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WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

January 19, 1923.

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

My dear Dr. North,

Thank you for sending that memorandum regarding the appropriation of \$5000 gold, for the possible purchase of small bits of land necessary to complete our Women's College Campus.

I discovered some time ago that there has been quite a little misunderstanding regarding the exact amt. of land actually in possession of the Women's College for the building of dormitories. At the last two meetings of the Committee of Grounds and Buildings, I myself suddenly awoke to the fact of how little land we actually ~~own~~ owned, and that the unpurchased fragments practically debar us from putting up any more than six dormitories.

I had understood that only a small and unimportant portion of this tract of land was yet unpurchased. I am enclosing a rough sketch traced from the building plans, showing how vital the possession of this really important piece of land is to further building of dormitories. Dr. Galt confessed that he also felt that the blue prints, which had been sent home, had not made it at all clear, how little of this land is actually bought; although the Yenching College Committee has paid fully ^{part} one-third of the purchase price of the entire plan, supposing that this ^{part} would cover the entire plot of land in the Women's Quadrangle and all the proposed dormitories, as well as a generous share of the land used for the buildings in the general quadrangle, and as a matter of fact it is much less than this. Now to have it put \$5000 gold, into it ^{in whole} ~~seems~~ more than unfair. I realize perfectly that this results from a misunderstanding.

Mr. Gibb still feels that if we wait long enough, the unpurchased pieces of property will be offered at a rather low price. He feels therefore, he ought to follow out the literal interpretation of your letter of December 18th, instructing him not to go further, but to buy when the opportunity comes, ~~unmarked~~.

Theoretically, Drs. Galt, Candan and I, who were the only other members of the committee present, at the meeting, agree with him, but practically we have two objections. Buildings have already begun in the quadrangle, and all land in the vicinity would increase rather than decrease in price. As soon as the first dormitories are started, the land south of us, which is essential to our building plan, will increase even more rapidly in price. Hence we urged Mr. Gibb to get as much land as he could immediately, as it might fall into speculators' hands and be held for even higher price. Mr. Gibb objects to getting this land, even if he had been authorized to begin the dormitories in the spring, on the ground, that you distinctly instructed him to wait for offers. The rest of of us are convinced that there

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never will be any good offers, and that this piece of land is too important to let slip. Mr. Gibb admits that he has had an offer for the two pieces I have marked "a" and "b", but the piece marked "c" is being held probably by speculators. "B" is low and will need to be filled in, but is necessary to complete our plan.

I think that Mr. Gibb will also write to you regarding this, but I am taking the liberty of writing you myself, and sending you this rough draft, so that you may see in what a delicate position the Women's College is, regarding this property, and why Dr. Galt and I, feeling that you did not know how small piece of land is now in our possession and available for dormitories, urged him not to put to strict interpretation to your letter, but to take advantage of this drop just before the Chinese New Year, and as tactfully as possible secure as much land as he can.

Sincerely yours,

ABF:
EMK:

(Mrs. M. S.) Alice Browne France

P. S. Later: Mr. Gibb has just called me up with word of the New York cable, authorization for buying material for the Administration Building and three dormitories. We feel like saying "hallelujah!" You should have seen the girls' delight when I told them in Chapel. Their smiles would warm the cockles of your heart. It is a pity you poor secretaries cannot have the fun of seeing, with your own eyes, the effect of all the hours of hard work you put in at that end. We are so glad! I take it, it is the first slice off the Campaign pie?

Mr. Gibb and I realize that you also forbid us to go ahead with buying those much-needed tracts of land. Of course we must obey. But I fear it will cost you some thousands in the end. Perhaps not. But with only land enough for five or six dormitories, I still feel a little worried.

But we will obey orders!

Sincerely,

A. B. F.

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Feb. 6, 1923

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

My dear Mrs. Frame:-

I enclose a letter I have sent to Mr. Gibb with a copy of Murphy, McGill and Hamlin's comments on the plans. It is entirely clear that even as they are the plans are in harmony with the main groups. Several improvements are suggested which I have gone into so fully in my letter to Mr. Gibb that I need not go over them here. I do not think, however, that the Committee will back down at all on the room size; and they will not back down on ridged roofs, increase in width of eaves, lifting of dining hall roof and elimination of tubercularium(!) unless you yourself present strong reasons why they should do so.

On the matter of the tile color we are now studying that here. I shall be much surprised if there is not colored tile on the Yenching College Buildings to some extent and also on the others.

Please write me fully of anything I should know. I urge the putting of the budget in the form sent out by me. The forms in use at present do not give us the information we need.

Faithfully yours,

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

March 22, 1923.

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

Dear Dr. North,

As you can imagine, I was intensely interested in your letter of February 5th with its enclosures. I have discussed the plans therein mentioned with our Women's College Faculty, with Mr. Gibb, and somewhat with the joint Grounds and Building Committee of the University Board of Managers, on which I am the only representative of the Woman's College. Certain points have also been brought up at the last meeting of the Administrative Committee. So you see there has been opportunity for a great variety of opinion.

1. Let me say that I personally am very glad that you have insisted on increasing the size of the rooms, on ridge roofs, increase in width of eaves and the lifting of the dining hall roof. Apropos of this latter point, I have suggested to Mr. Hill and Mr. Gibb the possibility of having the dining-room on the second story, as in the men's dormitories, thus having the first story for dumb-waiters, stairs, and at least three or four bed-rooms. With such a height of roof, it seems to be economical of space to have only one room where there could be two stories of rooms. By thus increasing the bed-room space, we are all in agreement that the bathroom and toilets had best be left near the stairs as in the present plan. It will save time and noise to have them there and by throwing the lower end of the corridor into the end room more students can be accommodated.

2. Regarding the "Tubercularium", your remarks only intensify my former objections to the name but not to the place itself. Our idea was that each dormitory of some 56-8 girls ought to have an out-door sleeping porch, which is what we intended this to be, though the intensity of the north wind will necessitate a brick wall on that side. Large window space constantly ~~will~~ make this a very healthful place for any students, whether with suspected tubercular tendencies or not. We hope that your Building Committee will settle this early, so as to retain this out-door sleeping porch, though Mr. Gibb and Mr. Hill did not make allowances in arranging for two or three bed-rooms as dressing rooms for those sleeping on the porch, thus diminishing by two or three the sleeping-capacity of the house.

3. Your other suggestion of having a permanent infirmary, we had thought of long ago, but felt it might be delayed until later. Our plan, which I am sorry to say, we have not mentioned to you, is to use the upstairs wing of one of the southmost dormitories for this purpose.

4. I should also mention that we have also had ^{a plan} in our minds for temporary provision for piano practice. A Fine Arts building for music and drawing is something we need, but a building for practice must be at a distance from the recitation and study halls. Its final location is still an open question, but we have discussed the possibility of using a south wing of the southmost dormitory as a temporary practice house.

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Ans by
Mrs. Royce
Y.C.
J. Russell

The cement walls and ceiling and ~~off of the ground room,~~^{windows} all open on the south would make this the best possible arrangement for many years to come. What would your building committee think of this as a temporary expedient? These two temporary uses of the dormitories for an infirmary and practice house would perhaps necessitate a little earlier building of dormitories that would otherwise be needed sooner or later for residences.

5. I am a little sorry that in the minutes of your Building Committee on January 30th, the motion "II A" requests us not to change the distance between the dormitories. At present the plan calls for 60 ft. between each unit, and only 40 ft. is required to allow the sun to reach every window and it seems to our faculty a great waste of space, since this space presumably would have little use. The suggestion of Murphy, McGill and Hamlin for building connecting houses, as indicated in their report of January 13th, appeals to us as quite possible and as lending variety to the scheme. Is it essential that these buildings should still be maintained at 60 instead of 40 ft.? The use of these connecting buildings might, as you suggest, be for the students' large gatherings rooms, or they might be useful as places where faculty who live scattered through the dormitories ~~to~~ have a foreign-food dining-room and a place to entertain their women friends.

6. Another detail which has not been worked out either, but which can be easily adapted for the plan for the dormitories, is a basement room for women servants and another for a College laundry. This can easily be supplied in the basement of certain dormitories, since part of the ground is so low that it will need high foundation walls, in which case they can be utilized for these rooms.

7. Your suggestion as to the location of the first four dormitories coincides precisely with our opinion on the field, but perhaps Mr. Gibb has written you that there is an old historic grave surrounded by a high earthen wall almost on the exact spot where the first south-east dormitory should be erected. Although there is nothing in the deed asking us not to alter situation of the grave or its wall, Mr. Gibb acting on the advice of some Chinese family who knows the situation, feels very strongly that we ought not to disturb it at once, but skip over it to the next location. This might cramp us a little for room a little, unless we are to go on building the dormitory below.

