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May 7, 1924

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Forbess

I am sending under separate cover an architect's perspective of the general appearance of the dormitory buildings which we are erecting on the campus of Peking University. I am sending this drawing to you at the suggestion of President Stuart, who is just now sailing for China.

Dr. Stuart is very happy to be going back to China and take over the responsibility at that end. He is surely a worthy president for the most strategic educational institution in Asia.

My duties will take me to Boston some times and it would give me a great deal of pleasure if I might have the privilege of making your acquaintance some time when I am there.

Very cordially yours

Executive Secretary

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NEW YORK September 16, 1924

Mr. James H. Lewis
Peking University
156 Fifth Avenue, New York

My dear Mr. Lewis:

While in Boston last Tuesday I learned that Mrs. Forbes had made her first payment and had agreed to make her other two payments and it looks as if that is going along alright. Apparently Mrs. Forbes is more of the factor in this case than Mr. Forbes and I notice that you sent one of your letters to her and one to him. If I have an opportunity of going through their town on one of my trips to Boston I shall gladly call and give them the latest Peking news. I do not think it wise to ask them for anything more until sometime after they finish paying for the dormitory. Dr. Stuart got a full dormitory out of them while Eddie of the American Board thought they were only good for about \$10,000, and the reason Stuart was successful was because he suggested that the gifts be made in several payments.

I fell down in Nantucket in connection with our friend there as he did not invite me to come and see him but I do hope that the other lead which you have for the mechanical installation will materialize.

I will be here all of this week but will be away all of next.

Sincerely yours,

Franklin Warner

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September 18, 1924.

Trustees of Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing check to your order on
the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, for \$10,000., be-
ing the first payment of the pledge of \$50,000. by
Mrs. Forbes for the Building Fund of Peking University.

As the other payments are received, we will plan to
forward them to your office.

Yours very truly,

Harold S. Belcher

Asst. Treasurer.

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(J.H. Lewis noted & will acknowledge - 9/19/24)

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NEW YORK September 26, 1924

Mr. James H. Lewis
Peking University
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Lewis:

The following was received this morning and I am passing it on to you, knowing it will interest you.

"Dear Mr. Warner: The letter accompanying Mrs. Forbes' check for the Peking University Building noted that the balance would come in four additional quarterly instalments. I will see that these are forwarded regularly to the Trustees as they come. (Signed) Harold B. Belcher, Asst. Treasurer, American Board"

I leave tonight on my vacation but Mr. Warner will be back on the job October 1st. I guess Peking will get along alright without our aid for these few days!!

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Warner

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Congregational House, 14 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dec. 4, 1924

Mr. Eric M. North, Secy.
Trustees of Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue, New York

Dear Mr. North:

I am enclosing check to the order of
Trustees of Peking University for \$10,000., being
the second payment on the pledge of Mrs. Fannie E.
Forbes, of Westboro, Mass. for building at the Univer-
sity. I think your office has record of this and the
statement that the payments are being made in quarterly
instalments. *****

Yours very cordially,

(Signed) Harold B. Belcher
Asst. Treasurer

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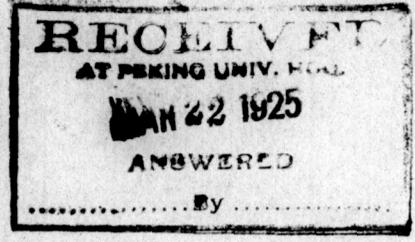
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NEW YORK March 21, 1925



Mr. James H. Lewis
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Lewis:

Your letter of the 20th at hand. Mr. Gaskins told me that the \$10,000. was received from Mrs. Forbes when I was last in Boston on March 10th and said that he was sending it to you right away. I have just written them stirring it up so you ought to have it early next week.

Possibly Monday I can find time to call you up and see if you have the time to see me and bring me up todate on what is going on.

Sincerely yours,

Frank H. Warner

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Fannie G. Forbes

March 24, 1925.

Mr. Eric M. North, Asst. Treas.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. North:-

I am enclosing check to the order of
Trustees of Peking University for \$10,000. being
the third payment from Mrs. Fannie E. Forbes, of West-
boro, Mass. on her pledge of \$50,000. for the dormitory
at Peking University.

Yours very truly,

Harold B. Belcher

Asst. Treasurer.

