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Montclair, New Jersey

December 15, 1938
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Trustees of Yenching university
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Re: #860 - Edwin M. McBrier Trust

Gentlemen:

We understand that you have been advised by Mr. Edwin M. McBrier that by the terms of a Trust Agreement made by him under date of May 29, 1937 you are entitled to receive 15% distribution of surplus income that is on hand each year after making definite payments called for in the instrument.

Your payment for the period to date is estimated at \$529.13, a check for which sum is enclosed.

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faithfully,

E. D. La Rue
E.D. La Rue
Vice President & Trust Officer

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Montclair Trust Company

Montclair, New Jersey

December 15, 1939

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Trustees of Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Re: No. 860 - Edwin M. McBrier Trust

Gentlemen:

Under the terms of a Trust Agreement made by Mr. Edwin M. McBrier on May 29, 1937, you are entitled to receive 15% distribution of surplus income that is on hand each year after definite payments called for in the instrument have been made.

Your payment for the period to date is estimated at \$416.40, a check for which sum is enclosed.

Faithfully,

E. D. LaRue

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Vice President & Trust Officer

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December 21, 1939

The Montclair Trust Company
Montclair, N. J.

Gentlemen:

We wish to thank you for your letter of December 15th
enclosing check for \$416.40 representing a distribution of surplus
income from the Edwin M. McBrier Trust No. 890. Receipt is enclosed
herewith.

With the Season's Greetings, we are

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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December 19, 1940

Washburn Trust Company
Washburn
New Jersey

Gentlemen:

I am acknowledging your letter of December 17th
enclosing check for \$525.00 representing income from the E. M.
Washburn Trust No. 585. We are enclosing receipt herewith.

With many thanks for the favor, we are

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Montclair Trust Company

Montclair, New Jersey

November 19, 1941

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Trustees of Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Re: #860 - Edwin M. McBrier Trust

Gentlemen:

We write with reference to your interest as beneficiary under trust, u/a made by Edwin M. McBrier.

You are no doubt somewhat familiar with Executive Order #8389 and the amendments thereto under which certain accounts in the name of foreign nationals must be blocked, and reports made to the Federal authorities.

In order that we may properly apply the regulations to your interest in this trust, please inform us whether your organization is incorporated in the United States, is itself, or is under the control of, a foreign organization.

If it is possible we would like to have your reply by return mail.

Very truly yours,

MONTCLAIR TRUST COMPANY
Trust Department

By *Elmore H. Robbins*
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November 27, 1941

Montclair Trust Company
Trust Department
Montclair, N. J.

Attention of: Mr. Elmore H. Robbins

Gentlemen:

Replying to your letter of November 19th regarding income in the Edwin M. McBrier Trust Account, I wish to say that Yenching University is incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York and is in no way controlled by any foreign organization.

All other banks with whom we are operating have taken the position that securities and property owned by the Yenching Trustees are not to be reported to the Government.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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McConnell, John Preston

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State Teachers College

East Radford, Virginia

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 23, 1934

Mr. Lyman H. Thompson
American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago some gentlemen came here and spoke to me of Yenching University in China. I am merely acquainted with the name of the university and I do not know in what, if any, ways I could be a benefit to the university.

They told me of what the university was trying to do and that they wished to get as favorable stand and introduction in the United States as possible. I will appreciate it if you will send me any literature that you have about the University so any persons wishing any information, I will have it available.

I have in my office the paper weight which they left with me. I from time to time explain what little I know about the University. In these trying times anything we can do to try to hold up an enterprise and give standing to any project for the betterment of this world, we ought to do it.

Very sincerely,

John Preston McConnell
John Preston McConnell, President.

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Sent literature as follows:

Bulletins: Arts & Letters
Natural Sciences
Public Affairs

New Goals to Win
Yenching Today
Princeton Across -
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Testimonials

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January 26th, 1934

Dr John Preston McConnell,
President,
State Teachers College,
East Radford,
Virginia.

Dear Dr McConnell:-

Your letter of Jan. 23rd to Mr Lyman H. Thompson has been received. He and the writer of this letter called to see you and presented you with the Yenching Lion of which you speak. I am glad that the Lion still sits on your desk as a reminder of Yenching University and that you frequently tell of what we are doing out there in the Orient toward the reconstruction of that great country.

We are sending you under separate cover some literature which will give you information about some of the activities at Yenching and would be glad to answer any questions which these publications may arouse. I wish it were possible for you to go to China some day and see the work first hand. It is doing a great deal in the training up of leadership among the young men and women of the country. Yenching has not only the four years of regular college work in the three Colleges, Arts and Letters, Public Affairs, and Natural Sciences. In addition to this we also are doing most of the graduate work in China just now. Over a hundred of our eight hundred students are working for advanced degrees.

