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August 8, 1926.

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Miss Isabel MacLiesh,
Cragmor Sanitarium,
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Miss MacLiesh:

I have just received a letter from our mutual friend, Miss S. Deborah Haines, who has encouraged me to feel that your friend, Miss Norris, and yourself would be interested in some form of association with those of us who are engaged in the creative task of making Yenching University a Christian institution in the capital of this great country of which forward-looking Americans and Chinese can alike be proud. With all its haunting difficulties, I never lose the thrill of the potentialities of this project, both in carrying forward the Master's dream of a world-wide Kingdom of Heaven, and in expressing American friendly helpfulness to the Chinese people in this time of political disintegration and the consequent suffering of the people, both morally and economically. Perhaps these two objectives are merely different ways of stating the same purpose.

Miss Haines told me something of the environment in which you and Miss Norris are living, and seems to have immensely enjoyed her acquaintance with you both. It happens that within the last two or three years I spent a weekend in Colorado Springs, and had one motor trip in the neighborhood, so that I can quite clearly visualize the description she has given.

Miss Haines indicated that you might be interested in the maintenance of a boy or girl in our college this session. We have many students who are more or less in financial need, and who would greatly appreciate in some cases a loan to be returned and used for another student later on; in other cases a scholarship, according to various circumstances. A hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars a year would be ample for either purpose, and with a number of students could be divided between two, their family making up the difference.

I wonder, however, if it would be any impertinence to suggest that instead of helping the student, you help the University itself at this time of its severest financial strain. Owing to a number of factors with which I shall not bother you, we have been greatly burdened in the completion of our new

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building program and the expansion of our current expenses which the occupancy of the new buildings requires, and which has been accentuated by the large number of students who have been applying for admittance.

The greatest encouragement this particular institution has had is the willingness of the choicest Chinese Christian teachers to associate themselves with us. It is our greatest source of pride and of hopefulness for the future.

On the other hand it has been extremely difficult to secure adequate support for them. I venture to enclose a list of several of them with the salaries we are now paying as reckoned in American money. These men represent the very highest type both of scholarship in their various fields and of Christian character that has yet been produced by the Christian movement in China. If I personally were able to do so, there is nothing that would give me more pleasure than making it possible for one of them to go on with his work and to hear from him constantly as to his own impressions and expectations in it.

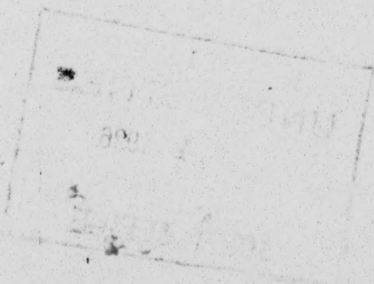
We have a number of graduate student assistants, whose salaries amount to \$350 to \$400 a year American money. If you should care to undertake the support of one of these, I could indicate his name, and I am sure he would be glad to write you frequently.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Miss Haines, also a copy to our New York office. Our Secretary is Doctor Eric F. North, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Trusting that you, possibly in association with Miss Norris, may feel yourself able to cooperate in this enterprise, and that in so doing you will find the satisfaction that we do who are putting our lives into it, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

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SOME OF THE CHINESE INSTRUCTORS IN YENCHING UNIVERSITY.

William Hung, M. A.

Dean of the Men's College of Arts and Sciences,
Head of the Department of History.

Mr. Hung made a brilliant record in America, being valedictorian of his class at Ohio Wesleyan University, and is one of the most gifted Chinese who has studied abroad. Salary \$1800.

P. C. Hsu, M. A.

Mr. Hsu became a Christian when studying in a government college, and has since done special work in Columbia and in Union Seminary, New York. His particular field of interest is in meeting the intellectual objections of the Chinese intelligentsia to Christian faith, and in this endeavor he promises to be remarkably effective. He has become a full-time teacher on our staff this session. Salary \$1200.

