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Dr. Henry W. Luce,  
c/o Portland Hotel,  
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Dr. Luce:

Permit me in behalf of the college and personally to express to you our appreciation for the splendid contribution which you made to our college and to us as individuals on Tuesday. We appreciate very greatly your coming to us.

I am writing Dr. Hung concerning the possibility of our securing him for an engagement at the college before his return to China. I hope very much that we may be fortunate enough to secure him.

I shall be so glad to have any suggestions or any advice from you concerning my proposed work and trip to China, and assure you that I am looking forward with much eagerness to the time when I shall be able to have a share in the development of Peking University.

Very respectfully yours,

*Ava B. Milam*

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April 5, 1922.

Dr. Henry W. Luce,  
Vice Pres. Peking University,  
c/o 156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Luce:

The copies of Peking News and your letter have reached my office. I shall see that these papers are distributed to members of the staff who will take a real interest in the University.

I am enclosing a list of names to whom this News might go regularly for I think every one of them will be interested. I have given more than you suggested but if you think there are too many you can take them in the order that I have given.

I think all of the pledges which have been made for Yenching and the other women's colleges of the Orient have been received. Miss Gladys Taylor, the Y. W. C. A. Secretary who was in charge of collecting this will soon have her final report ready. The checks which came in after you were here we put into this fund for the seven colleges, for the Orient. I gathered that was according to your wish. I hope that I was correct.

We did enjoy your address at our college and the opportunity to become acquainted with you. The interest you manifested in our proposed work in China was very stimulating, and I thank you most heartily for the two letters of introduction which you sent to me. I was under the impression that you were returning to China immediately following your visit here, so I was surprised but glad to receive your letter from New York.

I hope you will not hesitate to call upon me when I may be of any service in furthering the work of Peking University.

With sincerest regards, I am

Very respectfully yours,

ABM.W  
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*Ava B. Milam*



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June 20, 1922

Dr. H. M. Luce,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Luce:

I wish to acknowledge your letter which I have just received and which I appreciate greatly. I thank you most heartily for your good wishes and for your interest in furnishing me letters of introduction to those sailing on the same boat that Miss Mills and I are planning to go out on. I am sure this will mean a great deal to us and we shall be very happy indeed to have such letters.

According to present plans we are sailing on the Admiral Line from Seattle, September 2. The name of the boat is "Silver State". According to the suggestions of Mrs. Frame and other members of the faculty of Peking University Miss Mills and I part in Shanghai. She will go right on to Peking in order to enter the language school which begins in early October, and I am to go on down to Canton and begin my study there working on up to Peking by the beginning of the second semester. During the second semester the hope now is that in cooperation with the Sociology department we may be able to develop plans for a survey of some of the homes of Peking, securing the help of the advanced students who speak English and who would be interested in this survey. After a year of investigation and study we hope to be able to organize and start the department of Home Economics.

I am hoping that I may have ample introductions to Canton and the other places I expect to study before reaching Peking. I assure you that I shall appreciate very greatly anything that you can do to help us in the work which we are so eager to make worth while for all concerned.

I am most interested to hear that you and Dr. Hung are to remain in this country another year. I regret that I shall not have the association with you next year, but shall look forward to your being in Peking a year before I depart. I am sorry indeed that President Stuart could not visit Corvallis while he was in this country, but I hope on some future trip that he may be able to include our college on his itinerary.

With genuine appreciation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

ABM.W

ANNUAL MEETING, AMERICAN HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION, CORVALLIS, OREGON, AUGUST 1-5, 1922

*Ava B. Milam*

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Rev & Mr Richard Doxer.

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Miss Alice Carpenter going to S. China

Miss Grace Darling N. China

Mr & Mrs B A Garside Shanghai

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Nov. 6, 1922.

Dr. H. W. Luce,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Luce:-

I was very glad indeed to have your letter, and to assure you that I shall be happy to write you later should I be able to send any material which I think will be helpful in the campaign which you are conducting. I am sorry that you are not in China during my stay here, but I hope that you may return next year before I leave for the States. According to my plans, I am expecting to be here a year and a half, so shall probably be leaving Peking about the end of the first semester of next year.

Miss Mills and I had a very pleasant journey across, and I had a very helpful and pleasant two weeks in Peking. Since then I have been visiting schools and homes, and also Y. W. C. A.'s where that organization exists, in the following places:- Wuchang, Hanyang, Hankow, Kiukiang, Anking, Nanking, Soochow, Hangchow, and Shanghai. To-night I am planning to leave for Foochow. According to my present plans I should return to Peking about the middle of January, stopping at Tsinan, Tientsin, and Taianfu on my trip north.

I have found splendid response in all of these schools, and as a result I am going to have quite a detailed questionnaire filled out, which should give me information on home life in these different sections in China and for different classes of homes. This work is being done in most places in school time under the supervision of foreign teachers. The questionnaire is being translated into Chinese and printed, and is being sent to these various schools which have agreed to fill them out. Already more than 1200 have been promised, so I am greatly encouraged. I believe there is a splendid future for Home Economics work in China, and for Peking University in training teachers for this subject.

Very sincerely,

*Anna B. Mills*

ABM/BAH

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Mar. 6, 1923.

Dr. H. W. Luce,  
Room 912, 156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Luce:-

I was very glad to have your letter written Jan. 2nd. I found it upon my arrival in Shanghai a few days ago. I have been delayed on my trip, due to a little illness, more fatigue and strain than anything else, as a result of a shock which came when the news of my father's death reached me, after my arrival in China.

