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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

January 13, 1925.

Mrs. M. S. Frame,
Yenching College, Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear Mrs. Frame:

Thank you so much for your hearty and picturesque Christmas greeting. I am glad to be again officially related to the Woman's College and shall try to help its business along as much as I can.

In proof whereof, I enclose a check for $60.00 on the Esther Loring Richards Scholarship Fund for the benefit of a student in Yenching College. This is the total amount in hand at the present time.

I beg to acknowledge also your letter of October 16th to Mr. Lewis and I will take care of the contribution of Mr. Crane in the manner you suggest, when it comes to hand. The plan for campaign cooperation did not work out very well, and the whole matter is being left open until the return of Miss Dickinson, about which there is something of a mystery, inasmuch as President Stuart, in a letter received a few days ago, indicated that she was coming back to help on campaign matters, while a cablegram sent after that, referred to "family affairs". Further mystery was added by the fact that your cablegram to Mrs. Lee about December 12th did not indicate the particular person for whom the furlough was desired and we therefore presumed it was for yourself. On these items, however, you will, of course, hear from Mrs. Lee.

Cordially yours,

EMN/KJL

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences for Women
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PEKING, CHINA

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February 19, 1925

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

My dear Dr. North:

We are certainly glad to welcome you back to an official connection with the Women's College, even though your present path is fraught with many problems. I first wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 13th enclosing the check for $60,00 on the E. L. Richards scholarship fund.

I am very sorry that Miss Dickinson's going to America has caused so much misunderstanding. It seemed quite simple to us. We made out our budget for 1925-26 and the large estimated increase in running expenses at the new site, plus two or three new salaries which seemed quite essential, considerably surpassed the income from any known sources. We knew that the Boards were giving to the limit of their ability. Given two such cold facts, would it not seem quite clear that the thing to do was to make a constructive suggestion toward helping the Promotion Committee to raise this large sum of money which will be a permanent need and not a temporary one, and not simply lie down on the cooperating Boards, hoping vaguely that in some fashion they would find the money, and being quite certain that they would not be able to do so? Miss Dickinson was due to go home in June. None of us, including Miss Dickinson, had any inkling of the plans of her parents for a pleasure trip through India and Europe, hence the Administrative Committee voted to recommend to the Yenching College Committee that they allow Miss Dickinson to come home early and do what she could in approaching business men and private donors with the hope of securing some permanent increase for our current expense fund. Arrangements could be made for other people to carry her academic work. Does this not seem a logical line of thought? Error number one occurred when in the copying of the first cable which was sent to the cable office the word Dickinson was omitted. It was thought, of course, the second cable containing her name would correct any misapprehension. I do not know in whose cable the reference was made to "family affairs". Certainly not in any I was responsible for. The complication arose when her father and mother, who had apparently set their hearts on a long and delightful holiday in Jean's company began to cable her to meet them in Europe. Of course this was a wonderful opportunity for Jean, but realizing how desperately we needed funds for the college and seeing no prospect of our getting them in any other way, she very generously

offered to carry out the wishes of Dr. Stuart and the Administrative Committee and go ahead with the effort to secure funds from private sources. After all the misunderstandings which have arisen, we realize that she has been placed in a most embarrassing situation by the lateness of the Women's Boards to give her any letters of introduction or backing. Our purpose in cabling early in December was to give the Yenching College Committee two months' time before her arrival in the States. Dr. Dickinson's determination to carry out his own plan for her, lead the Yenching College Committee to feel that of course Jean would follow out her father's plan, rather than the one we had indicated. It may be that the Yenching College Committee thought the next fall or winter would be time enough for us to start in on some money raising scheme, apparently forgetting the fact that we must have guaranteed to us a one hundred percent increase in our current expense fund before July 1, 1925. Of course, we realized what Miss Dickinson was up against in going home with no assurance of much assistance from the Yenching College Committee, but she is very plucky and full of grit, and full of the bitter realization of how much we needed the money, as apparently the Yenching College Committee is not; so she went ahead with her plans. Just how successful she will be is an absolutely unknown quantity, but if Yenching College is to be able to move to the new site we have got to have that money. It may be the committee will also press Miss Boynton into the service of securing funds. It is most unfortunate that Dr. Dickinson's plans so blurred the whole issue with such unfortunate and such unforseen results. Dr. Stuart felt even more keenly than I that we must do something, and do it at once, in order to carry out our plans for moving.

We had been expecting to move this fall at the latest since our living conditions for the students in the city here are almost intolerable. That was the reason why we cabled asking the Yenching College Committee to try to secure the loan of some funds sufficient to help the "poor Men's College" to put up a Dining Hall for the men. The lack of this hall may delay the whole University, <u>including the Women's College</u>, from moving out on the expected date. Facts that have come to our knowledge within the last few days make it look as if we could not move now until next February at the earliest, lack of money being one of the contributing factors. (Speaking of finances, I wonder if the Trustees realize what the interest on the amount of money already invested in the new buildings and building material comes to, as we are delayed month after month from moving?) I know that these problems are very close to your heart also, and that in April you will be giving your best thought to wise decisions. If only New York were not so far from Peking!

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Alice B. Frame

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

February 28, 1925

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

Dear Mrs. Roys:

I have been hoping to receive a letter of instructions from your committee in answer to my long letter of December 22d. We are still very eager to hear the results of your discussions of the Gymnasium Building. We also hope to hear more definite word as to the size of the gifts which were sufficient to designate rooms or buildings so that we may make appropriate suggestions from this end. Mrs. Gamble is on her way to Peking and we hope very much that she will be pleased with the Dean's Residence or Guest House, as it should be called more properly. I wish it were more nearly finished. The floors are in, but the plastering is not yet completed, nor the other details which naturally follow that. We are taking the interior decorating of this and the Administration Building very seriously. We hope to have as beautiful an interior as is possible with a minimum expenditure of money. To have accurate and harmonious Chinese furnishings in a house of foreign interior lines is not an easy proposition.

Gamble in one 7/26/25

According to the instructions of the committee of more than a year ago we selected one of the residence plans approved by the Trustees in New York -- E, which has been modified and called Ea. This contains in addition to the living room, dining room, small library and lavatory on the first floor,-four bedrooms, two baths and a small sleeping porch on the second, two dormer bedrooms and a large attic on the third. This would make it possible for four or five faculty and one guest to be comfortably housed. The modified plans have passed various committees here on the field. As I wrote before, we expect to erect one in the East Residence Compound, and one in the South Residence Compound near to the southern extremity of the Women's part of the campus. Next to the latter building will probably stand Miss Dickinson's house, which Dr. Stuart begs us to lend to the Men's College for the next two or three years since they are so hard pressed for faculty houses and we will in all probability not need it for another few years.

They are expecting every faculty residence to cost $7,000 gold, which ought to include the installation of heating and lighting equipment and a small sum toward grading, walks and a wall. Can your committee set a definite sum which could be used for equipping the rooms for common use in each of our two faculty residences? We have a rather indiscriminate collection of furniture here at the Tung Fu which we can try to use as far as possible but there should be some rugs and other furniture for halls and reception rooms provided for each house. Could you set a limit or would you prefer that the faculty residence committee suggest one? You know it is easier to plan if one knows such limitations quite clearly. The large student reception hall in the Administration Building and in the guest house will have to be done rather well or will be an eyesore, though we will try to be as economical as possible, but there are various grades of rugs and furniture which can be adhered to if necessary in less conspicuous places.

The little chapel room in the northwest part of the second story of Russel Sage is also a room which we hope may have harmonious and beautiful. We have asked Miss Boynton, while she is in the States, to make a study of such rooms and make suggestions. Personally I wish very much that we might have a large curtain of soft blue veleurs covering the north wall back of the little alter or pulpit. Then we should also have designs for the seats and for the pulpit or alter. Has she mentioned this to you? I thought that if she could secure this information for us it would save some trouble.