B. H. Li, M. A.

In the absence of the Head of the Department of Economics, Mr. Li is now acting as Head, after having had a year and a half of special study in the University of Chicago and in the London School of Economics. He is also doyen of the large Freshman class this year. He has an unusually winsome personality, and we are greatly counting on his influence with these new students.
Salary \$1650.

K. A. Wee, M. A.

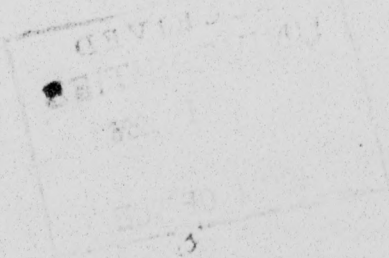
Mr. Wee was born near Singapore, went to America when seven years old, and has become so entirely Americanized that he, although Chinese, was captain of his University baseball team. He is now trying to win back his Chinese heritage while promoting athletics, which with Chinese students has a great deal more moral significance than in America. We need college spirit, the ethics of sportmanship and similar by-products of physical training which in America are often in danger of being developed in excess. Salary \$1000.

Paul C. Chang

One of our own graduates in Leather Tanning, which is a phase of industrial chemistry, actively promoted by us because of its economic possibilities and as part of an effort to break the traditions of the Chinese scholar against doing any manual work. Mr. Chang is doing so well that he will probably say in this Department and assume continually greater responsibility.
Salary \$420.

Y. M. Hsieh, Ph. D.

Doctor Hsieh has just completed his graduate study at the University of Chicago. He also is one of our former students, and has come back to an important position in the Department of Physics. Salary \$1200.



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PEKING UNIVERSITY

Memorandum

May 12, 1927

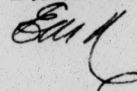
Mr. Evans:

A letter from President Stuart dated February 17th contains the following sentence:

"We have just learned of G.\$1200. toward Wm. Hung's salary given by Miss ~~Hawes~~ of Oklahoma City and Miss MacLeish of Colo. Springs."

I believe I have heard this rumor before but I cannot recollect that we were ever able to substantiate it. Perhaps Miss McCoy will look up the campaign records, and Miss Lane the accounting records and see what information there is.

E.M. North



EMN-H.

CC: Miss Lane

October 24, 1927

Dear Miss MacLiesh:

I have just reached New York and am sending you two pictures of the Heng family which they had taken for Miss Haines and yourself.

I find a letter here from Miss Haines which tells of the trouble in your eyes. May I be allowed to express my sympathy in your affliction? I can especially sympathize since whenever I am not well enough to be actively at work my eyes are usually involved, so that the time that could otherwise be spent in reading has to be more or less wasted. It enables me to understand a little better what your deprivation must be.

Hoping that this and your physical condition generally will steadily improve, and with grateful appreciation for your active interest in what we are working on together, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Isabel MacLiesh
Cragmor Sanitarium
Colorado Springs, Colo.

JLS:LM

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August 14, 1928

My dear Miss MacLiesh:

Just before leaving the city for a short rest after the months of strenuous effort in our campaign I have received a renewal of a \$600.00 pledge toward the salary of Professor William Hung for the coming year. This pledge, however, is conditional. I am extremely anxious to have definite assurance of the rest of Professor Hung's salary because this pledge would not only give us assurance on that one point but it would also be counted as a part of the present campaign and help in that way to meet the conditions attaching to a \$90,000 pledge made by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd of Philadelphia to complete the present building program of the Women's College.

Under these circumstances I hope you will not think me unduly urgent in sending you this personal note asking whether you can graciously promise for the present collegiate year the same generous gift you made last year toward Professor Hung's salary. In November 1927 you contributed \$600 for that purpose. The date of payment for this year would, of course, be left entirely to your own convenience.

Assuring you of our grateful appreciation, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Ishbel M. MacLiesh
Cragmor
Colorado Springs, Colorado

ODW:22

December 3, 1928

My dear Miss MacLiesh:

By special request of President Stuart, we are mailing you under separate cover a colored photograph to give you an impression of one unit of the architect's scheme of Yenching University. The physical equipment of the institution is nearing completion. It is universally recognized as being satisfactory and truly beautiful, harmonizing in a wonderful way with the scenery of the Western Hills and its setting among the ancient Chinese palaces and gardens. We hope that in the midst of this beautiful setting Yenching University will truly embody the spirit of Christ which will give new life to the China now evolving out of ancient Cathay.