I feel quite well now, and hope to reach Peking about the middle of March, and there study the answers to our questionnaires which have been filled out in various sections of China. These questionnaires are designed to give detailed information on home life, which will supplement that which I have been able to get on my trip.

I have not forgotten my promise, and hope to really send you something you can use in the Peking News. I am afraid I shall not be able to do that until I get settled down in Peking.

With regard to the making of this Corvallis mailing list for Peking News, I would suggest that in addition to the names I have given you, copies be sent to the following:-

✓ Miss Lucy Lewis, Librarian at O. A. C.  
The President of the student body. (I do not know his name, but this will reach him.)  
President of the Y. M. C. A.  
President of the Y. W. C. A.  
Miss Gladys Taylor, Secretary of the Y. W. C. A.  
President of the Woman's League.  
President of the Home Economics Club.  
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Dean J. E. Covall  
Dean A. B. Cordley  
Dean Adolph Ziefle

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Dr. Luce, -2

Mar. 6, 1923.

Executive Secretary, W. A. Jenson  
Dean Newton,  
Dean Peary

I think I gave you ~~President Kerr's name~~, ~~Miss Zelta~~  
~~Reike~~, the Alumnae Secretary's name, and ~~Mrs. J. A. Hansen~~,  
Route 2, Corvallis. You might also send a copy to me at the  
School of Home Economics, and I shall ask that it be kept on file  
for my use later.

I am sure that all these people I have mentioned will  
be interested in the News and in the illustrated pamphlet. If  
you do not have enough copies of the pamphlet to send to all of  
these, you might choose in order as I have named them.

You speak of Miss Evangeline Thurber. I think someone  
else must have given you her name, as I do not know her. Perhaps  
she belongs to some other college, as I think we have no-one of  
that name on our staff, and I do not know any student by that name.

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

ABM/BAH

Paul B. Milam

And also three copies of Pamphlet  
and three copies of last one or two  
Peking News to Miss Lucy Lewis  
Librarian O.C.A. with the following note:

My dear Miss Lewis:

Under another cover I am sending you  
three copies of our new Peking University  
Pamphlet. Will you see that they are passed  
around to those on the enclosed list, which  
Dean A. P. Milam sent me from China. Those on the  
list will be sent the "Peking News" regularly. I hope you

"place" this literature  
to those bringing the largest number of students & faculty  
Peking too fills understood what Dean Milam  
way report a later. They send your  
Wishes



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~~Alumni Association~~  
Oregon State Agricultural College  
Corvallis, Oregon

April 18, 1924.

Mr. H. W. Luce,  
% Churchill Hotel,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Luce:

Upon receipt of your letter of April 10 I conferred with the President's office and was informed that all the convocation speakers for the remainder of the school year have been selected. I then conferred with the Y. M. C. A. offices and with the acting dean of home economics and it was suggested that a public five o'clock meeting on any day that you might be here could no doubt be arranged and a large attendance expected.

Miss Milam is expected to reach San Francisco on the President Lincoln on May 1 and after a few days stay in California reach here about May 10. Should you wish to learn more of her plans and arrange a meeting with her, perhaps, write her sister Miss Lottie Milam, % Modesto Junior Colg., Modesto, California.

Dr. F. A. Magruden, professor of political science, said he would be delighted to have his students hear you should you come. The entire school of home economics will also welcome your coming. The women of this school attempted some plan of financial support toward Peking University last year, but I believe it was more or less personal aid or contributions through Miss Milam or Miss Mills, an O. A. C. graduate who is remaining to teach in the home economics department.

Please let us know the time of your arrival in Corvallis. I trust that you may be able to come.

Very sincerely,

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General Secretary.

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*Corvallis Agricultural College  
(of Oregon State Univ)  
at Corvallis.*

Seattle, Washington  
May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1924.

Dear President Kerr:

I was sorry that my visit to Corvallis coincided with your absence from town. I was also disappointed in not being able to see Dean Milan in San Francisco. I should have been able to have done so if her boat had arrived on scheduled time.

It is possible that her friends at Corvallis appreciate the greatness of the task on which she has been working. I can think of no department of learning which we have endeavored to establish in China that has been developed in a more opportune way than the Department of Domestic Science at Peking University.

For the last ten or twelve years, missionaries here and there have been making sporadic efforts along this line. Just at the proper time, Dean Milan, with her long experience and expert knowledge of this science, was able to go to China. Very happily Miss Mills could go with her and on the basis of Dean Milan's study and travel in China, they could together establish this department at Peking. Thus, in an entirely scientific way, this department is launched in China now which will, directly and indirectly, affect millions of homes in China. I do not think it is easy to overstate the service which she has rendered and which the O.A.C. has rendered to her.

*Leaves note →*  
It is possible you are acquainted with the movement now widespread among the colleges which is linking up the colleges and universities in this line with those in other lines. It seems a most natural thing for a university or a college in this land to project itself into a university or college out there. Princeton University has now definitely decided to develop a Department of Social Science in Peking University through the informal co-operation of graduates and undergraduates, and various interested professors. I hope some plan can be worked out through which the students and professors at Corvallis can continue their interest and co-operate in the development of the Department of Domestic Science, Peking University. I should be glad if you would talk the matter over with Dean Milan. On our part, we stand ready to co-operate in every way in our power.

Ever sincerely yours,

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*Miss Ann B. Milam  
Prov. of Dept. of Domestic  
Science, Corvallis  
Oregon  
who returned West  
from Peking College  
- You Ching College*

Seattle, Washington.  
May 7th, 1924.

