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MRS. C. K. ROYS

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

Dear Mrs. Roys:

The minutes of the November 18th meeting were read with intense interest. We are all petrified at the idea of holding off on the building of the gymnasium, since it is complicated not only with the question of when the gymnasium will be useable, but also with the grading our grounds and the preparing of the athletic field, as large quantities of building material which were supposed to be used in the gymnasium have been dumped in various prominent parts at that end of the campus. I can quite understand the opinion of the Building Committee that asking for a round sum for the gymnasium is a better talking point than asking for gifts for grading and sundry equipment, but it certainly is very discouraging, particularly as the men have just the blue prints from Mr. Murphy of their projected gymnasium, and are going ahead to put up the first unit as soon as the cold mitigates a little. If the Promotion Committee has the good fortune to meet a generous donor, who at once provides the needed money, it will certainly be most encouraging, but, as I said before, we feel low in our minds, now.

① In the table where the amounts needed for equipment are listed, I wondered what you meant by listing the sum of \$1,000 as equipment for the gymnasium. Perhaps, that was only for the offices and attached rooms? I am no expert, but surely the apparatus for the field work, as well as for the gymnasium itself, including the shower baths and lockers, will mount up to a pretty huge sum. Has any expert figured this out for the Building Committee?

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② We wondered also why you only put down G\$1,000 for the Sage Memorial. To adequately supply all those classrooms, the art studio, the large lecture room, the department offices and the proposed chapel room, will cost a sum three or four times that. Do you feel that the G\$6,000 designated for the equipment of Russell Sage can be used elsewhere? We had supposed that the main part of it ought to be expended chiefly on the Russell Sage alone, but I will be glad of the judgment of the Committee.

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We were very glad of some estimate from your end as to what amount can be counted on for the furnishing of the dormitories and faculty residences, as these are all very vital questions during these next few months, when we must make our plans and procure the furniture and rugs necessary. We have some legacies from the two faculty residences here at the Tung Fu, but they are a very ragged lot, and some of the articles are too worn to look decent in a new house; but we shall, of course, use this money as economically as possible.

As I wrote Mrs. Williamson, I suppose that the \$1,000 which was sent out two years ago for furnishing the dean's residence, which we have used to purchase rugs and Chinese furniture from time to time, may now be replaced by Mrs. Gamble's gift and used for the faculty residences. Mrs. Gamble, by the way, seems to wish to give her gift in small sections, which is really a little embarrassing, as we want the money this year to furnish the guest rooms and the large rooms for entertainment. I imagine that she would like to know just how we spend this money, but I hope she will not insist upon standing at our shoulders, so to speak, at every purchase. After a short time, I plan to write her again, asking how soon she can complete her gift.

3 One item which you did not include in your list, as published in the minutes, was the four faculty suites in the dormitories, each of which has an attractive little sitting room and hall which must have some furniture and rugs. Am I right in taking it for granted that the Building Committee will authorize such economical expenditures as are necessary to fit these up?

I was much interested in action #264, where I am instructed to consult with Mr. Murphy as to the further development of the academic quadrangle, etc. You will have received my question, because of the very clear previous instructions that I was not to take up with Mr. Murphy any discussions which would involve us in the huge expense of his coming to the field. I take it that these previous instructions are now rescinded, and I am glad to have your instructions on this.

I was glad to note in the minutes that Mrs. Finley is still continuing to act on the Candidate Committee, as she is such a delightful person and has such good judgment in passing on candidates, but I must renew my urgent request that someone be put on as assistant who will see to:

1. The prompt collecting of papers for all candidates.
2. That all approved candidates are informed as to the necessity for taking the regular inoculations prescribed by all boards.
3. That they receive a copy of the list of things useful to bring to China, which was sent home by our faculty some three years ago.

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4. Notify the field of the appointment of such candidates and their probable time of sailing and arrival on the field, and similar important items.

I am delighted that the committee finally has decided to have a definite contract with all those who are coming to the field as that will obviate many uncertainties, which are disagreeable. In the past it has happened that a candidate came to the field without any physical examination whatever. I refer to Miss Morrison. She has been an enormous expense to her Board ever since, and I seriously question whether her health would have warranted sending her in the first place. She is better this year than ever before, but at the same time gives one the impression of being in a state of depleted vigor.

Even so late as last summer, Miss Wagner, though taking her medical examination, was never instructed as to the imperative necessity of having inoculations before starting out, and when we discovered this and had her take the typhoid inoculations at once, she found the reactions so severe that she was seriously ill. It is very difficult for a new comer to adjust herself to the climate and at the same time be obliged to be subjected to these inoculations.

Please do not consider these as complaints, but it does seem as if only one person were business-like enough, with attention to these important details, it would be very simple to obviate the various unfortunate results, which their neglect has involved. Some energetic young person, who is near enough so that Mrs. Finley could get help from her easily, could act as her secretary, and if furnished with definite instructions as to the procedure in every case, would save Mrs. Finley, it seems to me, an infinite amount of trouble, which she ought not to be asked to take; and the aims we have in mind would be conserved. Quite possibly, you have better plans in mind, but I wish that something might be done to relieve Mrs. Finley from these irksome details, to attend to which her time is too valuable, and that some young, married woman be worked in, who could thus slowly be initiated into our mysteries!

I had a rather illuminating talk with Mrs. Leland Smith when I was in America. She felt obliged to resign because of her family duties and the difficulty of getting in town, but I discovered that one reason was that although she had attended many meetings, she always felt on the outside. Most of the members were "old-stagers" and knew all the ropes and the background, while a good many of the

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problems were Greek to her. She said she tried to inquire of Mrs. Lee and others, but everyone was in such a rush, and they seemed to need to save time to such an extent that to the end she felt that she was really unacquainted with what the Committee was actually trying to do. She may have exaggerated this, but she is a very bright woman, and I wondered whether it might not be necessary in trying to work in one or two members like this possible assistant to Mrs. Finley, for some experienced member to really explain the history of the reasons for some of the actions, which to us are matter of course, but to them are perplexing in the extreme. This may be a fantastic notion, but in the end would it not save time for experts like Mrs. Finley and yourself, who are so thoroughly familiar with all the technique of choosing people and deciding on policies, to train in a few intelligent young women, to whom this all seems like Greek when they have not been in touch with similar organizations? They could begin by doing the detailed hack work and gradually be learning some of the principles. I felt more keenly than ever while I was home that you and Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Finley ought not to have to do the amount of prosaic detail, which apparently falls on you in connection with this particular committee. Nothing else may be possible, but I wish you could devise some better way.

I was much interested in the vote about uniform salaries. Is this not what Ginling already does? I am calling a meeting of our Administrative Committee next week, and we will take this point up for discussion.

The students are busy enrolling for second semester. Perhaps I wrote you, that we were closing the semester one week early and beginning the second semester before Chinese New Year, so as to shorten the second semester by one week and close May 31st. This should give us a month of good moving weather before the heavy rains come on, and we have a good many things to move!

If the money is given for the Home Economics House or for the gymnasium, will you please send us a cable, so that we can proceed? The plan for the Home Economics House is being worked out in the Home Economics Department and will not be submitted to New York, but we hope that Mr. Murphy will help us to settle the precise location.

We are hoping fervently that the heating, lighting and ventilating apparatus in the gymnasium has been settled on by "those who know." As I hear Miss Morrison talk, it sounds extremely complicated, but I presume Mr. Murphy understands these little points?!

am With many thanks for all your interest, I

Sincerely yours,

Allen B. Frame

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Mrs M.S. Frame

*Wendell Boyd
250 W. Tulehocken
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Cincinnati
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January 27, 1926

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

My dear Mabel:

*Sent to
Mrs Boyd*
Just a short note to enclose a rather poor picture of the pathetic state of the foundations of our women's gymnasium. Shall I say that I hope it is too late to be of any great use, and that already someone has given the funds?!

We have not yet had any answer to our cable, and I am not exactly surprised, for if you cannot see your way clear to a reasonable assurance of putting the gymnasium up this year, there is not much use in buying the materials before Chinese New Year's.

If I do not hear immediately, I shall try to send you a better picture of the gymnasium foundations.

Ever sincerely yours,

Alvin B. Frame

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February 1, 1926.

Mrs. O. R. Williamson,
135 North Scoville Avenue,
Oak Park, Illinois.

TRANSFER

Dear Mrs. Williamson:

As I promised you in my last letter, we are now ready to send to the Finance Committee of the Yenching College Committee our budget for July 1st, 1926 to June 30, 1927. It is so similar in form to our budgets for the last few years that I think there will be very little on which to comment, but I do wish to mention a few points in which it differs from those of previous years.

On sheet 8, giving the expected income, you will notice that under item 71, we expect to ask a larger rental from the students. On moving to the new site, we feel that we have a right to ask them to cover as nearly as possible the probable expense of heating and lighting the dormitories. Just what this will cost is still a guess, but we are planning to watch our meters very carefully, and the year after be able to figure quite accurately.

Under item 80, you will notice that we are hopefully listing the appropriations from the Presbyterian and Methodist Boards toward our current expenses at 2:1. This is not now the case, but we are hoping that the arrangement may be changed in our favor.

Under 93, we have not listed Miss Anderson's name, as Miss Cheney is now the third member whose salary is paid directly by the Methodist Board. Miss Anderson is still very ill and probably will not be able under any circumstances to teach here next year. In the uncertainty, we have listed her successor's salary as paid by the college.

Under 95, we have listed the \$210 as rent, since the Y.W.C.A. is not one of the cooperating Boards, and this rent allowance is made to Miss Durfee annually.

Under 97, we have listed the sum of \$450 and on page 7, income from Practice School, the sum of \$450, making a total of \$900, which we hope will be given by the China Medical Board toward the salary of Miss Grace Huang, who is an assistant in the Chemistry Department. Her work will be partly in the Practice School and partly in the College Chemistry Department. I have been given informally to understand that the China Medical Board will be glad to make this contribution, since we are contracting to give the students in their Nursing School their first year of pre-nursing science in our Practice School.

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Mrs. Williamson.

On page 3, which gives our regular budget, you will perhaps notice the first great change under item 14. In years past, the college has paid L.C. \$2500 in a lump sum toward the general university expenses. The University Administration now feels that on moving to the new site, where so many functions of the controller's office, the secretarial bureau and other administrative offices will be used advantageously by the Women's College, we should bear a larger share in these common expenses. The Administrative Committee considered this a year ago, but it seemed premature, as we were not moving to the new site. This year they again recommend that we pay three-tenths of these items under University Administration of the total university budget. This will mean apparently a large addition, but at the same time, it takes care of certain items for mimeographer plus his office expenses and other items which were arranged differently before.

Item 142 seems large because all travel has been lumped in that one sum, including expenses of attending conferences, traveling between the new campus and Peking, and other expenses along this line.

Item 151 is a new item, but we understand it will be taken care of by special gifts.

Under item 20, operation and maintenance of physical plant, there is the largest single advance made anywhere in our budget. This is only an approximate estimate. As I said before, it will take one year of careful study of our meters and maintenance expenses to see what it is going to cost us to maintain our beautiful new plant. This is Mr. Gibb's estimate of our share in the whole process.

On page 4, under item 31.1, we have listed an assistant for Miss Starr. There is quite a demand for instruction in Chinese painting. We are trying the experiment this semester which one course in Chinese painting to see whether the demand is sincere on the part of the students.

Under 31.2 is listed Miss Giang's salary. We understand that private friends are making this gift to the college, but we have not heard officially, and so it is not listed on the income sheet, all items of which are paid directly to our treasurer here on the field. Together with Miss Giang's salary the sums coming annually from Wellesley, Mr. Gribbel, for the Dean's Entertainment Fund, and now for Dr. Brown's salary are paid indirectly to us from the Yenching College Committee and are not listed on the income sheet. Do you feel that these items should be listed differently?

Item 31.13, Miss Durfee's salary, is considerably larger than the others, but it is paid directly to her by the Y.W.C.A. I think the other items for instruction under salaries explain themselves.

Mrs. Williamson.

Under 32, the item for transit, is unusually large as some people are coming out this year and others returning home a year from this summer. I am trying to get some assistance toward the travel expenses of the two Chinese teachers from the States, but I have had no answers, so can report nothing.

Under 50, we have still ventured to list \$1000 for a contingent fund. This is because we fear that in these times of transition, it will be necessary to have a little sinking fund on which we can rely to meet certain unforeseen expenses.

With reference to the item on page 2, of G\$11529 secured by Mrs. Boyd and Miss Dickinson, we have not yet succeeded in learning whether this sum will be available for 1926-27 or not, but have listed it tentatively as a balance from 1925-26.

We have tried to make the estimates for the Practice School quite independent of those of the collegiate department. A great many of us will be giving some teaching and much thought to the School, but you will see from the budget that there are only a few people who will give their whole time to it. Mrs. Zwemer, who has been teaching our sub-freshmen English, will give her time to the Practice School. We shall try to secure some local teachers to supplement what is done by the Department of Education. We are not at all sure how many students will come this first year, but we have tried to make very conservative estimates. We hope that actually many more students will come than we have ventured to put down in our budget. In which case, the school will more nearly pay for itself. We had hoped that it would pay for itself to within \$1000 Mex., and it may be that we can still cut down on some of these estimated expenses to such a degree that it will more nearly approximate that. This first year is going to be a year of "trial and error", and we shall know much better at the end what the demand will be for such a school, and what it will cost to run it.