You are one of the friends in America without whose generous and devoted help Yenching University could not have come into existence. We hope this picture will bring vividly to your conscience the value of what you have done and be a reminder of our lasting gratitude.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Isabel MacLiesh
Broadmoor
Colorado Springs, Colo.

ODW:LM

MacLiesh, Miss Ishbel M.

Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Aug. 27, 1928

*new
address*

Pledge \$600 for salary of Wm. Hung - 1928 Campaign

Gift received	8-27-28
Receipt slip #	----
Entered on control record	
" " acct. card	
" " contr. list	
Serial No. on L. and card	409
Pledge copy attached	
X-file card	
Letter ack. sent	9/4/28
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	✓
" " stencil	✓

Payable "At my convenience, on
or before Jan. 1, 1929"

On Aug. 19, 1928 Miss MacLiesh wrote as follows on the back of the pledge card which she signed in response to Mr. Wannamaker's letter to her of Aug. 14 regarding the campaign efforts to secure the \$90,000 pledged by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd:

"Dear Mr. Wannamaker: I just received your letter and am most glad to continue my \$600 toward Mr. Hung's salary. Miss Elizabeth Lasell who gave \$600.00 toward Mr. Hung's salary last year is here with me now and wants me to tell you that she will continue her \$600.00 subscription, making the payment in November if you will send her a notice then.

Ishbel M. MacLiesh "

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MacLeish, Miss Ishbel

Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dec. 17, 1928

Pledge \$1000 for 1928 Camp.-Undesig.

Gift received	12-17-28
Received by	-----
Entered on card	✓
" " card	✓
" " card	✓
Serial No. on L. card	567 ✓
Pledge label attached	✓
X-file cards	
Letter ack. sent	12-19-28
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	✓
" " stencil	✓

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Jan. 20

R.R.1
BROADMOOR
COLORADO SPRINGS

My dear Mr. Wammaker:-

My accounts seem somewhat confused. Will you help me straighten them out by telling me how my pledge of \$600⁰⁰ towards Dean Hung's salary for this school year appears on your books? Would it be possible for the \$1,000 I pledged by telegram on Dec. 17 to be applied towards Dean Hung's salary? If possible I should like to pay \$600⁰⁰ for this purpose in October 1929, & the

remaining \$400.00 October
first 1930.

May I take this
opportunity of expressing
my thanks for the most
attractive picture of Genesee?
The buildings are very
beautiful.

Sincerely,
(Miss) Isabel M. Mac Leish

December 19, 1928

My dear Miss MacLeish:

Please permit me to thank you most gratefully for your kindness in sending the telegraphed pledge for an additional \$1,000 in order to enable us to complete our campaign. It was very gracious of you to help us in this way. With so few days left in which to reach our goal of \$500,000, we were compelled to call upon a certain number of our friends by telegraph. We were very happy to be able to tell you that our campaign objective has been reached. In a few days we shall send out a general letter to all our generous friends, giving them this news, but we want you to be one of the first to hear it.

We are enclosing herewith for your own records a pledge card, made up as fully as we could from your telegram.

With sincerest thanks for your gift, we are

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Ishbel MacLeish
Colorado Springs, Col.

ODW:LP

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February 1, 1929

Dear Miss MacLeish:

I take pleasure in replying to your inquiry about our record of your pledges. I hope they are entirely correct and satisfactory to you.

On August 19, 1928 you wrote that you and Miss Lasell wished to extend your pledges of \$600 each for 1928-29 on the salary of Professor William Hung and indicated that you would make payment in January, 1929. Miss Lasell pledged payment in November 1928 and has already paid her pledge. On December 17, 1928 you telegraphed a promise to pay \$1,000 toward completion of our campaign.

