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Columbia University
in the City of New York
DEPARTMENT OF CHINESE

May 15, 1924

My dear Moss :

Herewith Gamble's original telegram for you files. Mr. Franklin Lee accepts the offer for one year at Mex. \$ 150 per month and requests that travelling expenses be advanced. Will you put that in a cable to Gamble? Address Sidney Gamble, Union Language School, or YMCA or Yenching, Peking, China.

It might be well to ask how he wishes funds advanced. And we might add that Lee wishes to return to China as soon as possible. Gamble will meet the expenses as he has stated and we can advance them as soon as needed by Lee whether we hear directly from Gamble or not.

Lee will see you to inquire about travelling accomodations , expense etc.

Thanks for helping in this matter. It will be a contribution to Yenching work in the end, for Gamble's work will be closely related to our department of sociology and the Princeton school project.

Sincerely yours,

Lucius C. Porter

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Columbia University
in the City of New York
DEPARTMENT OF CHINESE

May 15, 1924

Mr L. B. Moss,
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Moss :

This will introduce to you Mr. Franklin C. H. Lee to whom Mr. Gamble's telegram referred. Mr. Lee had been engaged to assist in the department of Chinese here at Columbia for next year. But he is arranging for a substitute so that he can be released to accept Mr. Gamble's offer.

Mr. Lee wishes to consult with you about his return to China this summer, and, in particular, regarding the advance of travelling expenses which Mr. Gamble offered.

I assume that you are authorized to act for Mr. Gamble in this matter, and will be indebted to you for any help which you can give Mr. Lee.

Very sincerely yours,

Lucius Porter

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June 4, 1924.

Mr. Cecil Gamble,
1430 Union Trust Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Gamble:

Your brother, Mr. Sidney Gamble, has asked us to make arrangements for Mr. Franklin Lee to go out to Peking to assist him in his social research work there. He has authorized the payment of Gold \$1,000 advance to Mr. Lee for travel and other expenses, and has told us that we might look to you for this money.

Inasmuch as Mr. Lee is expecting to sail the latter part of this month, he would be glad to have the financial arrangements cleared up satisfactorily at an early date, and I therefore write to inquire if it would be convenient and possible for you to send us the \$1,000 within a very few days?

Our correspondence with your brother has been entirely by cable, and our interpretation is that he has already notified you of his desires in the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University.

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June 19, 1924.

Dr. Lucius C. Porter,
c/o S. M. Gable,
112 W. Adams St.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Lucius:

Your good letter of June 13th arrived this morning. You must have carried it in your pocket for several days. The boxes and barrel have all arrived O.K. We are enclosing three invoice sheets on which you will kindly make out the statement of the contents of your boxes and barrel for shipping purposes. We will be very glad to forward the box coming from Yale also.

I sent you a day letter this morning as follows:

"Gamble cables you as follows: Is there any truth in the rumor Franklin Li is married? Situation very delicate account family affairs. Successful research will be prevented. University opposed to employing if report confirmed. Must cancel. Make best arrangements possible. We leave all in your hands. Li is married. We have advanced Seven Hundred (\$700) Dollars. He sails June 28th from New York. You will have to do the deed. We refuse."

I am sorry that Gamble had such a belated idea on the matter, and I certainly do not want to tackle breaking the contract with Li. I wish you much joy in the process.

It is too bad that we did not get a chance to wish you good-bye, but we fully understand the difficulties under which you were laboring, and are positive that you will do just as good work in China without having had our personal benediction. At any rate it is fine to know you, and to know that you are going back to China.

Most cordially yours,

Assistant Secretary,
Peking University.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
PEKING, CHINA.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES FOR MEN
OFFICE OF THE DEAN.

Burlington, Wis.

June 23, 1924

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

My dear Leslie :

Thank you for sending me the cable from Gamble. I have been meditating the matter mightily since receiving it. Had it come before I left New York I would have seen Li for a talk over the whole situation. As it is now I do not see how I can be fair to him if I simply report the cable and tell him the whole business is off.

