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Bainbridge Island,
April 14, 1933.

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

Dear Mr. Barber:

I must apologize for my apparent discourtesy in not answering your letter of February eleventh. I remained at my summer island home this winter. We are beyond a mail delivery and I was dependent upon occasional friendly carriage from Seattle. Washed out roads, storms, fallen trees, almost ridiculous elements of pioneering made this annoyingly uncertain - your letter has remained for months in a neighborly gentleman's pocket. We must at least give him the credit for acknowledging the fault, and I trust you will accept my apology.

I am interested in your work in China. I presume from the manner in which you addressed me that you have taken my name from "Who's Who in America". I do, however, have both a heritage and a present day interest in China. Both my great grandfather and my grandfather, who were shipowners and in their early youths sea captains, lived for many years in Shanghai and Hongkong. They tell me that my grandfather had the first steamboat line there (Up the Yangtze or between ports?). He and one aunt are buried in Shanghai. My mother's home was there, and she only missed being born there because my grandmother came to San Francisco to visit her sister, who had also grown up in China. For present interests my horticultural activities have so enthralled me with the plants of the Himalayas and China's hinterland that it was for seedlings of these that I remained marooned in my summer home

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this winter.

I shall of course be glad to hear of your progress, and if my mere being upon the Advisory Council is an aid, you are welcome to use my name. I live quietly though, much among my books and my plants, and am not at all forcible in solving problems of social science.

Sincerely,

Alice Nordhoff Anderson McCully
(Mrs. Anderson McCully)

Mail address:
111 Cherry Street,
Seattle, Washington.

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April 24, 1933

My dear Mrs. McCully:

It gives us great pleasure to welcome you as a member of our Advisory Council. The delay in getting your reply has not inconvenienced us, so please do not let this annoy you.

Your interest in China is a real one and I hope that we may be of some service to you in keeping you in touch with the development along botanical lines over there. In order to give you some information as to what is being done at Yenching along biological lines, I am sending you under separate cover a small pamphlet. Professor J. C. Liu is in charge of the work in Botany and I am sure he would be glad to be of any possible service to you in your studies of Chinese plants and he could doubtless assist you in securing seeds of special plants if you wish them and they are available. He is thoroughly in touch with most of the botanists who are actively at work in China. Do let us know if we can help out in any way in your horticultural interests in China.

I have lived in China 31 years, most of that time devoted to biological work in one way or another, so am delighted to find another person here with similar interests. I hope I may have the pleasure of meeting you personally some time before long.

Your connections with China have been very real and I am sure you will be glad to know of the work being done by Yenching there toward the rebuilding of a great country.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee
Vice President

Mrs. Alice Woodruff Anderson McCully
111 Cherry Street
Seattle, Washington

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Sent College of Natural Sciences pamphlet
Dec 1932 Yenching News
April 1933 " "

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May 4, 1933.

*Letter to Dr. Gee.
May 26 - 1933.
May 27 - Cleland.*

Dear Dr. Gee:

I was astounded upon receipt of the pamphlet and News to see what an advanced undertaking you have in China. It seems a work of decided merit. I was rather interested in the research problems under way in the Department of Psychology (my own college major). Several seem to merit considerable thought, particularly that of Miss Kuo Wan-ying upon a comparison of aesthetic judgements made by Chinese and Westerners. The researches in racial metabolism, and the Radium Club both seem interesting and valuable activities.

Your kindly offer of aid in securing seeds embarrasses me just a little, for I fear you are attaching greater significance and importance to my work than it merits. It has always been a private seeking upon the very small and curtailed scale permitted by the means of a free lance horticultural writer who is also the family breadwinner. It means just a few flats and pots of seeds coming on as I can obtain the seeds. At the present time they number a little under two hundred. I have done a good deal with the little known plants of our own Pacific Mountain ranges from a horticultural standpoint. My imagination has been fired by tales of the glories of China's hinterland. My ultimate desire is to build up a comparative collection of all the finest alpine plants of the world's mountain ranges, and I believe that China is going to contribute a very large proportion of this.

If your students come across the seeds of something beautiful, I would of course be more than glad to have a few for a box or a pot. I have been interested in Meconopsis, Rhododendron, and Primulas, but it is invariably the things unknown to me that I most desire to use in trial

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plantings. I enclose a leaflet that speaks of what I have done with our own plants. My present garden is upon an island some distance from Seattle and was begun only a year ago. It is forest and still in the rough, with just a few patches cleared for my seedlings. It does not yet merit the name of garden by the very widest stretch of the imagination, though a few plant treasures are already tucked away.

I must thank you for ^{bringing} Yenching University to my attention. The pamphlet and News have done more to open my eyes to the real changes taking place in China than has all my newspaper and magazine reading. It is an undertaking of which you may be justly proud. I should of course be very glad to meet you if you again pass this way.

Sincerely,

Anderson M. Tully

111 Cherry Street,
Seattle, Washington.

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Rear to J. E. Rine
+ read into
enclosed letter
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May 15, 1933.

Mrs. Anderson McCully
111 Cherry Street
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mrs. McCully:

Your letter of May 4th was awaiting my return from
a trip up into New England.

I am very glad indeed to have this interesting state-
ment of your work from you and I am sure that our Professor of
Botany, Dr. J. C. Liu, Department of Biology, Yenching University,
will be much interested to get into correspondence with you and to
assist you where possible in getting things that may interest you
in the region around Peking. I am writing to Dr. Liu today.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, our President, is at present
in America and expects to return to China from Seattle. He will be
in Seattle on the afternoon and evening of May 26th and until the
PRESIDENT CLEVELAND sails on May 27th. You can get in touch with
Dr. Stuart through Mr. L. M. Bocker, National Bank of Commerce
Building, Seattle. If it is possible, I hope you may meet him and
let him take a personal message to Dr. Liu from you.

We are very much interested in building up new friends
for Yenching University and we feel quite sure that those who know of
the wonderful undertaking of American friends there at Peking will be
glad to do what they can to assist us in developing an ideal institution
for the training of the young men and young women who are to have the
rebuilding of that old country.

With all good wishes for you and your work, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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H. Gist Gee,
Vice-President.

Copy of her letter attached to carbon of
letter to Dr. J. C. Liu - May 15/33,
original sent to Dr. Liu - Yenching.

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November 12, 1933.

Mr. Nathaniel Gist Gee,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Gee:

I was so extremely sorry to learn I had missed your visit in Seattle - my father enjoyed it immensely, and I found when I visited my mother today that he had deeply interested her in his accounts of the work you are doing.

I really feel apologetic for living so cut off from the world. Both my father's house, and my tiny cabin were meant only for summer residences, mine in particular was just for weekends. We did at one time have direct boat service, but even the wharf has been removed in these troublous times. Our road out is a private one, just a narrow dirt road through the forest, and not even the rural mail carrier comes down it. I am too deaf to drive a car on it, or to use a telephone, so I really am isolated. Even after driving around the island, we must connect with an infrequent boat.

Father gave me very glowing accounts of the handsome illustrations in colors you showed him. I much enjoyed the booklet you sent me. Of course I would notice immediately the splendid landscaping. How handsomely the water tower overlooks the scene! Even my very youthful younger daughter appreciated the charm and skill that planned the campus.

I trust that you will be able to reach me next time you come to Seattle. It does take time though. Ordinarily I receive my mail but two or three times a week. Just now while my brother and his wife are in Panama, my father has been going in more frequently to see that the store is all right. When I receive a letter, there is no way to mail a reply until the next

McKee, Mary C.