A pledge at that time toward the salary of Professor Hung would not have done anything to help us to complete the campaign for the reason that he had definite objectives to meet and the only kind of pledge that would meet these would be one for the specified objectives or one left undesignated so that the finance committee could allocate it to whatever objective required that pledge. The total amount we finally secured as specified for the objectives and as undesignated did enable the finance committee through these contributions to meet all the objectives and secure the conditional pledge of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd for \$90,000. In other words, it would not be in keeping with the conditions of the campaign to consider the \$1,000 you pledged as intended for the salary of Professor Hung.

If it is convenient for you to pay at this time the pledge of \$600 toward Professor Hung's salary, we should be very happy to have you carry out the suggestion you make in your note of paying \$600 of the \$1,000 next October and the remaining \$400 in October 1930. I know you are, of course, entirely free to postpone payment of this \$1,000 pledge much longer if more convenient to you, since you indicated in your telegram that the pledge would be payable during a period of five years.

Please let me know if anything is not clear in regard to this matter and be assured of our grateful appreciation of your help.

Sincerely,

Assistant to the President

Miss Ishbel MacLeish
Broadmoor, R.R.1
Colorado Springs, Colorado

ODW:BB

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Feb 6

R.R.1
BROADMOOR
COLORADO SPRINGS

Dear Mr. Wammanaker:-

I enclose my check for \$600.00 in payment of my pledge toward Dean Huns' salary for the current school year.

Since my pledge of \$1000.00 cannot properly be applied to Dean Huns' salary I shall probably pay it as I originally pledged it, \$200.00 a year for five years. This is the way you had best enter it on your books.

If I find I can pay it
more rapidly than that
I shall do so.

May I thank the
University through you
for the two charming
hangings which I received
last week?

Very sincerely,
Isabel M. Mac Lish

MacLeish, Miss Ishbel M.

R.R.#1, Broadmoor,
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Feb. 11, 1929

8600 Edward William Hung's salary for year 1928-1929

DATE	2-11-29
AMOUNT	2350
REMARKS	
PAID TO	
BY	
CHECK NO.	409
DATE	2/13/29
REMARKS	
" " " "	
" " " "	

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Feb. 24.
1929

R. R. 1
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Dear Mr. Wamacher:

I should be glad
to be reminded of my
pledge of \$2.00 a year for
five years. I shall pay
it April first.

Sincerely,

Edith M. MacLean

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February 13, 1929

My dear Miss MacLeish:

After a week's absence from the office I am happy to find upon my return that you have generously aided us once more with your check in payment of a pledge toward Professor Hung's salary. Please accept also my thanks for the intention you express of paying \$200 a year for five years on your \$1,000 pledge. Are we to remind you at certain dates as we customarily do in the case of persons who have made such pledges? This will be only for your own convenience. If we are to remind you, will you kindly mention some date during the year when you wish us to send such reminder.

We are enclosing herewith the official receipt of the University for \$600.

With renewed thanks, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Ishbel MacLeish
R.R.#1, Broadmoor
Colorado Springs, Colorado

ODW:BB

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April 17, 1929

My dear Miss MacLeish:

Thank you very much for your check for \$200.00 which came this morning as payment of the first instalment on your pledge of \$1,000.00 to the 1928 Campaign of Yenching University. Our official receipt is enclosed herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Ishbel M. MacLeish
Broadmor, R. R. #1
Colorado Springs, Colo.

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MacLeish, Miss Ishbel M.

Broadmor, R.R.#1
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Apr. 17, 1929

\$200 toward pledge #567 to 1928 Camp.-Undesig.

Gift received	4-17-29
Receipt stamp	2439
Entered on central record	✓
" " class card	✓
" " class card	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	567 ✓
Pledge receipt attached	✓
X-file cards	_____
Letter ack. sent	4-17-29
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	✓
" " stencil	✓

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March 21, 1930

My dear Miss Macleish:

You, Miss Lasell, and Miss Haines have generously contributed a number of times the salary of Professor William Hung of the Yenching faculty. He is certainly one of the outstanding personalities at Yenching and your generosity in helping us to maintain him could not have been applied to anything more valuable.