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Yours very truly,

Asst. Treasurer.

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Congregational House, 14 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

June 23, 1925

Mr. Eric M. North, Secy.
Trustees of Peking University
150 Fifth Avenue, New York

Dear Mr. North:-

I am enclosing check to the order
of Trustees of Peking University for \$10,000 being
the fourth payment from Mrs. Frank W. Forbes, of
Westboro, Mass. on her pledge toward dormitory at
Peking University.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Harold B. Bicher
Asst. Treasurer.

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Sept. 22, 1925.

Mr. Eric M. North, Asst. Treas.,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

We have received the final payment on the pledge of Mrs. Fanny H. Forbes for Peking University, and are enclosing herewith our check to the order of the Trustees of Peking University for \$10,000. covering the same.

Yours very truly,

Harold B. Belcher

Asst. Treasurer.

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October 28, 1925

Mrs. F. W. Forbes,
12 High Street,
Westboro, Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Forbes:

President Stuart reached Peking on October 23rd. Within a few days we will send you cabled word from him concerning the present political outlook. Civil war seems possible again between rival military leaders even now when the International Tariff Conference is being called. We must bear in mind, however, that the great mass of Chinese people pay very little attention to the Government or to the contending local armies. The great bulk of the Chinese population goes ahead day by day regardless of its national rulers or rival generals.

It is the permanent constructive forces in China which are bringing strength to the nation. Of these forces Peking University stands pre-eminent in educational circles, wholly in addition to its positive Christian influence. Our enrollment this fall is to the limit of our capacity. We turned away nearly seventy-five per cent of the students applying for entrance because we had no more room. Our new buildings and campus will be completed and ready for occupancy next June.

A year ago I wrote our University friends asking for "one final lift" and stating that for every \$100.00 contributed there had been provided a small metal replica of the Chinese lion. There was a splendid response. It was not enough, however, to meet all of our needs and we are taking the liberty of asking those who did not help us then to do so now. Our mechanical equipment is installed and we greatly need \$50,000.00 cash immediately to meet the balance of its cost. If you and the other friends of the University will each send \$25.00, you will provide this necessary final money. Perhaps you can send more; perhaps not quite so much. But will you send in the enclosed envelope what you can spare now. We must somehow have these funds by not later than December 1st. If you respond I promise not to ask for money in this way again.

This letter carries with it our deep appreciation and our faith.

Sincerely yours

Matthews Mass James H. Lewis

P. S. There are still some lions left so that we will be able to give one to each person sending \$25.00 or more.

Nov 4/25
Mrs. Forbes has contributed fifty thousand dollars to Peking University this year, don't you think she has done her part for the present?
Frank W. Forbes

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March 12, 1928

*Ans. 2/15/28
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President J. Leighton Stuart
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I wired you this morning as follows:

THE FORBES' START SOUTH TODAY FOR SEVERAL
WEEKS. LETTER FOLLOWS.

I did this upon the receipt of a letter
from Mr. Forbes as follows:

"In reply to yours of yesterday beg
to state that Mrs. Forbes and I go
South early next Monday morning to be gone
some weeks. Regarding the welfare of Dr.
Stuart's University we are both greatly
interested and lose no opportunity to
gain the latest information regarding
its progress. We feel, however, that
having done what seemed of greatest im-
portance at the time we must turn our
attention to some of the urgent calls
from our midwestern schools that seem to be
doing good work, but are in danger of
giving up for lack of support."

In asking for a conference I did not speak
of money but said I wished them to have a fuller
knowledge - such as you only could give - of
what Peking University is doing etc. I am sorry
this door is closed for the present. Is there
anything more I can do here? I am no kind of a
money raise. I wonder if the Yenching lists I
have sent Mr. Strong will be of any real value.
This list is several years old.

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Most sincerely yours,

James L. Barton
MAR 16 1928

James L. Barton

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COPY TO MRS. MCCOY

Boston

W. H. H.

June 14, 1928.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forbes,
Westboro, Massachusetts.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Forbes:-

I just called on the telephone to inquire if you were in, thinking that I might go out to meet you for a little while this afternoon to thank you in a very personal way for your generous gift for Yenching University; and I also wanted to tell you of the situation in which we find ourselves at the present time.

