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PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MR. DAVID B. MILLS

\$25. Dec. 7, 1925 - Yenching Lion Fund  
250. July 13, 1928- Undesignated, 1928 Campaign  
250. June 22, 1929- Yenching current income  
250. June 5, 1930 - Yenching Women's College Endowment  
250. July 12, 1934- Yenching Budget  
250. July 5, 1935- Yenching Budget  
1,000. Nov. 9, 1936 - Yenching Scholarship Endowment Fund

( For list of gifts from Davella Mills Foundation, see  
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TRUSTEES DAVELLA MILLS FOUNDATION

Hutchinson, Mr. Stanley H., Upper Montclair, N. J. (Secy)  
Keeler, Miss Elizabeth, c/o The Rajah Co., Locust Ave., Bloomfield, NJ  
Dodd, Mr. Howard S., 433 Biscanfield Avenue, Montclair, N. J.  
Hudson, Mr. Paul H., 142 Haddon Place, Upper Montclair, N. J.  
Ritchie, Mr. Alfred A., Barrow, Wade, Guthrie and Co., 120 Broadway  
New York, N. Y. Res: Suburban Hotel, East Orange, N. J.

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Replied to Lion Letter of  
Oct. 28, 1925 - Gave

December 7, 1925

Mr. David B. Mills  
154 Upper Mountain Avenue  
Montclair, N. J.

Dear Mr. Mills:

We feel very deeply grateful to you for your gift and it was particularly generous of you to respond at this time.

Do not be greatly concerned about the daily information from China. The fundamental fact is that the Chinese are becoming unified. So far as danger to our own personal property is concerned, we feel no anxiety whatever.

Sincerely yours.

P. S. On our mailing lists we have your address as above, but I notice that on your check and also the postmark on the envelope were Bloomfield. If you wish your address changed on our lists will you kindly send us the street address in Bloomfield?

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March 19, 1926

Mr. David S. Mills  
154 Upper Mountain Avenue  
Montclair, N. J.

Dear Mr. Mills:

I am sending you under separate cover our new bulletin of the University, showing some of the buildings just completed.

We had originally planned to have the dedication of the new buildings this coming fall. However, the interruptions of communication because of recurrent civil war has made it seem wiser to postpone the actual dedication for another year. On the other hand, a sufficient number of buildings themselves will be completed so that we will actually begin class work there in September.

*Stuart*  
Of course Chinese political life has been greatly upset during the last few years and is still rather chaotic. I am glad to report that in all this intellectual confusion the writings, speeches and personal influence of Dr. Strust, some of our professors and our students have been among the most potent factors in the preservation and development of Christian and international friendship.

Some time when I am in the vicinity of Montclair I hope I may have the privilege of meeting you and talking with you more fully about events and progress in China.

Sincerely yours,

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-ELH

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Mills, Mr. David B.

154 Upper Mountain Avenue  
Montclair, N. J.

July 13, 1928

\$250.00 for 1928 Campaign - Undesignated

Gift received	7-13-28
Receipt slip #	2038
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	321 ✓
Pledge signal attached	—
X file cards	—
Letter ack. sent	7-13-28
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	✓
" " stencil	✓

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Mills, Mr. David B.  
154 Upper Mountain Ave.  
Mount Clair, N.J.

June 22, 1929

9250 - Current Income

Gift received	6-22-29
Receipt slip #	2507
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " conf. list	
Serial No. on L. and card	786 ✓
Pledge signal attached	—
X-file card	—
Letter ack. sent	6/22/29
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Mills, Mr. David B.  
154 Upper Mountain Ave.  
Mountclair, N.J.

June 5, 1930

\$250 for 1929-30 Camp. - W. C. Eedow.

Gift received	6-5-30
Receipt slip #	3473
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	1014 ✓
Pledge signal attached	—
X-file cards	
Letter ack. sent	6-5-30
Checked for O. L.	✓
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May 31, 1932

My dear Mr. Mills:

You have been a friend of Yenching University, having made contributions at various times. Doctor J. Leighton Stuart, the President, attempted to see you on his recent brief visit, but was unable to connect with you.

Doctor S. P. Young, who represents Doctor Stuart, and who is making certain calls upon friends of Yenching University in Doctor Stuart's stead, would like to call upon you; inasmuch as I have told him that you are a good friend, I am giving him this letter of introduction and hope you will grant him the courtesy of an interview.

It might interest you to know that I have been Treasurer of Yenching University since it started something like fifteen years ago; and that Mrs. McBrier and I visited the University at its dedication in 1929. I think it is doing one of the finest pieces of work that is being accomplished anywhere in the orient, and we visited nearly every important project in China and India on our trip around the world in 1929 and 1930.

With my kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

E. M. McBrier  
Treasurer

Mr. David B. Mills  
154 Upper Mountain Avenue  
Montclair, New Jersey

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July 12, 1934

Mr. David B. Mills,  
154 Upper Mountain Avenue,  
Montclair, N.J.

Dear Mr. Mills:

Your check of July 10th for the sum of \$250 made payable to Mr. McBrier, Treasurer of Yenching University has just been received. We are enclosing with this our official receipt and wish to express our very great appreciation of your generous interest in the work which Yenching University is doing for China.

Mr. McBrier and I have adjoining offices here and he has spoken in very warm terms of his friendship for you and has expressed the desire that I meet you personally at some time when it is convenient for you. This would give me very great pleasure and I would be very glad to run over to Montclair whenever it is convenient for you so that we might discuss China, the Chinese situation and any phase of interest which you may have in the work at the University. If you are to be in Montclair this summer I would be glad to come. I am enclosing with this one or two little items of information concerning the work which we are doing at Yenching.

Assuring you of our appreciation of your continued interest, I am

Very sincerely,

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Mr. David B. Mills,  
154 Upper Mountain Ave.,  
Montclair, N.J.

Gift received..... July 12, 1934..... (date)

Cash Gift \$..... 250.....

Pledge \$..... --.....

Basis of payment..... --.....

Designation..... Budget.....

Received through..... --.....

Control record serial number..... #1758.....

Entered on record card..... ✓.....

Pledge signal attached..... --.....

Receipt number..... 4040.....

Acknowledgment sent..... July 12, 1934.....

Entered on renewal sheet.....

Checked for office list..... ✓.....

Checked for mailing list..... ✓.....

Last renewal card entrance (month and year).....

Entered on cultivation list..... Yes.....

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July 5, 1935

The National Christian Council of China

The Denville Mills Foundation  
P. O. Box 188, York, Pa. 17375  
Montclair, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

This morning's mail brought your very generous check for \$250.00. Our official receipt is enclosed herewith. We are sincerely grateful to the Foundation for this gift, not only because of the financial help which it will give at Yenching, but also because we feel that it is an expression of your interest and faith in the University and in its President and faculty who are giving their lives to this vitally important project in China.

We enclose, in accordance with your request, a copy of the certificate of incorporation, by-law, and the last annual report of the treasurer which is available just at this time. We hope this is the information you desire. We shall be glad to send you any additional information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer  
yours sincerely,

(Signed) Luther A. Reigle

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
CHINA

The National Christian Council of China

The Mission Building  
100 Yuen King Yuen Rd

Shanghai

August 2, 1935

President J. Leighton Stuart  
Yenching University  
Peiping

Dear President Stuart:

Thank you very much for your letter. We missed you greatly at the conference, but I am satisfied that your decision to stand by at Yenching was a wise one. The members of your faculty made a splendid contribution to the conference, and our report will contain a strong recommendation for Yenching's continuance, development, and financial support. As to the letter, we can do nothing, of course, except to say that it ought to be supported, but we shall say that in clear terms.

It has been a joy to me to have this period here in China. I just wish that your path and mine had crossed a bit oftener.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Luther A. Weigle

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
PEIPING, CHINA

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YENCHING

WU LEE-CHUAN  
*Chancellor*

J. LEIGHTON STUART  
*President*  
N. GIST GEE  
*Vice-President*

October 16, 1935

The Davella Mills Foundation  
P.O. Box 189,  
Montclair, New Jersey

Gentlemen,

Copies given to:-

Mr. David B. Mills  
Mr. Howard Dodd  
Mr. McBrier  
Mr. Sherwood & Mrs. Macmillan

At a time of grave financial crisis, our Yenching trustees come to you with an earnest request for assistance.

The Place of Yenching. Since Mr. David B. Mills has long been a generous contributor to the support of Yenching University, you are familiar with the splendid service it is rendering, and it is unnecessary for us to give at this time any extended description of the University or its work. We enclose for your reference a condensed financial statement, together with printed material which will probably supply any specific information you may desire.