8. We wonder whether Mr. Gibb has written you with regard to our difficulty over the variation in land elevation on the site of the Woman's College. Misses Lane, Miner, Dickinson and I with Mr. Gibb and Dr. Galt have been out to the new site more than once in order to arrive at a satisfactory decision. The tract of land on which the dormitories are to be eventually placed, is extremely uneven. In any case, if we are to have even a small number of buildings on the same level, a great deal of excavating and filling in will have to be done. To make my meaning clear, I will enclose a small plan with suggested solution of this problem. It is so important that I feel we ought to have definite instructions to follow. Lines "A" and "B" which are those first contemplated are to be on the same level as that of the quadrangle, though Mr. Gibb at first thought they would need to be a few feet higher to save much expense of excavation. Their roofs are so much lower than those of the quadrangle, that it would not interfere with the sky-line

but we have feared that the ground where some of the dormitories, in both A and C, is so very much lower than the quadrangle, ^{to make it} seem right to have A and B on the same level as that of the quadrangle. *must be put*

Another problem which has had much discussion, is the location of the Dean's residence, for which Mrs. David Gamble gave \$20,000. *9.* Although some of the faculty had mentioned the possibility of having a separate Dean's residence, it seemed so unimportant to me, that we never have discussed the possible location of such a building. Our feeling as to the housing of the faculty included two plans:--(A) Suites in the dormitories for some of the faculty who had lived in China one year or more, where they could sleep and have a sitting-room. This would necessitate a dining room somewhere else, unless they would eat Chinese food with the students. Also a separate place for entertaining their friends where it would not disturb the students. Men, of course, could not be entertained under any circumstances, according to the Chinese etiquette. For these purposes we had counted that the Faculty Club House would both serve in furnishing the Dean and faculty with reception rooms, large dining and living-rooms, ^{and} also a few studies in case they would study Chinese with a man teacher. (B) Faculty Club House, which would serve both the purpose of a guest house for the faculty and also some bedrooms for other faculty and the giving of social occasions. (C) A few, say two or three, residences in the general Peking University Faculty Residence Compound on some piece of land detached from the general atmosphere where the rest of the faculty could live. There is a good deal of nerve-strain on those living in dormitories, and we felt it would be best for those faculty who have to live there a year or two, to exchange with those who have had the quiet years away from the responsibility of the students.

As for myself, I had thought of no definite place ^{in which} to live, for Rosamond and myself. I had thought we might be in a dormitory or in one of the bedrooms in a faculty group house. You can now see why this gift of Mrs. Gamble's is complicating matters considerably. I gather from Mrs. Peabody's letter that it is intended for the Dean and her official entertaining of College guests. The context of the letter indicated, though perhaps I am mistaken, that the donor would prefer it to be closely associated with the Yenching group of buildings. Since this \$20,000 ^{is part} of the total \$600,000 building fund, it would also seem fair to make some effort to have this \$20,000 contribute directly to the use and appearance of the Yenching College group. In fact, Mrs. Peabody frankly says that she does not approve of the Faculty Club House, and "wishes it could be eliminated." This indicates to my mind that she did not at all understand the use of the Club House, and also that she and perhaps Mrs. Gamble would like the Dean's residence to occupy that site. I may be mistaken.

The opinion of the three bodies I mentioned above varies considerably. The body of highest authority, the Grounds and Building Committee, voted against my single negative as follows:

"It was moved to refer to New York with the approval of this committee the a rearrangement of the second floor of the Faculty Club House as per sketch submitted by Mr. Hill, thereby providing temporary quarters for the Dean of the Woman's College, but this committee endorses the action of the Administrative Committee of the Woman's College, which calls for a separate Dean's residence in the near future."

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And the vote of the Administrative Committee is as follows:

"Voted that it is the opinion of the Committee that the Dean should have a separate house, outside the quadrangle."

Both these bodies negatived again the vote of the Woman's College Faculty which recommended this re-arrangement of the second story of the Faculty Club House as a temporary arrangement for a Dean's official residence, though not making it impossible for any Dean who was tired of living there to spend a year or so in some non-campus house. The two committees voted as they did because they felt that it is too wearing on the Dean to be compelled to live near the students all the time. Secondly, they thought it would be too wearing for her to have the constant running in and out of the faculty who must always use the lower floor of the Club House as a place of meeting and eating. The Grounds and Building Committee did not wish me to state my minority opinion, but I stand upon my right and wish to say that the re-arrangement of the second floor, leaving me an apartment quite off by itself, with a separate dining-room and sitting-room, with its concrete floors and wall which would deaden most sounds, would be a very ideal place to live in; and I formally told the Committee that unless I changed my mind it would seem to me to be best both from an academic and personal viewpoint. I would like to live there for some years to come. From the point of view of economy, it would seem wasteful to have two large houses both fitted up for official entertainment. (As a mere detail my salary of \$120 Mex. per month would not allow me to run a \$39,000 house on my own.) The feeling of the rest of the Committee was overwhelming in the wish to put the Dean's residence in a separate compound. I trust your Building Committee will discuss this matter thoroughly and communicate your decision to Mrs. Gambae. I wrote her a letter of thanks in which I tried to leave the question as unprejudiced and open as possible, but somewhat earlier I mentioned in a letter to Mrs. Peabody the possibility of adapting the Faculty Club House as a Dean's residence.

Some of the offices in the Sage Building could be used as language studies for the young teachers, and the faculty room on the second story of the Administration Building might be used more freely as a gathering place for the faculty if it seemed best not to use the Faculty Club House for this.

10 ? At our faculty meeting last night we passed a vote requesting that one of the large rooms in the north end of the second story of the Russell Sage Building be granted us to use, temporarily at least, as an Oratory or small Chapel with devotional interior furnishings, to be used for small devotional gatherings and for nothing else. We feel that the spiritual life of the College must be safe-guarded in every way, and that the quiet room always open would help the girls very much. Would the building Committee allow us to thus use this room and permit us to use some money for such altar fittings and chairs as might be needed?

11. I think we ought to get out a tentative budget for our \$600,000. The department of Education had hoped very much that we would assume a large share of the expenses of the practice school plant.

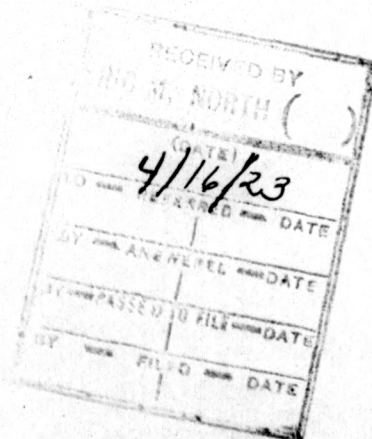
Miss Milam has given us \$500 gold as an initial gift toward a building fund for a small Chinese practice house for Home Economics. The laboratories for Home Economics can perhaps be put in the fifth quadrangle building. We are going to attack this problem soon and also that of the Student's Building, which I hope will be one of the next buildings authorized. I suppose we are at liberty to submit our ideas of these buildings to Mr. Hill, are we not?

We have not yet heard as to the decision as to location of the two Science buildings.

I am enclosing a copy of this lengthy epistle for Mrs. Roys, as I suppose she is the chairman of the Building Committee. If you grant us permission to make this change on the second story of the Faculty Club House, I hope you will cable.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice B. Frame



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YENCHING WOMEN'S COLLEGE
PEKING, CHINA

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Aug. 8, 1923.

Mr. Leslie B. Moss
150 Fifth Ave., N.Y.

My dear Mr. Moss,

Mr. Gibb has asked me to send you some information about Mr. Howard Leland Smith of Plandome, L.I., but I would like first to thank you for the copy of the letter regarding Mr. Newman and the reasons for his coming. I do not know how adequate an office staff you have, but if it is possible, I should be most grateful if I could receive copies of any important communications from either of the Building Committees, of the Trustees or of the Yenching College Committee, which contain matters relevant to the Women's College. The staff on the field seems too busy to more than notify me that such communications have been received, and there is often delay before one of us can get hold of the original document, and find out the precise wording.

Dr. Stuart will have written you of our unqualified approval of the sending of Mr. Newman. Our Construction Bureau is devoted and economical, but some of us have felt very seriously that their plans ought to be checked up by other expert advice, which we academic people are not qualified to give. The heating and lighting, for instance, and the tiles, have been questions on which we wanted other and expert advice. Mr. Newman seems to be very well qualified. Unfortunately, I have not been well this summer, and I have seen very little of him, but Dr. Stuart will have written fully.

Mr. Smith, whom I know only as the husband of my friend, is a graduate of Carnegie Tech., I believe, with an M. A. also, has three medals from the Beaux Arts and one from the American Institute, has done quite a little institutional work, and is good on the artistic side of things. He is young and adaptable. Of course it may be better not to send anyone out now, but rely on Murphy, McGill and Hamlin. But you could easily find out all you desire about Mr. Smith from architects in New York. Only, if any architect whatever is sent out, I trust that his status and relations to the other architects and to the Construction Bureau be clearly defined. So many of our troubles seem to come from indefiniteness.

Sincerely yours,

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

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Mrs. Frame a
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letters relating to
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YENCHING WOMEN'S COLLEGE
PEKING, CHINA

Mrs. France

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Feb. 26, 1924.

MRS. C. K. ROYS

Mrs. C. K. Roys.
New York City.

