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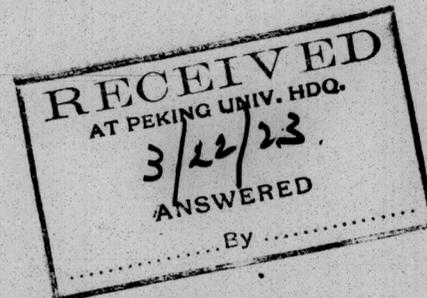


"GREYLOCK" CHESTNUT HILL  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

ANNE IRWIN LAUGHLIN

March 21st, 1923.

Peking University,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.



Dear Sirs:-

I write to confirm verbal pledge given to Dr. Leighton Stuart to pay the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) during the year 1924 to build a Professor's residence at Peking University.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter and oblige,

Yours truly,

*Anne Irwin Laughlin*

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March 23rd, 1925.

My dear Miss Laughlin:-

It happens that I am in the office at the time when your formal confirmation of the promise to me of a professor's residence has come to hand.

I want, therefore, to allow myself the privilege of replying and of thanking you most heartily, not only for this generous gift, but for the sympathetic spirit in which it was made. I shall never forget the visit with you and cannot tell you how cheering it is to find a few people in this country who enter so completely into the life purpose and pressing problems of those of us who are trying to witness for our Master and advance His Kingdom across the ocean.

I trust that the rest that you are receiving will restore your health. Sometime when you are contemplating a trip abroad would you not find it of interest to visit the Orient. We should be so glad to have you come to Peking and see the buildings in which you now have a part. My wife and I would be delighted to have you stay with us on such a trip.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Anne Irvin Laughlin,  
"Greylock", Chestnut Hill,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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April 12, 1924

My dear Miss Laughlin:

We have received your check for \$7000 for a residence at Peking University. Thank you cordially for this gift.

Dr. Stuart and I expect to be in Philadelphia on Monday and Tuesday of next week, and will call you on the phone, hoping to have the privilege of seeing you and thanking you personally for this gift.

China is having a rather lumbering time as it works its way out from the centuries which encase it. It is rather a striking fact, however, that in the thirteen years since the revolution which overthrew the Manchu Dynasty, the constructive elements of China have come forward very far toward the front. When we realize that the cycle of French development from dynasty to democracy extended over a period of nearly thirty years, including the violence of Robespierre, and the draining wars of Napoleon - in a country containing less than twenty-five million people, I think we may be cheritable and hopeful over the comparatively rapid development of a new mind in China, with her four hundred millions of people.

The need of China for the next hundred years and after is a need for men and women, not only of the highest educational

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scholarship, but also and primarily men and women, of Christian character, whose ideals cannot be bought, and the records of whose lives may form a solid foundation upon which a truly noble nation may be built.

Sincerely yours

Executive Secretary.

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April 27, 1926

Miss Anne Laughlin  
Sunset Ave., Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Laughlin:

I am enclosing a photograph of the house which you are erecting on the new campus of the University, just outside of the City of Peking. You will see that the house is pretty well along towards completion. As a matter of fact we expect that Philip deVargas and his family will move into this residence before the first of July. X

Dr. Stuart is exceedingly anxious to have at once an expressing of your wish as to the phrasing of the memorial inscription to be put on the brass plate designating the house.

I am sorry to have to report to you that this residence is costing \$1,458.95 more than your original subscription of \$7,000.00. An unfavorable rate of exchange, interruption of transportation - due to periodic civil war - together with the rising costs of materials during the last two years, have been the cause of this. We have built very economically and purchased materials advantageously. If it had not been so the additional building cost would have been considerably greater than they turned out to be. Unfortunately the residence which you so generously gave is but one of forty odd residences, construction of which is now being finished and the money for which was subscribed in the same generous sacrificial way as yours was subscribed. However, the total additional cost of these residences adds up into a very large figure and we have been compelled to borrow the money to carry them on to completion.

I write thus frankly because I am sure you will want to know exactly what kind of a building is erected with the money you gave and how much the building cost. I know we have not the right to ask you for the difference between your subscription and the final cost of your residence because your original subscription was made on then estimated costs of the residences. It certainly is not your responsibility that the cost was higher than either you or the University anticipated. On the other hand the cause was brought about by conditions over which no one had control.

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Miss Anne Laughlin

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There has been a lot of civil war in China this year, but it has not particularly disturbed the University. Some of our materials were delayed a little in reaching Peking, and University classes were upset three or four days on account of demonstrations. Aside from these minor interruptions the work goes ahead in its usual manner. It stands today the most important and influential international University in China. We have four times as many students in our collegiate department as does Canton Christian College, and we have at least a third more than any other university with a Christian purpose in China. You will particularly enjoy reading the bulletin upon its arrival.

