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To aid YENCHING UNIVERSITY of Peking, China, in carrying forward its Christian educational activity and in consideration of the securing, by representatives of this University, of gifts from others for this purpose, I am sending herewith a cash gift in the amount of \$ 50 (and) I hereby pledge the sum of 200 (\$.....),

in accordance with the plan checked below:

- ☐ In 2 annual payments beginning (not later than Jan. 1, 1929)
☐ In 2 semi-annual payments beginning (not later than Oct. 1, 1928)
☒ In 4 semi-annual payments beginning Oct. 1, 1928 (not later than Oct. 1, 1928)
☐ In 4 quarterly payments beginning (not later than Oct. 1, 1928)
☐ At my convenience, on or before Jan. 1, 1930.

paid

Full name of my local church:

First Baptist Church
Cherry Creek, N.Y.

Signed

Mary Cookingham

Street

419 West 34 St.

City and State

New York City

Date

Aug. 22, 1928

Please remit to the order of E. M. McBRIER, Treasurer, Yenching University, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

NOTE: I shall expect to be reminded previous to due dates

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		" " "		5-5-30	50	2769

in accordance with the plan checked below:

- Full name of my local church:**

Please remit to the order of E. M. MCBRIER, Treasurer, Yenching University, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

NOTE: I shall expect to be reminded previous to due dates

Signed Mary Cookinham
Street 419 West 34th St.
City and State New York City
Date Aug. 27, 1928

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Miss Mary Cookingham

FORM OF CONTRACT WITH TEACHERS OR OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE STAFF UNDER THE DIRECT SUPPORT OF
THE YENCHING COLLEGE COMMITTEE

This AGREEMENT, entered into by and between the Yenching College
Committee and Mary Cookingham this 20th day of Sept. 1929.

WITNESSETH:

That the ~~Yenching College~~ College Committee hereby agrees to and does employ
~~Mary Cookingham~~ Mary Cookingham for the position of Asst Registrar for a term of
3 years, upon the following terms:

1. Salary at the rate of Gold \$900. or Mexican \$1800. per
~~year~~ year, beginning on the day of sailing:
2. Travel expenses from New York to Peking and return
by the most direct route. In case she for
~~any reason other than illness~~ withdraws at the end of
two years' service, the Committee will pay two-thirds (2/3)
of the round trip travel by the most direct route. For
one year of service the Committee will pay one-third (1/3)
of the round trip travel.
3. Residential quarters in Peking, China:
4. Medical attendance without charge in case of sickness.
One-half (1/2) dental bills if incurred with approval of
the Dean.

The College, upon due notice in writing, may terminate this contract
at any time, upon the payment of three months' salary and travel ex-
penses to the address given above, by the most direct route.

Mary Cookingham hereby accepts the said employment and the fore-
going terms and conditions, and agrees, that if for any reason she re-
signs the position before the expiration of three (3) years she will
reimburse the Yenching College Committee for travel in proportion to
her term of service. Cases of serious illness will be considered
individually.

It is further agreed by her that she will give her whole time and atten-
tion to the work for which she is hereby employed, and that she will not
engage in any outside occupation or activity for profit, except as may be
agreed upon in conference with the Dean of Yenching College.

This agreement may be extended for a further period if signed by the
parties hereto.

WITNESSETH the hands and seals of the parties hereto this 20th day of
Sept. 1929

On behalf of Yenching College Committee
By _____

Signed: Mary Cookingham

ATTEST: Eula B. Lee

Secretary, Yenching College Committee

WITNESSES:

Bernice C. Rider

Edith H. Spratt

FORM OF CONTRACT WITH TEACHERS OR OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE STATE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPPORT OF
THE YENCHING COLLEGE COMMITTEE

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into by and between the Yenching College
Committee and Mary Cookingham this 30th day of Sept. 1929.
WITNESSETH: That the Yenching College Committee hereby agrees to and does employ
Mary Cookingham for the position of _____ for a term of _____

1. Salary at the rate of Gold \$900. or Mexican \$1800. per
year, upon the following terms:
2. Travel expenses from New York Peking and return
by the most direct route. In case she _____ for
any reason other than illness withdrawals at the end of
two years' service, the Committee will pay two-thirds (2/3)
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Sept. 1929

On behalf of Yenching College Committee
By _____

Signed: Mary Cookingham

Witnesses: James C. Fisher

Carl H. Spurr

ATTEST: Carl H. Spurr

Secretary, Yenching College Committee

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Peiping China

Office of the Treasurer

YENCHING

April 12, 1935.
C35-4-12-1.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

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My dear Mr. Evans:

Mr. Tsai has already written you that I am back at Yenching. I spent last week getting unpacked and settled. This week I began working at the office, but I have not yet had time to become familiar with all the happenings of the past months.

Thank you very much for the good wishes you sent to me at the boat. I found the roll of films in my stateroom and have now delivered it to Margaret Speer. She was very happy to receive it and the package was no trouble to me. On board the S. S. President Lincoln travelling with a group of business men who cross the Pacific frequently, I learned a great deal about travelling arrangements. My cabin was small and I had to share it with one cabin mate from San Francisco to Honolulu and with another cabin mate from Honolulu to Kobe. Practically all the men on board had exclusive use of large cabins. Upon investigation I found in most cases the men had asked when buying tickets to have the ticket marked All space instead of space for One. By this arrangement they were entitled to a whole cabin without extra charge. Of course this arrangement cannot be made during the busy travel season, but can easily be arranged whenever Yenching people travel "out of season." I am passing this information on to you with the hope that it will be of use to you in making reservations.

I was very glad I had insisted on the Dollar Steamship Co. writing their representative in Kobe for a reservation on a boat sailing for Tientsin. If I had not done this I should not have been able to get a passage on the first boat sailing. I stayed at the Oriental Hotel in Kobe which is very convenient and satisfactory and I would recommend it to others taking the same route.

On the whole I had a pleasant trip and met some very interesting people. I particularly enjoyed seeing Honolulu. It seems to me, there is nothing to compare with the thrill of seeing a beautiful city for the first time. I am feeling fine after the trip and enjoy getting back into office routine. My furlough in

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Mr. Evans,

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America was delightful and I am very glad that I had the opportunity of getting acquainted with you and Mr. Garside and all the people in your office. Please pass my greetings on to my friends.

I am enclosing with this letter a copy of our Construction Department balance sheet for March and a copy of order No.274 for your files. There seems to be no other business at present.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham

Mary Cookingham,
Bursar.

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Yenching University

May 22, 1935

✓ Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
✓ Miss Mary Cookingham
Yenching University
Peiping, China

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ack 6/24/35 by mc -

My dear Dr. Stuart and Miss Cookingham:

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees held last week are being prepared for mailing today. The Board acted upon the recommendations of the Finance Committee (which met May 8th), and I am enclosing a copy of the minutes of that meeting. (Miss Cookingham's copy will follow in the next mail to avoid excessive postage.)

The approval of certain actions of the Investment Committee represented a routine matter, and is fully covered in the minutes.

The discussion regarding investment advisory service occupied more time, but the discussion is fairly well summed up in the minutes. Frankly, no one has been more concerned about the costs and results of advisory service than the Investment Committee. It is always a matter of discussion when we meet, but the grave uncertainties in our whole economic fabric, coupled with the fact that we are launched in a plan which means carrying on through this readjustment (whether it is a reformation or recovery program), makes it a difficult problem. Consequently it is felt that only first-class advisory service should be employed. We are still continuing the study of various services to improve the situation if possible.

Field Budget for 1935-36. The Finance Committee gave a great deal of time to the consideration of the budget for 1935-36, and it was not with any critical attitude of the set up made by the field. It was felt that because there is an accepted understanding that it is the responsibility of the field to arrange its expenditures, any critical analysis of the field budget to be unnecessary. However, time was consumed in a very thorough analysis of possible income, and a study of ways and means whereby such income might be increased. One of the things to be noted was the rate of exchange used in the budget. Many questions were asked as to the feeling of economic experts on the silver situation, and as we had spent a great deal of time in investigating this condition, we were prepared to pass on the sum total of wisdom gained from a number of sources as to what should be done in such a silver market as we have been experiencing. These glittering nuggets of wisdom were boiled down into the simple statement of, "Do nothing." It is quite true that a "do nothing" attitude will solve many problems, but in the case of where we accepted that advice a month ago and refrained from purchasing a remittance which ultimately must be sent to the field, we lost \$1,000.

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Dr. J. L. Stuart
Miss Mary Cookingham

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May 22, 1935

Action FC-3392 is not to be construed as a criticism in any sense. The committee recognized the extreme difficulties under which the field is working. Everyone knew that some basis must be selected, and the fact that the market was off a couple of points from your selected rate of exchange probably prompted the committee to take this action - more as a matter of protection and to put itself on record as having called attention to the sliding rate. While our Trustees are deeply concerned over this monetary situation, still you who are living in the very atmosphere of uncertainty and doubt in the exchange situation, as well as having the responsibility of handling a large budget for the school, as well as individual expenditures, are more deeply conscious and concerned over this situation, and I am sure you realize far more than we do the drastic changes which are wrought by these sudden fluctuations.

As regards to the figures as set down under action FC-3393, they represent the limits which the Trustees can assume for the coming year. That is, when we look forward from present conditions, there seems to be no possibility of an improvement or betterment. On the other hand, there are possibilities of income from various invested funds being improved; but that all depends upon the actual business conditions and the rate of recovery which we experience.

The Harvard-Yenching Institute did nobly in raising its appropriations for all of our China Colleges, but Yenching drew (as was natural) the lion's share. This splendid increase was due to the initiative of Dr. Eric M. North in consultation with Dean Donham, who made a very thorough study of the whole group of China Colleges, and decided that drastic measures must be taken to help out during this time when exchange has gone against the institutions, while at the same time the United States dollar income has decreased.

The Princeton-Yenching Foundation likewise has helped out with a \$1,000. increase, and while their deficit of last year has only been taken care of during the last few days, still they have definitely promised this obligation, and there is every indication that they will be able to handle it without undue difficulty.

We are sorry that so little is accruing for the use of the School of Religion. This is a matter of deep concern to everyone interested in the University, especially in view of the proposed erection of the Wheeler Chapel. The hope has been expressed in more than one quarter that some action will be forthcoming immediately upon the return of certain visitors to China who are studying conditions, and that as a result, a plan for the different schools of religion and theological seminaries will be evolved so that some of the large funds available for theological education in the Orient will be made available for a number of different units of that character. We have endeavored to sound out the possibilities in this direction, but up to this moment, the response has been nothing but a hollow echo.

The Women's College Committee voted to accept the suggestion of the field and approved the \$12,000. expenditure, the shortage to be taken from the surplus on the field. It is probable that Mrs. Harlin of the Yenching College Committee will be writing to Miss Speer when the minutes of the committee are completed. From present indications, however, they will not be ready for this boat.

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Dr. J. L. Stuart
Miss Mary Cookingham

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May 22, 1935

The change in the figure for Journalism was noted. This is the exact amount which we have on hand. Attention was directed to the understanding which we had that this amount was to be reserved for the homecoming of the Nash family. As you are using this amount for Mr. Nash's salary, we are assuming that the field has definitely accepted the responsibility for travel, as well as for the Journalism budget.