As you know, Dr. Stuart and myself started the first of January, 1928, to raise \$500,000 for Yenching University. One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars of that amount was to apply to the Women's College. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd of Philadelphia very generously agreed to give us \$90,000 for this women's work provided the full amount was raised by July 1st, 1928. About a month ago, I had the following report:-

We had secured \$451,201.65. Since that time some money has come in, but not in great amounts.

I was wondering if at this time it would not be possible for you to make some further contribution to Yenching University to enable us to obtain this Boyd gift of \$90,000, and to finish our campaign by July 1st.

I hope you will not look on this letter as an intrusion to your fine generosity, but that you will see how anxious we are to finish this campaign and make our conditional gifts secure. A gift or pledge at this time of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

A letter coming to me today from Mrs. McCoy in the office at New York has a paragraph in it that reads as follows:-

"There was much excitement when the news from Tainan came through a week ago, and much indignation over Japan's coup. A day of mourning was proclaimed, but after that the students went right back to work and have been sticking to it. We

*from Hilda
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June 14, 1928.

have a splendid man as head of the student government and I think it is due to his influence. So far there is little excitement around the campus although the Nationalists seem to be coming right along."

We need \$5000 to finish the Home Economics Practise House, and any gift that you may make will be very, very acceptable at this time.

I remember with delight the hour I spent with Mr. Forbes at luncheon last Winter, and his kind invitation for me to visit him at Westboro some time on one of my trips here. I hope to do so at some future time.

Trusting that you are both well, and that you are greatly blessed in the joy and peace that comes from a consciousness of the help you are extending to mankind through your fine generosity, I am

Most sincerely yours,

CHESTER E. JENNEY,
Executive Secretary.

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FRANK W. FORBES
12 HIGH STREET
WESTBORO, MASS.

Westboro Mass. July 7, 1928.

Mr. Franklin Warner
President

Dear Sir

Two or three years ago Mrs. Forbes gave the cost of one of the Dormitories at Peking, thus adding to the annual budget which possibly was an unwise move. Now we feel that in due time China will move out of her trouble to some extent. We are satisfied that the best investment that can be made in China is in good schools and Mrs. Forbes is pledging five thousand dollars to be paid in annual installments the first of which is covered by her check enclosed for one thousand dollars. The balance will be paid at such times each year as may be most convenient. Wishing you success in your efforts in behalf of Yenching.

Yours truly

Frank W. Forbes

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Paid up.

Westboro Mass 7/7 1928.

To aid PEKING 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 promise to pay to E. M. McBRIER, Treasurer, at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., the sum of *5,000.00* in *five annual payments* Dollars, (\$ _____) ~~on call of the Treasurer,~~ or at my option, in accordance with the plan checked below:

- in two annual payments beginning _____ (not later than Jan. 1, 1929)
- in four semi-annual payments beginning _____ (not later than July 1, 1928)
- at my convenience, on or before January 1, 1930.

Subscription tendered through _____

Signed *Fannie E. Forbes* X

Address *12 High Street*

Full name of my local church _____

Evangelical Westboro Mass.

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Forbes, Mrs. Frank W.

(Fannie E.)

12 High Street
Westboro, Mass.

July 9, 1928

Pledge \$5,000 for 1928 Camp.-Undesignated, on which she pays \$1000

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| Gift received | 7-9-28 |
| Receipt slip # | 2014 for \$1,000 |
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| Serial No. on L. and card | 291 ✓ |
| Pledge signal attached | ✓ |
| X file cards | ✓ |
| Letter ack. sent | 7-19-28 ✓ |
| Checked for O.L. | ✓ |
| " " class card | ✓ |
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Mr. Forbes writes for his wife 7-7-28
"The balance will be paid at such time
each year as may be most convenient"

Pledge card says
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Forbes, Mrs. F. W.

12 High Street

Westboro, Mass.

July 11, 1929

\$1000 toward pledge to 1928 Camp - India

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| Serial No. on L. and card | 291 ✓ |
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| Letter ack. sent | 7/11/29 |
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FRANK W. FORBES
12 HIGH STREET
WESTBORO, MASS.

Westboro Mass. July 9/30

Yenching University
New York City

Please find enclosed check
covering pledge for 1930,

Very truly
Frank W. Forbes

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Forbes, Mr. & Mrs. F. W.

12 High Street

Westboro, Mass.