Dear Miss Milan:

It was with keen disappointment that I found I should not be able to see you, but I did my best to prepare the way for your coming to Corvallis. Miss Peike will tell you about the details of our visit. I was sorry that I could not devote more time there, but my schedule has been very strenuous and I had much ground to cover. Indeed, many things will be left undone, although we are working every minute until our sailing tomorrow.

Believing as I do that every university in the United States of any standing will before long be connected and affiliated with some university on the foreign field, I feel sure we ought to take advantage of the present personal relationships to cement still further the relationship of Oregon University and Peking University.

How I should like to have talked over with you some of the experiences you have had during the last two years. I hope that the prophesies I made before you went you have found measurably true. I feel very certain that you will put down the experiences and opportunities for great service during the last two years as among the most important in your life. It is surely a wonderful thing to be thankful for, that you could have been at the very beginning the one who was to bring together on a thoroughly scientific basis the sporadic experiment in Domestic Science and establish the department at Peking, which directly and indirectly will affect millions of homes scattered throughout the great Chinese people. Perhaps you may come to think of it as potentially one of the greatest services you have been permitted to render mankind.

Now if on the basis of this experience, you can add to it yet the other service of uniting our two universities, certainly that will be a natural crown to it all. If any plans in carrying this out should be formed I should be most happy if you would let me know, care of Peking University, Peking, China. We shall still keep our American office at New York open. It is a most happy turn of affairs that has brought Mr. James H. Lewis (some of the late Bishop Lewis of China) who himself was at the old Peking University for three years, to be our executive secretary. Feel

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free to consult him about any matter that may arise. You can get any additional literature that you desire from him and he will put any names on the list for receiving the "Peking News" which you may send him.

I am hoping to spend May 30th with my daughter at Tsinan and reach Peking on May 31st.

With all best wishes, believe me,

Most sincerely yours,

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*Scholarship* Oregon State  
Agricultural  
College

June 6, 1924.

President J. L. Stuart and  
Vice-President Luce,  
Peking University,  
Peking, China.

My dear President Stuart and Dr. Luce:

I am addressing this letter to both of you because I am hoping that both will be interested in the things I have to tell you.

Dr. Luce's letter to President Kerr concerning O.A.C.'s connecting with Peking has resulted in this year's offer of a scholarship to Miss Ho Ching An, a graduate student of Yenching Women's College. We estimated that it would cost approximately \$1,500 to bring Miss Ho here and have her return to Peking, and give her a year and a summer session of our technical work in Home Economics.

The understanding is that Miss Ho is to return to Peking to work with Miss Mills in developing the Home Economics Department in our Peking University.

Our Home Economics faculty was greatly interested in the project, and offered to meet a half of the expenses, provided the students would assume the other half. The Home Economics Club, which consists of all the students in Home Economics, considered the matter and decided that they, with the assistance of the Home Economics Alumni, would be glad to assume this responsibility. They hope with the assistance of the faculty and alumni to raise approximately \$1,500. Their pledges have not all been made, but they are being made for small sums which some of them are hoping to earn during the summer months.

They authorized me, and the President's office approved of my sending a radio yesterday to Mrs. Frame, informing her of this scholarship. This will give Miss Ho time to make reservations and to reach us at the beginning of the college year. We will be glad to have her in Peking University. We believe that as a result of this financial respon-

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We believe that as a result of this financial responsibility which the Home Economics students and faculty have assumed, there will be great interest in Peking University and in Miss Ho while she is on the campus and after she leaves us.

In looking toward the immediate future, the training of Chinese leadership to work with Miss Mills in this field of education seemed to me to be our greatest need for the Home Economics work at Peking University. I hope very much that this will prove to be a lasting bond between our institutions.

Sincerely,

*A. B. Millar*

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For reference in our Peking University.  
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I am addressing this letter to you of the Home Economics Department at Peking University.

Very truly yours,

Home Economics Department  
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The Department is interested in the work of the Home Economics Department at Peking University.

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HELEN LEE DAVIS, VICE-DEAN

April 12th, 1928.

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

My dear Dr. Stuart:

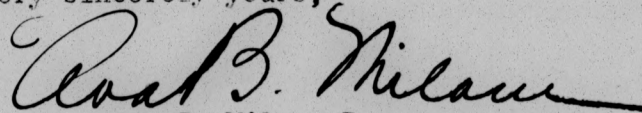
I have been called to Washington, D.C. on Land Grant Survey work under the Bureau of Education. I am planning now to be there during the first week of May. Am leaving today for California and some meetings with our Home Economics alumni in California. I go from there to Chicago and on to New York, hoping to be there the 27th, 28th and 29th with Miss Mills in International House. If you are in New York at that time, I hope very much I can see you. I plan to spend the 25th in Chicago and can be reached care of Mrs. R. Scott Miner, 6550 University Avenue.

I have been interested in the Yenching news letters and am sure that you have had a very strenuous and busy year in America.

I know you will be glad to hear that Miss Caroline Chenn and Miss Kung are both doing excellent work on our campus. I am very happy Miss Mills is returning to Yenching and that Miss Chenn has accepted the offer to teach there with her.

Hoping to see you, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Ava B. Milam, Dean  
School of Home Economics.

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Dictated but not signed.

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HELEN LEE DAVIS, VICE-DEAN

December 26, 1929

President J. Leighton Stuart,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear President Stuart:

I have just acknowledged a letter from Mr. Wannamaker relative to the list of faulty and alumni in the United States. I find that I can not supplement this list. I think it is very splendid that Yenching University is keeping in such close touch with alumni and former staff members. I am so glad to have these contacts and appreciate greatly the efforts of the committee in accomplishing this.

