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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

January
Third,
1920.

Mrs Murray S. Frame,
North China Union Women's College,
Peking, China.

My dear Mrs Frame:

Your letter of November 17th has come to hand and its enclosed revision of the campaign survey for the college for the Interchurch World Movement.

Your "revisions *upwards*" of the estimates, I believe to be quite justified. The Trustees of Peking University thought them sufficiently justified to go further and accept the revisions which Miss Miner in consultation with Mr. Luce and Mr. Wheeler had already made and to recommend a total budget of \$1,020,000. for the Women's College for the next five years.

In the new blank which you sent to me the figures for the salaries and expenses of additional foreign missionaries and for salaries and expenses of additional native workers were not carried through year by year, so that the total, which I believe to be correct, disagree with yours. As, however, the proposals submitted by Miss Miner and approved by the Trustees now supersede the ones which you sent on for campaign purposes no further adjustment of these amounts is necessary. I enclose a copy of the revised proposals.

In conference with Miss Miner the Executive Committee of the Trustees have worked out and approved a basis of affiliation so far as the Board of Trustees is concerned. It was felt wiser to leave the matter of the arrangement upon the field, which effect the Board of Managers, until the Committee here could be set-up and some of the confusion caused by the necessity of long distance communication cleared up. As soon as copies of the basis of affiliation are ready, either I or Miss Miner will send them on to you.

With all good wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

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North China Union Women's College

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Jan. 24, 1920.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
President of Peking University.

My dear Dr. Stuart,

Will you be so kind as to
present to the Board of Managers of Peking University my resignation from the faculty of the North China Union Women's College?

Sincerely yours,

Alice B. Frame

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North China Union Women's College

Peking

February 11, 1920.

Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

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My dear Dr. North:-

Your letter enclosing the memorandum of the proposals for advance in the budget of Yenching College came yesterday, and we were all very much interested. Miss Miner had warned me that the advance had been considerable and we are very glad to think that the Trustees authorized asking for this sum. Two of the items, as you will perhaps know by this time, will probably call for less money if we carry out the present plan for using the recitation and science buildings in common with the men. Even under these conditions we certainly will need to contribute our share toward the building and equipment of the first-class buildings we hope to ~~have~~ have, although it will hardly duplicate the cost of one building. However, these details can be settled later.

We expect Miss Miner in less than a month and I shall certainly hope to make connections with her, either in Japan or here in Peking, depending on the final date of my sailing. At present I am booked for the Nanking, sailing March 31st from Yokohama, but I have been for some time trying to get on the Nile, which sails March 9th, getting me home by the 1st of April, as all people seem to want someone to help in the campaign.

We are looking forward to seeing copies of the basis of affiliation which the Executive Committee of the Trustees have worked out and approved, but they have not as yet come to hand. If there should be any matters about which you care to write me, my address in America will be 504 Congregational House, 14 Beacon Street, Boston. My permanent plans for furlough are still unsettled, though I may be studying for a semester in New York.

With many thanks for your prompt answer to my letter and for sending us the copy of the estimates, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. M. S.) Alice B. Frame
Acting Dean.

ABF/M

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Hotel Sussex

701 Sutter St.

San Francisco, Cal.

April 16, 1920.

My dear Dr. North:-

Today is, also, the great day of the Trustees' meeting, and as your notification only reached me yesterday, it was quite too late for me to attend. And in any case, the breakdown and attendant delay on my steamer, the "Nile", from which I disembarked only on Monday evening, April 12th., would have hindered my succeeding in getting to New York.

I am very sorry - for many reasons. But it cannot be helped now. I am expecting to leave here on Monday, April 19, reaching Chicago April 22, and presumably staying there till April 26-27. Then I plan to go on to Holden, Mass., for a few days, when I can deposit my small daughter in my sister's care, - and then I hope I may get to New York and get in closer touch with the latest news from Peking University. Of your today's meeting I shall hope to hear from Mrs. Lee in Chicago.

Please do not fear for my possible dis.

commitment. To be sure, I had rather
been led to anticipate a more develop-
ed state of our campaign for justice and
funds, but this was quite due to my
own misunderstanding. I can send a
little more complicated something is, - and
I trust that you and Dr. Luce will be
able to make it clear when I see
you, so that I may be able to help in
the way that will count most, all
along the line.

I saw Miss Miner for a brief
conference in Japan.

With many thanks to you and
Dr. Luce for your help and suggestions,

Sincerely,

(Mrs. H. S.) Alice B. Frane.

April 30, 1920.

Mrs. M. S. Frame,
% Mrs. W. B. Harland,
Holden, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Frame:

I have your letter from San Francisco, and I am very glad to know that you are at last in this country.

I am writing to suggest that, if you can find it convenient, I should appreciate greatly your going to Smith College to interview Miss Hilda L. Hague, whom we are considering as a candidate for Secretary to Dr. Stuart. She is a member of the Church of England in Canada; has had training in Simmons College in secretarial work; and has an Arts degree from Queens College in Canada. Her qualifications, educational and otherwise, as far as one judge from correspondence, are very good, but I am anxious to get a competent judgment upon the personal element. As you are fresh from Peking and know the conditions there and the associations which such a Secretary would have with President and Mrs. Stuart, I should appreciate your judgment upon Miss Hague, if you could find an opportunity to call on her. She is at Clark House, Smith College, and is Secretary to the College Physician, Dr. F. Gilman.

With all good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

EMM:LEW

Secretary.

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*The Encl.
Please write ^{head name}
giving her your judgment.
I have written. Miss White
will show you the letter.
Then pass this to file.*

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WELLESLEY COLLEGE
WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

May 5, 1920.

My dear Dr. Lenth,

I must snatch a mo-
ment to tell you that I've
received your letter about Miss
Hague, and that I'm rather
asking her if I may see her
next week Tuesday on my way to a
Hartford meeting. What you say of
her qualifications sounds most
promising.

Also may I ask whether
Miss Haidemann, (of La Crosse?)
for whose temporary appointment
as a history teacher the Exec.
Comm. asked, has been appointed or
not? The reason I am asking
is that I have just been talking
with Miss Elizabeth Kendall, of

the History Dept here, who is
going to stay at Yenching
in the fall semester, at least,
give some courses there, & perhaps
help with the Peking University
history courses. If Miss Haideman
is going, can you tell me what
her special lines in history are?

Also, may I confess to a
considerable embarrassment
and which has just come from
Union Seminary, Boston, a
Missionary Fellowship of \$750
upon me? Which is a great
honor, and very delightful, but I
fear me that Yenching
College authorities, including
our P. U. brethren, would not
look with favor upon such a
plan which would pretty ef-
fectually tie me in New

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WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

York for eight months of the year. Would it be asking too much if you could get hold of Dr. Luce and ask him his opinion, since he knows pretty fully prospects pretty well, and whether I could do enough in and around New York to justify living and studying there or not. I ought to answer the Union Faculty very soon, so if you could discuss the matter with Dr. Luce and give me your general opinion, I would be most grateful.

I am beginning to get in touch with the Wellesley Committee. I was Pres.

ident Puddleton's guest
last Tuesday night, and am
going to spend Sunday
with some of the students & am.
I speak in Hartford New Haven
next week.

Sincerely,

Alice B. Frame.

May 10, 1920.

Mrs. M. S. Frame,
% Mrs. W. B. Harland,
Holden, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Frame:

I am very glad to have your letter of May 5, and to note that you will be able to see Miss Hague. The letters of recommendation that are coming in continue to be very satisfactory.

Miss Heidieman has not been appointed by the Trustees because we felt very doubtful about the wisdom of making temporary appointments of that kind where there is no provision for carrying transportation costs outside of the funds of the University. As it happens, I had a letter this morning from a young man teaching at Purdue, who is ready to go out for teaching in history, and will pay his transportation both ways. I do not know what Miss Heidieman's particular interest in history is.

I note your embarrassment concerning the Union Seminary proposition; but I think that it is not serious, for the Seminary year will not begin for nearly five months yet, and it seems to me likely that you can gain enough leeway in connection with your work to make it possible for you to do whatever travelling seems wise. My impression is that except for the Pacific Coast, the areas which you would like to reach can be handled in short trips from New York. This is only my estimate, however, and I am asking Mr. Luce to go over the matter in his own mind and to write to you his conclusion.

I am particularly interested in your contacts with Wellesley, and hope that you will have much success in them. It happens that both my mother and my wife are Wellesley graduates, and I know Miss Pendleton well.

Faithfully yours,

EMN:LEW

Secretary.

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June 18, 1920.

Mrs. Murray S. Frame,
Holden, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Frame:

I am enclosing a clipping from the Outlook about Yenching. Possibly you have seen this, or were instrumental in getting it inserted. In any case, it is good publicity. I think it would be a good thing to get this little statement reprinted, and I will try to secure the cuts from the Outlook Company to use in this reprint.

I wish to write you about the possibility of Miss Sailer's going out to Yenching. She first seemed open to this suggestion at the Student Volunteer Convention in December, and I met her here at the Board rooms last week, and asked her plans. She said that after another year of teaching in this country she would like to go to China, and would like to go to Yenching if she were asked. I think she was graduated from Vassar. I am sending along this suggestion to you, as perhaps you are the one to follow it up.

I expect to be at the Post-War Conference next week, and then at the Student Conference at Silver Bay from June 25 to July 4, but can meet you here in New York by appointment at any time that it is convenient for you to come, or whenever you think it is necessary.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

WRW:W

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Fort Meigs ^{on July 20}
Poland, Me.

June 23, 1920.

My dear Mr. Wheeler -

I am up at a Y.W.C.
A. Conference, representing
Congregational foreign missions
and also getting Yenching
College a bit better known.

Yes, I'd seen that "Out-
look" editorial, done by Miss
Boydston of our faculty, and
which I sent from Peking.
I agree with you that to
reprint it, labeled "from The
Outlook" June 2, would be a
good publicity stunt. Will you
see about it, or shall I? How
about 1000 copies? I'd like to
send some hundreds to
Peking, for them there to give

To Harlow.

I'm delighted to hear about Miss Sailer, - if she is anything like her father. Do you know what her specialties are? Is her small strong? I am eager for all, to meet her. I shall be in N. Y. early in the fall, in any event. Do you know where she will be teaching next year?

My own location next year is still undecided. I can't be sure yet of anyone who will be responsible for Rosamund! And she is the most important member of the family.