Answered

re Yenching Gym

Dear Mabel,

It is after hours, and little Miss Sargent has long since departed, but I must get off to you and the Building Com., the enclosed suggestions for the gym.. What a shame that the first suggestions were lost! We have lost much valuable time. We are so anxious that the ground or first floor castings go in this fall, if possible, but it is even more important that the plans should be right. Hence we want that when the architects sketch out their plans, they send a copy out to us, and let us cable back approval, so they can go ahead on the construction plans.

2 So may I ask first, who is to draw these plans? Murphy and Co. made a frightful mess of the so-called Ginling building. Residential and non-residential physical directors say that is a good example of all that a gym. should not be. I've no time to go into details; for instance, the five showers, (all they have) are in one room, while the girls would have to go out in the hall to get into the room in which are the corresponding dressing-rooms! The gym. they put up at Tsing Hua is very bad in some of its features, also. So the united cry of all of the people I have consulted is, "don't let Murphy design a gym." If you call him in for the outside, he will want to call in someone else to do the gym. part of it, and that will make the expense very high. We think other architects might do the outside as well as the inside. I have two people recommended.

| A. Mr. Macmillan, of the Y.M.C.A., an expert, at 347 Madison Ave.
He could at least look over any gym. plans drawn up others.

| B. Jallade and Co., N.Y., who make a specialty of designing gyms.

Every physical director informs me that there are more poorly constructed gyms. in the U.S. than any other building, because it is a technical thing that calls for practical experience in physical ed. work, which the average architect has never had.

You will be interested in the sketch plans which we enclose merely in lieu of specifications. Miss Morrison, though her health is still bad, has very ambitious ideas as to what she wants for a gym. She wanted us to build as if for a School of Physical Education, but I told her that was quite out of the question. Now she is limited to the hope of giving P.H. ED. as a major in the college, & hence wants a classroom in the gym.

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Her first plans, which I enclose, are calling for a huge and expensive building, which I do not see how we can afford or need. The North China climate is of the sort that we hope to have much exercise out of doors in the fall and spring, but the extreme cold and dust of the middle of the winter makes the gym. really necessary then. But we do want to combine some students' club-rooms, etc. with the gym.

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She is very keen for the swimming pool. We all agree that it is the perfect exercise, and our well gives us plenty of water, but suggest that it run out from under the gym. to the south, under a sort of terrace effect that would not break the ashlar base by windows. We only suggest the possibility of this, the planning for it, so if some one gives us the pool sometime, it can be put in. Miss Morrison wants it right away, but we tell her that it is after all a luxury for a missionary college, unless a special gift gives it to us.

We would suggest that as ^{the gym.} it is a side building and not a main building, it would be better to have a straight roof-line, not a broken one.

I do not see how the dancing floor and a big gym can be put upstairs, and leave any sort of a proper space for stairs, apparatus, etc.

It is a puzzle, especially as we wanted quite a number of club rooms for the girls, cloak-rooms, even a place to cook, make candy, etc.

I won't write longer now. These various suggestions have been before a sub-Committee of our Administrative Com. and of the Grounds and Bldgs. Com. of the Board of Managers. There is a man named McCloy out here, who claims he knows a lot about building gyms., and Mr. Gobb wanted us to take him on, but Mrs. Lee wrote me long ago that you wanted to attend to these plans in N.Y. But please do give us the chance to say a word before the final construction plans are drawn. Mrs. ^{Anna} Lane-Wilson would give very practical suggestions on this, and I would urge that you call her in to consult with whomever you ask to take charge of drawing the plans.

With much love,

Alice B. Farnum

(Copy)

March 4, 1924/

Mrs/Charles Roys,
Chairman of Finance Committee,
Yenching College Committee.

My dear Mabel,

We have not heard when the April meeting of the Committee is to take place, nor have we received the minutes of the January meeting, but we judge that the itemized Budget for 1924-25 should be in your hands by April first/.

We hope that you approved in general the outline budget which we sent home in time for the January meeting/. We have revised it a little, making a more conservative estimate of the number of students who might be boarding here, some changes in the rates of exchange, etc., to make it as accurate as we could possibly foretell/.

We must call attention to the painful fact that for the last two years, the \$1000 gold toward current expenses which the W.F.M.S. once gave us, has not been remitted to the field, though we have received no letter to explain the reasons. Also the Crane gift of Mex 1200, which is supposed to go toward Miss Ruth Ch'eng's salary, has not come for this year: it also is hopefully included! On the other side of the sheet is the fact that we have added a number of new members of the faculty whose salary must be paid from this same current expense fund, and there is also the dean's guest fund, which is very nice, but swells our deficit. The difference between income and outgo is thus Mex \$6177: if we receive, as hoped for,

W.F.M.S.-----\$1800 Mex
Crane gift---1200

\$ 3000

this will reduce the deficit to \$3177 Mex. If Wellesley increases her annual gift, that will in so far decrease our lack/. But as we look over the budget, we do not see what we can very well cut out. Ginling has six Boards cooperating, and we only two and a half, which speaks for itself. There are very few Boards working here in the north, as compared with the central and southern parts of China, as you well know. We do hope that the Committee will see its way clear to helping us out with these current expenses, on which we seem to have to lean so heavily for salaries as well as other items.

Sincerely yours,

A. B. Frame

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Yenching College Committee.
Chairman of Finance Committee,
Mrs Charles Hoyt.

My dear Madam,

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YENCHING COLLEGE
PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

April 22, 1924.

Mr. Leslie B. Moss,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Moss:

Some months ago we had a letter from Mr. Donald M. Brodie, private secretary to Mr. Charles R. Crane, saying that Mr. Crane was glad to continue the support of Miss Cheng, toward which they contributed \$1500 local currency. Their gift for this purpose has not been paid since 1922. Mr. Brodie spoke of sending the money to the University office for forwarding. Can you tell me whether the money has been sent to the Peking office and if so why it has not been reported out to Yenching College? We had budgeted the money and could use it very conveniently. I would be much obliged if you could investigate this.

There is also an item about the scholarship given by Mr. A. L. Richards. Can you tell me how this is invested and how the scholarship is to be paid? I understand it has been available for about one year but no word or money has been received on the field. I hope this will not cause you too much trouble.

Sincerely yours,

ABF/CLS

Miss B. Crane

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COPY FOR MR. O. J. KRAUSE.

May 17, 1924.

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

My dear Mrs. Frame:

I am writing to you in reply to your letter of April 22nd, regarding the two items of Mr. Crane's gift for the support of Miss Cheng and the Esther Loring Richards Scholarship.

The amount of \$600 from Mr. Crane was received in this office last September and I forwarded the check directly to Mr. Bowman in Chicago, who wrote me, under date of April 7th, that the remittance was made to you almost immediately after it was received by him in October. He says it is his recollection that it was for the year 1922. If so, it explains your feeling that no payment has been made since that time.

We have not received any further money than the one remittance last year.

Regarding the Esther Loring Richards Scholarship Fund, I reported to the Yenching College Committee in January that a \$1,000 bond had been given to the Trustees to establish such a scholarship and asked them to whom payment of the interest should be made. I find in looking up the minutes, that they voted to have it sent directly to the Field Treasurer of Yenching College. Up to the present time, I have not discovered who is the Field Treasurer, but I thought that I had written to Mr. Krause authorizing him to draw this amount and make payment to the Yenching College Treasurer. Evidently, however, no such letter was ever written, and I must apologize for the oversight.

We have at present, \$130 as interest on this bond. \$40 was received in December when the bond was given to us, and \$90 was the interest secured from the coupons on the bond in January.

I am sending Mr. Krause a copy of this letter which will authorize him to draw on us for this Gold \$130, interest from the Esther Loring Richards Scholarship Fund and make payment of the same to the Field Treasurer of Yenching College. I trust that this will clear the matter up for your records and for your use.

Very cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University.

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MRS. C. K. ROYS

Answered

Mrs. C. K. Roys,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mable:

Within the last couple of days we have had meetings of the Administrative Committee and also of the University Committee on Grounds and Buildings and I wish to send you word of some of the actions without waiting to send you a copy of the full minutes.

No copy of the minutes of the April 9th meeting has yet come to me but fortunately Dr. Stuart had a copy and so we were able to discuss some of the questions there suggested. First, let me say that I was very sorry that the detailed budget which Miss Sargent, the assistant treasurer, had prepared with such care and mailed the first of March, had not reached you by April 9th. I think it would have answered some of your questions as to the exchange rates and other things. May I here call attention to the fact that the Presbyterian Board, which is the only Board besides the Congregational, now contributing regularly to our current expenses, does not pay at the rate of 2:1. I am afraid that Mrs. Wilson must have been misinformed. The budget we sent you included all salaries.

Mr. Carter

Regarding the gymnasium, the committee felt strongly that the utmost pressure must be brought to bear on those who are preparing the plans for the Gymnasium urging them to send out to the field dimensions, and plans for the foundations and first floor as we are very anxious to get that done at least before frost comes. There is not quite the same exigency perhaps for the finishing of the interior, though the sooner the better.