On the whole, Yenching is to be heartily congratulated. You have done a splendid piece of work in adjusting the budget, and with the additional income which is assured from several sources, your budget is practically balanced. That is something that few institutions can boast of.

It is our earnest hope that with this encouraging prospect ahead of us for the year, that during that period other sources of income will be revealed, which will not require a backward step from the advances which you have made in the splendid work carried on at the University.

Very cordially yours,

CAE:AC
Enc.

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YENCHING

Yenching University

May 29, 1935
E35-5-29-1

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Miss Mary Cockingham
Yenching University
Peiping, China

ack. 7/18/35 # 29

My dear Miss Cockingham:

I am acknowledging your letter No. 8 dated May 2nd referring to certain journal entries recommended by Mr. Beddow.

The first one covering the interest on the Wheeler Memorial Chapel is perfectly in order, and journal voucher 1077 shows that the entry has been made. A copy of this voucher is enclosed herewith.

Regarding the use of the proceeds from the Famine Funds land. As the Library has been transferred to Completed Buildings, we did the same thing with this fund. The question arises whether or not all of this money was used for making the alterations in the Library, and if not, undoubtedly you will wish to have some other disposition made of the balance. Will you not kindly let me know further as to the standing of this account? Our idea in making the transfer to Completed Buildings was not to open another Plant account unless it was absolutely necessary.

The final item regarding the LC\$14,000 for Miscellaneous Building Operations has been entered according to voucher 1079, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

We are just facing our first warm weather of the season, the spring being an unusually cold one. Anything that grew simply forced itself through adverse circumstances. It is too bad that this warm weather is also accompanied by a dry spell, which has now been continuing for more than two weeks. The dry weather, along with tent caterpillars, keeps the commuter busy during off hours. Nevertheless, we are managing to get along, with the hope that things will improve in the near future.

The NRA has gone to the dogs, and the administration does not seem to recognize the fact that it is a wonderfully fine way for them to unload the responsibility on the Supreme Court and be glad to get rid of the whole mess. The main difficulty is that the limitless power which was engendered through the hiring of clerks and professors in their effort to codify the country is too good a thing to lose. As things stand today, they are making frantic efforts to re-establish and maintain the various codes. Many of them have been a distinct advantage to the country, and undoubtedly will be continued. Others have outworn

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Miss Mary Cookingham

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their usefulness and should be abandoned.

We wonder if you had any money invested in the Raven Trust or its affiliates in Shanghai which went to the wall. Many people have recommended these investments as being high grade, but we have repeatedly warned such individuals that a security bringing in such large returns possesses possibilities of weakness, and we are not at all surprised at the outcome of the entire situation. A careful check on it reveals that they have been in difficulty for some time.

With cordial good wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:RC
Enc.

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YENCHING

Yenching University

June 14, 1935
E55-6-14-1

Miss Mary Cookingham
Yenching University
Peiping, China

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ack-7/15/35 #29

My dear Miss Cookingham:

We have taken time to study through the remittances which are to be made to the field through the coming fiscal year.

The action of the Board of Trustees (T-3397) set up the following amounts as applicable to the University budgets:-

General Endowment.....	\$25,000.00
Mission Board Cash Grants.....	6,000.00
College of Natural Sciences.....	15,000.00
College of Public Affairs.....	5,000.00
Harvard-Yenching Institute.....	21,052.65
School of Religion.....	5,600.22
	<u>77,652.87</u>
Less U.S.\$ Payments per Budget.....	<u>18,782.00</u>
	58,870.87

From the foregoing it will be seen we have US\$58,870.87 available for authorization, and we are proposing the following:-

Authorization 3518 - July 15	\$5,000.00 ✓
3519 - August 15	5,000.00 ✓
3520 - Sept. 15	5,000.00 ✓
3521 - October 15	5,000.00 ✓
3522 - November 15	5,000.00 ✓
3523 - December 15	5,000.00 ✓
3607 - January 15	5,000.00 ✓
3608 - February 15	5,000.00 ✓
3609 - March 15	5,000.00 ✓
3610 - April 15	5,000.00 ✓
3611 - May 5	<u>5,000.00</u> ✓
	55,000.00
Balance to be Adjusted.....	<u>3,870.87</u>
	58,870.87

As you know, these drafts are to be drawn on a three-day basis.

In the Women's College budget, we find the following:-

Women's College.....	\$12,000.00
Less U.S.\$ Payments.....	<u>2,560.00</u>
	9,440.00

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Miss Mary Cockingham

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June 14, 1935

Against the above balance, we are proposing the followings:-

Authorization 3505 - August 15	\$1,000.00✓
3506 - September 15	1,000.00✓
3507 - October 15	1,000.00✓
3508 - November 15	1,000.00✓
3509 - December 15	1,000.00✓
3601 - January 15	1,000.00✓
3602 - February 15	1,000.00✓
3603 - March 15	1,000.00✓
3604 - April 15	1,000.00✓
	9,000.00
Balance to be Adjusted.....	440.00
	9,440.00

In addition to the foregoing, there is an item in the budget under Journalism for \$1,571.20. We are suggested that you draw when needed under the followings:-

Authorization 3524 - \$1,571.20 to be charged to the Journalism account.

for Journalism

In addition to this amount, we have recently received \$500.00. I am suggesting that this be held in reserve for the time being, and if any other receipts come in during the year, we will notify you of same, and issue an authorization to draw. Meanwhile, if you need it for any specific purpose, let us know and we will deposit it to your banking account.

The night before last Mrs. Evans was asking about you and wanted to know what we had heard recently from China. Possibly you will be interested in knowing that since you visited our home, that the interior renovation we started last fall was completed, the plate-rail in the dining room coming down, and the bookcase in the living room also being taken out and a false fireplace substituted. Both rooms were repapered, as well as the hall, and the woodwork revarnished. All in all, we feel quite spiffy now. The roses are in full bloom, both beds doing beautifully, and the rose arbors just coming into their prime.

We think of you often these days when the disturbances from the North are so close at hand in Peiping. The demands which are being made find immediate publicity in the New York papers, but possibly, they are withheld from the general circulation in Peiping. The whole situation is most distressing indeed.

Most cordially yours,

CAE:RC

noted authorizations E.C.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Peiping China

Office of the Treasurer

YENCHING

June 15, 1935.

C35-6-15-23.

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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

This will acknowledge receipt of your three letters to me E35-5-4-1, dated May 4, E35-5-13-1 and 2, dated May 13. Many thanks for your good wishes.

Mr. Tsai has asked me to acknowledge receipt of his three letters from you E35-5-6-1, E35-5-8-1 and E35-5-11-1 which require no further comments.

We are enclosing herewith our trial balance of the Construction Department as of May 31, 1935. *See B.G.'s "Memos."*

Since returning to the office I have spent some time studying the investment of our General Endowment Funds as shown in the Annual Reports of the Treasurer for the fiscal years ending June 1932, 1933, and 1934. From these reports I have been able to figure the estimated loss in value of securities which were held in June of each year. The estimated loss in the value of securities together with the loss on sale of securities totals to rather an appalling amount. I plan to keep these figures from year to year for comparison. *under*

Mr. Tsai and Mr. Beddow were glad of the opportunity of looking over the lists of the Harvard-Yenching Institute securities.

We wonder what you have been reading about the situation in North China during the last few days. In spite of many rumors our students are staying on to take their examinations. No one knows just what the Japanese wants so all plans for the future have to be tentative. I am so glad to be back at Yenching now. I should be sorry if I were in America and missing all of this excitement.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham
Mary Cookingham,
Bursar.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

PEKING, CHINA

June 18, 1939
1939-1940

Dear Mr. [Name],
I have received your letter of June 15, 1939, and am glad to hear that you are interested in the Yenching University Library.

The Yenching University Library is one of the largest and most complete in China. It contains a large collection of books, journals, and other materials, and is open to all who are interested in the study of Chinese literature and history.

We are glad to hear that you are interested in the Yenching University Library, and we are sure that you will find it a most valuable source of information.

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Peiping, China

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Office of the Treasurer

June 22, 1935.
No. C35-6-22-25.

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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

This will acknowledge receipt of the following letters:

May 20, 1935, E35-5-20-1 and 2: No comments.

May 22, 1935: With this letter you sent a copy of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on May 8. We also received the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on May 16. You will be pleased to know that we are now revising our budget using the exchange rate of 2.25 : 1. Some people think this rate too high, but we hope that the average exchange for 1935-1936 will be somewhat higher than this figure. We wish to explain that it is not our desire to use for the current expenses of the Journalism Department funds held in New York for the return trip of the Nash family. Since part of the budget items must be paid in U. S. Currency we hope that the Missouri-Yenching Foundation can raise that amount during the fiscal year 1935-1936. If not, we hope to be able to balance the budget with funds obtained in China.

May 23, 1935, E35-5-23-1: No comments.

May 27, 1935, E35-5-27-1: We are disappointed to find that a check has already been forwarded to Mr. C. Y. Meng "representing his portion of the policy." Sometime ago we asked to have all refunds on annuity policies go through this office. Our reason for making this request was that we have arranged for Chinese members of our staff to pay annuity premiums in local currency at the rate of 2:1. At the same time we decided that members of the plan who withdrew should receive only their own contributions together with interest whenever their services at Yenching were less than ten years. Mr. Meng has paid L.C.\$84.00 on his annuity policy. This together with interest amounts to L.C.\$88.48. We presume that the check which you sent to him amounted to U.S.\$46.48 which if exchanged at today's rate of 242 would amount to L.C.\$112.48. In Mr. Meng's case the amount is small but in some other instances it might be a considerable sum.

With cordial greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham
Mary Cookingham.

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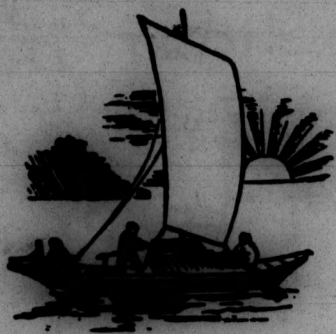
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Peiping
Aug. 26, 1937

Dear Mr. Evans,

Last week the June statements
came and with them your letter
asking about conditions here. I am
sure Dr. Stuart has written letters
about the general situation so I
am only writing about conditions
as they have affected me.

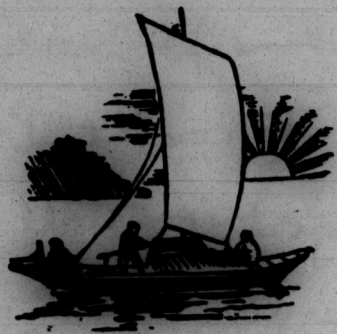
My plans for vacation this year included both Tai Shan and Kuang Tso ling and I had expected to leave Yenching at the end of July. After the Marco Polo ^{Express} ~~Express~~ ^{Express} trains to Pao Ting Fu from Peiping were discontinued and so I gave up the idea of going to Kuang Tso ling. Just about a week before I was to have left for Tai Shan train service to Tientsin was interrupted. Since then a slow train taking up to 16 hours for the 3 hour trip has been put on but trains south of Tientsin have been discontinued as it is only

possible to get to Tai Shan via
Tsing Tao or Chefoo. Such a long
round about trip with a possibility
of being cut off does not appeal
to me. I prefer staying here where
I am in touch with my home base.
Just to get away from the office and
regular routine I have spent two
weeks with the Krauses at the
Methodist Mission in Peiping. I am
returning to Yenching tomorrow and
will be prepared to do my part toward
opening if it is possible to carry out
our plans for beginning the fall
semester as scheduled.

