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*Yenching
Bulletin*

January 28, 1936

My dear Dr. Finley:

We are grateful for your permission to reprint your editorial in the forthcoming Yenching news sheet. We are observing the instructions received from Mrs. Finley after conversation with you. You may be sure that the service of this editorial pronouncement will continue to be of importance in our work, and we shall not forget your valuable help in making this assertion of Yenching's permanence.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Dr. John H. Finley
New York Times
229 West 45d Street
New York, New York

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YENCHING

COMMITTEE ON PROPOSED LETTER TO MEMBERS OF YENCHING BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REQUESTING THEIR UNITED CONTRIBUTIONS TO AN AGREED OBJECTIVE

1. Do you approve or disapprove this general policy of asking the individual members of the Board of Trustees to unite in making personal gifts toward an agreed objective?
2. If you approve the general principle, do you think that the support of Mr. and Mrs. Price would be the best objective, or might some other designation be suitable and more attractive? For instance, the Trustees might give a number of scholarships, perhaps in the sum of \$100 each, but which might be known as "Board of Trustees' Scholarships", and might be so arranged as to allocate to individual students the support of the individual members. Or also the Trustees might unite in the support of some designated chair or professorship, as for example, the "Board of Trustees Professorship in International Relations". Undoubtedly, other suggestions will occur to you. Will you indicate your own thoughts on the most suitable objective?

3. Other remarks and comments-

I have been much interested in what I've heard of Mr. & Mrs. Price and would be glad to contribute \$100 a year to their support. Perhaps the Trustees who give much more than that, would be willing to specify \$100 each as Dr. Stuart suggests.

Date

Jan 1 1936

Signature

Margaret D. Tully

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YENCHING

COMMENTS ON PROPOSALS TO REFORM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RECOMMENDATIONS TO AN AMERICAN OBJECTIVE

Do you approve or disapprove this general policy of asking the individual members of the Board of Trustees to make in making personal gifts toward an agreed objective?

If you approve the general principle, do you think that the support of Mr. and Mrs. Price would be the best objective, or might some other designation be suitable and more advantageous for insurance, the trustees might give a number of scholarships, perhaps in the sum of \$100 each, but which might be known as "Board of Trustees Scholarships", and might be so arranged as to allocate to individual students the amount of the individual member. Or also the trustees might raise in the support of some designated chair or professorship, or for example, the Board of Trustees Professorship in International Relations. Undoubtedly, other suggestions will occur to you. Will you indicate your own thoughts on the most suitable objective?

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JOINT OFFICE

Handwritten notes and signature:
I have been through
the document in which the
Board of Trustees is
proposed to be reformed
and I think it is a
very good idea. I
will be happy to
contribute to the
cause.
Signature: *Charles P. ...*
Date: Feb 1 1936

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YENCHING

February 8, 1936

Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York City

My dear Mrs. Finley:

Thank you for the comments you sent us on February 1st with regard to the proposal that our Yenching Trustees unite in some common objective for our ~~personal~~ giving as a Board of Trustees. We are certainly grateful to you for your willingness to contribute \$100 annually toward such an objective.

At this time we are circularizing the general membership of our Yenching Board of Trustees to secure their judgment both as to the proposal itself and as to the most suitable type of objective. I enclose herewith a copy of the mimeographed letter we are sending. We are also asking the Trustees to indicate their availability for a meeting of the Board before Dr. Stuart leaves at the end of February.

Should we invite the members of the Yenching College Committee to join with the members of the Board of Trustees in such a united objective for our personal giving? Or would the members prefer to have some objective of their own directly related to the Women's College? We have not as yet sent copies of the enclosed letter to any of the ladies except those who are members of the Board of Trustees, but I have copies which I can send to the other members of the Yenching College Committee if you think it desirable.

Will the Yenching College Committee wish to hold a meeting at about the same date as the Trustees' meeting this month, for the discussion of promotional or administrative matters? If so, we could probably arrange our schedule so as to leave a couple of hours for the meeting of the Committee just before or just after the meeting of the Trustees.

Very sincerely yours,

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February 21, 1936

*Copy sent to
Miss Speer*

Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York City

My dear Mrs. Finley:

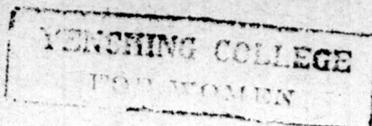
Replying to your inquiry regarding Miss Margaret Speer as a possible president for Mt. Holyoke College, Miss Speer seems to me admirably fitted for such a position. She not only has all the requisite scholarly and intellectual qualifications, but is rarely capable as an executive or administrative officer. She has a winsome personality, a keen sense of humor, is radiantly vital in her religious experience, with a kindly interest in individual students and fine tact in dealing with faculty members and others. The best evidence of my sense of her value is my warning that I shall do everything possible to keep her in Yenching, and to induce her to refuse this or any invitation from other places.

Very sincerely yours,

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July 17, 1936

Mrs. John H. Finley
Temworth
New Hampshire

My dear Mrs. Finley:

Miss Kendrick is in New York today, and has conferred with me concerning the matter of the woman physician for Yenching College.

As she has examined the qualifications of the active candidates for this position, she feels that Dr. Elizabeth Jenkins, whose papers you examined in the Presbyterian Board Offices, seems to be the most promising candidate. We have just come back from a conference with Miss Elliott, during which we went over Dr. Jenkins' papers again, and apparently Miss Elliott and Dr. Dodd are both favorably impressed.

Before we take any further steps, however, we are anxious to have your own judgment as to Dr. Jenkins' qualifications, and as to whether she is the type of person who would happily fit into the situation at Yenching.

Since Miss Kendrick is starting on her trip to Europe within a fortnight, she has asked me to carry this matter through to some kind of a conclusion. I would be grateful, therefore, if you would write me as promptly as you can, giving your own frank opinion as to Dr. Jenkins' qualifications.

I hope you are finding New Hampshire much cooler than New York City. Is Dr. Finley going to find time for any real vacation this summer? I enjoyed hearing his brief address at the opening of the Olympic try-outs last Saturday afternoon, but sympathized with him in his task of trying to speak over such an inadequate amplifying system with the thermometer standing at 140 degrees plus.

Very cordially yours,

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will reach her in the return
of the papers and read in a reasonable
time. The papers are being returned to her.

Dear Mr. Jenkins
I have the papers
of Dr. Jenkins
I have the papers
of Dr. Jenkins

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KILMARNOCK
TAMWORTH
NEW HAMPSHIRE
JUL 21 1936
JOINT OFFICE

I read quite
carefully Dr. Jenkins'
papers before I left N.Y.
and agreed with Dr.
Dodd that he was to
ask Marcia Kerr in
Cal. to see her, and
asked Miss Kendrick
to write directly to her.
Dr. Dodd has no
doubt told for, Marcia
Kerr is away too

August. I don't know
whether there is any one
else there we could
ask to see Dr J. I should
like to send her without
being a favorable
report from a personal
interview. Miss

Kendrick has written
me that she has had
a reply from Dr Jenkins,
she would like to
go. Perhaps you have
seen the letter - a
letter - quite
revealing.

I thought the fact that
she knew Chinese, &
that she seemed from
her papers to be so
friendly with the
Oriental students, and
so sympathetic with
them was greatly in
her favor. I suppose
it is absolutely
essential that we
send her for the opening
of the college year. If
Marcella Heron approved
of her, I'd be in favor
of sending her "right

unseen", for I'd have
confidence in Marcia's
judgment. Don't you
~~think~~ ~~warrant~~ ~~to~~ ~~wait~~
what for her or from
someone equally com-
petent to judge?

I've been very sorry
for all of you in N. Y.
and Hampshire - or
at least our part - has
been very comfortable,
and I'm very grateful
to be escaped N. Y.
I hope for all of you to get
a good vacation. I hope
Dr. Dodd's note to Marcia

ASSOCIATED
BOARDS

July 27, 1936

My dear Mrs. Finley:

I have today sent you a telegram expressing the hope that you may be able to attend the funeral of President Pendleton at Wellesley tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock. No doubt you have already learned of President Pendleton's death, but probably you are trying to escape from newspapers and radios, and so are not keeping fully informed of what is going on. If you could, without too great inconvenience to yourself, attend the funeral tomorrow afternoon, it would be a very fitting tribute on the part of Yenching College, to which Miss Pendleton has given so generously of her time and interest. Mr. Barber is trying to arrange to attend the funeral as a representative of both the Yenching Trustees and the Associated Boards. I am sure we all have a very personal sense of sorrow and loss at Miss Pendleton's death, as well as a recognition that her departure leaves us without one of our ablest and most devoted friends of the China Colleges. We had been counting on her taking an even more active part in the work of the China Colleges as soon as she returned from her contemplated journey overseas.