I trust that the Finance Committee in working over this budget will appreciate the fact that we are figuring with several unknown quantities in our estimates. The two largest items where you will notice the change is in the contribution to the general university budget and to the heating and maintenance. Will it be possible to authorize us to go on as estimated in this budget? The main items were all submitted to the Administration Committee, but they are a form of body which it is not easy to call together, and they have not seen the final figures. We have not yet received the semi-annual statement of July 1st to December 31st, 1925 from Mr. Bowman so we do not know whether there is any balance from the funds in his hands.

I notice in the minutes of the November meeting that an estimate was submitted, and apparently accepted, of appropriations of G\$750 each for the furnishings of the dormitories and G\$500 each for the two faculty residences. Would it be possible to have these forwarded to us on the field as soon as possible? Furniture must be made, rugs and guest linen ordered. We would be very grateful if we could have the money as soon as convenient.

Mrs. Williamson.

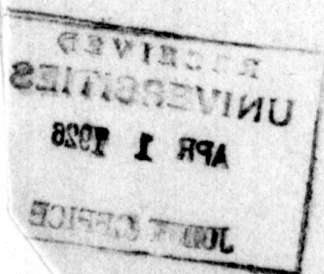
Another problem we have to met is in the equipemtn for the model kindergarten of the Kindergarten-Primary Training School and for one practice kindergarten. This would call for small chairs and tables and blocks, which is estimated to cost about \$300 Mex. Could we have this as part of the equipment for the Practice School? We need to have the furniture made this spring.

In the spring we shall be needing some more funds for grading and planting of our grounds, but probably Mr. Gibb will write directly to you when the need has arrived for this.

I hope that the various items in the budget are quite clear. We shall be glad to explain any items if you will let us know of any parts which are not clear. We appreciate that we are asking a great addition to the income which the Yenching College Committee has assured us during the last few years, but the new buildings and the new opportunities at Haitien are going to call for new expenditures.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Alice B. Frame.



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PEKING UNIVERSITY

February 11, 1926.

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

My dear Mrs. Frame:

I enclose a memorandum which we are giving to Mr. Murphy. Copies are being sent to Dr. Stuart and to Mr. Gibb. We have asked Mr. Murphy to keep a record of the proportion of time he spends on the Woman's College problems so that we may have a basis for sharing in the expenses of his trip. We will work out here, between the Woman's College Committee and the Trustees' Finance Committee the division of the expenses after we get this.

It is my judgment that so far as your procedure is concerned, you ought to forget the matter of expense in dealing with Mr. Murphy upon the problems of the Woman's College architecture, and make the fullest use of his time and services while he is there, as may seem to you to be necessary. We are building a great school and a few hundred dollars, one way or another, in the determination of its future development should not be permitted to hinder the fullest possible consideration of the problems involved.

I am sorry that the Committee decided to cable not to buy the materials for the Woman's College Gymnasium. I am afraid that I more or less yielded to a financial judgment which was more conservative than my own. There was a small risk involved, but one so small that I believe that it should have been taken.

With every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours,

Secretary,
Peking University.

Copy to Mrs. Roys.

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MRS. C. K. ROYS

Answered 3/29/26

February 27, 1926

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

Dear Mabel:

I am just back from a four weeks' absence, trying to attend the Biennial Conference of Christian Colleges in Shanghai. The meetings themselves were extremely interesting, but my trip back was perfectly awful!

I find on my desk some more pictures taken by Mr. Britton of the "pathetic hole" which is the foundation of our unfinished gymnasium. They are much better than the others sent you, so I am writing this note to send them and the films in the hope that these may be of real assistance to the Promotion Committee in quickly securing the necessary funds. (I am not sure to whom they should go?)

I had left for Shanghai before the cable refusing us the G\$10,000 was received. It was quite a blow, as I hardly need tell you. I do thank you for your heroic efforts to secure it for us. I cannot tell you how grateful we are for the warm interest which you take in all the affairs of our college. Mr. Gibbs reports a letter from Dr. North in which Dr. North speaks of "not building" the gymnasium. I suppose he only means a temporary "not building." The first floor certainly ought to be cast or else the foundations will become soaked in water when the rains begin and a great deal of the work will be undermined. I believe a cable has gone home regarding this, merely as a step for salvaging what has already been done. Mr. Gibb is in great distress, for unless materials can be bought and hauled over dry roads during the spring months, it is practically impossible to do any building until fall, because the roads become impassable from the summer rains, as you know. If the materials cannot even be hauled until fall, that will, of course, mean delaying building until next year. The weather element here in China is something which, I presume, is very hard for people at home to realize, but you, from your China experience, understand how important it is.

I will not take up any more matters in this note, for I wish to get the photographs off to you, but I do wish to send for your ironic laughter the following quotation from a letter from Mrs. Lee: "Through Mrs. Roys and Dr. North you will doubtless have heard that the feeling of the Trustees is that it would be very damaging to the interest of Peking University if the move to the new site is not made next summer." "The trustees having delayed every important step until it has endangered even our moving this summer, this statement moves one to tears. The inference that we have held up moving to the site is so contrary to fact that I could write a very eloquent letter to them on the subject!"

Lovingly yours,

Alvin B. Frame

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Mrs. M. S.
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March 22, 1926

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

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Dear Dr. North:

Thank you very much for the copy of your letter of December 22nd to Mrs. Lee and the memorandum which your committee gave to Mr. Murphy. With regard to the first, I noted with interest the various points which you make concerning the ex-officio standing of the Chairman of the Administrative Committee on the Board of Managers. May I briefly give you the reasons why from the point of view of the Women's College it seems desirable?

The Women's College came into the affiliation with the University as an independent institution. Though we are cooperating in many ways, both financially and academically, nevertheless, it remains true that the funds used by the Women's College are not raised nor disbursed by the Trustees, whose representatives the Board of Managers are. The Yenching College Committee raises the money and secures the majority of the staff members without troubling the Board of Trustees. It would thus seem fair that so long as this is true, the executive head of the Women's College, who is supposedly most closely in touch with the policies and aims of the Women's College, should have the right to be present when policies affecting the entire university are discussed and decided. Being automatically a member of the faculty, the dean might, or might not, be elected as a faculty representative to the Board of Managers. It might be quite possible for very important questions to come up for decision unexpectedly, upon which the opinion of the executive head of this affiliated college would be necessary for a wise decision. Perhaps, you do not understand that although our affiliation is very close, the Women's College is not yet amalgamated with the University in such a way as to have lost a certain measure of self-determination. I think probably that is not far distant; but at the present, since the Women's College has raised and administers funds quite independently, it would seem to me only fair that an official representative should be allowed to sit on the Board of Managers, as well as the President of the University, who knows very little of the workings of the Women's College. You will see from the above that the status of the semi-independent Women's College which is responsible for its own staff and finances is quite different from that of its brother, the Men's College, which only gets a share of the entire sum appropriated by the Trustees for the University.

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Dr. Eric M. North

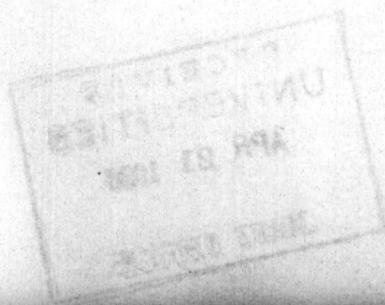
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We are awaiting Mr. Murphy's coming with great interest. We presume that he is in Nanking at Cinling, but he is chary of letters. The Grounds and Building Committee has appointed a small sub-committee to secure such data and information on the points brought up in your memorandum as will facilitate Mr. Murphy's efforts in every way. We trust it will not be necessary for him to make a long stay in Peking, though this may be a disappointment to Mr. Murphy! We have no idea of being penny wise and pound foolish, but at the same time, I may remark that we have caught Mr. Murphy making serious blunders so many times that we do not feel a perfect trust in his omniscience, and are ready to point out to him some changes to which he has perhaps not given full attention. We will send you full reports of our conferences with him.

Sincerely yours,

Walter B. Frame

D. Stuart will have written you of the tragedy last Thursday. It has been a terrible experience.



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James B. Francis

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MRS. C. K. ROYS

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March 23, 1926

Mrs. Murray S. Fane

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

Dear Mabel:

No letter has come from you directly since I last wrote, but I want to write a short letter to enclose with the minutes of the last Administrative Committee meeting, which I thought you might be interested to see. I commented on the important points in my last letter.

Since then I have had a letter from Dr. North, enclosing a copy of the memorandum prepared by your Joint Building Committees and Mr. Murphy. I have been over this very carefully myself, and the Grounds and Building Committee here appointed Dr. Stuart, Mr. Gibbs and myself as a sub-committee to prepare such data and figures as might help Mr. Murphy to come to conclusions in as short a time as possible. I trust that you and Dr. North have not come to feel that we on the field are unappreciative of Mr. Murphy's architectural wisdom, or that we are unwilling to participate in the expense involved in bringing him out. Since the trustees have insisted upon his coming, we will try to cooperate in every possible way to make his visit worth while, and we shall try to submit to him every possible question on which he would desire to express an opinion. Nevertheless, we all know Mr. Murphy quite well, and realize that he likes to take plenty of time, and that he enjoys Peking! We certainly hope to gain a great deal from his comments and advice, and we will approach him on all the points which you have so carefully suggested. You probably know that we have discovered some very serious defects in some of Mr. Murphy's work, both from the structural point of view and from that of Chinese architecture, so that we do not feel that we can accept his word as absolutely final in every respect. However, he can supply a great deal of expert architectural knowledge which we do not possess, and we do appreciate this.

One big problem will be the forecasting of the size and general architectural appearance of the other two buildings in the incomplete academic quadrangle. Their use we are not quite ready to decide, but Mr. Murphy can give us some good ideas on the former points.

We are hoping very much that somehow the Yenching College Committee may find it possible to advance the money necessary for putting up the Chinese Home Economics Practice House. It involves such a small sum and is such an essential

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part of what we have been trying to accomplish in our Home Economics Department! An advance of that amount of money could not seriously compromise the building of other larger buildings, could it? We are hoping every mail to receive word that we may proceed to let the contract.

Mr. Bowman has not yet sent out the appropriation of \$500 Gold, which was voted a year ago this April, in spite of repeated requests. Perhaps, he has not the authority to take this from the Building Fund, from which it would naturally come. I have mentioned our need of this money to Mrs. Williamson more than once, but the sum has not yet been forwarded. Furthermore, we noted that in the rough estimate of the needs of our buildings, it was estimated that each faculty residence house could have \$500 Gold, and we have assumed that this would really be the final action of the Committee. I hope it will be taken up at the April meeting.

The Sage Hall ^{furniture} money has not yet come. I am very sorry that the mistake has been made in calling it Russell Sage, but it is one of those things which, once started, goes on by itself. We will be most careful in the future.

We have heard from Miss Tyler repeatedly that Mrs. Peabody has had bronze tablets made for all our buildings. This is extremely embarrassing, as we hope to have Chinese names as well as foreign in any inscription put up. Why she does not send them out is also a mystery. We would like to know the worst as soon as possible!!

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I am enclosing copies of estimates made by Miss Morrison and Miss Ch'en of the amount of equipment needed for the gymnasium. I am sending both lists with all the equipment needed from America and that which can be made here on the field. Miss Morrison is quite definitely planning to sail in July. She has kindly offered to wait through June and help us through the moving and examination periods. I think we all agree that it is better to try to get along with Dr. Brown and Miss Ch'en during the vicissitudes of the first year at the new site, and plan later in the year for the future.

I am still waiting to hear the name of the responsible head of the Candidate Committee. There is nothing new to report about Miss Anderson, save her growing weakness. We fear she will not be with us very long.

Under another cover, I am sending you a copy of the report of the tragedy of last Thursday, in which our students were innocent participants. The whole affair was a terrible shock to the students, and it has taken them some days to recover their poise. The student bodies of the country are, of course, bringing a great deal of pressure to bear to call

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a general indefinite strike to protest against the occurrence of such a dreadful slaughter, but our students are still debating the matter. We feel that we must put a decided limit to any such strike, as we must leave the Men's College property to the Methodist Board which owns it, and we must get our moving done before the summer rains come on.

Yesterday, we were able actually to get four carloads of cement up from Tientsin, which is the first encouraging thing which has happened for several months with regard to our building. Communications have again been interrupted, however, and the political skies are murkier than ever. If the trustees had been able a year or more ago to make the Men's College the advances in money which they so seriously needed, we would have been moved out and many of these problems would have been avoided. All blame for the delay must in the end come back on the trustees, for we have bent every energy at this end to move out.

I was delighted to hear of the possibility of your being here in the fall, though this political situation may make you delay a little. Then again it may clear up very shortly. If you do come, please let us know in plenty of time when you will be with us and plan to stay as long as possible with us at the new site.

