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Mr. Sidney D. Gamble
Yenching University Committee
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N Y

Dear Mr. Gamble:

I have your circular letter of June 20th telling of the needs of the Yenching University. I am well aware of these needs and have been active in this area in the last ten years in trying to get aid to the Christian Colleges of China. This year with Mr. Archibald B. Young I was asked to be co-chairman of the United Nations War Relief Council in this area, of which Mr. Stettinius and Mr. Charles Edison are the chief national representatives. We were just organizing our drive when the officers of the Pasadena Community Chest invited us to join up with them in one consolidated drive beginning the 1st of October and putting the \$42,000, which was Pasadena's quota for the United Nations War Relief, into a common drive of the Community Chest. This combination of the Community Chest with the United Nations War Relief has worked admirably in the past, and it was common judgment that it would work more successfully if thus consolidated beginning this year. China is actually to get a considerable fraction of the funds raised for the United Nations, and I shall have to make my main contribution to the work of the Christian Colleges through this agency. I am, however, responding to your appeal with a smaller additional check, which is for Yenching itself.

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Millikan

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July 17, 1947

Dr. Robert A. Millikan
1640 Oak Grove Ave.
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Dr. Millikan:

I am answering your letter of July 3 addressed to Mr. Gamble, who has gone to his Michigan camp for the summer. He requested that I acknowledge any responses to the letter which had been sent out by Yenching University.

We are indeed grateful for your contribution of \$15.00, which has been credited to the current needs of the Women's College, and which I presume you will find in order.

Our office was aware of your connection with the work for China on the West Coast, and as we are receiving a considerable contribution for the United Service to China, we are of course content that a portion of your gift should go through that channel.

We are hoping that the USC will be able to withstand this period in America where the daily news brings so much discouragement. A letter from one of our staff members just returned from China, dated at San Francisco, indicates a depression of feeling and lack of the usual faith in the ability of the Chinese people to come back.

We have greater hope, however, and trust that the visit of the Commission from the United States will bring about a new understanding and stabilize things to a greater degree.

Sincerely yours,

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March 20, 1930

Miss Camilla Mills
Yenching College for Women
Haitien, Peiping West
China

Dear Camilla:

You will be surprised to have a letter from me. I so often think of you and of others of the dear workers at Yenching, but when it comes to letters they are almost always addressed to Mrs. Frame.

My special reason for writing this morning is the receipt of this letter from Miss Tyler. I think it would be well for you to write Miss Stark an up-to-date account of what is being done in the line of Home Economics in Yenching and the need there is for such training for Yenching girls. I do not know just what Miss Tyler means by her remark that we have a "good opportunity for cultivation there," but I judge it may mean that Whitthrop College might become interested in helping to meet the needs of Yenching's Department of Home Economics. If this understanding is right, you will see the desirability of writing promptly and rather fully. It will be well for you to write directly to Miss Stark but please send me a copy of your letter. We need to be kept as well informed as possible as to the developments at Yenching.

Dr. Stuart is in Boston just now and I have seen him several times. I fear the money raising is proving very difficult and I only hope he will not be too discouraged.

With many affectionate thoughts of you personally and with best greetings to the others of the staff, I am

Most cordially yours,

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(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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April 28, 1930

Miss Ruth Dicks
Bancroft Hall
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, S.C.

My dear Miss Dicks:

It is always a pleasure to get in touch with new groups of students in America who are interested in Home Economics abroad and I hope I may be able to tell you something of our work here that will prove interesting to your Club. It is a particular pleasure to write you since I knew your Director, Miss Stark, when I was at Teacher's College two years ago. Sometime ago I sent out a circular letter to a number of the Home Economics Clubs and to individuals who have been interested in our work here and I shall probably repeat some of the same things to you. Under separate cover I am sending you a booklet or two which will give you some general information about the University and also some pictures of our Home Economics work.

Last spring after the National Government came into power and began to formulate new policies, we found that in order to register with the Government we had to comply with certain regulations of the Bureau of Education which meant a rather radical reorganization of the University. We were anxious to register because we felt that as a Chinese institution we wanted to abide by the laws of the country. We therefore found it necessary to reorganize the University into three colleges; a college of Natural Sciences, a College of Arts and Letters, and a College of Applied Social Sciences. Home Economics was placed in the College of Natural Sciences and in most ways we are very glad as it gives us greater opportunity to offer a thorough grounding in the sciences to our Home Economic students. Majors in Home Economics (those who complete a minimum of 36 credits) are now required to complete two years of Chemistry and one of Biology and we find both of these departments very ready to cooperate with us.

At present we are offering the following courses: Food Selection and Preparation, Nutrition and Dietetics, Clothing Problems, Home Decoration, Applied Design, Household Technology, Household Management, Child Care and Development, Child Welfare (in cooperation with the Sociology Department), Home Management House, and Methods and Practice Teaching of Home Economics. Next year we plan to enlarge our Child Development course and add a course in Home Nursing because we find that so many of our students are called upon to care for the sick in schools, particularly in government schools. We are also planning to offer a course in Child rearing Problems as this is a subject which needs a great deal of emphasis. According to University regulations, each Senior must complete a thesis on the major subject and we try to have our students base their theses on some bit of original investigation. The two Seniors this year have chosen to investigate Child Care Standards for Food and Clothing in the homes of the village nearby.