(Mrs Geo. W.)

April 6, 1928.

MRS. GEORGE W. MC KEE
1055 MOREWOOD AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

My dear Dr. Stuart:-

It was a great pleasure
to see you the other day and hear so much about
China and Yenching.

I have enclosed checks from my sisters
and myself. I wish mine might have been
larger, but I have had so very many calls upon
me lately.

I hope you may have a delightful time
with your son in Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary C. McKee

To
Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

\$300 from Mrs. McKee
\$200 " Miss Eleanor McC. Chalfant
\$100 " " Isabella C. Chalfant

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April 9, 1928

My dear Mrs. McKee:

Your letter of April 6th to Dr. Stuart has come during his absence from the office. Please permit us to thank you and your sisters in his behalf for your kindness in sending these generous gifts for the work at Peking. It will surely be a great encouragement to Dr. Stuart to know of your continued interest and support of the University at this time of urgent need.

Our official receipts are enclosed herewith.

Most sincerely and cordially yours,

Office Secretary

Mrs. George W. McKee
1055 Morewood Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Encl. - Receipt #1886 to Mrs. McKee for \$300
" #1887 to Miss Eleanor M. Chalfant for \$200
" #1888 to Miss Isabella C. Chalfant for \$100

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McKee, Mrs. Geo. W.
Pittsburgh

Apr. 9, 1928

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Gift received	4-9-28
Receipt slip #	1886
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " conf. list	✓
Serial fig. on L. card	9-136
Pledge signal attached	✓
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Letter ack. sent	4-9-28
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" " class card	✓
" " stencil	✓

Mrs. McKee also sent checks for \$200 and \$100 from her sisters,
Miss Eleanor McC. Chalfant and Miss Isabella C. Chalfant

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

March 24, 1933.

Dear Mrs. McKee:

Despite radical cuts in the budget of Yenching University, we find we are facing the end of our fiscal year with a deficit of approximately \$20,000.00. If this must be carried over into the next year it will mean further budget reductions, and it is the considered opinion of President Stuart and our Board of Trustees that such further reductions cannot be effected without seriously crippling the service which the University is rendering.

It seems unthinkable that this great program, launched by Americans nearly seventy years ago, should be deprived of its effectiveness at a time when its continuance is of such deep importance to China and to America as well.

From time to time you have generously contributed to the work of Yenching. Following is a list of your gifts:

1924 - \$200.00
1928 - 300.00

The University urgently needs the support of every one of its old friends. Won't you please continue your help by sending us a check?

Gratefully yours,

Emm Brier
Treasurer

Mrs. George W. McKee
1055 Morewood Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Dear Sir

*It is quite impossible
for me to send any thing
Yours truly M. C. McKee*

Please don't write me

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MRS. GEORGE W. MCKEE
1055 MOREWOOD AVENUE
OAKLAND STATION
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

March 9th
1936

My dear Mr. Young

It was a pleasure
to me to entertain Mr.
Stuart and have him
speak at tea. I very
greatly enjoyed having
him here to dinner.

Sorry you could not
be with us. But of
course under the
circumstance it was

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impossible. I went
over my accounts
the other day and find
I can send the enclosed
check, [\$1,000⁰⁰]. How long I
or any one else will
have any money if the
Government does not
stop spending I don't
know.

With kindest regards
to you and Mr. Bydelott

I am sincerely yours

Mary C. McKee

MRS. GEORGE W. MCKEE
1055 MOREWOOD AVENUE
OAKLAND STATION
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

To aid YENCHING UNIVERSITY of Peiping, China, in carrying forward its Christian educational activity and in consideration of the securing, by representatives of this University, of gifts from others for this purpose, I am sending herewith:

A cash gift in the amount of \$ 1000. =

A pledge in the amount of \$....., to be paid by me in accordance with the plan checked below:

- ☐ In annual payments of \$.....each, beginning.....(date)
☐ In semi-annual payments of \$.....each, beginning.....(date)
☐ In quarterly payments of \$.....each, beginning.....(date)
☒ At my convenience, on or before.....(date)

Signed Mrs George McKee
Street 1055 Morewood
City and State Pittsburgh
Date March 9 1936

Full name of my local church:
First Pittsburgh

Please remit to the order of E. M. MCBRIER, Treasurer, Yenching University, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

NOTE:—I shall expect to be reminded previous to due dates.....(yes or no)

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March 11, 1936

Mrs. Mary G. McKee
1055 Merewood Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Mrs. McKee:

Your lovely check of \$1000, coming with such a gracious letter at such an opportune time greatly thrilled all of us. Mr. Aydelett and I felt certain that you would want us to include your name in our telegram to Dr. Stuart just before he sails, as among those at Pittsburgh who were willing to join in the movement I explained to you.

Frankly, however, we felt that you had done so much, had spent so much time and money in making our visit to Pittsburgh fruitful and pleasant, that we felt that we should expect only a very small amount from you under the conditions.

Dr. Stuart and the rest of us have of course learned to expect large and beautiful things from you, but to have expected a check as large as the one sent - after you had already done so much - would have seemed to us almost too much.

Mr. Aydelett and I agree that we will not wait until Dr. Stuart is ready to sail for China but will wire him today the contents of your lovely letter. We all unite in this expression of gratitude to you

Yours cordially,

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May 8, 1936

Mrs. George W. McKee
1055 Morewood Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Mrs. McKee:

Since you and Mrs. Hamilton were so helpful in getting Mrs. R. B. Mellon to your tea in honor of Dr. Stuart, I am by this mail sending a note to her, with a request that you two confer together regarding a possible further approach to Mrs. Mellon. We are convinced that Mrs. Mellon must have some interest in China and that if we could successfully bring the merits of Yenching to her attention, this interest might deepen and ripen into a participation in that important project.

The fact that one of the new members on the Board of Trustees is Mr. Arthur V. Davis, prominently identified with the Aluminum Company of America, might have some weight with Mrs. Mellon, at least it should give additional confidence.

I am not unaware that this request may seem to be taking advantage of your friendship for Dr. Stuart and Yenching, but the needs are so pressing that in order to continue the University without seriously marring its effectiveness, we must resort to every legitimate means to supply the necessary funds. Obviously, we cannot go to those who are indifferent to the needs of China, we must call on our friends for counsel.

Do you think it practical to ask Mrs. Mellon to sponsor a tea, dinner or some sort of gathering, to which we might bring an important representative from Washington or New York, for instance, the Ambassador, a minister or some one of national reputation? I would appreciate your candid opinion on this suggestion.

In a recent letter from Dr. Stuart, he suggested that we attempt further interest with Mrs. Mellon, and I know of no one who occupies a more strategic position in this matter than yourself.

With gratitude for your kindness and continued good-will,
I am,

Yours very sincerely,

George C. Aydelett

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June 19, 1936

Dear Mrs. McKee:

In a letter just received from Dr. Stuart is a paragraph which I believe will be of interest to you: "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 present."