Sincerely,

Alice B. Frame.

July 7, 1920.

Mrs. Murray S. Frame,
c/o Mrs. W. B. Harland,
Holden, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Frame:

Your letter of the 23rd has been received. I will attend to the reprinting of the quotation about Yenching in the Outlook, and will get a thousand copies as you suggested.

These are various things that keep coming up about the Women's College concerning which we need your advice, and I am hoping that next fall you will be here in New York. I am enclosing a copy of the estimated budget of the Women's College for the coming year, which has just arrived from Peking. Will you please look it over and make any suggestions or corrections that seem advisable to you?

The present relation of the Women's College to the Boards is not very satisfactory, and as far as I can find out, only the Presbyterian Board is obligated for any money in addition to the salaries of their teachers. I may be mistaken about the Congregational Board, but I know the Methodist and the London Missionary Society do not make any money contribution. There is a most urgent need of getting the Women's College on to a stable basis and understanding with the Boards.

We must pass this budget at the Executive Committee Meeting of the Trustees, which will be held about July 17, so I shall ask you to return the enclosed statement with your criticism at your earliest convenience.

As you can see, the estimated expense for the Women's College far exceeds its prospective income for this year; the question of the placing of the responsibility for making up this sum has not yet been definitely decided, but we assume it is being borne by the Women's organizations connected with the College rather than by the men's university and the present Trustees. Any word along this line would be appreciated.

Miss Sailer's address is Miss Josephine Sailer, Englewood, N. J. I hope you can see her when you come here in the fall.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

WRW:W

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NORTHFIELD CONFERENCES AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

Established by D. L. Moody

Season of 1920

Northfield Seminary Commencement, June 5-7
Mount Hermon School Commencement, July 25-27
Young Women's Conference, June 29-July 6
Summer School for Women's Foreign Missionary Societies, July 8-16
Interdenominational Women's Home Mission Summer School, July 16-23

Reports of Conferences given in the
RECORD OF CHRISTIAN WORK
For information address
Ambert G. Moody, East Northfield, Mass.

Summer School of Religious Education, July 17-25
General Conference of Christian Workers, July 30-August 15
Camp Northfield, July 1-August 26
Bible Study Courses and Special Addresses at the Northfield Schools and Conferences, June 30-September 30

EAST NORTHFIELD, MASS.,

July 14, 1920.

My dear Mr. Wheeler,

Your twice-forwarded letter has been even further delayed in receiving an answer because of the speechifying and personal conferences that I seem to be involved in here at the School of Missions. I hope this is not too late.

Thank you very much for promising to attend to the "Outlook" reprint. Will you please send 200 to Dr. Ullmer, 200 to me? And do you know whether Miss Hilda Olson has been continued by the Federated Union Women's Colleges Com., as Executive Secretary? She ought to have a big bunch if she is. Also may I ask whether a considerable number of Dr. Dickinson's leaflet on "The Women's Department of Peking University" were sent to Miss Ullmer in Peking? I have not, & they ought to have them.

My own plans for location next winter are still undecided, - owing to Rosamond! But I can surely, - must surely, - come down to New York for conferences. "Unsatisfactory" is a mild term to apply to the Yenching finances organization, etc. I had a talk with Mrs. George Clark last week, & I trust the Committee has acted on the question of a possible loan basis of cooperation among the Woods than the one Miss Ullmer tried to get through, & which proves unworkable. When is the

^{not before} next meeting of the Trustees? For I've had no report of action from the Women's College Committee yet. They must make recommendations to the Trustees before anything definite can be presented to the other W. Boards again.

^{check with} The W.B.M.T. (our Cong. Wom. Bd. in Chicago) has given, I think, (my papers are with her) \$1700 annually for current expenses: we receive \$800 from a Higher Endowment fund from our parent (Cong.) Bd. No other Bd. has contributed a cent to current expenses till April of this year, when the Pres. voted \$1000, I believe. Wellesley begins this fall to contribute an ^{annual} salary & a little more, which we hope will be \$1000 hereafter. Miss Payne's salary should come under the Cong. Board, as her salary is already appropriated by them. The list of faculty asked for is from our ^{Interchurch} askings. The English teacher is going out this summer. The others are not in sight, I am sorry to say.

Mrs. Aram is the chairman of the Women's College Committee, and she has doubtless written you whether she has any funds to report. As you say, the organization is fundamental, & they are still arguing the matter. Something drastic must be done this fall. Sorry to send such an inadequate reply!

Sincerely,

Alice B. Farnum.

July 31, 1920.

Mrs. Murray S. Frame,
Holden, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Frame:

Your letter of July 14th has been received. A Meeting of the Trustees was held last week, and they passed the budget for the University for the coming year, but decided not take up the matter of the finances of the Women's College with the various Boards, and did not include the College in their action as to the budget. This, I believe, was the right thing to do, as there is a great deal of reorganization to be done before we can accept the relation of the Women's College to the Trustees as static.

I am taking up your questions in order: Miss Olson is still Executive Secretary for the Women's Colleges. I shall send her copies of the Outlook reprint when they are ready. Copies of the folder for the Women's College were sent to Dr. Stuart at Peking, so I judge Miss Miner has some.

I think that you are the proper one to take up with the Women's Boards the question of their acceptance of the basis of affiliation. This matter must be put through as soon as possible. Possibly the basis suggested by Dr. Miner was too high, and we shall have to work out some sort of a compromise.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held in September, the exact date not having as yet been fixed. I have secured the information from your Board that their annual contribution is \$1525, and the support of five teachers. The Presbyterian Board gives \$1000. Including \$500 which you have from an endowment fund of the Congregational Board, the total will be \$3000. In the budget from Peking the Women's College asks for \$4000 from the Trustees in addition to their local income. That will mean that \$1000 must be raised from some source this year, unless the higher basis of cooperation is passed. Can we look to you to take the leadership in this matter of the Women's College, with the help of Mrs. Avann, during your stay in America? I am sure that you can do it better than anyone else, and it will facilitate matters very much if we can look to one person for leadership. Of course Dr. Lucie and I will do all we can to back you up.

I hope very much that you can carry out your plans for study, during the fall at least, and then possibly devote the rest of the year to the active interests of the College.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

WRW:W

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September 3rd, 1920.

Mrs. Alice B. Frame,
Sequanota Club,
Charlevoix, Michigan.

My dear Mrs. Frame:

Your letter of August 20th reached me when I was out of town on my vacation.

In regard to your coming to New York, I really think that the governing reason for your coming should be any opportunity obtained to talk over with the Women's Secretaries affairs of Yenching, rather than to meet our Trustees. We expect now to have a meeting of the Trustees about the 10th, but it will not be largely attended and I think you had better go ahead and plan to come whenever convenient for yourself, and whenever you can meet Miss Hodge and Mrs. Schell. Of course you ought to come to New York before you go to Ohio. The matter of the Board of Yenching must be settled with the Women's Boards before it is brought up to our Trustees, so we will look to you to take the initiative and go ahead with this matter.

I have heard indirectly from Mrs. Avann, that she is not handling her correspondence, but expects to get back to work sometime this month. She is Chairman of the Women's Committee for the Women's College.

In regard to the McCormick Senior who wants to go to China and his questions, the Universities in China do not usually send a married man for a short term appointment, the shortest term for which traveling expenses are paid is three years, although they are paid a proportional amount of the traveling expenses if a man is forced to come back earlier than this time. Rooms are usually furnished. Medical examinations are required. The cost of a married couple from New York to Peking is roughly \$1000.00. I cannot answer definitely the question about the salary of a teacher in a Government University, but I think it is usually larger than in a Christian institution. On the other hand, it is more difficult to secure such an appointment. Peking University will undoubtedly need additional teachers in English in 1921. I would suggest that your friend write directly to me, if he wants further information. I shall be here in New York now until Christmas time, at least.

Sincerely yours.

WFW:WFW

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YENCHING COLLEGE
WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

Sept. 12, 1920.

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My dear Mr. Wheeler,

I am wondering whether a copy of any action of the honorable Trustees concerning the Women's College could be sent me? I trust you had a good meeting. As you say, there is little to present to the gentlemen until the Women's Boards decide on some basis. Miss Hodge promises to assemble S. A. Q. Brown, Mrs. Schell, Mr. Scott, and some ladies of their Foreign Dept to hear me regarding Yenching, after Dr. Brown returns. That will be late: and tho' you may be coming to N. Y. early, I really cannot see the use of it until this meeting can be arranged for. Do you? I hear the Meth. women are sending five new teachers to their denominational college in Foochow. But they are cold to Ginko and Yenching.

I have written to Mrs. Clark, of our committee, and am writing to Mrs. Aram. I may remark, privately, that our Women's College Com. does not vouchsafe me much information, inspiration, or direction! But perhaps they've had no meetings recently.

I'll suggest to Mr. Vance to write you directly.

Sincerely,

Alice Brown Frame.

September 17, 1920.

Mrs. Murray S. Frame,
In care of Mrs. W. B. Harland,
Holden, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Frame:

Your letter of September 13th has been received. Our Trustees' meeting has not yet been held, and I don't think now that we shall have a meeting before the early part of October. Do you wish copies of any previous action of our Trustees in regard to the proposed basis of affiliation, etc., or have you these papers with you?

As I wrote you in my last letter, I see no reason for your coming here until you can be assured of an appointment with Dr. Brown and others responsible for Yenching. I hope you can rely on Miss Hodge to let you know when such a meeting can be arranged.

I have secured permission from the Outlook to reprint the article they published on Yenching; but there have been some delays in getting the actual printing accomplished.

There are over three thousand copies of the Yenching folder at this office.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

WRW:W

Secretary of the University.

October 18 1920

Dear Mrs. Frame:

Your note of October 16th to Dr. Luce has just come in, and I have written Mrs. Lee asking her to forward a statement of the basis of cooperation in Yenching for our next meeting of the Trustees, which will be held on October 26th.

We have received a cable from Peking saying that a site can be purchased near Haidien, five miles outside of the city. Have you any opinion to express concerning the advisability of securing this site? Will its distance from the city be a handicap to the University and to Yenching? Drop us a note, if you can, before our Trustees' meeting. If you could be present, we should be glad to see you; but we will not take up to any great extent Yenching matters just at this time. In other words, I do not believe it would be worth your while to come here for the meeting unless your plans are already made for being in New York at that time.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

WRW:W

Secretary of the University.