I am enclosing herewith a sheaf of information with regard to Miss Mabel A. Wood, whom Miss Kendrick considers the most promising candidate for the Home Economics position at Yenching. You will note from Miss Wood's papers, and from what Dean Ava Milan says about her, that she is apparently an unusually well-qualified young woman who should be able to render a particularly valuable service at Yenching if we could have her there for a year or two. As a rule, our Yenching friends are always eager to have the counsel and assistance of able and experienced educational leaders from America. While we could not think of Miss Wood as a regular and permanent member of the Yenching staff, it appears that she might within one or two years help to organize and to develop a Department of Home Economics to the point where it could carry on without her further assistance.

I am now corresponding further with both Miss Wood and Dr. Milan to ascertain more definitely just what would be necessary in the way of financial arrangements and also whether Miss Wood might be able to get away for two years, or whether we could count on having her for only one year.

Since Miss Kendrick has turned this material over to us and is planning to start on her journey at the end of this week, we are doubly dependent upon you for counsel. We will welcome, therefore, your suggestions and recommendations.

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Should Miss Wood's papers be sent to any other members of the Candidate Committee for their decision? If so, will you pass them along direct, or do you wish me to do so? I should report on the case of Dr. Elisabeth Jenkins. I have been trying through Miss Elliott's office to find out whether Miss Marcia Kerr has seen Dr. Jenkins, and if so what judgment she has formed. I have also written out to Dr. and Mrs. Howard S. Galt and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin H. Warner in the hope that some of them will have a chance to interview her, although this is not very likely since she is in San Francisco and the four of them are near Los Angeles. As soon as we have more definite word on Dr. Jenkins' case we will communicate with you further.

The appointment of Miss Brandt for the position of Physical Director has now been completed, and she is planning to sail on the Empress of Asia August 8th.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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July 29, 1936
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KILMARNOCK
TAMWORTH
NEW HAMPSHIRE

YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

Dear Mr. Garfield -

I was very
glad to be able to go
to President Pendleton's
funeral - to the train
station, I made the journey
comfortably, leaving on
an early morning train
and getting back at
a pleasant evening hour.
I sat with Mr. Barber
and afterwards had
tea with Miss Kendrick.

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You will hear of the
services from Mr. Barber.

They were very simple
but very beautiful and
impressive, and the
feeling for her was very
excellent in the large company
in the chapel. I never saw

more or more beautiful
flowers at such an occasion,
but I agreed that the
letters sent from the
office were more per-
manent than flowers
could be. Mr.
Barber told me of the action.

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I had an opportunity to
talk of candidate matters
with Mrs. Kendrick. Perhaps
you may see her in N.Y. as
she plans to be there a
day before sailing on Saturday.
Mrs. Wood's papers seem
very excellent, but I do
not believe I would send
her for a period of only
one year unless they
send you word from the
college that they approve.
It seems to me a cable
should be sent to her then that
an excellent candidate is
available for one year only.
I ask if they prefer to

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Miss Carkner who could
of course stay longer.
As to Dr. Jenkins I do hope
that we may get a personal
opinion of her from Mercia Kern
whom judgment I'd rely upon.
I understand from Dr. Doerbe that
she would be back Aug 1 - & is
only an hour away from Dr
Jenkins. If you had not already
done so could another letter be sent
from the office stirring up Mercia.
I don't know how to get hold
of Mrs. Parlin, so I think it un-
necessary to send these candidate
papers to any one else.
I feel so sorry for Miss Kendrick.
She & Miss Pennington were to spend
the winter together. The says she may
not stay a year while in Europe
under the changed circumstances.
I want you to get a vacation for
S. Kendall. Most sincerely yours
Tracy

July 30, 1936

Mrs. John H. Finley
Kilbuck
Tannerth, N. H.

My dear Mrs. Finley:

I saw Mr. Barber briefly yesterday morning, and he told me that he saw you at President Pendleton's funeral the day before. I wonder whether you and Miss Hendrick had an opportunity to talk over the various Yenching College candidate matters with which Miss Hendrick has been dealing. You had probably not received the letter I wrote you on Monday, so would not have in mind the various questions I raised.

Miss Mabel A. Wood. Yesterday I received a telegram from Miss Wood stating that her replies to the letters we have been sending her have been delayed by the absence of the President of the University of Oregon with whom she wished to consult before sending us a definite answer to the various questions we raised. She states, however, that she expected to get a reply to us within a day or two.

In the letter I sent you the other day I failed to include the enclosed letter from Dean Milan. You will note that Miss Milan gives a detailed description of Miss Wood's qualifications, and also a thoughtful appraisal of her qualifications for the work at Yenching. You should have this in forming your own judgment with regard to Miss Wood.

If and when Miss Wood informs us that she is ready to give sympathetic consideration to an invitation to fill the vacancy in the Home Economics Department at Yenching, we will have to move as rapidly as possible to reach a decision one way or the other in her case. From the Yenching standpoint, it is desirable that any new appointee arrive as soon as possible after the beginning of the academic year. From Miss Wood's standpoint, she would need to know quite soon whether she is to be asked to go to Yenching, for it would be difficult both for her and for the University of Oregon if the matter were left unsettled very long. If you and Miss Hendrick are agreed that her qualifications are such that we can recommend her to Miss Speer, I will get off a cable promptly, and ask Miss Speer to give us the field's judgment, together with a detailed statement as to the financial arrangements we could offer Miss Wood. If there are other aspects in Miss Wood's case which should

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be investigated further, we ought to move ahead with them as rapidly as possible. If we have any serious doubts as to her qualifications, we should move over more rapidly toward reaching a decision, so as to avoid giving Miss Wood too much encouragement and causing her to make plans for going to Yenching which would have to be cancelled later.

Dr. Jenkins. I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have today received from Dr. Jenkins. I have just returned from Miss Elliott's office, where I have examined the one new reference blank which has arrived within the last few days from the Superintendent of the hospital where she has been working during the past year. The Superintendent is very warm in his commendation of Dr. Jenkins, giving her practically a straight A grading in every qualification. This is too generous, of course, for none of us imperfect mortals here below is quite as perfect as all that. But at least the Superintendent has a very high regard for the young lady.

The Presbyterian Board has not received any reply from the letters Miss Elliott has written Miss Kerr asking for a report on Miss Kerr's personal interview with Dr. Jenkins. Miss Elliott is on vacation this week, but her secretary tells me she has been watching out for a reply from Miss Kerr and will communicate it to us as soon as it comes in. I have written to both Mr. Franklin Warner and Dr. Howard Galt asking that they interview Dr. Jenkins if at all possible, but since they are in Los Angeles and she in San Francisco, they have probably not been able to do anything. Dr. Galt goes aboard the President Coolidge in Los Angeles next week, and will be on the steamer during the day or two that it is in the San Francisco harbor, so he would probably have an opportunity to interview her then if we cannot do any better. But this is holding up any decision longer than we like, and it is possible that even then they might not be able to arrange a satisfactory interview.

I am today writing Dr. Jenkins, and am asking for more information as to interviews she may have had or is planning to have with any of these Yenching friends in California. I am also sending out a medical blank and am suggesting that she have a routine medical examination there. I suppose that as a doctor she can get this done without any expense to our Yenching College Committee. It may help us later on to reach a decision if we know definitely about her physical fitness for missionary service.

We will welcome your observations and instructions on both these candidates. I am sorry that none of the ladies of the Yenching College Committee are in New York City just at this time when decisions must be made on these two important candidacies.

Very sincerely yours,

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Encs.

P.S. Please return both letters for our files.

P.P.S. Since the above was typed we have received a message from Miss Wood reading as follows:- "LEAVE WILL BE GRANTED IF YENCHING APPROVES ONE YEAR APPOINTMENT." This emphasizes the necessity of a prompt decision.

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YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

July 31, 1936

Mrs. John H. Finley
Kilmarnock
Taswerth, N. H.

My dear Mrs. Finley:

Thank you for your good letter of July 29th. It reached me just a few minutes before Miss Kendrick came in to talk over candidate matters.