Two months ago I sent a list of bedroom furnishings needed for the guest house to Mrs. Lee. I hope that they have secured someone to attend to this little matter. Bathroom and other furnishings we are ordering from a wholesale house as that seemed the most direct and most economical method, since you would not know the details.

The enclosed copy of a letter to Mrs. Lee will explain our predicament caused by the sudden uncertainty as to the time of our moving to Haitien. It simply must be decided before one or two weeks. Out limited quarters here will effectually delimit the size of our entering class. Be sure I will send you the news of the decision as soon as I know it myself.

When Jean Dickinson went home, Miss Morrison gave her some plans for the gym., and talked over the details that seemed most important to her. Jean may have forwarded these to you already? Her having been out in the village doing sociological work has made her a little less in touch with our doings and needs here than she would ordinarily be, but we tried to fill her up the last few days she was here, when she finally decided to do the best she could for us in the States.----On another sheet I am adding a little about Miss Morrison.

With best wishes,

Alice B. Frame

Copy to Mrs. Lee

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Woman's Board of Missions
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Peking, China,
Easter Day,
1925.

Dear Holyoke girls,-

Calendars are funny things, aren't they? It's spring and Easter with you in South Hadley today,-----with peachtrees abloom and a pale green mist touching the bare brown woods. It's spring and Easter Day in Peking, too, quite as delicately pink and green. Out on the warm dusty streets, patched square awnings sprout at impossible angles over the countless busy eating-booths, and the camel's supercilious look fails to conceal the undignified fact that he's losing huge solid hunks of matted hair in the spring weather!

But while it is April by your sun-calendar, it is still the Third Moon with us. (I don't mean the official "Us", of course; academically and officially speaking, our calendar marches with the sun, as does yours. But outside of government offices and the big foreignized cities, with their trolley cars and high(!) three-story buildings,----out where China's unnumbered millions really live, among the rice or wheat fields and in the sun-baked little villages and towns, they measure the month by the moon, just as they have for centuries past.) And let me tell you that ever so many more interesting things happen by the moon calendar than by yours. Even in Peking, the days that really count,- the great national festivals that have woven themselves into the life of the people,- are set by the moon. We condescend to let the sun decide on what days we may "establish the spring", or the autumn, and when the annual "Great Frost" or the "Big Snow" shall fall,(as they are apt to do!) But it is on the First Sun of the First Moon, and not on January first, that the Biggest Holiday of all comes, when men welcome the gods to earth with firecrackers and clanging music and super-feasts; the whole nation puts on its gayest best, and even the pale little apprentices play boyishly on the streets.

Then on the Second of the Second Moon, the Dragon lifts his head. That means that the ice is melted. We taste quaint symbolical dishes, and all women have a holiday from sewing, by rights, for it would be very bad luck to stick one's needle into the Dragon's eye.

Then on the third Sun of the Third Moon there is a gorgeous fete in one of our biggest temples. Thousands of people crowd to the big fair, burn clouds of incense and offer good things in honor of the birthday of the kind goddess who gives long life. Perhaps she gets a new yellow satin robe and a lovely new complexion from a wealthy worshipper. But the spring air is so glorious that it makes us <u>all</u> feel as if we could outlive Methuselah.

As for the Fifth of the Fifth Moon, every one knows that that is the Dragon Festival, and in the Seventh Moon,----but I simply mustn't go on. Surely you can see how fascinating and picturesque the life of the Moon-year is?

But I want to jot down for you an item or two from our own private Yenching spring calendar. (I've just been reading yours in the "News").

There was the unexpected half-holiday when classes were dismissed in order that our students might join those of the whole city who, together with thousands of citizens and officials, acted as a guard of honor to escort the coffin

of the hero of the Chinese Republic, Sun Yat Sen, to its temporary place of lying in state in Central Park, after the impressive Christian funeral service. That service he had asked for, and his family had insisted on, even under threat of bombs and other disturbances by the bitterly anti-religious wing of his political party. The enormous crowds made one appreciate afresh how deeply the idea of a republic, eager to throw off all shadows, even, of foreign domination, had gripped the hearts of the people.

Spring vacation lured many of our girls off on trips to the Great Wall, to the Ming Tombs, or to the Summer Palace with its rippling lake filled by the clear waters from the Jade Fountain. Something very new in China, let me tell you, you "hikers" and riders and skaters, for young women to go off into the mountains like that, and be able to climb sturdily about when they get there!

Infectious bursts of laughter from the volley-ball field or the tennis court fit in perfectly with spring breezes and green leaf-buds. And on certain days comes a most dignified old courtly gentleman who looks as if he might pose for Confucius himself, but who is really a famous wrestling-master of the old school, who demonstrates to an eager class the extraordinary grace of the poses in the ancient sword-play or Chinese fencing,---just as it has been taught for hundreds of years.

May I mention, too, the days when some of us spent hours in dark, old second-hand furniture shops, where the game was to match our wits and not too large sums of money against the sharp-eyed craft of the old dealers, and secure for the reception rooms in our new buildings a superb old table or quaint carved chairs? You who had Hillside and "Rocky Junior" furnished for you quite perfectly complete, don't know the trembling joy of being your own interior decorator! People help us out, too. Why, there was a very charming and witty lady from Boston, who had helped build Yenching before ever she came to Peking and saw us. I suspect she was glad she had, for she loved our new buildings, and the bright-faced girls as soon as she saw them, and when she heard us talking about furnishing the dormitories she grew so enthusiastic that----but I promised not to tell! She's a <u>very</u> charming lady!

Then there was the picturesque old Chinese play which was our women students' share in an entertainment to raise money for the University Weekly. One scene was unforgettable. The setting was a stately and ceremonial garden-party of a few centuries ago, where dainty, slender ladies in flowing costumes and dark hair set off with brilliant flowers, swayed and curtesied and laughed. It was a delicately-tinted old Chinese scroll come to life.

And those exciting days of the debates! Those Intercollegiate Debates between five colleges, in both Chinese and English! How we glowed with pride when one of our girls proved a worthy member on each of the two winning teams, and spoke with a poise, a command of her material, and a nimble wit which neatly pierced the joints in her opponents' armor! We turned out very well to attend those debates, too, and clapped our hands sore.

My heart filled with satisfaction another day when I went as a delegate from our Chinese church,(and proud was I to be chosen)to the spring meeting of our Peking Congregational Conference. And a very interesting group it was. Who was the capable little clerk of the session? An old Yenching girl. Who were the most prominent Chinese women delegates? Six Yenching graduates. It was a friendly gathering where one sensed actual vital problems being grappled with by these members of Chinese churches, in large cities or scattered in little groups over the vast countryside. There is a "great door and effectual opened to us" out here, "and there are many adversaries",---wicked old customs, hoary superstitions, and most deadly of all the same

foe we meet everywhere in the world,--selfish greed and fear,--all combined to present problems of a complexity that can be solved only by men and women working bravely together. I saw two sad-faced men, whose hearts are undoubtedly in their jobs of leavening their own communities with the Christ-spirit pf service, but who time after time have had their work wrecked, utterly wiped out, by the malicious ill-temper, the furious lack of self-control of their ignorant, undisciplined young wives.

It warmed my heart to think that though the students in so many of the government schools are trying to demolish all religion, there are Yenching women throwing all of their influence and strength and trained leadership into working comrade-fashion with all the rest of us to meet the troublesome questions that confront the young Chinese church today.