At least we must expect a small
enrollment and hard times this winter.
Food and coal will no doubt be short
and a great deal of suffering is to be
expected. Probably we can get supplies
at Yenching as easily as in Peiping.

Mr. Biddow came up from Tientsin
on Aug. 6 but found the return trip
so uncomfortable that he has asked Mr.
Lisner to send material to him so that
he can prepare the audited statements
in Tientsin and mail them to us. This
arrangement means some delay but that
is to be expected these days.

Dr. Stuart has called a meeting of
the Board of Managers for tomorrow



afternoon. I expect they will have
an informal discussion of many
matters outside of the regular business.

We look for more trouble in
the future though probably it will
not be anything which we prepare
for but something quite unexpected.
From time to time when President
Stuart sends you cables saying that
all is well I wonder if you can

send that information on to some
member of each family in America.
I don't know how complete your
lists are but probably a mailing
list could be prepared with
information you have on hand. I
should like you to pass on any
word you get to my sister, Mrs.
Iris Waters, South Dayton, N.Y.
When I worked at the National
Board of the Y. W. C. A. in New York
during the World War we used
to relay cables to families frequently
and they were much appreciated.

The American Embassy is urging people who have no work to do in Peiping to stay on at Pei Tai Ho but I don't suppose it will be possible to stay there during the winter. The Embassy is also inquiring as to the number of people who wish to return to America so that boats can be made available for transportation. I expect most missionaries will stay here in order to do what they can to help their Chinese friends.

In the past few days firing has been audible in Peiping. We have no "Peiping Chronicle" now so we

are dependent on the radio for
news about what is going on
around us.

Life in Peiping goes on as
usual on the surface. Even though
there is no martial law few people
are on the streets after dark. We
still have no telephone connection
from Yenching to Peiping but the
gates of the city are open all day
and mail is delivered promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cunningham

學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

Office of the Bursar
Mr. Stephen Tsai

February 17, 1938.

Dear Stephen,

Your letter of January 6 came Tuesday. It was good to hear that you were in New York and working on finances again. President Stuart also gave me your letter to him to read. Mr. Beddow was in the office and he read both your letters. He will check up the interest on the Wheeler Chapel investments some time soon.

I am glad you have had an opportunity to discuss with Mr. McBrier and Mr. Evans the investment of our field funds. The plan of investing \$16,000 in January and then add to the account when authorizations fall due sounds like an ideal arrangement. We will not draw any more authorizations unless absolutely necessary but it is too early to tell how we are coming out at the end of the fiscal year. *investment length*

Your figures showing a total of U.S.\$64,167 to be exchanged at 3.30 and producing L\$211,751.10 seems rather optimistic to me. The deficit on our revised budget amounts to L\$48,276 and if we obtain no money for Oxford Greats our deficit will be increased L\$24,158. To offset this L\$72,434 we have received \$17,000 on our Government grant which we had not counted on and our fees for the second semester will be somewhat more than they were for the first semester. Dr. Stuart has written to Mr. Calder Marshall in Shanghai regarding British Boxer funds and we hope eventually to receive our grant but no assurance has been received up to date. We now have 570 students and we hope a few more will come before the end of this month. All interest has been paid on our Government bonds. We were fortunate in having one \$5000 bond redeemed.

Dr. Stuart has reported that U.S.\$15,000 additional income for the University and U.S.\$2,000 for Princeton has been raised in America for the current year. If this is correct we need not worry about our deficit. Can you let me know how much of the \$15,000 is for the Women's College? Probably this will be reported to us later.

Everything is going smoothly here but we miss you. I hope you are having a grand time in New York in between trips to other cities. Good luck to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Mary Cookingham.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

Office of the Bursar

March 1, 1938.

Mr. Stephen Tsai,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Stephen:

Your letter of January 10 to me and the one of January 24 to the President arrived a day apart. We were very happy to find that not only the amount required to cover our deficit had been raised but also an additional \$40,000 which can be used to restore certain items in our revised budget.

I am so glad that you have the extra money for repairs. You know I always believe in keeping buildings painted and repaired. It seems to me like an economy in the end.

Dr. Stuart and I discussed the restoration of the salary cuts last Friday. He has now gone to Shanghai and Hongkong and will not be back for about a month. After he returns he will present some recommendations to Faculty Executive Committee I think. We must conserve this fund at least until we see adequate income for next year's budget.

I have written Marnie about the Infirmary \$2000. If she approves she will pass my letter on to Mr. Evans. There seems to be no objection to transferring funds to New York for investment if that is the only thing involved.

Ruth Chou had a birthday party Saturday night and we all had a jolly time. Lily is looking fine.

K. A. is claiming that the Faculty Tennis Club owes him some iron posts. I told Mr. Tien he would have to prove it. My recollection is that the Tennis Club owes the University something but that has no connection with the Physical Education Department. We had election of officers at a tennis tea yesterday afternoon. Larry Mead is the new chairman!!

If you have time you might follow up my letter to Mr. Evans dated April 2, 1937. Action F3559 of the Finance Committee meeting of November 10, 1937 also refers to the matter. It would be a satisfaction to get some of these old accounts cleared up. Another question which frequently comes to my mind is the status of the

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Mr. Tsai

Page No.2, March 1, 1938

Practice School Gift. Is Mrs. McLean still living and is there hope of our getting this money? Is Mr. Eldridge her business manager?

You are doing good work and I am so glad you are having a change. Give my love to the Yenching people you see.

Sincerely,

Cookie

Mary Cookingham.

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學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

Office of the Bursar

April 21, 1938.

Mr. Stephen Tsai,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Stephen:

As requested in your letter of February 4 we are sending herewith a check for U.S.\$1560.00 payable to Sidney D. Gamble. This settles that account.

In our proposed budget for next year our deficits are as follows:

University and Arts & Letters	L\$28,128
Natural Sciences	33,366
Public Affairs	4,370
Women's College	<u>7,909</u>
Total.....	L\$73,773

We have now received \$20,000 of our Oxford Greats money from the British Boxer Indemnity Fund. We expect the balance will come before the end of June. More of our government grant is being paid than we expected so we will probably have a surplus on this year's accounts which can be used towards next year's deficit if necessary. You know though I do not like to count on our surplus before it is actually realized.

As I said to the President before he left for the south we are "rolling in wealth" but we don't know what our money is worth. We need to be prepared for unexpected expenditures at any time.

Thank you for the Bridge clippings. They are very interesting.

Sincerely yours,

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Mary Cookingham.

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Miss Mary Cockingham
Yenching University
Peking, China

Dear Miss Cockingham:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 27th No. 54. Several things have kept us from sending the 1939 budget figures to you, and we hope that you are already at work upon your general budget laying the basic foundation, as we must have your budget by the middle of April without fail.

The factors which have held us back have been the general market situation which we hoped would somehow record an advance, and that business would show a marked recovery which would permit us to base our income on a higher percentage. This has not occurred and we are forced to set up arbitrary figures with the hope that investment counsel will cooperate in approaching the income we desire.

A second factor was the study of investment counsel - the services of which we have had these past several years having grown less reliable as the principal figure in the corporation has become more active in securing accounts rather than managing portfolios.

Fortunately we have secured what we think to be the highest grade corporate investment counsel which can be procured at a very nominal fee of \$3000. at least for the first year. A new contract was signed February 1st., and the endowment income which we are setting forth is given with the knowledge of this organization.

The third feature is the delayed meeting of the Princeton-Yenching Foundation which took place night before last, wherein they voted \$8,000 for the College of Public Affairs.

The enclosed schedule shows you the proposed figures for 1939-40. These figures are, of course, approximate and we cannot guarantee what the trustees will do to them when it comes to an actual consideration of the situation several months from now.

Under Home Expenses we have deducted \$20,000 after allowing for various gifts which may be received and applicable toward current expenses.

Work is going forward steadily on a new program whereby the entire work will be greatly unified, and wherein we hope there will be a redistribution of costs and expenses. We cannot tell what progress will be made this Spring and consequently the \$20,000 is an estimate based upon last year's expenses with a slight deduction.

There is a net figure given you in the College of Natural Science, but may we call your attention to the balance in the Reserve Account carried on our books amounting to \$5,296.51. It would, therefore, seem perfectly reasonable for

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Miss Mary Cockington

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you, if necessary, to set up a budget in excess of the \$16,000, requesting the Trustees to appropriate as much as required from the Natural Science Reserve Fund.

The Harvard-Yenching Institute appropriation is repeated as of this year after having consulted with several of the Trustees, but again this cannot be guaranteed.

You will note we have separated the income for the School of Religion giving you a flat figure of \$1500 for the Gamewell Fund. As only half of the fund has been paid in, we are estimating a larger amount including what may appear to be a small balance carried forward this year, together with what we hope to receive from pledges to be paid in during the coming fiscal year.

May we call your attention to the balance in Restricted Reserve amounting to \$8,707.14 which is an accumulation of surplus income which might be used in the School of Religion. Again, we cannot say what would happen should you build your budget on the basis of including some of this reserve, but if you feel it is required, it might not be out of the way to make the effort.

Something of the same thing may be said of the Ince Scholarship Fund which in Account 137.6 carried a balance forward of \$622.40 on July 1st. We may have a little more surplus by the end of this year. Therefore, a request for additional scholarship funds with this in mind might be in order.

With the sincere hope that this will not be delayed in transit, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

Office of the Bursar

February 7, 1939.
No.C39-2-7-69.

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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Both President Stuart and Mr. Tsai have written to you objecting to the cut in income which the Trustees voted on Nov. 10, 1938 and President Stuart in his letter definitely has requested that our income for the current year be restored to the original figure of US\$99,856.28.

The suggestion that we use an exchange rate of 4 to 1 does not seem like a wise one. In the past when we have increased the rate of exchange we have found that deans and department chairmen increased their budgets to cover expansion as well as expenses due to higher prices. The drop in exchange necessitated cuts in budgets which were very difficult to enforce. In order to avoid such an error in policy as has occurred in the past, we are now rigidly keeping the exchange rate at 3 to 1. When department chairmen objected to this conservative rate we asked them to present their budgets in two currencies. We are prepared to pay bills in either U. S. Currency or in local currency but we do not want to see expanded budgets which would have to be drastically reduced if we were faced with a lower exchange rate which is to be expected if and when we have a managed currency.

In your letter dated December 19, No.4 in regard to the authorizations for the Women's College budget you have shown the U. S. payments as \$7653 but the correct figure should be \$6747. This correction brings the balance, after deducting the authorizations, up to \$1653. In December we drew draft T 1530 for \$2000 before authorizations had been received. Will you please cancel authorization No.3901 due January 15 and deduct \$1000 from the balance of \$1653 to cover the draft. This will leave a balance of \$653 for adjustment at the end of the fiscal year. We trust this arrangement is agreeable to you. *noted E.C.*

We have noted the authorizations for the University listed in your letter of December 19, No.3.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Cookingham
Mary Cookingham,
Bursar.