Miss Wood. As Miss Kendrick went over the new papers she had not previously seen in the case of Miss Wood, she seemed very much pleased with all of Miss Wood's qualifications, and expressed the hope that we will be able to get her out to Yenching for the coming year. After consulting with Miss Kendrick, I sent Miss Speer a cable letter as follows:-

MABEL WOOD HEAD DEPARTMENT HOME ECONOMICS UNIVERSITY OREGON AVAILABLE
ONE YEAR APPOINTMENT DURING LEAVE ABSENCE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS
QUALIFICATIONS EXCEPTIONAL WIRE WHETHER ACCEPTABLE ALSO FINANCIAL
PROVISIONS

I have today sent an Air Mail letter to Miss Wood, acknowledging receipt of her telegram, and stating that we have sent off the cable to Miss Speer. I also sent her a medical blank and asked that she have her doctor give the usual health examination, so as to check up on her general physical condition. As soon as we have a reply from Miss Speer, we should be able to arrive speedily at some definite decisions. There is one point in our negotiations at which we may meet with a little perplexity. Our regular schedule of salaries and allowances for the Yenching staff does not make provision for appointment as short as one year. If such an appointment were made, the most we would ordinarily allow in travel expense would be for a one way journey, rather than for the round trip. But in the case of a person like Miss Wood, who has a recognized place in the educational world in America and is securing a special leave of absence for this year of service at Yenching, it would be a little embarrassing to ask that she pay a part of her travel. It would seem that the least we could offer her would be to provide her travel from Oregon to Peking and back to Oregon, together with living accommodations on the University campus, and some kind of an honorarium to assist with her actual expenses while there. If her regular salary at the University of Oregon is being continued during her sabbatical leave, perhaps she would not

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Mrs. John H. Finley

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need or desire any regular salary at Yonahing. But if the University of Oregon is not providing any of her support during her leave of absence, we should probably have to offer her at least a modest salary.

I have written fully and frankly to Miss Milam on these financial questions, and have requested that she advise us on the subject with equal frankness. I hope that we will have some word from her by Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. If the maximum which, in Miss Spear's judgment, can be provided from the regular budget is only one way travel plus salary while on the campus, might it be possible and desirable for the Yonahing College Committee to supplement this from the surplus we have available here to the extent of the cost of Miss Wood's return journey at the end of the year? This would probably amount to not more than \$250. Our Yonahing College Treasurer's report for the year 1935-36 shows that, instead of having to draw on our surplus to cover this year's budget as we anticipated, we have been able to add a few hundred dollars more to our previous surplus. Our income for 1936-37 will be somewhat larger than the amount requested by the field in their 1936-37 budget estimates. So, while we must continue our fixed policy of husbanding all our resources with the greatest care, we should at least give a little special help at this point if we thought the situation deserved and demanded it. I hope, of course, that Miss Spear's cablegram will give us a basis adequate to meet the situation in Miss Wood's case, but am suggesting this other possibility in case we may be called upon later to consider it.

Dr. Jenkins. Miss Elliott's office has reported to me today that they have received a letter from Miss Kerr's secretary, stating that Dr. Jenkins came in to arrange an interview with Miss Kerr. Miss Kerr gets back to her office on August 3rd, and is to have an interview with Dr. Jenkins that day. We should have a report on the interview about the 5th of August. I hope also that Dr. and Mrs. Galt will be able to see Dr. Jenkins while the Coolidge is in the San Francisco harbor, so that they can make a first-hand report of their observations and conclusions when they get back to Peiping. I will let you know as soon as I have further word in her case.

Miss Hendrick was doing her best to appear brave and cheerful this morning, but it is obvious that she feels Miss Pondsten's death very deeply. But she derives a great deal of joy and consolation from the fact that Miss Pondsten had just finished up all of her work so triumphantly, and left everything in as perfect a state of orderliness as she herself could possibly have desired. It is a joy to know that all the arrangements of the funeral were so beautiful and so fitting. The presence of you and Mr. Barber touched Miss Hendrick deeply. I hope that the decision we reached on Monday, after talking with Mr. Barber and others, that we would not send flowers, was the correct one. My first inclination was to arrange for having a suitable floral tribute from the Yonahing trustees and the Associated Boards, but those with whom I talked felt that the telegram and letters we sent, together with the presence of you and Mr. Barber, was everything desirable under the circumstances.

Thanks for your solicitude with regard to our vacation. I am planning to get away for a trip up into the Adirondacks, leaving the office

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Mrs. John H. Finley

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a week from tomorrow. Mr. Evans will be back next week, and will take care, with his usual efficiency, of the innumerable loose ends which I will certainly leave behind when I rush away.

Very cordially yours,

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Aug 2 - Sunday.
My dear Mr. Garrison -

8/7/56
Thank you for
your good letter - It
seems to me every thing
has been done which
can be done - and now
we can only wait to
hear from Miss Spear -
and if it seems best
to send her for just
a year we shall have
to help out on the ex-
penses as you suggest.
I shall be glad when
we get a judgment
on Dr. Jenkins from
Martha Keen -
and if she approves
I should think we

Dr. need be safe in
sending her.

Poor Miss Kendrick
was a brave woman -
I wish I had seen her
doubting she stayed
all year as she could
Dr. Kendrick had planned
I'm thankful to hear
for all to get a vacation.
I consider that for and
my husband are the
two hardest working
men I knew.

With love for all



Elizabeth
Charles Tuley.

By Wood

August 9, 1936

Tomworth Mrs. John H. Finley
Kilmarnock, N. H.

My dear Mrs. Finley:

I have just received from
Dr. Ava B. Milan a telegram reading as follows:-

"BELIEVE TWENTY FOUR HUNDRED SILVER AND
PASSAGE OUT SATISFACTORY TO WOOD."

This is encouraging for it
indicates that Miss Wood is willing to go
out to Yenching for a special year of service
in the Home Economics department on a very
modest financial basis. As yet I have not had
any reply to the cable we sent Miss Spear on Friday.

Very cordially yours,

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Modesto, California,
August 5th, 1936

My dear Mr. Garside,

Your letter re Dr. Jenkins received, and yesterday, immediately after arriving in port at San Francisco we arranged to meet her in one of the hotel lobbies. Mrs. Galt was with me.

I think it is not too much to say that we "fell in love" with Dr. Jenkins at first sight. Her appearance, manner, and personality are very pleasing. She looks young and fresh (in a good sense) - younger than she really is - for she, in conversation, gives evidence of maturity and experience. Her interests, background, and outlook seemed to us entirely satisfactory, and we feel she is just the kind to win her way with our students and the whole University community.

She came to the interview from Franklin Hospital where she has recently taken a position, but she says nothing of the nature of a contract prevents her leaving at once - should she be appointed to Teaching.

We vote for her unanimously and enthusiastically.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Howard S. Galt

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August 7, 1936

Mrs. John H. Finley,
Elmhurst,
Tansworth, N. H.

Dear Mrs. Finley,

Thank you for your letter of August 2nd.

We now have some developments to report in the case of both Miss Wood and Dr. Jenkins.

Today we received a cablegram from Miss Speer reading as follows:-
"WOOD ACCEPTABLE IF CAN REACH HERE MIDDLE SEPTEMBER LATEST. SALARY THIRTY
THREE HUNDRED MEXICAN. NO TRAVEL ALLOWANCE POSSIBLE FOR ONE YEAR TERM."

I at once wired this to Miss Wood and asked ^{whether} ~~whether~~ if the terms were acceptable, she could sail on the EMPRESS OF CANADA August 22nd or the PRESIDENT MCKINLEY August 29th. She at once wired back "ACCEPT APPOINTMENT CAN LEAVE EMPRESS CANADA." Getting her off on the CANADA will get her to Peiping September 9th or 10th, which should be in ample time to get off to a good start. We have made a tentative reservation for her on the steamer, and hope everything will work out so she can sail at that time. The financial arrangement is about equal to the "Mex. \$2,400 salary plus out-going travel", which Dean Milan suggested, so I hope that will work out satisfactorily. By the exercise of constant economy, she can probably make the round trip and live in Peiping for the nine or ten months she will be there, and still stay within this Mex. \$3,300, though it would require good management, coupled with a certain amount of good luck in avoiding any special expenses.

Today I received the attached letter from Dr. Howard S. Galt, telling of his interview with Dr. Jenkins. Dr. and Mrs. Galt are usually pretty careful in their judgments, so this ought to be a pretty strong endorsement. No word yet from Marcia Kerr. It seemed to me the situation now looks favorable enough to justify reporting it to Miss Speer, so in a cable we were sending the field today anyway I included a brief description of Dr. Jenkins qualifications, stated we were inclined to recommend her for appointment as Women's College Physician, and asked Miss Speer to wire whether the field approved her appointment and if so the terms we are authorized to offer her.

I get away tonight for a fortnight, but Mr. Evans will carry these matters through as the situation calls for. If Miss Speer approves Dr. Jenkins appointment, and if you agree, we can proceed to offer her a regular

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Dr. Finley

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August 7, 1936

appointment. It will take her some weeks to wind up her obligations here, and to get started to the field, but she should be able to arrive there in the first half of October.

Miss Brandt started for the West Coast this week, and will be sailing from Vancouver tomorrow.