Lovingly yours,

Alice B. Frame.

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WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS
508 Congregational House, Boston

Peking, China
Easter Day, 1926.

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Dear Holyoke girls:-

Easter once more,----do you remember last year?----Easter in Peking. Again the green buds, the sudden flutter of pink blossoms against gray walls that lifts one's heart to the very skies.

But we shall not easily forget this Easter. Even as I write, to the deep drone of a plane, black in the vivid blue of the Easter sky, is added, now and again, the low thunder of a bursting bomb they have dropped somewhere in this helpless, bewildered old city. One prays it may not fall on some poor innocent soul agape in the streets, or on the shining apricot-tiled palace roofs or the marble terraces of the Altar of Heaven,----This is the third day a bombing plane has hovered malignantly over Peking, dropping bombs carelessly here and there, though as yet not many people have been killed.

It is just one part of this tragically futile civil war that has scourged China for months. It's like a nightmare, where dreadful things keep right on happening, while one looks on in a strange paralysis of helplessness. Skirmishes, battles, pirating; fighting and dying in trenches by the hundreds; goods rotting in freight-sheds all over China while the military monopolize engines and cars; prowling bandit bands systematically looting the frightened countryside,-----you will all have seen accounts in the papers. I only refer to it to give you a little idea of these past months, when I couldn't bear to write you,--do you wonder?--hoping against hope that in a few days the clouds would lift, and I could write happily to you about our beloved China. Though our own college work has gone on with remarkable steadiness, considering the state of the whole country.

But for more than a week now, three armies have been drawing nearer and nearer to us in their scheming to seize the capital. The People's Army, so-called, has drawn its troops back and back, in a narrowing circle around our huge battlemented old walls, swearing to protect us from the other armies. Thousands of soldiers are roaming the Western Hills, helping themselves to their fancy in the poor villages; or are encamped outside the great city gates, where we coax them, with presents of food and money, to remain, and not to let others come in, either. So we have not been looted,---yet, though for ten days, I presume hundreds of thousands of people in Peking have gone to bed each night, wondering whether the shouts of looting soldiers, or the blaze of burning shops, would waken them before morning. One could not buy any of the choicer wares of the city, for they had all been hidden away. A strange silence brooded over the city at night,---no gay travelers, no cries of the pastry venders and peddlers,--only now and then the hoarse cry of a newsboy selling the rumors of a new crisis.

The story of these six months in China is a fantastic-tragic tale of modern and mediaeval warfare that makes one smile,---and sigh. Did you hear of the band of pirates which held up a large coast steamer for its cargo, terrorizing the passengers,----then graciously tipping the servants as they swung over the side of the ship? Could Gilbert and Sullivan do better? I hear, too,

that the great pawnshops in this part of the city, the depositaries of beautiful silks, furs and treasures, when they began to fear being plundered by the soldiers, politely barred entrance to all: because, forsooth, a small army of painters was furiously repainting the gateways and entrance halls of every one!

This gradual focussing of the warlords' attention on Peking, in the blind passion for power that ignored or flouted the embarrassment of a Central Government supposedly the host of Tariff Revision and Extraterritoriality Conferences, became more acute after the tragedy of March eighteenth. Another glorious spring day that was, when our University students, men and women, asked permission to take part, with the other colleges, in another student demonstration against the ultimatum of the Protocol Powers. I happened to see the girls all marching two by two out of the great college gateway flanked by the two funny old marble lions, blue and gold Yenching banner flying, to what they innocently thought was one more attempt to rouse lethargic and selfish fellow-citizens to a sense of their country's weakness. Two hours later most of them had returned, with the word that a few had gone to represent the college in an attempt to secure an audience with the Chief Executive himself, at the Cabinet offices, to urge further their patriotic aims. Only a short time later we heard shots being fired north of our college, (where the Cabinet offices were), and soon our shattered little group came straggling back to us, as we waited in suspense in the shadow of the gateway,--came crying, dazed, incoherent in their shocked state. But they all came back at last,--all but one dear Tientsin girl, who had apparently been killed almost instantly by a savage bayonet-thrust,--and two wounded ones who were taken to the hospital and are almost well now. You read, of course, how the Chief Executive's body-guards opened fire on the students at some provocation which is not quite clear, on the part of a few radical students, and kept on firing as the horror-struck boys and girls fled in every direction. Over forty died, many more wounded.

So we brought the young body of our Yenching student, in its new dignity of death, back to the college courts she had left only a few hours before. Her broken-hearted relatives came. Our stately old Assembly Hall was packed with our University faculty and students, the next day, when we held a simple memorial service in her honor. While the hymns were sung, the loving words said, as they stood close about the coffin banked high with flowers and taper-lit, the students' tense, drawn young faces so solemn-set betrayed hearts making new vows of patriotism, of deeper love even for a country that could let its soldiery blunder so tragically as that, a China that in the years to come would cherish, instead of blasting, the flame of life and enthusiasm in the souls of her children. And what about the crowds who watched the University students march in long silent lines down the sunny, busy Peking streets? Flowers and wreaths they carried, and the numberless white banners written in honor of her memory by her collegemates or presented by other schools, as they escorted the coffin under its gorgeous catalfalque such as other young girls could never have, to the calm of the old temple where her Buddhist parents wished to leave the coffin till travel was once more possible.

My thoughts went back to another old Yenching student, wife of one of the highest officers in Chang's army who had in protest allied himself with Feng Yu Hsiang. So, to please Chang, she and her husband were both quietly murdered one day as they tried to escape after a defeat.-----How does life seem to General Feng's wife, another of our Yenching girls, as she and her husband travel

through Siberia to Europe, with these bitter months of war behind them, and memories of the thousands of wounded soldiers whom she helped tend in the barracks a few months ago? Why must our life,---that abundant life, going on year after year which a college means,----come to such close quarters with death? The tangle of causes which have brought China to this pass lie far beyond our reach, but our share in the results has been a sorrowful one. If only this might be the final struggle before peace came at last to a distracted people!

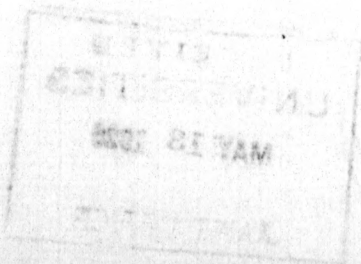
Not a very happy letter I'm writing you this Easter morning, is it? But in your pity and sympathy for China I want you to remember,--you Holyoke girls who feel the thrill of a common sisterhood to the youth of all the world, in its newly-revealed strength,---that it was the young men and women of China who were the first of you all, in their national crisis of 1919, to astonish us with a vision of what united youth may accomplish, and to arouse the rest of you to a sense of your own responsibility to this war-ridden world. Granted their mistakes, the futile bypaths into which some of them have been misled and baffled, in these intolerable political conditions, let us recognize a sense of responsibility for their country in the hearts of thousands of young Chinese men and women rare to feel elsewhere. They writhe to see China seem to sink deeper and deeper in the quicksands of international jealousies and civil suicide. It takes courage to go on solving problems in calculus calmly, or writing history papers, with armies looting their little home villages and creeping up on our precious old city, so that pale-faced refugees dribble steadily inside the city gates and the food supply grows less and less. And we are proud of the way our girls steadied themselves after the tragedy of March eighteenth and are going on.

The Easter sun lies warm on the new grass and the glowing peach-blossoms in our walled courts. We sang brave hymns of hope together this morning early. The girls' laughter floats over a wall to me now.

Easter again: new life again: but always the sacrifice of life, first.

Always your friend,

Alice Browne Frame



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The Easter girls were on the way, and the morning dawned--dawns in our walled country, no more dreams of hope together this morning only. The girls' laughter rises over a wall to me now.

Easter again, new life again; but always the sacrifice of life, first.

Always your friend,

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YENCHING COLLEGE

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PEKING, CHINA

April 14, 1926

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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

Dear Mabel:

Your letter of March 8th has come in, acknowledging some of my January letters.

Please do not reproach yourself for not being able to persuade the Building Committee and Finance Committee as to the wisdom of the advance for building materials. Since no cable has yet come, giving the authority to proceed, I take it that no money has yet been given for the building or the Home Economics Practice House. As I have repeatedly written, it does seem to us that in some fashion, the comparatively small sum for putting up the second ought to be available soon.

Mr. Murphy arrived rather dramatically last Tuesday in one of the trucks belonging to Roy Chapman Andrews. Incidentally, you have probably read of the quite miraculous escape of Andrews from being hit by a piece of exploding bomb dropped by one of the aeroplanes the day before yesterday. Mr. Murphy has been having conferences galore with many of us. I cannot quite understand why he wishes to tell his troubles to all of us seriatim, but it apparently relieves his feelings. The matters on which we wish to consult with him are, of course, comparatively few. He has agreed to go out to the new site with me tomorrow after a luncheon at the Legation. I perceive that he is still unconverted to the wisdom of such a large gymnasium, and generously offers to scrap the plans he has already made, and make us a new set! The only argument he advances is that he has from the first felt that it was extravagant. Personally, I doubt whether it is wise to open the whole question again just because Miss Morrison has resigned, but I am willing to have our Administrative Committee talk it over again, if he has strong reasons for wishing us to do so. Dr. Stuart also inclines to saving money on the gymnasium. I will forward to you at once the results of any formal or informal conferences with Mr. Murphy.

I presume this is the week of your annual meeting, though we were not informed as the exact date. We shall await the account of the meeting with great interest.

+ Trains from Tientsin have not been running for a long time. Mails, etc., come by truck - at times.

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I agree with you that the G \$6000 designated for Sage should not be allocated to any other buildings however needy, but the question was raised and so I passed it on. Mr. Bowman has not forwarded the \$4000 yet, but it may come in the next mail.

In the last account of the Yenching University Construction Bureau, as of March 31st, the following record was given of the Women's College buildings. I presume this goes directly to you or Dr. North, but I am sure you will wish to have it:

N.Y.A/C	Women's College	Expended Gibb Statement	Recd. Yuan \$	Recd. Gold \$
26f5	Women's College Bldgs.	505128.78	517318.34	278851.45
	" " Furnishings		549.09	300.00
26f3	Science Bldg. No.2	129734.48	119804.28	62490.00
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We shall be interested to see whether the Wellesley people take on Augusta Wagner. Jean Dickinson wrote me as if she were trying to get another Wellesley girl, but I fear we cannot in justice ask for another member this year.

Mrs. Lyman will have reported to you Miss Starr's resignation to take effect in June. We are hoping that Miss Anne Hotchkis, who is coming to China on her own, may be inclined to help us out for at least one semester. We are anxious to stress the Chinese painting, and it may be possible to get a Chinese painter for work next year. We do, however, need to be looking forward to getting someone who can give thoroughly good courses in design as related to our Home Economics Department. That Department will do very well with Miss Ho and Miss Mills this next year, but as Miss Mills is due to go on furlough in 1927, it may be rather difficult for Miss Ho to carry on the work by herself for a year. Whether there is anyone in America who cares to spend an economical sabbatical with us, or whether we can even afford this, is another question. Miss Gunther has just sent me a letter in which she mentions the fact that Dr. Andrews of their Department is considering spending a sabbatical in some foreign college. I gather it is for this coming year, 1926-1927, when we will not need anyone. Miss Mills, moreover, questions the wisdom of our asking a man to do the work in our college, since another person would need to supervise the girls' practice house and the whole department, which a man might find a little awkward.

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Mrs. Roys

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Do let us know when you are sailing and where we can catch you with letters. We shall certainly be glad to see you, although the third and fourth weeks of September are ^{supposedly} the opening weeks of college at the new site, under entirely new conditions, so you will not find us very much at leisure!

There is no use in trying to make many comments on the political situation, as you must have read about it in the papers, and this letter will be a month old. The constant cannonading tends to affect the morale of the citizens and our women students. The latter are, on the whole, very plucky, but the shooting affair of March 18th and the constant threats of looting, not to mention the bombing plane and the cannonading, has been an accumulative strain. Every day we say, "this cannot last much longer", but it is still going on.

I think we are all rather glad that we have cut short the Chinese New Year vacation and are planning to have Commencement on May 29th. There will be enough to do after that, but it will be simpler when the students have returned to their homes. I will not trouble you with all the problems of interior coloring, rugs, decorations and furniture which are floating round in our minds in addition to our regular educational duties. Materials have been sadly held up by the break in communications, but we allowed a little leeway, and though things will be a little more rushed in the end than we had hoped, we are still expecting to start work in the fall.

Lovingly yours,

Alice

Thank you for the personal touches! They cheer me enormously - you are such a dear! I don't mind the bombing & cannonading a bit for myself - (my mother told every one we will not appeal to the Legations, whatever happens - some of our Chinese friends want us to!) but the responsibility of the girls - Rosamund - gets on my nerves a bit - at night!

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April 28, 1926.

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

My dear Mrs. Frame:

We have advice that there is being held by a Trustee in Santa Barbara a fund known as the Frances A. Goodridge Memorial Fund, the object of which is to provide income for the "training, maintenance and education of a native Chinese female teacher".