He resigned the only position he had in New York - with Columbia University - in order to do Gamble's work. The job he had has been taken by another man. I cannot write him now and cancel the arrangements, and tell him to shift for himself with his wife in America. He wrote to his uncle about his marriage when it happened in January. There should have been no uncertainty about "rumor" in the matter. His fiancée ~~was~~ - former fiancée in China - has written him. I assumed that Gamble knew of the marriage.

Now, this is my decision. Franklin Lee should go back to China. You have arranged his sailing. Let him go as planned. I will write fully to Sidney Gamble and to Leighton Stuart stating the case as I see it. And in September I will be there to talk it all out with every one. There is something to be said for Lee. I do not think the university should be too particular in the matter of a foreign wife.

The most important thing now is to save Lee for the work he is really prepared to do. If I told him of Gamble's cable and of the cancelling of the job in Peking, he might do something desperate, suicide or something like it. He made a bad mistake in getting married. But he is willing to face the music in China and wants to try to win thru. He ~~is~~ must be helped by having a few friends stand by. I think I can do that without

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN.

approving his course of action. It is a case of rescue.

Of course, you will ask about the seven hundred dollars. I will guarantee repayment to Gamble in case I cannot persuade him and the university to my view of the case. Would you like a note from me to that effect?

So, say nothing to Lee. I will ask him to see Mrs. Porter, who can warn him without stating the whole situation. If Peking Univ. cannot use Lee there are other places where he can be of use. I will write to find out about other possible jobs along his line. His salvation must be won in China. So let him get back there as soon as possible.

You can imagine that I had to think things thru before I could be sure that this was the best course. I see it clearly now.

Send me the name of Lee's ship and the ports it stops at before reaching China. I may send a note to New York, just a good bye, and then follow up with a warning of the storm at the other end.

Please don't ask me to change my mind again. It is better to save life than to destroy it.

Faithfully yours,

Lucius C. Porter

P.S. Perhaps I ought to cable Gamble
If you think a message should be sent say :
Lee and Swiss wife sailed for Peking June 28th. Explanatory
letter follows.

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July 9, 1924.

Mr. Sidney Gamble,
Y. M. C. A.,
Peking, China.

My dear Mr. Gamble:

The cablegram from you to Mr. Porter and the financial arrangements for Mr. Franklin C. H. Lee have passed through this office. In this matter, we have simply acted as a go-between for Mr. Porter and yourself.

Upon receipt of your cablegram of June 17th regarding Mr. Lee, we cabled in reply that Mr. Porter had left town, and that we were unable to decode the third word of your message. We received your reply on June 19th, and forwarded the message by day-letter to Mr. Porter in the west. Mr. Porter has reached a decision in the matter about which he has written you directly. At his request, we sent you the following cablegram on June 30th:

"GAMBLE LEE LEFT A FEW DAYS AGO HAVE WRITTEN TO
YOU ON THE SUBJECT"

I hope the matter can be satisfactorily adjusted when Mr. Lee arrives in China.

After receiving your cablegram saying that we might secure the necessary funds for Mr. Lee's travel to Peking from your brother in Cincinnati, we received a thousand dollars from Mr. Brown and immediately returned three hundred dollars to him, after paying seven hundred dollars to Mr. Lee. This, he indicated, would be all that he would need to provide for his travel to Peking. He made his own arrangements for traveling, and paid his bills out of the money which we gave him, I suppose. We had nothing whatever to do with any individual items, simply making payment to him of the seven hundred dollars which he asked for.

I am deeply sorry for any possible misunderstanding which may have arisen through a lack of information on either side, and I hope the matter can be entirely straightened out between Mr. Porter and yourself when he arrives in Peking. Inasmuch as this was a matter between Mr. Porter and yourself, there seems to have been nothing else that I could do in the matter, than has been done.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University,

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ESTATE OF DAVID BERRY GAMBLE
CECIL H. GAMBLE, EXECUTOR
1430 UNION TRUST BUILDING
CINCINNATI, O.