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c/o Mrs. Irvin Waters
South Dayton, N. Y.
June 30, 1939

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Dear Mr. Evans,

A few days ago I received a letter from one of my friends at Yenching and I am sending you a copy of part of the letter herewith. I have been requested not to mention the name of the writer.

Since I am not returning to the field for the present I hesitate to make any comments on this letter. I do not like to meddle in affairs where I have no responsibility. On the other hand I do think your office should have all the information available in order that you may deal intelligently with questions of this sort. Dr. Stuart has too many other problems on his mind to seriously consider matters which concern the Americans on the faculty. Certainly foreigners who are working at Yenching during these trying years need all the assurance which can be given them.

I had a good trip up from New York and we are spending next week at the cottage on Lake Erie. I will write you again when I have any news from the field.

Sincerely yours,

May Cushman

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"I wanted to talk to you about this before you left. I am feeling more and more that those of us on the University staff should be more directly under control of the New York office and not under our Chinese friends who will never understand our problems or wish to treat us fairly in a tight place. Our President is as fair as he can be with a mind bent on serving China but even he is not permanent. He has just returned from the south - dangerous days etc.!! You surely have the imagination to see circumstances in which our international experiment would not stand the strain. I should like to see us quite separate and treated from New York as to salary policy etc. I do not know what your reaction to this will be. I know J.L.S. probably would not like it.

"With my imagination and cynicism I would feel more dignity and safety to be paid from New York and these little sly hints about foreigners and their gold etc. You know how unpleasant and dangerous it may be."

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July 3, 1939

Miss Mary Cockingham
c/o Mrs. Irvin Waters
South Dayton, N. Y.

Dear Miss Cockingham:

Your letter of June 30th came to hand this morning and I am greatly interested in the quotation from a letter which you enclosed. I am quite sure that the system which is suggested can never be inaugurated at Yenching during Dr. Stuart's regime. Yet that seems strange when one considers the amount of trouble which the system has caused. As a matter of fact insofar as I can ascertain the schedule which was adopted in 1931 (?) has not been lived up to. As a matter of fact I think it would be impossible.

On the other hand to inaugurate payment through our office for field members would bring up two questions - would there be a separate budget entirely for foreign staff members such as carried by Lingnan University or would they simply be paid from the field funds as has been the case with Hankin in the past? There are a lot of considerations which I would like to talk about with you sometime.

I had in mind writing you this morning had I not received your letter simply as a matter of keeping in touch with you and to say that the doctor's report and recommendations have not been received up to date. I have talked with him and have practically settled the issue regarding what the recommendations will consist of. I do, however, want to have it in hand before making any definite move.

To revert to the salary situation, Fukien Christian University has had a similar situation which has grown to be a very grave problem. A partial solution has been reached by dismissing two of the larger foreign university-supported families and only one is now left to bear the brunt of criticism. I am even making recommendations to this family that they sever their connection with the University and find fields of service elsewhere.

It was awfully good to see you, but even so I regretted that there was not more of an opportunity to visit. I surely want to keep in touch with your plan and to be of such service as is possible in whatever moves you make. Permit me to thank you most heartily for the confidence imposed in sending me this memorandum.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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July 10, 1939

Miss Mary Cookingham
c/o Mrs. Irvin Waters
South Dayton, N. Y.

Dear Miss Cookingham:

On Saturday we cabled Yenching that the medical advice regarding your case called for at least a year's furlough. This was included with two other items in the cable and no cable reply, of course, has been received. I will let you know any new developments.

I have had on my desk a memorandum to thank you more vigorously for the beautiful handkerchief which you brought me from China. It is beautiful, useful, and will always remind me of a very delightful person. Thank you so much.

I sincerely trust this hot weather which has been with us the last few days has not been too uncomfortable for you.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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November 30, 1939

Dear Cooky:

I am afraid you will think that we never bother to write except when we want to ask you to do a favor for us. But could you be induced to purchase some dime store picture books for use in our class H.E. 32 - Child Training? We need to have some new books for children - for the students to see - and for them to use in the Nursery School - when they are telling stories to the children - teaching new words etc. The books available from ordinary publishing houses are too costly for us - and not really necessary. The nice picture books which the Woolworth Company and so on, have published for their own book counters are so attractive and interesting - just the thing we would love to have.

I have talked to Mr. T'ien and we are arranging that our library fund (Dept. of H.E.) in gold may be drawn on to take care of the cost. If you would be willing to make the purchases, we will have 150 Fifth Avenue reimburse you at once and mail to us.

Perhaps you are busy - or not frequently in the part of the city where the glittering dime stores abound! In that case please do not let us bother you - eat into your small amount of leisure. But if it should happen to be convenient - and if you do not too much mind fighting your way thru a dime store crowd - we would certainly love to have about \$2.00 worth of the books.

You would know the things our students would like to see. For instance, various types of modern illustration - drawings - colored prints - photographs. Some times the dime stores go in for a lot of the tacky Micky Mouse and Shirley Temple stuff - but in addition there are often some which are really quite good, from point of view of color - design - etc. Sometimes there are books showing different kinds of transportation - trains - boats - trucks - etc. I know those would appeal here. Then often there are books full of photographs of familiar things - a telephone - an arm chair - a pair of shoes. The teachers in Manhattan used to recommend such books highly. Animal books are always popular - and certain story books with illustrations might do - for the students could translate to the children.

Martha Kramer

*Pres. Pierce
San Francisco*

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Books purchased for Miss Kramer 1/15

Wee Willie Winkie - Rudyard Kipling
Old Testament Stories (pub. by Rand McNally)
The Wonderful Hammer
Four Little Kittens
Hansel and Gretel
Kittens and Cats
When Jesus Was a Little Child

Animals
 Let's Play Train
 Little Red Hen
 Little Red Riding Hood
 Let's Play Postman
 The Three Bears
 Let's Play Firemen
 Baby Chickies
 Mother Goose and Other Rhymes
 Children's Picture Reading
 Animal Friends
 A Child's Garden of Verse (R. L. Stevenson)
 A B C
 Kittens and Puppies

I have talked to Mr. Tolson and he has agreed that our fight against the C.I.O. is a long one. If you would be willing to take care of the case of the C.I.O. I will have the case of the C.I.O. handled by me.

2.00 worth of the books.
store over - we would certainly have to have about
not too much mind. Nothing could say that a time
it should be so convenient - and if you do
you - get into your email account of letters. But it
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South Dayton, N.Y.

Jan. 13, 1940

Dear Mr. Evans,

This letter from Martha Kramer, Chairman of the Home Economics Department at Yonkers, came a few days ago. The dime stores in Jamestown do not have a good selection of children's books and I do not know when I will be in Buffalo or any place where there is a better assortment. Such being the case I am sending this page of Miss Kramer's letter to you. Will it be possible for Miss Chenick or some one in your office to buy the books Miss Kramer wants? Her description seems quite clear. I hope the order can be taken care of without difficulty.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cordingley

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South Dayton, N.Y.

Jan. 20, 1940

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Dear Mr. Evans,

I am glad you were able to get Miss Kraner's books mailed to her so promptly. I have just learned that Miss Kraner's friend, Miss Vida Harris, did not go to Peking and Miss Kraner is still waiting for her trunk. In case you hear of anyone going to North China it would be nice to send it to her.

As to my prospects, I have nothing promising at present. I have hoped that with Vernon Nash's help I would be able to get a position with Inter-Democracy Federal Unionists but Mr. Potts has written me that they will be able to get along for several months with their present personnel.

I am still working for the Book House for Children though I have not found this work entirely satisfactory. I have considered coming to New York City to look for something but living there is expensive and my experience last September convinced me that

good positions were very scarce.

If you have any brilliant suggestions I shall
be pleased to hear about them.

Sincerely yours,

May Cookinham

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February 27, 1940

Miss Mary Cookingham
South Dayton
New York

Dear Miss Cookingham:

I am trying to clean up today some odds and ends which have been haunting me for several weeks passed. One is Miss Kramer's trunk. Your letter of January 20th alluded to this, and we have tried to locate it, but without success. Do you know anything about it?

I am very sorry to learn that there are no better prospects in view than outlined. I have thought of you a great deal in connection with activities in various missionary boards in China, but I have not been able to locate a single thing in which I think you would be interested. You have had some very valuable experience in China which should be conserved to your benefit. Just where your services can be used to best advantage is another thing.

I have taken occasion to telephone to the Foreign Executive of Ginn and Company. She has been with the organization a long time and knows the publishing game very well indeed. Her judgment coincides with my own that one of the first steps in an effort to secure a position is to properly evaluate one's capacity. To this end a concise statement as to training, experience and capacity for work will help immensely. After that first step of analysis, which should be gone over a number of times, comes the selection of the type of work you desire. What do you really want to do and in what work would you feel content? Narrowed down to this angle, then would come the selection of industries or organizations in this particular category. After that, a direct approach, personally preferably, is the best method, but the approach must be carefully planned with the thought of introducing a new idea into the method. One who has had China experience can do this to much better advantage.

If I can be of any assistance to you in the preparation of this material, I shall be very happy indeed. Presumably there is no thought in your mind about returning to China.

Won't you let us hear from you further?

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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South Dayton, N. Y.
March 7, 1940

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Dear Mr. Evans,

I have been asked to speak at the High School Assembly here on Thursday, March 21. If it is permissible I should like so much to show the Yenching moving pictures. Is there a film available and if so what charges would be involved? I understand there is a story which goes with the movies. I have seen the pictures in Peking but not the story. I have put off two other invitations to speak but might work them in too if I had the Yenching film to use.

Perhaps this request should go to Mrs. Macmillan. If so will you please pass it on to her?

Thank you for all the information in your letter of February 27. I can see that you have been to considerable trouble making inquiries for me. I will write again about my plans for the future. ✓

Here is a check^{132.60} for my annuity. Miss Cloud and I have had some correspondence about the matter and I believe this is the correct amount.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

May Cookingham

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March 8, 1940

Miss Mary Cookingham
South Dayton
New York

Dear Miss Cookingham:

Your letter with check for \$132.60 came to hand promptly and we are paying the insurance premium as requested.

We are greatly interested in your speaking engagements, and I find that the Yenching film is available for March 21st for which there is no charge. Our procedure in the past has been to pay the outgoing carrying charges and the user to pay the return charges. However, we might even shade that for you. There is a story which goes with it, and if you so desire we can send that a few days in advance - the film to go more closely to the date of March 21st.

Certainly we should be happy to be of any assistance when one will take the trouble to represent us so well, as we know you will do.

I will be interested in hearing more from you later on about your future plans.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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P. S. On second thought, we are sending the story. The left-hand page represents caption of the film and the right-hand page the comments.

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C. A. E.

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South Dayton, N. Y.
March 25, 1940

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Dear Mr. Evans,

The Yenching films arrived Friday morning and I was able to use them at Cherry Creek that night. I was sorry they did not come on Thursday so that I could show the pictures at the South Dayton High School. Since vacation began on Friday and will continue until April 1 it seemed best to return the films to your office now but I do want to get them again. Mr. Barris has asked me to show the pictures here in South Dayton on April 12, if the films are available then, or on any Friday after that date. Will you please let me know when I may use the films again? I am returning the Story of Yenching with this letter.

I feel very grateful to you for arranging for me to use the Yenching pictures. It was a real pleasure for me to show them to my friends at Cherry Creek. The damaged film did not interfere with my presentation.