There are sundry complications in the arrangement, with which I do not need to bother you, but I need to have from you the nomination of a person to be the beneficiary of the income. Presumably it would be a student near the beginning of her course at Yenching, who fulfills the requirements stated above and who would be made known by name to the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara, and who would communicate with the officers of said church at least once every six months.

Will you, therefore, please name a student who needs the benefit of the fund and who is preparing to be a teacher and who could communicate politely with the session of the Church. In writing please give me some account of the young lady in order that I may stimulate the interest of the session.

The amount involved would be for the first few years about U.S. \$140. a year; probably not as much as that later on. The income can be used for "training, maintenance and education". When the first incumbent finishes her course of study a successor should be named.

Cordially yours,

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April 28, 1926.

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

My dear Mrs. Frame:

I have the honor to inform you that the Trustees have confirmed, with the concurrence of the Yenching College Committee, your appointment as the Dean of the Woman's College for a term of four years. May the new quadrennium be as profitable to the interests of the Woman's College as you have made the past one, but less hectic. This is not to imply that you have been responsible for the strenuous nature of the previous quadrennium!

I have your letter concerning the relation of the Chairman of the Administrative Committee to the Board of Managers and am sorry that my note seemed to make it necessary for you to write, for I had not thought of doing more than offering the suggestions contained in my letter for consideration, as it seemed to me that the Chairman of the Woman's College Administrative Committee would, almost automatically, be a Manager. If this is not the case, I agree with you that it is important that the representation be had. This has been covered in accordance with your desire, by the action of the Trustees amending the constitution.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

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MRS. C. K. ROYS

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

YENCHING COLLEGE

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PEKING, CHINA

May 18, 1926

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

Dear Mrs. Roys:

Ever since Mr. Murphy left Peking over a week ago, I have been trying to set down in order some of the matters on which I wish to report through you to the Building Committee of the Yenching College Committee. It has happened that we have been entertaining the Louis Slades, the Charles Jeffersons, Secretary Strong of the American Board and his wife, as well as some important visitors from Shanghai and the National Y.W.C.A., so that in addition to the farewell festivities incident on our approaching Commencement, the days have been very full.

We read with meticulous care the long memorandum which was sent me by Dr. North, relative to the points on which Mr. Murphy was to make investigation and report. A small committee prepared a digest of several particular points which we felt should occupy Mr. Murphy's primary attention during his stay in Peking. Dr. Stuart told me that he had written quite fully to Dr. North on a great many of these points, so I will confine myself to comments on the questions which had special reference to the Women's College.

I tried to keep a record of the time actually spent by me in conference with Mr. Murphy, but ~~this~~ this totals two evenings, one morning together at Haitien, over an hour one afternoon walking about. I was really with him much longer than that because he insisted upon asking my opinion about a great many of the general matters, architectural and landscaping, concerning the whole university, and this occupied a great deal of time. It was very flattering to have my opinion considered on such matters, but it was also very time-consuming, as he used a good deal of time to report slurs and critical comments which he had heard on his way up, or in the hotels, or from construction firms which he had visited in Peking.

The Committee particularly asked him to leave with us a written memorandum of his criticisms. This he did not do, but as Dr. Stuart will have written, he sent back from Chefoo a list of fourteen points, which were really fourteen demands to be executed by the Construction Bureau at his orders. — We hoped he would bring complete blue prints for the women's gymnasium, but those he did bring are very sketchy, indeed. Probably more complete ones will follow.

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The day he left, he handed to Dr. Stuart, Mr. Porter and myself, a suggestive blue print, indicating certain landscaping features and the location of further buildings. I trust that he will furnish you also with a copy of this, so that my comments as well as his will be more illuminating. I might remark in passing that Mr. Murphy proved himself a very delightful companion, very eager for comments on Chinese architecture and landscape effects. He had many delightful social times in seeking this information from various charming Chinese ladies and gentlemen. He is deeply interested in helping us to produce a rarely beautiful campus and set of buildings, though it may not be from entirely disinterested love of Yenching. Everything which had been done by other architects was full of faults. other

Now to take up some of the matters about which he and I had conferences:

1. Mr. Murphy suggested beginning the approach to the Women's College academic quadrangle from a point directly in front of a point midway between the two square buildings. I was delighted to have his approval of this approach, which gives a very lovely view of the two square buildings reflected in the pond, which lies more or less in front of these buildings. I was glad also that he agreed that the space in front of this group of buildings should be kept free from other buildings, as it gives a beautiful picture from the big highway, passing the front of the campus.

He also is very keen on having a new waterway constructed between the academic quadrangle and the President's House, which is rather close to Sage. In this way he feels that the President's House will be protected from apparently belonging to the women's quadrangle and adjacent groups of buildings. He also feels that the sloping banks of this waterway may be most attractive, and that this waterway will prove a natural boundary between the grounds belonging to the Men's College and those belonging to the Women's College, thus making certain administrative problems a little simpler of solution. Personally, I do not feel that this is absolutely essential from the point of view of administration; but it will be helpful from some angles. He went on to suggest having a kind of garden on the land back (East) of Sage. Mr. Etter of the Agricultural Department, who has also had some training in landscaping, has also advised this, and we hope it may be possible to be carried out. We also hope rapidly to develop a garden between the Dean's Residence and the northernmost dormitory, which is quite near, and, from that angle, not particularly attractive.

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2. The location of the Music Building has been discussed for years. It is bound to be troublesome, because practice pianos are very nerve-wearing when they are all in action. The faculty, including the members of the Music Department, violently objected to its being in the academic quadrangle, although this position is logically the next place for a building. It ought to be in a place easily available to both men and women students, and where classes in harmony and theory may be taught to men and women students, though not necessarily in the same classes. As you know, for the next year at least, we are planning to have the pianos put in the southernmost wing of the South East dormitory, as the space to the south of that is open and presumably the noise will not distract anyone. After discussing many possibilities, the recommendation that Mr. Murphy would like to make is that in the rather imposing building which he plans for a student center, directly east of Bashford, on the north-and-south and east-and-west axes, there should be practice rooms in the basement, and recital rooms and studios above. Miss Stahl is a little reluctant to accede, as this would seem to be allotting this department an inferior position in not giving it a building ~~to~~ itself. This year I fear we must give her for a studio where students may come for lessons one of the upstairs rooms of the Women's Administration Buildings, since we cannot allow men students to come for classes in the women's dormitories. (We may not decide on this.)

We discussed a good deal the ultimate disposal of the academic quadrangle. Mr. Murphy realizes, I think, the blunder he made in having his office, with his approval, allow Sage to be completed as the main building of this Chinese group without raising it on a terrace to make it even more impressive. He now suggests the landscaping device of sloping the grading of this quadrangle so that it falls one foot between the two square buildings and Sage itself, a slope which the casual eye will not notice, but which will make it possible to indicate something of a terrace around Sage, which will add artificially to its height.

He strongly condemned the rockery which Mr. Gibb had built one summer. We had all thought it would be a good plan to have a small Chinese rockery in this Chinese group of buildings, but the Chinese firm which Mr. Gibb called in while we were all away made a very large mountainous effect, which we all have felt to be too large, though we have been unable to convince Mr. Gibb of this. Some of us are a little sorry that Mr. Murphy condemns this rockery absolutely and wholly, and insists on its complete demolition, but we are in accord with him in wishing its decided diminution in size. As he points out, its abolition will also contribute something to the apparent height of Sage.

I asked him to give me in actual measurements the length, breadth and height of the two possible buildings, facing each other on the north and south sides of the quadrangle. This he did not do, but I hope you will be able to secure them from him. He indicated that it might be a good idea to have two-story buildings in the center or even a very high one-story type like those at the Tung Fu, (though this is

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rather wasteful of land), with wings of one-story construction leading out on the east and west ends, thus framing the quadrangle adequately, while not compelling us to build large and expensive and impressive buildings. The use of these buildings, as you know, we are leaving for the next few years to indicate. We expect the Home Economics Department to increase very surely, and there ~~should~~ certainly be Women's College organizations and student activities which ought to have a place for meetings, keeping of records, and various activities; though with our present small student body, we can ask them to use class rooms in Sage. You may be interested to know that we have granted them the use of a couple of offices for the Student League, the Y.W.C.A., the Self-Government Association, so that they may have a place for committee meetings and other public business. This cannot be satisfactory, however, for more than a year or two. (See your memoranda of February 5, 1926, LL, 9, III, 5)

3. Mr. Murphy's artistic eye and architect's skill at once picked on several flaws in line and decoration. He will tell you all about this in copious detail, so I need not say anything further than that Mr. Gibb had found Mr. Murphy's original sketches and drawings so far from Chinese in many details, that he often did follow the advice of his Chinese painters and builders as over against Mr. Murphy's blue prints. He has made some mistakes which we are rectifying at once. Among these, are the enlarging of the roof ~~gables~~ on Sage and the other large buildings, carrying the hip-lines of the roofs of the square buildings up on to the button instead of following the eaves, and subduing a little of the decorative detail in the painting of the eaves. I am as keen as anyone can be for the best appearance of these buildings, but I cannot help feeling that Mr. Murphy in his zeal to prove Mr. Gibb wrong exaggerates the bad color effects, especially on the women's buildings. I agree with him that some of the color is crude on the men's buildings, and I tried to say so to Mr. Gibb in the past, but he has felt that I have authority only with regard to the women's buildings and has allowed himself to be guided too much by one Chinese painter.

Mr. Murphy criticises severely the barren appearance of the north walls of the women's dormitories, - which is true. In North China, however, the ivy, which we have already planted, grows with marvelous rapidity on north walls, as you may perhaps remember, and within two or three years will modify that bare appearance very considerably. He suggests a treatment of applied bands of concrete and pilasters which will do much, without adding much to the expense, make them more attractive, and I trust that you will approve of this. He has many criticisms of many sorts to offer about the women's dormitories, but I think you probably know Mr. Murphy well enough to take some of his criticisms with a grain of salt. Some of the Ginling faculty who have seen them were green with envy - they consider them much more livable and attractive than their own buildings which Mr. Murphy designed. The wall connecting the dormitories

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and acting also as a retaining wall for the square interior courts, and which will eventually be covered with ivy, thus making a lovely green wall on the two sides of the long athletic field, drew down severe criticism from Mr. Murphy. From the practical point of view, I do not quite see how we can dispense with it. With the ivy and shrubs planted alongside, I think it will in the end be a distinct addition to the landscape, as well as keeping intruders from the dormitory courts.

4. With reference to the location of the Home Economics Practice House, we settled quite unanimously on a location rather west-southwest of the west line of dormitories. Mr. Murphy feels that these dormitories look too high and commanding from the road, and that this group of one story houses will act as a line of foot-hills to the range behind! Since we wanted this house near to the dormitories, this suits us very well.

5. The prospective Practice School has been located all over the Pu Lun property! We first recommended to him that we begin on the south half of the property. Then the Department of Education wished it on the north half of the property, so as to make it easier for those who are doing practice teaching. Mr. Murphy's final suggestion was that we build the large academic building in a position southwest of the women's quadrangle in such a way that it may be available for collegiate uses in the far future when we need to expand. Incidentally, we are very low in our minds because neither Miss Dickinson or Mr. Lewis seem to have produced any money for the Practice School. Have you heard any promising whispers? We shall need our dormitories for the growth of our college very soon. We did have great hopes of the money which Miss Dickinson was to raise.

6. With reference to the gymnasium, Mr. Murphy was glad to make the modifications suggested in a letter from Dr. North of March 15th. He and Dr. Stuart are both quite convinced that the gymnasium is too large. When Miss Vera Barger, the National Secretary of the Y.W.C.A. for Physical Education, was here in Peking last week, I showed her the plans, and she said frankly that for a student body of 500 or 600, the floor space was no larger than we needed. She did question whether we could get the students to use such a large number of showers! In other parts of China, they have had difficulty with their water supply and their heating apparatus, so that the students have not enjoyed their showers. She also questioned seriously the wisdom of having a central control. This you know is Miss Morrison's own very severe criticism - that there will be much time wasted in getting the Chinese girls in and out of the showers, ~~thus to make~~ this an economical use of water. Miss Barger contends that from her knowledge of the experience of teachers who have been able to have shower baths in their gymnasiums, it has been next to impossible to persuade the students to use them in China. There is a question in my mind as to whether it would be possible to make some sort of adjustment in the apparatus so that for the first year or two there could be individual control, until the students get used to this entirely new experience, and then shift it to the central control, which, of course, is a great saving of water. This may be quite

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impossible, but I am in straits between the advice of the experts in America and Miss Barger, representing a good deal of practical experience of attempts to make Chinese girls enjoy showers. Mr. Murphy, as I wrote you before, would be very glad to make out an entirely new set of drawings for a smaller gymnasium (for a consideration) but unless we are going to make additions to it, since we are going into a thoroughly good physical program of requiring five periods of work a week of the three lower classes, there ought to be adequate room for such a large program. If your committee still feel that you must cut down, of course, it could be done.