Some wonderful talks have marked this Passion Week, culminating with Easter carols at dawn, and our own short Easter service when students and teachers and servants gathered early in the chapel, all newly flowered in white and green, with the six great carved doors opened wide to the bright cool morning flooding the courts outside. How we flung out our "alleluias" into the great glorious "Alleluia" that rang all through the world today. Did you hear our voices from Peking--------from Madras? I heard yours, quite clearly, as my thoughts dreamed out over the white flowers into the sunny courts,--to New England. What are miles,--or calendars,--or years? Holyoke heart to Holyoke heart,--"over the wide world over". And so, greetings! Greetings from spring in our old walled courts in this the Third Moon, to your great free spring in its unmeasured April glory.

Always loyally yours,

Alice Browne Frame.

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YENCHING COLLEGE
PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

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MRS. C. K. ROYS

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March 21,1925

Mrs.C.K.Roys,
New York.

Answered April 14, 25

Dear Mabel,

Saturday afternoon,and Miss Cookingham off,so I hope you will excuse an untidy letter.

The two cables about the gymnasium have come. We have been waiting so eagerly to hear the result of your committee meeting,as to whether you decided on two buildings or one,and no direct word has come from anyone. Dr.Stuart inferred from something in one of his letters that probably it was to be one building:we don't quite dare to be happy over it, for it may not be true.

In any case,with all Mr.Murphy's blunders in the past, we are eager that this buildings or buildings be as perfect as possible. We have waited for over a year for a plan,a sketch plan,and we think we would be better satisfied if we could see them once before authorizing the elaborate working plans. It is very late,and this seeing of the sketch plan may delay things so that the building will not be usable this fall,but a concrete building is going to stay built many years,and we would rather be sure that it comes as perfectly as possible to what would be best for the college,than to hurry it up and regret it ever after. I realize your sympathy with our desire to get rid of the ugly piles of material that clutter our campus and delay all grading,but we feel that we ought not to jeopardize the future of our lovely new building by running the danger of committing ourselves to expensive working plans which may not give us what we want. We are more sorry than you at the delay:but how can it be helped?It ought to be done right. Whether it can,after the delay,be even gotten under cover by frost,is doubtful. But circumstances are too much for us.

Mr.Gibb thinks that Mr.Thunder,the residence architect,could do the working plans after the exterior and sketch plans were done ,as you desire,by Mr.Murphy,but I told him that I knew Mr.Murphy would insist on doing them. Dr.North wrote a letter to Dr.Stuart,in answer to our protests that we would like the money it would cost for Mr.Murphy to Peking,to put into building and grading,that they were intending to send him anyway. That was the reason for my cabled query. If he is not coming he can probably do the working plans in short order.

I sent Miriam Boyd Parlin a set of blue prints of EA,the modified plans of E which you saw and approved in New York. We intended to put up one EA in the East Compound,one in the South. Then Jean D. said she wanted to use that plan for her house which we are lending to

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ne Men's College in the South Compound, so we are thinking we had better choose another plan for our second house, as it will have to be put close to Jean's. There is some talk of not building the houses in the South Compound, as the men have no money, and they do not wnat to sink any money in the overhead, (retaining wall, paths, etc.) for the South. If they decide to build the South, I suppose you will wish us to send to your committee a plan for the second house?

Wrote Mr. Lee 4/14

Jean wrote that she was set upon by the Seattle women to know why they had not hear anything about the Washington State house at Yenching. Perhaps you and Mrs. Lee remember that I have written repeatedly, asking that an accurate list of donors and houses named be sent to us. One list was sent, on which "State of Wash." was put down, but as I recall, with no amount of money, an d I was told that they were not sure that it was really given that way; to wait and hear. Could you find out about this? Which building was it that they gave? The Gym.? A dormitory? Fine Arts? Administration, which is to be named Luella Miner? I am sure that Jean could have done a lot lmore if she or we had known more about this, but we are simply ignorant. Something ought to be done about it at once, if we are to get the salary they promised Jean. I will write them the best letter I know how, and send pictures, if we can know how much they gave, and which building it is!!!!

May I ask if, in cabling to Mrs. Finley, I simply send it to "Roys", it will be sufficient, without adding Finley? Do you wish me to always add my name? "Frame, Peking" will reach me.

The bronze tablet for Sage has come, but it is still boxed and can be thus taken to Haitien.

I have been meaning to tell you that the $250 sent the dean each year is too much. I do quite a little entertaining and taking people out to the new site, but I do not think I need such a large "Guest Fund" as we call it. So you might reduce it in next year's budget. The new house at Haitien will need some extra funds to run it, though, and if you like to assign it to heating and lighting the Guest House there, (we must to change the name to Guest House, as that is really what it is: I only occupy a very small corner,) I presume it would be most useful there. Just as you like.

We are still waiting for Mr. Gernow to come from Denmark and give his expert word as to whether it will be safe and wise to pour concrete night and day for the water tower and power plant. Then the date of moving will be a little clearer. The heartless delay of the Trustees in delaying the Men's College in ordering the machinery and mains for the plant has sunk deeply into our hearts. We begged for the orders to be placed over a year ago. And some things are not ordered even yet. Our students live in all sorts of bad places, and they tell the men to stay where they are another year! Dr. Stuart looks more and more haggard under the increasing discouragement. It is wicked.

How brightly the Yenching Committee shines beside the Trustees!

I must go to my class in Religious Education. They are such a comfort.

Lovingly, Q. B. Frame

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YENCHING COLLEGE

Probable Requirements for Construction, etc., on New Site

Schedule of June 10, 1925.

			Gold
A.	LAND. Estimated total cost		$ 25,000.00
B.	BUILDINGS:		
	1. Dean's Residence		28,216.95
	2. Administration Building		27,329.30
	3. Sage Memorial		48.600.00
	4. Chemistry & Geology		76,753.84
	5. Gymnasium, Main -	$47,102.00	
	Wings -	12,700.00	59,802.00
	6. Dormitory BB		44,500.00
	7. Dormitory CC		44,500.00
	8. Dormitory C		37,731.00
	9. Dormitory E		42,954.00
	10. Residence - #1		8,754.93
	11. Residence - #2		8,754.93
C.	HEAT, WATER, LIGHT & SANITARY PLANT:		
	1. Trenches, Mains, Lines on Woman's College Section -	28,386.00	
	2. Share in General Power Plant, Etc. -	90,865.00	119,251.00
D.	EQUIPMENT:		
	1. Dean's Residence (Special Gift)		1,000.00
	2. Administration Building	(?)	
	3. Sage Memorial		4,320.00
	4. Chemistry & Geology	(?)	
	5. Gymnasium	(?)	
	6. Dormitory BB	(?)	
	7. " CC	(?)	
	8. " C	(?)	
	9. " E	(?)	
	10. Residence	(?)	
	11. "	(?)	
	12. Library Fund		25,000.00
E.	IMPROVEMENT OF GROUNDS:		
	1. General Plans		1,800.00
	2. Land Improvements, etc.		10,000.00
	TOTAL		612,267.95

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
(Yenching Ta Hsueh)

30th April 1925.

Construction Bureau, Haitien.

Mrs. A. B. Frame,
Woman's College
Tungfu, Peking.

My dear Mrs. Frame:

We are enclosing herewith the figures that you were looking at the day before yesterday. We have not tried to put them into column form as there are a great many points on which we here have no information. We are also enclosing another map showing roughly the unpurchased part of the south west corner. All the parts marked with red are unpurchased. Those parts which we have purchased since the buildings have started, are numbered 36,37, 43 and 60. The first three cost $ 1,154.20., No 60 cost $2,750.00., all local currency. Of the unpurchased parts Liu 1 and 2 belong to the two brothers by that name, and will cost approximately $8,000. if purchased at forced sale. The part marked Hsieh is held at $10,000., but we think it could be gotten for $2,000.00., if we are intent on buying, and probably less if we simply await our time. The other pieces belonging to Chiang, Liu, and others will cost over $4,000.00., if we force the issue. We have marked three Women's Dormitories in their approximate positions. DD is already built. The two green ones are the last two on the west side of the Athletic Field. We can build five other Women's dormitories to the east, and one to the north, before we need to touch those two which are shaded in green, so we do not think that the Women's College needs to worry about those bits of land.