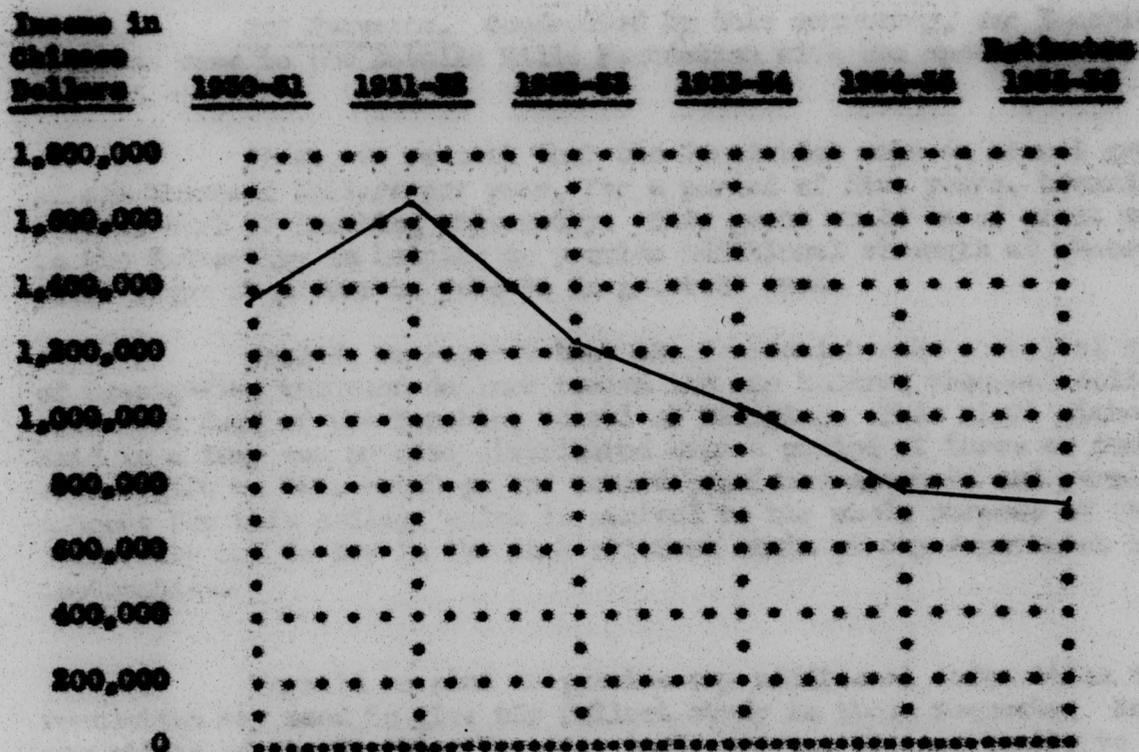
As you already know, Yenching University is the largest and most firmly established of the Christian higher educational institutions of China. It leads in student enrollment, in the size and qualifications of its staff, in the excellence of its physical plant, and in the amount of its annual income. It has won in a remarkable way the good-will and support of all classes of the Chinese people. Its students come from all over China, and its graduates are rendering distinguished service in every province of the Republic.

Moreover, Yenching has a vital place in the whole program of Christian higher education in China. It is performing indispensable functions within the correlated program of the Christian universities and colleges of China, and is the only institution in the group which has been asked to carry on graduate work, as well as to maintain a strong undergraduate program. Yenching has deservedly been called the capstone in the arch of Christian higher education in China, and any weakening here would be disastrous to the entire enterprise.

The Emergency. During the last four years, two factors have combined to force the income of Yenching University steadily downward. The first has been the world-wide economic depression, which has caused a marked decrease in gifts from every source. The second has been the sharp drop in the value of the American dollar in terms of Chinese currency. Income from Chinese sources, including both students fees and gifts by Chinese citizens, has increased steadily during this period. Where four years ago this income was only 5% of the total, in the year just closed it was 23%. But even these heroic efforts of our Chinese constituency have not been sufficient to meet the severe losses in income

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from Western sources. The total current income of the University during the past five years, including all amounts received both in China and in the West, is shown in the following chart:-



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While this decline in income has been felt by all departments of the University, its effects have been most acute in the Yenching School of Religion. Income from Western sources for this School has declined as a result of the factors described above. The growing Chinese Church is still so lacking in financial resources that large support from that direction cannot be expected for a long time. For some years we have hoped that some portion of the funds from the Hsueh Hsueh might ultimately be available for the Yenching School of Religion, but it has become increasingly apparent that the legal restrictions placed upon this gift will prevent our benefiting in any substantial way from this source. The Yenching Trustees have therefore accepted as one of their most urgent objectives for this year the securing of an endowment fund of \$150,000 for the School of Religion.

The distinctive and important service the Yenching School of Religion is rendering is pointed out in the attached letter to President Stuart from Dean Luther A. Waigle of Yale Divinity School, who has just returned from a year spent in an intensive study of the theological institutions of China. In personal conferences with us, Dean Waigle has explained the urgency of securing substantial increases in support for the Yenching School of Religion, not only for the service which it is rendering directly but also for the sake of the religious life and influence of the entire University.

Our Yenching Trustees are now engaged in a determined effort to maintain and to increase the support of all the departments of this institution which is so vital to the Christian enterprise in China. They are themselves

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giving generously of their time, their abilities, their personal resources. But if they are to succeed, they must also have the substantial assistance of other good friends of Yenching, and of China.

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Our Requests. Confronted by this emergency, our Yenching Trustees came to the Bavella Hills Foundation with two specific requests for aid:-

First, we request that the Foundation make an annual grant of one thousand dollars per year, for a period of five years, toward the general work of Yenching University. This grant would be of great value to the University in helping to provide additional strength at whatever point might from year to year be in greatest need.

Second, we request that the Foundation make a capital grant of twenty-five thousand dollars toward the one hundred thousand dollar endowment fund of the Yenching School of Religion. This might either be paid in a lump sum or else distributed over a period of three or four years. Such a gift as this would go far toward providing adequate and permanent support for this college which is central to the whole purpose of the University and is now in the most critical state of any department in the institution.

We will be glad to provide any additional information the Foundation may need to give the fullest study to these requests. Representatives of the Yenching Trustees would welcome an opportunity to meet with representatives of the Foundation for further discussion of these matters.

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer, Yenching Board of Trustees.

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YENCHING

October 17, 1935

Mr. Howard S. Dodd  
423 Bloomfield Avenue  
Montclair, N. J.

My dear Mr. Dodd:

Referring to our conversation regarding needs of Yenching University, I am herewith enclosing for your personal use a copy of the appeal we are making to the Davella Mills Foundation.

I thought you might like to look this over personally, and I hope you will give it a careful reading prior to the time it comes before the consideration of the trustees.

I am sending Mr. Mills a personal copy. I think he may wish to read it prior to its consideration by the trustees.

I wish you would kindly tell the trustees of the Foundation that we will be glad to receive any one or more of their number here in the office at any time upon appointment, and answer any questions they may wish to ask. Our books and records are open to them at any time. We could send a great deal more material than we are enclosing, providing they wish same, but we do not wish to burden them with unnecessary details.

Thanking you very much for your courtesy, and hoping the Foundation will give us a favorable response to our appeal and thus meet a great need, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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Enc.

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YALE UNIVERSITY  
THE DIVINITY SCHOOL

New Haven, Connecticut

Luther A. Weigle, Dean

October 26, 1935

Mr. B. A. Garside  
Yenching University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Garside:

In answer to your inquiry I am writing to say that the forthcoming report on "Education for Service in the Christian Church in China" will include a definite recommendation that the Yenching School of Religion should continue and develop the service which it has been rendering to the Christian movement in China. It is the unanimous judgment of myself and my colleagues on the Survey Team that the Yenching School of Religion has made and is making so notable a contribution to Christian scholarship and to the raising of the standards of Christian service in China that it would be a calamity should this School be obliged to close.

I have all confidence in the developments which are likely to take place at the Hanking Theological Seminary in view of the resources now at the command of that institution, but I feel that there is not only room but need for the continuance of the Yenching School of Religion as a graduate school of theology. It has upon its Faculty a remarkable group of Christian scholars. It will be a number of years before Hanking or any other institution can command a group of like ability. A giving up of the Yenching School of Religion would be a hard blow to the intellectual prestige of Christianity in a country where, as you know, intellectual prestige means a great deal. We can not depend upon the Christian colleges and universities, through their A.B. work, under governmental limitations, to do what must be done to maintain and upbuild scholarship in China in those fields which are of direct bearing upon Christian theology. The post-graduate school of theology, like Yenching, has resting upon it a burden which in Christian countries is borne in part by the universities generally. The Yenching School of Religion has rendered heroic and effective service in a pioneer way and I feel it to be of the utmost importance that that service be continued and developed.

