attempt to make it see her in the East.

I had called to see this gentleman, an old friend, twice before for this purpose but he was not in but I was so fortunate as to catch him in yesterday. He takes a lively interest in our project and on my suggesting my desire to be introduced to Mrs. McCormick he at once offered to do so saying she would probably not only give some good sum

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but would open her purse into her friends in behalf of the work etc.

When one considers that the McCormick property amounts to some fifty million dollars and is rapidly increasing and that both Mr. McCormick and her own are genuine Christians with missionary instincts it becomes apparent that it will mean a great deal to educational work in China to enlist their cooperation. It would be a very good thing indeed if we could secure our building fund before Mrs. McCormick is approached and then seek her help on an endowment for which purpose it might be possible to secure from her a considerable amount. We do my best along this line.

Sincerely yours

Herbert E. Hawes.

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December 5 '02

Dr Mr Grant,

While waiting here, I'll write a line. I have notification from the P.O. of parcel thereon enclosing the books I sent you,

Will you please send me fifty dollars on account of salary.

Don't want to write much of how things are going till they get there, but you will be very much interested to know that I am being given just the entrance most desirable right along. It is very wonderful to me. I am to meet Mrs. C.B. (Sendie) Farwell this P.M. by appointment. She is a good friend of musicians and I have a little acquaintance with her. She was great by interested in Yentai when she was last summer. Her introductions can be as helpful to me here as Cecil Mc Dagis in New York.

I have been given a most happy introduction to Mr. Cyrus H. McCormick who introduces me to the Pres. of their Church Men's Club whom I am to address two weeks later. I have

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also a letter of introduction to Dr D. K. Pearsons the Philanthropist from one of his intimate personal friends. ~~whom~~ I will probably meet him Monday next. Most makes me dizzy I'm getting in so deep. So many people on my mind. I wish I were a better able to lay hold of these good peoples hearts. I trust the Lord who is leading me so wonderfully to these people & give me grace for the running of their interest and help.

Very sincerely yours

Herbert E. House.

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Extract from Mr. H. E. House's Letter.

Chicago, December 5, '02.

Don't want to write much of how things are going till they get there, but you will be very much interested to know that I am being given just the entrance most desirable right along. It is very wonderful to me. I am to meet Mrs. C. B. (Senator) Farwell this P.M. by appointment. She is a good friend of missions and I have a little acquaintance with her. She was greatly interested in Yentai who's story she read last summer. Her introductions can be as helpful to me here as could Mrs. Sage's in New York.

I have been given a most happy introduction to Mrs. Agnes H. McCormick who introduced me to the Pres. of their Church Men's Club whom I am to address two weeks later. I have also a letter of introduction to Dr. D. K. Pearsons the philanthropist from one of his intimate personal friends. I will probably meet him Monday next. Most makes me dizzy I'm getting in so deep. So many people on my mind. I wish I were a better able to lay hold of these good peoples' hearts. I trust the Lord who is leading me so wonderfully to these good people to give me grace for the winning of their interest and help.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Herbert E. House.

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Herbert E. House

234 South Boulevard
Oak Park Ill.
December 25 '02

Myde M Grant.

Will you please send me on account of salary $150.00 I will b glad of it as work as is easily convenient.

I have not finished any one to a conclusion but yet tho I expect to b able to do so before I leave at least hope to b able to. The work as far has been getting into the circles. I have been very fortunate in the acquaintance made and the way they have been reached. I have been in some of the prayer meeting of the best churches in the city and and to in another the 7th of Jany. I am getting the standing and personal acquaintance and knowledge of men necessary for a successful canvas.

With the greetings of the season -
Sincerely yours Herbert E House.

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Herbert E. House

Waterbury Conn.
Janʏ 17 '03

Dear Mr Grant,

I reached here O.K. this P.M. It is my intention to do a little work here and in Hartford and New Haven, Hartford of a string or two. Can't say just when I will get in to New York, perhaps not till Saturday.

Here's a check for five hundred dollars from Mrs (C. B.) L. F. Blackstone of Chicago as you see am going to get Mrs Mc Cormick's $2000.00 allright. Only 1500.00 more & I trust that will be coming along in due time.

Sincerely yours
Herbert E. House.

Mrs Blackstones address is 252 Michigan ave Chicago. I must [illegible] write her a nice little letter.

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Baltimore Md
March 30 '03

To The Trustees of
The Christian College in China.

Gentlemen.

Regretting that I am not able to personally report to you my past year's work I present the following as in brief all that is probably essential. I have received up to Mch 1st '03 from persons not previously contributors $4250.00 with an unpaid pledge of $250.00 and the conditional pledge of $2000.00 from Mrs. N. F. McCormick. I expect to be in Chicago during May working for the $500.00 still needed to make up the $2000.00 required to secure her offered $2000.00.

In addition to this one of your own number Dr Samuel Macauley Jackson has passed through my hands his gift of $1000.00 to the College.

On the basis of my present knowledge of people and local conditions and my acquaintance in the various cities I

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am now starting to visit for the third time at least, then ought reasonably to be effected very much larger results during this present year. It will be recalled that last year the first three and one half months effort yielded no visible result, I have during the first month of this year received as the direct result of work done last year $385.00, this amount is not included in the first ~~sum~~ above mentioned which includes last years gifts only. and I have secured indefinite assurances of gifts during this year one of these has been received within the present hour.

I am working on a far reaching plan seeking the acquaintance of communities as well as of individuals, seeking as the representative of the College to become and trusted and to thus reach and lay hold the best people of influence and wealth the interest of the college. I am not whittling the cause by hasty by begging by annoying those who give but securing -ing by getting in the least because things do not move faster. I would not prophecy but I consider the outlook very satisfactory and really anticipate much for this year.

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Mudas I wish that I might be very
less an expense & the institution it will
be necessary for me to this year draw
the full amount of my salary and I
fear also find it a real embarrassment
to get on during the last 6 months on $150.00
per month and desire the full and for
that time & be paid me. I hope correct
view of this matter will be taken my understanding
that I put a limit for my family in
our plan and have it two-fold expense
while for at least Eight months of the year
I am away from my family living at the
expense of a teacher. Even with the full and
of my salary I can not get on without econ-
omy and it is only that I may be
efficient and get on without embarrassment
that I mention figures at all.

Please note that the $385.00 received this year
is all on current expenses whereas last year
I received nothing on that score. I hope this year
to fully carry my expenses with these smaller gifts.
& Current Expenses.

Respectfully submitted.
Herbert E. Hoxie.

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May 1st 1903

Dr Mrs McCormick.

I have hesitated about at all intruding upon you or writing again until I had fully met your wishes but perhaps I should just say that I have run here three weeks in Chicago ~~trying~~ to ~~raise~~ my last to raise the $500 ~~still lacking~~ needed to make up the amount. I think I wrote you that Mr. Blackstone ~~sent~~ sent her check for $500. last January.

~~May I attend the follow~~ I attend the following list of contributions that have been

[illegible] is ~~this~~ is ~~now~~
through me since last June
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Signed Persons especially much of persons contributing who have not yet spoken their sentiments. Line
The last thing about this is
the main intent ~~of~~ these funds are taking is
the work and the manner
less dispute assume of
of the above will probably do funds
bigger things, in fact we have assumed
me that the purpose to do.

~~[illegible]~~.

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Brown 2 1 [illegible]
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Yetter 2 [illegible]
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Address Summer of 1903
1060 N. Halsted St
Chicago.

Oak Park Ill.
June 9 1903

My dear Dr Frank.

Regarding my going to New York
I must stay here till July 1st. I figured it
would hardly be worth while my going east for
July and August. If you think best and I can
really be of service I could do so. Otherwise I
will do what I can in the West during that time
and will take a month's vacation regarding which
I will write you later.

This week this week I leave for a trip thro Michigan and to
St Croix Falls where I was for two years pastor near St
Paul. where she will spend the summer. I have lines out
when by I have hopes of getting shortly a very good letter
of introduction to J.P. Hill in which case I would run down
this fr St Paul to interview him and possibly then
lie off a little while at St Croix Falls but that is not essential.
Next week I purpose to make a trip to Janesville, Milwaukee
and Grand Rapids to see these important people, then return
& do all I can here before July 1st the time limit of
Mr McCormicks offer. It may be that the conditions
the interest will make no difference in her final giving

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but realizing how fine a thing it would be to
meet her wish I have done the very best
I could do to secure the $2000.00 I have half
that if my last $500.00 turns out well as it ought
but will do it is not sure It depends on the success-
ful result of o$25 00.00 investment. As I told
You in my last I have almost no other response
tho I have carefully seen quite a long list
of persons. Several large local enterprises are before
the churches otherwise I am almost sure I have secured
the aid needed from Gruthmey I hoped to get it from but they say
they just cannot give anything beyond what they must do
here. and so it goes one name or another. Howver good
will come of this work and there are possibilities of still
securing within the time what we want but it is
hardly in accordance with natural law to expect
it. I had a very interesting experience last week with a
leading Chicago banker of very large wealth I had
studied him for some time, could get no kind of
introduction finally called at his house and tho
his friends call him a "Rough Diamond" I was blessed
in not striking him wrongly - and while almost at
first he told me flatly he was not interested in foreign
missions - he became interested in talk about Christ, com-
pelled me to remain to dinner and on in the evening, and
expressed himself as newly informed and interested in
Christ and I feel he is my friend and in just job
to do my part now to get him. Such men are really
more hopeful than some who are most liberal minded but
burdened by many calls. Check Thursday will be all right. My sincerely Yours
Robert E. Speer.

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Herbert E. House

1060 N. Halsted St.
July 9 1903

My dear Mr Grant,

I'm just starting for an 8 day lay off. Going up to Delavan on the Geneva to spend few days with my brother and my little family who are there for a week etc.

I hitch then stay right here in Chicago & act as I run out to Grand Rapids, Winnah Lake Forest etc. I can do no better during the summer time and really there are some exceedingly hopeful things possible here in here. I must admit that I cant drink much for 2 months now, just keep after a few things. I have no word from Mrs. McCormick but that does not signify. One of these days I'll have the $2000.00 and then I'll call on her.

Hope you're having a rest somewhere. By mistake I sent a letter from Dr Woods to My brother. I will mail it to you when I

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reach him. It is in regard to the daily routine of their work.

Very sincerely Yours

Herbert E. House.

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1060 N. Halsted St
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My dear Mr Grant,

I take great pleasure in being able to return this check to the college. We do not feel it at all a sacrifice and are getting on nicely. Lucie was surprised to turn it over to the college I was giving my room here at McCormick free for the summer so have it all back in that one item, I'll have to make another contribution in order to keep up.

