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Colman, Geneva W. 1928-1945
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Colman, Geneva W.

(Mrs. L.C.)

1928-1945

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June 16, 1923

My dear Mrs. Colman:

It was a very delightful surprise to find in the mail this morning your generous gift to the Women's College. It will go a long way toward helping us reach the goal set and to meet the conditions of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd's pledge.

Dr. Jenney left the city again yesterday on the campaign work but we shall let him know of your gift.

You will no doubt be very glad to hear that Dr. Stuart has reached Peking safely and has sent us the following cable:

"Academic year Peking University successfully completed without interruption according to plans. J. Leighton Stuart present commencement exercises. Happy occasion. Order has been restored North China. Notify Jenney quite safe proceed with the buildings."

Thanking you cordially for your continued interest in the work of the University, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

Mrs. L. C. Colman
126 South 15th Street
Madison, Wisconsin

Enclosed receipt for \$500 - #1941

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Colman, Mrs. L. C.
126 So. 15th Street
La Crosse, Wis.

\$500 for Women's College

Gift received	6-16-28
Receipt slip #	1941
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	199 ✓
Pledge signal attached	_____
X-file cards	_____
Letter ack. sent	6-16-28
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	✓
" " stencil	✓

In response to Dr. Tenney's circular
letter of June 9th to Women's College
list furnished by Mrs. L. O. Lee

Member of First Congregational Church

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PARK MANOR
APARTMENT HOTEL

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA Dec. 1-1928

Mr. E. M. McBrier

150 Fifth Ave.

New York -

My dear Mr. McBrier

Your letter of November 2nd was forwarded to me here where I am making another home, having left Wisconsin for this fine climate.

It is good to hear that the new plant of Yenching U. is to be dedicated in another year and I should enjoy being there; but as so much voyage would prevent me from enjoying getting there, I shall be obliged say I do not expect ever to be in China.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Sincerely yours

Genevra W. Colman
(Mrs. L. C.)

MRS. LUCIUS C. COLMAN
PARK MANOR
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

June 18-1929

Mr. F. H. Warner

Dear Sir,

Inclosed please find draft for five hundred dollars for existing in the work of Gencking University. I cannot pledge gifts for the future but hope to be able to make them.

Sincerely Yours,

Genevra W. Colman
(Mrs. L. C.)

Colman, Mrs. L. C.

Park Manor, San Diego,
Calif.

June 24, 1929

\$500. for Current Income - in response to letter June 8th sent
out by ODW over Mr. Warner's
signature

Gift received	6-24-29
Receipt slip #	2511
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	788 ✓
Pledge signal attached	—
X file cards	
Letter ack. sent	6-25-29
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	✓
" " stencil	✓

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Columan. Mrs. L.C.
Park Manor
San Diego
Calif.

May 28, 1930

8100²⁰ for 1929-30 Camp. - Residences

Gift received	5-28-30
Receipt slip #	2783
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	1005 ✓
Pledge signal attached	—
X-file cards	
Letter ack. sent	5-28-30
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	M.L. ✓
" " stencil	Renewal ✓

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MRS. LUCIUS C. COLMAN
PARK MANOR
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

July 31-1931

Mr. Olin D. Wanamaker,

Dear Sir, On my return from three months abroad, I find a stack of mail and among it your very courteous & gentle appeal for Yenching. It is quite unusual & pleasant to have an appeal of this kind not imply that the mission is the only cause to which one gives!

I think my friends the Lucius Parkers are connected with Yenching which makes it all the more pleasant to send the inclosed check.

Sincerely yours

Genevra W. Colman
Mrs. L. C.

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August 4, 1951

My dear Mrs. Colman:

Your \$300.00 check is a delightful item in our morning's mail. I assure you that the pleasure of receiving it is greatly enhanced by your wonderfully friendly letter accompanying the check.

Referring to your friends, the Porters, I think they are to spend the collegiate year at Harvard. Professor Porter will be the exchange professor there in connection with the Harvard-Yenching Institute of Chinese Studies. I know they will be happy to see you if their path brings them in the neighborhood of your city.

With renewed thanks for your generous gift, I remain

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. L. C. Colman
Park Manor
San Diego, California

P.S. Our official numbered receipt for \$300 is enclosed herewith.

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Columan, Mrs. L.C. (Leueria)

Park Manor

San Diego, Cal.

Aug. 4, 1931

\$ 300 - Under sig.

