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North China Union Women's College

Peking Nov. 9, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Lee:-

I have not thanked you for your sympathetic letters, nor for the present forwarding of D. L. Little's Review, but I am deeply grateful — so thank God and take every opportunity of

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It is because of this pressing need for money that I rejoice to report to you that the North China Mission of the Presbyterian Board at their Mission Meeting in September voted to ask their Board to appropriate \$15,000 for this Women's College. "To him that hath shall be given." Now that the college is an entity, thanks to your generosity, I have great hope that it will expand. I cannot tell yet to what branch of the Presbyterian Board you might apply with most hope of success, but I do hope you can find some spot where pressure can be applied to get this money, part of it at least, raised before the opportunity is lost to buy property adjoining. I shall not even mention our need of a ~~sc~~ science building and a dormitory building until we get more land, if it is available.

The Presbyterian Mission now pay in full the salary of their representative in the college, Miss Guffin, who is giving eleven hours a week to teaching, and continuing her language study. They do not feel that they can appoint another teacher until they have more students in the college. They have only one here now.

I am also greatly encouraged because the W.E.M. is considering appointing a representative on the faculty. We do hope that Miss Beynton may come soon. Then if Miss Grace Elliot comes to teach music, we shall be happy indeed. Five different ladies are helping out, just in the college ^{music} this year, and not all is being done in music lines that should be done. I will write later more about the faculty, and our needs for the future. Miss Crane is working very hard, for as homekeeper her burden in getting settled into our beautiful home has been heavy, and she is teaching six hours a week besides helping in the vocal music, and keeping up her language study.

As you will see from the enclosed letter from Miss Miske, I ought to have written you long ago about Dr. Porter. But as it looks now as if she would only remain until about Christmas time, I will not write at length. It was understood that she was to have her ~~for~~ rooms here in return for the medical care of the college girls. That did not include foreigners. She has treated Miss Miske, Miss Tenney, and Miss Crane, giving many treatments to Miss Miske. I do not know what she should be paid in return, but will get our Medical Committee to act on it, and perhaps send you a bill later.

I will send this and without waiting to write more. The photographs, as many as you want, may be kept at the Rooms, I hope soon to send you "Field Library" interiors. I send under separate cover.

North China Union Women's College

Peking

Jan. 31st. 1917.

The Woman's Board of Missions,

Boston, Mass.

My dear Friends:-

In our enlarging plans for the Women's Union College, for which the Board of the Interior have provided so liberally, and into which our friends of other Missions are entering, I want you to have a share. The college, since it has left the American Board Compound, is no longer a part of the Peking Station. It belongs to T'ungchow, Tientsin, and Pootungfu just as much. We have among our students at present only three who belong to our Peking Station. The Presbyterian Mission furnishes one teacher and is asking the home board to appropriate \$15,000 for our plant. We are asking for teachers from the London and Methodist Missions. And we want you too to have a representative on our faculty. I cannot see how this would involve any difficulty of adjustment, for our property and work are now entirely distinct from the Peking Station work of the W.B.M.I. And so I write to ask most earnestly that you appoint Miss Grace Boynton as your representative, and send her to the field as soon as possible. How we wish that she could have come last autumn! If you could find a music teacher for us too, we should welcome her most heartily, and you will see from the enclosed statement what other needs we have.

We are not appealing to you for funds for plant, glad as we should be to receive any amount. The "Statement" was not written primarily for you, but I enclose a copy, and ask that you pass it on to Dr. Barton, who is a member of the Board of Trustees of the new union Peking University. I am not sending a map now, but will send one later if use can be made of it in Boston for raising funds to buy land.

The Women's Medical College is growing amazingly. We must be prepared to equip students for entering, and must make our own college so attractive that it will draw students, even more than now, from all parts of China. Five graduates of the Government Normal School for girls in Peking have just entered.

My best wishes are with you in this, your Jubilee Year.