I am meeting every few days some chinese men, many of these will as you say of Mr. Palmer be "in the long run quite a help to us." Some of them will step out to do large things.

I think, and I'm always hopeful, that there will be something to show at this end before long.

You might send on my check for June when convenient tho I'm in no pressing need of it.

Very sincerely Yours Herbert E. House.

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P.S.

I forgot to say that I have had a very nice visit with Dr & Mrs Bryan this week at Lake Forest and saw them off on their start for China last Thursday Evening. Bryan was in very impressive and touching ceremony and address given the degree of D.D. at Lake Forest last Wed.

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Elizabeth Skinner
Chicago

My dear Dr Grant

Just starting for Chicago - via Grand Rapids. The enclosed check is a great encouragement - You will be pleased with her letter when I return. She is one of the McCormick and Farwell Circle and can by her very name be of great help.

Note she writes her name th omitted in Wyeth.

Yours truly & sincerely Yours.

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Robert E. Rowe

1060 N. Halsted St

Chicago July 29 '03

Dear Mr Grant,

You are doubtless summering & loafing and having a good time. You doubtless has rec'd the $100.00 check by Miss Skinner sent about ten days ago. Wish I had another. I yesterday had an interview with the lady I have written you of who gave I understand a million & Chicago univ. I consider her very hopeful. It took a good deal of preliminary effort before I was sure of my ground and thought it time to call. Mrs McCormick I understand is out of town at present I will see her again before going East. She will not fail us but I'll do all I can to have something to show when I see her again.

The next two weeks will probably be dull in my line, then I go to Winona

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Sabe for 10 days and hope to have a talk with Mr Hall. By this time he might be able to decide on binding a land.

I will probably start East soon after Sept 1st.

Do not send any check till I call for it.

Very truly Yours

Hubbard & House.

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Winona Lake, Ind. Aug 11 03

My dear Mr Grant.

Will you please send me befor you leave New York a check for July salary. Ill be needing it after a little.

I am greatly pleased with Winona Lake I have about decided to arrange for the purchase of a lot with the idea of eventually having here my permanent home. A place to come to, or a place for my family. The development here is something remarkable, and the promise is of a solid growth both in the Summer Assembly and in all the year round residents and School. The Winona School for boys will be the center of the

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permanent interests. I scarcely doubt, knowing what has been done and the men back of this that the managers prophesy at a public meeting yesterday of two million investment & endowment in 5 years more will become an accomplished fact.

I could spend this month in no better place in the interests of our Christ work. I am making acquaintance and increasing others that will be permanently valuable. I wish Mr Graybill could be here to the Bible Conference and I wish that you also could be. But if Mr Graybill was here he could meet Mr Hall and then I would go to Chicago on Thursday & introduce him & Mrs. McCormick. You know it was Dr Wood's meeting Hogue in Phila that had

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I think must influence in securing his $ 600.00.

Seven thousand persons attended last years Bible Conferance here two thousand of them ministers men are expected this year. Time Aug 16–26.

Mr Evans writes me that your brother has not been well and that you have had your attention to the business I hope he is recovering and that you will not be overworked

I have a good word from Mrs McCormick all the letter is that it was spoken to another who reported it true. It

assures her interest & regret [illegible] that my summers work has not shown more result but is "due time" -- Yours truly

Very sincerely yours

Herbert E. House.

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Winona Lake Ind.
August 18 03

Dear Mr Grant.

I'll have to ask you to send my check along as I see I'll be out by time or before I leave here next week.

I go to Chicago this P.M. to meet Mr Graybill he having written that he would arrive there tomorrow morning. I hope to be able to introduce him to Mrs McCormick.

The Bible Conference is on in full swing. I enjoy my three days of it. I expect to return tomorrow evening.

Trusting all is well with you

I am sincerely Yours

Herbert E. House

Winona Lake

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OF PITTSBURGH.
PENN AND CENTRE AVENUES.

December 12 '03

Wyder McGrath.

I've had a good trip so far but not much time to report. You have I suppose the check for $100.00 from Miss. Willard. Reading Chicago Friday morning it came to pass that I was invited by the President of the Presbyterian Union to be his guest at the Union banquet that evening, to sit at the speakers table and make a short address on our line. Hon. J.H. Eckles was the speaker of the evening. Such opportunities are most helpful. I have asked Mr Blackstone to contribute $500.00 a year for the next three years beginning the coming January and judge that she will do so. I have also a most cordial word from Mr Cyrus H. McCormick who bids fair

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the card intended. How all is satisfactory Mr Buchanan is out of town but knowing that I must be here today arranged for me to address his S.S. class.

I purpose to spend Monday night in Harrisburg - a day in Baltimore and a day or two in Phila and get to N.Y. last of the week.

I call at the Gnl. Delivery in both Balt. & Phila. Post Office if you need to write me.

Sincerely Yours

Hubert E. House.

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LYNDHURST CLUB,
TARRYTOWN, N. Y.

Jany 13 '05

Dear Dr. Grant,

I find on my desk the letter I supposed I mailed you last evening If what I did mail you is fact a letter to Dr Manns please send it on.

What I want to know is re Dr Manns movements. If you are not interfering with his plans all right but if you are holding him back please telephone to me Saturday. If you are not holding him back no matter. I sup-

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pose he is to be in Chicago next week and am writing to mail to morrow evening to Mrs McCormick and Mr Bladeston that I have asked him to call and present Mrs Manus.

I cannot if he is not to be there I dont want to send these letters.

Do not telephone if you have not changed Dr. Manus plans.

I expect to be in Monday.

Very sincerely
Herbert E. House.

Lyndhurst Club

Tarrytown NY

Aug 6 1904

Dear Mr Grant.

In writing
Mrs McCormick please
do not send the letter asking
for contributions to current
expenses. I should say
just a little note enclos-
ing the financial statement.
I hope to see Mrs McCormick
this autumn and nothing
should be said about further
contributions till then.

I do not know as I will
come into the city till after the
14th but will stick to my work here

Yours truly H. E. Howe.

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Chicago

Sunday

Dec 3 1905

Dear Mr Grant.

I think I
letter get back to NewYork
soon as possible and
I think now that I will
be leaving here for NewYork
& get there by Friday or Sat.
Then a little later make
a short trip to Pittsburg.

There are things to do
in NewYork that must
be done before Christmas

There are various good
things that not immediate
gifts as the result of this
trip besides Mrs Mc-
Cormicks gift. I may
not get away from here.

After Thursday,

Sincerely

H. E. Howe

I may call at Baltimore
on my way home.

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December 4, 1905.

Rev. Herbert E. House,

2951 Vernon Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. House:-

Your favor of December 1st received.

I enclose some names given me by a lady friend. Charles Lockhart is supposed to be worth $30,000,000. Frank Paulson is a brother-in-law of Doctor Gillespie who was at one time a Trustee. He was a friend of my brother's Patterson prefers Doctor McEwen to Doctor Sneed. It would be better not to introduce yourself through Doctor Sneed.

With regard to Mrs. McCormick's gift, our first need is money for what we are doing, and the Trustees have not voted on a President's or Professor's house, so that I would not divert any funds offered in a new direction till we have taken care of what we have. Of course, in cur general estimate for immediate needs of $60,000 we have included residences for President and Professors. I think as soon as you get back we better write Mrs. McCormick that if she will give us the money we will use it immediately in the building going up, with the idea that as soon as we can raise that money we will put it into a professor's house, and try to find a giver for the other half.

Sincerely,

H. Harper Grant

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Chicago
Dec. 5 – 1905.

Dear Mr Grant, When I'm
sitting down with one of our
friends feeling the pulse as
you might say, and with all
the facts of our needs and
their state of mind from
them I do the best I can.
I can't now go to Mrs Mc-
Cormick and tell her that I
didn't know my business
and that we want something
else. I could have had
a thousand for anything
in my effort & got 5000 by
a special appeal I got what
I did. You know I feel that
you are disappointed
both in the gift and in me.
I've worked to my limit

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on this trip, and find
myself tonight about
done out. Its a nerve racking
business.

I can not accomplish
any thing in Pittsburg
in the short time that at
most I could give to the
work there now. I will get back
to work as soon as possible
starting tomorrow and
making an stop. Reach
Norfolk by Sat. morning
any way.

I am about sick with
headache tonight as well
as being tired out,

Sincerely
H.E. House.

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HAND WRITTEN ON BLACK BORDERED STATIONERY

135 Rush Street
Feb. 10, 06.

Dear Mr. House

Thank you for three birdseye views of the projected University at Honglok, accompanied by your letter.

Also for "the Observer" of February 8th, giving an account of your meeting at The Lawyer's Club, where the interests of the Canton Christian College were discussed.

I note your request in your letter that my subscription for the building of a Professor's house, namely $2,500 (I think it was) - should be applied on the buildong of this first college building that is now in process of construction.

I have hoped that I might be relieved of complying with this very natural wish on your part, by new and unexpected subscriptions coming to you for this first building for recitations and college work.

Will you tell me how this is by return mail. Have you any new subscriptions for the present building. I realize how very important it is for you to get into your new quarters for recitation and study - but I felt anxious to have the professor's house for my gift. And once I had parted with that hope I could not know whether it should be realized again, by future subscriptions coming in, to restore my plan for the professor's house.

In this Observer is also the entire speech of Rev. Arthur J. Brown at the Banquet given to the Chinese Commission - a most remarkable, and most superb outline of what our missionaries have accomplished in China. I am greatly warmed in heart by reading this fine speech. Many thanks to you.

Very sincerely yours,

N. F. McCormick

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Re Mrs. McCormick

135 RUSH STREET.

Feby 9. 1909

My dear Mr House:

I am not installed here, but just picked up a couple of sheets of paper to write a note, which as far as you are concerned I am writing from Hotel Lexington.

We did not discuss finances excepting as the good lady drew out that we had had no particular financial results either from the Gould meeting or from the China Dinner. She read every word of my article aloud

Reaper together with Mr Gorton
and myself to dinner.
She was pretty tired I think
but laughed at a few stories.
We had a Reception at the
Art Museum and she was
there from 4 - 6 or later
I went around to the Palmer
House and spend half an
hour and then walked
over to 135 Rush. there 7-10.
I spent 3 hours
I did not ask about Mrs
Blackstone but shall
try to see Mrs B. tomorrow.