Another quotation from a letter from Arthur Rugh, honorary lecturer in the School of Religion this year, will doubtless be gratifying to you: "Yesterday I asked a fine freshman girl from Honolulu whether her experience here had helped her religiously. She said 'Yes, very much. I was never in any place where there is so much real warm, Christian spirit. I came here all confused in my religion and I've had a wonderful year.' No special interest was taken in her. What she got came from the regular normal life here. Of course any campus which inherits Leighton Stuart, Margaret Speer and Dean Chao will make a real impression for Christ on the student body." In these times of political disturbance in China it is very pleasing to know that Yenching is proceeding upon her way quite normally. With a maximum enrollment of 800 it seems that this will be one of the best years that the school has had. Despite the headlines in the paper, we in the office feel that the situation is more favorable to Yenching now than it has been for some time, since it is quite obvious that Japan will not adopt any policy of repression toward the schools in China that have been established through American philanthropy.

We are proceeding quite normally to securing three million dollars to safely undergird Yenching. We only have from three to five years to accomplish the task, but we believe it will be done.

I join in any sentiment of good will which you may have received from Dr. Stuart.

Yours very sincerely,

George C. Aydelott

Mrs. George W. McKee
1055 Morewood Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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April 30, 1937

My dear Mrs. McKee:

Knowing of your deep interest in the religious activities at Yenching University, I am enclosing a small picture showing a group of students from the School of Religion, starting on a mission to outlying villages. I also enclose a newspaper clipping which may already have come to your attention, revealing the deep religious convictions of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Both of these concern you by reason of the fact that you have from the beginning been rather intimately identified with Yenching University and interested in the progress of Christian education in China.

Knowing also of the genuine friendship Dr. Stuart has for you and your sisters, I feel confident that from time to time he communicates with you directly from China. He may therefore have given you some insight into the unusually active year at the University, which has had a capacity enrollment of 826, with scores turned away because of lack of accommodations. We are greatly encouraged not only because of the unusual prominence into which Yenching is coming, but also because of a definite change in the policy of Japan which seems to remove permanently any anxiety we may have had of Japanese dominance in North China. The school now seems on a fair way to stand for many generations, sending out its influence for good into all China through its trained leadership.

We are of course constantly faced with the problem of keeping the budget up with the requirements. Happily, the support from Chinese sources is rapidly increasing, but even so, the proportionate share of American support is not easily had in these days. It is quite obvious that it would be fatal to all we have accomplished in Yenching to relinquish our support at this critical juncture, when China is relying upon us to help her in this transition period as she emerges into a new and higher type of civilization, which necessarily must be founded upon the Christian principles.

Lingering still is the memory of the tea and dinner which you gave in honor of President Stuart's visit on February 28th last year. It made a very deep impression upon Dr. Stuart and the rest of us, and we have never ceased to be grateful. We have reason to believe that Dr. Stuart may be in America again this autumn, but his plans are as yet indefinite. He will of course wish to see you and your sisters if he comes, and I shall try to arrange his schedule accordingly.

You cheered Dr. Stuart and our Board of Trustees greatly through your generous gift of \$1,000, which you forwarded early in March last year,

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Mrs. McKee

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and I know you have it in mind to continue your support, as is your custom. If you contemplate sending an amount in somewhat the same proportions as last year, I feel sure it will be the wish of our Board to cooperate with you in selecting some objective which might bear your name. Your continued friendship makes us feel that your name should take permanent form in a faculty residence, a scholarship, or some memorial which would afford you personal satisfaction and at the same time have a marked influence upon the Chinese students, who greatly revere their American benefactors.

The fiscal year closes June 30th, and the next few weeks will be anxious ones, as we attempt to meet all the obligations which annually confront us at this time of the year.

A few days ago we sent you an invitation to the Annual Dinner of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, which includes Yenching University, and we sincerely hope that either business or pleasure may bring you to New York on May 10th, to attend this function in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Commodore. Our Yenching Board will be pleased to have you as one of its guests at this dinner.

Very sincerely yours,

George C. Aydelott

Mrs. George W. McKee
1055 Morewood Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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MRS. GEORGE W. MCKEE
1055 MOREWOOD AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Dec 9th
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My dear Mr Garrison
Thank you very
much for sending me
those two very inter-
esting letters from
Mr. Stuart. But
I am wondering
how he can send
them past the censor.
Sincerely yours
Mary C. McKee
Mrs. G. W. M.

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December 15, 1939

My dear Mrs. McKee,

Thank you for your letter of
December 7th.

Dr. Stuart's letters have escaped the Japanese censorship because he has been able to send them out in the possession of individuals going from Peking to some port city where they can be put aboard a steamer for America, or in some cases by sending them in the diplomatic pouch from the American Embassy.

The record which Yenehing has made under Dr. Stuart's leadership is one of the most amazing and inspiring stories coming out of the Far Eastern conflict. We are all proud of Yenehing, grateful for Dr. Stuart, and thankful for the divine care and guidance which have been manifest in these last three years.

Enclosed is another letter from Dr. Stuart which has just reached us.

We extend every good wish for a pleasant holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

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Miss Ann Jones

January 31, 1940

Mrs. George W. McKee
1055 Morewood Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mrs. McKee:

The last American mail brought your Christmas card and I cannot resist sending these few lines of hearty appreciation for being thus remembered, together with my own best wishes for the year already well begun. For reasons you can readily understand I did not send out any cards this season, which in a way makes it possible for me to send more personal messages to a few of those who have included me. I remember most pleasantly the various times we have met, especially the delightful hospitality in your home when I was last in the States. One of these days conditions here may permit me to make another trip, when I shall look forward to seeing you again.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 15, 1946

Mrs. George W. McKee
Dundee Farm
Sewickley Heights, Penna.

Dear Mrs. McKee:

It gives me great pleasure to enclose receipt for \$400.00 covering the check which you sent for a like amount to Dr. Stuart. You will note that we have credited this to Natural Sciences equipment fund.

Of course, the Science Departments have suffered the greatest loss during these war days and any contributions toward the reestablishment of the work is doubly appreciated.

With added thanks, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Eliza K.
McKelvy, Mrs. Wm.

re Infirmary etc.

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April 6, 1921

Mrs. William McKelvy,
Fifth Avenue and College Street,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mrs. McKelvy:

I have felt for a long time that those who gave the first four or five permanent buildings to Peking University would potentially accomplish the task. We got a bit of good news the other day, just at a time when faith was needing a bit of "the substance of things hoped for." Mr. Rex Wheeler sent word that his mother would give the chapel, paying half now and half within two or three years. Coming thus early, it will help much to encourage us here and cheer those living and working in temporary and inadequate buildings over there.

Of course you know there are few things I desire more than that one of these initial buildings should be erected by you at the great, radiating capital and student center of China, a land where dwells a quarter of the human race. And I should like to call it McKelvy Hall for you and your family. (You will find the architect's list of buildings in the brown-covered illustrated booklet.)

In case you are not ready for decision now, I do not write to urge it, but only to say, if you have reached a favorable decision or could do so before the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University on April 14th, nothing would help us more than to make the announcement to the Trustees at that time.

After studying China for many years and travelling over the land from Manchuria to Canton, I

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found no place equal to Peking where I would rather devote the rest of my life or ask a friend to devote funds, even with sacrifice, for the largest ultimate returns.

In the bonds of a great common service,

Ever sincerely your friend,

HWL.W

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Fifth and College

(File)

My dear Dr. Rice:

Your letter of April 6th has
been answered because of
my considering of the matter.

I have not seen my way
clear to accept a building
I intend to do something
but obligations have been in
line and I have not yet
been able to get a clear
sheet. Seems to me

every thing has presented a
crisis and I couldn't refuse.
However the bottom has been
reached and no more pledges
are to be considered until I
accumulate-at least have
vision of something for Peking.

I am certainly delighted that
the Chapel has been provided!