Professor Hung is now provided for through the connection of his department to the Harvard-Yenching Institute. We are, therefore, venturing to inquire whether you three ladies will generously renew your contribution for the present year and permit it to be applied to the salary of Professor S. F. Wang. He, also, is one of the most valuable of our Chinese professors and one for whom we have no special source of support. There is a special satisfaction in having the general friendly relationship between China and America and our general Christian interest in China made more human and personal through the establishment of this direct tie between a single giver or a small group of givers in America and one of our most important Chinese teachers at the University.

I have a letter from Miss Haines pledging her contribution for the year and consenting to this transfer providing I can obtain the total amount of the salary. Each of you has been giving \$600 a year. I hope that you may see fit to join the two other ladies in this renewed help to the University.

Gratefully yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Ishbel Macleish
R.R.#1, Broadmoor
Colorado Springs, Colo.

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LA FONDA
Santa Fe, New Mexico
THE HARVEY COMPANY

pledge file
in copy.

March 28
1930

Dear Mr. Wammacher:-

I shall be glad
to contribute toward
the salary of Professor
Wang for the present
year. I can send you
the \$600 about April 15
if that is satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Mac Leish

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MacLeish
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MacLeish, Miss Ishbel M.

Route #1, Colorado Springs

Colorado

April 4, 1930

Pledge \$600 - for salary Prof. S.F. Wang
for 1929-30

Gift received	3-31-30
Receipt slip #	-----
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	
" " conf. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	917
Pledge label attached	✓
X-File cards	
Letter ask. sent	4-10-30
Checked for O. L.	
" " class card	ML
" " attach	Renewal ✓

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Payable at her convenience
on or before Apr. 15, 1930

This pledge was cancelled
by a letter dated 6-4-30

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April 10, 1930

Dear Miss MacLeish:

Seldom could a pledge for financial help be more gratefully received than yours for \$ 600, which has just come. I do not think we have ever faced conditions more difficult in the matter of raising funds for the University. President Stuart is here, and we are doing everything in our power by all the usual contrivances to interest new friends. We are succeeding to a moderate degree, but the psychology of the country is not favorable and we should tend to become discouraged if such friends as you did not stand by us in this generous fashion.

With assurances of our heart-felt appreciation, I remain

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Ishbel MacLeish
Route #1
Colorado Spgs., Colo.

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P.S. A copy of your pledge is enclosed for your own record.

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Excerpt from letter of May 17, 1930

Mr. Geo. S. Conant to Mr. Hedrick

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"The two pledges enclosed are signed by a Miss Ishbel MacLeish, Colorado Springs, who has been contributing some money in the past to Yenching and felt that she could promise \$600.00 per year for five years, to be used for current expenses or otherwise if desirable, and sometime during the next five years she will pay the \$2000.00 to the Endowment Fund."

The \$600 she had already pledged was due Apr. 15th and was to be for salary of F. S. Wang who has taken Wu. Hung's place with these 3 women - Miss Haines, Miss Lasell + Miss MacLe

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New York, N.Y.
May 20th
1930

Mr. O. D. Wannemaker,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Wannemaker:

Enclosed please find two
subscriptions sent in by Mr. Conant; from Miss MacLeish.

Also enclosed is a letter
copied from Mr. Conant's report received May 17, 1930.

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Yours very truly,

PIERCE & HEDRICK, Inc.

W. S. Rosenblager

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May 24, 1930

My dear Miss MacLeish:

We are deeply grateful to you for your generous pledge of \$3,000 payable semi-annually. We are also much grateful for the pledge of \$2,000 payable in a single sum.

It has been so difficult during the past winter and this spring to raise funds for the University that such a generous response as yours merits more than usual gratitude from us. I am sure you will understand that we are sincerely grateful to you.

May I venture to ask for your interpretation in one detail?