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Otherwise all of Bishop Bashford's
letter
^ and looked for her house on our
Campus and asked about the
Administration Building. but I
did not say much excepting
that we were having the plan
redrawn
She asked me when I was
leaving, how long I would be
here and said that she
hoped to see me again.
She has the subject on her
mind. sure.
She had the gentleman who
wrote the Romance of the

I may telegraph for our last
Years statement and for
Mr Porters letter from
Candidates file

Yours

H Kenyon Grant

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675 Rush Street,
Chicago

6 April, 1910.

My dear Mr. Edmunds:

Your package containing the interesting souvenir of South China College was received, for which I thank you very much. When I look at it, it will always bring to my mind one who is so ably serving at the head of this great work.

I enjoyed very much your short visit here and hope to again have this pleasure.

With kindest wishes for the success of your work, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

N. F. McCormick (Signed)

Mr. Charles K. Edmunds,
c/o The Cecil,
Baltimore, Md.

April 7. N.B.

Yesterday a lovely young girl (Miss Margaret Bentley) was here before taking her train back to the St. Timothy School in Baltimore and I gave her your souvenir, with which she was greatly pleased. I hope you may meet her there. I had your translation of the inscription on pennant copied for her.

As Mrs. McCormick was not present when this letter was transcribed she asked me to sign it for her.

Frances Smith

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Two Weeks Ending -

JUN 11 1910

Baltimore - Washington, - Princeton -

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Barrett, Hon J. H. Washington.

Fairchild, David " " 11 Graham Hill, Now in Australia Mathematician & Grad College.

Bennett, Wm S. "Congressman from N.Y. & College - Will write all - & Writes send.

Baker, N.H. 219, 3rd, St N.Y. Asst Chemist U.S. Calvary Kansas all Summer in Washington Keynote.

Sleeman, John B, Jr. Exam Bldg, Wash. will aid in emergency Police matters for Chicago - & Woodwards home.

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JUN 28 1910

Out of Place

Gave much time to preparation of
3 important letters to
Mrs Sage -
E.S. Harkness
Stephen Baker
Other letters with statement.

JUN 29 1910

Called on Dr Abbott - Outlook Office - letter of intro by Paul Martin - Relation of College & Assn. Assn. Int. Conciliation. Eng. visit - Jord mission - Invited to Luncheon with the Outlook Editorial board. Gilbert Reid also present, from 1 to 2:30, making an acquaintance may be helpful.

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April 28,1911.

Rev. Herbert E.House,
C/O Pacific Mail S.S.Co.,
Yokohama, Japan.

My dear Mr. House:-

We have received nothing yet this year from the following persons who contributed last year:

J.W.Hallenback	$25
Miss Denny	100
C.H.Harris, Hackensack	10
J.C.Holden	20
A.C.James	4,000
Seth Low (year before last)	100
J.S.Lyle " " "	500
Mrs.N.F.McCormick	2,000
L.B.Miller	1,000
Mrs. Wistar Morris	100
Dr.Murtland	50
Penna.State College (subscribed)	1,000
Mrs.Vanderpool	75
Charles Wood (year before last)	15

Nothing yet from Mr.Dollar or Delevan Smith.

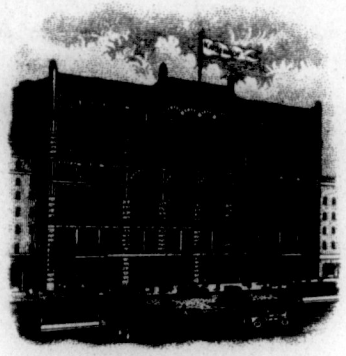
Sincerely,

W.Henry Grant,
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Dictated but not read.

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Chicago, Feby 10 1913

Dear Mr. Grant:

Calling on Mr Gorton this morning he said that Mrs McCormick had read and noted your letter. He said that Mr Bible had been there and had secured a pledge from Mrs McCormick for "The Normal School opposite Hong-kok" That, is the memo Gorton had and he supposed, and it was his idea that Mrs. M. understood that this was for the Canton Christian College. He however may be mistaken. He will find out definitely. I will probably see Mrs M. to-morrow and will see what

can be done, to get an equal amount headed surely to the C.C.C.

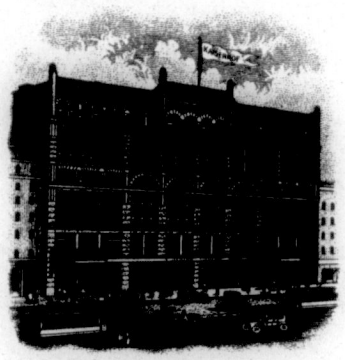
I notice that your figures re Chinese Gifts show up to May 1912 #37492.96

I am very much puzzled by this. We have built three dormitories at approximately 20000 each. We have stated in printed matter recently that about 60000 has been actually used. Will you kindly just respectfully right on this matter Possibly receipts May 1912 to date were considerable

I have had a very pleasant call on Mr Bryson, Mrs. Blackstones secretary whom I had not met before. He is a man of about her

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Chicago, _____ 19__

agr. He was glad to know
in detail of our work and
it was a good thing that
I was able to put him
right on various points. Mrs.
B. has friends waiting
her and I will not ask
for an appointment. Mr.
Bryan said that he was
prepared to meet our
drafts as had been
stated, by Dr Emmons, that
the money would be needed.

Mrs Mc. turned not to her
getting my letter re the second
5000 booklets. McGorlin would
attend to it today, I will visit

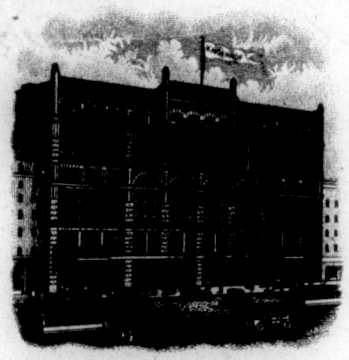
Will do if she desires to have them printed.

As I cannot say just what my movements will be please reply at once re the Chinese gifts, mailing to the Chicago address. and mail carbon copy to me % W. B. Graff 310 Worthington Ave Wyoming Ohio.

I suppose that I will leave here Thursday evening for Wyoming and Cincinnati but have not heard from Graff But its ans to my letter of inquiry whether he advises it or not.

Sincerely H. E. Hoose

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Chicago, Feby 11 1913

Dear Mr Grant

I have had a pleasant but rather brief call on Mrs. Mc. Cormick. Missionaries from India came as I was with her.

Talking the situation over with McGaffin - He found out that he was mistaken. Mrs M. knew her gift was to the Board. It is for a building for the Normal school, Fati I suppose.

Talking with Mrs Mc without urging anything it was easy to emphasize the points in your letter and the need of Capital as a natural consequence to so rapid growth. I found she

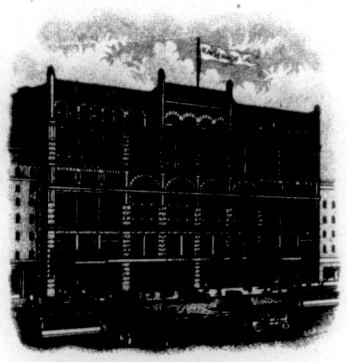
had a clear perception of the situation - and fill it anxiety & make any show whatever of pressing matters.

Mr Gates says that Yours letter has not come up yet for action - She has read it but it then gets into the file with other matters and he brings them in due course and orders up for decision. He will do what he properly can to get favorable and adequate action taken but it may be a few days yet. He will doubtless write You at least personally when such action has been taken.

I doubt if it would be helpful for You now to visit her. The news is very good health-wise Spencer will use your own judgment about a visit. My notion is that Your letter and what I have said make all clear to her so that she will do what she can.

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Chicago, _____ 19__

Debating very seriously whether
I should go to Cincinnati
I now think it worth while even
tho it will cost me $1.00 extra.
I want especially to see Mr.
Will Stearns now at home - and
Improve if I can.

I would go there to-night
for just a day. I fear that
all miss Childs' friends
are soured on us because
we took no account of their
funds - i.e. we'd them
passed them through the
office, and possibly they
expected us to take some action
in making Miss C. an official
member of the staff. Anyhow

I know they have all been sent for God. Dr Gregg is the next - and I fear us have lost them. Dr Gregg is Miss Boyle's pastor - I will try and see him - but not to advise re Miss B. I have written her from Norfolk to help to save her.

I could not speak with Mrs M. re my booklet, Satan will try and manage this P.M. I will see Millard in the morning what to do.

Sincerely
Robert E. Speer

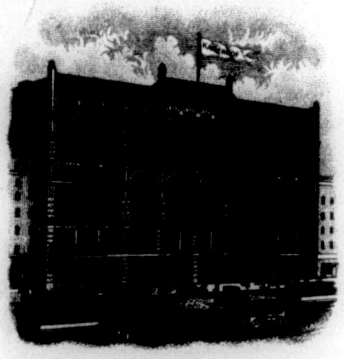
Address me for a couple of days at Victoria Res. ~~Hotel at Colorado Springs Col~~
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Chicago, Feby 12 1913

Dear Mr Grant

Booklet. My letter to Mr M- re a second 5000 of the booklet I found had not been passed on. It has not been possible to get it before her at any time these three days. Today she is indisposed. Geiter will try his best to get it passed on tomorrow. If so and it is favorable he will wire you. I have to writers Millard's and have told them that unless they hear from you by Friday noon they may throw the type in.

Cincinnatti.

I go on to Cincinnatti to-

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night. Graff indicates that Mr Mill Thurne and Mr Porter are at hand. I go especially to see the first and hope I may see the record. It seems to me best to go.

Sherwin H.G.

Sherwin to Williams Cleveland O.

Will you please send Mr. Sherwin Copy of Testimonials and a Copy of Woods' letter and write him (Dictate) that I have asked you to send the Testimonies especially because of the picture it contains of ~~Dr~~ Prof Chung. You may then say something of Chungs position with us & with the Govt. Mr S was quite interested in Chung I cannot the points but it will be well for you to mention it again briefly.

Send Dr Woods' letter on your own act. This is enough for now. ~~Hardly better could~~

Finds letter could be edited
down with profit in the first part.
I think it should be published
and sent out before it gets old.

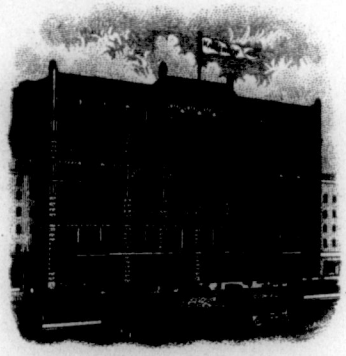
The Bookbuyer (Tragedy etc) also it seems
to me should be sent out right
away so that it will be
read and out of the way
before the Report gets out.

If a second 5000 are not
printed then your letter send
but one copy to a person - with
exceptions. I regret that I
did not have a thousand or
two more printed.