With high regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed) L. A. Weigle

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YENCHING

October 29, 1933

The Duvalla Hills Foundation  
Post Office Box 150  
Montclair, N. J.

Gentlemen:

In connection with the request we  
sent you on October 16th, you will be interested  
in the attached letter we have just received from  
Dana Luther A. Waigle.

In this letter Dana Waigle expresses  
his judgment with reference to the importance of  
increased support for the Yenching School of Religion  
in a more explicit way than he did in the brief com-  
munication to Dr. Stuart which we transmitted with  
our original request.

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer,  
Yenching Board of Trustees

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December 30, 1955

Mr. Howard S. Dodd  
c/o Boyd & Dodd  
Montclair, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Dodd:

Referring to the check recently received from the Davella Mills Foundation, receipt for which is enclosed herewith, I wish to say that the following entries have been made in 1954-55:-

Gift of \$250.00 on July 12, 1954  
" " 250.00 " July 5, 1955  
" " 250.00 " December 19, 1955

The last gift is the one for which receipt is herewith enclosed.

We assumed that you had passed upon the request we made under date of October 16th and had granted our request, which was as follows:-

- No. 1. "That the Foundation make an annual grant of \$1,000. a year for a period of five years toward the general work of Yenching University."
- No. 2. "That the Foundation make a capital grant of \$25,000. toward the \$100,000. endowment fund of the Yenching School of Religion."

These abbreviated quotations are taken from page three of our letter of October 16th.

We were under the impression that probably the Foundation would make payment of the \$1,000. annual grant in quarterly payments of \$250. each, and that this payment recently received was the first payment to apply on same.

Learning from you this morning that the Foundation had not yet acted upon our application, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for this check; and providing the grant of \$1,000. yearly is approved, we will regard this check as applying on same.

The yearly grant of \$1,000. may be paid in quarterly payments or not -- just as you desire.

We sincerely hope that our application for the capital grant of \$25,000. may receive your sympathetic consideration, and, we trust, your approval. It will mean so much to the University to stabilize our School of Religion. The income from this will perpetually pay for a dean's

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Mr. Howard S. Dodd

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professorship.

I find that Mr. Mills has made contributions through the years at various times upon special request, but the annual grants did not begin until 1954. We have made no special appeal since 1952; and I know that Mr. Mills was not asked for a contribution during that campaign. It was during the previous years when we were building our University that Mr. Mills' interest was solicited, and his gifts made.

Thanking you for your kind consideration, I am,

Most cordially yours,

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April 11, 1936

Mr. Paul H. Hudson,  
Post Office Box 28,  
Wall Street Station,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hudson,

We have your request, as the Vice President of the Davella Mills Foundation, for one copy each "of the two annual reports preceding the last" issued by Yenching University.

The only regular annual report issued in English by Yenching is the Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. I include herewith the Treasurer's Reports for the years ending June 30, 1933 and June 30, 1934. (We understand that you do not at this time desire the last report, for the year ending June 30, 1935.)

We do have, of course, many special reports covering various phases of the work of the University, some published in China and others originating here in America. These are so numerous that we do not wish to burden you with them all. We would, however, be happy to send you any special reports you may desire, or to prepare a report covering any particular phase of the work which may interest you.

In connection with an application for a special grant made to the Davella Mills Foundation on October 16, 1935, there was transmitted a somewhat detailed statement as to the work Yenching is now doing. This is, I trust, of value to you at a number of points.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary

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May 1, 1956

Mr. Howard S. Dodd  
c/o Boyd & Dodd  
Montclair, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Dodd:

I sincerely hope that we will receive from you soon the assurance that the DeVella Mills Foundation has included us in its list for a quarterly grant of \$250, making a total of \$1000 annual gift.

I understood from my conversation with you that you felt that you were not sufficiently organized at present, or had not sufficiently worked out your program so that capital grants were not in order until the objectives of the Foundation were somewhat more clear. I am not, therefore, at present, referring to our application for the capital grant which we requested.

I am asking, however, for your kind and early consideration in regard to the annual subscription of \$1,000, which may be paid quarterly, semi-annually or annually, as may best suit your purpose.

Your assurance that the Foundation has granted this request will bring cheer to our hearts.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

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June 15, 1936

The Davella Mills Foundation  
Post Office Box 150  
Montclair, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

We acknowledge with sincere thanks the receipt of your check for \$1,000 which we recognize is an approval of our request for this amount to apply to our current needs.

I wish to personally thank you for the favorable consideration you have given our plea for assistance and assure you that your contribution will be a great help to our work in China.

I am herewith enclosing our receipt. The card which accompanied your remittance asks for a copy of our last annual report. You have this, - the same was submitted with our original request for this grant. Our current fiscal year ends on June 30th and as soon as our annual statement is prepared, we will be glad to send you a copy.

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer

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THE DAVELLA MILLS FOUNDATION  
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

March 6, 1936.

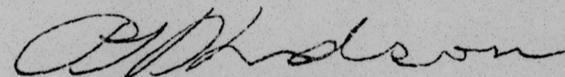
TO THE ORGANIZATION ADDRESSED:

We should be pleased to receive at your earliest convenience one copy of each of the two annual reports preceding the last issued by your organization. Please address them to:

Mr. Paul H. Hudson,  
Post Office Box 28,  
Wall Street Station,  
New York, N.Y.

Yours very truly,

THE DAVELLA MILLS FOUNDATION



Vice President.

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June 15, 1936

My dear Mr. Mills:

I know that we have you to thank for your interest and aid for the check of \$1,000 which we are gratefully acknowledging today. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to the Foundation. Your sympathetic interest and substantial help are very gratefully appreciated by me individually and will be by the trustees.

I received this morning a confidential letter from Arthur Rugh, who was for so many years Y.M.C.A. secretary in Peiping. He retired some years ago; promoted Bible study among the Y.M.C.A.'s of America; went to Jerusalem for Y.M.C.A. work for a period; and during the last year has been in Yenching University. I have known Mr. Rugh for many years and you probably have already met him and may have known him as long as I have.

There has been some criticism on the part of certain people who are critical of nearly everything pertaining to religion on the campus of Yenching University and also of other Christian universities in China. Mr. Rugh has been long enough in Yenching now so that he has sized up the situation. Moreover his daughter and her husband have been living on the campus for four years and are teaching in the university so that they are able to speak with a background of knowledge which a casual critic visiting the university for a few days would scarcely obtain. I therefore think you will be interested in Mr. Rugh's letter.

In the same mail there was a letter from Dr. Stuart telling of the splendid work Mr. and Mrs. Rugh are doing on the campus. He has been asked to remain another year.

Thanking you for your hearty support, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer

Mr. David B. Mills  
154 Upper Mountain Avenue  
Montclair, New Jersey

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June 17, 1936

Mr. Howard S. Dodd  
485 Bloomfield Avenue  
Montclair, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Dodd:

We have received the check for \$1,000 from the Davella Mills Foundation which has been sent in response to our request for this amount and will apply on our current budget.

I wish to express to you my sincere appreciation for your interest in this matter. I know you had a considerable part in consideration of and approving the grant and wish you to know that we very much appreciate your assistance.

I told Mr. LaRue to give you a message in regard to making up a form of a revocable trust which I expect to establish with the Montclair Trust Company. I think I will trust him to give you the details and objectives which I desire included in the trust and which will carry out the same purposes as expressed in my will.

During the next three or four months, if you have odd bits of time at your disposal, you may get up a form of trust for my consideration. I expect to place in this trust securities which should be therein listed; and I wish same so arranged that the trust can sell and buy freely.

Thinking you for giving this your careful attention and for all of your courtesies, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

EMMcB:DW

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September 16, 1936

Mr. Howard S. Dodd  
483 Bloomfield Avenue  
Montclair, N. J.

Dear Mr. Dodd;

I have sent Mr. Mills a copy of this enclosure, and written him a note. I am also sending a copy to you, not particularly for the Davella Mills Foundation, but inasmuch as we have had several conversations in regard to Yenching University. I thought you might be interested to see how the Chinese celebrate what to them is an important occasion. When a prominent man attains the honorable age of sixty years, they usually have a "blow-off" to celebrate the occasion.

Dr. Stuart has the reputation of being the foreigner in China that is most trusted by the government officials and Chinese in all walks of life, low as well as high. When, therefore, he attained the age of sixty years, everybody joined in making it a great occasion.