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We hear that Mr. Murphy would like to take a trip to the orient to discuss our color scheme, but the Grounds and Buildings Committee passed a motion, of which you will have heard, that if Mr. Murphy is planning on his own, to make a trip, they would be glad to have him give us his views on our new plant, meaning that they do not feel it necessary to pay his expenses here and back just for that. They also expressed appreciation apprehension lest he delay the drawings for our Gymnasium, Library and other buildings which I believe he is superintending. We would rather have these than a visit from him. I trust that your committee will urge that the exterior dimensions of the first floor be sent to us at the earliest possible moment.

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The plan of a temporary establishment of a promotional office on the share basis in connection with the Men's College came as a perfect surprise to all of us. Dr. Stuart presented the advantages in glowing colors but the committee here was very cautious about expressing approval. Of course, we appreciate that it will help the men in their campaign to use the Women's College as a means of interesting men and we women in the Men's College and we do not wish in any way to hinder their campaign but doubt was expressed as to whether it is really to the present advantage of the Women's College, as such, to depend upon Mr. Lewis for raising the funds for current expenses and new salaries, which we so much need, but the committee would like to delay any expression of final opinion until a later meeting when we hope to have Mrs. Lee here.

Personally, I felt that these summer months, which are taken for a trial time, are particularly badly chosen from the women's point of view as most societies disband and people go on their vacations. However, I feel that the sense of the committee as a whole was that Yenching College Committee has far better judgment concerning the promotional possibilities at home than we who are on the field. Further action I will report as soon as it takes place.

We had some discussion as to the probable cost of upkeep, grading and landscape gardening at the new site and we hope to make some tentative estimate soon. We have asked the Department of Education to present a revised estimate about the cost for buildings and upkeep for the Practice Schools, including the Kindergarten Primary. These will be discussed at our Administrative Committee meeting on June 14th and the Board of Managers meeting on the 16th and such actions sent to your committee. The fact that at present the Men's College has no funds, either for buildings or maintenance, of such schools, is very embarrassing.

Regarding the matter of the strip of Pu Lun Property, lying to the south and west of the Women's College property, will you please inform your committee that Mr. Gibb had favored a policy of waiting until we were approached by the owner with an offer. The erection of some tea houses on the corner adjacent to our entrance has made Mr. Gibb feel, what some of us had felt before, that the property will never be cheaper and that he ought to make immediate effort to get in touch with the owner and talk prices. The committee also called Mr. Gibb's attention to the fact that this same policy of waiting had not produced much effect in the two or three small pieces of property still unbought, which would prevent the carrying out of the eventual building of our double lines of dormitories, as indicated on our layout. Mr. Gibb feels that any move on our part will tend to increase the prices but our committee, and also the Grounds and Buildings Committee of the University, asked him to make cautious inquiries with a view to securing these needed pieces as soon as possible and at as reasonable a price as possible.

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ble. We voted that the Administrative Committee recommend the purchase of this Pu Lun strip of property if the share of the Women's College on a 1:2 basis would not exceed \$5000 Mex. Dr. Stuart assured us that your committee would back us up in paying the necessary money to secure these pieces of land. Mr. Gibb moves with protest in this matter as he feels that any appearance of desiring to buy on our part will increase the price but the majority of the committee feel that the price will never really be cheaper and we hope we may see some result soon.

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The matter concerning the securing of Miss Wood's services has never been gone into yet as Dr. Stuart has only been back about a week and has been very busy. I do not know under what conditions we might secure even part time, valuable as that would be to us, unless Miss Egbert's salary can be secured from home. I am urging Mrs. Finley to use her to secure a new salary if possible since from all you say she has such an attractive personality.

I will not write further now but will report more fully after the meeting June 14th.

Lovingly yours,

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

YENCHING COLLEGE
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Oct. 8, 1924

Mrs. C. K. Roys
156 York Ave.
New York.

Dear Mabel,

Miss Sargent is so busy with treasury work these days that I am going to try to get a letter off to you myself. I hope you will pardon mistakes and general untidiness.

I asked Mr. Gibb to send you a cable about the gymnasium, embodying a vote of the Administrative Committee. Ever since your July letter, written after seeing Mr. Murphy, I had been anxious: (1) There was evidently going to be a serious delay; (2) Mr. Murphy was going to start in on another expensive set of lay-outs and drawings that would waste (pardon me!) a lot of money and time; (3) he did not ~~really~~ know how the campus really looked now, with the new style of dormitory that he did not design; (4) the thought of his being left to design a gymnasium, after all we had urged and pled for, made me weep! he is a fool with gymnasiums, as we all in China know, and is Mr. Macmillan wary enough to restrain him? There a letter from Mr. Moss (?) saying that Murphy was planning to have two buildings on that side, condemning us to two on the other side, caused such excitement that it has been talked over in various committees. The last one passed the report of our sub-committee on buildings, (Dr. Galt, Mr. Gleysteen, Mr. Corbett, and I,) which you will see in our minutes.

Your letter led me to look forward to seeing some sketch plans, at least, before now, but nothing has arrived. I can see why the Committee in N.Y. blames Mrs. Wilson, but she told me that she did not understand that she was to do all the convening: she tried in vain to get hold of you and others of the Yenching Committee in May, though she was feeling wretchedly, not thinking she had the authority to call up Mr. Macmillan herself, and work with him. It was all a most unfortunate misunderstanding which of course jeopardizes our having the gym. next fall. It is not only not having the building ready then that distracts us: we were so sure that we would be authorized to go ahead, (as indeed we already are, technically!) that Mr. Gibb made advantageous purchases of brick, pebbles, sand, etc., and they are dumped all over the quad., waiting to begin to build. It would be rather awful if all next year we have to pick our way over these dumps. If the concrete and brick exterior could be finished by the time we move out there, and the rubbish moved away, it would be quite bearable. The nice fall weather is a good time for the girls to be out of doors, anyway.

Dr. Luce has set his heart and his tongue, (both of which are persistent,) on the gym's having a broken roof, like Ginling's central building, which is very good looking. The chief argument against this is the undeniable fact that Sage is the "cheng fang", main building, and the entrance is indubitably between the two small square buildings: he is willing to change the axis, so that the latter two might be called on to balance Sage as "hsiang fang", making the gym. the main building, for a

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hypothetical north-south axis. But two buildings cannot balance one different kind of a building, in China, so he wastes his breath. So if Sage remains the main building, the gym. and fifth building, whatever it turns out to be, ought to be subordinated in some way. Dr Stuart thinks this very strongly. I fancy he wants the general Administrative building to be the dominating building on the campus, and the only one with the elaborate broken roof.

Mr. Murphy's problem, then, is to have a long building with a straight roof which is not so elaborately decorated as Sage, leaving out the pointed eaves, for instance, and yet not have it plain and ugly. His argument that 143 ft., which we suggested as a possible length for the gym. only from the point of view of utmost economy, is too short, has no force, for if the Committee is willing to let us have the money for a larger building, we will be only too glad to have it. But we supposed we were to send in the minimum. So if a building of 160 or 165 ft. in length looks better, by all means have it. But it ought to be one building, as in a sense it is the "cheng Fang" of the long rows of dormitory buildings, and two buildings would look absurd from that point.

New York letters refer repeatedly to having no suggestions from the field. We sent home some suggestions, and even plans, in Feb. No one has actually acknowledged these, but we have taken for granted that they arrived. May I ask for confirmation?

By the way, may I have copies of the minutes of your Yenching Building Committee meetings? You sent me some a long time ago, but none recently.

(7) The Pulun property has not yet been secured. Mr. Gabb's policy is to win a lower price by waiting, but I think Dr. Stuart has put a fire-cracker under him, so that he will go ahead and get it, lest it be sold to speculators. Meanwhile, the plans for the Women's College Practice School are in abeyance. There are some old buildings next to the west line of dormitories which would shelter some twenty-five students, and since only twenty-five students out of 125 Middle School graduates, passed our examinations this fall, our numbers will not be as large, possibly, as we had hoped they would be when we move next year, and now we are considering the possibility of using the fourth dormitory as the building for the Kindergarten-Primary Training School, and for the senior High School, our Practice School. It will call for some squeezing and planning, but by waiting till the Men's College gets some funds, (of which it now has none) we may be able to plan more intelligently for the plant we hope to use cooperatively. This may not work out, but we are thinking about it.

(3) Will your Committee please send us an authoritative list of our buildings and rooms which must be named for special people? I have a partial list which I discussed a little with Mrs. Lee, but even she did not have all the data. We are considering, for instance, calling the Ad. Building, "Luella Miner": do you know of any reason why we should not? Mrs. Gamble has reported through her son that her husband would have liked her name on her gift, so that is settled. I suppose we will have the tablets made out here, much less expensively, that they would be at home? You will notice the action calling for united action on these questions. But we would be glad of full information from the Committee. *no* *on field*

(4) Now that Miss Stahl and Miss Starr are back, we hope to reopen the question of the place of the Fine Arts Building. Those that are up elicit much praise. I wish we might have had some gilt on the knobs of the two square buildings, as is the Chinese custom often, but perhaps that can be done later.

The Home Economics Practice House is still unsettled as to location. It must be near the rest of the women's group, but should be a

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residential, modest house, and so cannot be an integral part of the present layout. But more of this later.