My best to Mrs. Luce.

Very Sincerely

Ella K. McKelvy.

September 2, 1921

Mrs. William McKelvy,
Fifth Avenue & College Street,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mrs. McKelvy:-

I think you will be interested in looking over the enclosed copy of the Peking Leader which was largely given up to Peking University in one of its June editions. There is a whole lot of new material in it. I find that we have very few copies and if you can do so conveniently I should be glad if you would preserve yours so that when I am next in Pittsburgh I can get it and show it to Mr. Follansbee and others.

I have wondered where you have been spending the summer. Mrs. Luce, Elisabeth, Young Sheldon and I had a very delightful six weeks on the east shore of Lake George. Most of my time then, and even until this minute, has been given up to making a summary of my educational survey data which I collected before leaving China. I sent it back to China and hoped that others would study it and make the summary but finally I had to take it up and do the work. I am glad, though, that I was forced to do it as it brings to completion that particular item of service. I hardly think I would have had the nerve to tackle it had I anticipated that it would take so much time and especially so much eye-strength.

We are working here now with the architects on some of the buildings such as the dormitory and dining hall buildings and the recitation hall. Mr. Gibb, one of our Professors who is of a practical turn, is representing the faculty on the whole building matter and he has recently arrived in America to confer with our architects so that we will have the matter well in hand. He hopes to return to China in October to let the contracts for the first buildings and begin building as soon as Spring opens March 1. We will be glad to begin the building and hope that funds will come in sufficiently during the coming year so that we can put up enough buildings to actually get the University under a roof.

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Mrs. William McKelvy

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I hope that you have had a good summer and that all is well with you and yours. Our Harry got back from Oxford in July and is now a cub reporter on a Chicago newspaper. I often wonder at the line he is taking, which is not familiar to me, and can only hope that it will turn out to be for the best. I realize that you know far more about this embarking of young life than we do. This is the first in our family and naturally it makes us thoughtful.

With all best wishes and greetings to any of the lads who may be with you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

WML:VE

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5901 Fifth Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Dwight H. Day,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Day:

I am sending my check for six thousand dollars to the Board. It is to be used in building a residence for Dr. Henry W. Luce at the "Peking University" China. I promised this to Dr. Luce and he no doubt will explain in case there is any needed, but I think this is quite plain.

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Ella K. McKelvey

Mrs W.M.

5901 Fifth Ave.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

January twentieth

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September 6, 1923.

Mrs. William McKelvey,
5th & College Avenues,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mrs. McKelvey:

The strenuous work of last year nearly "floored me" so that in July I had to take a good deal of care in resting. When your good letter came, Mrs. Luce had it in her heart to write you and I had every thought of following it with a letter in a few days, but Mrs. Luce started westward August 1st and I went up into Canada for some very special and intensive Bible study during three weeks in August. I was two weeks late in arriving at the class and in order to keep up I had to work very hard but it was study work - so different from the financial and traveling work that it was a real tonic to me. I had a very wonderful time - one of the most wonderful in all my life. I hope sometime I can tell you about it. In late September I return to Glenburny on Lake George where my daughter Elisabeth was for a final few days with her. I am not sure that I shall be able to have much time with her now before I go to China. Last Sunday and Monday we passed through several hours of real concern. On the basis of the old schedule, as I remembered it, it took 17 days from San Francisco to Yokohama. On that basis I reckoned that Mrs. Luce's boat had been in Yokohama on the day of the earthquake. We were not able to verify this until after Labor Day when I could secure regular schedules when we found that the boat had probably reached Yokohama on August 29th. The Pacific Mail Company has now received cables stating that the boat reached Shanghai in safety. While this gives us a certain personal relief it makes us very sympathetic to the hundreds and thousands who must be inevitably sufferers now and in years to come. I suspect that Mrs. Luce is just about now leaving Shanghai for Peking.

I do not know whether you know that our daughter, Emmavell, went out to China last December. In six months she has gotten a real good hold on the language and has been appointed to Tainan as one of the secretaries. You see Shantung cannot get along without one of the Luces!! I would not be surprised if Mrs. Luce would join her for the winter before I come after putting Sheldon in school at Peking. Mrs. Luce and my whole family were

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against my continuing this work in the United States longer than July 1st but I persuaded them that I must continue on until January 1st owing to the extreme urgency and necessity of making it possible for the University to move from its' cramped temporary quarters onto the new site. We have just cabled President Stuart to come home to co-operate with us during the fall and it is felt by everybody that this supreme task can no longer wait. Our work will be made doubly difficult but the fact of the debt of the Presbyterian Board and also because of the Japan situation. We still have faith to believe that the small group of people who have eyes to see such a wonderful opportunity will be able to accomplish this great and wonderful task. I wrote you once or twice when you were away - I wonder if you got my letters, one was sent just after I was in Pittsburgh. When going along Fifth Avenue on the car I saw a light in your house and immediately got off the car and went in only to find the only one there was your caretaker. I hope sometime to hear about your fine trip to the Near East. We certainly shall look forward to the time when we shall welcome you to China. You must certainly put that trip down on your schedule for the future.

Hoping you and yours are all well believe me with the warmest regards

Ever most sincerely yours,

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File

December 10, 1923

Mrs. W.-W. McKelvy
Fifth Ave. & College Street
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mrs. McKelvy:

I forgot to say to you that I received your note and the check which Mrs. Thompson sent through you. I think this is fine because when I saw her some time ago she claimed her interests were all in "Yale in China" and that she could not possibly give to anything else.

It is now decided that the day after Christmas I shall start for the Pacific Coast, to go over the ground covered by Mr. William Hung and me a year ago last January. I shall visit Tacoma, Seattle, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Pasadena and Santiago. I hope to return eastward about the middle of February and then simply will travel night and day to the most hopeful places.

Four dormitories and ten residences now stand between us and the possibility of removal.

I have engaged passage on the President Cleveland, sailing from San Francisco April 3. I hardly think Mrs. Luce will believe I am actually coming until I arrive in Shanghai, but unless something very large at stake, I shall feel that I must sail on April 3.

Mrs. Finley's interest was greatly deepened by the meeting in her house and by the luncheon. I can say to you very confidentially that my hope was greatly increased as to the possibility of finally working out the Finley quadrangle. She was also greatly pleased because Dr. Stuart gave her one of the five pictures similar to yours, which he brought from China. He gave it to awaken interest, but when I suggested that one of the five be given to you, as you will know, there was no thought of awakening interest that was already one hundred per cent, but the thought in my mind was due to the spirit of very real and warm friendship which we enjoy. I do value very highly the consciousness that you think of me as a friend.

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Mrs. W. M. McKelvy

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December 10, 1923

I dread the next three or four months of rapid travel over a very wide area, but we are urged on by the thought that what Sherwood Eddy said to us in Pittsburgh was true, namely that placing Peking University on its feet was "the most urgent single task over seas".

You will be glad to hear that Mrs. Luce writes of the surprising fact that our goods stored in damp, moldy Shanghai for six years had come through safely.

I shall probably spend Christmas in the Hamilton Club at Chicago and I am hoping to have a little visit with Daughter Elizabeth, who is to be on for Harry's wedding on December 22.

Emma Vail has become so popular in Peking that I think it is about time I got out there with my gun.

Hoping you had a fine Thanksgiving and that you will have a wonderfully happy Christmas, believe me

Sincerely your friend

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McKelvy

May 5, 1925.