This description will, I hope, interest you.

Sincerely yours,

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Enc.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Peiping, China

October 12, 1936

Mr. E. M. McBrier  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. McBrier:

I haven't much sense to send you a letter which should reach you when the roar of the election is heaviest. I wish I could fly over, see you, vote, hear Amos and Andy, see a football game and be back for my Monday classes. America may necessarily go Isolationist. But the world very badly needs a stable, confident steadily going on America to steady the boat.

The enclosed scraps will give you some of the interests which crowd our days. If China fails to handle Japan's Army by skilful diplomacy then the Western world had better make up its mind whether it wants the East to line up against the West led by a truculent and cocky Japan.

I hope you saw Wellington Koo's address at Geneva on China's recent remarkable progress in political and economic reconstruction. Out here we can see China standing at a sharp fork of the road. Shall she be allowed to carry out her rebuilding program until a new modern China helps lift the world. Or shall she go military mad and throw her terrible weight into the wrecking of our civilization by wars and more wars.

I don't know how America should help. But I do wish our great democracy could do for the world what would be done if China could be given a chance to make her natural gift of peace to the world. Of course in the long run schools like this are the solution, and may be that is America's part.

My class in the Life of Christ just left this room. Most of them are Chinese graduate students from all over China. Miss Tang is from far away-Chentu; Mr. Yang from Canton. From all sections of China they sat here with two American students, one Greek and one Russian, and kept asking whether Jesus has the way out for this baffled world. I wish we had some Japanese students in the group.

If the war-mad world doesn't wreck the works before these students become our leaders they will lead us to peace. They do know that war is insane and that "love never fails".

I would very much appreciate your prediction of America's future after the election. The whole world is much involved in that choice.

Cordially,

Signed - Arthur Rugh

P. S. - I mailed you "Letters from Palestine" and I think two other booklets. If they failed to reach you please let me know.

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November 6, 1936

Memorandum to Mr. Hedrick Regarding the Davella Mills Foundation

Contributions during 1935-36

\$ 250 - July 1935  
250 - December 1935  
1000 - June 1936

Mr. McBrier has been in correspondence and has also had several personal talks with Mr. Paul H. Hudson, Vice President of the Foundation, and Mr. Howard S. Dodd, during the past year. On December 1935, he wrote Mr. Dodd (immediately after receipt of the \$250. contribution), "We assumed that you had passed upon the request we made under date of October 16th and had granted our No. 1 request, which was as follows:

No. 1 That the Foundation make an annual grant of \$1,000 a year for a period of five years toward the general work of Yenching University.

No. 2 That the Foundation make a capital grant of \$25,000 toward the \$100,000 endowment fund of the Yenching School of Religion."

Mr. McBrier continues in the same letter, "Learning from you this morning that the Foundation had not yet acted upon our application, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for this check; and providing the grant of \$1,000 yearly is approved, we will regard this check as applying on same." He also asks that they give it their sympathetic consideration for our application for the capital grant of \$25,000. Under date of May 1st, Mr. McBrier wrote again to Mr. Dodd saying, that he hoped we would soon receive the assurance of the Foundation and would receive the annual grant of \$1000, and "I understand from my conversation with you that you felt that you were not sufficiently organized at present, or had not sufficiently worked out your program so that capital grants were not in order until the objectives of the Foundation were somewhat more clear."

Under date of June 15th, we received a check for \$1,000 from the Davella Mills Foundation. In acknowledging this check, Mr. McBrier wrote, "We acknowledge receipt of your check for \$1,000 which we recognize is an approval of our request for this amount to apply to our current needs." At the same time Mr. McBrier wrote to Mr. Dodd also, acknowledging receipt of this check of \$1,000, saying, "I know you had a considerable part in consideration of and approving the grant."

From this correspondence Mr. McBrier seems to assume that his request for our grant of \$1,000 annually, for a period of five years, toward general work of the University, has been granted, and that the Foundation is still considering his request for a capital grant of \$25,000 toward the Endowment Fund for the School of Religion. There is nothing in the files in writing.

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FOR FILES OF THE DAVILA HILLS FOUNDATION

Name **Trustees of Yenching University**  
 Address **150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.**  
 Incorporated **June 25, 1930** under the laws of **the State of New York**  
 Is Certificate of Incorporation on File? **Attached** Are By-Laws on file? **Attached.**  
 By whom are financial statements certified? **In New York by Chamberlain, Berger, and Neltz; in Peiping by Thompson & Company**  
 Nature of Activities **Operation and support of Yenching University, Peiping, China.**

Financial Data

<u>Balance Sheet:</u>	As of 6/30/36	Previous Yr.	2nd Prev. Year
Cash	183,550.84	295,794.34	222,774.18
Plant Assets	2,383,605.51	2,384,488.35	2,355,902.00
Investments	2,554,618.85	2,104,583.26	2,099,203.93
Other Assets	130,816.13	220,593.55	159,911.35
Deficit	19,448.87	47,473.14	51,185.16
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>85,272,150.20</b>	<b>85,052,938.64</b>	<b>84,884,976.59</b>
Indebtedness - Current	12,845.83	25,622.70	29,387.92
"    - Other (Special Reserves)	103,974.42	151,517.99	120,999.82
Capital and Endowment Funds	5,128,906.06	4,852,853.69	4,710,790.06
Surplus	26,423.88	22,944.26	23,738.80
<b>Total Funds and Liabilities</b>	<b>85,272,150.20</b>	<b>85,052,938.64</b>	<b>84,884,976.59</b>

Income Accounts:

Donations	153,013.61	151,584.36	143,652.34
Income from Investments	93,632.05	81,295.40	85,784.41
Other Income	59,168.06	50,644.41	42,600.56
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>305,813.72</b>	<b>283,524.17</b>	<b>272,037.31</b>
Administration Expense (in U.S.)	8,103.30	8,755.51	9,043.22
Operating Expense (University in China)	250,757.62	249,921.00	239,978.27
Other expense (publicity & promotion)	28,584.39	18,752.41	19,007.82
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>287,445.31</b>	<b>277,428.92</b>	<b>268,029.31</b>
Surplus <del>XXXXXXXX</del>	18,368.41	6,095.25	3,958.00

STATISTICAL DATA

	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
1935-36		611	274	885
1934-35		551	249	800
1933-34		555	251	806

COMMENTS

The above financial data includes funds and income in China as well as in America. The figures in the Field Treasurer's accounts in Chinese currency have been converted into American currency, the value of the Chinese dollar being equivalent to the following amounts in United States currency:- 1935-36 - 30¢; 1934-35 - 30¢; 1933-34 - 25¢

January 12, 1937

My dear Mr. Mills:

I do not know but what I have already sent you a copy of Dr. H. W. Luce's general letter which he had printed upon his return from his around-the-world trip. Dr. Luce was vice-president of Yenching University for several years and had a large part in securing the funds that made Yenching possible.

At any rate, I am herewith enclosing a copy, and if it has already come into your possession, you need not bother to read it again.

A testimonial dinner was given to Dr. Luce late last fall, soon after his return. It was just a gathering of a few of his friends. I regret I could not attend because I was out of the city, but Mrs. McBrier attended. I sent Dr. Luce a letter of appreciation for the wonderful contribution he had made in making Yenching possible. This is what he says in reply to my letter. His reply is dated January 2, 1937, and refers to the dinner in question:

"Happily, what I had planned to say fitted into the spirit of the hour. I based what I said on a little incident in the life of Marshall Joffre. It seems there had been some difference of opinion as to who had really won the Battle of the Marne. One day a newspaper man sought him out and said, 'Tell me, Marshall Joffre, who really did win the Battle of the Marne?' Marshall Joffre replied, 'I can't say as to that, but I can say that if the battle had been lost, I should have been blamed.'

We could apply that to the development of Yenching, which in so short a time, starting with no land and no friends, though with the fine history of the three uniting Colleges, now has one of the most beautiful and at the same time most useful campuses in the world, and with an influence which at the beginning covered two or three provinces, but which now has spread through all China. The incident of Marshall Joffre in its application must be modified in one important aspect: the success of Yenching is due to no one person or group of persons; nor if it had failed would any one person have been to blame. The development of Yenching might be described as a miracle--no one can really explain how so much has been attained in fifteen years. This 'miracle' has been performed, the victory of this Marne has been won by comparatively few individuals and groups, scattered across the country from Maine to California, and across the Pacific in China."