Going back to our talk the other day about the Women's Gymnasium, the writer personally thinks it is a very open question whether an institution in North China need so much floor space in a gymnasium as Miss Morrison is asking for. This, however, is not a Construction Bureau question, but first a Women's College Faculty question, and then a Woman's College Administrative question, and we suppose finally a Grounds and Buildings Committee question.

It must be borne in mind that if the Gymnasium is put up at the south end of the Athletic Field it will be necessary to run heating trenches and mains, domestic hot water mains and other equipment to that extreme point, which is an installation that we do not plan to put in at this stage of the construction work. In fact we hoped to postpone it for a longer term of years.

Again wishing you a pleasant journey, a most successful time and speedy return, also congratulations on the honors received.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Jno. McGregor Gibb, Jr.

29 April, 1925.

PEKING UNIVERSITY

YENCHING COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR MOVING

DATA AS OF MARCH 31ST, 1925.

LAND

Note A. The items under this heading remain the same as in the Construction Bureau report, dated January 10th, of this year.

Buildings			
B	Dean's Residence		G$ 28,216.95
	Administration Building		27,329.30
1.	Sage Memorial		48,600.00
	Chemistry & Geology		76,753.84
	Gymnasium Main		47,102.00
	.. Wings		12,700.00
	Dormitory BB		44,500.00
	.. DD		44,500.00
2.	.. C		37,731.00
	.. E		42,954.00
	Residence Contract	G$ 6,012.00	
	Faculty Heat	784.77	
3.	Plumbing	768.00	
	Light	166.50	
	Land	240.00	
	Overhead	783.66	8,754.93
	2nd Residence		8,754.93

Note B. These figures for the Gymnasium were worked on the cubage basis from Mr. Murphy's sketch plan, received here a few days ago and are divided
1. as the cost of the main building, and the cost of the two wings.

Dormitories are lettered BB, DD, C and E.
2. BB and DD are on the west side of the Athletic Field, BB is at the nort
These two groups have basements unde the connecting link. C. and E are on the east side of the Athletic Field, and have no basements. Construction Bureau's overhead and cost of building have gone up, which partially account for the extra cost of E over C.

These figures represent the actual cost of house EA on lot No. 30,
3. on the East Residence Compound, worked out from data prepared on March 17th 1925.

C. Heat,Light,Water & Sanitary Plant.		
1. Trenches on Women's College Site	9,766.00	
2. Heat Mains & Bends	11,200.00	
3. Cold & Hot Water Mains	3,220.00	
4. Electric Transmission	3,640.00	
5. Campus Lighting	560.00	28,386.00
6. Women's College share of General Power Plant, etc.		90,865.00
		G$ 547,147.95

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Note C. This figure is one-third of the cost of the Power Plant installation as estimated at the present time, less the G$28,000.00, chargeable exclusively to Women's College Site.

D. **Equipment.**

Note D. The Construction Bureau has no information as to what furniture etc., would be ultimately arranged, we can, however, furnish the following costs:

Wardrobe	$	18.00	Chinese
Study table		7.60	..
.. chairs		3.25	..
Teacher's desk		23.00	..
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E. **Improvement of Grounds.**

Note E. The cost of improvement of grounds may be based on the list of January 10th, 1925.

Note F. We find on our monthly balance sheet a charge of nearly G$8,000., which must be added to the total above, three-fifths of this are architects fees recently charged out from America. The balance is made up of small items such as safe doors, grading. and incidentals chargeable to the Women's College alone.

mailed 5/18/20

CANADIAN PACIFIC

S.S. "Empress of Asia"

Dear Dr. Roth, –

At Victoria this morning I learned that Mr. Murphy, after all, is starting for the Orient. So much his army story up N. C. A. building in Manila? But I must see him about the gym. before he leaves. I am anxious to attend the Wellesley Festivities on May 29. Then I am free for work. What date would you suggest for me to come down to N. Y.? June 6 I ought to be at college for

a class reunion. After June 10th. I'll be free.

I'm going by the C.P. via St. Paul to Chicago, reaching there Friday, stay till Sat., then to Detroit for a day, possibly, to see Ruth Ch'eng - then on, (via B. & A.) to Worcester, Mass., & Holden, (c/o J. H. Kendall) Mass. just with it, a summer place. You could hardly catch me earlier. I shall hope to hear from you there.

This is all seems quite like a dream, you know! But a nice one.

Sincerely,

Alice B. Frame

Mrs. Montague

Any ~~time~~ time up to Friday

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PEKING UNIVERSITY.

May 27, 1925.

Mrs. Murray S. Frame,
c/o J. H. Kendall,
Holden, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Frame:

Your letter from the Empress is at hand, and I have checked up with Mr. Murphy and find that he is available any time from Monday afternoon, the first of June, to Friday, the fifth of June. I take it as you are to be in Wellesley on May 29th, and that as Saturday, the 30th, is a holiday, the afternoon of Monday is the first available time. I hope, however, that before you go into consultation with Mr. Murphy you will have opportunity to discuss the matter with Mrs. Roys who has been handling the matter in behalf of the Yenching College Committee and who has done her best to meet the ideas of the field and produce a building in every respect satisfactory. .....

I have just been in touch with Mrs. Roys' office and I find to my regret that she will not be back until June 8th. If I had only known more specifically where to reach you on route, I might have suggested your stopping off in Columbus to meet Mrs. Roys at the Presbyterian General Assembly. As connection with her is now out of the question, I suggest that you let me know what time in the period I have named will be satisfactory to you, and I will fix the time for seeing Mr. Murphy. Now that Mrs. Roys is away, perhaps you would like to go over the matter with me, as I have been in on a number of her conferences with Mr. Murphy.

Of course, if you think it is best to wait until Mrs Roys returns, this might go over until after June 10th, though I do not know whether Mr. Murphy will be free then or not. I presume the sooner, the better.

I have heard interesting rumors as to the occasion of your return, and I venture to offer my felicitations on the new dignities which will soon be yours!

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
Peking University.

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JUL 14 1925

MRS. C. K. ROYS

燕京大学 Answered

Mrs. Murray Frame.

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Holden, Mass.
July 11, 1925

Dear Mabel,

Your note about the gym cable has just come in. Thank you for letting me know at once. I am now waiting for a sketch-plan developed by Mr. Murphy from a long consultation last Tuesday. He must show it to you and Dr. North, and Dr. North agrees that they ought to be shown to some gym expert before they are finally approved by the com. And I judge that you both think that we are fully authorized to decide, and let Mr. Murphy go ahead with the working plans?

I am sure that Mr. Gibb would wish the final dimensions of the building and the exact location sent to him at once, so he could begin with the excavations. Yet the rainy season is drawing on. Sometimes, though, as you will remember, it does not rain so continuously as usual, so it may be worth while to cable the information, if possible. What do you think?

Lucy Booth to Murphy

I have been a little puzzled at not hearing from Lucy Booth. She is a very conscientious girl, and she may think it is too late to change her decision. Yet I imagine the Miss Kimball who expected to take her place, (paying her own way out and back, giving two years' service,) might still be available, as she was very anxious to go. Yet we can do nothing till a cable or letter comes. But I should hate to have a mournful Lucy Booth teaching all next year, feeling I had "done" her out of a year of happiness. But it is certainly up to them to make the first move.

I was delighted to learn that Augusta Wagner is all right physically. I hope the technicalities will move right along though with Mrs. Finley off in N.H., I am not sure! Miss Boynton seems to be glad she is going, too, though she will not go till Jan. or Feb.