Sincerely
Robert E. House

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If Mr Grant is
not in Will Miss Gross
kindly attend to the
matter referred to
under the first para-
graph of this letter.

H. E. St.

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In re Mrs McCormicks - gift for Residence & Lease.
for Chan or Chung.

1723 WEST 51ST STREET

Los Angeles Cal
March 27 — 1913

Dear Mr Grant.

The following is of importance for you to know- but does not require a reply.

When calling on Mrs. McCormick Friday 10th or about. I inadvertantly mentioned the house provided for Chung. She at once said that she had provided the house for Chung. That it was all written down that her gift was for a house for Chung. I could say nothing more - and nothing more was said. I took the matter up with Gisler. I told him that Chung and I had been together when the matter of the house was taken up with Mrs M. & the bad feeling it. that my memory was, and I felt clear on the matter that we had asked for a house for a Chinese prospector that Chung would not have been party to asking for a house for himself - and that the gift was made in the nature of a gift of a residence for a Chinese Prospector.

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Justin looked up his files at length and could find only copy of his letter to me in which he spoke of the matter in the terms - "a house for a Chinese professor" He could find no reference at all to Chung. He would search further and if he found any such reference would let me know. I thought best not to trouble you with the matter thus far.

I now see on page 81 ~~Com~~ of President's report, "Residence for Dr. Chung 7500" among immediate needs. I wonder that as that was provided long ago for ~~for~~ the report went to press that this was just one needed. It is well to keep the eyes centered upon things that really are needed. But when this comes to Mrs McCormick eyes - there is a misunderstanding to be dealt with. I feel sure Mrs S. is mistaken and the pressure of Chung has led her thinking her kindness so thoughtlessly & needs explanations in this matter as delayed as possible.

Sincerely Herbert E. Stone

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Kindly return when through with it.

TRUSTEES OF THE CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

(CANTON, CHINA)

156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

Telephone 405 Gramercy

June 14, 1913.

The Trustees of the Canton Christian College,

New York.

Gentlemen:-

Mr. Grant mentioned to me last evening that it was not easy to show the Trustees just what the results of my work are, and he asked me directly what I had accomplished during the last period of my service, which was two years and eight months dating from May 1st 1910 to Dec.31st,1912. It seems to me that I should reply to that question in writing.

The first period of service extended from March 1, 1902 to June 31, 1907, five years and three months. At the end of that period I felt myself losing my grip- my story was worn out. The College had grown from a class to quite an institution, but I had not seen it. I should have made a trip to China to refresh myself and my appeal,but the way not being open for this I resigned from the paid service of the College and did what I could voluntarily during the following three years; but during that time practically nothing was done in enlarging our acquaintance among givers.

In the spring of 1910 I saw that the time was ripe for a new campaign. A new China was coming into being, the College had grown to a position of considerable importance and could base appeal on its own character and accomplishment, and the American public was beginning to awaken to an intelligent interest in China. I urged my reappointment with the condition that I be given time for a trip to China, the expense to be paid by myself. This plan was adopted and I reentered the service of the College May 1, 1910.

I first call attention to the way in which the past three years have been broken up. Eight months in recanvassing the established College acquaintance with some effort at enlarging that circle. Four and one half months on the China trip. Five and a half months almost entirely taken up in traveling with and assisting Chung. One month of general work in New York brings the time up to January 1912. Beginning in Washington January 1st the entire year of 1912 was given to uninterrupted direct effort on finances except about one month the latter part of the year given to reviewing, publishing and circulating the booklet "The Tragedy and the Imperative of Christian Education in China." The past five months I have not been in the employ of the College but the outlook for large returns from previous work is so good that I have been unable to cease my efforts in its behalf, and could not have given it better or more constant service than I have done.

Detailed reports of my activities for the past three years are on file in the office. The following is a summary of results period by period and as a whole. I do not include anything of that which has come to the College in due course as it would regardless of my efforts during this latter term of service, I include only the

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legitimate results of my personal efforts within the period.

During the first eight months,as a result of my personal efforts Miss Gould gave $10,000 for water supply and drainage, Mrs. Schauffler and Mrs. Kennedy were brought into the circle of givers and made their first gifts of that which now amounts to nearly $40,000, and Mrs. McCormick gave $2,000 for current needs. Also during the same period, I received from new subscribers, $5, $50, $10, $50, $25, $10, $100, $20. It is possible that some one else might have secured a gift from Mrs. McCormick. I am able to report upwards of $50,000 cash received by the College to date as the direct result of the first eight months work of this second term!

January 1911 was unusually successful in securing an initial acquaintance in Los Angeles and Pasadena, helped very much by invitations to address several important gatherings of leading people. Leaving for China January 28, 1911, one week was spent at Manila, seven weeks at Canton and three weeks in Shanghai, including visits to Hangchow, Nanking and Soochow. Realizing the brevity of my time in China I did my utmost on the trip in study, writing and interviews on steamers, and in effort to get every possible bit of information and illustration re the College and the educational situation in China as a whole. As one detail, between the end of my sixth week in Canton and my arrival in San Francisco I wrote by hand and mailed more than one hundred careful letters, enclosing a printed report of my visit to the College.

The outstanding financial result of the trip to China itself is in the promise by Mr. Swasey of $25,000 for the Y.M.C.A. building. In all my trip I was on the lookout for prospective contributors. I met Mr. Swasey on the steamer, returning from China in June 1911. I made it my business to make his acquaintance and to discuss with him as pointedly and thoroughly as was suitable, the College, its needs and opportunities. Again and again since then by personal interview in his office and home, and by mail I have kept him informed and his interest quickened. On the evening of January 19, 1912 after dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Swasey in their home I definitely requested Mr. Swasey's co-operation,and at that time Mr. Swasey gave me assurance that he would make a substantial gift to the College.

A gentleman on the steamer returning, noticing the efforts made to interest people remarked to me that it would pay the College to have me make frequent trips just to meet people on the steamers. I think far more might be done in the interest of the College than is done by members of the staff on their trips.

Reaching America June 9th, from then till about December 1st, my time was almost entirely taken traveling with and assisting Mr. Chung. It was impossible during this period for me to do much personal work aside from visiting our friends with Chung as was done. This was of high importance and doubtless has resulted in quickened interest and enlarged gifts, but cannot be reported on here as cash result except as to $6,000 promised me for a house for a Chinese professor by Mrs. McCormick, when I called upon her with Mr.Chung. As to this gift by Mrs. McCormick, it was received because it was definitely sought and it may well be included in the results. It is

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very probable that some one else could have gotten this gift if they had had time to seek it and had really done so. It seems to me proper to credit it to this account especially as all these months when I was fresh from China were given to aiding Chung instead of to direct effort on my own account. I again request that the way my time was broken up during the period covered be taken into consideration, but even at that the cash results ~~that can come~~ from the time above accounted for amount to upwards of $80,000.

December 1911 and all of 1912, with the exception of one month as noted, was given to direct effort to interest people in the College with a view to their becoming supporters. The actual immediate cash results were very small, less than a thousand dollars for the year's work. They were as follows: $100, $25, $50, $2, $10, $50, $50, $25, from new subscribers, and $500 from Mr. Lyle whom we had gotten out of touch with but whom I was able to see in Pasadena.

As a remark re the above showing, three gifts were from people of large wealth, the others came to me somewhat incidentally. I have long since ceased to give much time to people unable to give in substantial amounts. On the face of it this small result is hard to understand and doubtless it was this seemingly poor showing for a few months that discouraged the Finance Committee last June. Nevertheless to the best of my knowledge and judgment it was the best year's work I ever did for the College.

Please notice here this important fact. For four years there had been almost nothing done by myself or anyone else to extend our acquaintance. It was imperative that we broaden out into new territory and go after new people. The year was almost entirely given to this new effort. I urge that earnest consideration be given this fact. With the utmost intensity of purpose and enthusiasm that I am capable of, I sought out new people and with unusual success. In Southern California, in San Francisco, in Kansas, in Cleveland, and in Cincinnati and at Lake Mohonk I filled the year largely with efforts to interest new people. This is not a job of canvassing similar to the work of a book agent, it is a business of developing a constituency among people of large wealth. We long since recognized, I have at least, that my business was far more getting people than getting money, even though money is the object. People worth while cannot be gained heart and soul by hasty methods. The very year 1912 that by a narrow view was discouraging, was the best year's work I have ever done and it was hard for me that this could not be seen and that I was not to be permitted to carry it on to fruition, except as I did so by my own unaided efforts and at my own expense as in fact I have been doing.

Five and one half months of this year, 1913, have passed. In every way I have been greatly handicapped in the efforts I have been making, but the results are surprising.

It was in these previous seemingly barren months that I won Mrs. Balckstone's interest in a house for Dean Chung. The promise of $7,500 for this purpose was given in January of this year. It was not an easy thing for Mrs. Blackstone to make this gift and that we have it must be credited to the work of 1911-1912. $6,000 for a residence has been promised me by Mr. Frederick Weyerhaeuser, which follows work I did in 1912 when I first met him. I bring to you as I come to New York assurance of $1,500 to provide for Miss Liu's

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expense, that she may return to the College free of debt in 1915. Mrs. Brewer and Mrs. Bemis who will provide the funds were both first cultivated in 1912. Mr. Jotham Bixby of Long Beach has assured me of a gift. I expect $1,000, but it may be much more. Mr. Lyman Stewart, President of the Union Oil Company, now putting about a million dollars into a Bible Institute in Los Angeles, has promised me $250. The gift of $5,000 from Mr. Mason- helped by our introduction from Dr.Wilder- is yet directly due to work done with him in 1912 especially, and before. And this which in all will amount to nearly $20,000 is only the first fruits of a great harvest that might be reaped from the work done in the year 1912.

The total figures for the two years and eight months are as follows:

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not including Mr. Bixby nor about $2000.00 in smaller gifts, nor the wide influence of the booklet "Tragedy, etc.", nor the great amount of general work I have been called upon to do during the time. This list is not padded. It does not include many thousands that have come to the College meanwhile in due course from others it was my privilege to first interest in the College. It is the direct result of my two years and eight months service for which the College has paid $5,666 in salary, and possibly $1,000 on account of expenses.