Very sincerely yours

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RESIDENCES-

Chestnut Hill 0752

"Greylock" Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia, Pa

Anne Irwin Laughlin

Suggested inscription for brass tablet.

This house given  
In loving memory  
of  
Henry A. Laughlin  
who, like his Master,  
went about doing good.

CHESTNUT HILL 0752

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"GREYLOCK" CHESTNUT HILL  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

ANNE IRWIN LAUGHLIN

May 7, 1926.

My dear Mr. Lewis,

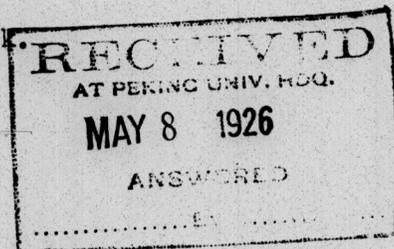
In response to your letter of April 27th, I am enclosing an inscription, for the brass plate for the house given in memory of my Father, phrased as I should wish to have it, if it meets with the approval of Dr. Stuart.

I thank you for the photograph of the house, so thoughtfully sent to me, and am enclosing herewith my check for <sup>51</sup> \$1,495.95, the amount stated in your letter as needed to make up the deficit to complete this memorial building.

Very sincerely yours,

*Anne Irwin Laughlin*

James H. Lewis  
(Executive Secretary)  
150 Fifth Ave., New York



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Entered	1,495-95
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May 8, 1920.

Miss Anne Irwin Laughlin,  
"Grylock", Chestnut Hill,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Miss Laughlin:

We are very grateful indeed to you for your kind letter of yesterday. I am forwarding immediately to Dr. Stuart the inscription which you have suggested for the brass tablet in memory of your father.

Dr. Stuart will write you as soon as he receives this, and will probably send you a photograph of the plate as soon as it is completed.

Thank you very sincerely for your generous inclusion of the additional amount required for completing the residence. We particularly appreciate your cooperation in this as in the past.

I will probably be in Philadelphia some time next week and if you are free I should appreciate the privilege of coming out for just a little while and talking of current events inoking.

Faithfully yours,

JHL

Laughlin, Miss Anne Irwin

Sunset Avenue,  
Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Aug. 4, 1928

\$5,000 for 1928 Camp. - Undesignated

Gift received	8-4-28
Receipt #	2068
Entered in official record	✓
" " attached	✓
" " contract	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	354 ✓
Pledge signed attached	✓
X-file cards	—
Letter ack. sent	✓
Checked for O. L.	✓
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August 6, 1928

My dear Miss Laughlin:

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

This gift of \$5,000 means much to us at this time when we are making every possible effort to avoid the loss of the \$90,000 conditionally pledged by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd. These friends set certain very rigid conditions that must be met in order to secure their gift. Their purpose in fixing such conditions was based upon their unusual interest in the University. They felt that their own contribution would not achieve in full measure the purpose they had in view unless certain other basic needs of the University should be met at the same time. In order that this purpose may be accomplished, they have very generously consented to further extend the time limit on their pledge to September 1. Your generous gift encourages us to hope that we shall succeed.

We are enclosing herewith our official receipt in the amount of \$5,000.

Gratefully yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Anne Irwin Laughlin  
Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Feb. 11, 1939.

Miss Anne I. Laughlin;  
209 West Chestnut St.,  
Chestnut Hills, Pa.

My dear Miss Laughlin:

I was in Philadelphia last Friday and talked with your Secretary over the 'phone. She told me that you were seeing few people now and advised that I write you.

The reason for my desire to see you, which is the reason for this letter, is a recent letter from Dr. Stuart setting forth a very urgent and pathetic need in connection with our University work. I quote, "Dr. Leonard Hau, dean of the Men's College of Arts and Sciences is a Chinese with an American wife. Mrs. Hsu has been ill for two years with tuberculosis. She is now recuperating in the hills in Central China, but I suppose they expect her to be able to return soon to Peking and are very anxious that a home be ready where she can have the proper condition to avoid a relapse. It is a pathetic case, since her very young child has had to be left in other hands while the Mother has been away. The cost of a residence for Dr. and Mrs. Hsu would be \$4,000. Cannot you find some one who would be willing to give this residence."

This Chinese residence was not included in our campaign for \$500,000 just finished. It will, as you know, cost \$4,000. I was wondering if you would be willing to give us this residence, \$1,000 per a year over a period of four years, or at your convenience. If we knew we had the money coming to us, we could go ahead with the building of this house now.

Please understand my motive in asking you. I would not intrude on your courtesy for the world, but the need of this house is so urgent and I do not know to whom to go save you help us in the building of it. I leave it altogether to your generous conscience.