I am going up to Northfield for just one night to make a few remarks about Yenching on "College night". It has been so nice not to have to do any speaking.

note

I had a bitter blow last week when I went to take my physical exam. from our Board doctor. They are tightening up the screws. He said my blood pressure was far below average, my metabolism test likewise, which indicated that I was much more fatigued than I confessed to being: ergo, I could not start west early in Aug. as I had planned to do, sailing Aug. 19, but have a month of complete rest (after Northfield,) and sail Sept. 12. Protests were unavailing. I told him I thought the Yenching com. might have something to say about it, but he seemed to think his word would be more weighty with you than mine. He is writing to Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Avann. Isn't it stupid? He insists that blood-pressure never lies! Trotting back and forth from N.Y., etc. has not been entirely relaxing, of course. And I promised Mrs. Boyd to do a tiny pamphlet for her by the time she gets back from Europe. But I'll have to be good for a while.

Don't work too hard!

Much love,

Alice

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August 4, 1925.

Mrs. Murray S. Frame,
Holden, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Frame:

I ought long since to have acknowledged your letter with reference to Miss Lemley. President Stuart is arriving on the Empress of Russia at Vancouver on August 10th. A letter received while this is being written states that he will probably leave the steamer at Victoria and cross over to Seattle stopping at the Hotel Gowman. I suggest you address him at the Hotel Gowman, Seattle.

I have prodded Mr. Murphy vigorously with reference to the sketch plan for the gymnasium and believe that they should be ready this week.

In accordance with the correspondence action of the Yenching College Committee I have cabled Mr. Gibb that, the fourth row of the Women's College Dormitory will be ommitted and that the gymnasium is to be located at the South end of the Dormitory group, the North wall of the gymnasium to be upon a line seventy feet South of the South wall of the third Dormitory group. This places it in about the same relationship to the group as the building at the opposite end of the Dormitory Quadrangle would have.

I have been sorry to hear that you have had to postpone your sailing. I must confess I am a little anxious in the present situation to have yourself and Dr. Stuart both there and also to have three or four of the veteran members of the faculty home on furlough.

Cordially yours,

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TRANSFER

August 6, 1925.

Mrs. Mary S. Frame,
Holden, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Frame:-

I saw Mr. Murphy two or three days ago and went over the plan he had drawn. After our conference it was agreed that he should send you the plan but that he should also draw another which seemed to both of us to be quite an improvement. The essential feature is the pushing of the shower and dressing room space further to the west and securing an entrance hall in the front that will communicate with a wide corridor to the main corridor. The advantages of this, I think, will be apparent when you see it.

As soon as we are ready we ought to get approval of this plan so that the working drawings can be made. Mrs. Roys is on her vacation and I start on mine tonight but will be available if necessary to further the interests of the work.

Mr. Murphy will send you a copy of the plans and I will write you detailed comments on it.

Cordially yours,

[redacted]:K:H

Copy for Dr. North

CABLE ADDRESS: "INCULCATE NEW YORK"

TELEPHONE WATKINS 8191

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

August 20, 1925

Mrs. Murray Frame,
Holden,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Frame:

Late yesterday afternoon, we sent you the following telegram: "Cablegram advises early Murray-Booth marriage and requests substitute. Mrs. Roys absent." This telegram was based upon a cablegram which had just come to Mrs. Roys, reading in translation as follows: "According to our letter of June 10, 1925, marriage plans proposed are agreed to. The sooner the better. Can you find a substitute? (Signed) Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wells."

This clearly referred to the marriage plans of Dr. Everett Murray of Weihsien and Miss Lucy Booth of your staff at Yenching. In looking over the correspondence on this subject, this marriage evidently depends on a substitute being secured and there is reference in correspondence, I believe from you, to a possible substitute (Miss Kimball?) who was agreeable to going for two years at her own travel expense.

Mrs. Roys is absent from the office on vacation at present but we shall be glad to do anything we can to help in the emergency. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(G. T. S.)

George T. Scott.

Copy to Mrs. J. H. Finley
Copy to Dr. Erle M. North
Copy to Mr. R. C. Wells

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TELEPHONE MATKINS 6181

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Cordial fee Dr. Mott

August 25, 1925

Mrs. Walter Crane,
Holden,
Massachusetts.

Dear Mrs. Crane:

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I believe that now, of a possible expenditure (Miss Kimball) who was responsible to Boone for one year's expense.

Mrs. Moore is speaking with the office on account of present and future work. Your telegram and letter received yesterday afternoon. I am sure you will be glad to do of the gift of the money to be used as we think it would be.

Yours very sincerely,

George T. Scott.

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TRANSFER

Holden, Mass.
Aug. 26, 1925

My dear Mr. Murphy,

I began to be afraid that I might have to leave for the west before seeing the scheme of Aug. 22, which you had promised to send me earlier. I was delighted to receive it, and must say that to a layman like myself, it looks very promising ~~to me~~, and I hope will meet the approval of those on the field.

May I make some brief comments?

1. I am very much pleased with the door in the middle of the north wall. I had been afraid all along that that 181 ft. of unbroken window and wall would look very monotonous. Also such a large building can well use another door, especially as the west door will necessarily be rather private. But may I venture to ask whether so small a door, the only one in 181 ft., will look proportionately large enough? Or have you some external architectural device which will magnify its appearance? Perhaps I am wrong in this impression.

2. I note there is no public lavatory, only those in retired spots. Would it be possible or desirable to put one opposite the doctor's, making it a toilet, available from the hall, in place of the coat-closet for the director, or if this is too small, is there a better place?

3. Is there any appropriate spot for a janitor's closet (small) upstairs? Such a large floor space will need cloths, etc., in generous quantities.

4. Is the partition between the two classrooms on the south side downstairs, removable, or is it structural? I can conceive Miss Morrison's wanting one large room instead of two small ones.

5. I agree with you that on most occasions, some of the doors in the west part of the first ~~part~~ floor will need to be locked.; but it is well to be able to have a free circulation.

6. The door to the janitor's room ought not to open on the passage where all the girls will be sweeping back and forth so freely. Do manage some other way if you can.

7. What sort of lighting fixtures should be planned for in the big gym? Does it make any difference in placing the trusses, etc.? What system of ventilation should be built in? Can the big pipes serving the radiators be placed in the wall, so as not to interfere at all with the use of the room?

As you can see from my last rather unintelligent

questions, I feel that there are a lot of technical points connected with putting up a successful gymnasium, which are very important even though I do not know the answers. I wonder if it would not be possible to let some technical gymnasium expert glance over the professional arrangements, just to be sure that from the standpoint of practical physical education, I have not asked for some impossible things?

I feel that Miss Morrison would be much more appreciative of our efforts if she felt that one of her "chiefs" had approved the plans before the working drawings are made.

Very sincerely,

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Holden, Mass.
Aug. 26, 1925

Dear Dr. North,

It is a shame to bother you on your vacation, but if all the members of the Building Com. will insist on having your holidays at once, what am I to do?

Personally I think this plan, with the few suggestions you will note in my letter to Mr. Murphy, is fine. But I want to reiterate again my conviction that Mr. Jallade or Miss Belden or some technical physical ed. person MUST LOOK OVER THE PLANS BEFORE MR. MURPHY GETS OUT THE WORKING PLANS. Or else the Building Com. itself must take the responsiblity. I refuse to take it, for I am not intelligent about gymnasia. Mrs. Parlin is just back.

It is too late to do any building this fall. (Mr. Murphy has changed 180 to 181 ft. in length. Ought the field to know this?) But the drawings ought to be in Mr. Gibb's hands so he can get contractors to bidding by Dec. 15th or so. So there is no immediate rush. But it would be too late for me to take them out to the field and cable approval from the Groungds and Buildings Com. there, though, wouldn't it?

Mr. Britton sent me some publicity stuff which I will send down to you. There may be something you can use in some speech!