July 12, 1930

\$1000 - 1928 Camp. - Under sig.

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| Gift received | 7-12-30 |
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Forbes, Mrs. F. W.

12 High Street
Westboro, Mass.

July 14, 1931

\$1,000.00 - 1928 Camp.-Undesig. (4th annual payment on pledge #291)

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| Gift received | 7-14-31 |
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| " " contr. list | ✓ |
| Serial No. on L. and card | 291 ✓ |
| Pledge signal attached | ✓ |
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July 19, 1928

My dear Mrs. Forbes:

When we receive a contribution in this office from old friends of Yenching University toward the work at Peking, we feel keen gratitude, not only for the gift, but for this expression of your continued interest and faith. We are happy in being permitted to have a part in continuing the vital connection established between the generous friends in America and the faculty giving their lives to this work in China. We count it a great privilege to be in position to keep you informed about the University and to do our utmost to see that your help counts for the maximum benefit with the Chinese with whom we are co-operating.

President Stuart has asked that your name be included in a special list of his friends to receive a copy of his news letter written during his journey back to Yenching University.

We are also enclosing herewith our official receipt in the amount of \$1,000.00.

With sincerest thanks for your gift, we are

Cordially yours,

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Campaign Office Secretary

P.S. For your own records, we attach a copy of your pledge for \$5,000, on which the above is the first annual payment, and also the pledge which we are to keep which we should be glad to have you sign.

Mrs. Frank W. Forbes
12 High Street
Westboro, Massachusetts

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FRANK W. FORBES
12 HIGH STREET
WESTBORO, MASS.

Westboro Mass. Nov. 17, 1928.

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E. M. MCBRIER

E. M. McBrier Esq.
Chairman

Dear Sir

Your most cordial invitation

to attend the dedication of the Yenching University in October, reaches me today. While Mrs. Forbes and I would greatly enjoy being with you on that very interesting occasion we do not feel that it would be best for us to undertake so long a journey. We hope that our cousin Mr. Roger Green of Rockville, New Jersey your city may be invited to represent us. We shall look forward to reading full accounts of all the exercises.

Very truly

Frank W. Forbes

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E. M. MCBRIER

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Copy for Camp Office

Yenching University

March 8, 1929.

Mr. Sidney D. Gamble,
347 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Gamble;

You have already received your copy of the minutes of the Finance Committee held on March 1st and have doubtless noted action F-2474 in regard to closing the building accounts of Dormitory No. 3 and Dormitory No. 4.

We are anxious to have your judgment as to whether the proposals made by action F-2474 are satisfactory in every way before we take final action. The situation as regards these two dormitories is briefly as follows:-

At the time funds were being sought for the construction of the Yenching dormitories, one of the contributions for this purpose was a gift of \$50,000 from Mr. F.W. Forbes. At this same time, as you will remember, your family very generously contributed certain blocks of stock to provide funds for one dormitory. The sale of this stock produced \$43,758.65. After some time had elapsed and several minor adjustments had been made, it was finally decided to assign the Forbes fund to Dormitory #4 and the Gamble Fund to Dormitory #3. When the final figures for the cost of these two dormitories were received, however, it was discovered that the cost of Dormitory #4 was \$39,585.47 whereas the cost of Dormitory #3 was \$45,811.35. Just how this difference occurred our office has no adequate information. Possibly rates of exchange were more satisfactory when funds for Dormitory #4 were sent to the field. Possibly additional foundation work or other architectural problems were required by Dormitory #3. Possibly there were other factors in which we have no information. We understand that as the two dormitories now stand, they are identical in appearance and in value to the University.

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According to the original designation for these two dormitories when we came to close the two building accounts, we found the situation as follows:

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| <u>Dormitory #3</u> | | |
| Gamble Fund | \$43,756.85 | |
| Cost of construction | <u>45,811.35</u> | |
| Deficit | | \$2,054.70 |
| <u>Dormitory #4</u> | | |
| Forbes Fund | \$50,000.00 | |
| Cost of construction | <u>39,565.47</u> | |
| Balance | | \$10,434.54 |

Thus it appears that Dormitory #3 had a substantial deficit, whereas Dormitory #4 showed a very large surplus. In studying this situation, the Finance Committee felt that, if the interchange of these two accounts did not meet with objection from the donors of these two funds, the logical procedure would be to assign the Gamble fund to Dormitory #4 and to assign the Forbes fund to Dormitory #3. With this interchange the situation will stand as follows:-