I do not ask nor do I want a reengagement as before, but it does seem to me that the Trustees should do something to help me conserve for them the results of my work, and to do any other work that I see would profit the College. I ought not to need to urge the importance of doing something adequate in the face of the results that have come from the comparatively small expenditure on account of this work. I have a new and large and fine acquaintance. It should be in the highest sense gratifying that my efforts have been made in the large, out in the open, and that a great new field of acquaintance has been opened to us. It is a pityful policy that will let it be lost for fear of a little expenditure for promotion. I think the Trustees should trust me- let me do what I think best and draw on them for what I need. They know I would not take advantage of them and they have the power to shut me off at any time. Of course an exact accounting would be made. Put $2,000 of the legacy of Dr.Jackson at my disposal temporarily for the next year or two and you will see that legacy increased many fold. Do not the results of the past, the acquaintance I have and the prospects that I know of warrant me in saying and you in believing this?

Respectfully,

Herbert E. Hawes

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HAND WRITTEN PIECE PAPER THE SIZE
OF A CALLING CARD

Jan. 14

Dear Mr. House

I hasten to return the letter changing the date as you desire.

Very sincerely yours,

N. F. McCormick

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HAND WRITTEN LETTER

Lake Forest, July 13, 1915.
Robbins Cottage.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Graybill

Out here in Lake Forest I have received your note, and I am looking forward with pleasure to the seventeenth, when I will have some one at the Lasalle Hotel to bring you to the Northwestern Station, where you will take a train - very frequent they are; and our motor will meet you at the station here and bring you to this rented house, where I am - of course I want you for as long as you can remain.

Looking forward with pleasure to this, I am

Ever yours, dear friends,

N. F. McCormick (Signed)

piece of paper attached to letter says

"Of course we want Mr. Knipp"

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HAND WRITTEN ON BLACK BORDERED

CALLING CARD OF Mrs. McCormick.

Undated

Dear Mr. Grant
Thank you for the notice of our good friend's passing to the better land. It is a national loss - a world loss, as you say.

Very sincerely yours,

N. F. McC.

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Mr House, I am not sure whether I sent you copy of this letter as you requested -

Copy of letter, Mr. House to Mrs. McCormick.

New York, June 14,1916.

Mrs. Nettie F. McCormick,
675 Rush St.,CHicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. McCormick:-

I want to write you freely about the matter of working capital and endowment for Canton Christiam College. Thus far our task has been one of initial development; it has been a great task, but I think we may all, generous contributors,teachers and Trustees, say that it has been well done. Over all has been a clear leading and help from above. We have felt that we were indeed working in harmony with the will of God. Rapid as has been the growth of the school, its Christian character has been still more marked. Even this last week I have received word that "there have recently been nearly twenty new decisions for Christ and many deeper consecrations."

During this period of development it has been impossible to amass capital or endowment. It is wonderful, in fact, that so much has been done without debt. Now that the institution has proven its necessity, has proven that it is being planned along right lines and is doing the great foundation work in Christian higher education for forty million people, it seems truly reasonable that the friends of the institution should consider the matter of financial stability. If there should come a year of financial stringency in America, in our present circumstances it would probably mean great disaster to the College, and to the Christian foundations in South China, for at present the school has practically no capital and no endowment. Also the work should now be greatly strengthened and improved.

Your very earnest and clear-sighted remark when we talked of the College in Pasadena, that it should now have an income from en-

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dowment to help support its teachers, makes me feel even more free than I otherwise would to speak to you of these things. I do not think great endowment is needed, but the Canton Christian College should now have substantial working capital and at least moderate endowment, increasing as the College grows. This is imperative if it is to be secure in the future, or highly successful in its present work. For all purposes, besides current expense, we should now be seeking at least half a million dollars, some part of which should be put into permanent improvement, as buildings, land and equipment, which would greatly strengthen the work being done; some should be held as working capital and a substantial part be put into permanent endowment. Mr. Grant, myself, and all the Trustees are united in the determination to now do our utmost to put the College on such a secure basis. This is the time for action, both because of somewhat favorable financial conditions in this country, and because of the imperative need at the College.

Will you not, my dear Mrs. McCormick, help the College in this great matter by making an initial subscription to such a fund as this? The College has not yet a great constituency, but I am confident that we could promise to at least double any amount you should see fit to give, and having done that we would then press forward to do as much more as possible. I feel that the work already done assures you that all upon whom responsibility rests are doing and will do their utmost in this matter.

With any strong beginning, I am sure we could go forward and secure what is needed to put Canton Christian College on a basis that would make it permanently secure and a mighty power in China. I dread to suggest any amount, but, nevertheless, while not

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urging any particular amount, and leaving all to you, I only honor you, and I put myself under heavy obligations by saying that if you should give $250,000 I believe that we could secure in a year or a year and a half $250,000 more. This would be a tremendous task for a missionary college, such as we are, but we would all give our faith and efforts to it to the utmost and it would be done.

Such an amount as is mentioned would fully meet the imperative needs of the present, and would put the College on a secure foundation. Some such heroic sacrifice and effort as would be required to provide so great a sum must be speedily made if South China is to be led to a knowledge of Christ and is to have any sufficient company of her youth trained to lead the people into a Christian civilization.

I have written you freely and simply, knowing that among all the friends of the College, none more than you appreciate its need of substantial foundation, and none more than you would be glad to see its present work strengthened and its future made secure.

Most sincerely yours,

Herbert E.House.

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(copy hand-written letter)

April 19, 1917.

My dear Mrs. McCormick:

I hardly need to make any excuses to you for not making a call upon you in Pasadena. I can assure you that nothing would give me greater pleasure than such a call in such a place.

Mr. House has written to you of his scheme for the beginning of an Endowment and sent me a copy of the letter, thus making me a party to certain ideas which are not quite in the form I would present them myself. It really appears to me this way. Most of our friends are not in a position to give much more than they do give annually, hence to talk to them about Endowment seems as far away as the north-pole and nearly as cold. Some of them may be ready to give a residence or add something to the Endowment Funds, in some cases under the name of a"Scholarship Fund"which is not Primarily "Student Aid." A few will give in large amounts only for Endowment on buildings. It is conceded by a number of Educational leaders in America who have visited the College that one million dollars as an Endowment is none too large a sum to set squarely before those who are in a position to consider any contribution to an Endowment fund. If we hold that up as a sum really needed and get any considerable sum toward it we can then urge it more directly. We know a few people who practically will give us no money for current expenses but who probably will come in to raise an Endowment. It is doubtful that the raising of a deficit sum within a limit of time would furnish any incentive. The fact that we were actually receiving considerable sums toward the Endowment would greatly encourage them to give. It is clear to them that we shall not raise less annually for current expenses and the College plant if we have say $25000 to $50000 annual interest--because any excess in gifts will go into the current expenses and plant almost automatically and the needs are unlimited. I would say that with about $250,000 more invested in the plant and half a million in Endowment we would be in a pretty strong position to do our work and go ahead. Our buttons are pretty tight now and we are trying to keep our infant Collgge thin so that it will not be too big for its clothes. But it will grow never-theless. Some pressure is a good thenbut too much is a great strain upon everybody. MORE TO FOLLOW

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My dear Mr.....

President Charles K. Edmunds and I would like to see you personally regarding the financial status of the Canton Christian College and its needs. We are sure that we can convince you that, whether the Canton Christian College is ~~exceptional~~ considered as a special case or one of a class, it represents the most fundamental contribution we as a people can make to China, in order that she may be Christianized and stabilized and able to take care of herself nationally and internationally, and that ~~mission work in general may keep pace with the~~ Christian missions as a whole may meet the growing demands ~~of her youth~~ for better preparation and specialized training fitted and applicable to actual working and service. Social conditions at home.

We hope that you will see your way clear to give the College $100,000 toward a working capital and $50,000 a year toward maintenance. Our American support to date has come from a comparatively few well-informed givers, a few colleges and other groups, not from the church boards. We have been struggling in this way for twenty years, swimming with our mouths just above the water, and by the grace of God and the kindness of men and women of goodwill have, outside of student fees, raised nearly a million dollars, beginning with less than $4,000 in 1900-1, and have made a college in China whose degree admits its graduates to post graduate work in American universities.

The question which we have been repeatedly asked is 'Why do you not ask Mr. Rockefeller'? Our answer naturally has been 'The Rockefeller Foundation outside of the United States is chiefly interested in medical and premedical work, that from time to time since 1905 we have expressed the desire to bring our case before Mr.Rockefeller's representatives but have been discouraged on the grounds that we were outside of their policy, formed or unformed, and could not be dealt with individually. We have said to ourselves" Mr. Rockefeller certainly would see the difference between the work of a Christian college

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in China, as a working proposition, from one in the United States with its many public and private secondary schools and he would surely aid in this foundational work if he once understood the almost total lack of higher primary and secondary Christian schools in China preparing students for college entrance, and the paramount necessity for the long continued mental, physical and moral training needed through the whole school life.

Until recently the Canton Christian College was the only Christian school in the Two Kwang Provinces which prepared students for college entrance. It had nearly all the students in regular high school grades who were under Christian masters. At present it has all the college students and about one-third of the students in the college preparatory grades. The other Christian schools, which now really prepare students in English and science to enter college, are largely under the supervision of men trained at the Canton Christian College.

The "Ling Nam Tai Hok" or simply "Ling Nam", the Chinese name, is now as famous among the Cantonese who are found in all parts of China and indeed of the world as "Rugby" is among Englishmen.

We submit herewith some of our College documents in the hope that, should you not find time to read them, you may see at a glance that we have a much alive College town where you would instantly feel at home should you visit it and also see what the College means to China

awaiting your kind considerations.

Sincerely

P.S. The "College" groups mentioned above represent some thousand of students and teachers in America. The "Other groups are composed chiefly of some thousands of members of The Chinese General Association of the C.C.C. Branches which also pay annual contributions, Branches contributing annually

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Lold Lore

675 Rush Street,
Chicago

Lake Forest, Ill.
Nov. 21/18.

Dear Mr. Grant:

I think very often and kindly of your great fidelity to that splendid institution - Canton Christian College, whose cause rises or falls in the degree of your success. And it is but fair to say that in contributing for last year's expenses and for this year, I have had your wishes in mind as much as those of any one connected with Canton College.

I think lovingly of your Mother, as well as of your own work.

Very sincerely yours,

N. F. McCormick (Signed)

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Lake Forest, Ill.,
Jan.4, 1919.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Edmunds:

I want to thank you for your beautiful card with Christmas greeting.

I often think of you both, with eager wish for your happiness on your furlough. I hope I may see you while in America.

I feel so encouraged about Mr. Knipp's use, in Canton Christian College, of the scientific knowledge he gained in America.

With many thanks for Mr. Edmund's kind letter, I am,

Very sincerely yours

N. F. McCormick (Signed)

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675 Rush Street,
Chicago.