With great regards, I am most

Sincerely yours,

Chester E. Jenney  
Executive Secretary

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"GREYLOCK" CHESTNUT HILL  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

ANNE IRWIN LAUGHLIN

March 2nd, 1929.

Dr. Chester E. Jenney,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Jenney:

In reply to your letter of February 11th,  
Miss Laughlin desires me to say that she will give  
\$4000. for the building of a Chinese Residence in  
connection with Yenching University.

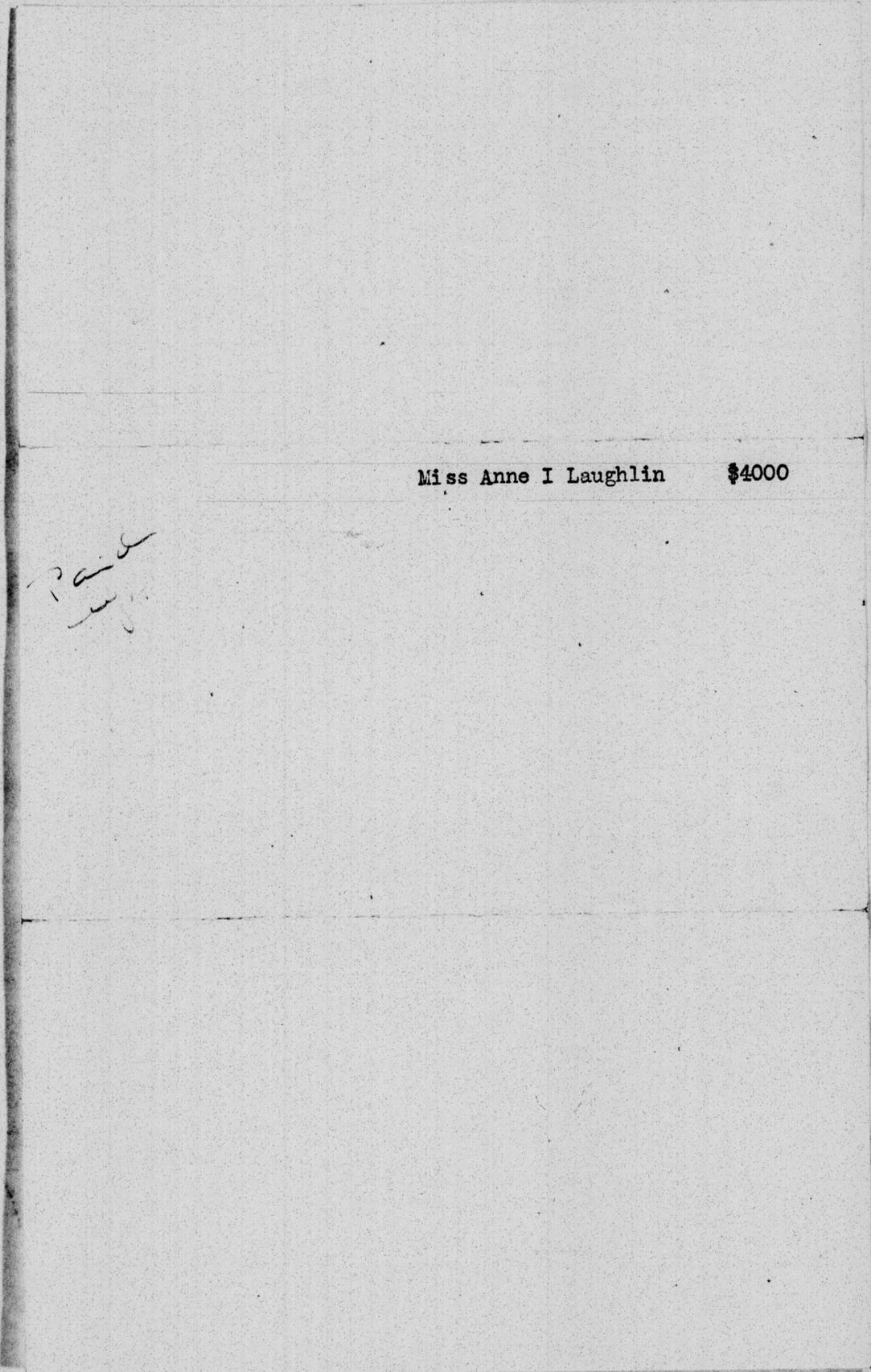
Of this amount \$1000. will be paid the early  
part of April, 1929, and the remaining \$3000. paid in  
full in 1930 - or, \$1000. per year in 1930, 1931 and  
1932 as may be most convenient for Miss Laughlin.

Sincerely yours,

*Ida C. Woods*

Secretary to Miss Laughlin.