Thanks for your good wishes for my vacation. I feel greatly flattered to be compared, in point of busy-ness, to Dr. Finley, who is by far the most indefatigable worker I know.

In the hope that you are continuing to enjoy New Hampshire weather and scenery, I am

Very cordially yours,

BAG/S

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August 11, 1956

Mrs. John H. Finley
Tamworth
New Hampshire

Dear Mrs. Finley:

Yours of August 8th came to hand this morning, and we are very glad to get this additional word regarding Miss Jenkins.

We have cabled to the field for their approval, subject to the final opinion to be expressed by Marcia Kerr, and if both are favorable, we will proceed at once with a contract with the Women's College.

Miss Wood sails on the 22nd on the "Express of Canada", and she, as well as the Dean of the Home Economics Department of the University of Oregon, is greatly pleased over the arrangement. We believe it will be a most profitable year both for the Women's College and Miss Jenkins.

Again may we thank you. Your loyal support is of great help to us, and we appreciate it deeply.

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:BO

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(Mrs. Jean)

Mar 1936

Friday, January 11, N.Y.

YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

ASSOCIATED
BOARDS

Sep 3 -
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Dear Mr. Gerside -

I hope you had a good vacation.

I thank you
for the information about
Dr. Jenkins. I would
be willing to trust Maria
Kerr's judgment, and
would be willing to
glad to send her on
your recommendation.
I'm sorry I cannot see
her, but I shall not
be in N.Y. before
Sep 20, if her
see let for know.
In see I'm sort of
a skirt -

Sincerely,
Martha Jenkins

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Mrs. John H. Finley

invites you to meet

Ping Hsin

(Mrs. Wu Wen-tsao)

of Yenching University, Peiping, China

Well-known Writer of Modern Verse

Thursday afternoon, October eighth, at four o'clock

An Informal Talk on Modern Chinese Literature

Please reply
1 Lexington Avenue

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YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

Thursday evening, October 24th.

Dear Mrs. Finley,

We are sorry to learn that your cold has continued to annoy you today. But we do hope that by the time this reaches you tomorrow you will be feeling much better.

Looking through the members of the Yenching College Committee who were not present at the meeting last Thursday, I presume you will wish to write to the following, to ask their help in our promotional work:-

Mrs. Avann
Mrs. Cavert

Dean Franklin
Pres. Pendleton

Mrs. Slade

I assume you will not wish to write to Miss Calder, who is in China; to Miss Rogers, who has resigned; or to Mr. Warner, who will be called on to help with promotional work for the Yenching trustees so far as he is able to do on the Pacific coast.

I find it particularly difficult to draft off any suitable letters to these five ladies for your criticism and ultimate signature, for you know all of them so well that you may wish to write in a much more personal vein than anyone but yourself could prepare. Normally, we would have proposed sending over a secretary to whom you could dictate notes. But since you are so pressed for time and are suffering under the handicap of a cold, I've tried to outline letters for your inspection and criticism. Deal with these suggestions as harshly as they deserve - or discard them altogether if you wish!

Will you note on the margin your thoughts as to letter-heads or paper for these letters. This Y. C. C. stationery is, as you will note, hopelessly out-of-date. Shall we use it - or Yenching University stationery - or what else would you suggest?

I am suggesting that we enclose stamped envelopes addressed to the Yenching promotional office here at 150 which these ladies can use in returning their lists after they have made the notations and additions suggested. This is with the thought both of saving you time and bother, and also of simplifying the mechanical processes involved. Do you agree?

If you will telephone us whenever you have gone over this material, we will send - or come - for it.

Cordially,

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YESICKING
York

April 22, 1937

Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York City

Dear Mrs. Finley:

I return herewith the correspondence you have had with Miss Pettit which was left with me.

It is, of course, quite impossible to form any final judgment as to whether Miss Pettit should be sent to Peiping for the Home Economics position until one has had some unhurried conferences with her and has studied the proposal from every angle. As a general rule, it is very risky to send out a person who is around sixty years of age for any type of service in our China Colleges. At that age the difficulties of solving three different types of problems are likely to be particularly great:- The problem of adjustment to a new situation, the health problem, and the problem of financial arrangements when retirement age is reached. But it does sometimes happen that special arrangements can be made whereby an individual of that age can render special services under conditions which are particularly happy and satisfactory to everyone.

Certainly Miss Pettit seems to be an unusually fine person, and it is possible that some special arrangement might be worked out.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP
Encl.

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YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

April 30, 1937

Dear Mrs. Finley,

The attached correspondence from Mrs. Macmillan gives us a lead on some of the matters Miss McAfee will have in mind as she comes to the luncheon you have so graciously arranged for her on May 5th.

It is gratifying to discover that she is taking such a vigorous interest in Yenching affairs, and we must do all we can to confirm and strengthen her excellent resolves.

The date of Mrs. Macmillan's return to New York has not yet been fixed. From other letters she has written recently we have understood that she would need practically all of next week in Boston to finish up the work she is doing there, so we have not been counting on her arrival here until Friday or Saturday.

You probably have eight people already planning to be present at the luncheon, and we must not think of going beyond that number. As a matter of fact, three more men are more than you need, so one of us could drop out without being missed. But probably with the fine work Mrs. Macmillan has already done with Miss McAfee, together with the excellent information she sends in this letter, her presence at the luncheon may not be so essential as to justify changing your present arrangements and calling her back from Boston a few days early. This we leave to your judgment.

Sincerely yours,

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June 17, 1937

Dear Mrs. Finley:

In response to your letter to Mr. and Mrs. Parlin, they sent very promptly a check for \$1,000, which is being allocated to the Women's College Endowment Fund. Mr. Carside is acknowledging receipt of the check and sending the formal receipt, but Mr. Hedrick thought you would probably want to send a note to Mrs. Parlin yourself, thanking her for the gift, when you have the time to do so.

The Women's College Endowment Fund has been increased during the last few days by the following gifts:-

Wheaton College YMCA, Scholarship Fund	\$ 75.00
Parlin, Mr. and Mrs. C. C.	1,000.00
Ashcraft, Mrs. Mattie	50.00
Wolf, Mrs. Walter Reid	25.00
Rice, Miss Mabel	1.00
Greene, Rev. Theodore Ainsworth	10.00

I hope many more gifts come in before June 30th. We are making every effort possible to get every contribution we can.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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August 23, 1937.

Mrs. John H. Finley,
Kilmarnock,
Tamworth, New Hampshire.

Dear Mrs. Finley:

Thank you for your note with regard to the death of Mrs. Boyd. Of course Mrs. Parlin and the other members of the Boyd family know how impossible it was for most of the members of the Yearning Board of Trustees and Women's College Committee to attend the funeral in Germantown on Friday. However, we have all tried to do everything that could be done under the circumstances, both through sending flowers and through letters and messages of sympathy. Mr. Barber was in Philadelphia Thursday and called at the home and I am sure that other members of the Board have also expressed their sympathy in a thoughtful and helpful way.

We will all miss Mrs. Boyd greatly. But since the closing months of her life were so filled with suffering, we all realize that her home-going was a release from illness and pain as well as a triumphant close of a long life filled with kindly and generous deeds.

We are sorry to learn that you are not planning to come back to New York until well along in September. But certainly New York City at this time of year is not a very pleasant place to spend one's days - and an even less pleasant place to spend one's nights. It has been very hot and humid for a week and the weather man cheerfully predicted a lot of the same type of weather for the week-end, but we are glad to say this morning that we are having nice cooling showers.

We enclose herewith a copy of a letter going to the members of the Executive sub-committee of the Associated Boards' Committee on Promotion. As you know, this committee is made up of the most active members in promotional work on behalf of the various boards of trustees and women's committees. Even though you cannot be with us at the meeting this week, we look forward to having your guidance and counsel at our meetings a little later.

Very cordially yours,

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Here are the
two with credits
China! ~~Hen~~ ~~app~~
unnecessary
Dear Mr. Sarside -

Aug 26. 1937

KILMARNOCK
TAMWORTH
NEW HAMPSHIRE

I've just written
to Dr. Sarswell, sending
the letter to Chautauque. And
while I cannot give much
to the Professorship fund, I
want to feel that I see a
little part in it, & I am in-
closing a check for \$25.

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I do hope the entire fund
Can be subscribed by Aug 31.
Thank you for your letter. Dr.
Shaeffer and his dear Mrs.
Boyd - I wish I could have
gone to Philadelphia. I didn't
reply to your telegram, as I had
telegraphed Mr. McMillan a few days
before. I'm sorry I can't be at the
meeting in the near future. I have
a big household & do not expect to
leave here till about Sep 20. With
warm regards - Sincerely, Martha Finley.