Most cordially,

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North China Union Women's College

Peking Feb. 2, 1917.

My dear Mrs. Clark:-

I am sending the enclosed statement and map to you because you are a member of the Board of Trustees of Peking University, and so you want to know all of the developments. I hope that you can attend the meetings, for it may give you an opportunity to do some good work for the Women's College. I do hope that the Presbyterian Board will soon send us at least part of the \$15,000 for which their Mission has asked them. And after reading this statement and studying the maps which I am sending you, I wonder if you will not agree with me that we should put the first funds which come from any source into more land. Yet we do need the new dormitory and the science building.

I will send a copy of the "Statement" and a copy of my hasty sketch of the college site and surroundings to Dr. Brown of the Presbyterian Board, and I will tell him that you have a map of the city, for which he can send if they need it at the Presbyterian rooms in New York. Doubtless they have a map, and all that is needed is to mark on it our location. Mrs. Ketchel asked me for a map of Peking, and I will send the same to yours to her, but I am not sending her the "Statement". If you think there are others to whom it should be sent, perhaps it can be copied, in part at least, at the rooms. If they only wish to read it over, your copy will be enough. Please tell Mrs. Lee, Miss Lyman, and Mrs. Hurlbut, that I hope they will be able to find time to read it.

Dr. Gloss of Peking is in Evanston, is she not? Could you show her the enclosed, and get her opinion as to whether the time has come for the Women's Medical College to be transferred to the new organization? And if you think that we need to wait before merging our college, please let me know at once. I do not think we shall incur, at present, any fresh financial obligations in so doing. Our Board has given as much as any board is planning to give for women's education now, and you are furnishing more teachers to the union work. So I do not think you need to hold back on that account. There would be no objection to the W.B.M. investing in plant, would there? But you will see from the enclosed letter to Miss Lamson that we are only asking now that they appoint Miss Boynton as their representative

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on the college staff.

Has the W.B.M.I. any objections to handing over this property to the Board of Trustees of the University? Of course it would revert to the W.B.M.I. if diverted from its present purpose. The Presbyterians expect their \$15,000 for the Women's College to count toward their total \$100,000 toward the University plant.

I think this is all at present in regard to the University. I will write to Mrs. Lee as soon as possible, and mention some other college matters, one the future work of Miss Mickey. In the pressure of school and property-buying routine I have been able to make very little use of her time as secretary, and we are thinking that if she could act for the station, and perhaps also, when the Tsungchow college people come to Peking next autumn, do secretarial work for Dr. Galt, or whoever acts as Mission Secretary, it might be a happy arrangement all around. Miss Mickey does not enjoy teaching, and we so much need another teacher here. Dr. Galt's present secretary came out for term service, and his time expires in about a year.

I want in closing to thank you, Mr. Clark, and Miss Clark, for the beautiful Christmas greetings. This is a very dull letter. It should have been written yesterday, but I am more than half sick with a cold, and was awake coughing most of the night.

I think I will send my journal in Mrs. Lee's letter.

Yours with much love,

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North China Union Women's College

Peking, June 1917

Statement Regarding the Property Owned by the College and its Immediate Needs.

In September, 1916, the college moved into its new home, in the old ducal residence known as T'ungfu. This is in the central part of the east city of Peking, only a few hundred yards from the American Board Mission. The Methodist Mission is about a mile south, the Presbyterian Mission about two miles north, the London Mission about a mile and a half west. The site being purchased for the Federated Peking University, of which this will probably constitute the women's department, is over a mile to the south east, in the southeast corner of the Northern City of Peking. The Union Medical College for Men is about half a mile south, and the quarters now occupied by the Y.W.C.A. are about a quarter of a mile south west. No more central or desirable location could be found in the city.