Miss Ch'en, who will be in charge next year, and who is an exceptionally bright and capable teacher, told me she would like the big lecture room in Sage for a gymnasium next year. Yesterday, Dean Hung approached me with an urgent request that we allow that room to be used as the temporary university library, since there has been a sudden hold-up in getting the right kind of stacks for the Berry Memorial Library. Dr. Brown and Miss Ch'en will probably have to have their offices and examining rooms in the top of the Administration Building. Next year bids fair to be very interesting!

7. I have bemoaned to you many times the heavy responsibility I have felt in being called on to make the decisions for interior decorations in such picturesque buildings as the Administration Building and the Dean's Residence. We had, however, worked out on consultation with many friends what we considered quite a good color scheme. Mr. Murphy cheerfully stopped everything and made a good many suggestions which, however, on the advice of a Chinese artist on the committee, we are changing, and going back to the original scheme which we had prepared. I trust Mr. Murphy will be a good sport!

You may have known that Miss Coleman, the new assistant of Mr. Gibb's, has had some experience as an interior decorator. I am grateful to Mr. Murphy for suggesting and insisting that she be given time to make some renderings in color of the levels of the two reception rooms in these two buildings. She has made some very good suggestions and I think that the result will be delightful when we finally get it worked out. The whole chain of events has held up everything, including rugs, to an excruciating degree, but we really are getting on and I hope you will like the result, -if we get it finished by the time you come.

Mr. Murphy got very much excited over the blue-grey of the exterior cement walls of the buildings and could hardly contain himself, even when we told him that these were unfinished and would be washed with the tan cement color which he liked.

We are working on the color scheme for the little chapel in Sage, and if we may, will send you an order soon for a velvet curtain to be placed back of the altar.

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We are certainly grateful for the gift for the equipment for Sage, for it is enabling us to get office furnishings and other furniture that we wanted very much, not to mention fine maps for our history courses and similar bits of equipment.

Now if I may just barely mention a few other matters connected with the building, I will be done. You may remember that a millionaire gave to Jean Dickinson money for a house. Dr. Stuart was much disappointed, as he felt that this had been asked for, and should go to the Men's College. Now that her engagement has been announced, he is expecting that the house will revert to the Men's College. I am writing Miss Dickinson that I hope, if this is true, she will consider herself under obligation to secure the money for another faculty house, for we will be needing one in a very short time.

I can hardly wait for the minutes of the April meeting. I hope that you definitely authorized some money for the furnishing of the little faculty suites in the dormitories. Miss Wagner and Miss Speer are at work in preparing estimates for these, and they bid fair to be most attractive. We have authorized the putting in of telephones in the women's faculty residences.

The twenty-eight bronze tablets shipped to us by Miss Olson have not yet arrived. I hope they will get here on a pleasant day! Our expectation all along was that nothing but Chinese inscriptions ("Piens") in color, with gilt lettering should go on the outside of our Chinese buildings. I hope the donors will not object if we put these beautiful American creations inside!

I am also looking forward to your letter, denominating the buildings to which so many names have been given by Miss Olson. These buildings will have to have Chinese names, but the corresponding English names can be anything, I suppose.

With great exertion we have succeeded in getting four freight cars which go back and forth, though at a very moderate rate of speed, between Pientsin and Haitien. If we do not have another war, which is still possible, we may be able to push the completion of the necessary things. We are a little worried, however, but we must move!!

May I also ask the source of the sum of G \$500 sent out recently by Mr. Bowman and labeled for furnishing the Dean's Residence and not marked as from Mrs. Gamble? I shall be writing directly to Mr. Bowman also, but thought you might have some light on it.

There are so many lotus ponds and lakes in our vicinity that we all feel that we need screens to protect ourselves during the fall and spring. Mr. Gibb reacts strongly

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against this as costing too much, but the risk from flies and mosquitoes is considerable, as you know, in China, and if these screens are properly made and taken care of, they ought to last for some time.

There may be matters in your official letter, which must be on its way to me, which will modify some of these matters I have discussed, but I felt I must not wait longer before getting this to you, since Mr. Murphy will be reaching New York (he says!!) the last of June. He was considerably behind his schedule when he left here.

I shall be very grateful for any comments from the Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Allen B. Frame

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燕京大學
MRS. C. K. ROYS
Answered
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Ms. Murray S. Frame
FENCHING COLLEGE
PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 27, 1926

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

Dear Mabel:

It was very nice of you to take the time to send off your letter, giving a few of the chief actions taken at the annual meeting on April 14th. You know how impatiently we wait for news, and the mails this winter have been most discouragingly slow and irregular. The minutes, of course, have not yet come, but I wish to comment on just a few of the matters touched on in your letter.

With regard to the chemistry teacher, your cable indicating that no one would come from America this fall was received yesterday, and the message communicated at once to Dr. Wilson, the head of the department. He was very much disappointed, as he had sent out so many personal letters to heads of departments in various colleges and universities, and we hoped that we would certainly draw a prize for this important position. However, we realize that Mrs. Finley and her committee did the best they could. He will now proceed to try to secure the best substitute available among the Chinese returned students, some of whom he knows or has heard about. They are all men, so we will only consider it a temporary expedient for one year, and trust that either Miss Shaver or some other equally well-qualified person can be secured for 1927. Did I write you that I heard from the President of Isabella Thoburn College regarding Miss Inez Mason, and the content of her letter led us to decide that we did not wish to push this investigation any further? I suppose the W.F.M.S. will continue to pay the salary which belonged to Miss Anderson into our treasury, so it can be used toward paying for this man we are obliged to secure on the field. I know that the Presbyterian and American Boards have agreed to do this in the case of an unavoidable vacancy. Do you know whether the W.F.M.S. has also agreed to this? We shall be very much in the hole if they are not willing thus to help us in this emergency.

A few days ago, I sent you a long semi-official letter about Mr. Murphy and his criticisms, constructive and otherwise, of our buildings. I heard yesterday that he was in the Isolation Hospital in Shanghai, ill with scarlet fever, so I fear that his report will be somewhat delayed in reaching you.

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Mrs. Roys

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We were all relieved that you appropriated Mex. \$23,622.54 for the finishing of the equipment of the science hall, and also for the authorization to go ahead with the Home Economics Practice House. Did I write you that the American College Club here in Peking had voted a gift of Mex. \$290 toward the furnishing of this house? That is not a large sum, but it will be very useful. We are now proceeding to get bids and proceed with putting up the house which Mr. Murphy located. I understood that his word, if we were fully agreed, would be final as to this.

We were also much relieved to hear of the total appropriation of G \$3000 for the two faculty residences and for dormitories. The minutes may delimit the use of this money a little more clearly. We are slightly at a loss to know whether this is in addition to the money previously authorized to be put into the permanent equipment of the bathrooms, dining room, kitchen and students' rooms in the dormitories. A letter from you a long time ago said that you expected this permanent equipment to be counted as part of the funds assigned to construction of each dormitory unit. In other words, the part of the \$3000 assigned by us here to the dormitories was to cover the furnishing the faculty suites, the matrons' rooms, student living-rooms, and such lanterns or other extra furnishings as were needed for the main corridor and the dining room. We are acting on this, and trust that it is correct. We are all most grateful for this ruling from you, so that the furnishing can go on these last few months.

Another matter I wish to ask your help on is that of authorizing the purchase of a good upright piano for use in the lecture room at Sage which we had planned to use as an Assembly Hall for the Women's College when it meets for chapel and other exercises apart from the men. Incidentally it looks as if this lecture hall would have to be used temporarily for the university library until the library can be finished, but we hope that it will not be long. You hold \$2000 of the \$6000 voted by the Sage Legacy Committee in America. Has this been placed in Mr. Bowman's hands where it is held at call? I am writing a musical friend in Boston to go to some of the standard makers and pick out for us an excellent piano for use in Sage and also writing the American Board to secure for us a reduction which they are able to get. The piano can be shipped on a freight steamer straight to Shanghai or Tientsin from Boston, and I would like to authorize them to send the bill to Mr. Bowman. Will you then make it possible for Mr. Bowman to honor this bill by sending the \$2000 to him or such fraction thereof as will be necessary for this bill, which will probably be between \$500 and \$800 Gold at least?

Then we were planning to purchase some hangings for the back of the altar in the little chapel in Sage, and will wish Mr. Bowman to pay this, so I think it will be least trouble to put quite a sum in his hands to be held for such purchases as are necessary for Sage.

I did send home estimates about the residences & faculty suits.

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By this time you must have received the minutes of the meeting of the Administrative Committee which record their acceptance of Miss Morrison's resignation. She will be sailing early in July.

Thank you very much for your warmhearted personal words. I suppose we had better wait until we meet in September to go on with this little discussion in which we do not seem to agree?

Lovingly yours,

Alvin

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Mr. Henry Killam Murphy
Isolation Hospital
Shanghai

TRANSFER

Dear Mr. Murphy:

I am sorry indeed to hear that your plans have been so delayed by your illness in Shanghai. I trust that your recovery has been rapid, and that you can carry out your plans without too much inconvenience.

You asked me to send you comments or suggestions with regard to the rearranged general plan of the university as of May 1926. I am accordingly making such comments and sending them to you in Shanghai with copies to Mrs. Roys and Dr. North. As I told you when I first looked at it the day you left, I did approve in general of the plan including the modifications you made after your restudy of conditions as they now exist. With reference to the changes suggested for the Women's College and University buildings, I would like to make the following comments:

1. The larger pool indicated west of Basford will be much more effective. I have not had opportunity to measure the bridge to see whether it would long enough to span this larger pool, nor am I sure whether to double its width would not change its proportions to an unsightly degree. That would have to be decided by Chinese experts.

2. We all heartily agree with your recommendation that the next building, if possible, be a recitation building to the north of the physics laboratory. The composition of that group certainly needs this, and the trustees should be urged to devote themselves to securing the sum necessary.

3. As a matter of composition, the building of the student center is also called for at an early date. Miss Stahl is not particularly enthusiastic about having the music in this building, but on further consideration she may approve.

4. The Department of Education is not very much pleased over the location of the School of Education so far from the other recitation buildings. It has the advantage of nearness to Haitien. The personnel and the policy with regard to the type of building has changed somewhat, so perhaps it is not possible to do more until we are assured of some prospect of the money necessary for putting this up.

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5. The planning of the lake with its boat landing, bridges, etc. looks very attractive. I presume this was specially approved by Sohstu King.

6. The planning for the new men's dormitories for 250 men also seems to use the north shore of the lake to best advantage, and I think will be very effective as well as economical of space and sunlight.

7. I still feel that the new site for the chapel is very good. I wish, however, that in the designing there be arrangement made for more than one door. From the students' point of view it is particularly unfortunate not to be able to hurry out of the assembly hall to classes. The girls would stand a poor show with a large class of men all trying to issue forth from a rather constricted area. Again, it is good Chinese construction to have more than one door in an impressive structure. Do you recall that in the assembly hall in the Tung Fu here, there are three large doors on the south or front side? Would it be possible to modify this idea of three doors in such a way as to make a rapid emptying of the hall one of its advantages?

Now with regard to the items more specifically related to the Women's College:

1. I have already expressed to Mrs. Roys my approval of the entrance to our academic quadrangle from a point directly west of its center. It is most unfortunate that in planning this quadrangle you did not take advantage of the yellow tiled Ying Pi across the road. This would have made a delightful vista, but it is too late now. I am taking up with Mr. Gibb the possibility of clearing the pond of the rushes which are filling up the space too much to allow the reflection to be seen.

2. I would also like to suggest that if possible the two foot paths leading from the proposed faculty social building to the space between the two square buildings and the corresponding path opposite should be moved out a little further away from the two west terraces of the buildings. It might be a little unpleasant to people sitting on the terraces to have foot passengers pass by quite so closely.

3. I have already expressed to you my acquiescence in your opinion of the too great height of the rockery and the desirability of its removal. I also hope that the artificial height which can be given to Sage by the slant in the grading toward that building will be beneficial.

4. I have not yet had a chance to talk with Mr. Etter in detail as to how to plan the indicated gardens east of Sage and south of the Dean's Residence, as well as on the site of the future building directly opposite the gymnasium. This latter unit is particularly important and must be carefully studied. The space is large and could be used very effectively.

5. The Women's College reservation lines which you have indicated on the east and west are a good idea, as this will protect the women's dormitories from the close encroachment. The water way which you have indicated as passing between Sage and the President's House is also valuable in this line, though not absolutely essential. Mr. Gibb fears that the expense of this will be very great - about L.C. \$12,000. It remains to be seen whether the Trustees and the Yenching College Committee are prepared to spend this sum for this purpose.

6. The building Committee of the Yenching College Committee were particularly anxious as I told you that you should give us the dimensions of the two future buildings to be erected on the north and south sides of the academic quadrangle. This is necessary to know for the purpose of estimating the cost and securing the gifts to meet it as well as to make further plans for the use of these buildings. You promised to give me these figures, but hitherto I have not received them. Though you told me in general your plan to suggest a second story building in the center with one story wings running east and west, I am sure the Yenching College Committee will wish you to give them the exact figures and location of these buildings.