My dear Mrs. Kelvy:

I am about to start off on a long trip that may possibly take me as far as the Pacific Coast. I only wish that I could push right on for looking, but it is clear now that I must stay till fall if the great needs of the University are to be met.

I have had to give up the Presbyterian Hospital treatment, and for a time, partly on the advice of Ralph Harbison, I am putting myself under the care of Dr. Frederic Erdman of Germantown.

As you know from what I said the other day, wholly in consideration of the great need and the unsurpassed opportunity before the University of Peking, I am eager that, in so far as you feel it possible, you be represented in the central part of the University in the best possible way. We can do this better, the earlier we plan for it. Without wishing to hurry you in the least from making the most adequate plans, I cannot help noting that any day there is the danger the desirable buildings may pass beyond my control to assign them.

You will recall that it was agreed that if ever you felt you could take a more central and larger share, the \$6,000. for the residence could be applied. As to the dates of making payments, while we could at any time have the money at work within a few days, I would want you to take such time as might be necessary to plan for the largest possible share, so that we might select now the best item available. As soon as the matter shaped up in our mind and heart, will you let me know?

Ever sincerely yours,

Mrs. Wm. McKelvy,
8001 Fifth Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Wm. McKelvy

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McKelvey

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May 8, 1925

Pittsburgh

Dear Mrs. McKelvey:

I just ran across the enclosed, which is really the building I have most in mind for you. It is the same one of which I showed you a large reproduction in colors. You can construct it in your mind with red pillars, etc. The first floor is for dormitory rooms, accommodating twenty students, and this building is flanked on either side by two dormitory buildings. The upper part of this building will be opened clear to the top of the ridge and will be finished inside on Chinese lines. Indeed, it will probably be the most Chinese building both inside and out that we have. It will cost \$35,000.00.

I am just starting out on a trip to the Pacific Coast.

Cordially yours

Mrs. William M. McKelvey
5901 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

HWL:S

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Fort Pitt Hotel

Pittsburgh

Oct 4/25

Dear Sir:

Just a little note of
added explanation re. the
McKelvey Est. The rough
estimate Mr Pitt made
was \$20,000, \$14,000 for the
main part + \$6,000 for the two
wings. Knowing we had
promised Mrs. McK. to count
in the \$6,000 ^{already paid in Town Residence} if she took a larger
building, I thought it best
to estimate it at \$25,000!
That, less \$6,000, would be \$19,000,
but she accepted \$20,000 at
\$1000 a year.

There are several items ^{over}

about this building I
want to discuss with
you, so don't report or
release this news to
the press till I see you
again late this month.

Mrs McKelvey will
put down in writing her
statement about the matter
but its all O.K.

Err. Hwd

PEKING UNIVERSITY

PEKING, CHINA

AMERICAN OFFICE
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

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Pittsburgh
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Dear Sir:

Beginning sometime in 1926 Mrs McKelvey will pay \$5000 a year toward the dispensary for four years (total of \$20000), it having been understood that the \$6000 already paid in could be applied also to this building. Mrs McKelvey hopes she can complete payment at an earlier date & will do so as early as possible. I imagine she will do it within a couple of years.

Ever truly

H. W. Luce

*To Mr Jas H Lewis
Peking Union
150 Fifth Ave
N.Y. City*

If at all possible she would like the style to be similar to the Washford Hall. The building as planned with wings I feel sure would lend itself to that style.

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H. H. H. H.
AT PEKING UNIV. HDQ.

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ANSWERED

By

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Fifth Ave.
Pittsburgh - Pa.

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Dr. H. W. Luce

156 - Fifth Ave.

New York - N. Y.

My dear Dr. Luce. -

During January 1922. I sent to the
F. M. B. - 156 - Fifth Ave. New York a
donation of six thousand dollars for
one of the Prof.'s houses at Peking University
Peking, China, with the understanding
that if at some future time I could
undertake one of the larger buildings,
this six thousand would be considered
as first payment on what ever that
would be. -

I now understand that the

proposed "Infirmary" for the University will cost \$25,000.00 and I am willing to undertake this, if I can still count the \$6,000.00 as part payment in the same. —

Hoping that the building can be started at once, I am enclosing my check for five thousand dollars, and I will pay the remaining fourteen thousand in semi-annual gifts, beginning July 1926. —

Trusting this arrangement is acceptable, and wishing you every success in your undertaking

I am Sincerely

Ella K. McKelvey.

— Mrs. W. M. —

October fifth.

9901 - Fifth Ave.
Pittsburgh - Pa.

October 6, 1925

Dr. H. W. Luce
Statler Hotel
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Dr. Luce:

In the last part of your note containing the good news of Mrs. McKelvey's pledge, you state that she will put down in writing her plan of payment. We will have to trust you to handle this matter with her to get it in writing and I presume she will wish to write us direct, making a formal pledge and stating how she wishes to make payments. Naturally we want to avoid the difficulty which has arisen in the case of Mrs. Turner.

I certainly hope you can do the great things with Mr. Proctor. Success to you!

Do you not think the interview you had with Mrs. McKelvey indicates the profitableness of that kind of cultivation - the quiet sort, without too much haste and hurry? I am sure that it is the most productive.

With warm affection,

Ever yours

P. S. Dr. Nichols gave us his \$25,000 today.

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5901 - Fifth Ave.
Pittsburgh Pa.

My dear Dr. Luce:

Your letter in regard to the naming of the "Infirmary" came duly to hand. and I have thought over the matter and feel that it should be called the "Luce Infirmary." for surely it would never have been given had it not been for you.

I am not at all ambitious that my name be given, and one of the buildings should surely bear

your name.

I am sorry to know that the "fifty percent" slow down was not enough to secure you perfect health. and am glad you are going to look into matters again. Here is hoping that the Drs. in Baltimore will greatly benefit you.

As you probably found out there has been considerable correspondence in regard to the money. but all has been satisfactorily arranged and here after I'll send at once to the "Peking University" 150 Fifth Ave. N.Y. and trust I will be able to complete the gift within two years. I am going to give it precedence over some other pledges made. —

Hoping that you really are
improved in health and with my
best wishes to Mrs. Luce I am

Sincerely Ella K. McKelvey.

— Mrs. W. M. —

5901 - Fifth Ave
Pittsburgh - Pa.

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

October 15, 1925

Mrs. Wm. M. McKelvy,
Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania.

Dear Mrs. McKelvy:

We have received today from the office of Peking University, 150 Fifth Avenue, your check of October 5 for \$5,000 drawn to the order of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. along with a copy of your letter of the same date to Dr. H. W. Luce explaining your proposal regarding the check.

Very naturally, the Presbyterian Board and the Peking University are highly gratified at your desire to provide the funds for a much needed infirmary at the University and the Board will be happy to comply with your request to transfer to the Infirmary the appropriation of \$6,000 made February 6, 1922 covering the amount which you then gave for a professor's residence at the University.

In connection with this present payment of \$5,000 on account of the infirmary and of your proposed future payments of the remaining \$14,000 to complete the full \$25,000 needed for the Infirmary, may I present to you quite frankly two or three questions involved?