We are really very much encouraged over the number of majors this year and over the quality of the students. Fourteen majors may not

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seem a very large number to you but it is not at all a bad proportion of the 160 girls in college. However, the number is not nearly large enough to meet the increasing demand for trained teachers and workers. There are a number of girls who take one or more courses and with the special courses which we give for the Pre-nursing students, we find that we can keep ourselves busy. Miss Ch'en is giving a course in general Home Economics for the Public Health nurses who come to the Peiping Public Health Center for a short period of intensive training. We could do quite a good deal in the way of talks and outside classes if we had the time to do it and still carry on with our regular work. The Y.W.C.A. is continually asking us to take some classes for their Homemakers but we have not been able to give the time as it requires half a day to make the trip into the city, teach the class, and return. However, we did help them in their Child Health Conference this year by putting on an exhibit of foods for children.

During the latter part of November, I had an opportunity to visit a number of middle schools in central China. The purpose of the trip from my point of view was two-fold; first, to find out what kind, if any, Home Economics work was being given, and second, to talk with the students about Home Economics and if possible to inspire a few of them to come to Yenching to study and prepare to teach Home Economics in the Middle Schools. I visited both mission and government schools, and found everywhere a real interest in Home Economics. In many places it is still conceived of as cooking and sewing, but I was gratified to find many of the principals interested in the broader aspects of the subject. There is still a great need for education as to what Home Economics really is. The Government has now issued a mandate ordering Home Economics courses to be put into the curriculum of all Junior Middle Schools. This is a hopeful sign but where trained teachers are to come from, they do not seem to have considered! For the past few years there has been a reaction against both homemaking and teaching. Women have been for centuries too closely confined in the home and now with the new freedom there is the desire to break with the home and take up careers which will seem to put women on a basis of equality with men. Teaching does not seem to have the same prestige as other professions and the girls tend to go into it more as a last resort than because they really want to. These conditions are not peculiar to China as we know, but in China other lines of work are as yet quite limited.

Perhaps you would be interested in knowing what some of our graduates are doing. One of our first graduates, Miss Ch'en I, went to America for graduate study at Oregon State and Columbia and returned to us in the fall of 1928. She is doing very splendid work and is filling a long-felt need. Two of our graduates of last year are doing a very worthwhile piece of work with the Mass Education Movement. This Movement has its headquarters in a country in the southern part of this province and here are being worked out all sorts of experiments for the betterment of the life of the common people. One of our graduates was asked to go and make a study of home problems in that district and then evolve plans for more-or-less extension work. Another of our graduates went as her assistant and they are finding the work intensely interesting. The Mass Education Movement is an entirely Chinese enterprise and is one of the most hopeful and forward-looking movements in China today. This year we will have two graduates, one of whom will be married soon after graduation but will doubtless teach some as well as look after her home, and the other will enter the Dietary Department of the Peiping Union Medical College as a student dietitian. One of our former graduates who worked as a Y.W.C.A. secretary for several years,

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is now a secretary in the National Christian Council doing special work on Home Economics Problems. Any Yenching girl who has had even one course in Home Economics--and some who have not had that much!--is asked to teach Home Economics when she goes out. I get many frantic letters asking for materials, outlines, ideas, etc. Our greatest need at the moment is for text-books and materials in Chinese. Miss Ch'en and I are going to try to prepare a small textbook on Homemaking for Junior Middle Schools this summer.

For the first time since Miss Chen's return, we are opening the Home Management House and there are three students living there this semester. We find that the House presents many problems. Frankly it isn't easy to get the students to do many of the things that we would like to have them do but we are hoping to make it more and more of a real home center for the girls in the Department as well as for the girls who are living there. We reorganized the Home Economics Club this year and the students are taking a real interest in it.

With greetings from the Yenching Home Economics girls as well as from Miss Ch'en and myself, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

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April 30, 1930.

Dear Mrs. Lee,

I was glad to have your letter of March 20th. Just a day or two before it arrived, I had received a letter from Miss Stark and the President of the Home Economics Club at Winthrop College. I know Miss Stark personally, so I was particularly glad to write this letter. I am enclosing a copy of the letter which I wrote them. Perhaps you would also be interested in seeing one or two of the pictures which I sent them. In January I sent out about 25 letters to various clubs and individuals at home which I hope will help to keep up the interest in Yenching. I also enclosed pictures in each of those letters.

I wish you could see the campus now. It really is lovely. Aught you not to be making a trip out this way soon?

Most sincerely yours,
Camilla Mills.

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March 16, 1931

Miss Camilla Mills
Yenching University
Peiping West, Peiping
China

Dear Camilla:

What happy news is this that is reaching us these days! At least it is, I am sure, happy for you and for the man in the case. It is not easy to think of it as happy for Yenching, but no true woman could allow her interest in the best and greatest institution to overshadow her joy in the joy of a friend.

All I know about Mr. Biggerstoft is what Augusta Wagner has told me, that he is a Harvard fellow at Yenching under the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and that you will probably be married some time this summer. I am wondering what your plans are after that? Does he continue in China, or do you come to America? A letter from Mrs. Frame received since Augusta's letter came, tells of the provision you are all hoping to make for the household economics work at Yenching. Of course we would like to keep you in China and in Peiping with the thought that you would continue to be an active and useful friend for Yenching even if you should not continue on the faculty, but if you do come to America you may at least have the great satisfaction of looking back on several years of very fruitful work in Yenching. It is no small achievement to have put a department so successfully on its feet. Of course I realize our indebtedness to Miss Milan in this respect as well as to you.

I hope you may find a few minutes in which to write me something of your plans. In the meantime, please be assured that I rejoice in your happiness, and please tell Mr. Biggerstoft that I consider him a very fortunate man.

Always lovingly yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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