The ducal residence cost \$25,000. local currency, and \$7000. have been spent for repairs. For two adjoining courts about \$6000. additional has been paid. Owing to the favorable rate of ~~exchange~~ there is about a thousand dollars still in hand from the U.S. gold \$15,000. contributed for this purpose by the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior connected with the American Board, but this will all be needed for recording the deeds and further repairs.

A little over two English acres of this property is connected, about a sixth of an acre of the ducal property, with small, dilapidated houses used for servants, is separated from the rest by a narrow alley. In the main ducal residence are four courts, or squares, with fine old buildings, which now that they have undergone extensive repairs, furnish a unique and beautiful home for the school and its teachers. If the college had a hundred pupils these fine old buildings would still provide, with comparatively small expenditure to adapt them, a chapel and assembly room seating, with crowding, two hundred, all lecture rooms needed except for science, a museum, and library, also homes for from eight to ten foreign teachers. (This last involves repairing buildings not yet in use).

This leaves at the immediate needs of the college, dormitories to accommodate from eighty to a hundred students, a science building with laboratories for chemistry, physics, and the biological sciences, and provision for musical and household science departments. For the present we can use as dormitories two buildings needed for lecture halls, and one large room must serve as a most inadequate laboratory for both chemistry and one other science, leaving either physics or the biological sciences entirely unprovided for. Dining rooms and kitchens should be provided in connection with the new dormitory. Our present dormitory arrangements only provide for thirty students, and though by repairing some small, inferior buildings we could provide for twenty more, the rooms would be inconvenient and not very sanitary, and it does not seem wise to make a large expenditure on buildings which ought to be torn down soon to provide a site for a fine two or three story modern dormitory building. Land already purchased west of the ducal residence, now occupied by the small buildings just mentioned, furnishes about half of the land absolutely required for such a dormitory. But we own no suitable site for a large science building.

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Need and Possibility of Purchasing Land

Our present site has been purchased at about \$10,000. local currency an English acre, including very fine buildings. It was secured because of the complete collapse of the old Manchu family owning it, and probably no other bargain of such a nature can be secured. The Chairman of the Property Committee of the North China Mission writes -

"In my visit to Peking I was much interested and impressed on looking over the property. I have had occasion to know something of property values in connection with securing a site for the new University and also in connection with the efforts of the Rockefeller Foundation to add to their present property, and I have no hesitation in saying that the Mission is to be congratulated A most valuable piece of property and admirably suited to the purpose to which it is being put Property is being picked up on all sides at appreciating values, contemplated plans for city improvement will tend to increase it still further so that I consider this matter of immediate importance." (the purchase of more land.)

For the men's department of the University, not including the Medical College, the site which is being purchased covers sixty-six acres and ten acres seems the very least which we should provide for the woman's departments. If the Union Medical College for Women should wish to remove from its present restricted location, even more should be added to our site. Fortunately property can be purchased adjoining our present site, or very near it with good prospects of later obtaining the intervening property, and though at the present rate of exchange we can hardly expect to purchase it for much less than \$6000. gold an English acre, and without buildings of any great value to the college, the present opportunity seems too good to let slip. With the close of the European war, and the establishing of the republican government in China on firmer foundations, business in Peking will make strides which will not only greatly increase the price of land, but may involve the permanent loss of one or two large pieces of property absolutely essential to the future development of the Women's College on this site. It seems most important now to get the options on two or three of the most important properties, but this cannot be done without more money in sight.

A rough map is sent herewith, on which are roughly indicated our present site, and the location of some properties which can probably be purchased.

Plot A - About 133 feet east of college property, no buildings of importance, area about four-fifths of an acre. Price from \$7500. to \$8000. local currency. Lies about 25 feet from one of the main paved streets of the city (this street is east of it), opening on it by a private passage (included in the property) about twelve feet wide. A line of small shops joining the property and facing on the street could probably be secured if a wider street entrance were desired. If the property intervening between this and the college could not be purchased some of it could doubtless be exchanged for it, as the location of the property in the great street makes it more desirable for others. The property has been involved and in litigation, but it will probably soon come on the market, and will be snapped up at once. It may seem best to pay a few hundred dollars as "option money" to make sure that no one else gets the place, even at some risk of losing the money.