June 6, 1924

Mr. Leslie B. Moss, Ass't. Treas.
Peking University,
#150 Fifth Ave.
New York.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 4th inst. addressed to Mr. Cecil H. Gamble and enclose herewith check for \$1000.00 to be advanced by you to Mr. Franklin Lee for account of travel and other expenses in connection with social research work to be done by him in and about Peking, China under my direction.

Kindly have receipt of Peking University sent to this office in due course and oblige,

Yours sincerely,

Sidney D. Gamble
Per

J. W. Brown

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June 9, 1924.

Mr. James W. Brown,
1430 Union Trust Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith our receipt for seven hundred (\$700) dollars, and our check for three hundred (\$300) dollars, covering the full amount of your check for one thousand (\$1,000) dollars.

Mr. Lee has made his arrangements to go back to China, and finds that he will need only seven hundred (\$700) dollars advance, which we have paid him to-day. I am, therefore, returning the other three hundred (\$300) dollars to you immediately.

Thanking you for your prompt co-operation in this matter,

I am

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Treasurer,
Peking University.

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June 9, 1924.

Mr. James W. Brown,
1430 Union Trust Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt, on behalf of the Trustees of Peking University, of the sum of seven hundred (\$700) dollars, to be advanced by us to Mr. Franklin Lee, for travel and other expenses in connection with social research work to be done by him in and about Peking under the direction of Mr. Sidney D. Gamble.

TRUSTEES OF PEKING UNIVERSITY

LESLIE B. MOSS
ASSISTANT TREASURER.

LBA/KJL

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ESTATE OF DAVID BERRY GAMBLE
CECIL H. GAMBLE, EXECUTOR
1430 UNION TRUST BUILDING
CINCINNATI, O.

Gamble

June 11, 1924.

Mr. Leslie B. Moss, Ass't. Treas.
Peking University,
150 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of
the 9th inst. enclosing check for \$300.00 on account
of the \$1,000 sent you under date of the 6th inst.
account Franklin Lee, together with your receipt for \$700.00
for this account.

Yours sincerely,

S. D. Gamble,

Per *J. W. Brown*

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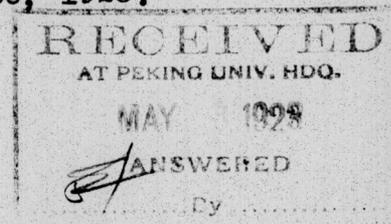
150 Fifth Avenue
NEW YORK CITY

CABLE ADDRESS, MISSIONS PHONE, CHELSEA 2130

PRESIDENT
BISHOP LUTHER B. WILSON
TREASURER
GEORGE M. FOWLES

April 26, 1923.

Mr. H. G. Strong,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.



My dear Mr. Strong:-

We now have further reply from Dr. W. G. Lennox, to whom we wrote concerning the Mr. ~~Lennox~~ with whom you wished to get in touch. I quote a paragraph from his letter:

"In regard to a relative of mine in Colorado, friend of Bishop Bashford, I think you must refer to my father, 1001 N. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, Colorado. William Lennox is his name. His only contact with the Bishop was through entertaining him when the Bishop was in the city, and I am sorry to say that practically all his giving has been within the state. Missionary work has no appeal for him. He is a trustee of two colleges and has a constant appeal from them. On the other hand, a memorial building to the Bishop in an educational institution might attract him as other forms of missionary work could not. Father is a large giver, but his interests are local and not general. The prospects are not good, but there is no harm in writing him, and using my name. The idea of the memorial is a most happy one. My own gift has been made through the local church in Newton."

I think it will be very well for you to get in touch with him. It may be well, if possible, for you to write personally. I feel that at least it will be well worth while for him to know about the Bashford memorial, even though he may not feel like giving financial assistance at present. It is quite possible I think that tactful cultivation may eventually bring some financial help.

Cordially yours,

Ralph A. Ward

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August 23, 1928

My dear Dr. and Mrs. Lennox:

When we receive a contribution in this office from old friends 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.