Mrs. Murray S. Frame,
82 Elm Street,
Worcester, Mass.

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YENCHING COLLEGE
WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

82 Elm St., Worcester, Mass.
Oct. 24, 1928.

My dear Mr. Wheeler,
I hope the Trustees will take action
on the New Basis: if approved, would the Trustees
send copies to the Bds. (from) concerned, also to
Pres. Pendleton of Wellesley, asking them to
nominate the members of the committee
called for, or would Mrs. Lee's committee?
That Committee should certainly get to work!

As to the site I feel that those on
the field are not fitted to express an opinion
as they have had such harrowing times get-
ting land at all! I regret that it is so far
out, but it is not as far out as Tsinghua (the
denim) College, for which we would be
fairly near neighbors, as the Sorbonne University
has purchased a site clear out at the
Western Hills. If the local Peking Bd. recom-
mends it, I am sure it is there but we
can do.

Sincerely,

Alice B. Frame

PROPOSED BASIS of COOPERATION for BOARDS
interested in YENCHING COLLEGE

We recommend as basis for fully cooperating boards -

- (a) Salaries, allowances, etc. of three teachers
- (b) Contribution of \$2000. annually toward current expenses
- (c) Initial gift toward plant and equipment of \$100,000.

Boards thus cooperating should be represented on the Yenching College Committee by two members

Boards cooperating to the extent of five or more teachers (salaries, allowances, etc.) and \$5000. Mex. annually toward current expenses, should be entitled to an additional representative on the Committee.

Boards or colleges contributing the salary and allowance of at least one teacher and not less than \$1000. Mex. per year, should be represented on the Committee by an affiliated member.

November 9, 1930

Dear Mrs. Frame:

Your note of the 8th has just come, and we are sending you three hundred of the Yenching folders, to your Montclair address, as you asked.

The action of the Presbyterian Board in regard to Yenching did not come up before our Trustees until yesterday, at a second meeting held then. The Trustees accepted the basis of cooperation as passed by the Presbyterian Board. I believe this marks the official affiliation of the college with the University, and it is quite an achievement on your part to have helped put it through.

The Board also took action in regard to Miss Josephine Sailer, of whom I spoke to you sometime ago. She wants to go out under our Board this next year, and is open to Peking, provided you want her. She is a daughter of Dr. Sailer, Educational Advisor of our Board; has been in China; has taught in a school at Hampton, and is now studying in Teachers College in this city. I believe she has no specialty, except possibly education. She is not quite certain if she wishes a permanent or a short term appointment, but I believe the latter would be the action taken. The Trustees did not feel that they should elect her without first taking the matter up with you, and the action passed merely authorized us to bring this appointment to your attention as representative of Yenching.

As you suggest, we shall send copies of the action taken by the Presbyterian Board in relation to Yenching to the four Boards concerned and to President Pendleton.

When you are in New York Friday be sure to drop in at our office, and we shall straighten out some of these matters. If you could come at two o'clock it would be very nice; or possibly you could come at one and we could have lunch together.

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Sincerely yours,

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December 9, 1920

Dear Mrs. Frame:

The name of Miss Marjorie Mellen, 41 South Pennsylvania Ave., Atlantic City, N. J., has been given me as that of one who would like to go to the field, especially to teach music. I was unable to find out whether or not she is a college graduate. She is the daughter of the leading Presbyterian pastor in Atlantic City, whose church support Mr. Cassat of Shantung University, who gave her name to me. If you communicate with her, and want me to send her a copy of the new University pamphlet, let me know and I shall do so. I am sending you a copy of the pamphlet. We shall be glad to send you additional copies if you desire.

Keep us in touch with your schedule from week to week or as far ahead as you can, if you care to do so, so that we might be able to cooperate when opportunity offers.

The other day, when I was in Pittsburgh, I went to see President Acheson of the Pennsylvania College for Women in that city, and laid before him the thought of the College taking on Yenching as its sister college. I know him quite well, and he was very cordial indeed, and asked me to let him know what it would cost to support a young woman. Will you let me know about this? If it should happen in the near future that you are going to be in Pittsburgh, do not fail to communicate with him at the College on Woodland Avenue. He could arrange for you to speak there.

I think now is the time for us to put forth every effort to get in touch with the colleges; and even if they can't do anything now they can begin to plan to send some one out in the future. Cornell is developing a plan of "Cornell Overseas" by which they are going to place as many representatives as they can in different colleges; so that if a college is already tied up to some other college there is no reason why they cannot plan to tie up to ours also in the future.

Hoping we may have the pleasure of seeing you here before long,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

HWL:W

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YENCHING COLLEGE
WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

82 Elm St. Worcester, U.
Dec. 9. 1920.

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

Thank you for the word about the number of members to be elected to the Yenching Committee. I have written repeatedly to the pro tem. Com. in Chicago, but no answer has come to me directly. I hope it has to Miss Hodge.

Miss Sailer wrote pleasantly about her interest in Yenching but said her interest at present was greater in secondary education. But I shall try to see her someday.

Can you tell me whether Dr. Stuart is coming to America or not? I want to write him about some matters, but will delay if he is on the way.

Are you being pressed into service to speak for our seven women's colleges? There are numerous meetings around here and I think I make speeches in my sleep. But we may get some money after all.

Will you please send another 300 copies of the first edition of the Yenching folder to Miss Miner? Thank you.

Cordially,

Alvin B. Frame

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~~January 3, 1921~~
December 17, 1920

Mrs. Murray S. Frame,
82 Elm Street,
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Frame:

I have your note of December 9th. I received a notice from Mr. Scott that the two representatives on the Yenching Committee had been appointed by the Women's Board, namely, Miss Margaret Mead and Mrs. Williamson. It might be a good thing if you have any spare moments to send them a note welcoming them to the Committee. Two people I had in mind for these places were Mrs. D. J. Fleming, wife of Johnson Fleming, who has been in India for some years and is now at Union Seminary, and Mrs. W. P. Schell. As Mrs. Williamson is one of our women Trustees and already a member of the Committee, we may be able to work in one of the two persons named above. Either one would be a big help. Mrs. Fleming is an aunt of Mrs. Wheeler's, and naturally is personally interested in the institution.

In regard to Dr. Stuart, the Committee decided that it would be better for him to stay in Peking and see Mr. Murphy when he is there and work out the plans for the Women's College and come to America in the Spring when this is done; so he will probably not arrive until June or July.

We have sent as you requested three hundred copies of the Yenching leaflet to Miss Miner.

I am leaving tomorrow for the West Coast, where I shall try to start something for the University. The correspondence of the Trustees will again be in the hands of Dr. Eric North.

We had hoped and prayed that the campaign for the Women's Colleges will go through successfully. I hope that we can get Miss Sailer, although Ginling is making an effort to secure her also.

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I shall be glad to see you when I come back to the East in March. My address in the West will be #3 Westmoreland Place, Pasadena, California.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

WRW:W

P.S. We have received from Peking the enclosed letter - pr rather, two or three copies of it - with the request that we send a copy on to you. It is a letter giving information about the new site that they have been sending about in China.

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August 4, 1921

Mrs. Murray S. Frame,
§ Mrs. A. J. Phillips,
Elmcrest, West Peabody,
Massachusetts.

My dear Mrs. Frame:-

Your letter of July 30th to Mr. Gibb he has taken up with me and I am answering it in his behalf.

First, Mr. Murphy is expected to arrive here about the middle of this month; just when is, of course, uncertain although we understand it is the 15th. I think that at some time, although perhaps not yet, you should go over with Mr. Gibb very carefully all the information that he has brought from Peking as to the judgment of Miss Miner on the various items involved in the planning of the buildings. Mr. Gibb tells me that Miss Miner desires to go ahead as rapidly as the University in constructing the Women's College. Our plans call for finishing of the plans for three or four buildings by the end of September, with possibly one or two postponed until the end of December. Mr. Gibb plans to go back to Peking in October in order to take up the matter of the Chinese contracts in order to get them completed before Chinese New Year and thereby take advantage of the bargaining time to secure favorable a contract as possible.

Just exactly what we shall be able to start in the of buildings is, for the Trustees, not yet clear, although after we get a little further we shall know more nearly what the financial requirements will be and what our financial condition is. I take it that the Women's College is in somewhat the same position, namely, that just exactly what they will be able to do is not yet altogether clear. I am writing to Mrs. Lee and starting her mind to working on what can be done in order to provide for early undertakings.

I am rather waiting for Mr. Schell's return.

Mrs. Murray S. Frame

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He represents the Yenching interests in the Finance Committee and will have been in touch with the Chicago group more recently than I. We are now working out a contract with the architects and endeavoring to protect all contingencies. This contract does not affect the work for the Women's College except where these buildings are included in the general plans and layout and birdseye. Such adjustment on these as is necessary may be made later.

I think probably after a bit you will receive definite word from the Yenching Committee as to what are the next steps.

Cordially yours,

MMH VH

Secretary.

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Jefferson, Mass.,
Aug. 8, 1921.

My dear Dr. Luth,

I realize very well that this tentative copy of the much needed Yenching leaflet should have gone out to the honorable Committee, for their criticism and remarks, long before. I will only mention two reasons why it has not: Rosamond, -- and Mrs. Peabody. . . . The latter, after I had blocked out a longer leaflet, and practically written, wrote that the Joint Com. was asking each college Com. to prepare a leaflet of 2200-2500 words, 10,000 edition, for their own use and for the Joint Com., for the Fall Campaign, which would come off in the early winter. So I tried to recast and condense what I had already done, for she wanted it immediately, and it seemed unnecessary to prepare two, just at the present juncture. I do not know whether you would agree with me, or still desire a longer one.

In any case, this is the one that Mrs. Peabody has ordered, and which our Com. can authorize and use, if it wishes.

Now will you please take up your blue pencil, and decorate the margin? I have tried to do something a little different from the ordinary historico-descriptive form, and I am not sure I care for the result! I wanted the college to speak for itself, its work. But please record your opinion frankly. And will you mark such infelicities, or such bits in the main leaflet or the fine print addenda, (historical, etc.,) as would be wiser omitted? Or differently expressed? Rosamond has been so hot on my trail, even when copying, that it may still sound jerky. Mrs. Peabody wished something "dignified but interesting", but I am no Stevenson. Something a little lighter, would be more "interesting", but might not hit the old ladies in the Missionary Society and the college girl too. I wanted to put in more stories, but my best ones are too long to get in, for the MSS is too long now.