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| <u>Dormitory #3</u> | | |
| Forbes Fund | \$50,000.00 | |
| Cost of Construction | <u>45,811.35</u> | |
| Surplus | | \$4,188.65 |
| <u>Dormitory #4</u> | | |
| Gamble Fund | \$43,756.85 | |
| Cost of Construction | <u>39,565.47</u> | |
| Surplus | | \$4,191.18 |

As far as our Campaign Offices records show, no definite agreement has ever been made with Mr. Forbes as to whether Dormitory No. 3 or Dormitory No.4 would be assigned to his fund. Presumably, therefore, this interchange would not meet with any objection from him. Do you think that, as far as your family is concerned, this change whereby the Gamble fund is assigned to Dormitory No.4, instead of Dormitory No. 3, would be in every way satisfactory?

Very cordially yours,

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Yes Camp. Office

FOREIGN COMMITTEE
of the
NATIONAL COUNCILS OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA

347 Madison Avenue,

New York

March 11, 1929.

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

As I told you over the phone this morning, it seems to me immaterial from the point of view of the donor which dormitory bears a particular name. Inasmuch as Uncle James is over ninety years of age and this is such a minor detail it seems to me it would be unwise to raise the question with him at all.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) SIDNEY D. GAMBLE

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Sidney G. Gamble

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Forbes. Mr. Frank W.
(Dormitory)

Feb. 8, 1928

Apr. 26, 1929

Dr. North states in memo of this date
that Dormitory #4 is to be assigned as
the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Forbes
[See Finley Estate file]

Mar. 1, 1929 Finance Com. agreed
to change this [if satisfactory to donors]
+ call Dorm. 3 the gift of Mr. Forbes
and " 4 " " " " " Gamble

Mr. Gamble agreed by letter 3-11-29

Apr. 26, 1929 Finance Com. approved
the change.

Forbes

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA

Olin D. Wannamaker
Assistant to the President

American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

J. Leighton Stuart
President

May 3, 1932

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Forbes:

The enclosed mimeographed statement explains a very critical situation facing the University - the most threatening crisis in its entire history. Unless we can report to the Rockefeller Foundation by June 30th, \$250,000 toward the endowment for natural sciences, we shall lose an offer of \$250,000 from the Foundation and at the same time the current income of \$12,500 hitherto contributed by this Foundation.

We are using every possible effort to complete the required fund, but we must still obtain \$75,000. It will tax us to the last degree to accomplish this under the present extraordinary conditions in the country.

The Foundation demands that the money we report shall be in cash. Only for this reason do I venture to write you to inquire whether it may be possible for you to complete payment before June 30th of the pledge you made in 1928. We are thus transgressing for the first time an absolutely fixed rule never to ask for payment in advance of the time fixed by our contributors. I think you will understand and pardon the transgression in this case. Every dollar of cash we can obtain increases the possibility that the Foundation may confirm the offered endowment grant.

If I have not made the case entirely clear, please let me answer any question that arises in your mind.

Assuring you of our reluctance to write this letter and of our gratitude for your help to the University, I am

Very sincerely yours,

E. M. McBrier
E. M. McBrier
Treasurer

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Forbes
12 High Street
Westboro, Mass.

Westboro Mass.

*Will send check for annual payment June 1st
Mrs. F. W. Forbes*

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FRANK W. FORBES
12 HIGH STREET
WESTBORO - MASS.

Westboro Mass, May 28, 1932, ^{cash}

E. M. McBrien Treasurer

Yenching University

Dear Sir

Mrs. Forbes is sending

her check at this earlier date in response to your
emergency call. This is her fifth payment on
her five year pledge and closes her obligation to
the University. In her prosperous days she
provided a dormitory and has since that time
contributed to upkeep to the extent of her ability.
She has now less than one fifth of former
income and will not be able to make future
contributions. Kindly note this in your records
and spare her necessary refusals.

Very truly

Frank W. Forbes

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Mrs. Frank W. Forbes
12 High Street
Westboro, Mass.