I want to call your attention to Miss Lan Chen Kung who <sup>is</sup> is now at International House studying at Teachers College, Columbia. You may recall that she was with us for two years and took her Bachelor degree in Home Economics here, and is now doing special work in nutrition and supplementary fields under Dr. Sherman and Dr. Rose. I have written you a number of times about her. May I only add now that I consider her a very superior student and a promising teacher, and I hope that she will return to Yenching to work with Camilla and Caroline. I think Lan Chen has much to give in this field of work. I have talked with her quite at length a number of times concerning her tendency to "hew to the line and let the chips fall where they may". She sets out on a goal of intellectual attainment and she accomplishes this but she underestimates the importance of human relationships. She is inclined to be quite critical not only of others but also of herself. We have talked many times about this criticism and the failure of interest in other people. I have tried to point out to her that her work in nutrition is of little value unless it is applied to the welfare of human beings. At heart she is right and fine and I believe she tries to overcome this weakness to which I referred. After she left Corvallis she told me that we had taught her something she had never known before--the importance of human relationships. She writes to me about every two weeks, and a short time ago she wrote me that she thought she would move out of International House for she found it difficult to study as much as she should. I wrote back to her reminding her of the value of contacts with others and that I was not in the least concerned over her scholarship and hoped that her contacts would not be lessened. I do not know what her decision will be.

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Dec. 26, 1929

I felt that with your contacts with her you would like to have this background. I believe she has tremendous promise if she will not permit this tendency, to which I have referred, carry her too far. This is a criticism which has been made by a number of people concerning her and is something I think should not be ignored as it is bound to have a decided effect upon her success.

I do hope very much that your travels will bring you near Oregon while you are in the States, that I may have a chance to talk over a number of things with you.

*You ask for suggestions concerning the Campaign -*  
 I wish very much I had contacts with people of wealth who might see their way clear to aid in this important missionary work. Might it not be worthwhile to try to interview Mrs. Hutchison. She is the one who gave the Hutchison Common at Chicago. I do not know her personally but do know that she is wealthy and is rather elderly. I think she has no children to share her large estate. I believe she is a sister-in-law of Mr. Ryerson who gave the Ryerson Physics laboratory at the University of Chicago. They are steel people. I referred in my last note to you of Mrs. J. Cooley Ward of Chicago. I do not know that she is still alive but I do know that she was very interested in the education of women and was especially interested in our Home Economics work at the time of the San Francisco Exposition. I understand that Mr. Kreske, the chain store man, whose home I believe is in Detroit, has been a rather generous giver.

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*CL this is not Cooley word?*

*CL*  
 Mr. Houser, the Multnomah Hotel man of Portland, whom I had hoped to have had you interview when you were here before--but I believe you saw instead a representative of his--passed away a few months ago. Mr. M. Clark, another millionaire of Portland, who sold lumber in China, is also gone, leaving an estate to his children and his second wife. I believe the second wife receives \$2500 a month throughout her life time, then the estate goes entirely to his children. She was a widow when she married him and had no children. Of course, she will probably not spend the entire \$2500 a month and she might be prevailed upon to share some of her income. They were much interested in Home Economics. Mr. Clark was commissioner of the Oregon Building at the time of the San Francisco Exposition and our students conducted a tea room there and both were much interested in it. Later the granddaughter graduated from here, *majoring in Home Economics*.

I seem to have so few contacts with wealthy people that I am afraid my suggestions will be of very little value. My interest is no less, however, because of this. Please be assured of my desire to help in every possible way.

I think the conference in Japan must have been a most stimulating one. Miss Persia Campbell, Research Officer of the Bureau of Statistics, who was one of Australia's representatives, spent a day with us last week and we found her very stimulating, and very much interested in Home Economics, Extension, and Research work.

With best wishes for the coming year, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Ava B. Milam*  
 Ava B. Milam, Dean.

*I hope your work may bring you Oregon*  
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SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS  
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HELEN LEE DAVIS, VICE-DEAN

May 5, 1930

Miss Louise McCoy,  
Corresponding Secretary,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Miss McCoy:

Indeed, you may read the book I sent Dr. Stuart.  
I hope you will find it of interest and that it may present  
a true picture of the student homes of China. I enjoyed  
doing it.

Are we going to have the pleasure of seeing Dr.  
Stuart while he is west. I do hope so. Please tell him,  
when he returns, that we feel he is slighting Oregon. I  
find it difficult to reconcile myself--his being so near  
as California and not visiting our campus.

I do hope the campaign for funds for the woman's  
division of the University is progressing satisfactorily  
and that Dr. Stuart is encouraged over the outcome.

When is Dr. Stuart planning to return to China, and  
will he be coming our way, or will he be returning by way  
of Europe?

Very sincerely yours,

*Ava B. Milam*

Ava B. Milam, Dean.

*ODW has this  
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possible the next appeal  
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June 2, 1930

My dear Dean Milam:

My hearty thanks for remembering me with a copy of your book, which I hope to enjoy on my way back to China. I regret very much that I am sailing this time from San Francisco and cannot therefore hope to visit Corvallis enroute. Whenever I come or go again by the northern route I shall include this as one of the pleasures to be planned for. I am sailing on July first on the S.S. President Monroe and shall be very glad to get back to Yenching.