Plot F - Immediately joining "A" on the south, and with an entrance from the same great paved street, which is about three hundred feet or less east of the east wall of the present college compound. Plot "A" lies opposite the north end of our present property, this opposite the south half. The area and price are not exactly known, but it is thought to cover about an acre, and to be valued at at least \$10,000. (ten thousand). There are many small buildings on it.

Property Owned by Six Officials, and Plots X, Y, and Z with unknown owners, occupy the space between the college property and plots A and F and extend still further to the south. There are perhaps three acres or four here, and this is the property most desired by the college. If the officials carry out their plans of erecting extensive buildings here, it cuts off the chance of the college extending its lines eastward. Money should be in hand for securing any of this property which might be obtained by purchase or exchange. Much of it is vacant land, which the officials obtained after various legal complications for a very small price.

Coming to the northern wall of the college property, Plots D and E on the east are small, and would give the college a better passage than it has at present to an alley leading directly to Plot A, making it more available for college use if the intervening property just mentioned cannot be obtained. Plot C joins the north wall further west, and extends a long distance to the north. This property has already been offered to the college and the only reason why its immediate purchase is not urged is that the college probably runs less risk of losing it by delay than of losing the places on the east already mentioned.

Property can probably be purchased west of the college, near the American Board Mission, but it seems best to leave this not very large territory for the expanding work of the mission, as this is the only direction in which it can expand.

Forty thousand dollars (gold) for land, and an equal amount for the dormitory building and the science building would give this college such a start as would ensure a great future, providing that an endowment to correspond can be secured. Outward equipment does not make a college, but for reasons mentioned above, the immediate purchase of land is most urgent.

Organization of the College

For eleven years the college has been under the management of the North China Educational Union, but that which is now being merged in a larger union or federation which will include Peking University, hitherto supported by the Methodist Episcopal Church. Under the old union, each mission provided the plant for the educational institution located on its premises, but the property of the Federated Peking University now being organized will be held by one Board of Trustees, and the local Board of Managers has already been elected. The management of the Men's Arts College and the Theological College has already been transferred to the new Boards. To the old Union will soon be left only the control of institutions below college grade. Has not the time come to transfer the Women's College to the new organization? With this in view, at the last meeting of the new Board of Managers of Peking University, the following motion was passed:

"Moved that the Board of Managers of Peking University appoint a committee of four to confer with the Executive Committees and Deans of the Union Medical College for Women and the Union Women's Arts College, as to the advisability of these two institutions

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being transferred from the North China Educational Union to the Peking Union University."

To accomplish this transfer probably no further action by the old Board is necessary, as the following motions have already been passed.

In 1914 -

"The North China Educational Union has heretofore with great satisfaction included the Union Women's College and the Union Medical College for Women; Therefore be it resolved - That we desire that all our institutions should enter the Federated University; The Women's Colleges and the Medical College, however, not being compelled to change their location for the purpose of centralization unless they so desire."

In June 1916 -

"Be it resolved that we recommend to that Board of Trustees (Peking University) the early affiliation of the Women's Arts College and the Women's Medical College with the University under one Board of Trustees and one Board of Managers."

In anticipation of this union, Mrs. George M. Clark and Miss Alice E. Davison are already serving on the Board of Trustees, and Miss Luella Miner on the Board of Managers.

Heretofore all of the plant has been provided for the Women's Arts College by the American Board and its affiliated Women's Board at Chicago, and the plant for the Women's Medical College has been furnished by the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. But the North China Mission of the Presbyterian Board at its last annual meeting passed a motion expressing great interest in the development of the Women's College, and asking the Board to find fifteen thousand dollars (gold) for it; when this is accomplished, that mission will stand on a level with the American Board. The London Mission while the war lasts, and perhaps for some time after, can hardly be expected to do much in raising funds for the plant, and if the Methodist Mission brings the value of the Women's Medical College plant and equipment up to \$15,000. it will have done its part in relation to the other Missions. So for providing adequate equipment and endowment, must we not look to other sources than the ordinary contributions of mission Boards?