I gave up my Book House work in February and have done nothing very strenuous since then. I am taking another series of injections similar to the ones Dr. Vaughan gave me last summer.

As to the future, I presume that eventually I will return to Yenching. It is letters from friends rather than anything Dr. Stuart has written which have influenced me. A letter from Stephen written January 1 urging me to return indicated some change in the situation. It is the first time he has written me since I left Peking.

Miss Kramer's trunk is still in Manhattan Kansas, I believe. It should be sent to her when we know of someone sailing. Probably there is no one at present.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Coodingham

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March 27, 1940

Miss Mary Cockingham
South Dayton
New York

Dear Miss Cockingham:

I appreciate your letter of March 25th enclosing the story of the Yenching pictures, and I note the film is being returned. We have an engagement coming up very soon when this can be used, but we have scheduled you to have it on April 12th. Do you wish us to return the story at that time, or are you sufficiently familiar to make running comments without the use of this help?

I am interested to know that you have given up your connection with the Book House, and hope that the treatment you are taking will be beneficial.

The fourth paragraph of your letter comes as an agreeable surprise. All things considered, probably you are making the best choice. You know that better than anyone else. Surely you are better fitted for that task than anyone else could possibly be. It is also probably true that Stephen Tsai has had a fling at the work and is right willing to give it over to someone else. I must admit I think that it is too much of a job for one man to handle. It needs the cooperation of a group of people with the knowledge and experience to carry on all of the various aspects of the work. I presume you are not making any acknowledgment of this at the present time, and I am not doing so here in the office. Will you not let me know on this point?

Thanks for the information covering Miss Kramer's trunk. We will bear this in mind and give it over to someone to carry through to the field.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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South Dayton, N.Y.

April 18, 1940

Dear Miss Van Sciver,

I am so glad you practiced on me with that New Royal. It was grand getting such a nice newsy letter from you. Indeed you must have been busy with all that additional Wellesley-Yenching work. I am glad the campaign was so successful and that money is still coming in.

The Yenching film has come and gone. Thank you for sending it to me. It was an improvement having it repaired but in every case it has been much enjoyed.

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Now, I have ² another request
to show the pictures. Miss Wooley,
a girl I had never seen before,
called last night and asked if I
would bring the Yenching movies
to a special meeting of the Hamlet
Grange on Friday, May 3. She had
seen in the paper that I had
shown them at the Methodist
Church Sunday evening. I told
her I would inquire from your
office and let her know in a week.

I love showing the pictures
of Yenching but I am wondering
if you approve of my using the
films for organizations which

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made no contribution to Yenching.
Possibly the educational value and
publicity is worth something but
you know I am always interested
in the financial end too. There
is wear and tear on the film as
well as postage. Have you any
policy about this matter? I am
agreeable to anything which your
office recommends.

I like the Wellesley-Yenching
publicity which you sent me. Since
you asked me to identify some
pictures in the office last fall I
thought you might like information
about picture No. 3 on the letter.

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The picture looks like one of the
Men's dormitories. I don't think
any Reiteration building could get
reflected in the lake. But then,
what does it matter? Reiteration
buildings make better publicity for
Women's Colleges than Men's Dormitories.
I also think No. 7 looks like Barford
but it is hard to tell about a corner.

It looks as though August would
see me sailing westward. I hope
I can get to New York again before
then and if so I will count on
a Schreffelt's lunch with you and Miss
Clark.

I thought Gone With the Wind
the best movie I had seen in
years! I just loved it. Sincerely,

Mary Conkling

South Dayton, N.Y.

April 21, 1940

Ack 4/23/40

Dear Mr. Evans,

You have arranged everything beautifully.
I shall be happy to sail on August 10 on the
Empress of Asia from Vancouver. Do you
know it is the same ship which brought me
home last year?

These adjustments on the field are going
to take a great deal of thought and prayer.
I believe your letter will be of real inspirational
value to us all. I shall try not to
disappoint you.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham

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South Dayton, N. Y.

April 25, 1940

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Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter suggesting a second cable to the field sounds very good. While it is not absolutely necessary I believe it will help to protect me and that is important.

I have my passport but it is out of date now. It should have been renewed last summer. In the past I have applied for my passports in person. When I write the State Department do I ask for blanks to fill out or just send a request for a new passport together with my old passport and three pictures?

You may be interested in this confidential paragraph which came in a letter from one of my friends recently: "I am anxious to know about your plans for next year. You know how I feel and I do hope you can see your way clear! I feel Steve feels somewhat different about you now and besides there's a retired business man in Trenton he's not too keen on in consideration. However.

I think they are waiting for your answer. This is just what I gather and pick up."

No doubt the retired business man is Mr. Payne.

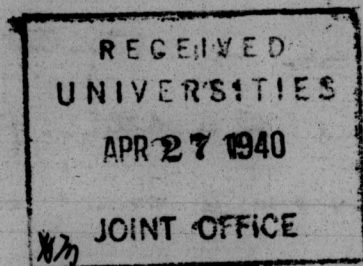
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about whom Dr. Stuart once wrote.

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to E.V.S.
4/27/40* I am enclosing a letter for Miss Van Sines.
Will you please pass it on to her? I am wondering
why I have not yet heard whether the Gushing film
is available for May 3.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Cunningham



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South Dayton, N.Y.
April 25, 1940

Dear Miss Van Sener,

Last week I wrote you asking whether the
yarding moving pictures were available for me
to use on May 3. Since I have not yet had
a reply I decided to write again. I am sure
Miss Woolley will want to get another speaker if
I cannot help her out. In case you have not sent
me a reply would you be good enough to
send me a telegram when you receive this letter?

Perhaps I wrote too much in my last letter
and you missed the part about this date for
May 3. I do hope you have not been ill again.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Cookingham

South Dayton, N.Y.
May 5, 1940

Dear Miss Van Sinder,

Thank you for sending me the
Lusking films again. I am
returning them herewith and I
am sorry to report that Reel No. 2
is broken on the end. I hope it
can be repaired without much
trouble. Please let me know the
expense involved and I will reimburse
you when I come to New York.

Ten days from now I will be in
New York and then we can have
a grand visit.

Sincerely yours,
May Cookin'ham

June 17, 1940

Miss Mary Cookingham
South Dayton
New York

Dear Miss Cookingham:

There is something wrong somewhere in our thinking, as the conclusions which are set forth in the following paragraph do not coincide with our interpretations:-

"We are cabling you today as follows: COOKINGHAM APPROVED BASIS STUART LETTER SEPTEMBER 29. This whole issue is badly complicated and has been the subject of much consultation among ourselves. The last American mail has brought letters from her and from your office which have led us to approve of her return. We should like, however, to have it clearly understood that we do not contemplate any structural change, and that we would prefer that the present year of absence be not regarded as a regular furlough and that she come for a two year period until her normal furlough would be due. If all goes well, she would then return on a regular basis. If not, the arrangement would be more easily terminated. In view of the letters just received, we have every reason to take the more optimistic attitude."

The above is contained in a letter written by Dr. Stuart to Mr. Garside under date of May 17, 1940.

My impression is that the September 29th letter indicated you were to return for six years.

The only sailings which we can secure at the present time is on the EMPRESS OF ASIA sailing July 13th, unless you desire to go on a Japanese boat, but I feel confident that you will not.

What do you think of this whole picture?

Very sincerely yours,

Russia
CAR/S

C. A. EVANS

Emp. of Asia Aug 10 is correct.

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Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter of June 17 brings many questions to mind. Yes, Dr. Street's letter of Sept. 29 stated clearly that if I returned I was to return for a six year term. If he is now so keen on two years, why was there no reply to our cable of May 20?

I do not want to sail July 13; neither do I want to sail on a Japanese boat. Is there no other alternative? Since the Asia which was to have sailed Aug. 10 is sailing July 13 the schedule must be completely rearranged. If I sail July 13 I must leave here two weeks from Monday. May I have an application blank for Western Clergy Certificate? I have no visa for Japan or China. Are extra photographs required for these visas? I will send you my passport and pictures, if necessary, next week so that you can obtain the visas in New York.

What about typhoid and cholera inoculations?

The whole picture looks depressing at present - perhaps it is just the idea of leaving so soon.

Most sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham

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June 21, 1940

Dear Miss Cookingham:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 20th.

First of all I would like to clarify the situation regarding your sailing. We are holding a reservation for you on the EMPRESS OF ASIA, which is sailing according to schedule on August 10th from Vancouver. I regret very much that the incorrect statement in my letter to you of June 17th has caused you undue apprehension. Please accept my sincere apologies for upsetting you so by stating that your boat would sail almost a month ahead of schedule.

You will find enclosed herewith application for Western clergy certificate. If you will fill same in down to "Endorsement of Resident Clergyman" and return to our office, we will secure the certificate for you.

Regarding the securing of your visas for China and Japan:- If you will send us your passport, we will secure these for you. We do not need any other photographs, as the one in your passport is sufficient.

I have checked with Dr. Vaughan's office regarding typhoid and cholera inoculations, and have been informed that it will be necessary to have these prior to your sailing in August.

With sincere personal regards to you, I am

Cordially yours,

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ack South Dayton, N.Y.
June 24, 1940
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Dear Mr. Evans,

Your special delivery letter reached me Saturday morning and I was very happy to hear that the Empress of Asia is sailing on August 10 and not July 13. Thank you for writing me so promptly.

Dr. Stuart's letter to me, which came in the same mail, seems satisfactory though a little too sweet in places.

I am enclosing herewith my passport for visas for China and Japan and also application for Western Clergy Fare Certificate.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cunningham

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Office of the Bursar

September 5, 1940.
No. C40-9-5-2.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Here I am back at the same old desk with a folder full of letters to be acknowledged. It is good to be back on the campus and meet so many friends again. Miss Burt, Miss Hutchison and I had a splendid trip together as far as Kobe and then we had to separate as we could not get accommodations on the same boat from Kobe. They left for Dairen on Sunday, the day after we arrived, and I waited ^{until Tuesday} in Dairen - I had to wait about four hours there before I could get the Hokkai Maru from Dairen to Tientsin. I reached Peking late Saturday night and came out to Yenching Sunday morning. I have already delivered the valuable scrolls, the postage stamps and the supplies for the Physical Education Department but there are still countless gifts in my possession which belong to various people. *We all made good connections*

We wish to acknowledge receipt of nine annuity policies which were enclosed with your letter of July 22. We have notified the people concerned that their policies are in our safe.

We are glad to have your letter of July 29 with a statement of the money advanced to Miss Cherry for travel. We are perturbed about Miss Cherry's whereabouts at the present time and hope we shall soon hear that she is on her way to Peking.

In your letter of July 29 we have details in regard to the deposit of \$157.50. We shall give Mr. Charles Cheng a check for \$2.55 covering the adjustment of his account.

Your two letters of July 31 deal with Miss Hutchison's arrangements. She was able to keep her travel expenses within the amount advanced with the exception of duty paid in Tientsin. Unfortunately she had duty on her typewriter, camera and sewing machine. I doubt if she will find her sewing machine very useful here where tailoring is so very inexpensive. Neither Miss Burt nor I had any duty to pay.

Next week I will acknowledge your August letters and I will try to get the McBrier budget to you also.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham
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September 9, 1940.