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Miss Anne I Laughlin \$4000

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Charge to the account of China Union Universities \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
150 Fifth Avenue

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

March 4, 1929

Dr. Chester E. Jenney  
Hotel Huntington  
Pasadena, California

Miss Laughlin pledges four thousand dollars for Chinese residence. All here congratulate you on this and Scripps pledge. Total of twenty two hundred and fifty dollars received since Friday completion old pledges. Sixty dollars small gifts Journalism today. Also written pledge Winters arrived. Writing regularly. No further news.

O. D. Wannamaker

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Residences - Laughlin

March 4, 1929

My dear Miss Laughlin:

Your generous pledge of \$4,000 to be used in building a residence for one of our Chinese teachers is deeply gratifying. The insufficient number of residences available constitutes a rather acute problem at the University.

We are glad that under the fine leadership of President Stuart the policy was adopted at Yenching from the beginning and without any pressure whatever of providing for our Chinese professors and their families as we provide for the Americans. In living up to this policy we are constantly strengthening the position of Yenching in China and consolidating the friendship of the Chinese community for the institution. Your pledge for this reason means a great deal to us at this time.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Anne I. Laughlin  
Sunset Avenue  
Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Residence - Laughlin (2nd Res.)

Laughlin, Miss Anne Irwin

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Sunset Ave., Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mar. 4, 1929

Pledge \$4000 for Chinese Residence

Gift received	3-4-29
Recd. by	_____
Initials	✓
"	✓
"	✓
Serial	654 ✓
Filed	✓
X file card	_____
Letter and sent	3-4-29
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	✓
" " stencil	✓

C O P Y of Pledge letter:

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 March 2nd, 1929  
 Dr. Chester E. Jenney  
 150 Fifth Avenue  
 New York City.

My dear Dr. Jenney:

In reply to your letter of February 11th, Miss Laughlin desires me to say that she will give \$4000. for the building of a Chinese Residence in connection with Yenching University.  
 Of this amount \$1000. will be paid the early part of April, 1929, and the remaining \$3000. paid in full in 1930 - or \$1000. per year in 1930, 1931 and 1932 as may be most convenient for Miss Laughlin.

Sincerely yours,  
 (Signed) Ida C. Woods  
 Secretary to Miss Laughlin

March 4, 1929

Dear Dr. Jenney:

Since it is urgent that we should obtain cash for the immediate erection of a residence for Dr. Leonard Hsu, we are adopting the following plan as to the record of Miss Anne Laughlin's pledge of \$4,000. As her letter does not specify Dr. Hsu but mentions only the building of a Chinese residence, I am not mentioning Dr. Hsu in my acknowledgment of her gift. This leaves us free to use other money if obtained for a residence for Dr. Hsu and let Miss Laughlin's money as it is paid in be used for a residence for some other Chinese teacher.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Chester E. Jenney  
C/o Hotel Huntington  
Pasadena, California

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Laughlin, Miss Anne I.

Sunset Ave., Chestnut Hill  
St. Joseph, Missouri  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Apr. 6, 1929

\$1000 toward pledge to Residence for Chinese

Gift received	4-6-29
Receipt #	2422
Entered on central record	✓
" " class card	✓
" " contrib. list	✓
Serial No. on L. card	654
Pledge	✓
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Letter acknowledgment	4-8-29
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	✓
" " stencil	✓

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April 8, 1929

My dear Miss Laughlin:

Please accept our grateful thanks for the prompt payment of the first instalment of your pledge to Yenching University for a residence. We are enclosing herewith our usual form of receipt together with your voucher, signed by our Assistant Treasurer.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Anne I. Laughlin  
Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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N.Y. 12-19-29

Memo to JLS:

Re: Miss Anne McLaughlin  
Philadelphia.

Doctor Jenney advises in his report of November 10, 1929:  
That Miss Laughlin was a semi-invalid but he called her on the  
telephone to thank her for past favors to us, at the same time  
suggesting that she remember us in her will. He recommended that  
Dr. Stuart see her and she agreed to see him. Dr. Jenney suggests  
she be asked for \$100,000 in her will. (Miss Laughlin has given  
Yenching \$17,000 since 1923).

O.D.W.

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Dr. Stuart tried to see her  
on his visit to Phila.  
Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> but she was too  
ill to see him.

1-23-30- Memo to L.M. I have been thinking of writing Miss Laughlin  
and suggesting that she put a bequest for Yenching in her will. I  
would do this at once, but for the fact that Dr. Jenney might possibly  
be able to see her and accomplish more. Please keep this matter before  
me during the next month.

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"GREYLOCK" CHESTNUT HILL  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

ANNE IRWIN LAUGHLIN

April 1st, 1930.