Gift received, June 1, 1932 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 1,000 - final instalment on
Pledge \$5000 - made July 7, 1928 to
Designation 1928 Camp. - Undesignated
Received through ----
Entered on control record ✓
Serial number 291 ✓
Entered on record card ✓
Pledge signal attached —
Cross file card made —
Receipt number 3595
Acknowledgment sent 6-6-32
Entered on renewal sheet ✓
Checked for office list ✓
Checked for mailing list ✓
Contributed previously? July 1931
Gift on CL? yes

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Mr. Forbes wrote for Mrs. F.
when sending this check:
"She has now less than one
fifth of former income and
will not be able to make
future contributions. Kindly
note this in your records
and spare her necessary re-
fusals."

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June 6, 1932

Dear Mr. Forbes:

Mr. McBrier wishes me to thank you and Mrs. Forbes very warmly for the generous remittance of \$1,000 which completes the payment of her pledge for \$5,000 made in 1928. It is of great importance to us to have this additional cash in our treasury.

We have succeeded in reducing the balance needed to about \$62,000. We are doing everything in our power to meet the Rockefeller offer, since failure would cause the loss of that splendid offer from the Foundation and also the loss of \$12,500 annual income essential to the budget of the natural sciences.

With heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Frank W. Forbes
12 High Street
Westboro, Mass.

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P.S. Our official receipt for \$1,000 is enclosed herewith.

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March 13th, 1934

Mrs F. W. Forbes,
12 High Street,
Westboro,
Mass.

Dear Mrs Forbes:-

We know that you rejoice with us in the lovely campus at Yenching and we are very grateful to you for the generous share which you have taken in making this beauty and usefulness possible. To-day's mail brought us a number of copies of the enclosed map showing something of the attractiveness of the campus and we want to share with you the pleasure which it gave us to get this.

This map was prepared on the field to be used in a campaign there to try to raise one million dollars Chinese currency to help tide over the depression which has cut away most of our support in America and has also recently lowered the American dollar to such an extent that it brings only a little more than half of what it brought when exchange was at its highest.

Thanking you for your continued interest and help in carrying on this wonderful work, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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May 23rd, 1934

Mrs Frank W. Forbes,
12 High Street,
Westboro,
Mass.

Dear Mrs Forbes:-

In accord with my promise when I saw you a few days ago, I am sending you under separate cover a pair of the Yenching Lions as a slight expression of our appreciation of all that you have done for us and as a reminder of Yenching. I am also sending a colored picture of the dormitory which you have erected and indicating it in the picture. This serves as a permanent and valuable reminder to us of your generous gift for the education of the young men and women of China for leadership in rebuilding that great nation.

I hope very much that you will continue to give us your annual gifts to help maintain the work at its splendid efficiency. Our income has been very seriously cut and regular annual gifts are very helpful in keeping us going. We have been seriously cut in our rate of exchange and also in the number of our gifts, cutting our maintenance funds down to considerably less than we need to operate.

I want to thank you for your kindness in giving me the privilege of talking with you on the 19th. We are very hopeful that you will continue to express your interest in us at Yenching.

Thanking you in advance for your generous assistance,

I am

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee
Vice President

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May 25th, 1934

Dear Mrs Forbes:-

We have searched through our collection of pictures and have found a very good colored picture of the FORBES DORMITORY and are sending it to you with our compliments under separate cover. The building is now surrounded by more foliage than when this picture was taken and has ^{at} one side of it the last dormitory for men which was given to the University by the Bankers of Tientsin and Peiping.

I hope very much that you may have the pleasure of seeing the present campus before long. The whole campus is now very lovely with the added vegetation of several years growth and the completed landscaping.

Thanking you very heartily for what you have done and in anticipation for what you are going to do for Yenching, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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Mrs. F. W. Forbes
12 High Street
Westboro, Mass.

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Gift received May 29, 1934 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 100.00

Pledge \$ ---

Basis of payment ---

Designation 1933-34 operating budget

Received through NGG

Control record serial number 1738 ✓

Entered on record card ✓

Pledge signal attached ----

Receipt number 4015

Acknowledgment sent 5-29-34

Entered on renewal sheet ----

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Checked for mailing list _____

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Mrs. F. W. Forbes
18 High Street
Westboro, Mass.