I am sailing on Sept. 12, Seattle, "Pres. Jackson", but I am starting tomorrow for Chicago and other spots en route. If you wish to catch me between Sept. 2-5, you can do so at 4 Westmoreland Place, Pasadena, Cal. or Sept. 10-12 c/o Rev. Chauncey J. Hawkins, 1852 Federal Ave. Seattle.

Best wishes. And I shall hope to see you in Peking before too long a time.

Sincerely,

Alice B. Frame

YENCHING COLLEGE
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Holden Hall,
Aug. 20, 1925

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Pasadena Cal.
Sept. 2. 1925

Dear Dr. Smith,

Your air-mail letter (I can't get on the thrill of air-flying letters!) was awaiting for me here. And I hasten to answer.

I sent a few suggestions to Mr. Murphy for sending to you. I see your suggestion about the doctor's parlor being changed into a public toilet is practically identical. Also the outside entrance for the janitor I consider necessary.

I agree with the advisability of all the changes you suggest, tho' that slanting passage between lockers & showers, convenient tho' it is, I fear will not be architecturally beautiful. Also I fear the shifting of the constructing wall between the lockers & ~~dressing~~ showers will be impossible. But it's all to the good if it can be done. My suggestions were not important.

Hmm, I think we've got a very good plan. I still feel strongly though, that Mr. Gallade & Miss Belden or some similar expert ought to cast an eye on the whole thing before the working drawings are made. Thus a technical error we might not see, would be corrected by an expert. Also I wish to protect myself with Miss Ulrison! Mrs. Paulin is back. Gallade was the person, I should say.

I agree that it not really necessary to take the plans out to the field before authorizing making drawings. If Gallade & your Building Com. here passes them... Dr. Stuart, too. Perhaps he can bring the working drawings with him? We ought to be able to have bids on the contract in Dec. Could any foundation dimensions be called to Mr. Pitt so the foundation could be poured before freezing time? Mr. Murphy has made it 181 ft. now, hasn't he?

Thank you so much for all your help. I don't think you've really had any vacation at all, tho' others did!

My sailing-date - Seattle, Sept. 12, "Pres. Jackson", I believe you know. For Sept. 10-12 I shall be with the Hawkins', 1812 Federal Ave. Seattle - in case of emergency. I seem seem to be able to make a clean get-away!

Goodbye - and thank you.

Alice B. Fearn.

Peking, China, October 15, 1925

TRANSFER

Holyoke Girls:-

Shut your eyes and ears on America, won't you? ----- Open them in Peking, in our Yenching College courts. Pop!! Bangity-bang!! Well, you couldn't be more surprised than I the other night when I was escorted by a smiling "committee of honor" to a "simple little welcome back to Yenching". Foras we came into the quaint old chapel court, the soft dusk suddenly exploded into fiery noises from hundreds and hundreds of firecrackers suspended from long bamboo poles. It was a good old Chinese welcome, even if fairly deafening, and it was supplemented by much soft hand-clapping and a song from the rest of the girls, crowding about the high carved doors of the lighted hall. They made a lovely picture. Then came music, a stately Chinese poem of welcome, speeches and games and goodies. A little overwhelming, perhaps, but wasn't it dear of them to make me so welcome after my visit to America? It wiped away in an instant any little fear I might have had after hearing so much about the anti-foreign feelings that had been running so high in China the past months, that the Yenching girls might be a little --- different. But they were more lovingly cordial than ever, and it was all so jolly that I wanted you to share it. And now I won't keep you from America another second.

Possibly some of you are not even yet aware that, through the sudden magic of a cablegram Roasmond and I were whisked from Peking to Commencement at Holyoke? It was a fairy story that really happened. Now, I don't even need to shut my eyes on China to see Hillside, and Clappmy hilarious class mates meeting in a delightful flurry of greetings, and all of us wondering whether we really had been out of college so long, after all;--- the seniors singing on the steps - the light of the lanterns floating over the water -- and yet here we are being firecrackered in China! Why, even when I went over to our affiliated Kindergarten-Primary Training school to speak the first time, didn't the girls treat me to speeches and flags and more firecrackers, till I began to wonder whether perhaps I wasn't getting a little distinguished, after all? I suppose too many firecrackers do have that effect on one. I'm quite sure that President Woolley, when she spoke a few quiet words on Commencement Day, had no idea of setting off so many fire-crackers in Peking, or of the scandalous effect they might have on my character!

There were more firecrackers, but of pure patriotic intent on October tenth, our National Holiday. The whole University, men and women, had a bonfire, - a very twentieth century one, where the various classes did modern comical stunts, sang and shouted, and ended with some gay fireworks.

Far more decorous and dignified were the Chinese crowds I saw walking under the huge old cypresses in the courtyards of the Temple dedicated to Confucius on his birthday. Rows of automobiles, rickshaws and two wheeled carts alike were parked in front of the Temple gates, through which throngs of men, women and children passed in and out. As I stood on the marble terrace outside the great red central doorway and looked into the cool dimness of the great hall, toward the simple red lacquer tablet in the brocade hung shrine, a scullery boy in his greasy apron jostled me on the oneside; on the other stood a satin-clad classical scholar, --- each of us looking wordlessly at that shrine of the "most holy ancestral teacher, Confucius." We were all there in his honor. Out in the beautiful court school boys and girls were

making rubbings of famous inscriptions on tall marble tablets on the backs of enormous marble tortoises. One man had his son astride his shoulders, so the little lad could make a rubbing exquisitely carved list of degree winners of some past century.

was an autumn day so perfect that I could not resist going on for few minutes at the old, old Temple of Earth, with a mind to worship. It's a spacious old place, with its large marble terraced altar four-square "like the earth" rimmed in by old trees, and open to the soft autumn mists and golden sunlight, and I thought to myself that to read Keats' "Ode to Autumn" on the terrace steps, blue northern mountains lifting beyond the cypresses, to the accompaniment of a sleepy cricket's tune, might be an acceptable to old Mother Earth as the gorgeous ceremonial procession of princes that used to wind over the long paths to the high altar.

One more Big Day I simply must mention -- our Twentieth Anniversary. We were the first women's college to be founded in China, you know. So on a glorious afternoon soon after my return, we had to have a modest little meeting in celebration, and let ourselves be historical for a while, and musical for a while, and be congratulated a while. Then our guests and we recovered by having tea by the wisteria, and watched some very good games of college tennis, till it was time for the banquet, where undergraduates andalumnae, present and former faculty all sat down together very happily. I'm afraid you might not have enjoyed the toasts, for they were all in Chinese, but they were punctuated with gales of laughter. And when the girls gave a dramatic history of the college, the audience almost collapsed with merriment. I even saw myself (though walking with a stiff dignity I fear not even many fire-crackers can give me).

It made us rub our eyes --- the changes during these twenty years, as they lived before us. I wondered whether as great changes in freedom and opportunity had marked themselves on America's life ina hundred years. The Peking College girl of twenty years ago, pioneer though she felt herself to be, was such an unheard of curiosity that she could hardly properly venture on Peking streets, even guarded by a vigilant old waiting woman; in these stirring days, college men and women march on the streets together , feeling a common weight of responsibility for guiding the destinies of the nation. Only twenty years!

Now how can I ever persuade you that I really have been rather occupied these few days since we reached Peking? Busy not only in the office, gathering up college threads and thinking how best to weave them into this new China-picture which has emerged during the last tumultous months, but in getting back into the varied problems connected with the finishing and furnishing of our new buildings? (And speaking of building, don't you wish you could have even inglorious lime arrive on the backs of long lines of proud, tawny camels?)

The new college year seems to be opening most auspiciously in spite of uncertainties and agitations. There are war-clouds lowering on the near horizon; the Tarriff Conference opens soon with its background of intense nationalism; but meanwhile our students, new and old, test atmospheric pressure and watch hydra with apparently great zest. But all the time one is aware of the undercurrent of waiting for something about to happen - as if Young China stood hushed, - on a hilltop -

[illegible] - with the winds from every land blowing about them. As if, [illegible] of deep blue autumn skies above, the blaze of gorgeous chrysan- [illegible] below, the students had felt too deeply, had dared too much, to [illegible] for a moment the questions of civic peace, of international honor, [illegible] stake. So they wait and we wait for them.