7. No more detailed plans regarding the gymnasium have yet come from New York, and those left by you are hardly sufficiently detailed for going on with the building when the money is secured. On the blue print, you have indicated a possible swimming pool to the south, but in the plans for the building itself, there is no indication what ever of a door on the south side. Could not this be planned for on the erection of the building, even though the doors are locked for some years? I have not had time to go over these plans in detail with the Construction Bureau, but I understand that the sub-committee on architectural problems will make a preliminary study and ask for any details which may not have been supplied.

8. I am sorry that you so thoroughly disapprove of the Women's College dormitories, though the north walls are indubitably ugly. The faculty of the Women's College is recommending the expenditure of sufficient money to apply the pilasters you have suggested in your restudy of the north walls of the northernmost dormitories. On the inside north walls, ivy has already been planted and will probably be attached to the walls to the height of four or five feet this first season. It grows very rapidly in North China, and we

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will plant it as soon as possible on all the north walls. After four or five years those walls will be practically covered and it will have distributed itself well over the terrace walls lining the two sides of the athletic fields, as well as the east and west ends of the dormitory wings.

9. Your suggestion of building a faculty social building veiling the sunken service road running between the backs of the two rows of west dormitories is a good one. At present it is planned that the college teachers living in the faculty suites in the dormitories, where it is impossible to entertain any but intimate women friends, will use the Dean's Residence as their place for entertaining. While there are only six or eight faculty members doing this, it is quite possible an arrangement, but as the members of the faculty in the dormitories increase in number, it will be somewhat crowded and they should have a place where they can entertain for meals or over night, and where they can be quite free in their social life, as they cannot in a Chinese girls' dormitory. The providing of this building will also make a good architectural provision for veiling the road and breaking the long line of north dormitory walls.

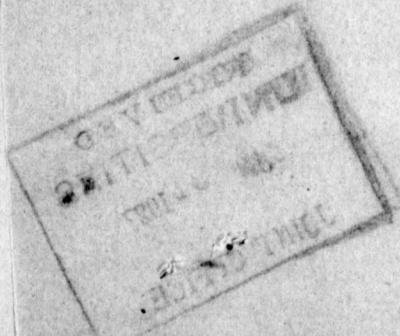
10. The Department of Home Economics approves of your tentative location of the Home ~~Management~~ Practice House to the south west of the women's dormitories. The Yenching College Committee has authorized us to proceed with practical plans for letting the contract of this Chinese house and having it put up this summer.

11. I was glad to note your tentative approval of the suggestion of a possible difference in level of the eastern most and western most proposed dormitories. This question will not be immediate for some time, but should be kept in mind in planning landscape features.

I think that this covers in general my impression on looking over this blue print. I am hoping to make an appointment this week with Mr. Witter and Mr. Sohstn King to go into a little more detail with regard to some of the suggestions there indicated, and will send you any further results if they differ from these comments indicated above.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) Alice B. Freeman



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YENCHING COLLEGE

PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA

June 14, 1926

TRANSFER

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

Dear Dr. North:

I wish to acknowledge your two letters of April 28. I wish to thank you for notifying me of my appointment as dean for a term of four years. You probably know, as a member of the Yenching College Committee, that I have no intention of remaining for four years, but I shall hope to see the college through the next year or two of difficult adjustment to the new site.

I was much interested in the information about the Frances A. Goodrich Memorial Fund. I referred the whole matter to our Scholarship Committee, and they recommend as the first beneficiary of this fund, Miss Chung Wen-hui of Foochow, Fukien. She was a former student and did extremely good work, but has returned to her home high school, Wenshan, where she has been teaching for two years with great acceptance. She has nothing but her salary to help her finish her college course, and so she wrote to us sometime ago to ask if there might be some scholarship aid. The Scholarship Committee feel that she would be a very promising candidate for this fund, as she has already proved herself by her fine scholarship and her teaching ability, and is now coming back for three years more work before she takes up teaching again. Would you be so kind as to send me the name and address of the appropriate officer of the Presbyterian Church in Santa Barbara to whom I could write more in detail about Miss Chung, and to whom she herself could write?

May I also inquire how this income of approximately U.S. \$140 a year will be forwarded to us? This actual sum is in excess of the amount usually given to our students who receive scholarship aid, but I presume that the Session of the First Presbyterian Church would not mind if it were allowed to accumulate a little until it could be used as a partial loan to some other student. Can you see any objection to this? There is an administrative reason why we prefer not to have one scholarship fund largely in excess of the others, but it would seem to me that the method I have suggested would not displease the donors of this Frances A. Goodrich Fund.

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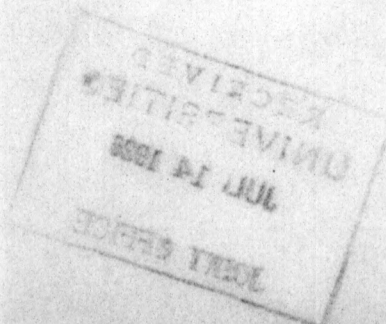
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We are anticipating a visit from Mrs. Roys in September. It looks as if her visit would coincide with the opening days of college at the new site, which will make life slightly hectic, but we are looking forward to welcoming her soon now. We hope it will not be long before you come to see us. ✓

Sincerely yours,

Alvin B. Fran



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Dr. W. H. North

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I need not write further about Mr. Murphy's visit and his violent criticism of Mr. Clegg. I know that Mr. Stewart has written very fully to you on the subject. I wish that Mr. Murphy had shown a rather larger spirit in treating of this whole matter. The charges, many of them, are so petty, and based on such small evidence, as Mr. Stewart will have written you. There are very decided grounds for disapproval of Mr. Clegg's policy, and we are trying our hardest to overcome them.

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We are anticipating a visit from Mrs. Kova in September. If possible, as it has been suggested with the possibility of a collision at the same time, which will make the situation delicate, but we are looking forward to welcoming her to our home.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Frank

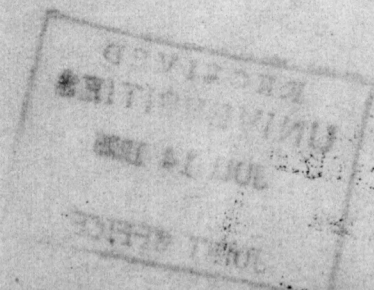
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Extracts from a letter of May 26, 1926 from Miss Vera Barger, Director of Physical Education and Recreation, of the National Committee of the Y.W.C.A. of China.

I have been thinking about the plans for your gymnasium. Mrs. Tsu and I talked about it also. We wondered if since you do not have enough money to build on your present plans, if it might not be wiser to erect a building just half the size of your plan. That would accomodate your students for several years. The plans should be such that they could at a later period be enlarged, either by an additional building, or an enlargement of the present one. I hate to see several classes of girls go out of Yenching without having the benefit of such a building and until you get quite a large enrollment, and I judge it will be several years until you have, you would not need a floor space as large as you have already planned. In any case, I feel just as I said to you, that the floor space at least should be divided to make two separate gymnasiums rather than one large one.

I still question the advisability of the showers being controlled by just one person. I think it is the wrong educational principle in the first place if the students are ever to be taught their value. I question very much how that would work in China. I can realize that the amount of water might be saved by such a plan, for too often a person goes into a shower and lets it run for considerable time and a great deal of water runs out.



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YENCHING COLLEGE NEWS LETTER

DEAR Friends of Yenching:

Perhaps many of you have had an opportunity in recent months to welcome some of the Yenching College faculty here in America. Jean Dickinson has been home for the year, Ruth Ch'eng has been studying in Michigan and Columbia, and Mrs. Frame came last June to receive at Mt. Holyoke College the honorary degree of Litt.D. with which the college fittingly surprised and honored her.

On their return to China, Yenching College gave Mrs. Frame and Rosamond a good old Chinese welcome when escorted by a "committee of honor" they approached the quaint old college courts. "The soft dusk suddenly exploded into fiery noises from hundreds and hundreds of fire crackers suspended from long bamboo poles." This was followed by much handclapping, songs by the girls and speeches of welcome. It was all so spontaneous and lovely that as Mrs. Frame says it wiped away in an instant any fear she may have had that the Yenching girls had been affected by the anti-foreign feeling of which we hear so much.



MRS. FRAME AND ROSAMOND

This is the 21st year for Yenching College. She numbers 116 students drawn from 14 prov-

inces, although the majority come from North China. Prosaic and practical details have hindered the completion of the heating and lighting plant of our new buildings so that the college has passed still another year in her old quarters but is looking forward to moving in the fall to the commodious new buildings which are awaiting her on the new campus of Peking University toward the Western Hills.

The 20th Anniversary Celebration

Thus it was that the 20th anniversary celebration on October 17th, 1925, was held in the old Tung fu home.

"Members of the faculty, old and new, alumnae, all shared in the celebration. 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 congratulation, 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 college that the spirit of the occasion was a very happy one.

"The old Tung Fu looked its 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. 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. Frequent 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.

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

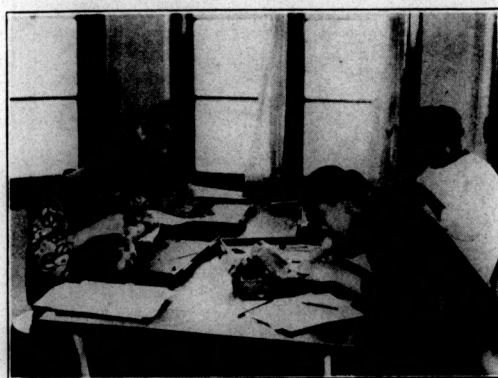
"But the big event was the anniversary dinner at 6:30 in the chapel. The tables were arranged in the form of a hollow square. About 150 sat down to a delicious Chinese meal, teachers, friends, alumnae, students. Never had the old chapel witnessed more gayety and hilarity. Miss Chen Ke Ming, as chairman of the committee of arrangements, acted as toastmistress, and introduced three of the graduates, who, standing on chairs to make themselves heard, regaled the assembled multitude with tales of their college days. 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. It was late when all was over, and the guests left the Tung Fu court. Somehow, the past lived again in the present, and 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."

Extra Curriculum Activities

The year's activities outside the class-room read like the annals of normal college girls the world around, reflecting a training for broad-minded Christian citizenship that China needs in these trying days. There was the benefit play given by the students to help finance the

University paper, The Yenching Weekly, adapted by a few of the girls from a portion of a famous Chinese work—"The Dream of the Red Chamber" and given in Chinese. Because it brought out the figure of a quaint old country woman against a background of the home



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of a wealthy city relative, there was large opportunity for careful character analysis and humor, as well as for the lovely graceful costumes and gestures of the society ladies of the old regime. Chinese girls are born actresses. There was "As You Like It," too, given in English, and busy days at Christmas time when the college invited the whole University to join in its festive celebration. There were practical demonstrations at that season too of social service beautifully and untiringly directed by the girls.

"Christmas in China always impresses one by its contrasts. Such wrecks of humanity as gathered for the simple talk about the meaning of Christmas, that preceded the

Christmas dinner given by the students to their poorest neighbors. Bedraggled men in tatters, hopeless and forlorn, clinging to their beggars' pails or bowls; women, almost as wretched, many clasping bright-eyed babies to their breasts, or leading little children just big enough to toddle. The lame, the halt, the blind—all were there—all sitting quietly during the brief service, though we kept wondering how they could keep their thoughts away from their one full meal of the year. And then they filed out, each receiving a little round loaf. It made one's heart ache to see their courtesy, their gratitude, as they bowed their thanks in true Chinese fashion and passed on to the street where, sitting on the curb of the buildings, in the sunshine, they ate their Christmas dinner!

In the afternoon the residents of the Old Couples' Home and the Old Ladies' Home and the children of the half-day school supported by the Yenching students, were entertained. The old people were clean and neat and well-cared for with bright, contented faces; one old man with both legs off below the knee, another so infirm that he had to be supported continually; but all so alive, with no trace of the hopelessness on the faces of the morning's beggars. The children sang lustily, all in different keys and at different tempos—but they had such a good time! A diminutive tot told a story in excellent Chinese, and was received with such acclaim that two others volunteered and, while a bit breathless with excitement, managed to find their way safely through. Then came a carol by a quartette of the old men—Chinese words, but the familiar music of "Hark the Herald Angels." And then, a little Christmas play by the children, with the wise men dressed in most gorgeous raiment, evidently of their own devising, and Mary, very sweet and simple. There were gifts too, for each of the guests—for the older ones, towels and soap, and for the younger, things that delight children's hearts.

A "Coming of Age" Year

Truly this has been a "Coming of Age" year, when events in the age-old capital have involved China's young people as never before, when the loyalty and character of Yenching students have been tested indeed and not found wanting!

Three armies intermittently drawing near to Peking, thousands of soldiers roaming the Western Hills and bandit bands systematically looting the frightened country sides, air-planes circling overhead and dropping occasional bombs, uncertainty resulting from interrupted postal and train service, this is the atmosphere in which our students have worked for many months, but until March 18th, 1926, the college work went on without special incident. On that day the girls asked permission to take part, together with men and women students from other colleges, in a student demonstration against the ultimatum of the Protocol Powers. The teachers watched the girls file out of the court yard two by two, between the old marble lions, blue and gold Yenching banners flying, their hope high and their faces eager.