August 27, 1937

My dear Mrs. Finley:

We are very grateful indeed for your warm interest in Dr. Gamswell and our plans to do him and the Yenching School of Religion honor. Thank you sincerely for the contribution of \$25.00 toward the Gamswell Professorship. Our formal receipt is enclosed.

I know that Dr. and Mrs. Gamswell will deeply appreciate your birthday greeting. Dr. Gamswell has a very retiring attitude, and as a result is sometimes unintentionally overlooked, but no one could appreciate more than he does, a personal remembrance or a word of appreciation.

We are glad to know that the summer is going so pleasantly for you. While we regret that we will not be seeing you here in New York for about four weeks yet, we agree heartily that you should remain in New Hampshire just as long as possible.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. John H. Finley
Kilgarnock
Tamworth
New Hampshire

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10 October 1937

Hotel Bellevue
Boston

Dear Mrs. Finley:

By this mail there goes forward the newsletter which Miss Speer has created for distribution to the list of Women's College friends. I hope it will seem to you suitable for the purpose of this first appeal of the year.

We have created it for reproduction by an offset process, and this process will make it possible to use kodak pictures for illustration. We have placed two pictures on each of the three pages. Four of these six are now of a suitable size for the spaces, but the other two need to be reduced in size. There is a photographer who is willing to do this kind of small job quickly, and, since Miss Griest's office has his address, I am forwarding the material to Miss Sharp in that office, who will be glad to help in forwarding the two pictures with appropriate instructions to the photographer.

It occurred to me that the connection with Miss Griest's office might be helpful in another way at this time, namely, that you and/or Mrs. Pfeiffer might compare notes with Miss Griest on certain points on this first appeal of the year. Miss Griest has just completed arrangements for the first Ginling mailings - to include newsletter, covering letter (I believe), pledge cards, and return envelope, and there may be points on which her investigations can save time for others. For instance, I am not clear as to whether your committee will decide to supplement Miss Speer's newsletter by an appeal letter - brief. Would it not be possible to say all that is necessary on the pledge card, perhaps the reverse side? It would almost seem that an appeal at this time needs little stated argument.

There is the question of postage, which needs some thought. Presumably this appeal should go by first class post. With a three-page newsletter, the other enclosures will have to be carefully planned to keep within that limit. The Ginling people have decided on a light-weight card (heavy paper, rather), and are using two slips - one for the contribution and one for the national committee request - of contrasting colors, rather than one heavy card. Mr. Hedrick has approved this plan enthusiastically. Something of this plan you may wish to take over for the Yenching Women's appeal.

There will be plenty of people in the office to put you in touch with the firms who can do good offset work, and it is one of the quickest methods of producing material of this sort. - What is the status of the Yenching Women's letterhead? The one which I am here using!

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obviously needs revision for this newsletter. In a few hours the Hinkhouse
press can revise the lists of names and produce the proof, which is all that
necessary in getting up a piece of offset work. The other details can be
competently taken care of in the office retyping after the photographs are
all ready. This final typing needs to be perfectly done, with a more careful
adjustment of fine details of spacing than has been given to the copy we are
forwarding.

No doubt you will feel a desire to push this thing along, and I am
sure you will find plenty of willing hands to help. Miss Van Sciver has the
Women's College list, and she has also a fine command of the technique involved
in getting out effective mailings. - - However good any material concerned
with the Chinese situation may be, the face of the situation changes so
rapidly that one is oppressed by the possibly ~~immense~~ value of reports and
comments.

Sincerely yours,

Eva B. A. Macmillan
Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

Carbon copies to
Miss Griest
Mr. Garvide
Miss Van Sciver

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Hotel Bellevue
Boston

29 October 1937

Dear Mrs. Finley:

A few days ago, a manuscript arrived from Grace Boynton, one copy coming to me for consultation with Margaret Speer, and another going to Miss Uline of the American Board. Fortunately, Margaret was in touch with Miss Scudder and Miss Converse at Wellesley (both of them, as you know, writers of distinction and in touch with magazine editorial boards), and she was able to place the manuscript in their hands, after we had had it copied, and now has their comments upon it.

They feel that for immediate publication it would need such drastic cutting as to sacrifice a certain amount of its fine effect, because they feel that even the best magazines demand a degree of colorful interest which this manuscript does not have in its present form. After talking with them, Margaret is inclined to feel that it should be offered first of all to the Wellesley Alumnae Quarterly, with permission to use it either in whole or in part. Secondly, both she and I hope that the Yenching Women's Committee will recommend its printing in pamphlet form, without much cutting. Margaret has already made some verbal corrections, and no doubt she would wish to do a little more work on it before it was released for printing, but I am sending a copy to you as it now stands, in order that we may have your judgment as to its interest for Yenching use. Margaret and I agree that it is very good indeed, and that there is certain to be a number of people whose Yenching interest would be vitally increased if we could place this in their hands soon. Of course, we could have it produced in offset form, as we did Margaret's last letter, but this is rather a long manuscript for that process. We could do it in a booklet with a few illustrations, perhaps an edition of 1,000. Certainly it could be used with the Wellesley clientele.

I will let you know within a day or two what decision is reached by the editors of the Wellesley Alumnae Quarterly. Meanwhipe, I hope you will have a chance to read the manuscript and to come to your own decision as to its value.

Cordially yours,

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November 18, 1937

Dr. John H. Finley
The New York Times
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Finley:

As you know, Dean Margaret B. Speer has recently returned from China. She is in very close touch with higher educational work in China, and has a clear understanding of the part which the forces of higher education are playing in the present Sino-Japanese conflict.

It seems to me that Miss Speer may be well qualified to supply material for an article in the New York Times Magazine bearing on some phase of the place of higher education in the present conflict in China. If you think the suggestion is of sufficient merit, you might wish to have the Editor of the New York Times Magazine get in touch with her. She will probably be in New York tomorrow, Friday, and again next Monday. Our office would be glad to assist in arranging for her to come to the New York Times editorial offices at any time that would be mutually convenient for her and for the editor with whom she might confer.

Very sincerely yours,

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December 17, 1937

Dr. and Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Finleys:

The enclosed number of our weekly bulletin shows that we have now secured approximately one-third of the emergency fund of \$300,000 which we must obtain in order to keep the Colleges going ahead with their work in the present crisis.

To secure the remaining two-thirds of this fund, we will need the fullest support of all members of the National Emergency Committee, both through personal gifts and through enlisting the interest of others. Just at this stage in the campaign the personal gifts of Committee members are of the greatest possible value, not only through helping to complete the fund but also through stimulating others to give.

We appreciate your constant and generous interest in the Colleges as a group, and in Yenching more particularly. You do not need any reminder of their problems, or any invitation to contribute as generously as possible to their support.

Any gift or pledge you may ^{please} care to make at this time in connection with the emergency campaign can be designated in any way you choose. While the emergency makes cash contributions particularly desirable, gifts may be made partly or wholly as pledges payable at any specified date before June 30, 1938.

With every good wish for the holiday season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Paul D. Cravath
National Chairman

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February 11, 1938

Dr. and Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Finleys

Our grateful appreciation for your generous contribution of \$100 toward the China Colleges Emergency fund. Our formal receipt is enclosed.

From the enclosed copy of this week's progress bulletin you will note that up to Monday of this week we had received \$132,910. In addition, there are certain funds which are to be transmitted through various mission board channels, and certain pledges which we consider dependable but are not yet in written form. If these items were included our results to date would be around \$150,000. So we are just starting on the second half of the fund we need to keep the Colleges going forward this year.

With sincere thanks for your constant interest in the China Colleges and your untiring activities on their behalf, I am

Very cordially yours,

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June 29 -

ONE LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

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Dear Mr. Casside -

I'm sorry
I can't go to the meeting
tomorrow. I am enclosing
a check for \$100 for
Mr. Finney for the
Columbia College. If
it can be allocated
to fencing we
would be glad -
and I wish to see
many times as much.

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I do hope the money
has come in as you
wished before the
30th -

Mr. Finney makes
slow progress but he
believes he is somewhat
better -

With every good
wish & warm regard,
Sincerely yours
Mauda Finney.

150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

October 21, 1936

Dear Mrs. Finley:

Mrs. Macmillan has suggested that I ask if you will be good enough to personally sign the enclosed letters addressed to Dr. Helen C. Putnam, and return them both to me in the enclosed envelope.

The circumstances are these: Dr. Putnam is an elderly woman who has given generously to the endowment fund of the Women's College for several years. No one has met her, according to our records, yet she gives at least \$100 a year. The check we received yesterday was for \$300, completing her \$500 pledge made in 1936. Mr. Oliver Caldwell, the young man who has recently joined the promotional staff, is to go through Providence the first of the week, and Mrs. Macmillan and I think it would be good strategy if he could take to her our official receipt and at the same time answer any questions she may have about the work in China, in the hope that we may make her want to pledge another \$500 or even more to the Women's College work.