Inasmuch as this Infirmary has not been requested by our Presbyterian Missions in China, it is not within the Board's authorized property requests and, consequently, is not in the budget of the Board as approved by our General Assembly. For this reason, "credit" could not normally be given by the Board for gifts toward this particular object. Furthermore, if these gifts should be actually appropriated by the Board, this would subject them to the three per cent tax which the General Assembly collects from the Board's appropriations in order to clear off the indebtedness of the Interchurch and New Era Movements. Our suggestion, therefore, would be that the check representing your generous gift of \$5,000 be endorsed directly over to the Trustees of Peking University without appropriation by the Board of Foreign Missions and that future payments on account of this Infirmary at Peking University be handled in the same way or be sent by you directly to the University Trustees.

Assured of your full understanding and sympathetic interest in this somewhat complex situation, I am thus placing it very frankly before you. Everyone is greatly pleased to have you make this fully appreciated gift and the suggestions given above are made solely with the thought of freeing it from certain restrictions and infelicities which would obtain in this particular instance if the gift were formally appropriated by the Presbyterian Board. Your check will be held in this office until we hear from you.

Rejoicing with you in your continued substantial and satisfying

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Copy for Dr. Luce

October 19, 1925

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

My dear Dr. North:

Enclosed please find a check for \$5,000. endorsed to the order of Peking University, being the contribution of Mrs. W. M. McKelvy of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as partial payment on the Infirmary of Peking University. In reply to my letter of last week to Mrs. McKelvy presenting the situation she has written requesting that her check be endorsed to Peking University.

In accordance with Mrs. McKelvy's desire the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions at its meeting today took the following self-explanatory action transferring her previous gift from residence to the infirmary:

"In January 1922, the Board received \$6,000. Gold from Mrs. William M. McKelvy of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, designated for a professor's residence at Peking University, China and the Board appropriated this amount for this object on February 6, 1922. Mrs. McKelvy now desires to undertake to provide approximately \$25,000. Gold for the construction of the Peking University Infirmary and to have her gift of \$6,000. transferred to the Infirmary. In accordance with the donor's wishes and subject to the approval of the Peking University Trustees, the Board voted to transfer the above mentioned appropriation from its original object to the construction of the Infirmary, or to such other purpose as may be mutually agreeable to the donor and the University Trustees and recommended that further gifts for this object, which is not within the Board's authorized property list or within the Board's budget as approved by the General Assembly, be made directly to the Peking University Trustees."

In order that Mrs. McKelvy and Dr. Luce may have record of the action I am sending each of them a copy of this letter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(G. T. Scott)
George T. Scott

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Copy for Mrs. McKelvy

" " Dr. Luce

" " Mr. Carter

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October 28, 1925.

Mrs. William McKelvy,
5901 Fifth Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mrs. McKelvy:

Your kind letter touched my heart more than you can realize, though at the present time, there is not a stick or stone there at Shantung or at Peking that would indicate there had ever been a trace of the House of Luce in North China. The two Science Halls at Shantung had no attached names and both bear other names now - one of them at my suggestion and I have not minded, since, after all, my real joy is bound up in what others do.

If my name had to be attached to any building, I would rather have it attached to the Infirmary - for two reasons:

1. As I conceive of it, the Infirmary will be in a quiet place by itself, where many students will come up through the years for rest and healing.

2. Because the building is given by you, whose fellowship in service I have deeply enjoyed these many years. Nevertheless, my greater joy would be to have your name attached to it, for all along I have had the very strong desire that two buildings should be on the campus - one bearing the name of Mme. McCormick, and the other your own name. As much as I appreciate your suggestion (which is one of the kindest ever made to me) I do hope you will still let us call the building by your name.

During my last trip of two weeks, I found that I did not stand up well under even a fifty-per cent strain and found I had to travel in pain most of the time. The other day I went down to Baltimore and the expert physician said he thought the time had come to go more drastically and so I am shaping up things to return next week and expect to have about a month's "loaf" at the hospital there in Baltimore. After that I shall probably go slowly Westward - whether to remain in California for the rest of the winter or to return to China, I cannot tell as yet. Momentarily I am expecting a cable from Mrs. Luce and I cannot even make a good guess as to what she may decide to do, as there are strong pros and cons on each side. But somehow the Lord leads us step by step in His great goodness, and the way gradually opens as we go forward.

For five years I have worked in one way or another to secure an opportunity of presenting to the Grosse Pointe, Michigan,

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Mrs. William McKelvy -

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October 27, 1925

Presbyterian Church, the needs of the University, and at last the opportunity comes for next Sunday at the morning service. I cannot tell what the outcome may be, but am not sanguine of the immediate results. I can imagine they will have a surprise coming to them when they learn that one Grosse Pointe man (not of the Presbyterian denomination) gave \$100,000 to purchase the campus, which releases \$100,000 to cover the last third of the cost of our Power Plant. I think I may have told you of this interesting fact. He lives not far from the church from which I am to speak.

I shall go right from Grosse Pointe to the hospital in Baltimore.

Your giving this much needed Infirmary to the University brought abiding cheer and comfort to my heart.

With all best wishes,

most cordially yours,

H. W. Luce

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Dated probably early in
Nov. 1925
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5901 Fifth Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Dr. Luce;

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Hoping that you really are improved in health and with my best wishes to Mrs. Luce, I am

Sincerely,

(signed) Ella K. McKelvy

(Mrs. W. M.)

5901 Fifth Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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April 26, 1926

Mrs. William McKelvey
5th Avenue and College Sts.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mrs. McKelvey:

Under another cover I am sending you a new booklet on Peking which I think you will look over with no little interest.

I had been planning to be on my way back to China by this time but instead we are cabling to Mrs. Luce to join me here. They are wanting us, in our service for China, to make our headquarters here. Things have been moving wonderfully in Peking in connection with the University. I will have many things to tell you when I am in Pittsburgh again. Mrs. Luce is delayed in Peking by some prolonged medical treatment and will not arrive until June or even later.

Hoping that these Spring days find you well,

Ever sincerely yours

H.M.S

P.S. Mr. Murphy, our architect, is probably in Peking at this time and I am hoping that very definite plans for the infirmary will be developed.

June 4th '26.

5901 - Fifth Ave.
Pittsburgh - Pa

Peking University
American Office
150 Fifth Ave. New York City.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing my check
for fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000⁰⁰/_{xx})
which completes a pledge made
some time ago to give \$25,000⁰⁰/_{xx}
toward the Infirmary for the Peking
University.

I am also enclosing part of
a letter which explains the two
first gifts made.

As this check will complete

my pledge, I wanted everything perfectly plain. so I sent the letter.

I think you should call the Inferiary the "Leice Inferiary:" for it was entirely through him that I made the subscription. and I know that the University owes much to him and should in some way have his name perpetuated upon the Campus.

Trusting everything is clear and that I have canceled my debt I remain very sincerely

Ella K. McKelvy.
— Mrs. W. M. —

5901 - Fifth Ave.

Pittsburgh Pa.

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Eliza K. McKelvy
June 14, 1926.

Rev. Henry W. Luce, D. D.
Port Pitt Hotel,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Dr. Luce:

As I explained to you in my note written Saturday Mr. Lewis has been so busy since the illness of his little son that he has scarcely been near the office.

It was not until just now that I carefully read the letter from Mrs. McKelvy, a copy of which is enclosed. You are undoubtedly to see her while in Pittsburgh and it will be rather better for you to know the contents of her letter before seeing her.

I have Dr. North's formal receipt for the \$14,000 which I shall mail to Mrs. McKelvy at your suggestion but I thought it rather better to wait until Mr. Lewis returned to the office.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) R. Dean.