I am sorry to intrude on your vacations. I myself shall now have the pleasure of a letter from each of you whose addresses I could discover on short notice, and by return mail, I hope, for Mrs. Peabody is waiting. My nerves are in good condition, so please do not hesitate to speak your minds.

Expectantly,

Alice B. Frame

Thank you for your letter. You know I stand ready to come whenever you send for me. Will you ask the P. U. office to send me the "Bluebird" pictures? I want one for this leaflet. Did you offer Miss Parkhurst \$900? I was quite overwhelmed, as I had spoken of \$600. -- a regular salary! I suppose you will be responsible for the \$300?!

Yours -

A. B. F.

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August 25, 1921

Mrs. Murray Franc,
Elmcroft,
West Peabody, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Francis-

It is now just four weeks since I arrived in New York. Plans for the University buildings have progressed to the stage of having three buildings already approved, the recitation building plan to be ready for approval on Monday next. These are, of course, only the first sketch plans. The architects are going to give me the finished plans and specifications, sufficient from which to let the contracts, by the first of October. I have secured sailings for myself on the "Empress of Asia" on the 15th of October.

In the meantime, nothing has been done for buildings for the Women's College. I know it was the thought in Peking that some plans for the Women's College would be going on simultaneously with the plans for the men's college. I do not know whom to press in this business, therefore I am writing to you. I have had two letters from Miss Miner since arriving in New York giving their thought in regard to certain buildings but I know she is relying upon you to provide most of the gray matter for getting these plans into shape.

Very truly yours,

JMCG VR

Copy to Miss Miner
" " Mrs. Lee.

YENCHING COLLEGE
WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

Miss Lee Peking Univ

Jefferson, Mass., Aug. 27, 1921

Dear Dr. North,

The letter from Miss Miner has not come, but one comes from Mrs. Lee, asking naively whether I have gone to N.Y. yet? (This after I wrote her I would leave my going entirely to the direction of the Com.!) Also one from Mr. Gibb, polite, but insinuating that I am not doing what the Peking people expected me to do.

So, since my Com. apparently leave me to my own devices, I am writing Mr. Gibb that I will plan to get to N.Y. on Thurs. P.M., unless he or you write for me to come a day earlier or some days later. He does not in any way indicate how much I can do, or how long it may take me. Perhaps no one knows. I am certain that I do not, for it sounds vague in the extreme to me. But I want to do my duty!

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Hoping to see you next week, then,
Sincerely,

Alma B. Frame

Mrs. Harvey says that Mr. Gibb sent word to Mrs. Frame not to come to New York until Wednesday, Sept. 8 etc. C. W. H.

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Springfield, Ill.
Nov. 11.

Dear Mr. Caskey,

Thank you so much for
letting me know about Mrs. Fisher.
She certainly speaks very well. Mrs.
Peabody has written to the Coast about
her already, and I think her name is
on the list of speakers for our campaign.

Will you please tell ^{Dr. Lee} ~~Dr. Lee~~ that I
am to be in Mich. next week, but start
for the Coast on Nov. 23. I have not seen
a definite Coast itinerary for me yet, but my
work there opens Nov. 28. If either of you
have any suggestions or names to suggest,
I shall be so glad. My address will be G. D.
G. K. Browne, 415 Phelan Bldg. San Francisco.

I am handling constantly these days,
and could only help you with a few
Yenching items. What is the latest date
you would need them? Mrs. Lee might
prepare a statement of the present status

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of our Oriental College campaign.
Could you get a little drawing of
that square building that Humphrey
has just designed for us? I think
I'll write Dr. Dickinson and ask.

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Cordially

Alice B. Farnum.

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

Arizona -
Nov. 26 -
TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

I am so grateful for all your care
in O.R. - the Murphy drawings. They assure me
they will get them off in time! The model is a
beauty. I am the poor victim who is carrying it by
hand (so to speak) to California, but it will be nice at
the Pasadena luncheon and others.

I'm here meaning to ask you what you are
intending to do about that section of our Bylaws
dealing with the Field Bd. of Control. Didn't they ap-
point you and me to do something about it? Some
time since, in visiting Miss Ulmer I cordially in-
vited her to send on suggestions! To you. A recent

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letter from her suggests that the Bd. of Managers
in Peking had gone on our Bylaws and made sug-
gestions and corrections. Very kind of them, I'm sure,
but it would have been more valuable for us if they
had taken the time to inform us of the same, right
now?

My address for these weeks will be Miss Alice
Hutchinson, 435 Van Nuys Bldg. Los Angeles. I'm
sailing Jan. 14 on the "Golden State".

Rosauro is standing this long ride over
Arizona deserts, very well. It is a new route for me.
I'll be in Los Angeles, and I have to drop
R. on some friends' doorstep before I go on to speak for
the Seven Colleges. If only I were free to concentrate
on Yenching!

Sincerely,

Alice B. Fraine.

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

Mrs. Murray S. Frame,
% of Miss Olive Hutchinson,
435 Van Nuys Building,
Los Angeles, Cal.

My dear Mrs. Frame:-

You are quite correct that the Board of Managers went over the By-Laws of the Trustees and of the Managers and also the projected arrangements for the Woman's College and made suggestions for alterations. This was done particularly at my request and that of the Trustees with reference to the Managers' By Laws in order to make sure that the practice of the Managers at the present time was in accordance with the By Laws and had not, in the first instance, to do with the Yenching matter.

I am enclosing a copy of the Minutes of the Managers covering the modifications which they suggest. I am not sure to what extent the Trustees will be prepared to accept some of these recommendations. I am enclosing also a copy of the Schedule for the Classification of the Faculty, which states the principles upon which that classification is made.

I have been keeping in touch with Mr. Murphy from time to time. In working out the bird's-eye it was judged best by both Mr. Wheeler and myself, for the sake of the picture, that only 8 of the dormitories projected for the Woman's College should appear. If all 16 were put in, as Mr. Wheeler said, it looked "too much like a train of cars. This is not with the idea that there may not be the ultimate need for these dormitories nor that the space intended for them is occupied by any other buildings, but only that the picture may be better for promotional purposes.

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Mrs. Lee came in to see me last week, much troubled about the matter of Miss Parkhurst and after much discussion we cabled to Miss Miner over Mrs. Lee's signature that salary for her was available and urged her to make use of Miss Parkhurst. It is most distressing and I sincerely hope that steps toward smoothing the matter out will be taken some time before you get out there. In any case you may be able to make Miss Miner see the importance of unloading some of the detail work which she undoubtedly has, in order that she may be more free to give her attention to more important matters. I think it is also not at all unlikely that many of the mechanical processes of administration such as you will be giving attention to Miss Parkhurst should be able to handle, as a relief to you and to the entire Faculty.

Cordially yours,

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January 6th, 1922.

Mrs. Murray Frame,
c/p Dr. J. E. Browne,
419 Phelan Building,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Frame:-

Mr. Wheeler has shared with me your letter of December 10th and we have heard with great interest all you say about your trip there in Southern California. You will be interested to know that Mr. Hung and I will reach Pasadena about the 20th of January. I enclose to you a copy of our general schedule. In case you have any word to send me in regard to Pasadena or any other items, my address will be care Dr. J. Willis Baer, Union National Bank, Pasadena, Cal.

If you have time it would be fine if you could drop in to see Rev. Weston T. Johnson, 278 Post Street, San Francisco, who is our Presbyterian secretary for the Coast. He was formerly a missionary in Korea. Dr. Johnson is co-operating with us in our trip on the Pacific Coast at the suggestion of Mr. Schell.

I felt perhaps you misunderstood my hesitancy about the work at Pasadena. In my own thought I really make no distinction between Peking University and Yenching, for of course Yenching is part of Peking University. I realize, however, that there are two very practical conditions that enter in, one is that an appeal to women for Women's Colleges will go further along than just a general appeal. I also realize that Yenching is in the movement of the Seven Colleges. What I fear may be illustrated in this way. Mrs. Pendleton was willing to give a library. If she had begun to realize that we have a Women's College and that had caused her to feel she would like to give the library to the Women's Department, that of course would have gone in with the budget for the Seven Colleges and Yenching would not have received any more in the total, while the University as a whole would be out just so much. I think probably there was nothing else to do than for you to co-operate with the Seven Colleges as you did. One would think, however, that it was a great loss to Yenching specifically, though we have in the long run that will be more than made up.

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You see when Mrs. Thurston was home held pretty strictly to making Ginling known and did not co-operate very much with the Women's Oriental College Committees. One would think that in the future the Committee would need to take care in drafting those who are home for the different colleges.

You certainly have had a strenuous campaign and no doubt have laid the foundations for the future building up of interests in the various places you have visited. You will be interested in knowing that a note is just at hand from Mrs. Pendleton asking me to stay with them while I am in Pasadena. Mr. Hung, the brilliant Chinese who is going out to our Theological Seminary will take this trip to the Coast with me. He simply charms every audience. It would be fine if you could write to any of those whom you have met in the various places we are going and tell them to be sure to hear Mr. Hung. You can do so with the full confidence that they will be delighted with his address.

On December 16th, with Drs. Fosdick, Coffin, Kelman and others as hosts we had a small luncheon for the Theological Department at the Hotel Pennsylvania. We are very busy following it up. A friend of Dr. Coffin has given \$50,000 for the Theological Seminary on condition that we get fifty thousand more. Dr. Stuart writes that the exceptionally gifted Chinese professor, Mr. Chao of Soochow University had to leave Soochow for a non-malarial climate and that we could get him if we had the funds. A lady in Youngstown has assumed his support for three years and we have just cabled Dr. Stuart to secure him. With Mr. Li in the Old Testament and T.T. Lew, Mr. Hung and Mr. Chao we will have in all probability the four strongest Chinese in all China for the Theological Schools. Dr. Fosdick is trying to get a friend of his to match the fifty thousand dollar gift, so things are encouraging.

I had a pleasant visit with Mrs. Willard Straight over a tea cup, before a wood fire in her home and she promises that we would hear from her. Just how much that means I do not know and as yet we have not heard from her.

I do not know just what a trip to the Coast may realize. I really cannot hope for a large amount of immediate cash but I think that we can lay foundations which in due time might yield a good deal, and at this opportune time we can make Peking University known from Pasadena to Seattle.