No. C40-9-9-5.

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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

We are sending you herewith two copies of the audited statements for Yenching University and Yenching Women's College. I have not had time to go over these accounts carefully but a casual glance gives me the impression that last year's expenditures were well within the income.

We have over one thousand students registered - 292 women and 735 men to be exact. Some late comers will register this week. There are still a few vacant beds including some double deckers. We do not talk about vacant rooms any more but count spaces by beds. Men students have had double decker beds for two years now but this is the first year women students have found double deckers in the larger rooms. We hope they enjoy them.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham
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September 25, 1940.
No. C4C-9-25-11.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

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Dear Mr. Garside:

Since Mr. Tsai left Peking for Honolulu before your letter of August 13 was received, I am taking this opportunity to write you and acknowledge your letter to him at the same time.

Dr. Stuart left Monday for a short rest which was ordered by the doctors. We hope he will be back on the campus next week feeling quite like himself again. When I returned to Yenching I thought Dr. Stuart was looking quite weary but he seemed better after he recovered from a cold and we all hope a short vacation will greatly benefit him.

In the near future I believe the Administrative Committee plans to consider the loans which have been made to a number of our young faculty members for study abroad. We can hardly expect them to return money borrowed in U. S. Currency from salaries paid in Chinese currency when exchange is around 17.50 to 1. Mr. Kuan's case will be considered with the others. We hope some solution can be found which will be just and agreeable to all concerned.

I hope you had a good vacation this summer.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham
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Office of the Bursar

September 25, 1940.
No. C40-9-25-12.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Here is a copy of the Budget for the McBrier Fund for 1940-41. We are sorry it has taken so long to prepare this budget but Miss Burtt is the new secretary and there were many questions which came up in connection with the expenditures and neither she nor I knew the answers so we had to consult several people. Mr. Tsai suggested that we use an exchange rate of 6 to 1 since that was used in the preparation of the various sections of the University budget. We felt, however, that 8 to 1 was a conservative figure and the expected surplus will take care of the deficit which is shown on Schedule 15A of the Audited Statements for 1939-40. We could not find a definite statement as to the income available but we assume that it will be at least US\$3000.00.

Miss Burtt is also sending a copy of this budget to Mr. McBrier with her comments. I think the McBrier Foundation is very fortunate in having Miss Burtt as secretary. She is sincerely interested in the religious activities of Yenching University and I am sure she will present constructive suggestions for expenditures from this fund. Miss Burtt spoke on Sunday night at our Vesper Service and last night at our Faculty Discussion Group and on both occasions she brought a remarkably fine message to her audiences.

Since returning to Yenching I have been impressed with the interest shown at our Sunday morning services and also our daily chapel services. With a larger student body we might naturally expect a few more people to attend but I was very happy to see Ninde Chapel crowded last Sunday morning. Mr. Wang Chung Han reported that we now have 911

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member in our Yenta Christian Fellowship, and of that number 576 are students. Our student enrollment is now 1077 so that means more than half of them are Christian. In the past we had about 200 Christians in a student body of 800.

Probably you will receive this information from other sources because it is the kind of information we all enjoy reporting.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham
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Miss Mary Cookingham, Bursar

Yenching University
November 15, 1940

Dear Friends,

The social events of the fortnight have centered around our evacuating friends. Dr. Stuart gave a farewell tea for Mrs. Adolph, Gertrude Jacobs and Gladys Wolpert last Friday and they have been honored by teas and dinner parties all around the campus. We are reminded of June festivities and then a cold blast of wind brings us back to November.

A trip to America on the Mariposa promises to be a deluxe tour in some respects. All baggage was taken to Chinwangtao by the Embassy Guard last week. On Thursday a special train took the passengers from Peking to Chinwangtao, so they will be on board the Mariposa without delay. It seems like quite a contrast to the usual method of taking a train to Tangku and then getting a boat to Shanghai or Kobe or possibly to Dairen, with a second boat to Kobe, and then spending a few days waiting for a transPacific liner. Then, too, at every port there is usually customs and passport inspection with a declaration of money and valuables to add interest to the trip. Think of avoiding all that by traveling on the Mariposa!

Out of our Fellowship Retreat at Wo Fo Ssu a Faculty Prayer Service has developed. We meet at Sage Chapel every Tuesday evening for half an hour. This seems to me like a return to one of our former services which had been omitted during recent years. We hope the community will be greatly benefitted by this service.

Shirley Duncan, chairman of our Yenching Community Chest Committee, reported that her committee had some doubts about reaching its goal of \$5,000 this year, but the whole committee was delighted when over \$7,000 was contributed.

Many of you remember Rosamond Frame as a small child. Even though I have seen her several times this fall and I have heard the Tungchow students call her Miss Frame, I was surprised to find her name in the paper as the speaker at a meeting of the Mothers' Club. Her talk was reported in the Peking Chronicle and she certainly gave the mothers some excellent advice for preparing their children for College in America.

The Peking Association of University Women has started the year with great enthusiasm. Early in October we had a delightful luncheon at Mrs. Johnson's home at the American Embassy. As soon as it was known that Mrs. Johnson was preparing to leave for America, Guest Night, which was scheduled for December, was pushed up to October 26th and a week was allowed for groups from Yenching, P.U.M.C., Language School and the American Embassy to prepare entertainment. It was a gay party and gave everyone an opportunity to say goodbye to Mrs. Johnson, our departing president. We hope conditions will be such that she can soon return to Peking. Margaret Speer is to be our new president.

If you were to return to Peking for a rickshaw ride around the city I am sure you would be most surprised to find yourself sitting patiently in your rickshaw while the lights at the corner of Hatamen and Ch'ang An Chieh, for instance, changed from red to green. I remember some people refused to ride on street cars in Peking and how much more would those same people object to traffic lights. They do seem incongruous. You would be surprised, too, when you went shopping for old embroideries. Wang, the embroidery man who came to Yenching so often, was in our house last week showing his wares to Gladys Wolpert. He noticed a long piece of

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soft rose hanging over the fireplace and reminded me that he had sold that antique to me about ten years ago. After admiring it for a few minutes he said in Chinese, "You can't find pieces of embroidery like that now. You paid about fifteen dollars for that and today you couldn't buy it for \$100."

With all the changes which have taken place since I came to China, some pleasant and some unpleasant, the one which I believe gives us all the greatest satisfaction is our student body. After seeing closed dormitories in 1937 it is a real pleasure to see the activities of a large group of students. The library, classrooms and dormitories are all crowded. Such conditions are not ideal, and they do create problems, but it does make our work seem worth while.

Shall I write anything about financial matters? Mr. Payne, our Acting Controller, and I have been studying budgets today. Money does not go very far these days and we have emergency expenses on every side but so long as exchange continues at this abnormally high rate we can approximate a balanced budget. When the exchange rate drops, will prices also drop, or will there be a long period of high prices and low exchange? The future is full of uncertainties. There is nothing dull or uninteresting about it.

With best wishes to you all.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham

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December 13, 1940.
No.C40-12-13-37.

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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have received a number of letters from you some of which require no comments but we do want you to know that mail is coming in regularly so we will list each of the letters.

E-40-10-15-1:- No comments.

E-40-10-16-1:- No comments

4 E-40-10-17-1:- When I sent you a check for my annuity payments for July and August I inferred that the same amount would be paid for those two months as for the remaining ten months of the present fiscal year. Since that was not the case I suggest that you hold this balance and use it toward my Equitable Insurance which will be due in June. I have already sent you a check for my Penn Mutual insurance else this amount could be used toward that payment. It is always pleasant to have a credit balance even though small! *noted*

E-40-10-21-1:- We are interested in your comments on publicizing reports about surpluses. This question was raised in the Administrative Committee not long ago so when your letter came I referred it to Dr. Stuart in answer to the question raised. We appreciate your position and we feel that you are very wise in taking the attitude you do. Still there is no peace in China and who knows what unexpected expenses will have to be met in the near future.

E-40-10-30-1:- No comments.

E-40-10-31-1:- No comments.

E-40-10-31-2:- No comments.

E-40-11-1-1:- No comments.

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Mr. Evans, C40-12-13-37

Your letter dated October 24 in regard to the Wheeler Chapel Fund needs more time and thought than we can give it at present. We will write you again about this matter. It looks like an interesting problem!

I spent yesterday afternoon on a little trip to town and did some banking for the office and some personal errands. Miss Speer, Miss Wagner, Miss Stahl and I went in together and found everything quite simple. The gates of the city are open but barbed wire barriers prevent people from dashing through without inspection. There is no objection to Americans going through the gates and our Chinese chauffeur had a pass. Since a pass is only good for five days it is rather difficult to keep the chauffeurs supplied. We have given up messenger service to the city temporarily but some of the shops in Peking continue to send their men out to us. Newspapers are delivered by mail. Rumors are so quickly proved untrue that we wonder why we ever listen to them.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham

Mary Cookingham,
Bursar.

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Mr. Evans, 040-12-12-27

Your letter dated October 24 in regard to the Wheeler Chapel fund needs more time than we can give it at present. We will write you again about this matter. It looks like an interesting project.

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Sincerely yours,

Mary Cockburn
Butler.

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February 7, 1941

Dear Miss Van Sciver,

I do hope some of your long looked for stationery has arrived before this. Buying and sending things to America is not as easy as it used to be. Before Stephen left in September I tried to get a shop to send a man with a book of samples of stationery out to my office but I could not arrange it. Later when I was in Peking I went to several stationery shops and ordered some of the Lotus pattern which I particularly like at one of the most promising of the shops. The man who catered to the requests of Americans has apparently closed up his shop or moved so far away we cannot locate him.

Eventually I collected the stationery which I had ordered and passed it over to Marnie Speer. She had also bought some from a man on the campus who had a small stock on hand. Then came the problem of mailing it. At present we cannot send packages to American from our campus postoffice but must go to the main postoffice in town. I think Marnie could write a book on her experiences. Anyway the packages are on their way and we hope you like the designs.

The stationery I am writing on is made specially for the University. This is the main entrance. There is also a picture of the pagoda which you might like. I will enclose samples for you to see. If you would like some of this variety, please let me know.

Has Mrs. Moore received most of the pictures she wanted for publicity? My kodak went to America with the Wilsons but I hope to have it back next fall.

Greeting to Miss Cloud. I would love to drop in and see you both.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cunningham

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Office of the Bursar

May 22, 1941.
No.C41-5-22-106.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

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7/17/41 #4

Dear Mr. Evans:

Now that Mr. Garside is working on the United China Relief Campaign you must be doubly busy in the office looking after everything.

Your letter of March 27 gave us Dr. Elisseff's verdict on who was to decide when Harvard-Yenching Institute checks were to be cashed so that's that. There is no more to be said and we all know just where we stand.

We have given Miss Shirley Duncan a check for \$100 as requested in your letter of April 3, No.1,

We have received your letter of April 7 with which you enclosed the March statements for the Women's College. We are glad to hear the income is being received well in advance of the requirements.

Thank you for the gift of \$75 from Wheaton College which you deposited in our Women's College Account. The money will be used for scholarships as in the past.

We have read your letter of April 18 with some amusement. Probably you have heard before this that copies of LIFE dated February 10 reached the subscribers on the campus after what seemed to us an unusually long delay. Possibly the regular mail serve was responsible but we blamed the censors. So many things are not as we would like them to be these days!