We are enclosing herewith our official receipt for \$100.00.

With sincerest thanks for your gift, we remain

Cordially yours,

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Assistant to the President

Dr. & Mrs. William G. Lennox
18 Hollis Street
Newton, Massachusetts

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Lennox, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. G.
18 Hollis Street
Newton, Mass.

Aug. 21, 1928

\$100.00 - 1928 Campaign - Undesignated

Gift received	8-21-28
Receipt slip #	2102
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contrib. list	✓
Serial No. on contrib. card	589 ✓
Pledge signal attached	_____
X-file cards	_____
Letter ack. sent	8/23/28
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	✓
" " stencil	✓

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W. G. Lennox

Boston, Mass., Feb. 8, 1930.

Mr. O. D. Wannamaker,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Herewith enclosed pledge for \$1000.00 made by Dr. W. G. Lennox, 47 Dudley Road, Newton Centre, Mass., also check attached for two hundred dollars as first payment on the pledge. Please change his address on your mailing list. His former address was 18 Hollis St., Newton, Mass.

Mr. Hedrick's statement that "in general gifts which have no designation written on the pledge or check are meant for undesignated purposes" was correct but my story to most of those whom I solicit is "the need of endowment at Yenching" and the pledges will be written with this understanding unless otherwise designated. That is, they should become a part of the University Endowment fund.

✓ to Campaign
Mass. H.

Cordially yours

George S. Lennox

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February 10, 1930

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Lennox:

Thank you very much indeed for the generous pledge which you sent through Mr. Conant for the Yenching Endowment Fund. I am sure Dr. Stuart will be very grateful when he learns of this gift.

Our numbered receipt in the amount of \$200.00 is enclosed to cover the first annual installment on this pledge.

Very sincerely yours,

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Dr. and Mrs. William G. Lennox
47 Dudley Road
Newton Center, Massachusetts

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Lennox, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. G.

47 Dudley Road
Newton Center, Mass.

Feb. 10, 1930

Pledge \$1000 - University Endowment
on which pays first annual
instal. of

Gift received	2-10-30
Receipt slip #	2698
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	880
Pledge signal attached	✓
X-file card	
Letter ack. sent	2-10-30
Checked for O. L.	✓
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→ \$200.

Pledge payable \$200 annually
beginning Feb. 1930

Secured by Mr. Conant

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May 5, 1932

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Lennox:

The attached mimeographed statement will explain to you the most serious crisis that has faced Yenching in years.

We were greatly shocked when the Rockefeller Foundation informed us recently that even though we can report \$175,000 of the \$250,000 required to meet their condition, their offer of an endowment fund of \$250,000 to the University would be cancelled unless we have the total amount in hand by June 30th. And moreover, that an annual appropriation of \$12,500 which they have been giving us would be discontinued. We can only guess at the reasons for this inflexible attitude under present emergency conditions in America. We presume the current income of the Foundation is perhaps greatly diminished. Perhaps its policy with reference to grants in China has undergone a change. Whatever the reason, the positive and emphatic statement given to us is that we must meet the condition in full or forfeit both the capital grant and the current income.

During this distressing emergency in our own country we had no intention to bring pressure to bear upon our friends for Yenching. Very reluctantly do we feel ourselves compelled to do so. We are appealing to everyone who has helped the University to come to its rescue in this crisis. Those who have given in the past, we are asking for a new gift. Those who have unpaid balances on pledges, we are asking whether they can pay in full before June 30th.

I am not unmindful of what Mrs. Lennox wrote in January 1931 - that you could pay nothing on your pledge for a year at least. I thoroughly understand that the present depression may have caused you serious difficulty and I certainly do not wish to add to that. Only our own crisis would justify me in asking whether you might possibly be able to pay something toward this pledge before June 30th, because cash on hand will count so much toward meeting the requirement of the Rockefeller Foundation. You pledged \$1000 in 1930 and paid \$200 at that time. The unpaid balance would be \$800 payable \$200 annually in 1931, 1932, 1933, and 1934.