I regret that Dr. Alice Luce will not be in California while you are there. She is now in New York on her way to bring a friend in Berlin back to California. She said, however, that she had arranged matters for the visit of Mr. Hung and myself to Mills College and that Pres. Reinhardt was very cordial about it. It is possible that you have visited Mills College. If it should so happen that you have not done so and felt that you could, doubtless Mr. Johnson could arrange a time if you had no other way of doing it. Dr. Alice Luce was very much interested in having Mills College become affiliated with Yenching.

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I know how glad you will be to put aside the rush and whirl of America for the quiet of the Pacific steamer and to feel that you can enjoy your little daughter without the prospect of such constant separation.

I would appreciate a line from you occasionally telling about the College and developments there as you see them. I think that if I had one message to send to our friends on the field it would be that they cannot take too much trouble or care in keeping the office here informed in regard to every possible item of interest that will enable those in charge of the work here to keep closely in touch with the work that is going on there, even in many of its important details.

Wishing you every possible blessing on your journey and assured of the great joy you will have in picking up your work again at Peking, believe me, in the bonds of a common service,

Most sincerely yours,

P. S. The new bird's-eye view including the Women's college

building is just finished and is very beautiful indeed. In due time we will have a copy or two of the large size sent to Peking. We have the "copy" all ready for a new twelve page pamphlet which will contain a 15" X 8" cut of the new bird's-eye view. The very day we sent the original to have the cut made the engravers went on strike so we are uncertain when the pamphlet will be finished. When it is finished, however, we will send one or two hundred copies to you at Peking. In addition to the full bird's-eye view Dr. Dickinson is making for us a two and one half page drawings, one of a college quadrangle for the Men's Department and one of the main buildings of Yenching.

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

March 21, 1922.

Dear Dr. North,

I think now and then of you busy people in the New York and Chicago offices, and wish you were not all quite so far away.

The enclosed letter will be no surprise to you, if Miss Miner's letter of resignation, which she said she mailed before telling us of it, has just reached you. We were all taken by surprise, for though she has often said she did not intend to keep the duties of Dean many years longer, no one anticipated her doing it at this critical juncture, when Yenching needs her sagacity and counsel as never before.

The faculty appointed this small committee to write a letter to our Committee and the Trustees, and I enclose a copy for you, as secretary of the Trustees. We wished to make clear our sincere admiration of Miss Miner, our appreciation of her work, but also that we realized she had been attempting the impossible, and that the present situation ought not to be prolonged, both for Miss Miner's sake and for the college's. There ought to be a second executive to take charge of all the detail executive work, releasing Miss Miner for large and representative duties which she is so well fitted to perform. She has insisted on trying to do both, and apparently was not willing to delegate even a small portion of her many responsibilities, until her health is in serious condition.

I only wish to say, in behalf of the faculty, that we have all tried to persuade Miss Miner to let us help with the Treasurer's duties, of oversight of grounds and buildings, and other numerous things, but she has preferred to keep them herself. It has been made impossible for us to assist her in any considerable measure, much as we desired to do so. And so we have tried to make it very clear in our letter that though we would be very glad to have Miss Miner with us, --- that Yenching would be a great loser by her complete withdrawal, --- the faculty feel strongly, even the Chinese, that the good of the college demands a division of the labor of administration, and that since she has made this possible, that she be allowed to resign from the executive work, but begged to remain as councillor and friend. That is, if she could find it in her heart to do so.

I think that the rest of the faculty who have been on the field the past two years feel more strongly on this point than I, and I am trying to represent their opinion in this private letter to you. Perhaps you at that end, in consultation with Dr. Stuart, can devise some way of making it possible to give still of all the richness of her nature and personality to the college that is so dear to her, and which she has served so faithfully and well.

Very sincerely,

(Mrs. M. S.) Alice B. Frazer

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We, the members of the Faculty of Yenching College of Peking University have this evening heard with surprise and distress the resignation of Luella Miner our honored and beloved Dean. We wish without delay to express the unanimous sentiment of all those who have had the privilege of working with Miss Miner. We feel that her withdrawal from the college would entail a disastrous loss at this crucial time.

We fully realize that the burdens of the Dean's position have grown beyond the strength of any one executive. The number of students has increased to a gratifying degree, and Miss Miner has given herself to the welfare and individual problems of the girls with unstinted devotion. Delicate and vital questions have arisen out of the affiliation with Peking University and out of the proposed union with Shantung University. Plans for building and development have been enough in themselves to demand exhausting and constant study. Distinguished services to the Mission and to many departments of public life, roll up a total which is greater than any human power can sustain.

In view of these services, and because of the dependence of her faculty upon Miss Miner's sagacity and insight, and in loyal appreciation of her boundless generosity in her personal relations with us all, which has called out our heart-felt gratitude and affection, and which will continue throughout our lives and hers, no matter what changes may come, we desire to record our dismay at the complete withdrawal which Miss Miner proposes; and also our firm conviction that the college needs her great personality and wide experience as never before.

We admire, revere and love Miss Miner, and we wish to work with her. We feel that definite arrangements must be made by which the load of detail will be removed and Miss Miner set free for the larger aspects of our common task. That task is too tremendous for her single strength, and requires a second executive. No executive, however, can take Miss Miner's place, and we pray that she may come to feel that God has still a great work for her in Yenching. We ask that in the light of such adjustments, she be requested to reconsider her resignation.

Grace M. Boynton
Ruth K. Y. Cheng
Anna M. Lane
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For the faculty.

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May 1, 1922

Mrs. Murray S. Frame,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear Professor Frame:

I am very glad to inform you that the
Trustees of Peking University at their Annual
Meeting on April 11, 1922, appointed you to the
rank of Associate Professor in Peking University.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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Extracts from Mrs. Frame's letters.

Peitaiho, June 29th. 1922✓

The long cable did not make it clear whether we could go ahead on the building without Mr. Murphy's approval. I thought we ought to have it, but the rest thought not, if we did not wait for the new alternative plan. Mr. Hill threatened to resign if we asked Mr. Murphy up to see the new plans!

Peitaiho, July 30th, 1922.

Mrs. Avann or someone must have written you of the turning of the first spadeful of earth at our new site. Complications are arising over the plans, as Mr. Hill is intensely resentful of any reference to Mr. Murphy. The latter was to come to Peking for some sort of a conference, but I have heard nothing. Dr. North has written something about plans to Mr. Gibb, but the parts about Yenching have only been read to us. I am going to ask Dr. North to send me copies of the letters he sends about Yenching, as Mr. Gibb is apt to go ahead without much consultation. About those dormitories, for instance. I have seen no letter referring to the plans that Miss Miner and Mr. Hill worked out and sent home to you before I landed. Are they approved or not? Miss Miner has never acknowledged receiving any instructions, yet they have been in America for some months now. I feel it is vitally important that the first one be a model, for after the first one is built, all will have to look exactly like it. I was interested to note that Mrs. Avann's reaction of the plan was precisely like mine,--that the roof-eaves are too short. But I will not write more about the buildings till I get to Peking

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and find out what has been decided. The color scheme is another thing that has been left to the Construction Bureau, and neither Mrs. Avann nor I approve, for it is not going to be artistic. Mr. Gibb is a clever constructor, but no artist, and he should not have too much responsibility for such important things as colorings for walls and roofs.

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Yenching

September 4, 1922.

Dear Holyoke girls,-

What a perfect Mountain Day this would make,—all blue and gold and crystal-clear! I was walking on the city wall today, looking across the gloaming yellow palace roofs and the humbler gray ones, to the jagged Western Mountains, deep blue against blue, when old Nonotuck and Holyoke flashed into my mind, and how we used to tramp them. But the streets beneath the battlements were gay with vivid pink lotus lanterns, and glowing piles of red and yellow fruit which a smiling holiday crowd was buying against the celebration of the Spirit Festival on the next full moon. And somehow it suddenly seemed very far away,—New England, our open campus, and you, from gray-walled Peking, and quaint formal courtyards brimming with college girls whose hair is always black, and who sing college songs "with a difference"!

Was it only a few months ago, after all, that Rosamond and I were revelling in the novel flavor of everything, apples and people? We weren't always together, you know, for sometimes I had to flit rapidly about, telling groups of women in various states of the big needs and bigger opportunities before our Yenching girls. And everywhere between Boston and San Francisco I was welcomed by Holyoke people! You know some of them,—Dean Berry of Pomona, Miss Effie Smith and Miss Morriss, Edyth Warner, Helen Douglas, Louie Gleason, Julia Prindle Nelson, Alice Fiske, and ever so many others.

We met Santa Claus at San Francisco; he always finds out Rosamond's fat little stocking, whether she hangs it in Peking or California or Massachusetts. Then, on January 14, we sailed west on the "Golden State" with an unusually friendly group of passengers, and on February 8 we blissfully and finally unpacked our bags in our old Chinese rooms, built a trifle over two or three hundred years ago. Home at last, at Yenching!

But I felt as if struck by an avalanche,—a regular landslide of welcome, of amazing new plans and policies for the college to be considered, chunks of work to be done, knobby problems to solve. The famous Educational Commission, of which Miss Woolley and Mrs. Thurston were members, had just sent in their reports and had bestowed volumes of advice. The whole semester was certainly a hectic one for me, and although I lived at the college and had duties here, a combination of circumstances obliged me also to be acting principal of our historic Bridgman Academy near by, and to go over every day to sundry little unpleasant administrative duties there. But Rosamond has helped a lot. Her Chinese is coming back to her, by the way. You should hear her chatter to the "big sisters", as she calls the college girls!

We had some delightful visitors during the spring. Mrs. Avam, chairman of the Yenching College Committee, Miss Gunther and Miss Balderston of Teachers College, who gave our girls new ideas of the dignity and charm of Home Economics, Graham Taylor of Chicago Commons, were among them. Soon we expect a semester's visit and help from Prof. Kendrick from our Sister College of Wellesley. When are some of you coming?