Mr. Olin D. Wanamaker,  
Assistant to the President  
Yenching University  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Wanamaker,

In reply to your letter of March 28th, Miss  
Laughlin desires me to say that the time limit of her  
pledge of \$4,000. for a residence for a teacher in  
Yenching, has not yet expired and until this pledge,  
(the final payment of which is due in 1932), together  
with several outstanding pledges to other Causes  
are fully met, she regrets being unable to give further  
financial aid to Yenching.

Very sincerely yours,

*Ida C. Woods.*

Secretary to Miss Laughlin.

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Laughlin, Miss Anne Irwin  
Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pa.

April 3, 1930

\$1000 - 2<sup>nd</sup> payment on pledge #654  
for Chinese residence

4-3-30  
Receipt # 2726  
Interview control record ✓  
" " " " ✓  
" " " " ✓  
Serial No. on L. and card 654  
Pledge report attached ✓  
X file on G.  
Letter adv. sent 4-9-30  
Checked for O. L.  
" " ~~check~~ ML  
" " ~~check~~ Renewal ✓

Miss Laughlin's pledge for \$4000 was to be paid at her convenience either in full in 1930 or \$1000 per year 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932. She still owes \$2000 after today's check is credited.

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"GREYLOCK" CHESTNUT HILL  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

ANNE IRWIN LAUGHLIN

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May 15th*

April 10, 1930.

Mr. Olin D. Wanamaker,  
Yenching University - American Office  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mr. Wanamaker,

In reply to your letter of April 9, Miss Laughlin desires me to say that because of a number of engagements arranged for the end of April and the early part of May, she regrets that she is unable to make an appointment to see Dr. Stuart while in Philadelphia.

Thank you very much for sending the latest booklet of Yenching University, which both Miss Laughlin and myself will look over with much interest.

Sincerely yours,

*Ida C. Woods.*

Secretary to Miss Laughlin.

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CHESTNUT HILL 0762



"GREYLOCK" CHESTNUT HILL  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

ANNE IRWIN LAUGHLIN

May 2nd, 1930.

My dear Mr. Wanamaker:

In reply to your letter received this morning, Miss Laughlin asks me to tell you that she will be very glad to have me confer with Dr. Jenney on Friday, May 9th, but - though she does not wish to seem discourteous, she feels that, in order to save Dr. Jenney's time, it is only right to explain that for many reasons, which she cannot alter, she is quite unable to give any further financial aid to Yenching University for a period of some years in the future.

If this is fully understood and Dr. Jenney cares to come Miss Laughlin is quite willing and I shall be glad to see and talk with him.

Sincerely yours,

*Ida C. Woods.*

Secretary to Miss Laughlin.

Mr. Olin D. Wanamaker  
Yenching University-American Office  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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C.E.G.*

*(a second copy sent  
C.E.G. on 10-10-31)*

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*copy made for  
C. E. J. &  
P. B. S.*

May 24, 1930

My dear Miss Laughlin:

Doctor Chester E. Jenney spoke to me with much appreciation of his very interesting interview with you. It was good of you to receive him and to discuss with him the problems of Yenching University when you have already done so much for the institution.

Doctor Jenney requested me to write you in particular about two aspects of the institution.

As to the first of these, the Women's College, it would be easy to speak in a manner that might seem exaggerated. If we are to do our best for the New China, we cannot possibly afford to neglect the young women, or even to leave them behind in comparison with what we are doing for the young men. You know, without my telling you how this has always been the case previously in China. It is the duty of Christian educational institutions to adopt an entirely new policy and see that young women have every opportunity which is afforded to young men.

Among the institutions where young women can receive an education under Christian auspices, none is stronger than Yenching University. Nowhere else can young women in China be better trained to meet the problems of the modern household and the modern community than at this institution. Among the 750 students of the University about 150 are young women. We should like to increase this proportion. In fact this should be done, for one of the acute problems in modern China is the fact that so many well educated young men have not equally well educated wives. We should like to increase the enrollment in each one of the Christian colleges for women in China, and are especially interested in this aspect of the problem at Yenching.

Moreover, the Women's College has virtually no endowment to stabilize its income. At the beginning of the present year we had not as much as \$20,000 as is now nucleus for such an endowment. We have been trying to increase this to the moderate sum of \$120,000 in order that we might have a stable income to cover what has hitherto been a small annual deficit very troublesome to supply.

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Miss Laughlin .....#2

May 24, 1930

I do not believe I need to emphasize this aspect of the University any further, for you will find what you need in the booklet sent you under separate cover some time ago.