Whatever your answer may be, please do not imagine that we are deficient in gratitude to you for your sacrificial giving to the University and that we shall understand entirely if you are forced to give a negative answer.

Gratefully yours,

Dr. and Mrs. William G. Lennox
47 Dudley Road
Newton Center, Mass.

Assistant to the President

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47 DUDLEY ROAD
NEWTON CENTRE
MASSACHUSETTS

June 23
1932

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

I enclose checks for \$200 in payment of the 1931 passed pledge which we made to Youching. If it is at all humanly possible to pay another \$200 before June 30th, I shall do so.

So far as your pledge is concerned, we feel in honor bound to pay it, and expect to do so - if possible according to contract, \$200 each year for five years. I hope the pledge will count on the \$250,000. It is out of the question to anticipate any payment at the present time, unless a miracle happens.

Wishing you complete success,

Very sincerely yours

(Mrs. Wm. G.) Emma Buckler Jennings

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July 26, 1932

My dear Mrs. Lennex:

Your letters addressed to Mr. Wannamaker have come to me for attention since on June 30th last Mr. Wannamaker severed his connection with Yenching University in order to devote his entire time to the promotional work for Lingnan University. He is now with his family in Europe, taking a much needed rest after the strenuous campaign which Yenching has just completed.

We are very glad to report that this campaign for \$500,000 for the natural sciences endowment was successful, the Rockefeller Foundation having agreed to accept all pledges, in addition to cash receipts, which we secured to match their pledge of \$250,000. Within a few days we expect to receive from them a considerable portion of their gift, and as payments are made to us against outstanding pledges from other friends, we are to receive from the Foundation further cash payments as fast as these outstanding pledges can be reported.

In relation to your own pledge of \$1000 to the general endowment fund for Yenching, we are able to report that the Rockefeller Foundation has accepted this as counting toward their gift, since they have made it possible for us to allocate to the natural sciences endowment all gifts previously made to the general endowment. Your payment of \$220.00 just received, therefore, is most acceptable at this time, and we shall hope to receive the future payments of \$20.00 a month as you suggest. Please be assured, however, that Yenching does not wish you to consider your pledge a burden. We appreciate fully the difficulties which many of our friends are experiencing and we are sincerely grateful to those who are making such a generous effort to fulfill their obligations.

Our official receipt in the amount of \$220.00 is enclosed.

Thanking you again in the name of the Trustees, I am

Cordially yours,

Treasurer

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Lennex
47 Dudley Road
Newton Centre, Mass.

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Dr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Lennox
47 Dudley Road
Newton Center, Mass.

Gift received, July 26, 1932 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 220⁰⁰ to apply on pledge of
Pledge \$ ---- \$1000 made in
Designation General Endow 1930
Received through -----
Entered on control record
Serial number 880 ✓
Entered on record card
Pledge signal attached
Cross file card made -----
Receipt number 3773
Acknowledgment sent 7-26-32
Entered on renewal sheet
Checked for office list
Checked for mailing list
Contributed previously? Feb. 1930

Hope to pay balance of pledge
at rate of \$20 each month
from now on, so as to finish
payments by Dec. 1934.

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47 DUDLEY ROAD
NEWTON CENTRE
MASSACHUSETTS

Jan 1, 1933

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Mr. F. M. McBrien
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

My dear Mr. McBrien:

I enclose check for \$380, the
balance (\$180) of our pledge for 1932
and the (\$200) full amount of our
pledge for 1933. This leaves only
\$200 still to be paid in 1934 to
complete our \$1000 promise. Is this
correct that we were to finish in 1934?

Very sincerely yours
(Mrs. Wm. G.) Emma B. Lennox

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Dr. & Mrs. Wm. G. Lennox

47 Dudley Road,

Newton Center, Mass.

Gift received Jan. 10, 1933 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 380.00 - covering bal. of \$180 on 1932 instalment and \$200
for entire 1933 instalment on pledge

Pledge \$ ----

Basis of payment \$ 200 ann. beg. 1930 - Feb.