Questions as to the amount of red paint to go on the outside of the dormitories: as (a) whether windows with the Chinese grill-work ought to be glazed with ground glass, to resemble paper, or with plain glass, or both: the flooring of the Ad. Bldg. reception room, -- tile? if so, what kind and color? and so on, we try to settle with the best common sense we can muster. We have a modified plan for a faculty residence "E", which was approved by the N.Y. authorities, which will provide six bed-rooms in the second and third stories (the latter with quaint dormer windows, one on the second story rather small, for a guest room, and none very large) which can be used by five staff members, or four, if we have room later. Jean Dickinson plans to put up the house which was given to her, by mistake, Dr. Stuart says, as Dr. Dickinson was trying to get a residence for a family for the Men's College, and let the Men's College use it for three years or so, as they are so crippled for residences, and then have it revert to her, and so to the Women's College. The two we plan to put up, one of the East Faculty Compound, one on the South, with the dormitories, and the Dean's Residence to spill over into, ought to do, for a year or two, -- unless we have a present of some more salaries!

We are a little nonplussed that our Finance Com., of which you are a member, has said nothing about the modified and detailed budget which should have reached you in time for the April meeting. Not one soul has referred to it, and we are hampered in not knowing whether we may go ahead according to those provisions, or not. Did you not receive it? We do not know, for instance, as to whether the W.F.M.S. is going to give us \$2000 for current expenses or not. By the way, I am writing to Mrs. Williamson telling her that the Associated Mission Treasurers in Shanghai have only paid us your \$2000 according to current rates, and not according to 2 to 1, which we had promised. When we protest, they say they have had no orders to do it.

I wish to report that the Crane gift for 1923-4 came late in June, and we applied it at once to Miss Ch'eng's travel, etc. She is now in Ann Arbor. We shall be glad to have her back. I hope you will see her.

I hope to hear that Mr. James Lewis has raised some money for us this summer. We are always eager for good news like that!

Miss Egbert and Miss Anderson are all that you prophesied, and we appreciate our good fortune in getting them.

I must not pound away longer.

With love, as always,

Alicia B. Frame

A germ caught me in Tientsin, so I had to take a week of some treatment in the P.U.M.C. just before college opened. But I am quite all right now, thank you!

Mrs. Lee was away -
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by Mrs. W. W. W.

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Woman's Board of Missions
508 Congregational House, Boston.

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The Tenth of October, 1924,
Near Peking, China.

Dear Holyoke girls,-

People just back from the States tell me that the modern college girl is distinguished by her bobbed hair and an international mind. I'm not clear as to the connection, but from a Chinese point of view, I'm delighted to hear the latter. I won't need to explain to you, then, that the Tenth of October belongs with the Fourth of July, the Fourteenth of July, and other famous milestones on the difficult road we nations walk together toward liberty and independence. Peking streets are lined with the five-striped flag and red paper lanterns. Huge triumphal arches of gorgeous colors bestride important street crossings. Floods of patriotic eloquence are inundating the minds of the school-children. I really ought to be writing this delayed letter wrapped sympathetically in a Chinese flag. Instead of that, I am lying lazily on a hilltop, with my back to Peking, looking out over a broad, rich valley guarded by range beyond range of jagged blue and red and purple mountains. (Don't dare to challenge my colors! An October sun on October grasses works miracles!)

If you ask me why it's a hilltop instead of a flag, I must confess I met a tough little Shantung germ this summer, which rather spoiled my vacation. However, I managed to put him firmly in his place by the day college opened, though I lost a good many pounds doing it. It has been a fairly strenuous month since then, so the staff insisted I take my holiday away from college courts. Hence the hilltop; and the walk I took this morning was a compensation for even red and yellow arches! I scrambled down the steep hill, much stared at by many women and children digging sweet potatoes, ambled through two long villages (where the villagers were the amused sightseers, not I!) and part way up a mountain side to a Temple of the Dragon Gate, an entrancing old enclosure with long, tree-lined vistas leading under creamy marble arches to the exquisitely-carved dragon screen. It was a vivid white and gold picture, brilliant sunshine splashing down on the marble terraces of a great court aglow with wild yellow chrysanthemums, and on the flaky chalk-white trunk of the graceful tall white pine. White and gold,—and as I stepped regretfully out of the last white arch I found the touch of scarlet that always seems to belong to a Chinese landscape,—a gorgeous embroidered wedding sedan-chair, preceded by men beating rhythmically on scarlet-draped drums, and then blowing the long, low note which must make every Chinese girl's heart beat a little faster, for it will never sound for her but once in her life. It is sounded as the scarlet chair nears the gate, to bear her, a frightened girl, to the house of her young husband whom she has probably never seen,—to a new life. The wedding procession was a gay sight, winding up under the gnarled yew trees that lined the temple road; but I thought of the little bride, cowering in her bridal finery in some inner room, trembling at the sound of the long note of the old gilt horn.

I suppose temples and wedding chairs seem a far cry from New England, but just now, as I stretched out on a great patch of deep rose-red grass, watching the sun glint on silver fronds etched against the deep blue sky, I suddenly was back in a certain New England pasture I know, where the blueberry bushes burn the same rose-red in the October sun. And when I heard the gentle scrunch-scrunch of a grazing animal I smiled to myself at the thought that it might be old Clover.

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But my dears! I sprang up rather hastily,--- sprang right out of the New England pasture back to a Chinese hilltop,---for it was an enormous camel towering up beside me, as he sampled some of my lovely red grass. I invited him, rather urgently, and in my best camel dialect, to graze elsewhere, but he slowly turned his long fawn-colored neck completely around and gave me the most prodigious and deliberate wink. It was too funny. So of course I winked back, gave him a little more space, and we are ignoring each other quite politely.

Speaking of camels,---"and cabbages and kings",---I suppose the huge creature has wandered away from some little herd whose poor owner is trying to hide his animals in the hills from the ubiquitous soldiers whose orders, during the civil war now raging around Shanghai and Shanhaikuan, seem to include the commanding of every burden-bearing animal. I wish I knew what the lurid headlines at home are probably telling you. While these war-lords are matching their strengths against each other in mediæval feudal fashion, it is the poor people who suffer, as always,--- with everything to lose and nothing to gain by these senseless ambitious struggles. Each general matches now and then at some noble principle to wave as a banner aloft. Everybody smiles; and somehow the high-sounding principle dissolves into thin air. It can't last long, we think. Communications are badly upset, naturally. (Will you get this letter?) Some of our southern girls reached college very late, having to travel almost in a circle to get here. But one hundred and ten, new and old, are here at last, and are starting in with work and play very cheerfully indeed. They have made the annual appropriate gestures of welcome to new faculty and students. The last was a very jolly party, where faculty and students all did stunts greeted with bursts of appreciative laughter. The little Half-day School, for poor children which the girls run, has started in with a full house.

Only about one-sixth of the High School graduates who took our entrance examinations could enter. One is a Y. W. C. A. secretary who has a year's leave to study at college; two are hoping to go later to the States to study, but have been advised that it is better to attend a Chinese college first; two more want to be doctors. About others I do not know. Four earlier non-graduates are back. We've had to fill every tiny courtyard in our domain. We are watching those lovely new buildings of ours pretty anxiously, though all will be ready next year if that ugly but essential heating plant can be finished. Our visitors quite lose their hearts to our new Chinese campus.

It's all China,---airplanes dropping bombs on the Great Wall, camels browsing secretly on hidden hills; college girls bustling about laboratories or marching singing out of chapel through our grassy old courts and out into the China that needs them so tremendously. The war-lords and poor bewildered soldiers loom large now, but you're going to win in the end,---you and the Chinese girls,---and I am glad you keep me here as

Your loyal representative,

(Signed) Alice Browne Frame.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

YENCHING COLLEGE
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October 16, 1924.

Mr. James Lewis, Executive Secretary,
Peking University Office,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Lewis:

I am not quite clear as to who has taken over the details of the work which used to be attended to by Mr. Moss, but I am venturing to write to you hoping you will be able to hand this letter on to the right person. Under date of May 17th of this current year he wrote me reporting the receipt of \$130, interest on \$1000 Bond which had been given to the trustees to establish the Esther Loring Richards Scholarship Fund. He did not know that at present I am acting as the field treasurer of Yenching College and so sent the check to Mr. Krause, who in the course of time discovered that it was meant for the Women's College and turned it over to us. I do not know precisely the nature of payment of interest on this bond, but it would save time and trouble if you could send the checks directly to me here in Peking.

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Perhaps Mr. Moss also told you that Mr. Charles R. Crane has been making an annual contribution of \$600 toward the salary of Miss Ruth Cheng. As such a check comes in to the Peking University office will you please send it directly to our Yenching College Committee treasurer, Mr. Lewis Bowman, 131 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois? In the past there has been some delay owing to Mr. Moss's not realizing the destination of this sum of money.

We were much interested in hearing that you have been acting for some months in the interests of Yenching College, as well as of the Men's College of the University. I trust that you will find time to give us some report of your progress. You can imagine how encouraging it is to hear of new gifts for salaries or other objects and evidences of interest in our work. With best wishes for your work for Yenching College,

Sincerely yours,

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(Mrs. M. S.) William B. Crane

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December 1, 1924.