We have the following letters which we wish to acknowledge but we have no comments to make on them:

E-41-4-3-2, E-41-4-17-1, E-41-4-17-2, E-41-4-19-1

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,
Mary Cookingham
Mary Cookingham,
Bursar.

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Office of the Bureau

May 22, 1941.
No. 241-3-22-108.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Now that Mr. Garfield is working on the United China Relief Campaign you must be doubly busy in the office looking after everything.

Your letter of March 27 gave us Dr. Missell's verdict on who was to decide when Harvard-Yenching Institute checks were to be cashed so that's that. There is no more to be said and we all know just where we stand.

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We have the following letters which we wish to acknowledge but we have no copies to make on them:

E-41-4-3-2, E-41-4-17-1, E-41-4-17-2, E-41-4-19-1

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,
Mary Cookingham,
Bureau.

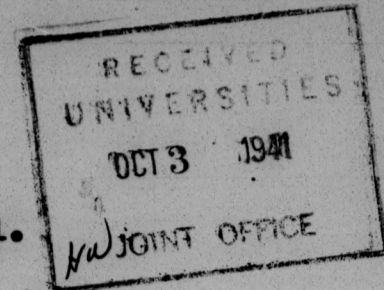
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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peking China.

Office of the Bursar

August 29, 1941.
No. C41-8-29-4.



Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Many things happened while I was at Pei Tai Ho on vacation this year. I have been back in the office about two weeks and every day has been filled with questions about financial matters. Cash receipts and payments seem to be the order of the day. Last winter when the city gates were closed Mr. Yang, a clerk in the President's Office, who was kept busy trying to arrange transportation for members of the faculty, stated that the office had become a garage. We feel that this office now rates the distinction of a bank.

As a matter of fact the freezing of local funds does not seriously handicap us though it means considerable extra work but we are really concerned about our money in America. We hope you will be able to obtain a permit for us to draw money before long. The National City Bank in Peking has been very cooperative with us. The bank is not carrying on regular business but they are still doing exchange business there and as long as we have money in the Tientsin branch of the bank we can draw cash in Peking. I only wish we had more money in Tientsin. Tuition fees will be coming in next week and we hope the money received will tide us over until funds in America are released. Life is not dull!

Besides discussing the situation we have a number of letters from you to acknowledge. With your letters of July 3, 8 and 12 you sent us June statements for the Women's College, University and Princeton-Yenching Foundation. We have closed our books and will be able to send audited statements to you in about ten days.

We have paid to Miss Agnes Chen the equivalent in local currency of \$75 as requested in your letters of June 24 and July 3.

We were very glad to receive your letter of July 1 reporting the deposit of \$50 received from Mr. Chu.

Since Dr. C. F. Wu has not yet been able to obtain a permit to go to America he may not require either of his clergy certificates. He had planned to remain for a time in California and then travel east visiting a number of universities during the year. In case he is unable to go to America we will pay his salary here and you will not be called upon for the salary payments referred to in my letter of June 10.

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Aug. 29, 1941
Mr. Evans

C41-8-29-4, Page 2

Regarding the Harvard Yenching Institute reserve fund for possible salary increases referred to in your letter of July 16 we wish to report that none of the \$10,000 was required.

Thank you for the information about annuity policies reported in your letter of July 17, No.1.

We have noted the deposits listed in your letters of July 17, No.5 and July 19, No.2 and are recording them as usual. We also have your letters of July 19 and 24 reporting deposits made for the accounts of Langdon Gilkey and Dr. Stuart. We presume these will be the last deposits reported for the present.

The following letters have been received but require no further comments:

June 24, E41-6-24-1 and 2
25, E-41-6-25-1

July 11, E41-7-11-1 and 2 and 3
16, E41-7-16-3
17, E41-7-17-2 and 3 and 4

We are enclosing herewith our Construction Department Trial Balance as of June 30 for your files.

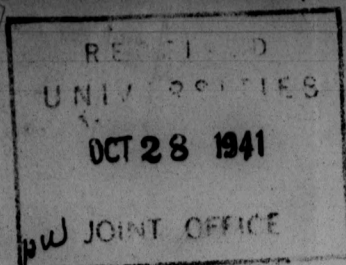
Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham
Mary Cookingham,
Bursar.

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Office of the Bursar

September 10, 1941.
No. C41-9-10-12.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

ack 11/6/41 #

Dear Mr. Evans:

Monday morning we were busy puzzling over the cablegram which you sent to Dr. Stuart. It reads as follows:

UPON INVESTIGATION CITY BANK HEADQUARTERS SEES NO REASON WHY
TIENTSIN BRANCH CANNOT REPAY DEPOSITS IN LOCAL CURRENCY WITHOUT
ISSUING DRAFTS HANOVER STILL BLOCKED

We wonder if you sent this message after receiving Mr. Tsai's letter of July 31. We do not see that it has any connection with the cable which we sent you on August 27 and to which you sent the following reply:

NEGOTIATIONS BANKING LICENSE IN PROCESS WILL CABLE WHEN SECURED

Today we have cabled you as follows:

WILL EXHAUST LOCAL FUNDS SHORTLY STOP REQUIRE TELEGRAPHIC
REMITTANCE THREE MONTHS APPROPRIATIONS OCTOBER FIFTEENTH STOP
SUGGEST YOU COOPERATE CITIBANK ENDEAVOR OBTAIN LICENSE IMMEDIATELY
ENROLLMENT ELEVEN FIFTY UTMOST CAPACITY OUTLOOK REASSURING

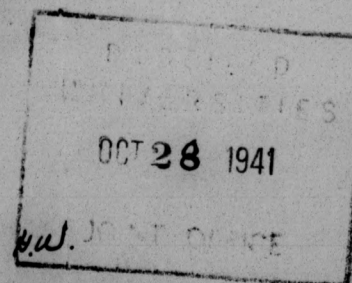
By way of explanation we wish to state that our funds in the National City Bank in Tientsin will be exhausted soon and the money which we have taken in from students for tuition will hardly be sufficient for our salary payments this month. Before we pay October salaries we must have money from somewhere. If we had more money in Tientsin we would not be cabling for special licenses.

We all realize that a cable never sounds the same when it has crossed an ocean but we hope our cable to you is understandable.

Sincerely yours,

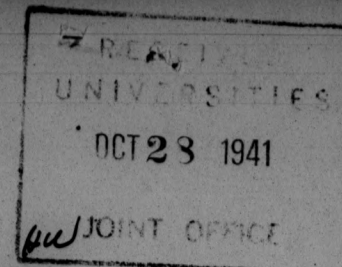
Mary Cookingham
Mary Cookingham,
Bursar.

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Office of the Bursar

September 24, 1941.
No. C41-9-24-16.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

ack
10/30/41 #3

Dear Mr. Evans:

Our financial problems are becoming more and more complicated and communication by mail is slower and slower. Perhaps when we close our books next June we will have solved the problems which face us at present. We sincerely hope so.

We have just received our bank statements from the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company for Yenching University and Yenching College for Women for the month of July. Contrary to the procedure of the past, no cancelled checks are enclosed. Probably this is related to the new freezing regulations. In the case of the Women's College there are comparatively few outstanding checks and we are practically sure which ones have been cashed during July. The list of outstanding checks on the University Account is much longer and, to add to our troubles, the bank has in two instances reported the total amount of the checks cashed without listing the amounts of the checks individually.

Will you be kind and see what information you can collect from the bank? We are enclosing herewith a list of all checks, showing check number and amount, which were outstanding on our University Account at the end of June. We shall be very grateful if you can obtain from the bank cancelled checks and report to us which ones have been cashed. We are also enclosing a list of outstanding checks in the Women's College Account as of August 1. That is, we have omitted the checks which the bank reported on the July statement.

In Mr. Tsai's letter of July 31 he expressed a hope that you would be able to cash the checks which were outstanding when the freezing regulations became effective. We do not know what arrangements you have been able to make. There are a number of checks around Peking which we would like to take up and replace by the local currency equivalent but we cannot do this until we receive funds from New York. At the moment of writing our credit is not very good.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham
Mary Cookingham,
Bursar.

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JOINT OFFICE

October 6, 1941
E -41-10-6-1

Miss Mary Cockingham
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Miss Cockingham:

Your letter of August 29th No. 4 has just been received and I am answering it ahead of some other correspondence.

I am greatly interested in this first-hand news of the situation in Peking and have now the satisfaction of saying that all of our bank accounts are unlocked and that we can proceed in the use of them as in normal times. I am hoping that cables will go forward sometime during the day, although constant interruptions have occupied the morning.

We note that payments have been made as outlined in our previous communications and wish to report that we are still working on the case of Dr. Wu. I have had telephone conversations with the head of the China Division and some friends have been to see him, but what the difficulties are we have not been able to learn.

We note that none of the H. Y. I. Reserve was required and are gratified for this information.

We have also studied the Construction Department Trial Balance sheet as enclosed and have sent same on to the file.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

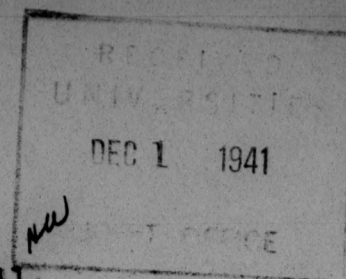
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Peking China

Office of the Bursar

October 9, 1941.
No.C41-10-9-24.



Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

We are all happy to receive your cable stating that our bank account has been released and we shall be glad to make payments to Dr. Luh and Mrs. Hanwell in accordance with your instructions. We promptly reported the contents of the cable to the American Embassy and Mr. Hall at the National City Bank since they have been doing what they could to assist us in obtaining funds. Mr. Hall stated that he must have confirmation from his office before he could give us money but we feel sure he will receive instructions soon. Tomorrow and Saturday are holidays and I am sure Yenching people will enjoy the double tenth more than usual this year with the good news of your cable ringing in our ears.

Next week we hope to pay up all of our bills. We were unable to settle our accounts in full before the autumn festival but we paid the small bills and about half on the larger bills. Our book bills, most of which belonged to Harvard-Yenching Institute, amounted to nearly \$70000 and we had not anticipated such large amounts would be required before the end of the month. It is common in Peking to pay certain dealers only three times a year just before principal festivals. In the past we have not kept a record of outstanding bills and we have been able to pay whenever the payments were authorized. In the future we shall have to set up a new system.

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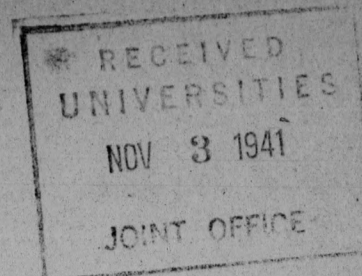
We wish to report to you that on September 26 we drew draft No.T1594 payable to the American Express Company for \$246.55 covering passage to America for Mr. Chen Hung-shun of our Library who is going to Harvard.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham
Mary Cookingham,
Bursar.

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October 30, 1941
E -41-10-30- 2

Miss Mary Cockingham
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Miss Cockingham:

This morning a cable arrived more or less chastising us for remitting local currency for the \$25,000 as provided under special license granted by the U. S. Treasury Department.