With cordial regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Dean Aya B. Milam  
Oregon State Agricultural  
College  
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January 23, 1931

Mrs. Thomas Nicholson,  
657 Virginia Park,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Nicholson:

By early June 1931, or a few months later I may be granted a year or fifteen months leave of absence from Oregon State College. All, or a large part of this time, I may be free to spend in the Orient, aiding in developing Home Economics departments already started and in helping to start others in colleges now ready to introduce this field of education. I have had requests to give some time to the following colleges - Ewha College, Seoul, Korea; Yenching College, Peiping, China; Hwa Nan College Foochow, China; - a graduate of Hwa Nan College is taking her Masters degree at our college this spring, and is to start the department of Hwa Nan next year - I am also requested to assist the department of Lingnan University, Canton. A graduate of Oregon State College, with her Masters from Columbia went to Lingnan this fall to start this department. And I assume there may be a possibility of giving some assistance in Japan.

The recent ruling of the Ministry of Education of China that Home Economics be taught in all of the middle schools for girls has caused most of the colleges in China serving women students to sense their obligations and responsibility in introducing and supporting departments of Home Economics in these colleges - departments that will not only train for home-making but also the teachers for these middle schools.

I have given very careful consideration to these requests and to a study of the best use of my time while absent from Oregon State College. I have concluded that I should prefer to use this leave of absence under the auspices of the W.F.M.S. providing they are willing to pay my transportation expenses and a missionary salary during this time, and give me the freedom of dividing my time as seems best between the colleges in the Orient needing and desiring aid in this field. This is a similar plan to the one used when I was in the Orient from September 1922 to May 24th.

The division of time to these colleges could best be made, it seems to me, by meeting first in a conference in Shanghai, with Home Economics representatives from all colleges desiring aid and at this conference discuss problems of common interest in a round table discussion and set up a program of work and a division of my time to these colleges.

This I believe will be quite feasible if I can reach the Orient in the summer. And from my correspondence with these colleges I believe the expenses of a delegate to this conference would be met by most if not all of them.

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Mrs. Thomas Nicholson

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I have thought of including the three women's colleges of India but my limited time and lack of knowledge of conditions in that country causes me to feel that the W.F.M.S. money and my time would be better spent by confining my work to the countries of China, Japan and Korea - countries I have visited and have spent eighteen months studying and have kept in close touch with since my return to the States.

I am enclosing some reviews of my Study of Chinese Student Homes written following my work in China and based on 1270 student homes, those from which Chinese leadership is coming. The monograph was published by the International Institute, Teachers' College Press, Columbia University.

I shall appreciate your early consideration of and action on my case as I must soon make final plans for my years absence from our college.

Permit me to say I greatly appreciate the interest and confidence you have shown in my work and I earnestly hope I may prove worthy of it.

Very sincerely yours,

Ava B. Milam

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January 28, 1931

Dean Ava B. Milam,  
School of Home Economics,  
Oregon State Agricultural College,  
Corvallis, Oregon.

My dear Miss Milam:

Your letter of January 23rd came yesterday. Its contents are most interesting. Having in mind the really remarkable contribution you made to our work and to progress in China during your former sojourn in the Orient I am eager to have us avail ourselves of your present generous and timely offer.

Since I do not know whether you have written to any others of the officers I am having copies made of your letter and of the four enclosures - reviews of your Study of the Student Homes of China (which I am eager to read) and will send on to Mrs. Nicholson; the Secretary of the Candidate Committee; Mrs. Townly; the Secretary of the Intercountry Committee, which represents Japan and Korea, Miss Knox, and to each member of the China Committee. This should facilitate matters greatly.

I am confident that very early consideration will be accorded your proposal by these women and that work will be sent you as soon as possible. As you undoubtedly know, it takes some time, at best, to get official action from the widely separated members of the Foreign Department who must decide regarding this intriguing proposition.

With appreciative regards.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Mrs. F. F. Lindsay  
Vice-President

25 Seymour Avenue, S. E.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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January 30, 1931

Dean Ava B. Milam,  
Oregon State Agricultural College,  
Corvallis, Oregon.

My dear Dean Milam:

I have your letter of January 26, 1931. The plan therein outlined interests me tremendously, and I shall spend every effort toward having it put into effect in a way which will be useful both to the Society and to you. Before bringing the matter to the Foreign Department, however, I should like to have a little bit further information. The missionary salary proposition is clear. How much do you suppose the transportation expenses would be? Do I understand that they would include inland travel? I think so. Of course, I know what the transportation to and from China would be. Can you give me an estimate of the probable additional expense which would be involved beyond your trans-Pacific travel, round trip, and missionary salary during the time of your stay.

I wonder if you could have an opportunity also, before we bring the matter to the Department, to talk the whole thing over with Mrs. C. W. Henderson? She is a very wise woman and I think has gotten an understanding of the Department which would be helpful. Talk it over with her, see what definite figures you can give, and then together she and I can present the matter to the Foreign Department. I like the idea very very much. It oughtn't to take us long to get the thing through if you get this information back to me.

I have read with interest the reviews of your Study of the Student Homes of China. I think they are very well deserved.

My father and I send our best wishes,

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Florence Hooper  
Treasurer

30 Maryland Life Building,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

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February 5, 1931.

Dean Ava B. Milam,  
Oregon State Agricultural College,  
Corvallis, Oregon.

My dear Miss Milam:

I am delighted to know that there is a possibility of your returning to the Orient and that you will be free to give encouragement to our colleges in the development of Home Economics. I shall heartily second your suggestion that you go under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. This matter will have to go the regular course of our administrative circle, and it will take a little time. As you probably know, the economic depression has also reached our own treasury. We have made no cuts on the field and we are maintaining our work. We are not able, however, to take on any new projects under present financial conditions. I am hoping that an exception may be made in your case, for I realize fully, the timeliness of your visit and the value of your service rendered us before - and ever since.