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

Dear Mrs. Finley:

I hope you do not turn pale every time you see an envelope coming from Yenching College, though I realize that each letter means additional work for you.

We have recently held a meeting of our field Administrative Committee at which we passed on a request for certain new members of the faculty. I wish to pass these on as soon as possible.

We are hoping that the London Mission will contribute to us a little more of Miss Wood's time in teaching religion but that will not affect the budget or your committee. We have sent home one of our graduates, Miss Irene Ho, with the understanding that she would return in the fall of 1925-6 as assistant in the Department of Home Economics. We voted to budget a salary for her of \$1200 per year, to be paid from our current expense fund, so this also need not make any demands on your attention. Some other Chinese assistants will be called for, but will be met by this current expense fund.

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Miss Morrison feels that she must have another foreigner to assist her in the Physical Education since much of the work there must be of the corrective type, as our Chinese girls have been sadly neglected on the physical side and come to us with many physical defects. There is a physician that we may secure for one year, a foreign doctor who is now in the Language School, who came out on her own initiative. If she needs a salary we hope to provide for it from our current expense fund.

This all as information; but where we need your help is as follows: 1) A secretary and college registrar to take Miss Sargent's place and salary. I wish to restate my hope that this secretary may be secured and sent out at the earliest possible moment so as to relieve Miss Sargent and also to get the benefit of her training before we move to the new site. 2) A foreigner to act as treasurer of the Women's College and to assist in the English Department. She ought to be an expert accountant. We hope she may be of college training and of a personality and Christian purpose to give herself to the college life with the faculty and students. In other words, we hope she

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will be a very excellent book-keeper, but a great deal more. 3) We understand that Miss Margaret Speer is under appointment to the English Department. Will she be sent out on a regular Presbyterian salary or not? 4) Two more English teachers, the first to assist Mrs. Zwemer in the Practice School we expect to establish next fall and the second to take Miss Boynton's place for 1925-6 since Miss Boynton has had leave of absence to study Chinese. If Miss Speer could be allowed by her Board to teach for the first year rather than give it entirely to the language study, this second teacher would not be necessary. In any case, if you wish, we will take the responsibility of securing this temporary teacher here on the field, thus obviating the necessity of paying travelling expenses, but we ought to have one more teacher to work with Mrs. Zwemer. The Miss Sperry, of whom I wrote, may be the one. On the other hand, if there is a special English teacher who would like to come out on a supposedly permanent appointment I presume the latter would be a better financial investment for the college. As I take it, Miss Sperry would only come for a short term. 5) A History teacher to take the place of Miss Booth (about to be married). I have written both to you and to Mrs. Avann and Mrs. Nicholson of my hope that the W.F.M.S. would be willing to allocate Miss Monona Cheney to the college for our Department of History, though Miss Cheney feels that she can not be released from certain obligations to the W.F.M.S. until the fall of 1926. Under these circumstances I think I wrote you asking that if the Candidate Committee approved you invite Miss Elisabeth Kimball of Mount Holyoke College to come out for one or two years of teaching on the History staff, we to be responsible for her salary only.

6) Some time since, I wrote you saying that we hoped that it might be possible for some experienced household manager to come out and give us one year of expert counsel in setting up the rather complicated college housekeeping which we must initiate on the new site. In addition to this assistance she would be asked to give certain courses in Household Management under the Home Economics Department. We confess frankly that this is not absolutely essential but of invaluable help in starting out right in our new buildings and of giving our students visible indication of the right and scientific way in which educational institutions should be managed as to its interior arrangements. So many of our students go out to very important administrative positions in Girls' High Schools where they would benefit incalculably by such training and instruction. Miss Gunther of Teacher's College is much interested in this. We would hope it would mean for us only her salary, which we have budgeted, and perhaps not even that.

I think your committee will also be interested in a recommendation which we are going to take to the Board of Managers at their next meeting. They may not approve it, but it will indicate the feeling of the staff of the Men's and

Women's Colleges. The suggestion is that during the first year all new members of the staff, men or women, be regarded as on a period of probation which is to be used by the college in actual teaching or other work for the University. During this year they will prove their suitability for their various duties, their desire to continue in their work and their adaptability to climactic conditions, and any serious matrimonial tendencies might show themselves. If they wish to continue permanently with the college they would then be given the second year for full language work and thereupon fulfill the regulations of their own missions with regard to language study. Of course if they came under temporary contract they would teach during the first year, in any case. I hope the matter will be taken up quite seriously by the Boards. Hoping to hear favorably from you very soon, I am,

Sincerely yours,

ABF/CLS

(Signed) Alice B. Frame

Copies to
Mrs. Lee.
Mrs. Roys.
Mrs. Warner.
Mrs. Smith.

P.S. As for the Kindergarten Primary Training School teacher, about whom I have written you at various times, we are now planning to ask the Methodist Mission to allocate Miss Elizabeth Hobart to this work for one year, 1925-6. After that we trust that it will be possible to secure a Chinese young woman who expects to go to America to study next year for a year. However, if you have a very promising candidate will you please let me know?

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MRS. C. K. ROYS
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Mrs. Murray Frame
*Infirmary settled: want
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December 22, 1924.

Mrs. Charles K. Roys,
Chairman of the Building Committee
of Yenching College Committee,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Roys:

Your sympathetic letter with its kind and full explanation of the actions of the Yenching College Committee regarding the chief business problems connected with the buildings at the new site came a few days ago. The envelope of copies of Mr. Murphy's plans for the Women's College quadrangle and the two letters relative to that also came and were circulated among the members of the Administrative Committee.

We then called a meeting of the sub-Committee on Buildings of the Administrative Committee, at which they discussed the matter and made recommendations to the full and formal meeting of the Administrative Committee. Although we had discussed this question of the 7 versus the 5 unit quadrangle many times, we felt that the action of the home Committee called for another serious re-consideration of the whole problem. I may say that all those present seemed to have given great weight to Mr. Murphy's pronouncements. We felt that since he was an expert along architectural lines and was receiving large sums for just such expert opinion, that it was rather presumptuous for people who had had no architectural training to seem to disagree with his carefully considered opinion. We all feel, I think, due appreciation of Mr. Murphy's artistic abilities and of his studies along these lines, but the one point at which we felt that we could not but take exception was that his trips to China have been of no long duration and that, although he has studied Chinese architecture, he still was not as thoroughly imbued with an architectural feeling for what could or could not be done in Chinese architecture as those of us who have lived here for a good many years.

One or two expressed the opinion that his last plan of October 24th might be considered on the whole as rather prettier than the 5 unit plan, but the feeling was unanimous, not only on the part of the Committee but on the part of all well-qualified Chinese whose opinion we had asked, that a quadrangle with two build-

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ings, facing ~~each other~~ *two buildings* was an impossibility.

There were several arguments in favor of the 5 unit plan brought forward, but the rock which we could not get over was the fact that the 7 building plan as proposed by Mr. Murphy was not Chinese. Later the vote of a few members who could not come to the meeting was secured, in accordance with which I sent the cablegram: "Board unanimous in favor of 5 unit quadrangle". I am afraid that this will be an unpleasant shock to the New York Committee and of course you will have to deal with it as you see fit, but you asked us for the truth as we saw it and this is it.

Perhaps in fairness to the long letters of yourself and Mr. Murphy I ought to put down a little more in detail the arguments that, in addition to that of accepted Chinese usage, influenced the Committee to re-affirm its former decision. By way of introduction I may say that we all admit that we are now in the ~~unpleasant~~ *un- painful* quandary of having to rectify an unpleasant blunder. In the first place, the five unit quadrangle plan of April 1922 came out to us from the New York office as authoritative. It never occurred to us to question the authority of this plan. It is unfortunate that now, two and a half years later, Mr. Murphy denies any responsibility for this plan. At the time, we on the field were of course ignorant of this and supposed that it had his approval. Accordingly, the plan went forward and Russell Sage and two square buildings have been erected. After Russell Sage had been put up we realized that it should have been elevated four or five feet on some sort of a terrace so as to give it a little more of a commanding aspect.

Mr. Murphy now admits this⁺ and of course it was entirely his responsibility to have suggested it in the first place. Now, just two and a half years too late, he tells us that it should have been so erected. It was the business of the architect to have told us this, so we are now faced with the fact that through two blunders of the architectural office we are confronted with a situation which has caused all of us much thought and anxiety; and the cold fact remains that we must make the best of the situation.

Mr. Murphy's solution is to divide the north and south sides of the quadrangle into two buildings. We reply that this is architecturally impossible according to good accepted Chinese usage. The Committee further feels that two single long buildings of possibly 160 ft. on length are preferable for the following reasons:

+ See his report, Oct. 11, § 11.