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Mr. Mills

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January 12, 1957

"Now that last year I had the opportunity of seeing this miracle of Yenching in all its beauty, and of noting its wide, pervasive influence throughout China, I can say without the slightest hesitation that all of us who have had a share in building up the University can know that without a doubt we have had part in one of the greatest works in the Kingdom of God in our time. In all the forty years I have known China with some degree of intimacy she has been passing through various crises, but never once, not even for the thirtieth part of a second, have I lost my confident belief in its basal potential qualities, and that in the long run she will always win out. In the same way I think of the University. Whatever untoward incidents may happen from time to time, a steady influence will the national needs and the advance of the Christian movement. The temperaments of our two nations have something in common, and I never cease to rejoice in thinking what it may mean to us and the whole world as we unite with our friends across the ever-narrowing Pacific in our endeavor to advance the cause of truth and righteousness."

There is no person living more capable of estimating the value to the whole missionary project in China than Dr. Luce, and I am glad to pass his statement on to you from this personal letter which he wrote.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. David B. Mills  
Florence Inn  
Winter Haven, Florida

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April 19, 1937

Mr. David B. Mills  
154 Upper Mountain Avenue  
Montclair, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Mills:

I am herewith enclosing a copy of a letter that I am addressing to the Davolla Hills Foundation.

Mr. Dodd advised me at the time we presented our request last year that the Foundation had not really gotten operating smoothly and until they had their program more definitely outlined, capital grants would probably not be made.

Believing that probably the Foundation has been in operation for some time and is now prepared to consider our application, we are again making this request for a \$25,000 capital grant for equipment.

We hope that this application may now receive approval.

It was my hope that Mrs. McBrier and I might make a second trip to Florida and call on you at Florence Villa. We arrived back from our short three weeks vacation in early January fully intending to make the second trip but every moment has been so filled with activities that we were not able to make the second trip.

We shall hope to have the pleasure of seeing you soon. With sincere personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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April 19, 1937

Davella Mills Foundation  
P. O. Box 150  
Montclair, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

You will remember that on October 16th, 1935, we submitted to you a statement as to the work and needs of Yenching University, and made two specific requests:-

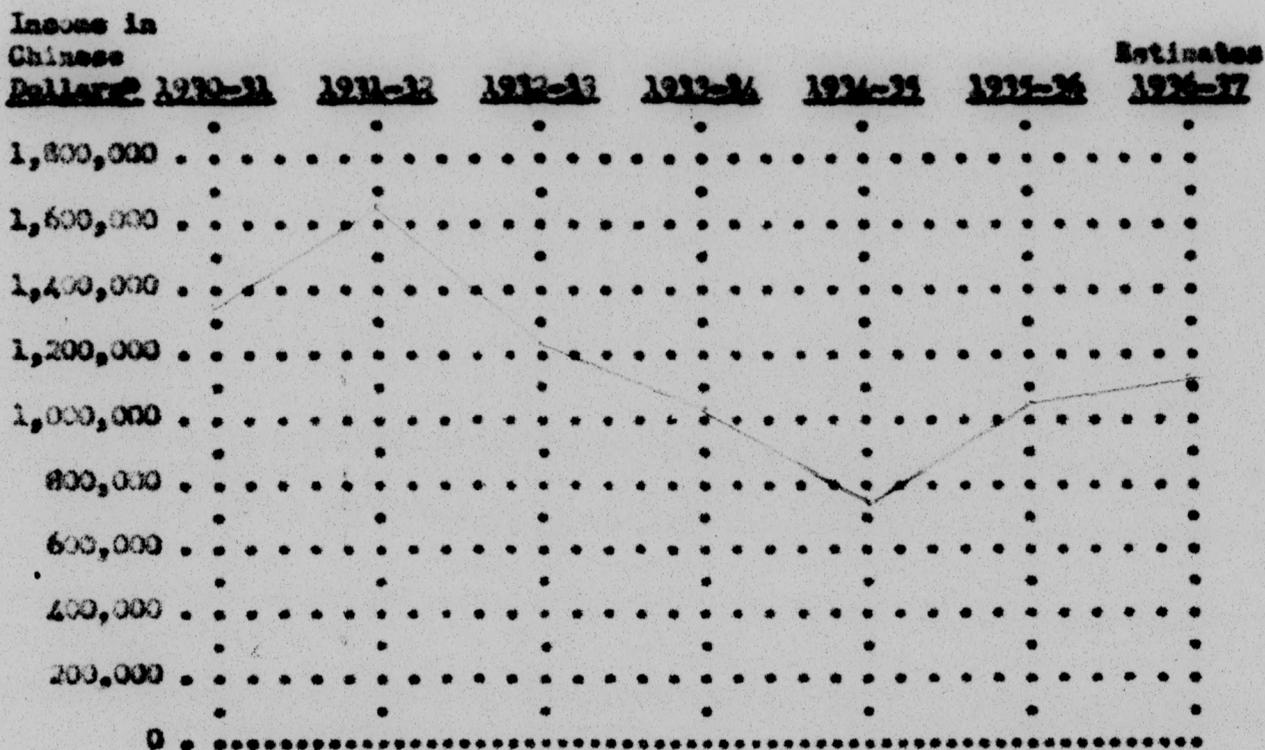
Grant for General Work. Our first request was that the Davella Mills Foundation make an annual grant of \$1,000 per year for a period of five years toward the general work of Yenching University. We were very grateful to receive from you on June 11th, 1936, a payment of \$1,000. We trust that it is the plan of the Foundation to continue annual payments for this same amount at about this same date. This date is very satisfactory to us because our fiscal year closes on June 30th.

Grant for Endowment of School of Religion. The second request in the letter just referred to was that "the Foundation make a capital grant of \$25,000 toward the \$100,000 endowment fund of the Yenching School of Religion". We suggested that this might either be paid in a lump sum or else distributed over a period of three or four years. It is our understanding that the Foundation found it necessary to defer action on this second request. We would like, therefore, to bring before the Foundation again at this time our request for this \$25,000 capital grant. In this connection, we would summarize briefly the developments which have taken place in the last eighteen months. These developments give grounds for encouragement, yet emphasize the continued urgency of the need for increased support of the School of Religion.

Financial Trend. When we wrote you in October, 1935, the trend of income for the University had been steadily downward for about four years. During the past eighteen months this decline has been halted, and apparently a beginning of recovery has been made. This has been accomplished only as the result of very intensive work on the part of the Yenching Trustees and of many other American friends of Yenching University. Much additional progress must still be made before the University will have adequate support for the work which it is now carrying on.

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The following chart shows the trend in the total current income of the University during the past six years. These totals include the income from tuition fees and gifts from Chinese sources, as well as the income received from endowment funds and gifts from western sources:-



NOTE:- At the present time the value of the Chinese dollar is approximately \$0.30 American currency.

During the year the serious financial situation of the School of Religion was in part relieved by a generous endowment gift of \$25,000 from one of the Yenching trustees. But at least that much more in endowment funds is urgently needed to stabilize the income of the School and to permit it to go forward with its work.

We earnestly hope, therefore, that it may be possible for the Davella Mills Foundation at this time to take favorable action on our request for a capital grant of \$25,000 toward the endowment of the Yenching School of Religion. Such a gift would not only greatly cheer and encourage President Stuart and the faculty of the School, but would help materially to relieve the financial crisis which is jeopardizing the efficiency of this vital department of Yenching University.

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer, Yenching Board of Trustees

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THE DAVELLA MILLS FOUNDATION

P. O. BOX 150  
MONTCLAIR, N. J.

April 23, 1937

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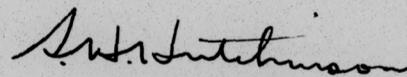
Mr. E. M. McBrier  
Treasurer, Yenching University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. McBrier:

Mr. Paul H. Hudson, Vice President of this Foundation, has directed me to request that, as an aid to the Foundation Trustees in considering your appeal for further funds for the University, you provide us with the information for the last three fiscal years called for by the enclosed form.

The next meeting of our Board will be held probably on Monday, May 10th. We should be glad to receive this information several days in advance of that date, if practicable.

Very truly yours,



S. H. Hutchinson  
Secretary

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May 1, 1937

Mr. S. H. Hutchinson, Secretary  
The Davella Mills Foundation  
P. O. Box 150  
Montclair, N. J.

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

In response to the request in  
your letter of April 23rd, we enclose herewith  
the information you have requested.

If you desire any further infor-  
mation concerning the work of Yenching University,  
or the activities of the Yenching Trustees, we  
will be glad to supply it promptly.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer

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May 18, 1937

Mr. Stanley H. Hutchinson  
7 Glenwood Road  
Upper Montclair, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Hutchinson:

Mr. McBrier has passed along to me the inquiries you made last week with reference to some of the items on the financial summary which our office recently prepared for the files of the Davella Mills Foundation. I have been delayed in sending you the information Mr. McBrier indicated because of the fact that every day last week was devoted to a series of annual meetings of the Boards of Trustees of a number of our China Colleges.