Gift received	8-4-31
Receipt slip #	3048
Entered on control record	1201
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	1201 ✓
Plodge signal attached	—
X-file cards	
Letter ack. sent	8-4-31
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class-card	ML ✓
" " stencil	Renewal ✓

By May occurring
gift letter

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paid

EMERGENCY SUBSCRIPTION
FOR THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Recognizing the danger which threatens one of the most vital services of Yenching University to China—the training of scientists with a Christian view of life—
I pledge to this end the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)
to be paid as follows:

- ☐ Cash herewith \$ 500.00
- ☐ In annual payments of \$ beginning 193.....
- ☐ In semi-annual payments of \$ beginning 193.....
- ☐ In quarterly payments of \$ beginning 193.....

\$ 500. At my convenience on or before December 1st 1932

Signed Mrs. L. B. Colman

Date At May 31, 1932 Address { Park Manor
San Diego, Calif.

Checks should be made payable to TRUSTEES, YENCHING UNIVERSITY,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Mrs. L. C. Colman
Park Manor
San Diego, Calif.

Gift received, June 8, 1932 (date)
Gift received

Cash Gift \$500 to apply on
Pledge \$ 1000
Designation Natural Sciences Endowment
Received through Mr. Wills and Mr. Warner
Entered on control record ✓
Serial number 1429 ✓
Entered on record card ✓
Pledge signal attached ✓
Cross file card made
Receipt number 3606
Acknowledgment sent 6-8-32
Entered on renewal sheet ✓
Checked for office list ✓
Checked for mailing list ✓
Contributed previously? August 1931

Balance payable at her
convenience on or before
December 1, 1932.

Pledge card in safe.

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MRS. LUCIUS C. COLMAN
PARK MANOR
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

June 10 - 1932

My dear Mr. Wanamaker,
Yours of June 6th is just received & I hasten to reply that I received a similar appeal from Mr. Dranner (or some such name) in Claremont & June 1st sent a check for \$500. - & promised \$500. more on or before Dec. 1st. I strained a point to make the pledge but hope things will begin to improve soon.

Hoping you attain the goal,

Sincerely
G. M. Colman
(Mrs. L. C.)

Colman

June 15, 1932

Dear Mrs. Colman:

I am sorry that you should have received two appeals at the same time from Yenching. Mr. Warner, until very recently president of our Board of Trustees and still a generous and interested member of the Board, has been helping us in California. This is the reason why you had an appeal from him which crossed ours.

We are most grateful for your contribution and pledge, which have been received by us here. An acknowledgment was sent to you on June eighth, together with an official receipt and copy of your pledge card. I presume these have now reach you.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. L. C. Colman
Park Manor
San Diego, California

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L.C. Colman

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July 27, 1932

Mrs. L. C. Colman
Park Manor
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Colman:

Probably you noticed recent announcements in the press that Yenching University has been successful in its efforts to secure urgently needed endowment for its work in Natural Science. I am writing both to thank you for the assistance you gave us in meeting the conditions of the Rockefeller Foundation, and also to inform you as to the present position of this endowment fund.

The Foundation gave its general approval to our report showing that we had received by June 30th, \$250,000 in cash and pledges for the work in Natural Science, to match its gift for a like amount. The Foundation's original offer required that this entire sum must be secured in cash within the time limit specified. But in view of existing financial conditions the Foundation generously agreed to a modification of these original terms whereby it will pay over at once a sum equal to the cash we have secured to date, and will make additional payments up to June 30, 1935, to match collections we make on our outstanding pledges. These payments will be made at quarterly intervals, on the basis of reports we will submit about the middle of the months of September, December, March, and June.

Obviously, it will be greatly to the advantage of our Natural Science work if outstanding pledges are paid at an early date. Existing work needs the income on the entire fund of \$500,000, and this work will be curtailed to the extent that the fund is incomplete. Every dollar paid in on pledges means that two dollars set to work earning this needed income.

We appreciate that these outstanding pledges represent sacrificial giving by men and women who, in spite of the present economic situation are contributing as generously as their means allow to many worthy enterprises. We recognize that many donors may be unable to send payments until the dates shown on their pledges. But it is clear that the circumstances justify the adage that "He who gives quickly gives double measure."

With assurance of the University's profound appreciation of the share you have had in thus providing a permanent basis for the support of Yenching's splendid service in the field of Natural Sciences, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

RAG/RC

Secretary

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Mrs. L. C. Colman
Park Manor, San Diego, Calif.