Control record serial number 1738
Printed on record card
Pledge signal attached
Received through
Destination
Date of payment
Pledge \$
Cash on hand \$100.00

May 26 1934

MR. E. M. MCBRIER, *Treasurer*,
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
YENCHING UNIVERSITY,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Enclosed please find my check (money order) in the amount
of \$ *one hundred* , representing my contribution
towards meeting the current (1933-34) operating budget of Yenching
University.

Mrs. F. W. Forbes
Westboro - Mass.

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May 29th, 1934

Mrs F. W. Forbes,
Westboro,
Mass.

Dear Mrs Forbes:-

I want to thank you very heartily for your check which came in yesterday toward the current operating budget of Yenching University. This is a most timely assistance and will be of great service to those on the field who are facing difficult situations due to the lack of funds to maintain the work as we would like to have it kept up.

It was a pleasure to meet you personally and to be able to tell you of the progress of the work at Yenching. We will keep you informed of the development of conditions there by literature sent you from time to time.

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee
Vice President.

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Westboro

— Dec. 21. 1935

Dr. Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping - China

Dear Sir. -

I am enclosing check
for one hundred dollars
as last year. In view of
home demands I do not
feel that I should increase
my gift to Yenching.

Very truly

Fannie E. Forbes
(Mrs. F. W.)

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December 31, 1936

My dear Mrs. Forbes:

We have received your very generous check for \$100.00 and enclose herewith our official receipt.

We are sincerely grateful for this gift, not only because of the financial help which it will give at Yenching, but also because we feel that it is an expression of your continued interest and faith in the university and in its president and faculty who are giving their lives to this vitally important project in China.

Progress at Yenching has been going forward in a very satisfactory way, though of course the problem of adequate support has been a serious problem during the period of economic depression. Every gift, therefore, helps toward a solution of this problem.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

Mrs. F. W. Forbes
12 High Street
Waltham, Massachusetts

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Hotel Bellevue
Boston

12 April 1937

Dear Mrs. Forbes:

When I called upon you on March 17th, I promised to secure information on the current needs of Yenching University. I have now the information in hand, and send a copy herewith.

As I look over the history of your connection with Yenching University, I am again impressed with the service which you have given in generous giving, covering a number of years. In 1924 you gave \$20,000 and in 1925 \$50,000 toward dormitories on the beautiful new campus. And then there was \$1,000 a year for five years more. A splendid story of interest!

And now that you are no longer giving in these terms, it is a satisfaction to know that your interest continues. I am happy to send you the full analysis of the current needs, and hope you will have a part in meeting them.

On the second page you will find an item on scholarships. It would be splendid if you would feel that you could give five scholarships yearly for the next few years. There is a little booklet "Yenching's Contribution" which tells of the kind of students this University is training. What could be more satisfying than helping some of them?

We must remember, also, that help to promising students comes not only through tuition funds but from adequate support for the University as a whole. Particularly in China, where scholarly standards are so high, a college must have the best facilities or it fails to secure the best students. If Christian education is to hold its own in China during the next critical decade, we must continue to carry our modest share in supporting these colleges. If, therefore, you prefer to make your gift an undesignated one to the University as a whole, it will be put where the need is greatest. May we hear from you before the end of April?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan,
Executive Secretary

Mrs. Frank W. Forbes
12 High Street
Boston

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MRS. F. W. FORBES
12 HIGH STREET
WESTBORO, MASS.

April 18, 1937

Mrs. Thomas Micmillan,
Boston - Mass.

My dear Mrs. Micmillan,-
I find on referring to my record of gifts to Yenching University that I made a contribution less than six months ago. I do not feel that I should be called upon to make another contribution within twelve months. I do not make regular gifts as formerly.

Sincerely
Fannie E. Forbes.

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April 24, 1937

My dear Mrs. Forbes:

Mrs. Macmillan has forwarded to me your letter of April 18th. You are quite correct in saying that you sent us a gift of \$100.00 in December 1936 and we deeply regret the embarrassment caused both you and Mrs. Macmillan through the error in this office in not giving her complete information about your gifts. Our accounting records were correct, but in listing certain information for Mrs. Macmillan to use while she was in Boston, we omitted your last gift to Yenching University.

We have been very grateful for your help and shall be most appreciative for anything you can do to assist us in the years to come. It is inspiring to look over the long record of your very generous gifts to Yenching, which have meant so much in the development of the university. We would not of course wish to ask you to send us a second gift in one year, and sincerely regret that this mistake should have happened.