I have read with deep interest "The Study of the Student Homes of China." I see tremendous value in what you are doing and in cooperative effort between yourself and such persons as Miss Ortha Lane, who is working in Home Evangelization under the National Christian Council.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Mrs. Thomas Nicholson

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April 1, 1931

Miss Ava B. Milam,  
Oregon State Agricultural College,  
Corvallis, Oregon.

Dear Miss Milam:

You will be interested to know that Miss Kung is now facing the critical problem of whether she try to remain in America until she completes her work for her Ph. D. degree. I am urging her to try to do this because I believe she has a reasonable chance of finishing by the end of August, 1932. The plan for work from July 1, 1931, on would be to take two necessary chemistry courses in the summer session and also beginning German, any spare time to be given to brushing up and extending her French. This spring she is starting on techniques which could be used for her research problem. This means that she could start her problem immediately after the coming Summer Session. During the Winter she would take a 10 point course in Physiology either in Barnard or the College of Physicians and Surgeons and would continue her reading of French and German in connection with the Nutrition Seminar.

With such a prospect do you not think we are justified in urging Miss Kung very strongly to remain in this country? She is getting anxious to go home. She hears her work calling her, but in view of her marked ability it hardly seems right to let her go with out the added prestige of a degree. I am sure she will appreciate some counsel from you as it is hard for her to make this momentous decision. Also, if she decides to stay, have you suggestions about ways to secure adequate funds? Since you know her home situation so much better than we do I feel very dependent on you for advice.

Kindly remember me to all my good friends in your Department.

With sincerest regards,

(Signed) Mary S. Rose,  
Professor of Nutrition

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April 7, 1931

Miss Ava B. Milam,  
Oregon State Agricultural College,  
Corvallis, Oregon.

Dear Miss Milam:

I have just received your March 31st letter with its enclosure,  
a copy of your letter to Mrs. Nicholson.

I have been enthusiastic about your going ever since you talked  
with me about it last June. As I visited the colleges this matter of your  
being with them for a period of time, presumably next year, was talked over and  
they were all eager of course to have you come, and to have the help that you  
could give. I will certainly throw all the influence I have toward getting  
action by the Society to send you for this service and at the expense of the  
Society.

I have just returned from my six months trip in the Orient. I  
had a wonderful experience, particularly in Korea. It will be wonderful for  
you to be there and help that fine new domestic science department that already  
is so popular. It needs financial support and we trust when we have our new  
buildings out on the new college site, we will have everything this department  
needs to make it serve the girls of Korea who should be getting this training.

I do not know how the women will feel about your giving a block  
of your time in case you should be sent at our expense, to Lingnan in which we  
have no responsibility. Lingnan certainly has a vital place in the Christian  
forces which are operating in South China. I had a very hurried visit there  
on day last January. I am thoroughly committed to the work that they are doing  
and so far as I am concerned would be glad to have you include Lingnan in the  
colleges you will serve during the year or more that I trust you will be able  
to give them.

Will you be coming East this spring? If so, I hope I shall have  
the opportunity of seeing you.

With love,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Orpha C. Avann

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Oregon State Agricultural College  
W. J. Kerr, President  
Corvallis

School of Home Economics  
Ava B. Milam, Dean

April 8, 1931

Mrs. Mary S. Rose,  
Professor of Nutrition,  
Columbia University,  
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Rose:

Your letter of April 1 expressing your interest in Miss Kung's remaining in America until she has completed work for her Doctor's degree was thoroughly welcome. Miss Kung wrote me about three weeks ago indicating that this matter had not yet been settled. I have tried not to influence her in the decision but secretly had hoped that she would have an extension of the Indemnity Scholarship and that she might remain in America and complete her work next year, then return to Yenching College to teach. Should the funds be available so that she could go on for her Doctor's degree and not do so I fear she would quite naturally regret it.

I appreciate the fact that Yenching College needs her next year and wishes her to return. Yet, I believe, that Yenching authorities would be very sympathetic to her position should she decide to remain for another year to complete her work.

According to my understanding of her financial standing it will be quite necessary for her to have an extension of this scholarship. So, I am wondering if it would not be very helpful if you would write a letter to the representative in Washington. I think you would be able to do more for an extension of this scholarship than anyone else I know of. A statement from you such as that you wrote me about her marked ability and your thinking of the desirability of her having the added prestige of a degree, I am sure this would bear careful consideration of the Indemnity Scholarship authorities.

Should this Indemnity Scholarship not be extended the only other source I know of possible help for her would be through Miss Mary Lindsey, Manager of the Grace Dodge Hotel in Washington, D.C. I talked with Miss Lindsey briefly while I was in Washington in November, concerning Miss Kung and she expressed very genuine interest in her and stated that she had some friends whom she thought would be interested in helping to make it possible for Miss Kung to complete her Doctor's degree. I am not sure I mentioned to her any possibility of an extension of the indemnity. I wrote Miss Kung concerning this talk with Miss Lindsey but I am not sure that Miss Kung has written Miss Lindsey. I think she had hopes of the indemnity scholarship being extended so may have delayed doing so. I believe, it would be most helpful if you are willing, to write to Miss Lindsey concerning Miss Kung, indicating to her that she is the young woman of whom I spoke in November and call her attention to

Mrs. Mary S. Rose

April 8, 1931

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Miss Kung being a good investment for these friends of hers who have furnished aid to students under similar circumstances. Should I be able to help by writing Miss Lindsey I shall be most glad to do so, but will wait until I receive word from you. Perhaps in the meantime the Indemnity Scholarship will be made available.