Gift received, Sept. 24, 1932 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 500 - final payment on pledge #1429

Pledge \$ ---

Designation Natural Sciences Endowment

Received through ---- Mr. Warner who wrote BAG 9-21-32

Entered on control record ✓

Serial number 1429 ✓

Entered on record card ✓

Pledge signal attached ---

Cross file card made ---

Receipt number 3797

Acknowledgment sent 9-24-32

Entered on renewal sheet ✓

Checked for office list ✓

Checked for mailing list ✓

Contributed previously? See Dec. renewal card

Gift added to Cult. List. ✓

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MRS. LUCIUS C. COLMAN
PARK MANOR
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

May 24-1935

My dear Mr. McBrier,

Yours of the 16th is just received and it distresses me to receive such appeals when, as I've told you before, it is not possible for me to do any thing to help.

My income is so reduced that it is necessary for me to give up many good causes and cut down every thing even to my own church which is having as hard a struggle as any thing else.

Things are growing worse with me and I can do nothing but hope and pray for improvement.

Very sincerely,

Genevra H. Colman.
noted on card

MRS. LUCIUS C. COLMAN
EL CORTEZ
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

June 15-1939

Dear Mrs. Moore,

There are so many calls for help for suffering people that one is bewildered & yet desirous of helping. My income has been so reduced that I want to have what I can give do the most good possible.

It seems so hopeless to feed or relieve the suffering of the Chinese that maybe helping Christian colleges is as sure a way of permanent good as any.

In December 1937 I sent \$500. to "Christian Colleges in China", not just Yenching so I don't quite understand why you make that I sent it to Yenching. Last week a man from Christian colleges in China was here but I could not see him.

Trusting that you will do what is right about it, I send the inclosed check. Sincerely yours, Geneva M. Colman
(Mrs. L. C.)

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June 26, 1939

Mrs. Lucius C. Colman
El Cortes Hotel
San Diego, California

My dear Mrs. Colman:

It is a very special encouragement to have your check for \$500.00 in time for credit toward the goal for the present year. Mrs. Moore of the Yenching Women's College Committee will be writing you personally, but she asks us to send forward the receipt without delay.

May we refer to your question as to the credit for your gift of 1937 and the one of present date? It has been our belief that friends of long standing like yourself would wish to have contributions applied directly toward the college through which their loyalty and interest have for many years been expressed. Your own substantial giving dates back to 1928, when, you will remember, you gave assistance to the campaign for the Women's College of Yenching University. We have, therefore, continued to count you as one of those who would wish her gifts to apply toward the needs of this Women's College. In this way, you are in reality adding to the funds needed to support all of the Christian Colleges in China, since the cooperative promotional work which has its headquarters at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, is so organized as to take care of all designated gifts, as applying directly to the institution of specific individual interest, and to attempt to supply additional funds needed from undesignated gifts. You will understand that this means the lessening of the burden which Yenching puts upon undesignated funds if its friends give generously in amounts labelled for the Yenching budget. I hope that this explanation is clear and will appeal to you as satisfactory.

In reading the reports from Yenching University during the past year, you will have discovered that the University is carrying on with the largest enrollment in its history and with students of specially high quality, and that, in addition to its academic program, it is carrying a heavy burden of relief for the surrounding Chinese community. You can, indeed, feel certain of the truth of your statement that "helping Christian Colleges is as sure a way of permanent good as any."

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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May 17, 1943

Mrs. L. C. Colman
Cudahy Tower Hotel
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

My dear Mrs. Colman:

Every mail from West China brings fresh word of the fine accomplishments of our Yenching friends, who have built anew their university in a distant land. We who are holding the home base are filled with humility when we contemplate the obstacles which have been overcome in creating this refugee university.

First there was the problem of escaping from the Japanese, and of keeping alive in a war-torn land. Tales of heroism and self-sacrifice are accumulating. Witness the boy who was one of a group of students who left Peiping on faith, completely ignorant of what plans had been made for the reestablishment of the university. When his small party arrived in free territory they were delighted to discover that Yenching was being reborn in Chengtu. This boy volunteered to risk his life again by returning alone through the battle lines to carry the good news to his friends in North China. We are anxious to hear how he fared.

We feel that the victory of Yenching over all the forces of war and want and destruction, is an encouraging omen of the better world to come. Almost everything worthwhile which we have inherited from the past has resulted from a victory of the human spirit over similar obstacles. It is reassuring to discover that our generation also possesses this creative courage and faith which surmounts all difficulties.