I recall very pleasantly our visit to you and the lovely campus. We will long remember the beautiful country through which we drove on that swing around through Virginia. I think that country out there is surpassingly beautiful.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us for any further information which we may be able to give.

I hope that the work of your own institution is going ahead successfully. These are hard times for most of us but there is hope of a return to more normal conditions soon.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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State Teachers College

East Radford, Virginia

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 6, 1935

Mr. J. Leighton Stuart
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

I have your communication from Peiping, China, dated September 28, 1935 and mailed from 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City addressed To the American Friends of Yenching University.

A few years ago, Mr. Lyman H. Thompson and Mr. N. Gist Gee, Vice President of Yenching University visited us at the college at Radford and told me many interesting things about Yenching University and since then I have received a considerable amount of literature from time to time about this university and I have shown it to a good many of my friends and fellow-workers. This has aroused interest in them in behalf of the University, but I do not think it has amounted to anything in actual contributions of cash.

When Mr. Thompson and Mr. Gee were here they asked me to render a certain service in the way of giving publicity and creating a friendly feeling or interest in the University. I have kept this in mind and have talked to a great many people about it and on different occasions in our college assembly before the faculty and students and have spoken of this effort of the university to bring about friendship and understanding and sympathy of the people in America with the efforts that are being made in China.

I do not know just what I was expected to do as a friend of the university other than what I have done, but I have been thinking about these matters lately and have decided to write you more fully about just what a college president, who comes before a good many people, and has many opportunities to be heard could do to help the interest of the university in America. I will appreciate it if you will write me very fully about this matter just what you expect persons having relationship to the university in China that I am supposed to have are expected to do to forward all of its interests and to help bring about the ends desired.

I will appreciate it if you will write me very fully about this matter and will send me whatever literature you have for distribution and I will have notice of this university and its projects posted on our bulletin boards and displayed in

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State Teachers College

East Radford, Virginia

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. J. Leighton Stuart - November 6, 1935 - Page 2.

our reading rooms and elsewhere where students and professors will have an opportunity to see them and learn something about the university.

We have a number of rather active groups in this college interested in what might be called better international relationships, particularly of a christian, intellectual, educational and spiritual character. I think the connection or some kind of larger knowledge of the university would appeal to them.

Do not go to any great expense in the money way in sending literature here or making any expenditure larger than you think should be made in connection with a college of this kind where the administration is friendly to and sympathetic with what you are trying to do.

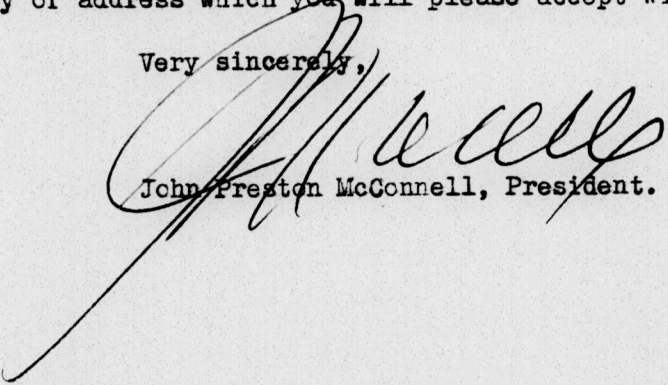
The green lion which was presented to me by Mr. Thompson and Mr. Gee has been on my desk most of the time since it was presented to me and I have shown it to many people. Just at this present moment the lion has disappeared.

What other persons in Virginia are associated and sympathetic with this university and its movements in America? If I had a list of those I could get in touch with them and see what we can do along the lines that you would have us do something.

If you have extra copies of the Yenching News for free distribution if you will send one to the Young Woman's Christian Association of this college it will be kept constantly in the reading room in connection with the Library of the college where all of the faculty members and students are constantly frequented.

I am today sending you copy of address which you will please accept with my best wishes.

Very sincerely,


John Preston McConnell, President.

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November 21, 1935

President John Preston McConnell
State Teachers College
East Radford, Virginia

My dear President McConnell:

On arriving here this week I find your letter and appreciate very much your desire to do something to help Yenching University. This active interest on your part is extremely gratifying, and I shall endeavor to take advantage of your offer in the spirit in which you have made it.