Funds for the running expenses of the Women's Arts College are now all received from the American Board and the Women's Board of Missions of the Interior connected with it, \$800. annually from the former, from endowment funds, and \$685. from the latter this past year. In addition the latter pays the salaries of four teachers for the college. The Presbyterian Mission furnishes one teacher and pays her salary.

This past year there have been in the college thirty-six students doing all college work and nine others doing part college and part middle school work. We cannot expect to attract young women in large numbers until we provide a better equipment and have more teachers. The college has now no rivals north of the Yangste, and if we rise to the greatness of our opportunity it will have none for years to come. The highest government schools for girls, even the so called "Higher Normal" are not above our middle school. There is great need especially that we strengthen our science department, as one year of college science is now demanded for admittance to the Woman's Medical College, and after one more class has been admitted the requirements will be raised to two years of college work.

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Our most pressing needs as to staff are teachers of science, one immediately, a music teacher, and one to have charge of normal training and teach education and psychology. Also a teacher for ethics, religion and philosophy.

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Peking, Aug. 6, 1917.

My dear Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Clark:-

This letter, too long delayed, is to be mainly about the Women's Colleges, so I write to you together, tho it is really an answer to Mrs. Lee's letter of June fourteenth. I had hoped to know what action, if any, was taken at the June meeting of the Board of Trustees, but since the larger questions relating to the University are now so unsettled, definite action regarding the women's colleges may be delayed. No copy of the statement prepared by Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Avann, and Mrs. Williamson for presentation at that meeting was enclosed in my letter, so my comments on the situation will be somewhat vague.

You may have seen the official minutes of the May meeting of the Board of Managers, but for convenience I will copy the part relating to the Womens' Colleges. It took the form of approval of the report of a committee previously appointed.

"Moved that we recommend to the Board of Managers of the Peking University and to the Board of Managers of the North China Educational Union ~~that~~ the federation of the Women's Arts College and the Union Medical College for Women with the federated Peking University under its Board of Managers, with such arrangements for separate committees of administration as may later seem advisable. That we recommend to these Boards the endeavor to raise through the Mission Boards concerned or in such other way as may seem feasible, for plant and equipment \$25,000 gold for each of these womens' colleges from each of the Boards expecting to participate, these sums to include the contribution already made for plant and equipment. That we further recommend securing for these womens' colleges the services of a minimum of two teachers from each board participating, and the supply of gold at least \$1000 a year for expenses".

Altho the action of the Board of Trustees at the May meeting has already negatived these recommendations as relating to the Women's Medical College, they still stand as an expression of the opinion of the Board of Managers relating to the Arts College.

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Our hope is that four Missions will eventually cooperate, but we cannot count as yet on the London Mission. With three Missions, if each provided only the minimum, this would give us only six foreign teachers, of whom one would be a music teacher, one a principal, needing full time for administration, one would on an average, always be away on furlough, and so only three could be counted on for the regular classroom work, not enough to bring the college up to any standard of efficiency. So it is hoped that the Missions having the larger number of students in the institution would not be satisfied with sending the minimum number of teachers. Of the twenty two who have graduated from our full college course fifteen have been from the American Board Mission, three from the Presbyterian, two from the London Mission, two from other denominations. The graduates of the two years courses bring in a slightly larger proportion from other missions, still there those from the American Board are about half of the total number. Since we have the largest share in the benefits, we should continue to furnish generous support. ^{omit} So the other missions may contribute only a thousand gold dollars a year for running expenses, I hope that the W.B.M.I. will continue to give not less than the \$650 appropriated at present, which with the \$800 from the American Board will make our share \$1450. ^{the} I have no doubt of your granting that, ^{same as for running exps as in former yrs} so my special plea is that you will keep on the College staff not less than four women. This would give us, if four boards cooperate, an average of eight on the field all the time and with that number we would have courage to go forward with true constructive work, and do it so thoroughly that our own graduates would become helpful members of the staff.