Dr. North
note to return

Tellington
June 15/26

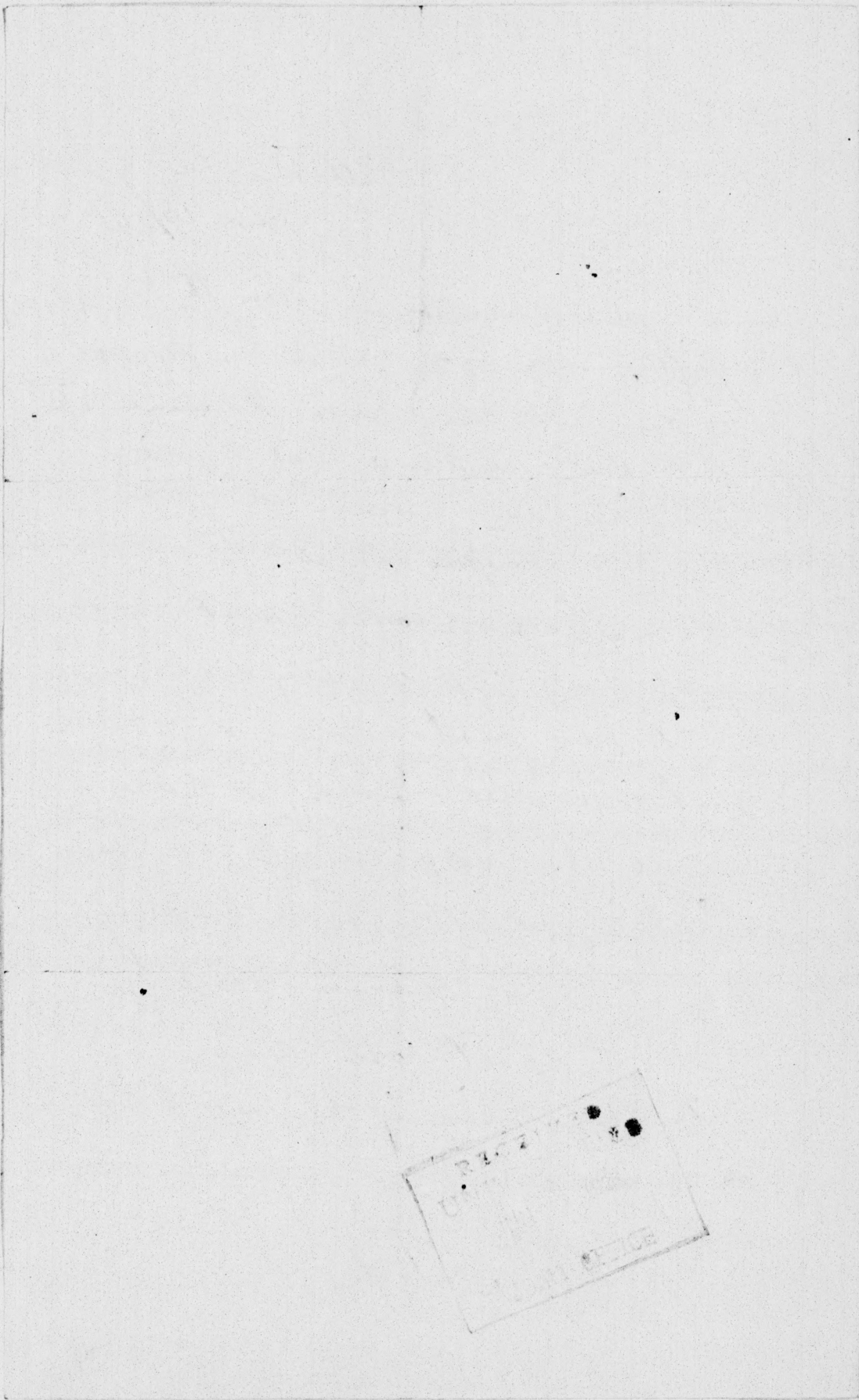
Dr. Jim:

In acknowledging Mrs McKelvy's
gift, say you make her request
to call it the Huce Symposium etc.
but that you know that I greatly
desire the name in that
beautiful campus etc etc.

I see that I can't
graciously refuse any longer,
& it has just occurred to me
that, in due time, I can
make an appeal for another
building in the name of having
the McKelvy name there!

I spent last evening
with her, bringing her up to date
on the thing.

Ever
H. W. L.



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July 1, 1926.

Mrs. W. H. McKelvy,
5901 Fifth Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mrs. McKelvy:

On my return to the office I find the long delay which has held ~~in~~ response to your letter of June fourth enclosing your generous check for \$14,000.00, covering in full your gracious pledge for the infirmary at Peking University.

Of course we shall follow your desires in the matter of naming it and at the meeting of the Executive Committee next week I will inform the Committee of your thoughtful request that it be called the Luce Infirmary. Personally I do agree with you that the long unselfish efforts of Dr. Luce ought to be memorialized in one of the buildings, and surely it could be in no happier way than in the building contributed by yourself and whose purposes will be devoted to caring for those who are sick and restoring them again to health and strength. I am sure that the Trustees will feel as I do; that the building is not only a generous gift but a very thoughtful one.

I am sorry to have delayed so long in replying to your letter. I have been out of the office really all month. All three of my children were ill. My little boy had pneumonia which finally conquered him. I feel that because of those uncontrollable personal events you will pardon this delay.

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosure.

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April 24, 1928

My dear Mrs. McKelvy :

I had occasion to be in Pittsburgh for the larger part of a day last week and called on you while in the neighborhood. The maid said that you were sick. I hope it was only a slight indisposition from which you have since recovered.

In addition to the pleasure of a little visit with you, I had wanted to ask your advice and assistance regarding a lady of whom I had learned in Baltimore. The niece of Mrs. A. F. Gerstell told me that her aunt now living in Easton, Pa. would probably be interested in our University if she knew that you had been for years. When I was a young theological student, I spent a summer in the wilds of West Virginia where a brother of Mr. Gerstell and his wife were the leading spirits in one of the little mountain churches which I tried to serve. It is their daughter now, married and living in Baltimore, who told me of how her uncle had been associated with Mr. McKelvey in business and had been sufficiently successful as to leave his wife in a position to assist enterprises like ours. You are familiar with our problems and are proving yourself so understandingly sympathetic and so generous in regard to our needs that I feel the less reluctant about writing you on such a matter. Would you advise my calling on Mrs. Gerstell and would you be willing to write me a note of introduction telling something of your own attitude to Yenching?

Thanking you again for all your kindness to us, believe me

Yours very sincerely

Mrs. William M. McKelvy
5901 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Penna.

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August 23, 1928

Dear Mrs. McKelvey:

Owing to the care of aged parents, Mrs. Luce and I will not be able to go back to China. You can imagine how great a sorrow this is for us but we rejoice that there is such a wonderful campus and educational buildings there at Peking. Surely anyone who has had a part in its development can rejoice in having a share in one of the finest tasks possible anywhere in the world.

I wish you could see some of the large colored pictures of the buildings that have been fully completed. Under another cover I am sending you a general view of the campus and one of the main building. I have marked an X which is near the spot where the infirmary is being erected. Dr. Stuart told me that he explained to you fully about the delay in completing this building. It is remarkable that during these troublous times we have been able to complete the campus as far as has been done. The general view only shows about half of the campus.

Even in the midst of civil war the University has been greatly blessed; its doors have not had to be closed for a day. We are hoping now that the military stage of China's transition may have been passed (though of this no one can be absolutely sure) and that we are entering on a new period of educational development. At any rate, Yenching is ready for whatever comes and should be adequate for the new situation with its new campus, buildings and strong faculty.