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1. It must have been Mr. Murphy's own conviction that a permanent vista was desired through the women's quadrangle down through the women's athletic field through the dormitories. I remember this being mentioned in 1921-22, but as we came to consider the actual working out of the plan, all those who had charge of the Women's College felt it much more advisable to block that vista at the north end of the athletic field so that the women students might be quite secure from observation in their games and activities. Therefore, we welcomed the one large athletic and students' building which would quite effectually guard the north end of this playing field, which in China it is desirable should be somewhat private. The last thing which we on the field want is a vista north and south through the women's dormitory section.

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2. If the Committee approve of putting up the double buildings with a "permanent closed covered way", the Committee does not understand why it would not give the effect en masse of one large building, or how the vista could be preserved if there were a lower covered way. If the covered way is an upper one, it would be as thoroughly un-Chinese as anything that could be imagined. Also the builders insist, in spite of your Committee's denials, that two buildings are always more expensive than one.

3. If a small gymnasium 100 ft. in length is erected, would there be any possibility for the plan we suggested and which was approved in New York, of an excavation out through the south where under a terrace roofed with ground glass, we might hope in the future to install a swimming pool given by some generous donor?

In insisting that 100 ft. is the proper length for a gymnasium, Mr. Murphy causes us to wonder whether the Committee had the opinions of experts in gymnasium building before they approved of this system. A gymnasium 100 ft. long, which must enclose walls, stairways, shower baths, lockers and offices in addition to the large gymnasium itself, strikes physical directors here in China as comic. We would be glad to know whether this 100 ft. long gymnasium had received the approval of gymnasium experts. Our Committee feel very strongly that after all, the use to which buildings are to be put is of vital consideration, and there is no advantage in building a small and inconvenient gymnasium which would be a thorn in our flesh for all the years to come, even if every other consideration pointed toward such a building. A building of this size cannot be used to the best advantage for what we wish to do with it, so why should it be erected?

+ This is still China, though much advanced!

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4. As I have repeatedly written, the reasons we gave 144 ft. as the length of the two side buildings were first, those of motive of economy, and second, with a view to reducing the contrast to Russell Sage. We would be glad to have the buildings 160 ft. in length and still feel that they could be treated in such a way as not to be dwarfing to Russell Sage. For instance, the roof might be made much shorter, in proportion to the foundation, than that of Sage, by making the four gables run to the corners of the building.

5. The Committee does not quite understand why this unit of architectural composition consisting of a shorter building at the head of the quadrangle flanked by two longer ones should be considered by Mr. Murphy to be so bad when he has already made use of this in two other places, viz:

a. In the men's college dormitory units this composition is used. The refectory building being only 108 ft. long with a ridge of 69 ft, while the two flanking dormitories are 166 ft. long with a ridge pole of 157 ft.

b. As we have already pointed out, in the science quadrangle, the short library building at the head is flanked by two large science buildings.

Why is this composition possible in these two instances and impossible in the women's quadrangle?

6. Those who have seen the actual women's dormitories already erected feel that they do not give the impression of looking small in comparison with the academic buildings, though by actual measurements it is true that they are smaller. It is also true that to anyone approaching the quadrangle from the south, i.e., through the women's dormitories and athletic field, a single building at the head gives the impression of a cheng fang, or the head building of a composition or court. It is impossible in China to go up through an open court flanked by smaller buildings to a cheng fang which is not one (large) building. Two buildings, therefore, according to Chinese ideas, would make a very ineffective head to the athletic court.

7. With regard to the greater convenience of having the music and art separated in two buildings, we would say that ideally speaking it would be quite true that if we could place the music building in some isolated spot we would all be happier, but in Chinese composition important buildings must all be related to each other. If

Mr. Murphy has a good suggestion for placing the music building somewhere else in the campus where it would be both isolated and easy of access, we would be delighted to entertain his suggestion. It would be ideal. On the other hand, the natural place for the

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next building which should complete our needs for this initial plant would be on the fourth side of the quadrangle. The Art in itself would not for many tens of years occupy fully a large building of that size, even with a gallery where we could have loan exhibitions of rare Chinese paintings. Hence our Committee had thought that the practical solution would be a Fine Arts building in which the practice rooms, in sound proof walls, should all open toward the north where there are no buildings very near, and where the sound would not tend to be heard in the quadrangle itself, which would all lie to the south of this large building. However, as I say, we are quite open to suggestion from Mr. Murphy as to a good place for the music building, leaving this fourth side of the quadrangle an open question for some years to come.

8. (In immediate connection with this) may I again urge Mr. Murphy and the Committee to let us know the situation which they would suggest for the practice house for our Home Economics Department? I have referred to this several times, but apparently the Committee has not had time to consider it. Miss Milam and her sister have already given \$800 Gold in special gifts for this, and I believe Miss Milam has promised \$500 more from her father's estate when it is settled. This will not be sufficient, for a small typically Chinese house of a better grade would probably cost some \$5,000-6,000 Mex., but I am sure your Committee will feel that it is an essential part of our vocational department of Home Economics, which is already so well started and so well known here in China. Miss Milam has just written me that she has secured six scholarships to be awarded the students who wish to come and specialize in Home Economics in order to go back and teach the subject in their middle schools. We have been planning to put up this practice house next summer so that next year's senior class might have the opportunity of living in this practice house. I observe that in the list of proposed expenditures which was included in the minutes of the November 6th meeting, this practice house was omitted. Will you please insert it, for it is an essential part of this particular bit of vocational work which is being done by no other college in China? We have several times asked for a pronouncement from Mr. Murphy as to the best place for its erection, whether at the south foot of the athletic field, or somewhere beyond Sage, or somewhere to the east of the double eastern row of women's dormitories. It might even be on the Pu Lun property, which I grieve to say is not yet actually bought, but for which Mr. Gibb is in the midst of the interminable negotiations which buying land in China usually mean. We are quite sure of securing it, however.

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May I say once more that the Administrative Committee feel reluctant as a body of laymen to be unable to agree with Mr. Murphy. As you know, the Grounds and Building Committee of the Board of Managers has also considered this question of a 7 unit versus a 5 unit quadrangle, and is unanimously of our opinion that the 5 building unit is the only thoroughly Chinese solution of our perplexity. We shall now await with interest the action of the New York Committee. Whatever its decision is, I trust that the plans may go forward rapidly for the building, so that the quadrangle may be cleared of all its masses of building material before we move out next fall.

We are intensely interested to know what your Committee will do about lending money to the men's college for building a dining hall, as per our cable of December 11th. I have expressed to Mrs. Lee and to the Committee my own feeling of reluctance as to the right of Yenching College Committee to use trust funds, such as our building funds undoubtedly are, in this way for the Trustees of Peking University have not shown themselves very energetic as a business concern. One or two of our Committee also have expressed reluctance to take this action on this same ground and I think that the Committee at home has a similar feeling. At the same time you will agree that when we are stretching every nerve to move to the site next fall because it is suicidal to have to stay here another year in these cramped quarters, it seems unfair that the women's college with money in the bank should apparently be unwilling to help out the whole university in such a way as to make our moving possible, by offering to lend this money. I wonder whether the Trustees have considered the enormous waste of the capital already invested in those 15 buildings under construction, some almost finished, standing idle for about another year and a half. The interest on those funds would amount to a considerable sum.

If in some way the Trustees could scrape together enough money to put up even one eating hall, there is still a very good chance that we could move out next fall, although the completion of the heating and lighting plants also depends on a good many uncertain elements. At the same time, we certainly cannot move out unless the men have at least one place where they can eat. Our suggestion meant that we would like the Yenching College Committee to offer to loan sufficient funds to one of the Trustees who would give his personal guarantee that by a certain date this money would be repaid with interest. We would prefer that the loan were not made to the Trustees as such, because if they continue to be as quiescent as in the past the loan would never be repaid, and it is extremely awkward and embarrassing to dun your brother, especially if you have to live with him. I am sure you

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see the point. Perhaps our suggestion may stimulate one of the wealthier Trustees to come forward and make a loan on the security of the three dining halls already promised, as I understand.

By this vote the Women's College went on record as being ready to do anything which would facilitate our moving out next fall. There may be flaws in this method we suggest, but we are so nearly desperate that we suggest it as a last resort.

You will have seen the budget for 1925-6, which went home a week or more ago. Your Committee will then see in cold and horrible figures the fact which we have been urging upon your attention for the last year and a half - that moving to the new site will undoubtedly call for a much larger expenditure for upkeep and running expenses. In my letter to the Chairman of the Finance Committee, I dwelt on this point at length and you will have seen a copy of that letter. In view of the fact that both the men's and women's colleges are facing a probable deficit in current expenses for that year, we offered to let Miss Dickinson go home five months in advance in case the Promotion Committee could use her in securing some permanent funds which would relieve our anxiety. We have not yet heard from our cable to that effect.

May I copy for you the grand totals of amounts drawn for the Women's College building project, as per the Chairman of the Construction Bureau for November 25, 1924:

Total drawn for Women's College	
buildings	Gold \$186,908.48
For the Science Building.	" 59,990.00
Making a total of	" \$246,898.48

With regard to your action about the Practice School I have already written fully to Mrs. Williamson. The Administrative Committee in its last meeting, December 18th, reiterated its feeling that we should proceed with the plans for a Practice School, since we could see our way clear for two years at least by the use of surplus room in college dormitories, and also two Chinese buildings near by which could be commandeered for this purpose. The kernel of the fact lies in our having to provide for a subfreshman class and the kindergarten primary in any case. The detail as to whether we reorganize them as a practice school or just let them live in a disassociated fashion in our dormitories without any special relation to each other is a subordinate one. I will enclose some copies of this letter for you to send to the other members of your Building Committee if you so desire.