As to just the way of uniting or federating the Women's College with the University, I hope for much light from you. The connection of Barnard with Columbia, or of Radcliffe with Harvard would give light on the problem. The connection with the University should be close, to get the largeness of life, but some special committee or board should be constituted to give closer attention to the interests of the college than it can command in the full meetings of the Board of Managers, made up of very busy men, most of whom would have little direct connection with the Women's College. Is this true also at the home end?

In the China Continuation Committee I am a member of the sub-committee on Administration of Union Institutions, and this will give me an opportunity to study the problems. The relation of Ginling College to the University of Nanking is not entirely settled. I hope you have for reference a copy of the "Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Meeting, and can read pages 90-93. I will quote a little;-"It may be that a particular board is unable to secure a man whose qualifications are adequate to the needs of the post the board has undertaken to fill, or it may be able only to provide a man for a department already supplied, with the result that one department would be over-staffed while another is left unprovided for. In the judgment of the committee this points to the desirability of larger liberty being given to the managing boards of the institutions concerned in respect of the professors ^{supported} provided by the missions."...."Would it not be possible for the board to pay to the university the funds necessary for the support of such professors as it undertakes to provide, leaving it to the managing board itself to find the men needed?" "Subject to the candidate being approved, from the point of view of missionary vocation by the mission board to which he is to be attached, the appointment should be made by the field board of control." "New appointments should be for a limited period, so as to secure adequate probation."

These plans are probably not feasible at present, but in organizing we want to be careful to avoid restrictions which may hinder the best development of these union institutions later.

As to the Women's Medical College, I am very sorry that it has not a more assured future, for its graduates are doing a fine work, much relieving the overworked Western women physicians, especially in hospitals. I understand the attitude of the Board of Trustees in not wanting a second rate institution under their patronage standing beside the first-class, up-to-date Medical College for men under the China Medical Board, and with the funds and staff now available, its warmest friends would admit that it is a second rate college. But it has worked up to its present position against tremendous odds, and having borne the burden of the Arts College for many years, I have much sympathy with Dr. Leonard, the Principal of the Medical College, and the teachers. Dr. Leonard is now broken in health.

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I believe that in view of the great need of women physicians in China, and of the fact that few will have the time and money to take the long course which is to be open to them sometime in the Men's Medical College in Peking, there should be a college where Chinese is the chief medium of instruction somewhere in North China. It is possible that it would not be welcomed in Tsinanfu, where they may want all of the "clinical material" for their men students. The China Medical Board is far more interested in Nurses' Training Schools for women than in educating women physicians, and I think that the grade of the school now started, located at the Methodist Mission, should be raised, and the school greatly enlarged.

I think that the Women's Arts College can wait no longer for the status of the Medical College to be decided, but that we must organize, get more land and buildings, equipment and teachers, and push ahead. Especially we must get a strong science department, to prepare students for advanced medical instruction. That is where we are now very weak. We should have at least two science teachers on the ground at once, and no less needed is some one for the head of our normal department. We have been calling for the latter at least ten years.

The appointment of Miss Lum has given me new courage, and I am delighted with the training she has had. It seems as if she would fit our needs exactly, and if the Methodist Mission also sends some one for the head of the music department, we shall not be embarrassed in the least, for Bridgman Academy too needs a teacher like Miss Lum, and we can make the adjustment between the two institutions. The music fees in the two institutions, if not needed to purchase instruments, would almost pay the salary of one of the foreign teachers, but of course we must pay also the running expenses of the music departments from the fees. Those departments have always been self-sustaining, and with Chinese trained to teach the beginners, can soon pay at least the salary of one foreign teacher. We shall be glad indeed if the Methodist Mission can send us two ladies, and do hope that they can come this year. Would they come directly to us while they are in language study? We can make room for them this year if we know in time.