The second letter is written to be used if it proves to be impossible for Mr. Caldwell to see Dr. Putnam personally.

We are sorry to bother you when we know you are so busy during Dr. Finley's illness, but know that your personal signature on this letter will be very helpful. I do hope he is making good progress these days.

Very sincerely yours,

Elvina Van Sciver

Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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October 24, 1938.

ONE LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

My dear Mr. McBrien -
I have appreciated greatly the letters
Jonie writes me, even
though I have not replied.
My eyes have been very
poor, for I spend most
of them at the hospital
where my husband will
and will be for
probably two weeks at
the least. The long
illness has taken much
of my strength too, and

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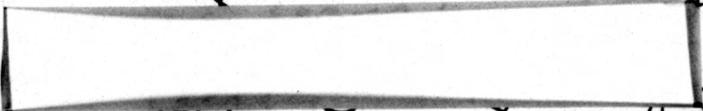
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my family insist that
I resign from some of
my committees. Even
after my husband is home,
I cannot tell what our
plans will be for the
winter, and I know
I shall not be able to
do much outside work.
I've written Mrs. Parlier,
who is of course more
free this winter, that
I wish she could take
my place for the
term being in the Yuden's

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3 Committee, and next
spring at the annual
meeting, I hope either
she or Mrs. Diefendorf
can be elected chairman.

I am delighted that
Mrs. Henry Pfaffner
has been willing to
become a trustee of
Yenching, and she
shall welcome her
to the Women's Committee.

 I think
I need not say

Less interested I have
been and always shall
be in ^{Yenching} —
but there seems to
be no other way just
now.

I re loyal of you
is often in your great
loss, and my heart
is full of sympathy.
With warm regard,
and all good wishes
Most sincerely yours

Poor China — how our
hearts ache for her!

January 10, 1939

My dear Mrs. Finley:

Dr. Josephine Rathbone, one of the new members of the Women's College Committee, has asked me to send you the attached copy of an invitation she is sending to a group of friends, asking them to attend a tea she is giving at the Women's Faculty Club, Columbia University, on the afternoon of January 19th. This is a confirmation of the date you were asked to keep open, when we sent the agenda for the last meeting of the Women's College Committee.

Dr. Rathbone is giving this tea in order that some of Yenohing's friends and supporters may have an opportunity to meet graduates now studying in this country, and also to add new names to Yenohing's list.

She hopes very much that you and Dr. Finley can be there, and that you can assist her in greeting the guests. She is a newcomer in our group and needs the help the trustees can give her.

Will you let her know if you can be there?

Sincerely yours,

B. A. Garside

Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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30 January 1939

Dear Mrs. Finley:

It is now nearly a fortnight since you agreed to assist in the China College program for Greater New York by proposing to Mrs. Morrow that she gather a group in her home. We have been waiting to be a little more certain in the matter of available speakers, particularly in order that Hubert S. Liang might be heard after his recent arrival in New York. He is thoroughly satisfactory, I am told by those who were present when he spoke to the Shanghai Tiffin Club. You asked that the proposed request to Mrs. Morrow be put in the form of a letter which you could either rephrase in written form or use in an inquiry by telephone. I am, therefore, sending the information as a draft of a note.

It added definitely to the pleasure of being in church yesterday to see you and Dr. Finley.

Sincerely yours,

EBM:c

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York New York

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22 March 1939

Dear Mrs. Finley:

The call on Dr. Helen C. Putnam in Providence to-day was a very interesting experience. The house looked unoccupied; inquiry at a neighboring house brought the information that Dr. Putnam was at home, "but I understand you have to know the combination to get in." The gate appeared to be wired closed, so I went some blocks and called by telephone. Dr. Putnam's first response was forbidding, but she finally invited me to come to see her immediately, since she was going out later. On returning, I found that the gate could be opened by using sufficient energy. - - She had received Mrs. Finley's letter about Miss Rathbone, and had begun a reply.

Dr. Putnam is an alert, white-haired, keen-eyed person, eight-two years old, living most simply with one servant. There is every evidence of limited income, - but also every evidence of a spirit which longs to give. The real obstacle to a straight-forward Yenching interview to-day was a surprising one, namely, Dr. Stuart's gift of Mrs. Chiang's book on the Sian affair.

More than a year ago Dr. Stuart sent out with his card a large number of the brocade-bound volumes of the Sian story. One went to Dr. Putnam, and what impressed her was the white strip of paper across the outside of the book, saying that the story had been written in order to raise money for the families of Chinese soldiers whose lives were lost in the Sian affair. All these months Dr. Putnam has been trying to discover how to get money into Mrs. Chiang's hands, and it would not have been wise for me to make any open opposition to her carrying out of this desire. She is interested in the Yenching Women's College, and promised to-day to renew her pledge of that amount for another five years, and said she would try to send the entire amount at once - \$500. But what she will certainly do is to make out a check for \$500. to Mrs. Chiang! This will also come forward to the Yenching office; at her request, I promised Dr. Putnam that we would see it reached the Bank of China office in New York as a dependable agency for forwarding funds to Mrs. Chiang.

This interview was but another proof of the fact that the China situation is so complicated that we ought to make our story as simple as possible - tell only of the work of our colleges. Even an intelligent person like Dr. Putnam cannot understand that Dr. Stuart expected to increase her interest in and support of Yenching by sending her a book by Mrs. Chiang, bearing a plea for relief work. As a matter of fact she had not noticed Dr. Stuart's card in the book until I pointed it out to her.

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Like all women physicians of her generation, Dr. Putnam is a Feminist with emphasis on the capital letter. She is not more interested in physical education than in many other activities of women, and will continue to give to Yenching Women's College if we keep her informed. She should be seen at discreet intervals, but is not strong enough to respond to pressure favorably. She was eager in her questions, and we talked more than an hour. She thanked me for coming, and I believe she would receive me again. - - I believe there is not the slightest reason to expect a large gift from this source.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Mrs. John H. Finley
Yenching Women's College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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March 20

ONE LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

RECEIVED ATTENTION
MAR 31 1939

This course for
teaching

Dear Mr. McBrier -
Here is a check for \$100.
If I can be of any
service, let me know we
are all going to China
Reliant and I hope to do

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a good deal for the
Y. A. C. A. in China as for
China, the Foreign work of
the Natl. Bel. I've written
two letters to women committee
members. Mrs. Parlin and I will
see that the whole list
is approached -
with every good wish and
draw regard. Faithfully,
Martha Hildes.

YENCHING WOMEN'S COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND

On deposit October 1, 1939		\$30,000.00	
Pledges conditional upon completion of fund before July 1, 1940:	\$20,000.00		
	<u>15,000.00</u>	35,000.00	
Subscribed November 22, 1939		<u>12,000.00</u>	\$ 77,000.00
Balance to be raised			<u>23,000.00</u>
Total sought			\$100,000.00

As my part of the balance needed to secure the conditional pledges and to complete the minimum Endowment necessary to maintain the work of this significant College for Women, I hereby pledge to be paid as follows: \$ 1000

Sent herewith

To be paid:

\$ 500 before ~~July~~ 1, 1940
\$ 500 before ~~January~~ 31, 1940

Nov 27, 1939
Date

Martha B. Finley
Signature

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December 27, 1939

My dear Mrs. Finley:

I take great pleasure in herewith enclosing the receipt for the check recently received, payment on your generous pledge toward the Women's College Endowment Fund.

I cannot tell you how gratified I will be when the ladies have completed their campaign for \$25,000 in subscriptions. Of course they are going to get the additional \$2,000, making a full \$25,000, are they not? I hope so, because there are always a few subscriptions that are not paid; and it makes it very embarrassing to be obliged to go out after enough additional funds to make up the balance.

I was very much pleased at the earnestness of the ladies at their last meeting, and I know that you will not find it a hard job to complete this campaign, with you at the wheel and with Mrs. Moore as the first mate, I am sure it will be a short and sharp campaign.