As you can readily understand, a private university established as part of the Christian movement in China, is finding it very difficult to secure sufficient funds for its annual maintenance, especially in view of the economic changes in this country in recent years. I have come here largely to try to form a judgment as to whether we can reasonably expect hereafter to receive sufficient funds to enable us to carry on as the institution has been developed. If this seems unpromising, we had better know it and somehow reorganise so that we can have dependable support sufficient for the work undertaken. On the other hand, I believe it to be a very great advantage to the interests involved that the institution be maintained essentially as it is, primarily through American generosity, until such time as the Chinese can take a larger responsibility than would be possible now. Any suggestions of yours, therefore, as to persons of substantial wealth who, in considering their final bequests, or who are compelled by recent legislation to consider how they can best dispose of funds that would otherwise be claimed by the government, would be very worth while. Others, who would not be able to help in this way, but who might be interested in contributions from time to time, however small, might be put on our mailing list. If you feel ready to approach those of either class on our behalf, we should be immensely grateful.

I am asking that some material be sent you right away, and shall endeavor to see that you are kept supplied with more. You will find enclosed a list of the Advisory Council members in Virginia, all of whom have expressed interest in the work of Yenching University. We shall send a copy of the last issue of the Yenching News to the Young Women's Christian

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President John Preston McConnell

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Nov. 21, 1935

Association of your college, as you request, and place the Association on our mailing list for future copies.

It would probably be asking too much to suggest that your institution undertake a small unit in connection with our Department of Education or some other feature that would be of special interest.

Your letter interests me especially because the larger part of my experience in America, and certainly the happiest part of it, was spent in Virginia, the home of my ancestors. I went to Hampden-Sydney College, where Lee Trinkle was my class-mate, room-mate, and closest friend, and I have often passed through your city going to and from his home in Wytheville.

This letter, though somewhat hurriedly written, will at least open the way to further correspondence and will indicate something of my appreciation over your interest.

Very sincerely yours,

JLS.A

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Church

Sent 1 copies of Yenching College for Women

Yenching University Goes to the Country

Yenching University, The Only Christian University in the Capital of China

That They Who Enter Here May Glimpse New Goals to Win!

Yenching University folder

Letter from Dr. Stuart, September 28, 1935

Yenching News, April 1935

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April 19, 1938

My dear Dr. McConnell:

You have been a friend and supporter of Yenching University. You are therefore interested in what is going on in China. Yenching is "carrying on" back of the Japanese lines, with 600 students.

Yenching's financial needs are greater this year than ever. The Chinese government has been granting funds in past years. In this time of war they cannot continue these grants. This makes it necessary for us to increase our gifts for current needs. The future of this splendid institution which is doing so much to establish Christian leadership in this largest nation on earth, and which has furnished a large number of important leaders in the present government, depends on how we support the work during this time of stress.

A generous gift from you, according to your ability to assist, will greatly help us just now. All of the officers and friends of Yenching are not only giving every dollar they can, but are giving their time sacrificially in trying to interest others in Yenching's immediate needs. We must double our usual contribution for current expenses in order to carry on.

Will you please do all you can to help us now?

Thank you, and believe me,

Most sincerely yours,

E. M. McBrier

Dr. John Preston McConnell
State Teachers College
East Radford, Virginia

August 2, 1938

Dear Dr. McConnell:

With July 1st, another year began for the China Colleges. The Emergency Fund of \$300,000 raised for the year closing on June 30th brought forth from the Council on Higher Education in Shanghai the following cable:

ON BEHALF OF THE CHINA COLLEGES PLEASE EXPRESS
OUR BEST THANKS TO THE FRIENDS WHO HAVE GONE
TO THEIR ASSISTANCE IN A MOST GENEROUS MANNER.
VERY GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO US. WE ARE FACING
A VERY TRYING SITUATION FOR THE COMING YEAR.

We now begin the task of raising for 1938-39 the sum of \$330,000 which again is designed to keep the doors of these Colleges open in spite of all the difficulties of the war time. We are daily assured that their existence is essential to the continuance of a triumphant morale in that small portion of the Chinese people now giving inspired leadership, and building for the better days of future peace.

In April 1937, through the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, we had from you a gift of \$1.00 for Yenching University, which is doing a specially significant piece of work in its part of the "occupied territory". Its academic program is proceeding without interference. Will you be one of those to begin the new year by sending us a contribution or a pledge designated for Yenching's 1938-39 budget?

Surely in these days of dire distress in China, when our courageous and faithful representatives on the field are carrying on with fortitude, our sacrificial gifts are needed as never before. If not convenient to send your gift now, indicate on the pledge card when you prefer to send it.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

Dr. John Preston McConnell
State Teachers College
East Radford, Virginia