We have just mailed to you an invitation to attend the Annual Dinner of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, this dinner to be held at the Hotel Commodore in New York City on the evening of May 10th. It would give us much pleasure if you and Mr. Forbes could join us at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

Mrs. Frank W. Forbes
12 High Street
Westboro, Massachusetts

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Hotel Bellevue
Boston

16 February 1938

Dear Mrs. Forbes:

Mr. Tsai and I want you to know how much we enjoyed our recent call on you, and how deeply we treasure your interest in the work of Yenching. It is splendid that that University is able to continue in its significant work in a field which is now almost deserted by institutions of higher learning.

We are remembering your assurances that you want to continue to give regularly, though modestly, to Yenching's budget. Your gift of \$100 in December, 1936, applied to the funds for the year 1936-7. If you can now make your contribution for the current year, 1937-8, it will be very welcome. And if, by some good chance, you are able to increase the amount, it would be an added encouragement. Your check can go directly to the Yenching office at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, or can be sent here to the Hotel Bellevue in my care. In the latter case, it would be definitely connected with the work which Mr. Tsai is now doing here.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. T. D. Macmillan)

Mrs. Frank W. Forbes
12 High Street
Westboro, Massachusetts

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April 5, 1938

My dear Mrs. Forbes:

Mrs. Macmillan has forwarded to us your generous contribution of \$100.00 toward the emergency fund of Yenching University. Our formal receipt is enclosed.

We sincerely appreciate this last evidence of your continued interest in the work of Yenching. Your gift will not only help to meet the financial needs of the institution, but will cheer Dr. Stuart and his staff as they carry on their work in the midst of very difficult conditions.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mrs. F. W. Forbes
12 High Street
Westboro, Massachusetts

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July 24, 1940

Mrs. Frank W. Forbes
12 High Street
Westboro, Massachusetts

My dear Mrs. Forbes:

The last American mail brought from our New York Office a complete list of American donors to Yenching University during the past twelve months. In looking through this, I have found your name and cannot resist the impulse to send you a few lines of very personal, if belated, appreciation for your continuing support of our university.

As you are doubtless receiving reports from time to time of our affairs, I shall not make any comment from this standpoint nor as to my own sense of the way in which the value of what we have undertaken is being extenuated by world events. I do, however, want to assure you of the encouragement it has been to me in the midst of our present perplexities to have this evidence of your good will.

I remember so happily my first call on Mr. Forbes and yourself when you surprised us by the contribution of one of our four main men's dormitories. I hope you feel as satisfied with this investment as we certainly do who have been trying to put it to its proper use.

With kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,

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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 promise to give to the Trustees of Yenching University the sum of.....dollars (\$.....) as follows:

- Cash herewith \$100.⁰⁰
 In annual payments of \$.....beginning.....194.....
 In semi-annual payments of \$.....beginning.....194.....
 In quarterly payments of \$.....beginning.....194.....
 At my convenience on or before.....194.....

Signed *Mrs. Frank W. Forbes*

Address *12 High St.*

Date.....*Westboro - Mass.*

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

Gifts are deductible for income tax purposes

December 26, 1941

My dear Mrs. Forbes:

We are very grateful for your generous gift of \$100.00 for the support of Yenching University. Our treasurer's receipt is enclosed.

Since the declaration of war, we have had but little news from China and an accurate appraisal cannot be made at this time. We do know that China's needs are great, and that our obligations are compelling. Your gift is therefore most timely.

The Christian Colleges in China are built on everlasting foundations and will be preserved for China's youth if their Christian supporters continue faithful. You may be assured that as news comes, our friends will be notified.

As we pray for guidance, we can also be thankful for opportunities to serve in this war-torn world.

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer

Mrs. Frank W. Forbes
12 High Street
Westboro, Massachusetts

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July 6, 1943

Mrs. F. W. Forbes
12 High Street
Westboro, Massachusetts

My dear Mrs. Forbes:

We wish to thank you on behalf of the refugee students and staff members, for your generous gift of \$50.00 to Yenching University. We are enclosing our receipt.

You will be glad to know that all is well on our West China campus. Also, according to the latest information available, our friends interned in North China are reasonably well-treated and still are hoping for repatriation.

We shall endeavor to keep you informed of any important developments concerning Yenching University.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

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