The other aspect of the University to which Doctor Jenney wished me especially to call your attention is known as the Princeton-Yenching School of Public Affairs. It is a remarkable development which has brought Princeton University in such an intimate relationship with a Christian University on the other side of the world. Those of us who are interested in education in America, feel that the advantage will be fully as great for Princeton as for Yenching. We are sure that it will broaden the outlook of Princeton University students and that a finer type of graduates will go out from that University because of this world-wide interest developed through the connection with Yenching University.

I am sending you under separate cover a booklet describing that aspect of the University. You will see how strongly it is endorsed by the administrators, faculty members, and alumni and prominent trustees of Princeton. The School of Public and International Affairs which has just been instituted as a special division at Princeton University has already entered into the most intimate relationship with our School of Public Affairs at Yenching University. We are sending out in August two of the very finest members of the present graduating class at Princeton to give half their time to teaching economics and politics respectively and the other half to spend in research work. We are also sending one of the finest recent post-graduate students at Princeton University as a new teacher in our Department of Politics.

We are just now engaged in the effort to raise half a million dollars as a partial endowment of this division of Yenching. At the same time we are trying to stabilize its income by securing three year pledges from a great number of Princeton alumni and friends. In the effort to raise the \$500,000 endowment, we have thus far secured definitely \$119,000 and feel virtually assured of an additional \$25,000 bringing the total up to \$144,000.

Please be assured that it will be a pleasure to me to answer any questions from you. President Stuart will be in this country only until the third week in June when he must return to China. We cannot hope to have him back with us for at least a year or perhaps longer. If you should wish to make such an inquiry of him he could easily call upon you.

With renewed thanks for your interest, I remain

Miss Anne I. Laughlin  
Sunset Avenue  
Chestnut Hill.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

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Report on Visit to Philadelphia  
May 30th to June 2nd, 1930 -  
by

June 3, 1930

Dr. J. L. Stuart

Miss Anne Laughlin

~~Dr. Stuart~~ called on Miss Anne Laughlin and saw her personally. She indicated a very keen interest in Yenching University and approval as to its policy, etc. She explained in detail why she is unable to make any more commitments at present but has it definitely in mind and will try to carry out the suggestion made in recent letters to her when she can do it.

She should not be solicited in the near future but should be supplied with not only primary printed material but letters of a more intimate nature.

Mr. Robinette

Mr. Stokes, who secured the \$250,000 from Mr. Robinette for the Chinese collection in the Philadelphia museum, told Dr. Stuart that he would be glad to arrange an interview but that he felt it would be quite useless at present; Mr. Robinette being a broker feels the present drop in the stock market quite acutely. He is also chairman of the Finance Committee of the University of Pennsylvania which is desperately trying to raise a fund of \$20,000,000 and is facing a shortage this year of \$600,000. He has paid only \$80,000 on his museum promise and Mr. Stokes is worried as to how soon they can collect on the balance. Mr. R. has no special China interest but did this because recommended to him by Mr. Stokes. In view of these facts he does not seem to be a promising prospect in the immediate future but might be kept in mind.

The Ludingtons have developed a very active interest in our financial welfare and Mrs. Ludington especially has put in a lot of work in preparing for my recent visit. She did all that was possible to make this effective and evidently had consulted various people as to the method to use, of people to be selected, etc. She feels that both she and her husband are too young and inexperienced for us to depend largely upon them but is ready to continue any efforts that seem worthwhile. Correspondence with the guests who are written to after this visit should be consulted by anyone making further efforts in that city. Very few came to the Sunday afternoon function but those on the list with a straight mark in pencil should be put on our mailing list.

J. L. Stuart

P.S. added later.

Mrs. Ludington suggested the name of Mr. & Mrs. John B. Semple of Sewickley as desirable prospects and felt that her husband would be glad to give a letter of introduction if desired.

July 3, 1930

My dear Miss Laughlin:

The close relationship now existing between a number of our leading American colleges and universities and Yenching University in China, constitutes an important link in the bond of friendship uniting the Chinese and the American Nations. I think you will share with us in this feeling. A very important step has been taken recently by Princeton University to strengthen its tie with Yenching. The division of the Social Sciences at Yenching University, supported by Princeton alumni and friends, is called Princeton-Yenching School of Public Affairs to associate it as closely as possible with the newly created division of Princeton University itself in the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs. As a sort of ceremony of affiliation, as well as for other good reasons, Princeton recently honored the President of Yenching University with the degree of Litt. D. We are sending to a few friends of Yenching the newspaper clipping describing the occasion.

Since we regard you as one of the special friends of the University, we are taking the liberty of including you among those who receive the clipping.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Anne I. Laughlin  
Sunset Ave., Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Laughlin, Miss Anne I.  
Residence Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Apr. 1, 1931

\$1,000 - Chinese residence - 3<sup>rd</sup> annual  
payment on pledge

Gift received	4-1-31
Receipt slip #	2962
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	654 ✓
Pledge signal attached	
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Laughlin, Miss Anne F.  
"Greylock"  
Chestnut Hill, Phila.

