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Doctor H. W. Luce,
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Dear Harry:

McCormick Building. Your letter of December 7th from Chicago regarding the McCormick Building, reached me last night, and I am writing at once chiefly because of this matter.

What procedure you propose?

On hearing of the McBrier gift, I wondered what would be the consequence for the McCormick prospect. I know how strongly Murphy feels about a large building being located on the two axes, and recognize the architectural value of this. However, we are in danger of being overbuilt in our academic equipment, out of proporition to our dormitory accommodations and to our resources for current expenses. Each new building increases the cost of maintenance considerably, nor do we need that particular building in the near future. As I wrote you recently, what we do need in the way of additional buildings is dormitories, some sort of social center on the island, a few additional residences and money for improving the grounds.

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My own decided preference would be that we call the Chemistry-Geology Building McCormick Hall, and let the money originally given by the Men's College be counted toward the general college plant. You already have photographs of this handsome building, and it would be of precisely the same appearance as the recitation building, which we have been trying to secure from them. Or better still, we might shift the China Medical Board Building to Chemistry-Geology and let Biology-Physics be known as McCormick Hall. This would then be one of the two buildings flanking the Administration Building, and most completely in view. We would thus have McCormick Hall on the south and McBrier Hall on the north.

The money thus made available would be extremely useful in clearing off over-hangs, deficits, etc., and in putting in order various features around the grounds, which are of pressing importance. This use of the money would count far more than by adding another building at this stage. I shall take the matter up promptly with Mrs. Frame and ask her to communicate her views to the Yenching College Committee.

Of course, if in your judgment the only thing that would satisfy the McCormicks would be the proposed new building, get the money for it by all means, to be started when it seemed possible for us to finance its operation. In general

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