I am so sorry I could not have seen more of you while I was spending these happy weeks in the homeland. In three years or so we may be traveling in your direction again - who knows? And what is a matter of three years --- between friends?

Always loyally yours,

Alice Browne Frame

COPY Peking, China, October 1925

TRANSFER

Dear Friends of Yenching:- Women's Coll

Members of the faculty, old and new, alumnae, friends of the college, students, all shared in the celebration of Yenching's 20th Anniversary on October 17th. We missed Miss Miner and many of the "old girls" who, scattered as they are all over China, found it impossible to come. Mrs. Feng Yu Hsiang, one of the former students most in the lime-light because of her famous husband, sent a telegram of regret and congratulations, along with others too far away to make the journey, while those who were there were so eagerly enthusiastic in their desire to honor their old college that the spirit of the occasion was a very happy one.

The old Tung Fu looked her best. The little red roses that bloom from early spring till snow were at their most luxuriant season. The day was bright and sunny and cool. Over the dragon screen at the entrance was draped a Chinese flag, and two flags crossed over the doorway gave a festive air to the old chapel, where the formal meeting was held at two o'clock.

China's national anthem, sung lustily, was a fitting introduction and was followed by a brief address by Dean Frame, Miss Jessie Payne, a former teacher, gave a short sketch of the "Twenty Years' History of Yenching Women's College" while Miss Wu Shu-Yuan one of the first graduates, told us in humorous vein what the alumnae are doing - and we were interested in the statistics that she presented. There are 58 alumnae in all; 14 are married, 9 have studied abroad, 3 are engaged in social work, 4 have gone into specialized studies, 2 have died, while by far the largest group are teachers. Frequently bursts of laughter from the audience, particularly from the direction of the alumnae testified to great enjoyment of the sly personal thrusts in which Miss Wu now and then indulged. Miss Tao Hsuan, principal of the Peking Girls' Middle School, and Dean Chen Tsai Hsin of Yenching University spoke in congratulatory expression of satisfaction with the accomplishments of the past and high hopes for the future. The College Glee Club sang two songs, and the meeting was closed by the singing of the Alma Mater.

Tea was served in the Wistaria Court, and then the guests adjourned to watch a tennis match played by four of the students.

But the big event was the anniversary dinner at 6:30 in the chapel. The tables were arranged in the form of a hollow square, with guests on either side, their places marked by place cards decorated with the college seal. About 150 sat down to a delicious Chinese meal - teachers, friends, alumnae, students. Never had the old chapel witnessed more gayety and hilarity. Miss Chen Ke Ming as chairman of the committee of arrangements acted as toastmistress, and introduced three of the graduates, who standing on chairs, to make themselves better heard, regaled the assembled multitude with tales of their college days. Evidently those students of the years gone by could play as many and as clever pranks as their more modern younger sisters, and had as great a capacity for getting into scrapes. The under-graduates appreciated these stories to the full, while for the alumnae, as they heard one of their number tell of some long-forgotten escapade, the years between melted away and they were college girls again.

After supper the different classes enacted scenes depicting the history of the college. There was Miss Miner quite unconsciously smearing her face with ink as she taught a class of girls who simply burst with suppressed merriment. We westerners hadn't realized that fashions in

clothes are as subject to as great change in China as in the West - those early students did look so ridiculous in their long dresses and their floppy braids. And then came other eras, one with tight sleeves and puffed hair, each vividly presenting some teacher and her class and showing some well-remembered custom of the past. One wondered where these undergraduates could have gleaned so much information. And then in came Mrs. Frame, punctuating her remarks to her students with little bird-like nods of the head, speaking in her short, quick way, and making frequent references to "little Rosmond" much to the delight of the real Mrs. Frame in the audience.

It was late when all was over, and the guests left the Tung Fu court. Somehow the past lived again in the present, Yenching's daughters, old and new, felt more deeply than ever the tie that binds them close, in a common loyalty and a common purpose.

Faithfully yours,

(Mrs. R. C.) Louise Egbert Sailer

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MRS. C. K. ROYS

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November 27,1925

Mrs. Charles K. Roys
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mrs. Roys:

Your letter accompanied by a copy of Dr.North's letter to Mr. Murphy came some days ago, and I have delayed writing until after the meeting of the Grounds and Building Committee. I was very glad to have some word from you on this matter of the gymnasium. We have had practically no letters on any subject from any member of the Yenching College Committee since I returned, and there are quite a number of questions on which we would be glad of official pronouncement! Perhaps the different members were all waiting for the November 18 meeting before communicating with us. I am certainly looking forward to detailed letters from the Promotion Committee, Finance Committee and Candidate Committee.

Now as to the gymnasium: Mr. Gibb was the only one who was determined to place the gymnasium at the southern extremity of the athletic field. The entire Grounds and Building Committee walked out to the site and voted against his idea. In the first place, they feel that to place it near the third dormitory makes a better looking field, and that it will be as large as necessary. Secondly, if we ever have a swimming pool, we need the southern stretch of land for it. In the third place, by putting the gymnasium at the southern extremity, it would bring it very close to the south residence compound, and I suggested that the families living there might object seriously to the noise of basket ball and other games floating constantly in their direction. The foundations are now being cast, in the hope that they will settle well before spring.

I was much impressed in reading over Dr.North's letter with the excellence of the suggestions there made. I hope that Mr. Murphy has incorporated them in the working plans. A few individually controlled showers would be very useful, I think. Mr. Gibb has offered one serious objection on the question of lighting the large gymnasium. Mr. Murphy suggests glass tiles, but Mr. Gibbs says that he has never been able to get any. Can you ask Mr. Murphy to send word to Mr. Gibb where these could be obtained?

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May I also ask whether the Promotion Committee is making any definite efforts to secure the sum for the equipment of the gymnasium? Has the Building Committee secured any estimates either from Miss Belding or other experts as to a round sum which would cover this item? I do not think that the Grounds and Building Committee here on the field is in the least ~~equipped~~ prepared to make any estimate whatever. Miss Morrison could probably give some hint, and if you like, I will ask her to do so, but probably some one at home could give a general estimate for promotion purposes. From the budget made out as of June 10, 1925, it would look as if there were no sum available for more than the shell of the gymnasium, and this is a serious problem, for showers and lockers, not to mention other essential apparatus for corrective exercises, will be absolutely necessary.

I hope that Mr. Gibb's requests for accurate and detailed information as to specifications for light and heat in the gymnasium have been taken care of and that the information has been forwarded to him long before this, so that the engineers may know how to figure in their calculations for the central heating and lighting plant.

Dr. Stuart has brought word that Mr. Murphy is coming in January. Is he authorized to do this by the Board of Trustees alone or is the Yenching College Committee also bearing a share of the expenses? Shall we here on the field who are more specifically in charge of the details regarding the Women's College buildings consult with him or avoid consulting him? I understand that his charge is $100 a day. Do you wish us to incur any expense by talking with him or shall we avoid any advances on his part? I would be grateful for direct instruction from the Yenching College Committee on this point.

I presume that one reason he is coming is to discuss the location of the chapel. A certain share of the money for that was supposed to be given directly to the Women's College. If he discusses with the Grounds and Buildings Committee, the location of the Practice School, are we involved? The final location of the Home Economics Practice House, for which the southwest corner of the women's land has been suggested, should really be submitted to him, should it not? I shall be very grateful for any clear words of instruction which you of the Yenching College Committee may give to Mr. Murphy and also transmit to me.