It should be pointed out in general that any attempt to combine all the financial data of Yenching University in a very simple and concise form, is a particularly difficult task. Four sets of accounts are carried for Yenching University, two in New York, and two in Peiping. One set of accounts here, and one in China are carried on for Yenching University in general, and one set for Yenching College for Women.

The two sets of accounts in Peiping are kept in Chinese currency, and the two sets here in New York in American currency. Since the rate of exchange between the two currencies has fluctuated rather widely in the last three years, any attempt to convert our figures into one currency is necessarily somewhat inaccurate.

I believe you asked Mr. McBrier specifically for an explanation of the item "Deficit" as shown under the Balance Sheet summary for the last three years. Under this item of "Deficit" we have combined a number of deficits appearing in different sections of our accounts, some in the capital accounts and others in the current budget. For instance, there have been a number of deficits in our building accounts, where buildings have cost somewhat more than was originally anticipated. From year to year, some departments of the University may expend more than the amounts budgeted, or may find that their receipts are less than was counted upon, and so have to close the fiscal year showing a deficit. Factors of this kind were particularly prominent during the years of the depression when income from many sources declined more rapidly than the University succeeded in scaling down its program of work.

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May 18, 1937.

On the other side of our Balance Sheet summary we have included under "Surplus" a large number of surpluses of varying amounts in different accounts, both capital and current. Some of these surpluses come from our building accounts, others from colleges and departments within the University which have been able to spend less than their available income and so to build up surplus funds which can be carried forward at the end of the year. A number of the colleges and departments within the University have specially designated funds, and so carry forward from year to year their own deficits and surpluses.

You will note from the financial data under the head "Balance Sheet" that during the past three years Yenching University has made very substantial progress in reducing the net amount of the deficits standing in its various accounts. On June 30, 1934, the total of these deficits stood at \$51,185.16. By June 30, 1935, the total had been reduced to \$47,479.14. On June 30, 1936, the total had been reduced to \$19,558.87. During this same period the total of our various surplus accounts had increased from \$23,798.80 to \$26,423.88.

Under the "Income Account" section of this tabulation of financial data we have shown the net "surplus or deficit" for each year covered by the report. You will note that each of the three years reported has shown a net surplus, amounting in 1933-34 to \$3,958.00, in 1934-35 to \$6,095.25, and in 1935-36 to \$18,358.41. The ability of the University to show a surplus each year has been due to three factors:- (1) Exchange rates have been somewhat more favorable than we counted on when our budgets were set up. (2) Through the efforts of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors, and through the generosity of Yenching friends, the income of the University during each of the last three years has been somewhat greater than was counted upon when our budgets were set up. (3) The financial administration of the University has, on the whole, been quite careful, and savings have been effected wherever possible. Nearly all of the surplus which has accrued during the last three years has been applied to the reduction of our various deficits. At the present time our accounts are in satisfactory shape, with the total of our various deficits (\$19,558.87) substantially less than the total of our surpluses (\$26,423.88).

We hope that the above information gives you the facts you need. We would be glad to meet you at any time and place convenient to you for the further discussion of any facts which may not be entirely clear. I would be glad to bring along detailed statements prepared by our auditors covering our two sets of accounts in New York, and also the two sets of accounts on the field.

Sincerely yours,

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June 8, 1937

The Davella Mills Foundation  
P. O. Box 150  
Montclair, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

We acknowledge with sincere thanks receipt of your check for \$1,000, in payment of the subscription by the Davella Mills Foundation toward the support of Yenching University for the fiscal year 1936-37. Our formal receipt is attached hereto.

Your card requests that we send a copy of our last annual report. We have already sent you reports covering the fiscal year 1935-36. When the reports for the current year closing June 30, 1937, are ready, we will see that a copy is sent to you.

Let me, in behalf of the Yenching trustees, express to you the sincere appreciation of Yenching University for your continued support. The University is just now closing what has been a particularly successful year. Your contribution will aid us materially in the efforts we are making this month to close the year without a deficit.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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September 28, 1937

Mr. David B. Mills  
154 Upper Mountain Avenue  
Montclair, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Mills:

I think you will be interested in the enclosed news release which has just been sent out by our Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.

The calm determination to carry on this most important work in the face of war reveals the spirit of our Chinese Christian leaders. The missionaries of all boards are standing by their Christian brethren courageously and are not availing themselves of the privilege afforded by the government to leave their posts of duty.

This, I think, is as it should be. If ever there was a time when Chinese Christians need the encouragement of their American friends it is at this time when they are being ruthlessly bombarded by their Japanese antagonists.

I have been trying to determine just why the Japanese have employed such barbarous methods. I wonder if it is because they are at heart a barbarous people with a thin veneer of what we call "civilization".

The most illuminating report I have ever heard in regard to the conditions in China was given by Dr. Leonard Hsu to a very small group when he was passing through New York last spring.

Dr. Hsu has been released by Yenching University to assist the Chinese Government. He arrived by China Clipper a few days ago, and on Wednesday, October 6th, he is going to tell to an intimate group of friends the situation in China from the Chinese viewpoint. If his talk is as interesting as the one I heard last year, and I have no doubt but what it will be, it will be a revelation to anyone who is interested in China.

I wish you might attend this luncheon on Wednesday, October 6th, at the Commodore Hotel, as my guest. Will you kindly reserve the date? The hour is 12:30 P.M., and I will meet you at the hotel if that is convenient for you.

Hoping you can be present, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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June 23, 1937

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

As we approach the close of our fiscal year ending on June 30th, we have every reason to be grateful to the Davella Mills Foundation for your continued interest in and support of, the work of Yenching University.

The cheque for \$1000 which we received from the Foundation earlier this month in continuation of your annual grant toward the support of the current work at Yenching will be of substantial assistance in our efforts to close the year with all our current obligations provided for.

We have been hoping, however, that we might have some favorable word before June 30th in reply to the renewed application which we made on April 19th, for a capital grant of \$25,000 toward the endowment of the Yenching School of Religion. As we have pointed out, the School of Religion is having a very difficult struggle, and the Trustees are making every possible effort to make more adequate provision for its support during the fiscal year which will begin on July first. While any time is a favorable time to receive word of increased support, the news of favorable action by the Davella Mills Foundation on this request for a capital grant in support of the School of Religion would be doubly welcome just now as we are completing our financial plans for budget estimates for the fiscal year of 1937-38. If there is any additional information, beyond what has already been supplied, which we can give at this or any other time we are always happy to assist.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Mr. S. H. Hutchinson  
The Davella Mills Foundation  
P. O. Box 150  
Montclair, New Jersey

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December 1, 1937

Mr. David B. Mills  
154 Upper Mountain Avenue  
Montclair, N. J.

My dear Mr. Mills:

It was nice to see you again yesterday, and I was delighted to find you looking so remarkably well after such a siege as you had in the hospital.

I hope you will be able to get away to Florida soon because I know you like the climate there better than our Montclair climate at this season of the year.

It was not my intention to follow up my call with this letter; but this morning I received the enclosed printed letter from Arthur Hugh, who you recall was for many years Y.M.C.A. Secretary in Peiping, and who, after his retirement and two years of work among our American Y.M.C.A.'s, giving emphasis to Bible study at Dr. Mott's suggestion, has returned to Peiping to undertake Bible teaching and religious work on the Yenching University campus.

He is a great addition to our university. The President, Dr. Stuart, writes of his work in the highest terms.

Mr. Hugh receives support from the income from the endowment of the Yenching School of Religion. This endowment was created for the purpose of emphasizing religious teaching, Bible study, etc., to insure the University being a really "Christian" university.

You will recall that at one time I made request of you for a capital gift of \$25,000 toward this endowment fund in order to insure the continuance of this work through the years. You referred me to the Davella Mills Foundation.

We gave the Foundation all the information they requested, and have communicated with them on various occasions but they have never as yet made the grant of the capital gift. They did comply with our second request, which was that they contribute \$1,000 a year toward our annual budget. This has been received regularly ever since their grant was made.

We still hope that at some early date our request for the capital grant may be approved.

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Mr. David B. Mills

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Dec. 1, 1937

The need is so great that I am making my gifts to this particular department of our university.

Pardon me for even referring to this, but I thought you would be interested in Mr. Rugh's letter and diary, and would be interested in knowing that the income from the fund which is uppermost in our minds is used in supporting such a splendid man as Mr. Rugh.