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Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Acknowledgment sent 4-6-32  
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April 6, 1932

My dear Miss Laughlin:

Those of our friends who can assist us during this period of world depression have our very special gratitude. Many generous-hearted supporters of the University are forced reluctantly to withhold assistance until their own personal and neighborhood problems are met.

Let me thank you, therefore, most earnestly for your generous remittance of \$1,000 which completes the payment of a pledge of \$4,000 made in 1929 for the erection of a residence.

Quite unexpectedly President Stuart has come on a hurried visit to America - primarily to share in a discussion of certain administrative problems of the Harvard-Yenching Institute of Chinese Studies. It is almost a commuter's trip he is making from China. He must leave here on the 23rd for the Pacific. He may possibly run down to Philadelphia to greet three or four of his friends. If he is able to sandwich this trip into his many engagements here, he will be happy to have the opportunity to thank you in person for what you have done for Yenching.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Anne I. Laughlin  
Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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April 23, 1932

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Dear Miss Laughlin:

It distresses me to tell you that a crisis amounting to a real financial disaster threatens Yenching University. Only such a crucial danger to the University would justify me in adding its troubles at this time to the emergency facing such friends as you in our own country.

Let me explain. Since the natural sciences must play a major role in bettering human life in China, we consider it of the greatest importance that some leading scientists shall be educated at Yenching University, a Christian university fostered by the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational Churches. We have, therefore, developed a College of Natural Sciences superior, probably, to any other in China. But this achievement has been possible only through the help of two foundations in America. After June 30th we lose a large portion of that support unless we can meet a certain condition attaching to it.

Two years ago, one of the Foundations offered us \$250,000 toward endowment of the natural sciences if we could match this gift by June 30th of the present year. The depression has so hindered us that we have available only \$175,000. The Foundation feels obliged, not only to decline to extend the time, but even to out off its annual appropriation of \$15,500 if we fail to meet the condition.

Such a loss would tragically disable the whole College of Natural Sciences.

The Trustees at the recent annual meeting instructed a small committee to present the matter to those friends of Yenching who have shown deepest interest in the University. It is for this reason that I am stating our situation to you. Please give the matter your most earnest and friendly thought.

Sincerely yours,

E. M. McBrier  
Treasurer

Miss Anne I. Laughlin  
Sunset Avenue, Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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(Yenching)

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June 28, 1932

Miss Anne Irwin Laughlin  
Sunset Avenue  
Chestnut Hill, Phila., Pa.

Yenching University within ten thousand dollars of fund required obtain  
quarter million Rockefeller gift Must complete Thursday Available assistance  
exhausted stop In previous difficulties you have greatly assisted stop Please  
telegraph whether you can pledge one thousand dollars or substantial portion  
thereof payable in three years to protect University against loss splendid  
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Chester E. Jenney

150 Fifth Avenue

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

ANNE IRWIN LAUGHLIN

June 29, 1932.

The Rev. Chester E. Jenny, D.D.  
American Office, Yenching University  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Dr. Jenny:

Your telegram has just been received. Miss Laughlin is away for the summer, but were she at home I am sure her answer would have to be the same as that which I gave you when you were here in the late Spring. I know that Miss Laughlin regrets being unable to assist Yenching in this crisis but business depression, which has drastically reduced her income, makes it impossible for her to give or pledge any amount.

Very sincerely yours,

*Ida C. Woods.*

Secretary to Miss Laughlin.

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May 8, 1933.

My dear Miss Laughlin,-

When in Philadelphia last week I had wanted to have a telephone chat with you Saturday morning but circumstances required my leaving earlier than I had expected and I hated to disturb you too soon in the morning. I should have much preferred to have a little visit and am disappointed that even a talk over the telephone seemed impossible.

Dr. Jenney has told me of your splendid intention to provide for Yenching University and I want to thank you from my heart not only for the practical help this will be to us but for the beautiful evidence it gives of your endorsement of what we are trying to do.

In this sacred fellowship for our Master's cause, believe me,

Very gratefully yours,

JLS

Miss Anne I. Laughlin  
209 West Chestnut Avenue  
Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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*Anne Laughlin*



"GREYLOCK" CHESTNUT HILL  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

ANNE IRWIN LAUGHLIN

May 9, 1933.

The Rev. J. Leighton Stewart, D.D.  
% American Office, Yenching University  
150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Dr. Stewart:

Miss Laughlin received your letter of 8th May this morning and desires me to say that she regrets having been unable to talk with you over the telephone when you called up last week.