No one who has lived in China as long as we have can quite be happy over not returning, but a very real solace has come to us in that we have been asked to join the Faculty of the Hartford Theological Seminary in its department on China. We are just now again in the midst of one of our many moves and September 1st will find us

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at Hartford. It will be a joy to think and study about and teach China even if one cannot actually be there.

I am wondering how you are and where you are and I hope, if ever your pathway leads to Hartford, you will let us know. We have very wonderful memories in our hearts and not the least of them has been our fellowship with you as you have cooperated with us in the building up of Shantung University and Yenching University. We are glad that in this great day in China these foundations have been laid for her share in the great day that is yet to be.

With warm personal regards and with joy in my heart at the thought of our happy fellowship in the great common task, believe me

Ever sincerely yours,

Mrs. Wm. M. McKelvey
5901 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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MRS. W. M. MCKELVY
5901 FIFTH AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. E. M. Mc Brier:
150 Fifth Ave. N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed my
check for two thousand dollars which
is the amount pledged toward the
University and due this month.

Sincerely

Mrs. W. M. McKelvy.

September eighth.

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November 28, 1928

Dear Mrs. McKelvey:

We have good reason to hope that early next week we shall receive a substantial written pledge reducing to an encouraging degree the amount still needed to complete our campaign. I feel that I should immediately thereafter place a letter in the mail asking the rank and file of our friends to send in contributions no matter how small in the hope that we may make up the balance still needed. I shall be much more likely to succeed if I can inform them that the amount required is relatively small - it should be not more than \$20,000, preferably \$15,000. You see we have already secured about \$40,000 through two letters sent in the summer.

This situation is my excuse for writing to ask whether you will be able to inform me by the first part of next week what your final decision is in regard to an additional pledge. Dr. Jenney and I were sincerely grateful for the patience and generosity which caused you to receive us in such a friendly way in spite of the fact that one is always reluctant to make a second appeal to a friend who has already helped so generously as you have.

Gratefully yours,

Mrs. William M. McKelvy
5901 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Dec 4 1900
MRS. W. M. McKELVY
5901 FIFTH AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Olin D. ~~Wanamaker~~,
Yenching University,
New York.

Dear Sir. In answer to your
letter of Nov. 28th I wish to state
I will try and send in the
next year two thousand to
the campaign. Could not
promise more at this time.

Very Sincerely

Dec, fourth

Ella K. McKelvy
Mrs. W. M. —

Mrs. W. M. McKelvy

\$2,000

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McKelvy, Mrs. Wm. M. (Ella K.)

5901 Fifth Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dec. 4, 1928

Pledge \$2000 - 1928 Camp.-Residence (Pittsburgh Residence)

Gift received	12-7-28
Receipt clip #	----
Entered in central record	✓
" " class card	✓
" " class card	✓
Serial No. on L. card	500 ✓
Pledge # on L. card	✓
X-file card	
Letter ack. sent	12-7-28
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	✓
" " stencil	✓

Payable - "I will try and send
in the next year two thousand
to the Campaign."

The following letter covering this pledge was received from Mrs. McKelvy:

"Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,
Yenching University,
New York.

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Very sincerely,

Ella K. McKelvy

Dec. fourth,

(Mrs. W. M. "

Orig. pledge letter in safe

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September 10, 1929

My dear Mrs. McKelvy:

Thank you very much for your check of \$ 2,000. in full
payment of your pledge to Yenching University.

We appreciate your prompt payment of this pledge and
enclose our official receipt herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Mrs. Wm. M. McKelvy
5901 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburg, Pa.

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Mrs. W.M. McKelvey
5901 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sept. 10, 1929

\$2,000. - In full pledge 1728 Carnegie Residences

Gift received	9-10-29
Receipt slip #	2600
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	600
Pledge label attached	—
X-file cards	—
Letter ack. sent	9-10-29
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	
" " stencil	✓

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McKelvey

April 10, 1930

Dear Mrs. McKelvey:

It gives us great satisfaction here at the office to see the photograph of the infirmary you so generously gave to the University, in its final form with the wings added. I hope it may also give you pleasure.

You will notice that the landscaping of the University campus is still by no means complete. It will take time to get rid of all the look of roughness about the grounds and to get a smooth turf everywhere and larger shade trees. All will come in good time, however, and it takes only a little imagination to realize how beautiful the University grounds will be in their final state.

We are profoundly grateful for the very substantial share you have in making Yenching.

I hope you will enjoy reading our latest booklet which is coming to you under separate cover together with the photograph of the infirmary.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. W. M. McKelvey
5901 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Later - 1-13-31 - we ^{have just} rec'd an enlargement
of a front view - very bare
as to landscaping & so
did not send her a copy

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Saturday, March 28, 1931

Mr. Lockhart McKelvy
Fifth Avenue and College Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Lockhart:

I did not get your telegram until it was too late for me to plan to be with you this afternoon, though my duties here, just at this particular day, may have prevented it in any event. I shall be thinking of you all this afternoon and join you in the spirit of the hour.

In my life time, outside of my immediate family, there have been three women, all my senior in age, whose lives have been inspirations to me and whose sympathy and cooperation have had no little share in whatever service I may have been able to render China during the last quarter of a century -- the critical and inspiring period of that nation's life. Two of them (one of them being your mother) have had a share in building the widely known Shantung Christian University at Tsinan, the strategic capital of the famous Shantung Province; and all three of them have had part in creating Yenching (Peking) University, a University of nation-wide reputation and importance to which students come from every Province in the new Republic. Your mother had a share in ~~both~~ great enterprises. As a witness to her interest there stand today the large and beautiful Kumber Memorial Chapel at the center of the Campus of Shantung University; and the fine and useful Infirmary which nestles in a quiet little nook beside the beautiful lake on the Campus of Yenching.

My part of the task was to interest people in these tasks; and a wearisome job it was. Again and again I arrived at your home so worn and tired that it hardly seemed as if I could go forward; but I never left your home without renewed courage to go forward with the heavy ~~work~~. There are many, many others who no doubt feel as I do, but I am sure that each of us had a special nook in her heart, for her interest was real and deep and personal.

All three of these women were among the most cultured I have ever known, and in each the culture was dominated by a deep and intelligent interest in the movement of Christianity as it spreads to every land in the world.

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Your mother was a wonderful woman who led a wonderful life. The memory of her friendship is one of my abiding possessions. I am sure it will be the same to all who really knew her, not least to those of you who knew her in the intimacy of the home. You have a great heritage in this mother of yours, and we in her sympathetic and inspiring friendship.

In the bonds of happiest memories,

Sincerely your friend,

Henry Whice

April 2, 1931

Mr. Lockhart McKelvy ✓
Fifth Avenue and College St.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McKelvy:

I have just arrived in this country from China and have learned from my dear friend, Dr. Luce, of the passing of your mother into that other life for which all of her life in this world had been so beautiful a preparation. I did not know her as intimately nor for as long a period of years as Dr. Luce, but saw enough of her to understand quite fully all of his feelings of affection and admiration, in which I thoroughly sympathize.

Our university has a permanent evidence of her wise and generous interest in China in the form of the infirmary which bears her name and makes possible our care of sick students. Although I have never had the pleasure of meeting you, allow me to add this expression of sympathy to those you are receiving from others who knew your mother.

Very sincerely yours,

President

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