Then June's scorching weather was upon us, examinations and class day and all the rest. Commencement was here in the front courtyard. The old curved roofs and carved gates made one of the loveliest of backgrounds for a procession of caps and gowns that seemed to belong to Peking as well as to Oxford or New Haven. Did you know that in the old portraits of Confucius and the other sages they wear a ceremonial cap that is very much like our mortar-board? And the quiet dignity of it all made one forget that a few weeks before, the high city gates had been barricaded day and night with streets full of guards and that cannon boomed dully not so very far away. Later I took Rosamond out of the heat and simmering germs of Peking up to the seashore for five weeks. She stayed on with some friends, for I could not bear to bring her back with her sea-tanned rosininess to the humid heat of the city, when I had to return to prepare for next term. Miss Miner, who has been the head of the college ever since it was founded, seventeen years ago, had become so fatigued with the strain of getting incredible results with only a dribble of money and a few faculty, that she felt she must resign and rest. So this fall we miss her leadership and counsel, and the rest of us, unexperienced and few as we are, must do what we can without her. And we had to begin early to do it! Three fine new members of the faculty are expected this fall, but they must be allowed some time to get on speaking terms with the language.

Fate chose this particular fall to deal us some hard blows. Blow number one were some record-breaking rains, which brought bad leaks to all our old, old buildings, ancient walls crashed down. And how we hate to squander our precious dollars on repairing these temporary quarters, when our new buildings on the beautiful site outside the city (do ask President Woolley to tell you about it) are already started, and we hope to move out in a year or two.

And while we are trying to get as many rooms in shape as possible so that at least our old students may come back, we are confronted by the fact that about three times as many girls as we possibly have room for, are properly accredited and enrolled for our entrance examinations. We have raised the standard a lot this year, and a good many will not be able to get in, but how they do want to! I wish you could see the rows and rows of glossy black heads bent over the examination desks in our Assembly Hall, trying to write their way into Yenching; shy girls from distant interior towns, who came with stately letters of recommendation, in huge official envelopes, from their school-masters to Yenching College; silk-clad ultra-modern students from government schools in the city; sturdy girls from inland Christian churches, whose purpose to get ready here to go back to help is written all over them. And even if they all passed, we could only take in a third of them!

My office has been quite damp of late with the tears of girls, who, for various reasons, could not be allowed to even take the examinations for entrance. So I am wishing very hard that we were already in our new buildings. Cramped as we are, ill-equipped as we are, do you wonder that we repair every available old building on the place? Or that we can't seem to help loading ourselves down with impossible numbers of classes, to give as many girls as possible a chance?

Before long I can write you about the Freshman Frolic, and the stories of our girls who taught vacation schools in lonely villages. One could write and write. But I'll take pity on you this time, and just remind you that I am proud to sign myself

Your "substitute" in China,

Alice Browne Frame.

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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

Mrs. Murray T. Frame,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear Mrs. Frame:-

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a suggested budget for the University, a letter from the General Education Board covering points not clear in Arnett's book, and a copy of my covering letter to Mr. Krause. I have sent copies to Dr. Stuart, Mr. Krause and Mr. Bocker and am taking the matter up with Mrs. Lee. The standardization of our budgeting and budget control processes is important for financial clearness. Do not hesitate to suggest any modifications you regard desirable. My main effort so far as the Women's College is concerned has been to provide a budget form in which we could at the same time have one complete statement covering the whole work of the University and yet be able to separate with ease the part belonging to the Women's College and send that, for example, separately to the Yenching Committee.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

Two Enclosures.

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Yenching College
Women's College of Peking University
Peking, China

October 3, 1922

Dear Mrs. Lee:-

First let me say how delighted we are with the new additions to our Faculty. Miss Milam and Miss Mills arrived together and Miss Morrison followed five days later. Yesterday we had a reception in their honor, and felt very proud indeed to think that they belonged to Yenching, though they cannot give us very much time at the start. Dean Milam will spend most of the first semester in survey of living conditions in central and southern China, as you remember we promised she could do. Miss Mills and Miss Morrison will give full time to the Language School, although Miss Morrison is going to have general oversight of the informal athletics for the girls. Miss Mills will live at the Methodist Mission this first semester so as to get acquainted with its working.

Miss Sailer is having her promised year of language study and survey of Primary and Secondary Chinese Schools. For the present she is making her headquarters at Paotingfu, though she may move to other educational centers later. We miss her very much. Miss Ruth Ch'eng is living in her rooms.

Miss Atterbury has not secured the permission of Dr. Woods to continue to live and teach at the College, and is now expecting to leave Peking October 9th to be with her Uncle, Dr. Walter Lowrie, in Shanghai until she sails for America which she will probably do with some friends later on in the month. I need not tell you how grieved we all are that this is necessary, while she herself is very eager to stay at her work, but we are all convinced that it is the wisest thing for her to go. Mrs. Avann and Miss Hodge quite agree with us in this decision. The Minutes of the Administrative Committee and the copies of Dr. Woods' letters will explain our action further. We sincerely hope that the Committee will plan to send out at once some other Wellesley College representative. Would Miss Mary Elizabeth Clark be a possible candidate? Fortunately Miss Boynton had not assigned to Miss Atterbury any very important required work, as she had anticipated this. But it made us very short handed, and when Miss Ruth Dunbar, Wellesley '22 told us she was available for some teaching work we were glad to be able to ask her to take ten hours of work in English. This makes the English Department, at present, consist of Miss Boynton full time, and Mrs. Zwemer and Miss Dunbar each one half time.

To take the place of Madame De Vargas, we have engaged the Baroness Ungern von Sternburg to teach the second year four hour course in French. Miss Florence Starr is giving one half time for Drawing and Painting. Miss Ethel Hancock of the London Mission is giving one half time in Mathematics. Four Chinese gentlemen are assisting part time in Chemistry, Physics and Chinese. Three of the Men's College Faculty, one American and two Chinese are giving about four hours a week to the Women's College. Quite a number of Seniors and Juniors take the majority of their work at the Men's College, since our Women's College Faculty is not sufficient to handle so many classes.

You will be relieved to hear that we have had the good fortune to acquire temporarily at least, a secretary who came out from America with Miss Dunbar for some months stay in Peking. She has already taken the brunt of the routine office work, which I have had before to do myself, and

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will be so invaluable that we shall be sorry to say good-bye when she leaves in June, as she now thinks she must. She has also had a good deal of experience in Physical Education and is going to be a great help in that line. So you see our list of Faculty looks quite impressive until one realizes that there are only five of them giving full time to the work, though Miss Dickinson is taking quite a bit of work this year.

You will have heard from Miss Lane of the announcement of her engagement and will not be surprised that I wrote at once to the Candidate Committee for another teacher in Biology.

In the Minutes of the Administrative Committee's report you will see that Action 14 calls for temporary medical assistance for the College. I am hoping to be able to secure a little temporary attention from some woman physician studying at the Language School, but am not yet sure. Action 15 is merely an intimation of what will be necessary when we move to the new site in 1924. The University will doubtless expect us to pay our proportionate share of such medical expense. Action 16 was moved by Dr. Stuart as he realizes as well as we, that the support afforded by two and a half Boards is hardly adequate for further development of the college. Personally, I feel that most good can be done by presenting the matter to the Canadian Presbyterian and the Anglican Missions in the field. If only I had time to visit them in their Missions!

I believe you are not formally on the Yenching Building Committee, but I would like to make a few comments. The Faculty Club House and Sage Building are already started. Mrs. Avann turned the first sod in July, and we may have an informal laying of the corner stone of the Sage Building on October 14th. In myself, have not been able to secure from Mr. Gibb, the actual figures for the dormitory plans which were sent home in January. He doubtless had sent home more figures to Dr. North. I do not quite feel that all of the evidence is in, and in a few days I hope to send you some suggestions about these buildings.

Another serious matter is the location of the laboratory building and I told the Woman's Ground and Building Committee that I thought the Yenching College might prefer to put up an entire laboratory building of it's own rather than share one third in another building. The Trustees have had an offer from the Rockefeller fund to put up a \$75,000. laboratory building, if they can put up a similar one. The Men, as yet, have no money in sight, so the Committee asked whether I would be willing to recommend that the Women's College put up this \$75,000. laboratory so as to secure the Rockefeller laboratory. I answered in the affirmative, providing that this money is not immediately needed for necessary Women's College building. This proviso was incorporated in the motion. As to the location of this laboratory, the Men are very anxious that it be in the center court of the big main Quadrangle. As the Women's College would own the laboratory Number 6, I told them that I was quite sure the Women faculty, and quite probably the Yenching Committee would prefer Number 8 which was visibly nearer the Women's College Quadrangle. The Men, however, are quite determined, for the sake of symmetry, to have the Woman's laboratory standing as Number 6; later on in discussing the matter with the Women's College Faculty, I find they are quite strongly against having it Number 6. I am wondering what decision the Yenching Building Committee in New York will have made. We all agree that there is every reason for the laboratory which the women pay for, Number 8, except that the Men have no money with which to complete their

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Quadrangle? How much this will weight, is a question for the Committee in New York to decide. Rockefeller Laboratory - No.5.

Mr. Hill has already submitted new blue print re-studies of the dormitory plans, which he had submitted to you by Miss Miner. These later ones will doubtless be sent home for approval. I, myself, am not quite satisfied with the length of the eaves. Personally I would like to know what the aesthetic judgment of Mr. Murphy would be. As you doubtless know, the present relation of the University toward Murphy, McGill and Hamlin is extremely delicate owing to Mr. Hill's undue sensitiveness and insisting on his recognition as final architectural authority on our new buildings. I think I shall write more fully concerning this to Dr. North and not bother you.

Lovingly yours,

(Signed) Alice B. Frame

P.S. I do want to add a word myself about our finances. Miss Ackerman is out of practice in her secretarial work, but is bright, pleasant, and helpful, so I am waiting for her to get up her speed, and wonder how we ever got along without a Secretary! But I would like a college graduate as a permanent addition to our staff. Her salary (a ours) is not on the budget, nor is Miss Dunbar's half salary, or Miss Hancock's but we hope that we may use Miss Atterbury's to help out, though we shall have to pay her passage home, of course. Miss Starr's salary we had expected to get out of the surplus Wellesley money. And I find to my grief how much it is going to cost to finance Miss Milam's survey trip, which she felt was so essential to any constructive work. It will amount to about \$600 Mex. and is not on the budget either. But we must manage somehow. She shows a very nice spirit about every thing, wanting to help, and putting up with inconveniences. But I realize how valuable her trip is to be to her, when some of the people to whom I had written wrote back and asked me to come too. None of us have had the chance to take the trip she is going to have; and how valuable it would be. But she will give it all back to us, I am convinced.

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

October 12, 1922.

Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

My dear Dr. North:

Thank you very much for the detailed instructions of the Budget form for the University. I have turned it over to Miss Payne, who is acting as our Yenching College treasurer. We certainly needed this suggestion from you so that we might have a clear and uniform statement.

I have been intending to write you for some time about our building plans, though I know that Mr. Gibb writes you long and frequent letters, and I am sure Dr. Stuart also has written you about the delicate situation between Murphy, McGill and Hamlin and Mr. Hill, so that I need not go into that.

May I briefly summarize the difficulties which we encounter concerning the construction of the Woman's College buildings? First, suggestions from New York regarding the replanning of the Academic Quadrangle were received and acted on during the summer. Two buildings have been started. Second, the question of the dormitories is still undecided and tentative plans over which Mr. Gibb, Mr. Murphy and I talked rather loosely a year ago this month, were totally disregarded, and when I arrived in February I discovered that Mr. Hill had drawn up an entirely new scheme which had been accepted by the Faculty, and had been forwarded to America for your approval. At the time no estimate of the cost had been sent you, but Mr. Gibb assures me he has done so. This new plan is rather wasteful of land, but they assure me that there is plenty of space available. Also the single row of rooms is wasteful of exterior wall construction. This is perhaps compensated by the fact that all rooms will have southern exposures. Mr. Hill has just submitted a re-study of the new dormitory plan, the interior details of which were quite satisfactory, save for the fact that personally, I feel that a 9 x 13 room is an extremely small unit to which to commit ourselves for all the years to come. I think the majority of the Faculty feel that though it is the minimum size, it will be as much as we wish to afford. The trouble is that when we use this Chinese architecture in setting the size and type of one dormitory, we will find ourselves helpless to change in the future as to size and shape. The roof I feel like making a strong protest about, as I think the eaves are far too short. From the figures, however, you will see that this type of construction is cheaper per student than the Ginling dormitories. Equally of course, they will be of a different general type from our Academic Quadrangle which will be a unit by itself, leaving the dormitories to form an architectural unit by themselves. I would rather like to know what Murphy McGill and Hamlin would say as to this separation into two architectural units. Third, the University Grounds and Building Committee voted to ask the Yenching College Committee for

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\$75,000 with which to put up a Science building and also to secure a like ~~sum~~ from the China Medical Board for a similar building. I gave my consent to this request because a), it will make for clearness to have the ownership of the buildings clearly defined, b), the Woman's College had to supply one of the Science buildings and c) the Men's College has no immediate funds for this purpose. I inserted two provisos, the first being that this use of the sum should not cripple the Woman's College in putting up its own immediately necessary buildings! The second, that it would probably please the donors of the Women's College buildings more, if it could be building number 8, instead of building number 6, which is the one desired by the Men's College. The scientific members of the Faculty are objecting to the plan of 5 & 6 as the two Science buildings instead of 6 & 8 as originally planned. I suppose the only argument for the use of 5 & 6 being used for Science is that the China Medical Board and Woman's College may be able to supply them with money for these two, and they have no other resources. I presume that the Committee in New York will take this all into consideration. Most of the women Faculty feel very strongly that number 8 ought to be the Science building completed by the Woman's College. Fourth, I would like to say quite frankly that during Dr. Stuart's prolonged absence, and the lack of permission to build from the trustees, that the ~~Executive~~ ^{Construction} Bureau for the new site, has gone ahead quite on it's own, in the line of making plans for exteriors and interiors for all buildings not already designed by Murphy, McGill and Hamlin. When I took over matters from Miss Miner's hands this summer, I was much surprised to find this to be the case, for I had not understood that the Trustees had asked Mr. Hill to be the architect for all the large number of buildings yet to be designed. However, Mr. Hill seems to have considered it so, quite independently of the local Committees' specific directions. I have felt strongly the awkwardness of this position, which compromises our every wish considerably, and have asked Dr. Stuart to try to convey to Mr. Gibb the idea that the Woman's College, at least, still wished to have a voice in the architectural decision made by it's Board. We shall be glad to have your opinion on the new unit of dormitories.

We are awaiting anxiously to hear the results of the final campaign for the Woman's College. On Saturday we are laying the cornerstone of the Sage Memorial Building, but you will hear more of that later.

With very sincere thanks for all you are doing for Yenching, believe me

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. M.S.) Alice Brown Frame

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Oct. 24, 1922

Mrs. Murray S. Frame,
Yenching College,
Peking, China.

My dear Mrs. Frame:-

I enclose carbon of a letter I have written to Mr. Gibb giving the actions of the Yenching College Committee on October 20th. In connection with this I want to urge that you write me fully and freely concerning any matters in connection with the building plans or building construction that you have in your mind. It is most important that, if we are to carry this building program through, there be complete understanding between the Yenching faculty and the Trustees concerning all the questions that arise, and you may be assured that we are most anxious that the whole process as well as the result shall be thoroughly satisfactory. I was much disturbed by a suggestion from Mrs. Lee that the faculty women were feeling that they were not being consulted and that there was a sense of dissatisfaction with the work. This was to me rather unexpected as a letter from Miss Miner written in July indicated that the co-operation with Mr. Gibb had been most pleasant and satisfactory and letters from Mr. Gibb had indicated frequent and thorough consultation with the Woman's Faculty committee concerning plans for the Administration Building for example, and I understood that similar co-operation had been secured in the case of the adjustments on the Woman's College quadrangle.

There are one or two items concerning the Woman's College dormitories which I wish to learn directly from you:

1. Are the plans which were sent forward last Summer approved by the Woman's College Faculty so far as they have been at present worked out?
2. Am I correct in my impression that there was a feeling in the Woman's College faculty that the layout for these dormitories as designed by Mr. Murphy was not satisfactory and that the reason was that, although the dormitories avoided a northern exposure, they did not have sufficient southern and eastern exposure? May I ask the extent to which Mr. Hill was in consultation with you

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^{his plans}
and your committee and how far they represent the ideas of your group as to what the dormitories of the Woman's College should be like.

I should like to have from your point of view also a statement of the comparative advantages and disadvantages of the layout prepared by Mr. Murphy and the layout prepared by Mr. Hill. I have had some question in my own mind as to whether it would be possible to provide for a somewhat more individuality in the different dormitories. My impression has always been that associations have something to do with the way in which one looks back on college life and it is not quite clear to me that either of the layouts provide for anything more than a somewhat barrack like arrangement. How far is this an important factor in your judgment?

I have not written Mr. Gibb yet about the action of the Yenching College Committee on the architectural matters as I expect in a few days a meeting of the Property Committee of the Trustees at which the whole matter will be gone over again and to take up the matter before that time would be premature.

Faithfully yours,

Enclosure

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P.S. You will no doubt hear from Mrs. Lee directly with reference to the actions of the Yenching College Committee referred to in the carbon of the letter to Mr. Gibb.

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PEKING

November 20, 1922

Mrs. Murray S. Frame,
Yenching College,
Peking, China.

My dear Mrs. Frame:

It gives me great pleasure to inform you of
the following action of the Trustees of Peking University,
taken on recommendation of the Yenching College Committee:

"T-1395 VOTED: That the Trustees elect Mrs. Murray S.
Frame as Dean of the College of Arts and
Sciences for Women of Peking University."

Faithfully yours,

EMN
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Secretary

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YENCHING COLLEGE
WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

Dec. 5, 1922.

Mr. J. M. Gibb,
Construction Bureau, Peking.

My dear Mr. Gibb,-

I promised to send you brief notes of the comments of the faculty of Yenching Woman's College, apropos of the new revision of the plans for dormitories prepared by Mr. Hill.

We agree that one great advantage is their comparative cheapness over the plans suggested informally by Murphy, McGill and Hamlin. The exposure of all rooms to the south sun would be a great advantage during the long winter months, but a corresponding disadvantage in the hot fall and spring months, unless they were somewhat shaded, at least the top row, by overhanging eaves, such as are used so successfully in Chinese houses, to admit perfectly the low winter sun, and shut out the high summer sun.

We like the suggested arrangements of the interior. I think I am the only one who still feels that to limit a double room to 9 X 13 is limiting ourselves too much, for we may not always be so poor as to crowd girls together in that fashion, but the other members think it will do. The chief difficulty in my mind is the comparative difficulty in the future, of altering very perceptibly the size of the building, since we are choosing a uniform type of building.

Although Dr. North raises the question whether in the end we will not tire of the monotonous type of dormitories, we feel that in choosing Chinese architectural models, we are forced to a practical uniformity of type: that the intervening courts lend some variety, that ivy on the walls will also make them more pleasing to the eye, also flowers and shrubbery, so that the total effect will not be tiresome to the eye or memory.

But because this is a very real danger, and one to be guarded against, we all are unanimous in desiring the utmost attention to such artistic details as will make each unit as delightful to look at as possible, even where it may involve a little more outlay. We feel that we want our campus to be as decorative as possible, where compatible with a moderate outlay, in spite of an inevitable apparent uniformity of erection. Hence, as I telephoned you, we still would like to suggest that these buildings be changed along the following lines:-

1. That a definite ridge be built, instead of the rounded top, which is much more informal and less distinctive.

2. That since the proposed balconies on the ends are distinctly non-Chinese, and being unsupported from beneath, introduce, in our opinion, an undesirable note into the total effect, that they be cut out, and, instead of the blank walls usually seen in the ends of Chinese buildings, a window opening of some sort be introduced, which shall yet

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be in harmony with the Chinese idea or motif.

3. That we reiterate our oft-expressed opinion that the eaves ought to be longer. Your contention that short eaves, not exposing any wood-work, is economy in the upkeep, we grant: our contention being that to make the eaves longer, exposing some wood-work, which will need to be painted at regular intervals, may be a little more expensive, (I have asked you to secure from Chinese builders the exact amount such upkeep would amount to,) but that the total and permanent effect would be so infinitely more pleasant to the eye, that this small additional outlay is more than justified. Our buildings here at the T'ung Fu are almost three hundred years old, some of them, but are in excellent repair, though we know that no paint or oil has been applied to the wood-work under the eaves for a great many years. Also that this would be one of the details which would have much to do with the pleasing effect of the whole group of buildings, which we hope may be attained, in spite of monotony of shape.

I believe these are the main points. I have stated them something in detail, as I am sending a copy of this to our Yenching College Committee in New York, as they will wish to have our views all in hand.