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. Please do not return the enclosed. They have served their purpose here.

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December 29, 1937

Mr. David B. Mills  
The Florence Villa  
Winter Haven, Fla.

Dear Mr. Mills:

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed letter which we are sending out to a limited number of our Yenching Trustees.

It is remarkable how Yenching University has been able to carry on back of the Japanese lines and, in fact, with the apparent approval of the Japanese officials in control of North China.

An editorial in one of the recent issues of a Peking newspaper, which of course is now the mouthpiece of the dominant powers, the Chinese government was severely criticized because it was said their orders had hampered a free expression of the religious convictions of those who conducted the University. In a very naive manner they promised that under the present government Yenching would have a full measure of liberty to express their religious convictions, and stated that religion was a good thing for any people, and that an institution such as ours could not be expected to carry on and receive support from abroad unless those who were conducting the work were given full opportunity to teach their religion and present their own views.

This was a rather remarkable statement, intended of course to curry favor with our university. As a matter of fact, Yenching has been doing all along a remarkable piece of religious work.

It is possible I may be able to meet Mr. Arthur Hugh on the Pacific Coast and cooperate with him in his endeavor to secure additional support for Yenching University. As I have explained to you, the Chinese government has been making substantial grants to the current expenses of Yenching and now all of this is cut off on account of the war.

Yenching is carrying on in a splendid manner and we are all proud of Dr. Stuart's record. Being born in China and having his entire training there under Oriental conditions, he is thoroughly equipped to understand the Oriental mind and cope with situations as they arise, in an efficient manner. We have no fear but that Yenching will carry on through the years in a perfectly splendid way.

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Mr. David B. Mills

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December 29, 1937

Please do not make the effort to answer this letter. I am simply sending this to you for any interest it may have, and will ask you to kindly destroy same after reading.

Most truly yours,

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December 29, 1937

Mr. Stanley H. Hutchinson  
7 Glenwood Road  
Upper Montclair, N. J.

My dear Mr. Hutchinson:

At your request, Dr. Garside wrote you under date of May 18, 1937, explaining certain items on the statement sent you which you found it hard to interpret. Looking through our files, I do not find any reply to this communication, therefore do not know whether the information given by Dr. Garside was sufficient for your purpose.

I am asking that a statement as of June 30, 1937 be sent you, giving similar items. Dr. Garside explained the difficulties which confront us in giving a brief combined statement such as your form requires.

If a more detailed statement is needed, we will be glad to furnish same.

We want to give you all the data that you request; and we will be glad at any time to have you visit our office and inspect our books; or we can have our auditors visit you and give you any information which you desire.

Our original request was for a capital grant of \$25,000 for endowment of the School of Religion. In our letter of April 19, 1937, which referred to our previous communications, we indicated that this grant was for "endowment of School of Religion".

The original requirements for this fund were \$100,000. We are extremely anxious to complete this fund this year, and we believe it can be done if the Davella Mills Foundation will find it possible to make the grant which we have requested.

Inasmuch as this School of Religion is conducting all of the religious and Bible study work on the campus, and is responsible for the moral and religious tone of the institution, you will recognize the importance of establishing this fund in order that stability may be given to this department, which we consider is the heart of the entire institution. Only as we can express to the student body our conceptions of what Christian living means, are we able to function as a Christian university.

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Mr. Stanley H. Hutchinson

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December 29, 1937

Now that Yenching University is back of the Japanese lines, you will be interested to know that the college work is going along smoothly and uninterruptedly, and what is more remarkable, the Japanese seem to approve of our methods and in fact have gone so far as to criticize the Chinese government for imposing what they term "religious restrictions". Of course this is all probably done to curry favor with America; but it seems that we are going to be given a large measure of liberality to conduct the affairs of the University as the Board of Trustees desires.

At as early date as possible, we will present a new financial statement, and if in the meantime you have any questions that you desire answered, will you kindly advise us.

Trusting this matter may have your further and, we trust, favorable consideration, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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January 5, 1938

Mr. Stanley H. Hutchinson  
7 Glenwood Road  
Upper Montclair, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Hutchinson:

We are enclosing herewith a revised financial statement from the Trustees of Yenching University. We have gone to considerable trouble to set this up in the form which seems best suited for your files, and which was followed last year, with the exception that we have consolidated the deficits and surpluses to avoid the misunderstanding which seemed to develop last May.

For instance, the deficit of two years ago in the balance sheet was converted into a surplus the following year due largely to the economies effected in the budget on the field and to larger income from living donors in America. The surplus was further enlarged this last year due to similar causes in China and to larger income from investments.

It must be borne in mind that these surpluses in the consolidated balance sheet represent the final result of consolidating some deficits in colleges or departments along with the balances in other departments and in the University account, together with the books here in New York.

You will recall that there are two treasurers, - one for the Board of Trustees, with offices here in New York, and the other for the operation of the University in Peiping, China. Chinese dollars have been interpreted at the agreed rate between the trustees and the field treasurer, as indicated at the bottom of the attached schedule.

May we call attention to the surplus growing out of operations for last year. This amounted to \$28,735.64, all but a small portion being the result of savings on the budget in China. We are informed that this surplus has already been made a part of the field budget for this current year due to the heavy emergency demands growing out of the present situation in North China.

We trust you will find everything in order, but if there are any additional questions, we shall be very glad to answer same or give a personal interview.

Very truly yours,

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FOR FILES OF THE DEVILLA HILLS FOUNDATION

Name Trustees of Yenching University

Address 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Incorporated June 25, 1890 under the laws of the State of New York.

Is Certificate of Incorporation on File? Attached. Are By-Laws on File? Attached.

By whom are financial statements certified? In New York by Chambellan, Berger & Weltk; in Peiping by Thomson & Company.

Nature of activities Operation and support of Yenching University, Peiping, China.

Financial Data

<u>Balance Sheet:</u>	<u>As of 6/30/37</u>	<u>1st Prev. Year</u>	<u>2nd Prev. Year</u>
Cash	201,284.86	183,550.84	295,794.54
Plant Assets	2,403,807.35	2,383,605.51	2,384,488.55
Investments	2,558,074.55	2,554,618.85	2,104,583.25
Other Assets	117,748.17	130,816.12	220,593.58
Deficit			24,554.82
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>5,280,914.93</b>	<b>5,252,591.32</b>	<b>5,029,994.58</b>
Current Indebtedness	15,186.34	12,845.83	25,622.70
Other Indebtedness (Special Reserves)	108,566.76	103,974.42	151,517.99
Capital and Endowment Funds	5,135,797.12	5,128,906.06	4,852,853.69
Surplus	21,364.71	6,865.01	
<b>Total Funds and Liabilities</b>	<b>5,280,914.93</b>	<b>5,252,591.32</b>	<b>5,029,994.58</b>
<u>Income Account:</u>			
Donations	141,788.98	153,013.61	151,584.36
Income from Investments	90,471.01	93,632.05	81,295.40
Other Income	75,529.15	59,188.08	50,644.41
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>307,789.14</b>	<b>305,813.72</b>	<b>283,524.17</b>
<u>Disbursements:</u>			
Administrative Expense	11,956.03	8,103.30	8,755.51
Operating Expense in China	252,564.33	250,767.62	249,921.00
Other Expense—Publicity and Promotion	14,533.14	28,584.39	18,752.41
	279,053.50	287,455.31	277,428.92
Surplus	28,735.64	18,358.41	6,095.25

Statistical Data

<u>Enrolment</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
1936-37	563	244	807
1935-36	611	274	885
1934-35	551	249	800

Comments

The above financial data includes funds and income in China as well as in America. The figures in the Field Treasurer's accounts in Chinese currency have been converted into American currency, the value of the Chinese dollar being equivalent to thirty cents for a dollar of United States currency.

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January 5, 1938

Mr. Stanley H. Hutchinson  
7 Glenwood Road  
Upper Montclair, N.J.

My dear Mr. Hutchinson:

Supplementing my letter of December 29th, I am herewith enclosing a financial statement for Yenching University for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, together with explanatory letter by Mr. C.A. Evans, who has personal supervision of the accounts.

I hope that with this information in your possession, and any further explanations which you may require, you may again find it in order to bring this matter before the Trustees of the Davella Mills Foundation.

It would be especially heartening if our request might receive favorable consideration at this time when there is such distress in China, and when the needs of our University are greater than ever before. The University has received substantial support from Chinese contributors and alumni. Practically all of these have now been cut off.