Lake Forest, Ill.,

Feb. 15/19

Dear Mr. Edmunds:

I am very pleased to have these new views to incorporate with those you have already given me of Canton College, and thank you sincerely.

I am delighted with the one showing the whole staff, and I think I recognize Mr. Graybill, Mr, Knipp, Mr. Chung and yourself. You seem to lead a regiment of American and native instructors, and it does look good to me to see so fine a corps in the service of Canton College. Surely you have grown very fast, and every advance does the heart good. I was, of course, much interested in the view showing the agricultural implements. How greatly useful to the world is Canton Christian College!

I would be disappointed to miss seeing you and Mrs. Edmunds as you pass through this country on your way to China.

Very sincerely yours,

N. F. McCormick (Signed)

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675 Rush Street,
Chicago.

Dear Mr. Grant

Mr. Chung has sent wedding cards for Thursday next.

Will you kindly give the enclosed note to him.

I am so pleased with his bride - a sweet lady she is.

I hope you will attend the wedding.

Sincerely yours,

N. F. McCormick (Signed)

March 8, '15.

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Consult Mrs. Hammaker - would not benefit Lingnan etc

NETTIE FOWLER McCORMICK BIOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION
664 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
CHICAGO

TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 2091

November 8, 1933

Dear Miss Spivey:

During a recent visit to Berea, Kentucky, I had the pleasure of meeting Miss Katherine C. Griggs, and learned through her details which I had not yet uncovered of Mrs. Nettie Fowler McCormick's interest in Lingnan when it was Canton Christian College. I explained to Miss Griggs the nature of our undertaking here - that the Association was organized to collect the outlying letters and other writings of Mrs. McCormick and to assemble and classify the entire collection. She kindly gave me the names of several persons to whom I might write. She told me, of course, about her sister, Mrs. Graybill, and other officials of Lingnan.

Your name was given to me with the suggestion that you might be able to find in the Lingnan files letters from Mrs. McCormick which might be released to this Association; or if not released, then sent to us for copying, with a promise of return to you. Of course we should prefer to have the original letters, and I might add that even letters signed by secretaries or other business agents would be welcome, as they might supply details of Mrs. McCormick's interests which are lacking in the papers.

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Miss Griggs gave me, among other names, that of Mr. W. Henry Grant, and a letter had actually been dictated to him, before I saw in the New York Times a notice of his death. Have you any suggestions as to the most appropriate way in which I may find out, after a suitable interval, who has his papers, so that if possible we may secure any letters that may have been written to him by Mrs. McCormick?

Sincerely yours,

Virginia Roderick

Miss Nellie Spivey,
Ninth Floor,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

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November 13, 1933.

Miss Virginia Roderick,
664 North Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Miss Roderick:

Miss Spivey has handed me your letter of November 8th. We are eager to cooperate with you in discovering any letters from Mrs. McCormick which may be in our files and any that may possibly be in the separate files maintained by Mr. Grant, for so many years Secretary of our Board of Trustees. I find myself in a rather perplexing situation in this matter. Because of the crucial financial difficulty of Lingnan University we have reduced our overhead to the lowest possible figure. In place of two secretaries in this office we now have only one. Whenever it is imperative I call for a Dictaphone operator to take additional correspondence. Mr. Grant was also financially embarrassed during the last few years of his life and, therefore, had virtually no secretarial help. To discover any letters in files so many years old as would be those in which letters from Mrs. McCormick might be discovered, would require a considerable search in cases packed away in our storeroom of old data. To make this search adequately would be impossible for Miss Spivey without serious neglect of the most urgent matters with which we are constantly dealing in the office. On the other hand, a competent person could probably, in the course of a few days or of one week, discover all letters that we may have from Mrs. McCormick, both in our files here and in the files of Mr. Grant out in the suburbs.

I write very reluctantly to inquire whether you feel that it would be reasonable for you to authorize the expenditure of a small amount of money to engage someone for this particular task. I say that I write this reluctantly. Mrs. McCormick was extremely good to Lingnan University. One of the larger residences on our campus bears her name. We are deeply grateful to her and to other members of the family and it does, indeed, seem most ungracious on our part to ask whether a small expense fund might be allowed for making this search. If you feel that the question would be unpleasant to raise with any member of the family please write me before doing so. I think, however, that you will understand that while the institution is facing the most crucial difficulty endangering its continued work I am compelled to consider every dollar before expending it.

I should estimate that perhaps as much as $25.00 would be sufficient to cover the expense involved.

Sincerely yours,

Olin D. Wannamaker,
American Director.

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NETTIE FOWLER McCORMICK BIOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION
664 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
CHICAGO

TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 2091

November 15, 1933

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

The question you raise, in your letter of November 13, 1933, just received, seems to me altogether reasonable. I appreciate both the situation and your feelings, and shall have no hesitation in asking the question if I do not feel that I can authorize the expenditure myself.

But since so much trouble is involved, as well as expense, I think I should take a little time to find out as nearly as I can what are the probabilities that letters written by Mrs. McCormick will result. I am therefore going to see if I can find carbons of letters or responses from your trustees or other officials which will give me this information, and incidentally guide you in making the search.

This may take a little time. Our collection, you see, has not all been uncovered, so that we cannot turn quickly to any year. But I'll write you again shortly.

Sincerely yours,

Virginia Roderick

Olin D. Wannamaker, Esq.,
American Director,
Trustees Lingnan University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

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November 28, 1933.

Miss Virginia Roderick,
664 North Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Miss Roderick:

The nephew of Mr. W. Henry Grant, for so many years Secretary of our Board of Trustees, but recently deceased, has been going over a small portion of his uncle's papers. He will not have occasion to go over the very large accumulation. He did, however, bring me a few items from a part of the papers, through which he had gone, and which he tought might possibly be interesting to you. Unfortunately, there is not anything from the hand of Mrs. McCormick and you may find no interest whatever in anything which I am sending. For what it may be worth, however, I am sending this on for your examination.

Sincerely yours,

ODW:BL

Olin D. Wannamaker,
American Director.

Newspaper clippings of Mrs.McCormick's death July 5,1923
Orig.letter of Aug.10,1923 expressing gratitude for sympathy, letter to Mr.Grant, signed by Cyrus H.McCormick,Anita Blaine,Harold McCormick.
Orig. telegram July 6,1923, to Mr.Grant from Anita Blaine, Cyrus and Harold McCormick.
Orig.letter of Feb.1,1923, Truman B.Gorton,Secy. to Mr.Grant
" " " July 24/23 ditto
Copy - " " Oct.1/23 Mr.Grant to Mr. Gorton
" " " July 6/23 " " to Mrs.Blaine,Cyrus & Harold McCormick
" " " Aug.16/23 " " " Mr.House, enclosing notes of his visit to Mrs. McCormick.
" " " July 6/23 Mr.Grant to Mrs. Cyrus H. McCormick Family - sympathy in loss of friend,etc.

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NETTIE FOWLER McCORMICK BIOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION
664 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
CHICAGO

TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 2091

December 2, 1933

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

This Association certainly sends warm thanks to you and to Mr. W. Henry Grant's nephew for the papers which you sent on November 28, 1933. There is no question of their interest for our purpose. Every paper Mr. Grant's nephew chose to send is important, and particularly the notes made by Mr. Grant of his visit to Mrs. McCormick. These notes have the value of personal recollections such as would have been asked of Mr. Grant if I had reached him in time.

Will you please express to Mr. Grant's nephew sincere thanks for this collection? If you think it would be appropriate for me to write him direct I should be glad to have his name and address.

I shall be writing you, I trust, in a very few days about a further search through the Lingnan files and Mr. Grant's papers. I assume that there is no danger of their being dispersed in the meantime.

With sincere appreciation, I am

Very truly yours,

Virginia Roderick

Olin D. Wannamaker, Esq.,
American Director,
Trustees Lingnan University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

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December 4, 1933.

Mr. J. Ralston Grant,
453 Tremont Place,
Orange, N.J.

Dear Mr. Grant:

You will be pleased to see the enclosed copy of a reply received from the lady who is working at the biographical notes on Mrs. McCormick.

Sometime ago, when she wrote us for information, I explained our situation and asked whether she could allow a very small expense fund for a search through the files here and those of Mr. Grant. She at once acceded to this suggestion but said that it would be better to wait until she had gone further in her own search and then put the bigger question to us. When we do hear from her finally I will talk the whole matter over with you in detail.

Sincerely yours,

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Olin D. Wannamaker,
American Director.

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NETTIE FOWLER McCORMICK BIOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION
664 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
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TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 2091

December 4, 1933

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

I am happy to send you authorization to employ someone to search through the files of Lingnan University and Mr. W. Henry Grant's papers for letters written by Mrs. Nettie Fowler McCormick or her representatives. Our understanding is that you may need to spend twenty-five dollars for such services. Of course if it should turn out that the search warrants the use of more time than twenty-five dollars would pay for, it would be possible to make a slight extension of the amount. Perhaps you will keep me in touch.

We shall hope for good results, but in any case we appreciate your kind co-operation.

Sincerely yours,
Virginia Roderick

Olin D. Wannamaker, Esq.,
American Director,
Trustees of Lingnan University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

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December 16,1933

Miss Virginia Roderick
Nettie Fowler McCormick Biographical Ass'n.,
664 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Miss Roderick:-

In response to your note of December 4th, I have explained fully to Mr. J. Ralston Grant, Jr., nephew of the late Mr. W.Henry Grant, and he is beginning a search through Mr. Grant's files for any material which would be interesting to you. We shall report soon in regard to the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Olin D.Wanamaker
American Director

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January 31, 1934.

Miss Virginia Roderick,
Nettie Fowler McCormick Biographical Ass'n.,
664 North Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Miss Roderick:

It is disappointing to me to have discovered almost nothing that I think will be interesting to you in the files of Mr. Grant. Mr. Grant's nephew has been through these files and has handed to me everything that he found which could possibly have any bearing upon the matter in which you are interested. I am sending this material to you. Please take anything in which you are interested and simply send us a copy of those items, and then kindly return anything which is of no interest whatever to you.

Mr. Grant has not said anything to me about any charge for his service in this matter. I shall wait to hear from him, not knowing whether he really will make any charge or not.

Meanwhile, I shall not proceed to go through the various extensive files in our storage cabinets in this office until I hear from you in response to this letter. Let me know whether you still wish that we should engage someone to go through the files in our own offices.

Sincerely yours,

Olin D. Wannamaker,
American Director.