Speaking of the Home Economics Practice House, I presume you know that Dean Milam and her sister who gave the initial $800 for this house are pressing for its immediate erection. We have every desire and intention of putting up this small, typically Chinese house and court-yards during the next building season in the spring. However, as I have written before, beyond this $800 we do not know of any additional gifts. We think that to put up a thoroughly good house where a number of students may live for certain periods of time, it will be necessary to secure approximately $4000 gold. Is any definite effort being made toward this?

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Perhaps the Promotion Committee is concentrating on endowment and current expenses which we need most decidedly; but we would be grateful if the money for the building and the permanent equipment of the gymnasium and the Home Economics House was also in sight.

You must have seen in the minutes of the Grounds and Buildings Committee meetings that more land in the vicinity of the Women's College buildings has been bought. One is the Pu Lun, secured for $17,400 L.C., and another piece of residential property right on the proposed dormitory site for $6000 L.C.

Was this figured in to our liabilities in Dr. North's last?

as yet it has not been taken up by trustees for financial report with us

An accurate survey has been completed, as you know, for which the Grounds and Building Committee is charged $5000. What our share of this will be, I do not know. It may already have been reported to New York.

Keep still! How much value trust?

We are being pressed by the local police to register all deeds for the university property at Haitien. This will mean further expenditure of money. I presume all this has been brought to your notice through Dr. North, but I am anxious that you should be informed.

Let U. reg. all deeds & protect all property

We are still hoping to open a limited Practice School next fall at the new site when we move. The present proposition is to house the elementary school and kindergarten in some old buildings on bits of property belonging to the university near the women's dormitories, and to use the extra college dormitory for a limited senior high school, which will take care of our present sub-freshman class, pre-nursing class and kindergarten primary training school. We hope to use our present old class room furniture for such needs as must be met for the practice school, using the gift from the Russell Sage Foundation for the Sage Hall furniture. Your thought of asking for this was certainly an inspiration! It will enable us to secure a fine, workable equipment for Sage, and even to have some left over for additional needs later.

We would like to make the second floor northwest room as attractive as possible in its use as a little chapel or place for small meetings. By the way, a Wellesley girl whom I met this summer said she had a little special gift toward this room about which Grace Boynton had told her and had sent it to Mr. Bowman, but this has never been reported to me. I have written full letters to Mrs. Williamson and to Mr. Bowman, asking that we may in the future have full and detailed accounts of such monies as belong directly to our field expenditure.

Would it be possible for you to ask the Russell Sage Foundation to send out to us $4000 gold, holding $2000 at home? Sage Hall is almost furnished, or will be when we secure the furniture about which we are now planning. Our faculty has a committee on furniture for dormitories and public buildings which works with Mr. Barker. We have also three sub-committees, one to make special plans for the East Residence, one for the South Residence, and one for the Dean's Residence and faculty

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suites in the dormitories. In this way we hope to secure as attractive interiors as possible with the most economical expenditure of money. I passed on to the committees the vote of the April meeting of the Yenching College Committee of an initial *appropriation of $500 gold for the furnishings of the two faculty residences. We are going to use the present furnishings as far as they will go, but it may be necessary to ask for a little more. Each committee is now busy making estimates.

Mr B. has been asked to forward this

Perhaps I should say one word about our Science Building. Mr. Gibb originally presented an estimate for the Science Buildings which should include the building and permanent equipment in apparatus and furniture. On this basis, the China Medical Board was asked for a sum equivalent to the sum given by the Women's College. Unfortunately, Mr. Gibb now discovers that his economical estimate was too small! This makes it extremely embarrassing. A science building not thoroughly equipped is a very poor tool. We are under obligations of honor to do the pre-medical science teaching for the P.U.M.C. in recognition of the gift of one whole science building. Now we are confronted with this lack of sufficient money to equip these laboratories with the appropriate amount of apparatus.

Mr authorized for Sci. Bldg N62490.

Dr. Stuart has thought of the plan of asking the China Medical Board through Mr. Greene, for an additional gift to complete the necessary equipment for their laboratory. He thinks that they will look upon this with favor if we will promise an additional gift of the same size. When I asked him whether he means that he would like to have the Women's College prepare this additional fund for equipment in order to enable the university to ask for this additional fund from the C.M.B., he looks very uncomfortable and says that we must talk it over. He may have written regarding this to Dr. North. I imagine from what I know of other resources that the Men's College has no possible fund to make a gift to balance the gift they are asking from the C.M.B. So far as I know, neither has the Women's College, but I am pretty sure that Dr. Stuart is eager to have us assume this responsibility, putting it on the grounds that the Chemistry Building belongs to the Women's College. I am not writing this officially, but just to prepare your mind in case letters come from the field later. Mr. Gibb is very earnest in his desire to save money, but he sometimes embarrasses us by being economical in the wrong place.

The Grounds and Building Committee is trying to find additional foreign supervisors who will try to relieve him of some of his tasks, in order that we may be certain of moving next fall. However, I will not go into all these difficulties, though you know we are hoping to move in June and early July before the heavy summer rains come on, and to have the formal opening early in October. I wish that you might come out for this. Would it be possible?

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* This has not been forwarded by Mr. Bowman.

note

All the cables and letters regarding the Booth-Murray affair seem a long past matter. Miss Booth is planning to get married on January 26th here at the Tung Fu. Miss James is planning to go to Hongkong, where she will meet Mr. Johnson the latter part of January and be married there. Miss Anderson is generously waiting 'till June. Dr. Stanley Wilson, the head of our University Department of Chemistry has written a large number of letters to heads of chemistry departments in different colleges and universities, asking them to send names and letters of recommendation about possible chemistry teachers to Mrs. Finley. We are very anxious to secure an experienced teacher who will stay with us for some years!!

Our political situation lightens and darkens from week to week. We do not see very far ahead now, but are hoping that the cold weather will suspend further war-like operations. I hope you are not worrying about us.

There is one matter about which I should have written you sometime ago. On one of my travels this summer I met a lady who gave her name and address as Mrs. M.E. Johns, 434 Riverside Avenue, Covington, Virginia, and told me that she would be interested in a position to teach music in some school in a foreign country. She is a woman of older middle age with a good deal of experience, but I would hesitate lest she cannot find it easy to accomodate herself to changes in climate and environment. She was very pleasant and seemed to have a real desire to help, and I promised to hand her name in to the Presbyterian Board.

I am sure that you will be glad to have me bring this letter to a close! Rosamond and I are both very well. We welcomed Miss Wagner with great joy about two weeks ago, and it is such a comfort to have her here. I am certainly very grateful to the Yenching College Committee for making such help possible.

Lovingly yours,

Alice B. Rawson

Copies to Dr. North
Mrs. Lee

Nov. 28. The political clouds darken. It looks as if a serious crisis was coming today.

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December 1, 1925

Dr. Eric North
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. North:

I do not know whether you will care to glance at the enclosed copy of a letter written to Mrs. Roys. Since you have been so extremely helpful in working on the gymnasium, there may be some points of interest in it for you. We are waiting anxiously for the working drawings so that Mr. Gibb may secure contracts before Chinese New Year time, which comes this year on ~~January~~ Feb. 13th. I shall be most interested to see what these plans include. Miss Morrison is deeply disappointed at the smallness of the gymnasium; others express surprise that we have as large a one! Personally, I think that it is a large and fine one, if we can secure funds to equip it properly.

As you see, I have hinted at several problems connected with the finishing up of our buildings. In spite of Mr. Gibb's frantic efforts to be economical, his estimates were all far too low for the actual costs of all the buildings put up. The special gift for the equipment of Sage Hall is going to save our lives so far as furniture is concerned, though we are not sure enough yet of the final estimates on dormitory furnishings to know whether we shall succeed in keeping within our budget.

With many thanks for all your kind help, I am

Sincerely yours,

Alice B. Frame