In about two hours most returned bringing word that a few had gone with representatives of other colleges in the attempt to secure audience with the Chief Executive himself to urge further patriotic aims. A little later shots were heard and presently as the college waited in suspense in the shadow of the gateway, the girls came crying, dazed, incoherent in their shocked state—all but one dear Tientsin girl who had apparently been killed almost instantly by a savage bayonet thrust, and two others who were slightly wounded and taken to the hospital. It is difficult to know exactly what happened, but the Chief Executive's bodyguard had opened fire on the students, probably at some provocation on the part of a radical few. It is thought that some extreme outside radi-

cals may have dressed as students and mingled with them and that it was they who started the disturbance which resulted in the shooting.

"We brought the young body of our Yenching student, in its new dignity of death, back to the college courts she had left only a few hours before. Her broken-hearted relatives came. Our stately old Assembly Hall was packed with our University faculty and students, the next day, when we held a simple memorial service in her honor. While the hymns were sung, the loving words said, as they stood close about the coffin banked high with flowers and taper-lit, the students' tense, drawn young faces so solemn-set betrayed hearts making new vows of patriotism, of deeper love even for a country that could let its soldiery blunder so tragically as that, a China that in the years to come would cherish, instead of blasting, the flame of life and enthusiasm in the souls of her children.

In writing of her girls to college students in America, Mrs. Frame adds:

"I want you who feel the thrill of a common sisterhood to the youth of all the world to remember that it was the young men and women of China who were the first of you all, in their national crisis of 1919, to astonish us with a vision of what united youth may accomplish, and to arouse the rest of you to a sense of your own responsibility to this war-ridden world. Let us recognize a sense of responsibility for their country in the hearts of thousands of young Chinese men and women rare to feel elsewhere. They writhe to see China seem to sink deeper and deeper in the quicksands of international jealousies and civil suicide. It takes courage to go on solving problems in calculus calmly, or writing history papers, with armies looting their little home villages and creeping up on our precious old city, so that pale-faced refugees dribble steadily inside the city gates and the food supply grows less and less. And we are proud of the way our girls steadied themselves after the tragedy of March 18th and are going on."

The New Campus

Work has proceeded continuously on the new campus and it is confidently expected that the University will move to Haitien this summer. The recess at China New Year time was shortened and Commencement set early, on May 29th, that there might be more time for the arduous work of moving, getting the grounds cleared of debris—at least in part, and furnishing and settling the new buildings.

The Women's College buildings now ready or nearly ready for occupancy, are the Administration building, the Dean's residence which contains also social rooms, Sage Recitation Hall, a fine Science Building, two faculty residences and four dormitories. A small practice house for the Home Economics work and the gymnasium are now the most urgent building needs. The total cost of the former will be approximately \$4,000, of which \$1,300 is in hand. The foundation of the gymnasium has been laid but further work must await additional funds.

Because of the present unrest in China and because there is still much work to be done on the grounds and buildings the formal dedication ceremonies of the new plant will be deferred until some time in 1927.

YENCHING COLLEGE COMMITTEE
19 South La Salle Street, Room 1315
Chicago, Illinois

June, 1926.

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Dr. Eric North
150 Fifth Avenue
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Dear Dr. North:

I am sending you a copy of a recent letter from Mr. Murphy who seems to have recovered from his scarlet fever without any untoward complications, and is probably on his way to Canton by this time. A good many of the items in this particular letter do not have a specific reference to the Women's College building problems except in two or three instances to which I would like to refer.

Under (3) I think Mr. Murphy misunderstood what I said. Miss Stahl is not entirely averse to having the music school located in the central building of the two axis, temporarily denominated a student center, if the practice rooms and studio can be well arranged for.

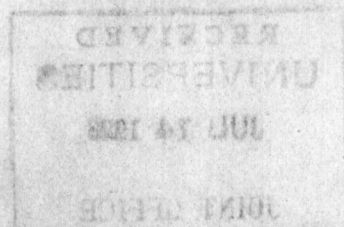
Under (6) he gives the dimensions which I requested and which your Committee also desired to know. I trust that I will be acting in harmony with item #9 of the memorandum as of February 5, 1926, if I drop him a line, as he suggests, to Shanghai, suggesting that he make a rough sketch of the plans for the exterior of these buildings while he has the matter freshly in mind. I trust this will not involve us in serious expense as it seems worthwhile to get something definite out of his visit and talks about the quadrangle.

Item (7) will explain itself. I am not asking him to cable to the New York office for the engineering plans for the reinforced concrete, as we have heard nothing to indicate that there is any prospect of going on with the gymnasium this fall.

Mr. Murphy must be very much disappointed at the unexpected delay in his return to New York and conference with your University Building Committee and the Women's College Committee. Meanwhile, circumstances compel us to go on to finish as nearly as may be, for we have practically moved all our belongings to the new site and must open there in the fall.

Sincerely yours,

Alicia B. Frame



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June 22, 1936

Mr. W. H. North
130 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. North:

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Under (3) I think Mr. Murphy will understand what I said. Miss Stahl is not entirely averse to having the music school located in the central building of the two-story temporary building. I think it is a good idea, if the practice rooms and study can be well arranged for.

Under (6) he lives the dilemma which I requested and which your Committee also decided to know. I think that I will be staying in Peking with them of the memorandum as of February 1, 1936. If I drop him a line, I will suggest to him that he make a note of the plans for the exterior of these buildings while he has the matter freely in mind. I think this will not involve as in serious expense as it seems to while to get something built out of the visit and talk about the building.

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Sincerely yours,

William B. Franke

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Copy for Mr. North
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Mrs. M.S. Frame
Dean, Women's College
Yenching University
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Shanghai
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Dear Mrs. Frame:-

I was very glad to receive, this A.M., your good letter of 31 May, taking up in detail, as I had requested, various points in connection with the "Rearranged General Plan of Yenching University" of which I left a print with you just before my departure from Peking on 8th May. There are a few points in your letter to which I feel that I should reply at once:-

(1) There is to be no increase in the length of the stone bridge itself; the additional width (if any) in the new pool will be taken care of by approaches, in the form of promontories, in the usual Chinese style. There is no idea of doubling the width of the bridge (which would, as you say, result in seriously injuring its proportions.) The additional width is to be only what is required (at a guess, three (3'-0") feet or so) "to allow freely-moving 2-way traffic" as stated in point (2) of my Memo to Dr. Stuart. The bridge is at present considerably wider than is needed for 1-way traffic, but just too narrow for two automobiles to pass each other on it.

(3) I should be glad to receive Miss Stahl's preference for location of Music School, if it is not opposed in advance by others.

(4) Part of my reason for locating the School of Education so far South is the very confused state in which I found the Program for this Dep't. My recollection of my original conferences with Mr. Galt (in 1919 or 1920) is that he wanted a cluster of very small, one-story buildings; and these, architecturally, would seem best located about where now shown. When I talked with Mr. Terman at my recent Peking visit, he spoke of a regular 2-story Class Room Bldg, similar to Sage; but thought it unlikely that there would be more than one such building. This also seemed a reason for locating the Dep't as shown; as I do not like the idea of a single isolated large building anywhere between the main highway and the Woman's College group, altho' I should favor there a group of 3 such bldgs, (as I indicated on new Plan in dotted lines) if future academic expansion requires it. My general feeling is like yours, (I take it) that this whole matter had best be left in abeyance for the present.

(5) Sohtsu King is principally responsible for this; and I am in hearty agreement with him.

(7) I thoroughly approve your suggestion for opening up three bays (instead of one as planned) with doors; and believe this is the best answer to the much discussed question of adequate exits from Cha Chapel.

Second Series:-

(1) The pond should certainly be cleared, to ensure reflections. Note also the bay, which must extend far enough south of entrance axis to ensure a wide enough water surface for reflections, when the

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Woman's Acad. Group is first seen from the entrance point on the highway.

(2) Unless there are to be steps down from the two West Terrace the paths should certainly be moved at least 30 or 40 feet from the terraces. I should favor the latter, for privacy on the terraces.

(5) It must be remembered that in weighing estimated cost of waterway along the northerly side of Woman's College, we must deduct the saving to be made by the omission of the proposed substitute waterway further north. Also, we must remember that the whole place is badly in need of material for fill, which will be economically supplied by this deep waterway. I should like to have it borne in mind, when this matter is up for discussion, that the waterway as shown on the May 1926 General Plan is not a new feature. It has always been a part of the General Scheme, on all past plans, to have this separation between the Men's and Woman's Colleges, and both sides have always liked the idea. The proposal to shift this waterway to the meaningless location to the north of the Central Bldg., (just south of the westerly Men's Dormitories) is just one more of the proposed changes which should be vetoed like the proposed omission of Central Bldg at intersection of 2 axes; I do not anticipate that I shall have difficulty in securing ^{the} approval of the N.Y. authorities on this important matter.

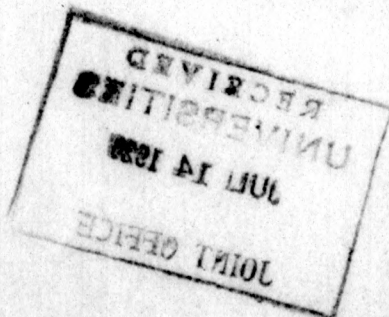
(6) The May 1926 General Plan shows bldgs on the North and South sides of the Woman's Acad Quad. with main central portions 45' x 100' (2 stories) and wings 30' wide x 35' long (1 story). This makes the total length of the bldgs 170'. The campus fronts of these two buildings are to be set as close together, (symmetrically on the main E. and W. axis) as the location of the piping (already being installed in trenches) will permit; that is, the Acad. Campus is to be as narrow (from N. & S.) as possible. This will help to give the campus a more pleasing proportion, and at the same time help the dominance of Sage by tending to make the view of the side-bldgs in sharper perspective from the most important view-point, - namely, from the entrance to the campus between the "Twin Bldgs"; at which point the view of Sage will be in direct front elevation (as soon as the hopeless error of blocking this view of Sage by a rookery has been corrected). On my arrival in N.Y. I shall have the cubical contents of these side bldgs calculated; from which, by taking the cost-figures already known for Sage and Ninde, it will be possible for the N.Y. authorities to arrive at a safe approximate cost-figure for the purpose of raising funds for these bldgs. To meet your second point, the making of further plans for the use of these bldgs, I shall be glad to send you rough sketches, at 1/16" scale, of bldgs as shown on the General Plan, if you will drop me a line, c/o International Bank, Shanghai, so I shall get it when I pass through Shanghai on 11 July on my way from Canton to Kobe.

(7) The plans of the Woman's Gym. I left in Peking are the final and complete working drawings; and are all that are needed for starting the bldg, except the engineering plans for the reinforced concrete. I left orders at my office in N.Y. not to start these engineering plans until I sent them word of the final approval of the architectural plans, as this bldg has already been the subject of so many changes in program that I did not wish to involve the Yenching College Committee in the expense of these concrete plans if there was still a chance of changes in the architectural plans.

I do not yet know on what ground the N.Y. authorities ordered the hold-up on this bldg; but I understood, from my talks with you, that you have no changes to suggest, unless something is wanted differently arranged by the Gym Director, when you get one. If you feel you can authorize the making of engineering plans for the concrete construction, please telegraph me at Canton Christian College before 22 June, so I can send an immediate cable to my office in N.Y. ordering the engineers to start. I have been assuming (perhaps wrongly) that there is a more or less indefinite hold-up on this Gym. It did not seem to us best to build in, at the start, the door to the possible future swimming pool; but this has been borne in mind in the plans, and its location settled. If you prefer to have the door built at the start, please advise the Bureau that the South wall of the matron's room is to have a triple opening - the two side sections being small windows to light the matron's room itself, after the middle section becomes a (double) door to the connecting passage to the pool. The walls of connecting passage would start from mullions separating middle section of opening from side-windows.....

Sincerely yours,

(signed) H.G. Murphy



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June 24, 1926

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Dr. Eric North
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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I also told him that it was my understanding that no further steps in the building of the gymnasium should be taken without full authorization from the Yenching College Committee. He quotes a letter from you as suggesting the casting of the first floor slab, but I refuse to take any responsibility for doing this without more direct instructions from your committee. If you wish to have the Construction Bureau design these slabs, I have no objection, though I would think that with the engineering details if they include radiation and the elaborate and intricate piping system needed for all the showers, it is doubtful whether the Construction Bureau is equipped to do this.

I trust your committee has again reviewed its action directing the installation of the central control of the showers.

Very sincerely yours,

Alvin B. Kanne

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New York City

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Very sincerely yours,

William B. Brown

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Peking University

July 31, 1926

Mrs. M. S. Frame,
Yenching Woman's College,
Yenching University,
Peking, China.