Wishing you every blessing at the New Year and through the year, I am

Most sincerely yours,

E. M. McBrier

Mrs. John E. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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Thursday
evening

ONE LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

Thank you, dear Mr. Garrison,
for your encouraging
word. If I had had
you were back I would
have telephoned you. I
had a telephone message
from Mrs. Slade today
saying she would send
250 + more later
if possible. I'm so pleased
for I feared we might
not get anything from her.
I'm writing Mr. Baruch

She makes and sends Com. 100 70

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again tonight, not doing land
from him in reply to a letter
I wrote before I went South.
If there is no reply per-
haps you could write him
at the end of the month.
I sent Mrs. Woollen my
letter from Mrs. Mungo -
I hope you will think it
worth while to try again.
There are still two or
three I haven't heard
from. But we'll keep
up courage won't we
- in spite of this
sad, sad world in
which we live.
Affectionately
Walter Tuley

1 May 1940

Dear Mrs. Finley:

A message from Mrs. Pfeiffer this morning calls for your wisdom. We feel certain that you would wish to have the word now, even though it breaks in upon the days with your Southern family.

Some time ago Mrs. Timothy Pfeiffer gave to Mrs. Dodge, Sr., a bit of news of our work, and in mentioning the Endowment challenge said that we hoped not to ask her to help because we were so conscious of the many urgent calls upon her. However, only the other day Mrs. Dodge reopened this question with Mrs. Pfeiffer, asking: "Did I promise to do something?" Mrs. Pfeiffer repeated the fact that we have hoped not to ask her, but said she would find out how the Endowment balance stood.

We are now all feeling that the final \$12,000 is going to be a good deal of a pull. And, as far as Mrs. Dodge, is concerned, we know that you should be the one to put the matter to her, if it is to be put. Certainly she has made the way easy. We leave it with you.

With affectionate regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. John H. Finley
210 Peachtree Circle
Atlanta
Georgia

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May 3, 1940

210 PEACHTREE CIRCLE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Dear Mrs Macmillan -
I was very glad
to have the report of the
Lending Fund. I have written
to Mrs. Phipps that I will
do whatever she thinks
best about Mrs. Dodge. I
thought she told us that
she would like to ask
Dodge to help. I know it
is hard to talk to Mrs. D.
because she is so deaf
but if she could give her
the whole situation about
the cardinal gift we
are to raise in printed
form, it would be easy

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to ask her help, particularly
as June 30 is drawing
near. I couldn't of course
write the story without
a good deal of work &
is a little too long for Mrs
D. to care to read. But
if Mrs. ~~Flatter~~ preferred
to have me ask for the gift
after Mr. D. was informed
of the situation, I would
be willing to try for all
I could get. I was best. I don't
believe it would be hard to get a gift
from her since she has shown interest.
I remember that Mrs. Moore volunteered
the gift after hearing the
story which I told my story
for it.
I shall be home not before
the 3rd week of May, &

210 PEACHTREE CIRCLE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

My daughter is having an operation
but I shall want
to visit her when I do come.
I must not fail to get
this money to meet the
conditional gifts. I am
sorry to have been of so
little help -

Faithfully yours
Martha Truller.

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Thursday - June 13

Dear Mr. Macmillan -

I've had a satisfactory
talk with Mrs. Moore, also
with Mrs. Parlin - they
both hope to do something
in Philadelphia.

I'm enclosing report on
list you gave me - Mr.
Bullock sent a very nice
letter but refused, I'm
inclosing letters of refusal
from Miss Wallings, &
Mr. Davison - also

Miss Mungers.

Would
you think I better make
another try at Miss Muger

- it seems hard in
view of the nice letter but
I'll do so at the last
if you think best.

I'll see Mr. Braveth before
I next month, but have had

no reply. I mean I
should try again - I think
I'll write another letter today
if we have no reply, perhaps
Mr. Sarsfield will try to
see him. I have done
nothing about the Macleods
- not knowing how to reach
them.

I enclose some cards for
Mrs Van Sarsfield's file.
I shall be in Toronto with
N.H. & will write any
letters you suggest.

The best of luck
Marilyn Finley.

June 14, 1940.

My dear Mrs. Finley:

Here is the status of the Women's College Endowment Fund at the moment:

The lines that are now out ought to produce eventually another \$5,000 or so.

The big question at the moment seems to be whether our original donors will allow us to count the three pledges which would normally not be paid up before December 31, 1940. If those can be counted, we'd be fairly near to winding up the job. If not, we'll have to find some way to get about that amount more from new sources not yet uncovered.

Our thoughts go with you as you start for Tansworth. May you have a restful summer - and may it be a pleasant one despite your own continuing sense of loss and the oppressive sense of tragedy through which the world is passing.

We'll do our best to add to your cheer by reporting before June 30th the completion of this fund.

Sincerely yours,

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21 June 1940.

KILMARNOCK
TAMWORTH
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dear Mr. Sarside -

Of course I
was deeply touched, by
the beautiful minute
passed at the meeting
of the House's Committee
of Yenching, and also
by the one from the
Annual meeting of
the Board of Trustees.
I shall treasure them
with the records which
will mean much to me
all my life -

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I am thinking of you
all at the office as
these last days of
Jane Grandeur, and I
feel a good deal of
a slacker not to be
doing more.

I inclose a letter I
had from Mrs. Rockefeller
whom I had written to,
hoping she might help.
Will you pass it on
to Mrs. Macmillan -
it need not be returned
to me? Of course
there never was a

Larger time to raise money
for anything but Red
Cross or War Relief than
now, & I hope we shall
be allowed to keep on
till the end of 1940
if we do not attain
our goal by July 1.

I am inclosing the
\$500 which I promised
which complete my
payment on the pledge
of \$1000. Her I wish
I were more! What hard days
there are for the poor old world!
With warm regards,

Affectionately,
Martha Wiley.

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June 22, 1940

My dear Mrs. Finley:

With the swift approach of the calends of July, the pressure rises. Eight days left, and almost \$5,000 more to get for our Women's College endowment, even if our three good friends allow us to count most or all of the questionable gifts and pledges which I have already reported to you!

We are seeing as many people as we can, and writing to all those we can't see personally who might possibly be persuaded to help out.

In connection with this latter endeavor, I enclose a sample of the letter we are thinking of using. Each letter will have to be personalized to fit the particular individual if it is to be most effective, but the sample would govern the general form. Most of these will go rather widely throughout the country, rather than in or about New York City. In almost every case, to have the letter go in your name would be the most effective, though in a few instances others might sign.

Is this letter in general satisfactory, and may we have it signed in your name? We should have written you several days ago, for Monday is the day we must get it in the mail, and that won't allow you time to reply by letter. If you have objection to this procedure, or any suggestions for changes in the letter, will you send us a wire, collect, on Monday. In the absence of any word from you we would assume that the procedure is satisfactory to you and will get out letters accordingly. I would estimate that we will send out between fifty and a hundred letters.

All of us here in the office join in sending you our affectionate greetings and good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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June 24, 1940

My dear Mr. Brown:

I am writing you by air mail because we face a situation requiring immediate action.

Several months ago three generous friends of Yenching pledged \$47,000 for the endowment of Yenching College for Women on condition that before June 30, 1940, we secure another \$23,000 in cash or in pledges payable before December 31, 1940. This \$70,000, added to \$30,000 already on hand, would round out a \$100,000 endowment fund for the Women's College, and help to give it a stable income during a time of unequalled difficulty.

Since this offer was made, over a hundred Yenching friends have joined in giving and pledging about \$18,000 toward this \$23,000 we must raise. But increasingly disturbed conditions during recent months have prevented or reduced the gifts which some would normally have made. With only a week left, we must still secure about \$5,000 more, or lose this \$47,000.

This compels us to turn to some of the staunchest of our Yenching friends with a plea for special help. You have been giving generously to Yenching each year about December, and except in a dire emergency we would not be calling upon you at this time. But if you can help us now to secure this last \$5,000, whatever you can give will be multiplied ten-fold through validating these pledges which will otherwise be lost. Gifts may be either in cash or in pledges payable before December 31.

The enclosed folder (which I have trimmed to air/ail weight) describes the work of the College and the situation we now face. The pledge form and envelope are to facilitate your getting word to us by June 30th.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. James W. Brown,
1430 Union Trust Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

~~(Signature) Mabel J. Finley~~

Mrs. John H. Finley

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June 26, 1940

Mrs. John H. Finley
Tamworth
New Hampshire

My dear Mrs. Finley,

We are grateful for your letter with its enclosure of a check for \$500 and also for the reply sent you by Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, 3rd.

We deeply appreciate all the contributions of your time and interest and funds which you are making to Yenching so consistently. These gifts have meant even more to us during recent months than at any time in the past.

Thank you also for the wire approving the general form of the letter to the selected list of Yenching friends. We mailed out about fifty such letters on Monday and yesterday morning. Mrs. Moore also cooperated with us in sending out some special letters and telegrams. Monday and yesterday we got in very little in new gifts, but this morning we have around \$350. Of course we have not yet had time to hear from many of those to whom special letters have been written. I enclose a summary of gifts to date which Miss Van Sciver has just prepared.