Thank you for the tentative list of donors. I have a copy of just such a list, but it is so indefinite that we have not much to go on. How large sums were contributed for each of those memorial rooms, for instance? Should they be rooms in academic or dormitory buildings? Shall the Scripps Building be a dormitory or a Fine

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Arts or gymnasium building? Unless the sums are designated we have no clue as to the assignment of such rooms or buildings. We would be grateful for some particular information on these points.

We will be glad to await further instructions from your Committee.

Yours sincerely

William B. Farnum

(Copies in another envelope.
One sent direct to Mrs. Lee

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Woman's Board of Missions
508 Congregational House, Boston.

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Peking, China,
Dec. 29, 1924.

Dear Mount Holyoke people,-

Christmas time is trailing one of our rare snows over the winter-brown college courtyards, though a trifle too late for Santa's reindeer. Not that he minded bare earth on Christmas Eve, or iron rails torn up by squabbling war-lords, or political messes and soaring prices,-----bless him!--- and we had a gallant Christmas. He managed to waft some of our Christmas boxes to our very doors, in spite of everything, and among them was the splendid Holyoke box with the dainty beribboned packages he never fails to bring. Rosamond, cheeks very pink and hair tumbled, squealed many excited squeals over her part of the treasures from her prospective Alma Mater. It certainly is dear of you to let your Christmas happiness shine half-way round the world to China.

The Yenching girls spread theirs out pretty generously, too, though geographically it did not shine out quite so far, for it was chiefly centered around Peking. Little whiffs of joyful anticipation kept reaching us from the various committees of the Y. W. C. A. which had had the planning in charge. Our well-considered advice was asked. What were the best ways of discovering a few hundreds of the very poorest among the thousands who looked poor? Wouldn't it seem more special to give them a treat of big puffy cakes of white bread than the coarse corn-meal pone they ate every day,---if they ate anything at all? And would it help more people to know about the Birthday and what it meant to us if they invited such relatives of the students as lived in the city(among whom were many non-Christians) to the girls' own Christmas Eve Party, rather than keep it just to themselves?-----We could hear the chorus classes warbling "We three kings of Orient are", and "God rest ye". The Glee Club rehearsed vigorously and tunefully. Costumes were concocted, and of course there was one Big Secret! Smiling girls hurried in and out of our big carved gateway. We were all getting ready together for the Birthday, and there was a lovely Christmas "feel" in the air.

I suppose Christmas really began for Yenching a week early with the special chapel services including a lot of music. Some outside singers were invited, but the faculty and students surprised each other by making music for each other, and we liked that best of all. On the evening of Christmas Sunday the Y. W. had arranged quite a fine concert to which the whole University was invited. Our Assembly Hall was packed with young life, singing carols and listening to Christmas music in the candle-light.

Then on the day before the Birthday came the treat for four hundred of the most desperately poor beggars and other people whom the girls themselves had been able to discover. The money had all been raised by the girls themselves. They had to borrow the nearby Congregational Church for the party. I never saw such a concentration of dirty rags in my life. Old men and children and sad-faced women showed at the door the tickets the girls had distributed, and hastily tramped and shuffled and limped up the broad walk to the big open doors, clutching their rags and sacking about them. I could hardly prevail on one dancing-eyed, grubby little rascal to walk slowly enough to lead in a disreputable bent-over old blind man by his leading stick, but finally he seized the end of the stick and his prancing impatience started them both up the walk at a rapid, irregular jig. Many mothers were hugging tiny children tucked tightly

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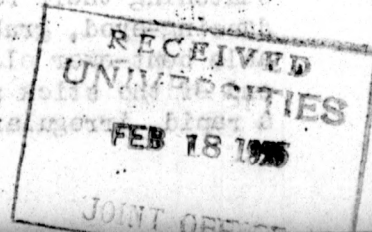
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Chinese Christmas really began for Yenching a week early with the special Christmas dinner for the girls. The girls' Christmas party was held, but the food and gifts were not sent until the day after Christmas. On the evening of Christmas Eve the Y. W. C. A. arranged with a fine concert to which the whole University was invited. Our Assembly Hall was packed with young life, singing carols and listening to Christmas music in the candle-light.

Then on the day before the birthday came the great day. The girls had most luxuriously poor dinners and other people who were the Christmas dinner. The money had all been raised by the girls' contribution. They had to borrow the heavy Congressional Church for the party. I never saw such a concentration of little girls in my life. Old men and children and sad-faced women showed at the door and lighted the huge hall. The girls were in a group and clustered and lined up the girls to the girls' doors. I sat in the girls' room and watched about them. I could hardly prevail on one of the girls to walk slowly enough to lead in a line. The girls had no mind to be led by his leading line, and finally he walked the girls. Many people were making tiny children looked tightly.



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into their bosoms to keep them from freezing, and dangling in the other grimy hand an earthenware jug in which they put such scraps of cold porridge or rice as are given them. A few, inevitably, must have been professional beggars, but many were refugees from looted villages, or drought-stricken areas, who had somehow made their way to rich Peking.

The motley group sat for a little while in the warm church, like real folks, and listened to a short program which the girls had arranged, of Christmas hymns and carols and a very vivid talk which made the meaning of the Birthday shine out even to their dazed, hunger-doped minds. Then they trooped out into the sunlight once more, each clutching a pile of big white steamed biscuit which the smiling girls handed them at the door. They looked a trifle stunned as they came out, but I wish you could have seen the enormous bites with which they fell upon the little gift as soon as they felt informally at home on the streets. Even the tiny babies seemed to be swallowing huge mouthfuls of the savory bread as fast as they could set teeth into it. Only four hundred out of the thousands of hungry ones just in Peking alone,--but for a few minutes they, too, were celebrating His Birthday.

The Christmas party in our own Assembly Hall that same afternoon was like unto it, but it did not give you such a heartache. Rows upon rows of old men and women, too, but oh! so scrubbed and shining and plump, from two Old Couples' and Old Men's Homes near by; and rows and rows of clean, happy children with their mothers, pupils in the Half-Day School for poor children that the college girls support, all sitting on the edges of their chairs with eagerness. They knew all about the Birthday and were arrayed in their very cleanest best to help celebrate, by taking part in the program of songs and stories and "eats". The college girls hovered benignly in the background, like blue-clad angels.

Then in the evening came some really delightful tableaux, practically all done by the girls themselves, with much merriment and informal good times at the close.-- But I always like the Secret best of all: beautiful old Christmas hymns ringing suddenly out in the starlit night, waking us happily to light crimson candles in our windows,--little stars telling the singers that we knew the Secret, too. Even the hilarious and informal greetings on Christmas morning when they run over to say "Merry Christmas" and to sing some Christmas carols with us by Rosamond's Christmas tree, do not bring us so mysteriously near to each other, and to the Christchild, whose dear Day we celebrate together.

Did you hear, I wonder, that this year, in ever so many cities, hyper-nationalistic young Chinese have been deliberately lecturing and sending out many posters and fliers this Christmas week, trying to find words bitter and biting enough to express their hate of Christianity, with which they have confused imperialism and capitalism and every other sin of which we so-called "Christian nations" have been repeatedly guilty, and trying so hard to spoil the Christmas Day we love?

It doesn't somehow seem quite true to the Chinese instinct for courtesy, does it? This purposed insult to Christianity on the Birthday of its Founder. Yet just stop to think how much our Western nations have done to deserve it; and in reality it is our weaknesses and pretensions they are flouting, not the little Child born in Bethlehem. His heart must ache today?-- more for us, His reputed followers, than for these impatient young Chinese, whom the intolerable sting of existing conditions forces to speak, out of an inadequate knowledge of facts. They may even be nearer to Him than the thousands one meets walking up and down the crowded streets of this famous old city, who may have heard His name, but never give it a thought.

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So many there are, in China! And I like to think of our girls, a little group who knew, and tried to share the gladness of their knowing. Why, even out on the new campus all work was stopped, and the hundreds of workmen, and the neighboring villagers were given all sorts of festivities, part of it right in the courtyards of our unfinished dormitories. Birthdays are very special occasions in China, and everyone is ready to help in the good time. Probably they had no very clear idea about it all. Yet perhaps, after all, those ignorant laborers, those masons and carpenters, won't forget in after years, that once when they were working on the Yenching buildings, they stopped to celebrate the Birthday of a man who was a carpenter Himself, a man who said ----- (and lived it)---"Love one another".

These are the ways we tried to make Him happy on His Birthday,---with the happiness of builders and carpenters, of beggars and little children, and of all of us here in the gray old courts. The ways in which you shared I do not know; but surely in the new year that began for Him on this His Birthday, you and the Yenching girls and I are going to work together to keep it a glad one for Him.

Affectionately yours,

(Signed) Alice Browne Frame.