We had previously from you a pledge for \$600 payable at your convenience on or before April 15, 1930. This was to constitute a part of the salary of S. F. Wang, who has been substituted during this present year in place of Professor William Hung, receiving his salary from the Harvard-Yenching Institute. Do you intend to pay this \$600 before the end of the present fiscal year June 30, 1930, and begin your additional payments on the five year pledge in October?

Awaiting your pleasure in this matter, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Ishbel MacLeish
Marland Road - R.F. #1
Colorado Springs, Colo.

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June 13, 1930

Dear Miss MacLeish:

Mr. Wannamaker has handed me your two pledges - one for \$3000 for current expenses and one for \$2000 to apply toward the general endowment fund for Yenching.

We feel that it is extremely generous of you to send these additional gifts and we wish you to know that they are appreciated. In these discouraging times it is very cheering to have the continued faith and aid of our old friends.

In order that your own records may be complete, we are enclosing copies of the two pledges herewith,

In recording these, our attention is called to the fact that there is now due the second annual payment of \$200 on your pledge of \$1000 made in December 1928. If convenient for you, may we have your check covering this amount? Mr. Wannamaker has informed me that you feel it is necessary to cancel your pledge for \$600 which was also due last April, and we are accordingly marking our records in this way.

With sincere thanks for your help, we are

Very sincerely yours,

Corresponding Secretary

Miss Ishbel MacLeish
Marland Road, Route #1
Colorado Springs, Colo.

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June 4

1930

R. R. 1
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Dear Mr. Wammacher:-

I in reply to your letter of May 24th I am sorry to say that I cannot pay the \$600 I pledged for Mr. Wang's salary for this fiscal year. I am sorry to fail in this, but it is unavoidable & I only hope it does not inconvenience you too much. I shall begin payments

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in October of my five year
pledge of \$600 yearly. I
should be glad to be
reminded from time
to time of the \$2,000 pledge.
I can pay nothing on
it for at least eighteen
months, but after that
I should like to begin
to pay it off & should
be glad to be reminded
of it.

Sincerely,

Isabel M. Mac Leish

MacLeish, Miss Ishbel

Marland Road, Route #1

Colorado Springs, Colo.

June 13, 1930

Pledge \$3000 for 1929-30 Camp - Current Exp.
payable in 10 semi-ann.
instal. beg. Oct. 1, 1930

Pledge \$2000 - 1929-30 Camp - Gen'l Endow.
payable "before 1936 or
longer if necessary"

Gift received	5-22-30
Receipt slip #	
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	1017 and 1018 for
Pledge signal attached	\$3000 and \$2000
X-file cards	respectively
Letter ack. sent	6-13-30
Checked for O. L.	
" " class card ML	✓
" " stencil Renewal	✓

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July 6

R. R. 1
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Yenching University
New York City
Dear Sirs:-

I enclose my
check for \$200 on my
pledge due you.

Very truly,
Isabel M. Mac Leish

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Mac Leish, Miss Isobel
Broadmoor SPR
Colorado Springs
Colo.

July 9, 1930

\$200 - 1928 Camp - - undersig.
(2nd ann. pay.)

Gift received	7-9-30
Receipt slip #	2809
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on card and card	567
Pledge slip returned	✓
X-file card	
Letter acknowledgment	7-11-30
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	ML ✓
" " stencil	Renewal ✓

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MacLeish, Miss Ishbel M.

Broadmoor R.R.#1

Colorado Springs, Colo.

Oct. 16, 1930

\$ 300 - 1929-30 Camp. - Curr. Expenses

Gift received 10-16-30
Receipt slip # 2868
Entered on control record ✓
" " acct. card ✓
" " centr. list ✓
Serial No. on L. and card 1017 ✓
Pledge signal attached ✓
X-file cards
Letter ack. sent 10-17-30
Checked for O. L. ✓
" " class-card ML ✓
" " stencil - Renewal ✓

(1st serv. - ann.
payment on
pledge)

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Feb. 9

1931

R. R. 1
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

*copied for
2-19-31*

Dear Mr. Wammanaker:-

This is a letter I
write very much I didn't
have to write. But I feel
it is only fair to explain
the situation to you
quite frankly. The truth
of the matter is that I
shall have to default
in my payments to
you here. I am dreadfully
sorry & I am doubly
sorry to have to tell
you this now, as I imag-