I shall be glad to write Lan Chen again. I did write her perhaps ten days ago trying to express to her the assurance that I had confidence in her decision whatever it might be feeling that it was most difficult for me to advise her wisely. I will assure her that I believe Yenohing will be quite sympathetic with her in her decision to complete her Doctor's degree if funds are available. I will again call her attention to my talk with Miss Lindsey.

We do remember your summer with us most pleasantly and hope some day you may repeat it. Just now we are going through adjustment following the educational survey of the State of Oregon. Recommendations are being made which if carried out will demand some reorganization between the five educational institutions of the State. We trust, however, that the final decision concerning changes will prove to be for the best interests of the State.

All good wishes for you.

Very sincerely yours,

Ava B. Milam

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Oregon State Agricultural College  
W. J. Kerr, President  
Corvallis

School of Home Economics

April 15, 1931.

President J. Leighton Stuart,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Stuart:

From the Christian Century and the Yenching announcement I am informed that you are in the States. And in the Yenching Announcement I note that it is for perhaps a very short period, so I have little hopes of seeing you while you are here unless you return to China by way of Portland or Seattle. In this case I should hope to see you.

There are two matters which I should like to talk over with you at this time, but since the opportunity to do so does not present itself I must try to present these through this letter.

The first has to do with the adjustment of the Department of Home Economics at Yenching made necessary by Miss Camilla Mill's departure in the summer. Both Mrs. Frame and Miss Mills have written me, Mrs. Frame expressing hopes that Miss Kung will be ready to return to Yenching next year, thus giving Lan Chen and Caroline Chen the responsibility of the department. I am quoting a paragraph from Mrs. Frame's letter - "Both Ch'en I and Lan Chen lack experience, but after all, it seems to me that the best way to gain it is to be thrown on their own resources. If you come to Peking next spring and hold conferences and help them with their problems, it would be a most wonderful opportunity for them to gain from your experience and advice."

As Mrs. Frame indicates both CH'en I and Lan Chen lack experience, but under the circumstances it would seem to me that if Lan Chen does return that it would be wise for the two to handle the work of the department instead of bringing another American in who would be new.

I have delayed in answering this letter to Mrs. Frame knowing that Lan Chen has been looking forward to completing her work for her Doctor's degree while in the States, regardless of the fact that she is eager to return to China and finds a delay in doing so somewhat irksome. I have expressed my thinking on this subject to Dr. Mary Swartz Rose whose letter and my reply I am enclosing. Dr. Rose is professor of nutrition at Columbia and is Lan Chen's major professor. I hope that I have not been presuming

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in expressing my attitude of Yenching authorities expressed in paragraph two of my letter. "I appreciate the fact that Yenching College needs her next year and wishes her to return. Yet, I believe, that Yenching authorities would be very sympathetic to her position should she decide to remain for another year to complete her work."

I assume you are now in New York and if you have time I should be so glad if you might discuss this with Lan Chen and Mrs. Rose. Having just come from Yenching you may be able to express yours and Mrs. Frame's thinking on this matter and even though it may not coincide with what I have said, I am sure you will realize that I shall understand.

A letter a few days ago from Camilla Mills stated that they were investigating Dr. Lois Witham's availability for next year ~~xxxx~~ should Lan Chen not return. Dr. Witham has been teaching nutrition and is now at Margaret Williamson in Shanghai. It is the thought that the Methodist Board might transfer her to Yenching for a year if this plan is agreeable. If this plan seems feasible and is acceptable to Yenching and the funds are provided for Lan Chen to complete her work for her Doctor's degree I think great gain ultimately would come by this adjustment. There is little question but that home economics at Yenching would gain by the prestige of one member of its staff with a Doctorate.

The second matter has to do with my going out to China in the summer for a year or six months. I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I sent to Mrs. Nicholson, President of the Methodist Board, and some of the other officers of the Methodist Church under whose auspices I went to China before, I am enclosing a copy of the reply from Mrs. Nicholson and one or two of the other officers - Miss Hooper who is the treasurer and Mrs. Avann whom you know.

If you think I could be of assistance to the home economics department at Yenching at this time perhaps a letter from you to Mrs. Nicholson now might prove very timely, as within a very few days the officers of this organization will meet and the question of my going under their auspices will be decided.

We are going through the throes of the preparation of briefs following the survey of higher education in Oregon. The Survey Commission is recommending a plan not dissimilar to that of the new University of Chicago's scheme of organization which of course is an experiment and yet may prove to be a right one in the effort of the state to avoid duplications between the state university and the state college. We cannot tell whether home economics will be involved or not but it has been necessary to prepare a brief pertaining to this field and I have just completed this. The Board meeting will be held all through next week and naturally we await with interest and perhaps some concern as to what will be the final decision. There will undoubtedly be some reorganization but it may not affect the field of home economics. If it does I trust it may be only in a small way and what needs to be done can be done within a few weeks and, therefore, will not interfere with my plans for six months or a year in China.



Dr. Leighton Stuart

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April 15, 1931

I hope that you are very well and that the outlook for Yenching is promising. I read with much interest and appreciation the number of the Christian Century expressing your views pertaining to the closing of Sr. Johns University, etc.