We report to you with pride the accomplishments of Yenching University, which is more than justifying the faith of its friends in America. We solicit your whole-hearted participation in the creation of a strong Yenching in Free China.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. John H. Finley)

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

of
Yenching University
Chengtzu, China

☐ I enclose \$ 500.00 for the current needs of the College.
☐ I pledge \$ payable 194

Name Mr. Lucius B. Goldman

Address Audubon Tower Hotel

Milwaukee - Wisconsin

Date June 26 - 1943

Checks payable to Yenching University, Mr. E. M. McBrier, Treasurer
Room 903, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Gifts are Deductible for Income Tax Purposes

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MRS. LUCIUS C. COLMAN
CUDAHY TOWER HOTEL
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

December 18, 1945

Trustees, Yenching University,

Gentlemen,

In gratitude that Dr. Lucius C. Porter is safely back in this country with his wife, I send this check to aid the work to which he was devoted.

Sincerely yours,

Genevra W. Colman
(Mrs. Lucius C.)

Colton, Mrs. J. Milton

(Donor of a residence)

1924-27

RESIDENCES

250 W. Telford St
Germantown, Pa.,
May 5, 1924

My dear Mr. Lewis:-

This afternoon

I called on Mrs. Cotton who
told me that she was going
to send \$3000 next month
to complete a residence.

The funny part was that
I had never mentioned
the money until she
started it. She is very

nice. We had an hour good visit.

Yesterday I spoke at Dr. Barnes' church, Overbrook. We had a house full of people. They were very nice. Many people came to speak to me after the church. I don't know how much Peking University will get in cash.

This week I shall call on several people whose names have been suggested to me by my various friends.

For the last few weeks I was rather discouraged to see how slow the money coming in. Mrs. Cotton's case has encouraged me a little bit.

I would like to go to the General Conference for a few days.

if you could use me there.

I do hope we shall
be able to get a few
thousand more before I
return.

Yours sincerely
Sin Wang

MRS. J. MILTON COLTON
"WYNDHURST"
P.O. JENKINTOWN, PA.

June 15th 1924

Dear Miss Tallmadge,

In 1923 a meeting
was held in my home, in the
interest of Peeking Memorial,
later, after that meeting, Dr. Ste-
art called on me, and at
that time I decided I would
obligate myself to building
a residence for one of the

faculty, which would cost \$4,000.
I have already paid (May 5th 1923)
four thousand dollars, the
remaining three thousand now
to be paid before Jan 1st 1925.

I am ready now to pay the
balance. Will you kindly
let me hear to whom I shall
make out the check, also tell
me who will sign receipt
for the balance when sent.

I remain

yours truly
Mary R. Cotton.

Reading - from Phila.
10 miles

RESIDENCES

MRS. J. MILTON COLTON
"WYNDHURST"
P.O. JENKINTOWN, PA.

June 18" 1924

Mr. James Lewis, Executive Secretary.

Dear Sir:

I received the enclosed
letter, in reply to a letter I wrote
a few days ago. I am now ready
to pay the balance of my pledge
made over a year ago. I paid
\$4,000.00 to the Bankers Trust Co.
on May 5" 1924, the balance
\$3,000.00 I am enclosing in this
Rec # 740

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letter. Will you kindly write
me a letter of acknowledgment,
also send me a formal receipt
signed by Mr. L. J. Merce Assistant
Treasurer.

When Dr. Stuart called to see
me, I expressed a wish that the
residence I was paying for
might be for him, I trust it may
be. I remain

yours cordially
Mary A. Colton.

Will you kindly return
enclosed letter
M. A. C.

April 23, 1926.

Mrs. J. Milton Colton,
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mrs. Colton:

I am enclosing a photograph of the house which you are erecting on the new campus of the University, just outside of the City of Peking. You will see that the house is pretty well along towards completion. As a matter of fact, we expect that Mr. Breece and his family will move into this residence before the first of July.

Dr. Stuart is exceedingly anxious to have at once an expression of your wish as to the phrasing of the memorial inscription to be put on the brass plate designating the house.

I am sorry to have to report to you that this residence is costing \$1,322.00 more than your original subscription of \$7,000.00. An unfavorable rate of exchange, interruption of transportation - due to periodic civil war - together with the rising costs of materials during the last two years, have been the cause of this. We have built very economically and purchased materials advantageously. If it had not been so the additional building cost would have been considerably greater than they turned out to be. Unfortunately the residence which you so generously gave is but one of forty odd residences, construction of which is now being finished and the money for which was subscribed in the same generous sacrificial way as yours was subscribed. However, the total additional cost of these residences adds up into a very large figure and we have been compelled to borrow the money to carry them on to completion.