Miss Laughlin also asks me to correct what she fears is a grave misunderstanding on your part - as she has had no recent communication with Dr. Jenney concerning Yenching University, nor, under present financial conditions, with a seriously impaired income, would it be possible for her to contribute any amount whatever to the University - so that for these reasons she feels quite sure you must have confused her name with some other friend of Yenching.

very sincerely yours,

*Ida C. Woods.*  
Secretary to Miss Laughlin.

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April 20, 1937 .

Miss Arne Irwin Laughlin  
209 West Chestnut Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Miss Laughlin:

Dr. S. P. Young and Dr. Kok-arm Wee, representatives of Yenching University, will be in Philadelphia for a few days in the near future. As president of the Yenching Board of Trustees, I am writing to express the hope that you may be able to grant them a brief interview to discuss the efforts which Americans are making through Yenching University to help China in all the constructive movements which are now transforming this oldest and largest of all nations into a democratic Christian civilization.

The program of Christian education which Americans are now supplying to China is one of the outstanding examples of unselfish service in the history of civilization and I am sure you are proud that you have had a share in it. I sincerely hope that you will be able to receive Dr. Young and Dr. Wee when they call, for I know you will enjoy discussing these matters with them.

Cordially yours,

President, Board of Trustees

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April 21, 1937.

Mr. George G. Barber, President,  
Board of Trustees,  
Yenching University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Barber:

Your letter of April 20th, addressed to Miss Laughlin, was received this morning.

I regret very much that I am unable to arrange an interview with Miss Laughlin for Dr. Young and Dr. Wee when they are in Philadelphia. Miss Laughlin has been quite ill for some time, and I am at present unable to make any appointments for her.

Very truly yours,

*Martha J. Carson*  
Secretary to Miss Laughlin

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ANNE IRWIN LAUGHLIN

April 27, 1937.

Dr. S. P. Young  
Walton Hotel  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Young:

Your letter of April 26th, addressed  
to Miss Laughlin, has just been received.

I feel very confident that the  
Christian Colleges in China which you represent, and  
particularly Yenching University, have Miss Laughlin's  
continued interest.

Unfortunately, there is no one in a  
position at the present time to undertake any obli-  
gations for her. Your letter, however, will be avail-  
able to Miss Laughlin at such time as she may be able  
to consider the matter herself.

Very truly yours,

*Martha G. Carson*  
Secretary to Miss Laughlin

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*Return to Mrs. Laughlin*

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ANNE IRWIN LAUGHLIN

July 20, 1937.

Mr. E. M. McBrier, Treasurer  
Yenching University  
American Office  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York

Dear Mr. McBrier:

I regret very much that Miss Laughlin is still unable to receive any mail. Your letter of May 28th I am keeping on file, and I hope it will not be long before Miss Laughlin is able to come to some decision herself with regard to Yenching University.

The pictures of faculty residences Nos. 29 and 38 do not seem to be among the files. Dr. Gee very likely did send them in 1933 and they have been misfiled. Please do not trouble to send duplicates. When Miss Laughlin is well enough to again take an active interest I will let you know.

"Sian: A Coup d'Etat" has just been received in the mail with a card of Mr. J. Leighton Stuart enclosed. Miss Laughlin, I am sure, would wish to express her appreciation to Mr. Stuart and I would be very grateful if you would convey this message to him, and explain that Miss Laughlin is not able to acknowledge the book herself.

Very truly yours,

*Martha G. Carson*  
Secretary to Miss Laughlin

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December 15, 1938

Dear Miss Laughlin:

May I direct your careful reading to the enclosed December issue of the YENCHING NEWS? You will be surprised, I know, that in spite of war conditions, the attendance at Yenching this year is the largest in its history.

Because of this unprecedented enrollment and also because most operating expenses of the University have more than doubled as a result of the sharp rise in war-time prices, Yenching inevitably faces an acute shortage of current income. The very substantial support normally received from Chinese sources has been almost wholly cut off for the present. Despite the care and sacrifice of the administrators and staff in reducing expenditures at every point, there remains a balance of US\$56,331.95 which friends in America must provide this year, over and above their normal contributions, if Yenching is to complete the year successfully.

On December 23rd we are planning to send President Stuart and his colleagues a Christmas message of good cheer and encouragement. In this cable we hope to be able to say that these emergency funds so urgently needed are in sight. But this can be done only if the friends of Yenching respond by sending us their gifts and pledges.

I am sure, because of your very deep interest in Yenching in past years, that you will want to share in this Christmas message. I hope you will be able to send us a gift, large or small, in time for us to include it with our message to Dr. Stuart.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

Miss Anne Irwin Laughlin  
209 West Chestnut Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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