We will continue to push ahead with the endowment drive during the remainder of the week and hope that when everything is counted, we will be able to satisfy the conditions of the three original pledges.

With affectionate regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

P.S. Since the above was written, Mrs. Macmillan and I have worked with Mr. and Mrs. Frown of Honolulu and have received their pledge for \$500

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1 July 1940

Dear Mrs. Finley:

The enclosures of this envelope will tell you we consider the Endowment goal reached. Copies of these pages of gift records have to-day been given by Mr. Garside to Mr. McBrier for his approval, and we expect that he can authorize - within a day or so - our sending a cable to the field, stating that the \$100,000 has been secured. Is this not good news? Among the last gifts were Miss Converse's new pledge which Mrs. Parlin and I secured in Philadelphia and Mr. Gamble's telegraphed pledge of \$1000. Also on Thursday Mr. Garside and I were fortunate enough to find Mr. and Mrs. Frear of Honolulu almost as they were stepping on the train to return to Honolulu, and they gave \$500. to the Endowment.

We are hoping that you will approve of sending a short note of report to those who have made special gifts to the Endowment. The enclosed suggested draft is not at all in your own delightful style. Will you not cast it aside and write your own draft? We will have the notes written here and signed for you.

We miss you in New York, but are glad to think of you in the quieter and more lovely country. Your fireplaces will have been doing full service during the cool days of the past fortnight.

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Mrs. John H. Finley
Kilmarnock
Tamworth
New Hampshire

P.S. - The newspaper will already have brought you the sad news of Mr. Cravath's passing. We have had word from his secretary that he had planned to send a contribution to the Endowment for the Women's College, but we do not know whether or not he had actually carried out his intent by signing a check.

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Ms. Finley
July 2, 1940

KILMARNOCK
TAMWORTH
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dear Mrs. Macmillan -
Hurrah! I
rejoice with all my
heart, and with you
all at 150 in the
splendid news which
has come by the afternoon's
mail. You may be sure
I was looking for it.
I think it - a great
triumph to have done
it for far-away Olivia,
who it seems had to
get anyone to think

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of other needs than those
of stricken Europe -
I know your all worked
hard in the office,
and I am very grateful.
I wrote to Mr. Cravater
just before leaving N.Y.
and I like to think he
planned to help us,
even if we do not get
the gift.

I had the inclosed
letter from Mrs. Pratt
a few days ago, and
one yesterday from Mrs.
M. After seeing she
had sent the gift

directly to the office —
I am much pleased that
we finally succeeded
in getting Mr. Gamber's
gift. When I heard from
the office that he was being
down I telephoned to
Mrs. Timothy Puffer
and I think she got in
touch with him.

The letter found written
couldn't be improved
and I am forward to
have my name signed
to it.

After the excitement is
over of the new fiscal
year has begun. I

Hope you'll be able to
get a vacation - I know
you'd like to make arrangements to
leave - & you deserve it.
If you think of it, please
ask Miss Van Sinder to
send me Mrs Albert J.
Lynan's Brooklyn address.
I want to send a note.
97 Cullman Hts.

With warm congratulations
and regard,

Most sincerely,
John

Charles Tuley

You may be sure we're
here to keep steady fires
but today is much
warmer.

4 February 1941

Dear Mrs. Finley:

You may have heard that Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Porter from Yenching are to be hereabouts for a brief time beginning with February 16. During the last half of February their headquarters will be with Mr. and Mrs. Ned Boynton in Westchester, and for the first week in March their address will be at the home of Doctor Frederick K. Stamm at 450 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn. There is a movement afoot to have a Parkside luncheon for the Associated Boards family on March 6th, with Lucius as the speaker. At best, those luncheon hours are not long enough for more than one speech, and especially so when the one who is to talk is so full of things we all want to hear as Lucius will be. But Lillian Dudley Porter is, as you well know, very much of a person in her own right, and at Yenching she has her own responsibilities, which in recent years have been increasingly important and have included the supervision of the social service work in handiwork. If you feel that the Yenching women should have a chance to renew acquaintance with Lillian, and to hear her speak, will you not let us at the office follow your ideas in arranging for such an opportunity?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

EEM:MJT
Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York New York

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20 February 1941

Dear Mrs. Finley:

You are, indeed, quite right to plan that Mrs. Porter speak first tomorrow afternoon. We have sent out final messages to this effect, to avoid late arrivals.

Mr. Parker is preparing copies of the letter from Margaret Speer which raises the important issue which is to be taken up after tea tomorrow. Mr. Evans is being asked to be prepared to speak about the funds to which Margaret hopefully refers in her letter.

As to the estimate of the number of guests you may expect tomorrow, certainly it will not exceed ten and perhaps be one or two less than that.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

MM:ajf
Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York New York

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November 15, 1941

Dear Mrs. Finley:

Mr. McBrier handed me the check from Miss McAfee. We were able to deposit it to the Women's College accounts the way in which it was drawn. I enclose the receipt for Miss McAfee, together with an envelope addressed to her. I imagine you will want to send this receipt to her yourself, since she addressed the letter to you.

Whenever you are ready to have a meeting of the Women's College Committee, or to send any news letters, etc. to the mailing list, I shall be glad to help you in any way I can. Mrs. Moore is having a meeting of the Wellesley-Yenching Committee this afternoon, and will probably have something to report to the Yenching Women's College Committee as a result of her meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Elvena Van Sciver

Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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Mrs. John H. Finley
c/o Mrs. C. Boyden
Sheffield, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Finley:

I am sorry to interfere with your trip, but Mrs. Moore will not send out the material to the general list without your approval and signature.

A rough draft of the material is enclosed which will give you a general idea of the proposed mailing which, with changes in the list of names, is the same as that used by the Wellesley-Yenching group. If you will approve of this, we can go ahead provided you will permit us to use your signature.

For your convenience, I am enclosing a stamped return envelope herewith.

You are indeed fortunate in being away from New York during these days of hectic weather -- that is, provided you have not found worse weather elsewhere.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via Air Mail

PARTICIPATING WITH UNITED CHINA RELIEF

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Sheffield, Illinois
April 14 - 1878

Dear Mr. Evans -

I arrived here
last night and found
your letter with a copy
of the circular. It seems
to me very good, and
we are lucky to get
you to be able to use
so much of the
Inkley material -
I don't see any changes
to be made, I am
glad to sign my
name - I shall
be home at the end
of the week -

Faithfully yours

Martha F. Wiley

May 27, 1942

Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Finley:

I wish to add a formal word of gratitude to you for your generous check of \$100.00 designated for the Yenching Women's College for which we enclose an official receipt.

The United China Relief assures me that both the Committee and the National Headquarters have given you credit for this very substantial contribution. We indeed are most humbly grateful for all that you have contributed to Yenching during these many years. It should be a great stimulus to those who are coming on the Board to do likewise.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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October 16, 1942

Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Finley:

Thank you kindly for your note of October 15th enclosing the two letters received by Mrs. Speer from Yenching.

As requested, we have had several copies of Mr. Bevan's letter made and are sending a number to Mrs. Speer, as well as returning the original ones.

It is our hope that all of these Yenching folks may soon be repatriated, although it may be some little time before this can actually be accomplished. It is our understanding that the GRIFTHOLM is still docked in the Hudson River and it may not be able to leave New York for another month.

With many thanks to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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April 16, 1943

Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Finley:

We would welcome your opinion of the enclosed material, which we propose to use for the Yenching News. We expect to change the order in which these items are arranged, but will make no other major changes unless you consider them advisable.

As you know, it has been difficult to assemble sufficient copy of adequate quality because our communications from the Field have not provided us with much news in recent months. Your help will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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O. J. Caldwell

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Apr 17, 1943

ONE LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

Dear Mr. Caldwell -

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I've been much interested in the material you've sent, and I don't see how it can fail to interest others.

As you say you will of course change the order so that, for instance, the account of the "WPA" to the "Dust" can be connected.

But I can hardly see, even with the scarcity of material from the Field, how you

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could want items of
more real interest
to the friends of lending.
I hope the new sheet
will be successful
in bringing money
in for the present
needs.

With good wishes
Cordially yours,
Martha Turey.
(Mrs.) John H. "

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May 18, 1943

Dear Mrs. Finley:

Enclosed I am sending a receipt for your most generous gift, to be used for repairs of fire damages.

(\$100⁰⁰)

I do not need to tell you of the needs of the College or of its courage in the face of its difficulties, nor do I need to express to you the gratitude of our friends in China for your support. You know all of the story of the College in China better than I, and I know that you rejoice as I do in their gallant facing of the problems of these difficult days. It is a privilege to be associated with people of this caliber and to do our small bit to help them in their great need.

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. W. Plumer Mills)

Mrs. John Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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