We have spent pretty much of the day in one way or another with this problem -- having checked with three banks and the China Medical Board, but have quite diligently refrained from involving the Federal Reserve Bank. You will understand what I mean when I say that the American currency remittance for the China Medical Board to Tientsin was a pure and simple mistake all the way through, and the one responsible at the Chase Bank is in a very tight spot. Such a remittance at the present time is impossible.

Our office was fully aware of all of the circumstances surrounding the transmittal of the \$500,000. There were only two ways of doing it -- one by a direct transfer of local currency at the regulation rate, or the purchase of local currency in the open market here in New York. Fortunately, \$500,000 could be secured which was an increase of \$119,000 above the regulation rate. We were aware that there would be a differential to the Federal Reserve, but figured the profit accruing would more than compensate for the difference. We, therefore, authorized the transfer. This is an instance where we thought that every last loophole was covered insofar as our license and limitations would allow.

I am certainly glad we are not in the position of the Chase Bank where there is a possible fine of \$10,000 for violation of the law governing the issuance of licenses. The Chase Bank informs me that they do not deal direct with Tientsin but that their transfers are made through Shanghai.

This afternoon I cabled you as follows:

"CMB REMITTANCE MISTAKE CAUSING GREAT TROUBLE IMPOSSIBLE NOW BANK CABLED
TIENTSIN BEFORE REMITTING 25000 YOU GAINED TWICE 50000 RECOMMEND USING
CENTRAL HANOVER ACCOUNT 9000 BALANCE MORE AVAILABLE ADVISE."

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Miss Cockingham

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The latter part of the cable should be understandable in that the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company account is operating as usual. The only admonition we have is that checks be sold with all discrimination. The balance on hand at the first of the month was \$9,000 and, of course, there are other funds available for you upon application.

I trust this clarifies the situation.

With assurances that we are ever willing to do everything possible for your assistance and the conservation of funds, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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JOINT OFFICE

December 15, 1941

Miss Mary Cockingham
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Miss Cockingham:

The Lord only knows what is happening to you people in North China, but I am dictating this letter with the hope that some sort of word will be received to relieve the tension under which we are carrying on at the present time. We must relieve the congestion, however, and I am proceeding in the routine manner with the hope that the way will be cleared very shortly. Consequently any mail which is dictated now must be taken in the light of prevailing circumstances.

I am enclosing the November Yenching trial balance sheets, cash statement and invoices, together with Journal Voucher #1574 and #1575.

A letter from the Associated Boards, dated November 27th, indicates that the University received \$31,641.01 as its share in the \$250,000.00 of last year. This is only slightly short of the \$32,200.00 as represented in the original objective. The regular income is shown on page 3 of the trial balance, although the budget analysis has not been made as yet.

Efforts have been made to get a meeting of the Finance Committee, but without success. Mr. McBrier has just undergone an operation for appendicitis and is in the hospital. He is recovering nicely but it will be some time before he is around again.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

PEIPING, CHINA.

June 6, 1942

Mr. C. A. Evans
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans,

We are holding for Mr. E. O. Wilson's account the sum of L\$306.50 and since we are unable to pay this money to him here he has requested that the amount be paid to Mrs. Wilson in America. On receipt of this letter will you please pay Mrs. Wilson US\$61.30, the equivalent of L\$306.50 at the exchange rate of 5 to 1?

On November 19, 1941 we sent you the following letter:

"On receipt of this letter will you please pay to Mrs. E. O. Wilson \$70.00 and charge to our Account 31? We have sold this money to Mr. Wilson today at 8.55 which is the bank's buying rate. "

If this letter did not reach you earlier will you please send the \$70.00 to Mrs. Wilson now? Thank you for taking care of these payments for us.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mary Cookingham
Mary Cookingham

Paid 10/30/42
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Noted &
Mrs. Wilson
10/30/42

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PEIPING, CHINA.
YENCHING UNIVERSITY

DATE: 8-2-45

Mr. C. A. Evans
Yenching University
130 Fifth Avenue
New York City
U. S. A.

Best W. T. Evans.

We are holding for Mr. E. O. Wilson's account the sum of \$1,800.00 and since we are unable to pay this money to him here he has requested that the amount be paid to Mrs. Wilson in America. On receipt of this letter will you please pay Mrs. Wilson \$1,800.00, the equivalent of \$1,800.00 at the exchange rate of 1 to 1?

On November 22, 1941 we sent you the following letter:

Thank you for taking care of these payments for me. If this letter did not reach you earlier will you please send the \$20.00 to Mrs. Wilson now.

With all good wishes,

Stiererly Yours,

Wm. C. C. C. C.



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Sent to: Miss Anne Cochran
Miss Mary Cookingham
Miss Shirley M. Duncan
Miss Mary Hutchison
Miss Martha M. Kramer
Miss Augusta Wagner

August 25, 1943

Miss Mary Cookingham
H.S. Gripsholm
c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Cookingham:

It is with the greatest joy that I address a letter to you with the assurance that when you receive it you will be well on your way to America. We have all rejoiced in the spirit of the Yenching group left in Peking and have been thrilled by their record of solid accomplishment in spite of every handicap. But now we are happy to know that those days are finished and that you will soon be in America again. You may be sure that the warmest of welcomes awaits you and that we are eager to be of every possible service to you.

I regret that we cannot get money to you directly, but we are assured that there will be arrangements made by the State Department, similar to those on the previous voyage of the Gripsholm, whereby money needed for incidental expenses may be advanced to repatriates. We shall, of course, pay for your passage. It is not possible to put parcels on the Gripsholm for you, but we are assured that the boat will carry adequate supplies of food, medicines, and clothing, so we trust that you will be comfortable.

It will be possible to send and receive air mail at each port of call, that is, at Port Elizabeth and Rio de Janeiro, as well as Goa. If, therefore, you would like us to have some special articles or information meet you en route, please send an air mail to us from Goa or Port Elizabeth, and we will endeavor to have the reply awaiting you at Rio.

I find it impossible to express my deep sense of thankfulness that this long-anticipated day has really arrived and that you are actually on your way home. I hope that the trip will be a pleasant one and that the release from the tensions of the last months will make it possible for you to relax and rest and recuperate. We are eagerly awaiting your arrival.

With every best wish,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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THE COLLEGES

CHEELOO UNIVERSITY (SHANTUNG)
FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
GINLING COLLEGE
HANGCHOW CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
HUA CHUNG COLLEGE
HWA NAN COLLEGE
LINGNAN UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
UNIVERSITY OF SHANGHAI
SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY
WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
YENCHING UNIVERSITY

TEL. WATKINS 9-8703
CABLE: ABCHICOL

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May 15, 1944

Dear Mr. Evans,

Before I left camp Miss Hancock asked me to pay \$300 from her account to two Chinese friends, Miss Hsiu-hsiang Tseng and Miss Chih-an Yen, who had given her money in the early part of 1942. I think Miss Tseng and Miss Yen gave money to Miss Hancock with no thought of repayment but she wanted to return the equivalent in U.S. dollars as soon as possible.

Miss Tseng has an account in Pasadena and we can send money to Miss Gilman for deposit in Miss Tseng's account. We will have to wait until the war is over, I presume, before we can pay any money to Miss Yen. Unfortunately I have forgotten which person was to receive \$200 and which \$100. At present it is impossible to find out how much money was given to Miss Hancock in Chinese currency by each person so I am suggesting that we send \$100 for deposit in Miss Tseng's account and hold the balance of \$200 until the war is over or Miss Hancock is repatriated and can give definite instructions.

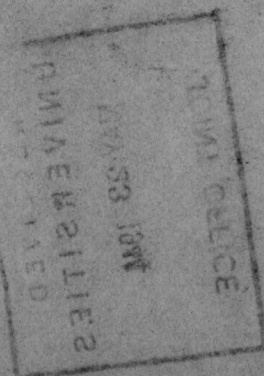
If you approve of the payment of \$100 for Miss Tseng will you please OK this letter? The check should be made payable to Miss Gertrude Gilman, 714 Locust Street, Pasadena, California, who has Miss Tseng's bank book.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Gooding

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THE COLLEGE
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HONG KONG COLLEGE
TUNGSHAN UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
UNIVERSITY OF SHANGHAI
BOCHOW UNIVERSITY
WEST CHINA UNION UNIVERSITY
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
TELE. WATKINS 6-3703
CABLE "ACADEMIC"

Gertrude Gilmer, 714 Locust Street, Pasadena, California, who has Miss
you please OK this letter? The check should be made payable to Miss
If you approve of the payment of \$100 for Miss Tamm will
Lester's bank book.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature

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JOINT OFFICE

August 30, 1944

(Fang-Chih)
Miss Agnes Chen
Yenching University
Chengtu

Dear Agnes,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your report for the Spring Semester and the nice personal letter which came with it. I am sorry you found it necessary to resign your position as Acting Dean of the Women's College but I am sure you will be able to contribute a great deal unofficially and at the same time I hope you will be able to rest more and regain your normal health. I think of you all so often and wish that I could invite you in for a good nourishing meal. Food here is so plentiful and delicious.

I was particularly interested in your comments on the Women's College Budget. It does seem unnecessary to make out a separate budget when the money is all being spent together. In Peking we kept separate accounts for many sections of the University and I know it takes a great deal more time to keep the records in that way. It hardly seems worthwhile now when you are all so busy. Expenditures are so abnormally high that the figures are of no value for comparison with prewar figures.

Living in Weihsien Assembly Center for six months was an interesting experience which broadened my vision. In the future I shall always compare my standard of living and my comforts with those of Weihsien. I do feel very sorry that so many of our friends have had to continue their stay there as conditions are likely to get worse instead of better over a longer period and the food was never adequate.

Working here in the New York Office gives me great pleasure. I think many of the Yenching people who returned on the Gripsholm wish they had similar work. I am learning considerable about the twelve other universities which are connected with the Associated Boards and at the same time I keep in touch with what you are doing in Chengtu. I was glad to hear that Han Ya-yen was out because she has always seemed to me like a very inefficient person.

Monday night the Yenching Alumni in New York arranged a very nice dinner for Dr. Kung at the Park Central Hotel. It was a grand opportunity to see old friends and he and the three members of the Board of Trustees who were present made very interesting speeches. Mr. Davis, Chairman of the Board, has hardly ever appeared at Yenching meetings in the past. It was the first time either Mr. Corbett or I had seen him. He not only came to the dinner but he also bought ten tickets so that some of the alumni who could not have come otherwise were able to be present. Alice Boring, Marnie Speer, Augusta Wagner, Mrs. Leonard Hsu and her two daughters, Dr. and Mrs. T. T. Lew, Roberta Ma, Hsia Yun and his latest lady friend, Miss Yang, I believe, from Shanghai, Hsu Ching Yi, the Yungs (Yang Yü-chieh) and Frances Chen were at the dinner as well as many others that I do not know so well.

We are all looking forward to the time when we can return to Peking. We will celebrate by having some bridge games then. Shall we make it a date for next September? Please give Lu Hui-ch'ing my best wishes for her success in her new position as Acting Dean. She has had some good preparatory experience in looking after the health of the students. Please give my greetings also to Fan Hsi-chun and Lo Hsiu-chen. They were in my class when I was doyen. I hope Hsiu-chen has recovered from her illness.

Sincerely yours,

Via China Clipper
or via next Clipper
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