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NETTIE FOWLER McCORMICK BIOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION
664 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
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TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 2091

February 2, 1934

My dear Mr. Wannamaker:

I have received this morning the papers from Mr. W. Henry Grant's files which Mr. J. Ralston Grant, Jr., gathered out, To keep the record clear, these are listed:

Three letters, T. B. Gorton to W. Henry Grant, May 7, 1913; May 31, 1913; Aug. 26, 1919
Telegram, T. B. Gorton to W. Henry Grant, May 7, 1913
Letter, T. B. Gorton to Herbert E. House, March 6, 1908
Telegram, T. B. Gorton to Herbert E. House, November 11, 1907
Copy (?) of letter, W. Henry Grant to Mrs. N. F. McCormick, Oct. 21, 1921
Copy of letter, unsigned, to Mrs. McCormick, April 19, 1917
Two copies of letters, C K E, President, to T. B. Gorton, Mar. 15, 1910 and Aug. 26, 1910
Copy of letter, W. Henry Grant to T. B. Gorton, April 20, 1916
Two copies of letters, Miss Katharine C. Griggs to T. B. Gorton, Aug. 30, 1919; Oct.20, 1919

I have run through the papers, but am not taking time now to reach a decision about which ones, if any, to return, which ones to keep, after having copies made for you, as you request. Of course I

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am disappointed, as you were, that none of Mrs. McCormick's own writings, which are the chief object of our search, came to view; but I appreciate seeing all that has been sent, and it no doubt will shed light.

I suppose that in asking if I still wish you to proceed with the search through other Lingnan files you are wondering whether the papers received justify spending the rest of the appropriation. I should say yes. At the worst, we shall know that none of Mrs. McCormick's letters or other papers are available from this source. At the best, we shall have some of her own writings. And what may happen is that we shall get further papers, like those already found, which are helpful even though disappointing.

I am sure you have in mind that the appropriation I secured, $25 or a little more, applied to both the files of Lingnan and Mr. Grant's files, based as it was on your letter of November 13, 1933. So will you not have to find out from Mr. J. Ralston Grant how much of our appropriation, if any, he is going to ask, before going deeply into the other files? - (and don't let him ask too much!) But I don't mean to try to tell you how to conduct this search, which it is so kind of you to carry on. I only need to be sure that it is clear that my authorization extends only to $25 "or a little more," and any question beyond that somewhat indeterminate figure would have to be presented anew, with of course the risk of delay in case some one of the family were absent.

What we want, of course, is first of all letters written by Mrs. McCormick herself. The letters of her representatives, for instance the Gorton letters that came this morning, may be

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important. And the letters to Mrs. McCormick of any of you who were connected with Lingnan may give valuable points. I did not ask for these last mentioned in the first place, but they are good to have. For instance, there are Mr. Grant's notes to Mr. House, about a visit to Mrs. McCormick, which you sent on November 28, 1933, and now this morning Mr. House's letter in comment on these notes, with a promise of search among his own papers.

But I would say if the search for this third class of papers, when not directly associated with Mrs. McCormick's letters, means a greatly added expenditure of time, it might be as well to drop it.

I said I would tell you any further disclosures among our own papers. Mrs. McCormick's files contain some letters from Mr. House, Mr. Grant and Mr. Graybill. Also Mr. House, learning of our search for letters, has sent in two of Mrs. McCormick's; Mr. and Mrs. Graybill have kindly promised to go through their letters, but these are probably personal, and would not lessen the value of any official letters to Mr. Graybill which might be in your files. The official records of the Estates Office show gifts made to Canton Christian College (Lingnan) by Mrs. McCormick in 1907, 1908, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1915, 1917, 1918, 1919. But this is doubtless clear in your records too, and it does not preclude the possibility of correspondence in other years.

Please write me again if all this is not clear. The Association is very grateful to you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Virginia Roderick

Olin D. Wannamaker, Esq.,
American Director, Trustees of Lingnan University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

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March 14, 1934.

Miss Virginia Roderick,
Nettie Fowler McCormick Biographical Association,
664 North Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Miss Roderick:

I am sending you herewith such additional material as we have discovered, having any connection whatever with Mrs. McCormick and likely to be useful to you. I fear the use will be extremely slight.

In order to reduce expense to the lowest possible figure I am simply sending you the original letters taken from our old files. Will you be good enough to send me a list of these letters in acknowledgement, and eventually to return the originals to us?

Thus far no charge has been made for this service. I have not heard definitely from young Mr. Grant whether he intends to make any charge for what he has done. I am inclined to think he will make no charge and I am not asking him a direct question about it, preferring to wait to see whether he himself presents any bill.

We have not yet found it practicable to search through the old files in my own office. I shall take this matter up a little later.

Sincerely yours,

Olin D. Wannamaker,
American Director.

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NETTIE FOWLER McCORMICK BIOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION
664 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
CHICAGO

TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 2091

March 17, 1934

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Thank you very much for the letters containing references to Mrs. McCormick or addressed to her, which arrived yesterday. I have taken time only to glance through these and am sure that the references will be useful. I am enclosing a list of the letters, as you asked, and the originals will be returned to you later on.

I recognize your suggestion in regard to the question of payment, and am sure it is best for you to proceed as you think most suitable, but please understand that we are ready to send the amount allotted whenever you say the word. Some time, for instance, must have been spent in searching out the letters that you sent.

I am sorry that I missed seeing you while I was in New York, but it was a pleasure to meet Miss Spivey and to talk with you over the telephone.

Cordially,

Virginia Roderick

Olin D. Wannamaker, Esq.,
American Director, Trustees of Lingnan University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Enclosure.

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List of Letters
containing references to or addressed to
Mrs. Nettie Fowler McCormick, enclosed
with letter of Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker to
Nettie Fowler McCormick Biographical
Association, dated March 14, 1934

Eight original letters, Mr. Herbert E. House to
Mr. W. Henry Grant, dated as follows:
December 3, 1902
January 6, 1903
June 2, 1903
June 13, 1903
July 1, 1903
August 19, 1903
December 1, 1905
May 18, 1912

Carbon copy of letter, Mr. W. Henry Grant to
Mrs. Nettie Fowler McCormick, dated May 29, 1913

Carbon copy of letter, Mr. Herbert E. House to
Mrs. Nettie Fowler McCormick, dated June 14, 1916

Copies of three letters, Mr. Herbert E. House to
Mr. W. Henry Grant, dated as follows:
February 10, 1913
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March 22, 1934.

Miss Virginia Roderick,
Nettie Fowler McCormick Biographical Association,
664 North Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Miss Roderick:

Thanks for your letter of March 17.

During my absence from the city for several days I shall ask one of my secretaries here to give some time to searching through our files in this office for any material that might be of interest to you. Since this secretary is only on part time employment here, there will be a charge for the actual time expended in this work. I will send you the bill after the search has been completed.

Sincerely yours,

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Olin D. Wannamaker,
American Director.

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54¢ postage

April 3, 1934.

Miss Virginia Roderick,
Nettie Fowler McCormick Biographical Association,
664 North Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Miss Roderick:

At last we are able to send you something really interesting - several letters signed by Mrs. McCormick herself. These have been found in our own files in this office. Meanwhile, young Mr. Grant found two or three other letters, - or copies of letters - that had been written to Mrs. McCormick. I am sending you, together with the original letters signed by Mrs. McCormick herself, a large amount of manuscript constituting copies of correspondence. I believe I am meeting your own wishes in sending all of this material, although it may be of little interest. In order not to cause you any undue expense, I leave it to you to write a list of the material as you have previously so kindly done to be placed in our files here until you return the material all to us. *

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Mr. Grant has now finished his own search and presented me a memorandum which I am enclosing for you. He dictated this memorandum here in the office to my secretary while I was out. Please make your check payable to him. If you so desire, I will have him sign a receipt to be returned to you.

Sincerely yours,

Olin D. Wannamaker,
American Director.

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* We have taken copies of Mrs. McCormick's letters. We present the originals to the family.

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NETTIE FOWLER McCORMICK BIOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION
664 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
CHICAGO

TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 2091

April 6, 1934

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

This is just to say thank you for the fine package that arrived yesterday and to ask one question in that connection. You say that you have taken copies of Mrs. McCormick's letters and are presenting the originals to the family. That gift I know will be appreciated. But I am wondering whether you mean that you have taken copies only of the hand written letters, which were in a separate group, or whether you made copies also of Mrs. McCormick's typewritten letters scattered through the larger collection. If not, are we to keep these originals after making copies for you? We should be glad to have them of course, but no doubt we can find carbons.

I am not sending a list of the papers because we are having a search made through our boxes for carbons. If we find them, we can release some of these papers to you at once. This will take a little time of course.

I will put through Mr. Grant's bill to the McCormick Estates' office. The check will go to him with a receipt to be returned to that office.

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You do not say whether or not the search in your own files involved expenditures. Even if it involved over time I think we should know and act accordingly.

In any event I certainly do appreciate all the trouble you have taken about these papers, and I will write you more fully after the comparison has been finished and after I have read the papers more carefully.

Very cordially,

Virginia Roderick

Olin D. Wannamaker, Esq.
American Director,
Trustees Lingnan University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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April 12, 1934.

Miss Virginia Roderick,
Nettie Fowler McCormick Biographical Association,
664 North Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Miss Roderick:

Thank you for your letter of April 6th.

The only letters we copied here were those that were personally signed by Mrs. McCormick. Those we wished to present to the McCormick family. Everything else in the folder you will kindly return to us when you have finished using them.

A certain amount of time has been spent in our office in searching for documents of interest to you. I am not quite sure whether the search is complete yet or not. All of the most interesting letters just sent you came from that search in this office. Very soon I shall let you know what the charge was for the search here, which was made in time for which the young lady was not remunerated by us.

Sincerely yours,

Olin D. Wannamaker,
American Director.

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May 1, 1934.

The Trustees of Lingnan University,

To Miss Bessie Lippincott,

2-1/2 days spent searching records of Trustees Lingnan University for Nettie Fowler McCormick records, at $5.00 per day $12.50

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May 7, 1934.

Miss Virginia Roderick,
The Nettie Fowler McCormich Biographical Ass'n.,
664 North Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Miss Roderick:

It now seems unlikely that we shall discover anything more in our files here that would be of interest to you. The letters I sent you last, especially those signed by Mrs. McCormick herself, were discovered by a part time secretary who gave two and one-half days to the task of searching our files. Will you kindly send a check made payable in her name? The statement is sent you herewith.

I hope you are having success in your collection of material for the biography of Mrs. McCormick.

Owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Wannamaker, who is in Switzerland, I must leave here at the end of May for an absence of some months. Next autumn and winter I hope I may be able to include Chicago in some of my trips. If so, I shall be happy to meet you in person.

Sincerely yours,

Olin D. Wannamaker,
American Director.