* May I also inquire again whether you were able, through Canton Christian College, to get in touch with their maker of the green glazed tile with which all their buildings are roofed? You may recall that Mr. Hamlin suggested that some of our buildings, at any rate in the woman's quadrangle, have green glazed ridges and hips. We of the woman's college are interested in this suggestion, thinking it would add a note of color that would be architecturally interesting, if we could get the tile by water from Canton ~~by water~~ at not too great cost. Will you please let us have this information as soon as possible?

Thanking you for your trouble and your constant interest in our buildings,

Sincerely yours,

G. B. F.

* Mr. Sibb don not take kindly to hints by the N.Y. firm.

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Copy sent Dr. North ✓
Mrs. Lee

47 Yang Jou Hutung
December 7, 1922

Mrs. M. S. Frame
Peking University
Peking

My dear Mrs. Frame:

Many thanks for yours of December 5th with the comments of the Women's College Faculty in regard to the plans of the Dormitory. I will take up the various points seriatim.

The disadvantages of heat which you point out might be felt during the hot fall and spring months seems to me to be quite negligible. I have lived in two houses which face due South and have no protection over upstairs windows and only partial protection over downstairs windows, and we have noticed that as soon as we were afraid the sun would be too hot shining in those windows it got so far overhead that its force was always negligible. As Mr. Hill has given over two feet of eaves as the plans are drawn now, all the shade required would be found.

As to the size of the room, Mr. Hill and I both agree that, if you wish to increase the size of rooms in the second and third groups built making them say 11' x 15' or even larger, it can be done without materially changing the effects of the buildings as to the main layout. The difference of 2' in depth of the building and then rearrangement of the window spacing so as to get an 11' wide room, with one less room in the building, would not be noticeable.

Mr. Hill is very much in favor of your suggestion that the buildings have a definite ridge, but wishes to call attention to the fact that that means additional cost.

He is also ready to change the balconies on the ends of the buildings, but believes he could find precedents for such balconies in buildings which he has seen. He is absolutely sure that he could find precedents in Shansi buildings. I have suggested, however, that he put in a window with some decoration which will not project far beyond the face of the building.

We also note your suggestion that the eaves be longer and will try to get some estimate as to the relative costs of longer eaves both in upkeep and in initial cost. I have been making up an order for the lumber for the roof of the Men's College and the round and square lookouts (ch'uan tze) of that building will cost at least \$1500. This does not include sheathing and

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other treatments which will go with these wide eaves, as my figuring has not gotten that far as yet. It may be that the woodwork under the eaves of the Tung Fu has been recently replaced, and it may be that it is made of some of the fine hard wood which the Chinese used to use in their buildings, but which have become very expensive now, and this may in a measure account for their good appearance at the present time.

We have written a second letter to Mr. Cotta in Canton in regard to the tile, but to date have received no reply. This was the name supplied to us by Murphy, McGill & Hamlin. We will inform you if we are able to get any news from that source.

Very sincerely yours,

G/M

John McGregor Gibb, Jr.

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YENCHING COLLEGE
WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

Dec. 7, 1922.

Dr. Eric M. North,
150 Fifth Ave., New York.

My dear Dr. North,

My last letter of Oct. 12 must have already answered
some of the questions which you voice in your letter of Oct. 24.

We are of course delighted to hear of the authorization
of another building, the little Administration Building. Some have
raised the question whether some of the other buildings were not
more vitally essential to our moving out to the new site, but I
have faith to believe that this is not our last building for several
years to come, but that money for dormitories will be also forth-
coming very soon.

There is some difference of opinion as to our minimum
requirement. Our Administrative Com. today put down as their o-
pinion,

3 dormitories,
Sage Memorial ✓
Faculty House ✓
Administration Building ✓
1 faculty residence, or another dormitory, in which
some members of the faculty could also reside tempo-
rarily.

Our faculty put down 4 dormitories as a minimum, plus a
faculty residence, or possibly two.

Plans for the Administration Building were worked o-
ver many times, and the results went to America long since. Per-
sonally, I am very glad of the decision of your committee that all
plans are to be submitted to you, for though Mr. Gibb is excellent
on construction, most economical, on artistic lines he is-----
well, lacking! And he is so eager to go ahead that he has gone
ahead, with Mr. Hill, but I am sure that the Buildings and Grounds
Com. of the Bd. of Managers, on which I am the only woman repre-
sentative, have waked up to the danger, and are going to be much
more watchful in the future.

The women's faculty feel that they would like the
expert opinion of Murphy, McGill and Hamlin on exteriors, at any
rate, if they do not charge "a thousand dollars a look", as one of
them expressed it. They have a very exaggerated idea as to the
expensiveness of Mr. Murphy's advice, (not entirely without ground?)
and feel that those thousands of dollars had better go into heating-
plants and practical things. I myself feel the vital necessity
of a harmonious group, even at some extra expenditure, if not too
excessive, for expert advice. I do not know why Mr. Murphy seems
to have got in so wrong with so many of our faculty when he was
out here.. A good many feel he is a visionary luxury!

But unless he is too exorbitant, I should think his opinion should be a valuable check on Mr. Hill's plans, if he is to continue to draw them.

Our Administrative Com. took some actions this morning which will be sent by the secretary at once. They deplore the suggested changing of the Construction Bureau, as the work is being well done, and it would create a most unfortunate situation. However, I do feel that the Bd. and Gov. Com. here must take a very strong action, limiting Mr. Gibb's right to determine matters of artistic detail, such as the color of tiles, wall-colors, etc. That is technically for the New York firm to do, but a few water-color sketches, in the face of practical difficulties of mixing colors, surfaces, materials such as we meet here, is most insufficient. *Mr. H. Lin*

And perhaps a letter from New York, would help the Construction Bureau to be willing to give consideration to our opinions. I fear they think we of the Women's College are a bother, and know nothing of architecture, which is somewhat true, but we are trying to be loyal to the Yenching Committee, and what we think their best interests. To show you what I mean, in preparing the Administration Building, Mr. Hill drew in an octagonal well (rotunda) opening up from the first story. It could be only ten feet in diameter. We all urged that we could not spare this space in the second story, and that the building was too small for such an architectural feature, anyway. But Mr. Hill drew two plans of the building, with this central space, after we had told him we were all against it. He simply refused to take us seriously, because he wanted to put it in. And again, in the case of the Administration Bldg., he wanted to have a different number of windows on two sides of the two similar buildings, which could be seen at once. We told him at once that that was an impossibility. In the next two plans he put in the extra windows, just the same! But at last he changed it, since we insisted that the Chinese idea of a pair was a PAIR, and to have a different effect on each was unthinkable. I only mention this as example of the difficulty we have in making him take us seriously. Our Com. today passed a motion, advising that our advice be asked on all details regarding the women's buildings, but perhaps a hint in one of your letters might also have some effect. Did I beg you before, to send me a copy of any letters regarding the woman's college buildings which you may be sending direct to Mr. Gibb? Then we can keep them on file here.

I wrote about the dormitories before. Mr. Hill's plans are very inexpensive, and seem very workable, and could be made quite attractive, if the idea of their being a separate architectural unit is no drawback. None of the rest seem to feel this, but I would like the opinion of you in New York. Some of the questions I raised in my letter to Mr. Gibb he has answered, and I trust has sent a copy to you.

Miss Miner is a very diplomatic and silent person at times. I fear that we younger ones are more outspoken. She did often express to us her dissatisfaction at the way the plans were going, but only to us. Also she did agree with Mr. Gibb's ideas more absolutely than the rest of us have, I fear.

Now to speak directly to your questions:

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4. The women faculty did feel, I discovered, that the N.Y. plans for dormitories were too heavy, expensive, and not beautiful: that Mr. Hill's layout did secure a southern exposure for all rooms, had more open garden space, and were much less expensive.

The last set of plans represent the ideas of the Yenching faculty quite well, if the eaves are longer, etc., as indicated in the letter I enclose.

21. The plans of the Administration Bldg. did represent our ideas but we are anxious for your opinions as to the value of ours! The last layout of the dormitories were done not long ago, I believe, and also represented our ideas to date. We asked poor Mr. Hill to draw them over more than once. *We do consult often.*

I think I have made clear our position. I am sorry that it had not seemed so before.

I am sorry there are so many mistakes in my letter, but our new secretary is in the hospital with a mastoid operation, and I have had to write so steadily that my head is tired.

You will be hearing much of this from Dr. Stuart. I wish we might listen in at the Yenching meeting!

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Alvin B. Franke

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YENCHING

47 Yang Jou Hutung
December 9, 1922

My dear Mrs. Frame:

Yours of December 8th at hand. We sent copies of both letters in regard to Dormitory plans to Dr. North and Mrs. Lee. I note the actions of the Yenching College Committee. First in regard to the additional money for purchases of land. I wonder what your reaction is in regard to additional land at the extreme South when we think of the possibility of the large purchase up North.

I think I mentioned to you once a thought which has been in my mind, and if we get all the acreage we are trying to get there, there might be a section set aside for Women's College dormitories and we might then be relieved of the necessity of trying to buy the low land at the South from those owners who have held out for exorbitant prices.

It is a relief, however, to have this action if the large purchase hangs fire, and if any of the land on the south extremity comes on the market at a reasonable price.

I think the answer to action 89 will be found in the action taken by the Grounds and Building committee at the meeting before last, the report of which has already gone to New York and which Dr. Stuart will be able to explain when he gets there.

Action 103 gives me great pause. I am sure that if I show it to Mr. Hill he will want it explained and I would not be at all surprised if he wanted to pack up and go home immediately. Something which Dr. Stuart said to Mr. Hill before he left seemed to imply that Dr. Stuart knew of an action similar to this. I have told Mr. Hill that I knew of no action and that if such an action had been taken it had been either done by some committee locally at which I was not present, or had been done by an American committee and the action not reported to me.

What I would like to find out from you is what the reaction of your field administrative committee was to this action 103, especially to Section 2 of this action. If the field administrative committee after seeing Mr. Hill at work here for a year, and after seeing some of the mistakes which the firm of Murphy, McGill & Hamlin have made both in our own buildings and in other buildings feel that they can get better results by working with that firm on the other side of the world than they can by working with Mr. Hill right here, no reply needs to be made to this action.

If on the other hand, the administrative committee had any doubt on this score, it certainly would help the Construction Bureau if the administrative committee would formulate some action and send it back to New York or Chicago for their consideration.

John McGregor Gibb, Jr.

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