I hope that your stay in the States will be pleasant and profitable.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Ava. B. Milam

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April 21, 1931

My dear Dean Milam:

I have your letters with enclosures and am sending you a hurried reply before leaving today for an absence of about two weeks. I have seen Kung Lan Chen and talked with her about her plans. My own opinion is very strongly the same as yours, that she ought to stay here and get her degree before returning to Yenching. We shall try to make any temporary arrangements possible, or defer courses, if necessary.

In regard to the second matter, I am delighted to know of the possibility of your going to China again, and even though we were not in need of this temporary help, we would welcome you most heartily. The prospect of losing Miss Mills and not having Lan Chen makes it the more desirable, and I am carrying out your suggestion of writing Mrs. Nicholson.

If at all possible, I shall try to go by way of Corvallis on my way to the Coast, but I fear that the hurried nature of this visit will mean that despite intentions to the contrary, I shall just about reach Seattle in time to catch the steamer. If I have any extra time at all, I should like to visit some of my relatives for a day or two, but fear that this also will have to be foregone. I shall, however, keep the matter in mind and let you know if the chance comes. In any case, I shall hope to see you in China before very long.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Leighton Stuart

Dean Ava B. Milam  
Oregon State Agricultural College  
Corvallis, Oregon

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April 21, 1931

My dear Mrs. Nicholson:

Dean Milam, of Oregon Agricultural College, has written me of the possibility of her going to China in the near future, and has sent me some of the correspondence regarding her plans. As I happen to be in the country for a few weeks, I venture to write to you urging that if this is at all possible, in view of the financial condition of the W.F.M.S., you will arrange to have her make this trip. Her previous visit was so valuable and her sympathy so intelligent and hearty that she is one of those visitors who not only carry away much from the mission field, but bring much to us who are working there. I can readily appreciate the sacrifice that this may involve, and am only writing to assure you of the real benefits that we who are at Yenching would count on if she could be with us. I feel quite confident that the same would be true of the other places.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Leighton Stuart

President

Mrs. Thomas Nicholson  
657 Virginia Park  
Detroit, Michigan

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WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY  
OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

May 9, 1931

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,  
150 Fifth Ave.,  
New York City

My dear Dr. Stuart:

The annual spring meeting of my Board is just over and I write to inform you of the action taken regarding Dean Milam.

We appropriated \$1500 toward Miss Milam's projected trip to the Orient. Her services have been requested from a number of places. I am sure she will wish to spend some time at Yenching. We have referred all requests and the question of her time to a committee consisting of Dean Milam, Mrs. Avann, and Mrs. Henderson, who is Dean Milam's Corresponding Secretary.

With sincere best wishes for the success of your efforts in this country, I am

Very cordially yours,

/s/ Evelyn Riley Nicholson

(Mrs. Thomas Nicholson)

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Dean Milam

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May 18, 1931

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My dear Mrs. Nicholson:

This is only a hurried acknowledgment of your letter of May 9th, regarding the appropriation for Miss Milam's trip to the Orient. As I am leaving today for the Coast, on my return to China, I have only time for this little note to tell you how glad we shall be to have Dean Milam with us again, and also to thank the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for making this possible.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Leighton Stuart

President

Mrs. Thomas Nicholson  
657 Virginia Park  
Detroit, Michigan

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July 10, 1931

Miss Ava B. Milam  
Oregon State College  
Corvallis, Oregon

Dear Miss Milam:

You may know that Professor Kendrick of Wellesley College is about starting for Europe for the summer with the expectation of being gone a full year. She has asked me to complete correspondence already begun as to possible recruits for the Yenching College staff.

I write today to ask whether you have heard further from Miss Mary Lewis and whether she is willing to consider the position in Yenching, also whether in case she is interested in work in Yenching the WFMS is going forward with correspondence looking toward her appointment. A letter received from Mrs. Frame some weeks ago said that there was some hope that Miss Russell, a WFMS missionary who has been in the Language School in Peiping the past year, might live in Yenching and do part-time work in the Household Economics department this coming year. We hope that some such plan may seem feasible, but even if this hope is realized, it means only temporary meeting of a need. We would of course be glad to secure for the Household Economics department a young woman who might receive appointment as a permanent missionary, learn the Chinese language and look forward to many years of service. If Miss Lewis or some other well qualified young woman could go this fall, she could make a beginning of her language study while Miss Russell is helping out in Yenching.

I shall be very glad indeed to know whether there is hope that Miss Lewis is the right one for Yenching and is to go.

Am I right in understanding that you are yourself planning a trip to China this year? I hope that you will and I am sure that it will be a joy to you to see the great changes that have taken place in Yenching since you helped to get the household economics department started some five or six years ago.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE  
W. J. KERR, PRESIDENT  
CORVALLIS

SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS

September 20, 1932

Mr. N. Gist Gee,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Gee:

I was glad to have your note of the 15th and am forwarding to Mrs. Gee her letter with an additional note.

I am so glad for Yenching and for you that you are now more intimately connected with them. I am certain you will make a fine contribution for them.

Certainly I shall hope to see you if I attend the Land Grant College meeting in Washington in November.

Just now I have no suggestions about follow up work for home economics at Yenching, but should any suggestions come to me later I shall certainly write you.

With all good wishes to you in your new work, I am

Cordially yours,

*Ava B. Milam*

Ava B. Milam,  
Dean and Director of Home  
Economics, Oregon State  
System of Higher Education

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P.S. Certainly, if you are out in this part of the world I hope you will let me know ahead of time so that I may be able to arrange for you to meet a number of my friends and to become acquainted with our college.

*and have a good visit with you.*

*No answer  
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