I write thus frankly because I am sure you will want to know exactly what kind of a building is erected with the money you gave and how much the building cost. I know we have not the right to ask you for the difference between your subscription and the final cost of your residence because your original subscription was made on then estimated costs of the residences. It certainly is not your responsibility that the cost was higher than either you or the University anticipated. On the other hand the cause was brought about by conditions over which no one had control.

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Mrs. J. Milton Colton.

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There has been a lot of civil war in China this year, but it has not particularly disturbed the University. Some of our materials were delayed a little in reaching Peking, and University classes were upset three or four days on account of demonstrations. Aside from these minor interruptions the work goes ahead in its usual manner. It stands today the most important and influential international University in China. We have four times as many students in our collegiate department as does Canton Christian College, and we have at least a third more than any other university with a Christian purpose in China. You will particularly enjoy reading the bulletin upon its arrival, under separate cover.

Very sincerely yours,

If I might have the privilege I should like to come down and talk this over with you.

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Mrs. J. Milton Colton.

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MRS. J. M. COLTON
WYNDHURST
JENKINTOWN, PA.

RESIDENCES

May 1st 1926.

Dear Mr. Lewis;

Your letter of April 28th
has been received. I regret very
much that the money I subscribed
(\$1,000.00) for the residence for one
of the professors, was not sufficient,
but I don't see any way clear to
give any more, therefore it would
be useless for you to come to see
me to talk the matter over.

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We are in the midst of erecting
a new Parish House in connec-
tion with my own church at Abing-
ton, and my help is much needed
there.

Very sincerely yours
Mary Q. Cotton.

May 20, 1927

My dear Mrs. Colton:

I was sorry the other day that you were not well enough to see me for I think you would be very much interested in the new plans and photographs which at last we have been able to bring together and which show in a way that surprises us all the very wonderful development of Yenching University at Peking. In harmony with the present day situation we are calling the University Yenching University, Yenching being the ancient classical name for Peking. It has a peculiarly classical sound to the Chinese ear and the name has gone out all through China as standing for the highest possible type of education and of Christianity.

By early fall we shall be able to send you a photograph of the residence which you so kindly contributed to the University.

The military troubles in China have not interfered with the work of the University in the least save that we have been delayed in getting building materials by freight over the railroads, but enough buildings were completed by last September so that the University was able to open its works there and we hope that by another year nearly all of the buildings will be completed. In north China everything has been very quiet right up to date. The University has not lost an hour of its work and the faculty and students have been drawn more closely together by the very seriousness of the situation in other parts of China.

Dr. Stuart writes that he does not expect that there will be any serious trouble at Peking and building operations on five of our large main buildings are proceeding as under normal times.

During the period of the delay in building mentioned above exchange from gold to silver money increased. Building materials are higher as is also the cost of labor. This has increased the cost of each one of our residences. The original estimate of \$7000 seemed to be ample but now that the residences are nearing completion, we find that in the case of the residence which you so generously contributed, the additional cost will be \$1522.00. We realize fully that we have not the slightest claim upon you for this additional amount but knowing your deep interest

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Mrs. J. Milton Colton
May 20, 1937

and belief in this wonderful task developing there at Peking, I write to ask if you would be willing to take under consideration helping us to meet our very serious needs to that extent. The residence having been started, of course we could not stop and had to carry it on to completion. It would be wonderful if you could see your way clear to meet this very great need.

I spent a lovely afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Culver and I realize how all of you there at Jenkintown have been under special strain to meet the very urgent local needs of church and hospital. I hope, however, that this request of ours for your help may appeal to you as something very fine to do, even though you could not accomplish it immediately. Possibly it might seem to you so important that you would like to take it under consideration as a matter that might be cared for sometime during the coming year. I do not think it would be possible for you to make a finer "investment" than that which you have made in contributing this residence. It would greatly enhearten us if you felt that you could complete this residence and be assured that it would be giving a home to one who for a generation or so would be keen to raise up leaders for China which are so much needed at this time and will be still more needed in the years to come.

I hope that sometime when I am again in Jenkintown we can have a little visit together and I may have the pleasure of showing you the remarkable groups of plans and pictures which, as I have said, we have now been able to bring together.

Hoping you will be much better soon and that the summer may bring you increased strength, believe me

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. J. Milton Colton
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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