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NETTIE FOWLER McCORMICK BIOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION
664 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
CHICAGO

TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 2091

May 9, 1934

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

First, let me say how sorry I am to hear of Mrs. Wannamaker's illness. I sincerely trust that you may find her much improved when you reach Switzerland.

I am glad to send through the voucher for Miss Lippincott. The check will go to her direct from the Estates Office. I am enclosing for your office till also fifty cents in stamps to cover the expenditure in communication with this office. You have given us so generously of your time and interest - we wish at least to make sure no money has gone out in incidentals.

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It seems unlikely now that we shall be able to return the letters you sent, before you leave for Switzerland. As I wrote you, there was some research to be done in our files (which are not organized throughout) before we could decide which ones to copy. And other special pieces of work have made it impossible to finish this task.

I shall look forward with much interest to seeing you sometime after your return.

With warm appreciation for all you have done, I am

Sincerely yours,

Virginia Roderick

Olin D. Wannamaker, Esq.,
American Director,
Trustees Lingnan University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

No reply

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NETTIE FOWLER McCORMICK BIOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION
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TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 2091

May 15, 1934

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Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

I wish to apologize for the delay in forwarding the little check for Miss Lippincott. The fault is ours. Shortly after your letter arrived we were torn to bits by the onslaught of spring housecleaning in the office, and having sent the letter to you the matter of forwarding the statement to the McCormick Estates office escaped our minds.

I am sending the statement now and I am sure it will be paid promptly.

With renewed thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Virginia Roderick

Olin D. Wannamaker, Esq.,
American Director,
Trustees Lingnan University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
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Miss Virginia Roderick, Secretary
Nettie Fowler McCormick Biographical Association
664 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Miss Roderick:

Our bookkeeping office, in going through the files recently for some other purpose, came across two papers containing the personal signature of Mrs. McCormick. These papers are very interesting to us, because each was a most generous pledge from Mrs. McCormick for assistance to Lingnan University - then called "Canton Christian College". When Mrs. McCormick made her gift and formal acknowledgment and thanks were mailed to her, the two pledges were not returned. Hence, they remain here in our files. I am sending them to you for their biographical interest.

Sincerely yours,

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Enc.

Olin D. Wannamaker
American Director

Enclosures: (1) April 17,1922 from House-in-the-Woods,Lake Forest,Ill.
Note to Dr. Edmunds - "I will be pleased to contribute to your genl. expense fund for school year of 1921-22 five thousand dollars. Amt.payable at my convenience by June 30,1922. Very truly yours, N.F.McCormick."
(2) Feb.6,1923 from 675 Rush St.,Chicago.
Note to Dr. Edmunds - "I will be pleased to contribute to your general expense fund, for the school year of 1922-3, $5,000. payable at my convenience by June 30, 1923. Very truly yours, Nettie F. McCormick."

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NETTIE FOWLER McCORMICK BIOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION
664 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
CHICAGO

TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 2091

December 3, 1935.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

After all this time I am sending back to you certain material which you lent to this office on January 31, March 14, and April 3, 1934.

As I understood it, your intention was to give to the McCormick family all the letters personally signed by Mrs. McCormick. Of these you kept copies for your own files.

This arrangement applied specifically to the manuscripts that you sent us on April 3, 1934, but in addition two letters and a pledge, signed by Mrs. McCormick, were found in the "large amount of manuscripts constituting copies of correspondence," which you sent on that same date. These are dated: November 18, 1907, June 9, 1919, and August 19, 1920.

Applying your arrangement to these papers, we have kept the originals and are sending you copies. These copies are clipped together, separately, in the collection of correspondence, so that you may see at once what I mean.

I am sure you will be glad to know that there were among the papers you sent us a great many letters written by Mrs. McCormick's secretaries of which we had no carbons. Of course we have made copies.

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I trust that this long delay has not meant inconvenience for you. Needless to say, I regret it very much. May I also add renewed and deeply felt thanks for all your kind helpfulness.

I trust that Mrs. Wannamaker's health has been restored and that you are now together in this country.

Yours sincerely,

Virginia Roderick

Olin D. Wannamaker, Esq.,
American Director,
Trustees of Lingnan University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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NETTIE FOWLER McCORMICK BIOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION
664 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
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TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 2091

June 24, 1936

My dear Mr. Wannamaker:

I suspect this is a foolish question, but I risk asking it. We have been sidetracked somewhat from the direct line of work here, and have been working among various personal effects of Mrs. McCormick's and her papers, other than letters, found among them. We have come across a collection of about fifty copies of Teaching Children in China at the Canton Christian College, which was published, as you know, in 1915. If for any reason you would care to have these copies I should be glad to send them. I can't imagine that you would, but one never knows.

With kind remembrances, I am

Sincerely yours,

Virginia Roderick

Olin D. Wannamaker, Esq.,
American Director,
Trustees of Lingnan University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

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June 26
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Miss Virginia Roderick
864 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Roderick:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of June 24. We shall be glad to have you send us just one copy of the pamphlet "Teaching Children in China at the Canton Christian College". I am sure we should not need more than that one, and would suggest that you simply destroy the others.

Cordially yours,

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NETTIE FOWLER McCORMICK BIOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION
664 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
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TELEPHONE SUPERIOR 2091

June 29, 1936

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

In response to your letter of June 26, 1936, here is the one copy of the pamphlet Teaching Children in China at the Canton Christian College.

Thank you for your prompt and definite reply.

Sincerely yours,
Virginia Roderick
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March 5, 1941.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

At last after much concern with other matters pertaining to Mrs. McCormick and her papers, we are shaping the narrative of her life, and I find need to ask you a few questions.

In spite of all I have heard and read, I don't know what adjectives to use in connection with the McCormick Lodges. They look beautiful to me in the photographs. Are they particularly fine examples of Chinese architecture or anything like that? What can you say about them?

Perhaps I should have begun by asking you if they still stand.

I have had recently a good collection of the pamphlets sent out by the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. Of course Lingnan is included. At the time of printing, the buildings were apparently all intact. Is this still true?

Another point: Our records do not show that Mrs. McCormick or the McCormick state made any gifts to the school at Canton before 1902 -- actual payment 1903. This first gift in our records is one that was made to Mr. Herbert E. House when he became field agent. There is, however, an earlier paper -- a letter of appeal signed by Dr. Happer, and in papers not in my charge I have seen a letter written by Mr. Cyrus H. McCormick II, indicating that a gift might be made. Furthermore, Dr. Edmunds, when we

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saw him, was strongly of the impression that Mrs. McCormick's interests dated back to these earlier days.

Now I am not asking for research in your records. Probably if there were a clear case of a gift, it would certainly have to show in ours. But I do wonder what impressions you gathered on this point from your association with the school and with the various persons connected with it.

Third and last (for the present), could you tell me where, if anywhere, to reach Mr. George Weidman Groff? I omitted to write to him when I was writing to or talking with others, and it seems to me now that he might have something valuable to contribute. I recently wrote to Mr. Arthur R. Knipp, in care of the Trustees of Lingnan University. As my letter was forwarded to China, of course it is natural that I should not yet have heard.

I am assuming that you are still in the same work. If not, I know you will be kind enough to pass this letter on to some one for reply.

With all good wishes and continued gratitude for you aid together with continued regret that I did not see you, I am

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March 10, 1941

Miss Virginia Roderick, Secretary
Nettie Fowler McCormick Biographical Association
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Dear Miss Roderick:

I take pleasure in replying to your letter of March 5.

I would say that there is a marked difference in architectural merit between the two buildings erected with the money given by Mrs. McCormick. Number one, which was occupied by the Graybill family at first, is rather plain and has no very special Chinese quality. Number two is an excellent example of the adaptation of Chinese architecture to meet the somewhat different requirements of a modern educational institution. I rather think the term "imposing" would not be out of place as applied to that building. I do not know just what pictures you have. The one that I think is rather plain seems to have a porch running the entire length of the building.

These buildings are still standing and have been in continuous use through all these years. Our entire plant is entirely undamaged. Ever since the Japanese took that part of China, some of our Americans have remained on the campus. Important scientific work has been going on there and we have done an enormous amount of civilian relief work. The Japanese have behaved absolutely correctly as regards our property, never even visiting the place without special permission. We have a barbed wire fence around our entire 560 acres, and I have recently sent out a great deal of new barbed wire to strengthen this fence - but this is not to protect the place against the Japanese. Such a move would be utterly futile. It is to protect us against the multitudes of robbers - the creation of the war, which has caused desperation to so many of the poor people of South China.

I am of the opinion that the first gift of which you have a record was actually the first made by Mrs. McCormick. It would take us an enormous amount of time to go back over earlier records and see

whether there might have been a gift before that time. I do not believe we could possibly discover whether Mrs. McCormick made a gift to Dr. Happer during the 'eighties of the last century.

Professor George Weidman Groff and Mrs. Groff have recently arrived in America. They were sent home by our medical officers because of the long continued ill health of Professor Groff. I am, therefore, trying to spare him as much as I possibly can. If you think it necessary to write, be free to do so. The temporary address of the Groffs is:

c/o Mrs. M.L. Cotta, 3734 N.E. Alameda, Portland, Oregon.

Your letter to Professor Knipp will take a long time to be answered. Ship mail to China is infrequent and slow. Sometimes mail is delayed in Hong Kong a long time before it goes on to Canton. Professor Knipp is on the campus and has been there throughout the war. I hope he gets your letter and can reply to it.

Sincerely yours,

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March 12, 1941.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Thank you very much for your prompt and helpful letter of March 10, received this morning.

We have looked again at the photographs in our file in the light of your words and get the values of what you say about the special Chinese qualities of Lodge No. 2. The most attractive photograph we have of Lodge No. 1 shows the house from the southwest, with the faculty having tea at the east on the lawn. This appears to be the side that has the portico running along its entire length. It is good to have your visualization of these two houses.

I am so glad to know that the property has been respected, doubly glad: for the safety of Lingnan and for the credit of the Japanese. (It is well to have a white mark or two to look at in that connection.)

About that first gift of Mrs. McCormick's, please do not think further about it. If I should get any light, I will let you know. But of course it is not of any great importance.

You may be interested to know that by the same mail that brought your letter I received one from Mr. Herbert E. House. He has a "dim memory" of having talked with Mrs. McCormick

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about Dr.Happer and of his work in founding the college, but thinks it unlikely that she had made an earlier gift.

Thank you for trusting me with Professor Groff's address. In view of what you say, however, I shall certainly not write to him at this time. Perhaps,if his health improves, I may get in touch with him later.

Again with thanks, I am

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