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and this is proving a hard
year for you & no doubt
others have also failed
in their pledges. But to be
quite frank, my income
has been cut in half,
which means that I
have nothing over & above
my living expenses which
I can give away. Further-
more, this reduction
will apparently be per-
manent & I cannot
therefore fulfill my pledges
in the future any better
than I can now. I can
do nothing for it then
but to cross me off
your list as a "bad

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pledge." I am dreadfully
sorry & somewhat ashamed,
as I greatly dislike
failing in this way.

You can rest assured
that I shall remain
a friend of you during
& that if my financial
situation should by any
chance change in the
future I shall make
good as much of my
pledge as I can.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Mac Leish

July 11, 1930

My dear Miss MacLeish:

Thank you very much for your check of \$200 in payment of the second annual instalment on your pledge of December 1928. We are enclosing our official receipt for this amount.

Very sincerely yours,

Corresponding Secretary

Miss Ishbel M. MacLeish
Broadmoor, R.R. #1
Colorado Springs, Colorado

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October 17, 1930

My dear Miss MacLeish:

Thank you very much for your check for \$300. which came today
as your first semi-annual payment on pledge No. 1017.

Our official receipt in this amount is enclosed herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

Corresponding Secretary

Miss Ishbel MacLeish
Broadmoor R.R.#1
Colorado Springs, Colo.

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February 19, 1931

My dear Miss Macleish:

I am deeply distressed to learn that the almost unprecedented financial depression has meant such a serious thing to you personally. I assure you that my reaction to your letter of February 9th is primarily one of regret for your own sake rather than that of Yenching University. When such generous friends of educational and philanthropic institutions like you suffer such serious losses, the diminution of potential help to persons and institutions in future means far more than the immediate loss to some one institution at the moment.

We are making note in our records of your inability to carry out your intention with reference to Yenching, and we understand fully that anything you might do in the future will be out of the generous impulse of your own heart and only in case conditions are greatly improved.

If Doctor Stuart were here he would wish to join with me in this expression of our feeling regarding your present situation.

With deepest appreciation.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Ishbel Macleish
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Colorado Springs, Colo.

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May 5, 1932

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Dear Miss MacLeish:

Please be assured that I should not write you this letter but for the greatest crisis which has faced Yenching University for years past. I am not unmindful of your candid statement that you were forced to abandon the payment of your pledges to the University. I am sure you will not think it amiss for me to state a situation in which we find ourselves. If you are in position to do anything whatever to help us, I know you will. If no help is possible on your part, be assured that we shall be none the less grateful for all that you did for the University during a number of years.

The whole division of the natural sciences has been dependent upon grants from two Foundations in America. In 1929 the Rockefeller Foundation offered to fund its annual grant of \$12,500 with an endowment gift of \$250,000, provided we could match that with an equal sum by June 30th of this year. We are able to report to the Foundation \$175,000 toward the condition. We have been surprised and shocked to be informed in reply that the offer of \$250,000 will be cancelled ~~and~~ we comply completely with the conditions by June 30th, and moreover, the annual grant of \$12,500 will be cancelled at the same time.

Whatever may be the reason for this inflexible attitude of the Foundation, we can do nothing to change it. We must use every conceivable means to raise \$75,000 between now and June 30th, in cash and bonafide pledges. The Foundation at present states that the whole amount must in cash, but we believe that it will accept a considerable portion in pledges if we cannot obtain all in cash.

Now I have stated our critical emergency. Knowing how unselfish and devoted has been your interest in Yenching, I am quite sure that you will do anything in your power to help us. Can you re-assume any portion of your unpaid pledges? Are you in position to promise to pay any portion in the next one or two years? Can you make any cash payment before June 30th, which ends the allowance of time we have from the Foundation?

With grateful appreciation of your generous interest,

I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Miss Isabel MacLeish
Broadmoor, R.R.1
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Assistant to the President

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