My dear Mrs. Frame:

I have your letter of June 22nd and June 24th with the copies of your letter of May 31st to Mr. Murphy and his reply of June 8th upon which I should like to have your detailed comment. Mrs. Roys has also shared with me your letter of May 18th to her, I am very grateful to you for writing so in detail upon all these items and only wish that Dr. Stuart and Mr. Gibb would do the same. Mr. Gibb has written briefly upon each item of directions which Mr. Murphy sent back to Peking from Shanghai, but we do not have as full a statement from China as I wish we did. Perhaps this will come when we get Mr. Murphy's report and have a chance to get your written judgment upon it after you see it in full. None of the items so far as I can see now can be cleared, either for the University or for the Yenching College Committee, until September as Mr. Murphy will not reach here until the first of August and practically everyone will be away during that month on vacation.

Upon the matter of the completion of the gymnasium, your caution is wise, but the Yenching College Committee already had actually authorized the taking steps necessary to protect such work as had been done, especially by casting the floor of the ground floor and thus filling up the hole that I presume is still there, but the erection of the building should not proceed above the level of the floor of the ground floor, and perhaps not to that extent if its present state is such as not to hinder further effective construction later, or is not obnoxious. In any case, however, the funds are not in hand for doing anything more with the building, and I have written Mr. Gibb telling him that it is no use, until he hears from us further, to spend any time planning on any further construction on this building other than that to which I have referred above. Mrs. Roys will, before long, be in Peking and I am sure you will welcome the opportunity to fill her up with information upon all the Yenching matters and perhaps she will be good enough to write back to us with some fullness her own impressions of things which will have considerable weight with the Woman's College Committee.

I have your letter nominating Miss Chung for the Frances C. Goodridge Scholarship and have conveyed this information to the

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church and to the Trustee of the fund and will write you further when I hear from them.

I note the very strong judgment against the central control of the showers and it is my judgment that there would be very little difficulty in arranging the valves so that it can be made a matter of individual control for the present and for central later if you should get around to that. The valves that make the central control possible will have to be on anyway as shut-offs and the simple removal of the handles from individual control in the individual shower will deliver the future bather fully into the power of the central controller.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary
Peking University

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September 11, 192

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

My dear Mrs. Frame:

I enclose herewith the check of the University for \$70.00, this being the proceeds for one-half year of the Frances A. Goodridge Scholarship Fund, to be applied for the benefit of Miss Cheng Wen-hur.

I should like to have you think over some way by which you could arrange to have this scholarship run larger than your other scholarships, for I think that the terms of the agreement make it difficult for us to arrange to apply any part of it to anyone else. Of course, later on, on reinvestment, the funds may not run as they do now. Can you not handle this in some way so as to have it in the nature of a special award?

Cordially yours,

Secretary,
Peking University.

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

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The New Yenching,
Peking West, China,
October 28, 1926.

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Dear Hilyoke girls:

Do you know how long I have been looking forward to writing you this first letter from our new buildings, our new campus, the new spaciousness of sun and sky and distant horizon that is ours at last? Since the day that thrilling cablegram was put into my hands in our cramped city campus, announcing that the fund for these new buildings was assured, and we rang the old college bell till all the teachers and girls came running out into the central court to hear the glorious news, to wave our blue and gold Yenching banner, and sing the college song, with a catch in our throats. You may remember my writing about it? From that very day we began to talk about our new buildings. That generous gift of American women to our Chinese college secured for us our share in the beautiful University campus northwest of Peking, facing the yellow-tiled towers of the Summer Palace and the Jade Fountain Pagoda and the western mountain-tops. It had been a prince's pleasure-park for hundreds of years.

But oh! the long process of putting up our own Women's College buildings, as well as our share in the buildings we use together with the Men's College,-----the central heating and lighting plant, the library, the laboratories. And oh! the disappointment, each time our moving out had to be postponed. Civil war after civil war swept over China, paralyzing the railroads; shipments of machinery or materials were delayed; architects' drawings did not arrive at the critical moment; our camels and carts were commandeered by over-zealous generals; hundreds of terrified women and girls lived for months in two of our women's unfinished dormitories, trying to keep out of sight of the rough soldiery,--and how could we turn them out? Summer rains flooded the trenches, and Chinese workmen seemed maddeningly deliberate. Sometimes it was to weep, and sometimes to laugh. One hot afternoon I went eagerly to see how high were the walls of our new Home Economics Practice House, supposedly begun some three weeks earlier. I was directed to a peaceful turnip-field, surrounded by grape-arbors! Not a foundation yawning anywhere, not a wall to be seen. In my bewilderment I asked two Chinese gentlemen in white drinking tea serenely under one of the arbors, where the new house might be. They smiled comprehendingly, and one, with a large gesture toward the thrifty green fields, remarked blandly, "Right here, madam! We're just waiting for the turnips to get ripe!" But those foundations began to be dug the next morning!

Over two years ago we were surely to have moved. It was postponed a year,----then for another six months. But in June at last a flock of moving carts came creaking up to the great tiled gateway, with its pair of funny, fierce, old marble lions. Out came our chairs and tables, our fountain pens and our best hats, our books, our blue flower jars and our bulletin boards and everything, to be packed in some marvellous fashion on the carts and on men's backs, to wind through the crowded streets of Peking out of the huge West Gate and along the curving road over which the Empress Dowager used to swing in her yellow sedan chair to the wonderful Summer Palace,-----out to our new campus. -----Not that it was so easy to say good-bye to the quaint old courts and the frisky gate lions of the old Manchu palace which had been the college home for ten years,-----where we had grown and grown till it could not hold us any longer. But it had to be.-----

Drop a sympathetic tear when I tell you that even when we moved out in June, the new buildings were not finished, (thanks to the last dominant war lord!) so the bulletin boards could not be hung up, nor typewriters unpacked, until

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it was almost time for college to open. Yet, strange to say, it was a very busy summer! Really, it is quite a trick to move and rearrange even a little college, from microscopes and test tubes to basket balls and doctors' gowns! Particularly when there were so many elements of uncertainty in the situation. Cannon boomed day and night at Nankou north of us, aeroplanes droned back and forth between the battlefield and Peking, battalions of soldiers marched by our gates, or swarmed in nearby villages,----and Chinese workmen left undone the things they ought to have done, and then did devastating things unexpectedly. On the other hand, the summer rains were unusually gentle this year, and it was restful to see the patient lines of stately camels padding past one's office windows. There were the great pink and the white lotus blossoms queening it in our ponds near by,-- and always the blue mountains at the horizon's edge. So we worked and laughed even through the last furious weeks of preparation, living in sketchy style wherever we could tuck ourselves away, till we could really move in to the buildings which were only dreams, once,----and then blue prints,----and at last brick and concrete halls whose red pillars hold up tilted tiled roofs,----buildings that will stand for hundreds of years. I shall never forget that first night, when at dusk I walked into the graceful, square Chinese building with its big button on top, that is the new Dean's residence. There was a lump in my throat as I shut the door and hung up my hat and went upstairs to my room. There was no electricity then, and the rooms of the beautiful new home were full of soft shadows,----friendly shadows. I leaned out of one of the windows. Sage loomed dark and stately against the starlit sky on one side, our big science building farther on the other; close beside me was the lovely twin building to the Dean's Residence, our Administration Building. In a flash I was back at the first big luncheon of our Building Fund Campaign in Chicago, where beside me at the table stood the most enchanting, gaily colored paper models of these twin buildings. Paper then,----and soon now I was going to sleep under the curved gray tiles of the building itself. The dream we had talked about at the "La Salle" had come true at last.

The dreams of the college girls, too, have come true. "I am so glad I belong to the first class that came to these lovely, lovely buildings," whispered a little Freshman to me ecstatically one day. Gaping pipe trenches, piles of debris, processions of wheelbarrows, blocks of granite lying about do not dim their exhilaration. They were excited, too, when the electric lights first flashed over the campus, and each great dark Chinese building gleamed with a sudden illumination. Rosamond and I went outdoors and walked up and down, looking in delight at the shining windows everywhere. Our little square twin buildings are the most beautiful of all, like two great Chinese lanterns against the night sky.-----After all these years of waiting,----beauty,--and light.

Even the very incompleteness of so many details deepens our appreciation of what has already come to pass. At the convocation that marked the formal opening of the University year, I don't think that any one minded that the long academic line of guests and faculty had to pick their scholarly steps over the uneven, narrow path worn by workmen's feet, into the unfinished library building where we met. Workers all,----masons and students and teachers,----in the university we are building together.

Already our friends are finding us out. Dean Purington and Miss Greene have spent a few days under our tile roofs. Elinor Jones was enchanted with it all. She said the western mountains made her think of the Mount Tom range, though they are so much more rugged and high. Their purple lines against the sky do tempt my thoughts very often to you at Mount Holyoke. Somehow one's thoughts fly farther with mountain peaks to spring from, don't they? And I wonder what the new college year is bringing to each of you. Yenching begins with a whole new world!

Our greetings to you.

Alice Browne Frame.

it was almost time for college to open. Yet, strange to say, it was a very busy summer; finally, it is quite a trick to move and rearrange even a little college. From microscopes and test tubes to basket balls and basketball. Particularly when there were so many elements of uncertainty in the situation. Cannon boomed day and night at Nankai north of us, aeroplanes whined back and forth between the Westfield and Peking. Battalions of soldiers marched by the gates. We swarmed in nearby villages, and Chinese workmen left whence the things they ought to have done, and then did devastating things unexpectedly. On the other hand, the summer rains were unusually gentle this year, and it was restless to see the patient lines of stately corridors peering past one's office windows. There were the great pink and the white Chinese blossoms growing in our ponds near by, and always the blue mountains at the horizon's edge. So we worked and laughed down through the last furious weeks of preparation, having in every style whatever we could truck ourselves away. Till we could really move in to the buildings which were only dreams once, and then blue prints, and at last brick and concrete walls whose red pillars hold up tiled roofs, buildings that will stand for hundreds of years. I shall never forget that first night, when at dusk I walked into the graceful square Chinese building with its big button on top, that is the new Dean's residence. There was a jump in my throat as I shut the door and hung up my hat and went upstairs to my room. There was no electricity then, and the rooms of the beautiful new home were full of soft shadows, friendly shadows. I leaned out of one of the windows. Sage incense burned dark and stately against the starlight on one side, our big science building farther on the other; close beside me was the lovely twin building to the Dean's Residence, our Administration Building. In a flash I was back at the first big launch of our Building Fund Campaign in Canton, where beside me at the table stood the most enchanting, gently colored paper models of these twin buildings. Paper then, and soon now I was going to sleep under the covered gray tiles of the building itself. The dream we had talked about at the "Kailash" had come true at last.

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Our greetings to you.
Alice Browne Evans.

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Dr. Eric M. North
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Dear Dr. North:

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I have two letters from you to acknowledge, one with reference to the Frances A. Goodridge scholarship, and another with reference to Mr. Murphy's report.

The faculty of the Women's College voted to make the Frances A. Goodridge scholarship a competitive one, to be awarded as an honor scholarship to the student who at the end of junior year has the highest grade ratio and has accomplished most both for the college and in the development of her own abilities. If the scholarship money is not desired by this student, it shall be awarded to the student having the second highest grade ratio. The award shall be announced at Commencement time. This was partly in response to your suggestion that since the scholarship is unusually large, it should be in the nature of a special award. I am planning to write a letter to the secretary of the Session, Mr. D.H. Shauer, telling him about this. This will mean, of course, that the scholarship cannot be awarded until Commencement time. This will not embarrass us, since Miss Chung Wen-Hui to whom we had tentatively awarded the scholarship in September, was taken ill and could not return this year to her work. In this way the fund will be available for bestowal in June.

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While I am writing of scholarships, may I comment on the fact that the interest on the Richards Scholarship, which last year amounted to Gold \$60, sent on January 13, 1925, has not come this year, and so we cannot award it to any incumbent. We expected it last January, but nothing has been received. We are also in receipt of a letter May 16, 1925, from Mr. G.E. Barnes saying that he had sent Gold \$150 for the Annie T. Allen Scholarship to us. Was it by any chance sent to your New York office instead of to Mr. Bowman in Chicago? I understand from Miss Sui Wang, who secured the gifts from Mr. Barnes, that part of his scholarship funds is to go for a graduate woman student, and part to a graduate man student. Through some misunderstanding of the bookkeeper this money may have been credited to the Men's College, but Mr. Barnes writes that he intended it for us. Would it not be simpler for you if you could ask those who have charge of these scholarships for women students to send their checks direct to Mr. Bowman, thus obviating any possibility of trouble on your part?

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I have not yet found time to write in detail with regard to the possible changes in the gymnasium. The minutes of the November meeting should soon be here, and it may be that the Committee will have very clear leading, either for or against making any changes. We have received no word of any further addition to possible funds for putting up the gymnasium. The question as to the possible change of location of the men's gymnasium will have reached you long since. It will not have any particular bearing on the women's gymnasium except that it is still a question whether the men's gymnasium so near to our second line of possible western dormitories will be too noisy for comfort.

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We have not received any formal report from the Trustees or our sub-committee on building, with reference to the reports which Mr. Murphy must have handed in regarding his visit here and his conclusions. Soon I hope to send you a detailed report about various building problems, and more particularly a few comments on Mr. Murphy's last letter.

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Very sincerely yours,

Allen B. Frame

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