Not only so, but the University has also received annual appropriations from the Government. The various departments of our University have furnished many educated men for government positions, and the Government recognized the contribution the University was making toward an established order, by making these appropriations to strengthen certain departments. These quite naturally have now been cut off. The University is operating behind the Japanese lines.

Mr. Stephen Tsai, the Comptroller of the University accounts in China, has just arrived in New York. I should be very glad indeed to arrange for him to meet the members of your Board of Trustees and explain to you first hand just how the University is operating, and everything regarding the financial conditions on the field. If you will set a day when Mr. Tsai can appear before you, I will be very glad to make the necessary arrangements. It would afford me a pleasure to invite him to my home and have you meet him there for an unhurried interview, if that would be agreeable to you.

Appreciating the consideration which you are giving to this matter, I remain,

Most truly yours,

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January 21, 1938

Mr. S. H. Hutchinson, Secretary  
Davella Mills Foundation  
P.O. Box 150  
Montclair, N. J.

My dear Mr. Hutchinson:

On behalf of the Christian Colleges in China, I wish to express through you, to the Davella Mills Foundation, our great appreciation of their contribution toward the emergency campaign. It is hard for me to find words to express the real help this is to us at this particular time.

Never in the history of our Christian Colleges has the need been greater or contributions toward this emergency more appreciated than today. It is a turning point in the history of our Christian Colleges.

We have no fear but what these colleges will carry on, regardless of the changes that are now taking place in the Orient, any more than we have that the colleges in America would carry on regardless of the changes now taking place here in our own country.

Will you kindly express, to the Trustees of the Davella Mills Foundation, our sincere thanks; and may I personally express to you my gratitude for your generous contribution.

Sincerely yours,

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December 27, 1940

Mr. Alfred A. Ritchie  
Barrow, Wade, Guthrie and Company  
120 Broadway  
New York City

My dear Mr. Ritchie:

Arrangement has been made to give a private showing of the colored lantern slides and colored moving pictures of Yenching University to the trustees of the Davella Mills Foundation, at my home, 203 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, at 8 P.M. on Tuesday evening, January 7th. I believe you have already received information from Mr. Howard S. Dodd to the effect that this arrangement has been made.

Dr. B. A. Garside, Secretary of the China Colleges, will be with us to answer any questions. It will be a very informal affair. There will be plenty of time for conversation regarding the entire China situation.

Hoping to see you on that evening, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. M. McBrier

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October 18, 1943

file → Mr. Stanley H. Hutchinson, Secretary,  
The Davella Mills Foundation  
630 Valley Road  
Upper Montclair, N.J.

My dear Mr. Hutchinson:

I am herewith enclosing recent issues of "The China Colleges" and "Yenching News" and have indicated, by underlining, the places where we have tried to make clear that while we are associated with the United China Relief and they make contributions to the emergency needs of the Colleges, which at the present time are very great, our needs for our current work have to be raised by the various colleges.

I am also enclosing a list of the personal contributions made by Mr. Mills and The Davella Mills Foundation. You will observe that his personal contributions began in a very small way back in 1935, at the time when Yenching sent out some replicas of the lions on the Yenching campus. By the way, I am sending you a pair for your office or your home, under separate cover by Parcel Post.

It seems that only since January 15, 1941, at which time the United China Relief began, was there any division of the gifts. Prior to that, Mr. Mills' interest and The Davella Mills Foundation interest had been primarily for Yenching University.

In 1938 the expanding needs for war emergency were emphasized, and in that year a larger contribution was made by the Foundation than previously.

I thought you might be glad to get this information.

Appreciating your interest, and thanking you for speaking to me about the matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MR. DAVID B. MILLS

- \$25. Dec. 7, 1935 - Yenching Lion Fund
- 250. July 13, 1938 - Undesignated, 1938 Campaign
- 250. June 22, 1939 - Yenching current income
- 250. June 5, 1939 - Yenching Women's College Endowment
- 250. July 12, 1934 - Yenching budget
- 250. July 5, 1935 - Yenching budget
- 1,000. Nov. 9, 1936 - Yenching Scholarship Endowment Fund

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GIFTS FROM THE DAVELLA MILLS FOUNDATION

- \$ 250. Dec. 19, 1935 - Yenching budget.
- 1,000. June 13, 1938 - Undesignated, thru Mr. McBrier, for Yenching.
- 1,000. June 8, 1937 - Undesignated, allocated to Yenching.
- 2,500. Jan. 31, 1938 - National Emergency Fund, thru ABCGG, allocated to Yenching
- 1,000. Jan. 17, 1939 - Emergency Fund, thru ABCGG, allocated to Yenching
- 2,000. Jan. 16, 1940 - Current special needs thru ABCGG, allocated to Yenching
- 5,000. Jan. 16, 1941 - Sustaining Fund, thru ABCGG. Designated \$2,000. for Yenching and \$3,000. for General Fund.
- 3,500. Feb. 27, 1942 - Sustaining Fund, thru ABCGG. Allocated \$1,400. to Yenching and \$2,100. to General Fund
- 3,500. Jan. 19, 1943 - Current Needs, thru ABCGG. Allocated \$1,400. to Yenching and \$2,100. to General Fund.

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Written on Yenching University stationery

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April 21, 1945

Mr. Stanley H. Hutchinson, Secretary  
The Davella Mills Foundation  
630 Valley Road  
Upper Montclair, N.J.

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

Mr. Mills became personally interested in Yenching University and contributed to the same prior to the establishment of the Davella Mills Foundation. After the Foundation was established his subscription for this University was paid through it.

Later, the Trustees of the Foundation enlarged their interest and contributed not alone to Yenching but also to the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. Perhaps the Trustees might be interested in learning something more about what the twenty-two Protestant denominations are doing in Christian educational work in the thirteen universities now comprising the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.

We have in this office here some excellent colored lantern slides of Yenching and also a good colored moving picture of the same university. It is typical of what a Christian college in China is like. The story of the early schools started by the missionary workers some fifty to seventy-five years ago and their development into middle schools and later into colleges and universities is really a romantic story.

It has occurred to me that the Trustees of the Foundation might like to meet some evening in the not too distant future to see these pictures. I would be glad to arrange to have the pictures shown in some central locality if they would like to have this done. Perhaps the Methodist Church, of which I am a member and which has a suitable room, might be used. An evening could be selected when it would be convenient for the Trustees to bring the members of their families and invite their friends.

If this is an agreeable suggestion, you will prepare the list of guests to be invited and set the date, in conference with myself, for a mutually convenient evening, and I will be prepared to show the pictures and have some representative of the universities present to answer any questions of the audience. The expense in this connection will be taken care of by our office, and all arrangements for showing the pictures and for the attendance of someone to answer inquiries will be taken care of by me.

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Mr. Stanley H. Hutchinson -2-

This is in no wise to be construed as propaganda to influence the Trustees of the Davella Mills Foundation for increased contributions. It is merely to show them the beautiful settings on the China campuses, give them some idea of the activities, answer questions they may have, and give some information as to how the students of these colleges function in the life of China after their graduation.

Frankly, while we appreciate more than we can express the consideration given to the colleges, we have done very little to merit it and I, personally, consider this as sort of a part payment on a long over-due obligation that we owe to the Trustees of the Davella Mills Foundation.

I would be glad to speak to you personally about this some time at a Rotary Club meeting if you desire, and hope we can be of service to you and afford the Trustees, their families and friends a very interesting and informal glimpse of what is going on among these Christian colleges.

Sincerely yours,

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March 4, 1947

Mr. Stanley H. Hutchinson  
Secretary, Davella Mills Foundation  
630 Valley Road  
Montclair, New Jersey

Dear Stanley:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed pictures of Yenching showing condition in which we found certain small portions of the campus and the beginning of the reconstruction work.

I am mailing a copy of this to all of the Trustees of the Foundation except Judge Richard Hartshorne, I do not have his address. Will you kindly send same to me care of this office.

Thanking you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

E.M.McB:EW

E. M. McBrier

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March 4, 1947

Mr. Howard S. Dodd  
483 Bloomfield Avenue  
Montclair, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Dodd:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed pictures. Only two of these scenes depict the condition in which the Japanese left the campus. The outside of the buildings were not harmed nearly as much as the interiors and the two pictures showing the condition left by the Japanese give but a small idea of the expense which will be involved to place the campus back in its former condition.

Very sincerely yours,

E.M.McB:Ev

E. M. McBrier

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Same letter to all members of the Davella Mills Foundation:

Mr. Paul H. Hudson  
Mr. Alfred A. Ritchie  
Mr. Harold H. Helm  
excepting - Judge Richard Hartshorne (no address)  
personal letter to Mr. Stanley H. Hutchinson

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