Designation Levil Endow.

Received through ---

Control record serial number 880 ✓

Entered on record card ✓

Pledge signal attached ✓

Receipt number 3829

Acknowledgment sent 1-13-33

Entered on renewal sheet Feb. 1933

Checked for office list ✓

Checked for mailing list ✓

Last renewal card entrance (month and year) Feb. 1932

Gift added to Cult. List yes

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January 12, 1935

My dear Mrs. Lennox:

Let me acknowledge with the warmest gratitude your letter of January 9th with its enclosed check for \$580. to apply upon your pledge for Yenching University Endowment.

Our records are in accordance with your computation that this completes the pledge for 1932, and covers the full amount for 1933. This leaves only \$200. still due to cover the full amount of your pledge.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity is doubly welcome just at this time when it is so difficult for all our friends to make their contributions to Yenching. The University is having a severe struggle this year, but is carrying on in a very fine way in spite of reduced income. Your gift will enable us to secure an additional \$380. from the Rockefeller Foundation, and the entire \$760. will be put to work immediately earning additional income for carrying forward Yenching's Christian service to China.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary

Mrs. Wm. G. Lennox
47 Dudley Road
Newton Center, Massachusetts

BAG:PW

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47 DUDLEY ROAD
NEWTON CENTRE
MASSACHUSETTS

Jan 30
1934

Mr. E. M. McBrien
Yenching University
150 Fifth Ave
New York City.

My dear Mr. McBrien: -

I enclose check for \$200,
the last payment on our subscription
of \$1,000.

With best wishes for Yenching,

Cordially yours

(Mrs. Wm. G.) Emma B. Lenny

Mr. McBrien: -

These people used to be our
staff at P.U.M.C.; they have
been most loyal in completing
their pledge apparently under
great hardship.

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Lennox, Dr. & Mrs. Wm. G.
47 Dudley Road
Newton Centre, Mass.

Gift received Jan. 31, 1934 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 200 - final (1934) instal. on pledge

Pledge \$ 1000

Basis of payment 200 ann. beg. Feb. 1930

Designation Univ. Endow.

Received through Mrs. Coeant

Control record serial number 880 ✓

Entered on record card ✓

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Receipt number 3964

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January 31, 1934

My dear Mrs. Lennox:

It was with a great deal of real gratitude that I received this morning your check for \$200, this being the final payment on the pledge of yourself and Dr. Lennox toward the general endowment of Yenching University. Our official receipt is enclosed herewith.

As you no doubt realize, Yenching is suffering greatly, not only from a lack of new gifts, but also because of our country's abandonment of the gold standard, which has lessened the exchange value of every dollar we send to China. With the increasing depletion in our income, the situation at Yenching is so serious that we are having to cut down the number of our staff and many of our activities.

You may have heard that President Stuart, the Board of Managers, and the faculty at Yenching have decided to attempt a financial campaign in China itself, with an objective of one million dollars (local currency), in order that an endowment may be started to provide an income for present operating expenses. The faculty, both Chinese and western, have already made terrific sacrifices in pledging themselves to give toward this fund, but they are entering the campaign with the hope that the Chinese friends of Yenching will also prove their loyalty to the University and an appreciation of what it is doing for China.

However, were it not for friends like you and Dr. Lennox, who have been so generous for many years, and, as I believe, have been keeping up your present pledge at great sacrifice, we could not have carried on as long as we have. We are, therefore, more than grateful for your constant backing during these struggling years of the University, and we are confident that Yenching will continue to give valuable service to China in the days to come if we have the continued prayers and help of our old friends.

With many thanks and our best wishes for the New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. William G. Lennox
47 Dudley Road
Newton Centre, Massachusetts

Treasurer

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June 18, 1936

Dear Friends:

I have just finished looking over a list of your contributions to Yenching University over a period from 1923 to 1934 and I assure you it is a gratifying sight to see how regularly and how generous your contributions have been.

In a letter from Dr. Stuart yesterday you will be interested in the following quotation: "I am happy to assure you that despite the uncertainties of the political situation, internal conditions within the institution have never been more full of promise than at the present."

Such a statement from the president of the school is most reassuring just at this time. Naturally, the situation in China is a bit disturbing but to those who are best qualified to know there seems but one answer in the long run and that is that China and her people will remain and occupy a commanding place in the Far East. Naturally, there will be periods of disturbance as has been true of all countries in their political and social development, but eventually the leadership, which is supplied through higher education, especially as it incorporates Christian principles, is bound to be the determining factor. With an enrollment of 800 and graduates occupying important positions throughout China, there can be no question of the influence of Yenching.

The Board of Trustees is joining hands with China in an effort to raise an endowment of \$3,000,000 within the next three to five years to permanently undergird the institution. We hope in due time that some member of our staff may visit you, along with other friends in Boston, and discuss this important forward movement.

There is, however, another matter which is troubling the Board of Trustees greatly at this time. Although we have reduced budget items and salaries by almost 50%, there is still a margin between receipts and expenditures which is leaving us just at this moment in dire need of \$10,000, to meet current obligations due July 1st.

Your generosity in the past has found expression in a very tangible way through financial support. If you could find it possible to contribute some amount, either cash or a commitment, that would be paid some time during the year, it would be of great service. There is no disposition upon our part to seem insistent in this matter since we believe you are as vitally interested

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Dr. and Mrs. William B. Lennox

June 18, 1936

in Yenching as are we but I, as the president of the Board of Trustees, do wish to say with all the emphasis at my command that we need your support now and need it badly.

With gratitude for your continued interest, I am,

Sincerely yours,

President, Board of Trustees

Dr. and Mrs. William G. Lennox
47 Dudley Road
Newton Centre, Massachusetts

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June 25, 1940

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Lennox:

In writing you to-day I am not forgetting that the struggle in Europe is holding your hearts in a vise of uncertainty and that you have already made a gift to our work for this year, but you are among those who know Asia, and know that the future of the world and of our own country hinges quite as much on what happens there as it turns on closer connections with Europe. I must share with you a problem whose solution admits of no delay, for a conditional gift of \$47,000 for the Women's College can be claimed only if an additional \$4,000 is raised in gifts or pledges by June 30th.

There are few miracles greater in history than that Yenching should have been able to carry on undisturbed with the Japanese army all about them. The life on the campus sounds quiet, until one reads between the lines, or some uncensored letter comes through by the kindness of a traveller. Then one finds the colors of the back-drop of strain and tragedy behind the routine of college life.

The faculty are doing their utmost to use what they can of the balance of exchange to meet the most urgent needs, but this gift which is now conditionally available will immeasurably strengthen morale in addition to securing steady progress in the training of Chinese youth for the happier days of the future.

You will do what you can, I know, to help in redeeming the \$47,000 during the few remaining days before the expiration of the time limit. The pledge form and envelope are to facilitate your getting word to us by June 30th.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. John H. Finley)

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July 24, 1940

Dr. William G. Lennox
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My dear William:

The last American mail brought from our New York Office a complete list of American donors to Yenching University during the past twelve months. In looking through this, I have found your name and cannot resist the impulse to send you a few lines of very personal, if belated, appreciation for your continuing support of our university.

As you are doubtless receiving reports from time to time of our affairs, I shall not make any comment from this standpoint nor as to my own sense of the way in which the value of what we have undertaken is being extenuated by world events. I do, however, want to assure you of the encouragement it has been to me in the midst of our present perplexities to have this evidence of your good will.

You will be interested to know that another Sigma Chi, Chancellor Emeritus E. K. Lindley of the University of Kansas, has been visiting in Peking for some months past. Two or three weeks ago we had him and his wife, with the Porters and myself, for a Sigma Chi luncheon. Lucius, who has now left for the States, was intending to write this event up for the fraternity magazines.

With greetings to Mrs. Lennox and the girls.

Fraternally yours,

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