The remainder of this letter I write not as principal of the college, but as your secretary for the North China Mission, to which position I have been reelected. The minutes of the last District Meeting were printed very late, and I do not know whether the clerks mailed you a copy or not, so will mail one to you today. Please note especially the call for two teachers, one for music and English, for Bridgman Academy. Miss Mead will this year be your only representative there, and even with the help which we hope to have from married ladies, there should be at least three. One of the ladies sent should be one whom we might hope would be fitted later to be the principal of the school. Miss Mead will make a good treasurer, and look after details most efficiently, but she herself knows that her strong points are not in the line of principalships, and her request that Mrs. Wilder occupy that position was most sincere. It may be necessary for Mrs. Wilder to go home to care for Mr. Wilder's mother, so the situation in the Academy is serious. While Miss Porter is here a meeting of the ladies of the mission will be called, and we shall present you with a more settled policy for the work of the W.B.M.I., which Miss Porter can set fully before you on her return. Meanwhile the district minutes, and Dr. Wilder's report of explanation on "Needs", which I hope we received, will make its appeal to you.

Miss Payne's request to be transferred to Tientsin for the two years before she goes on furlough came as a surprise to everyone, and because of her personality as well as the overwhelming need in that station, it was granted without question. I think she would have resigned had it not been granted. I tried to persuade her to remain in Peking and do certain lines of work for which she is eminently fitted, dropping the multiplicity of things which she says she cannot carry longer, but her mind was fixed, and after that, there is no use in talking. Since this is a private letter, I will add that her relations with the other Academy teachers have been somewhat strained, and there have been days when she would not speak to Miss Mead. I think Miss Miske's nervous breakdown has been largely due to this strain. Miss Mead is very fond of her, and has been patient to the limit. You know of course that I have been a great trial to Miss Payne, but this year, since my work has been entirely in the college and Bible School, and I have purposely dropped as much as possible out of station affairs, I doubt whether I have been a factor in influencing her to leave Peking. I think the experience of working alone in a station is the best possible for her

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in her nervous ,sensitive condition. She has a talent for managing schools of the grammar school grade, and would make a good district supervisor. It is the daily contact which seems to wear. She herself thinks she wants to do evangelistic work, but I think her abilities lie in other directions. It is difficult to adjust because Peking is your only station in Chihli, but her work these two years in Tientsin will not balance Miss Reed's long years of beautiful service as a W.B.M. worker in your Peking field. And by that time she will know better herself what she wants to do.

Miss Miske goes home on doctor's certificate. A longer stay might make a complete breakdown, but if she can have complete rest at home, I think she can come back for long service. She thinks that under the changed conditions in the Academy, she could have stayed two years longer, but I think it is far better for her to go now, especially as Miss Mead's furlough is soon due. Miss Miske is a very intense worker, and does not know how to conserve her strength. Her strong point is decidedly not leading meetings or speaking in public, and I hope you can save her from that. She is a good teacher and personal worker. She leaves Friday, sailing on the Venezuela, which is due in San Francisco about the middle of September, or earlier.

Some journal will go to you in a few days. China is suffering from terrible floods, from soldier brigands in many parts of the country, and from this rotten government, so she shares the world sorrow, but it seems all not to any "expected end", which makes it sadder. We are very anxious about the Wilder and Ingram families, who with a few others rashly went to brigand-infested Mongolia, and a rescue party is organizing to bring them out.

Yours with love,

Luella Miner.

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North China Union Women's College

Peking

Jan. 4, 1919.

My dear Mrs. Lee:-

If there were less to write to you, I might write more often. The fact is that whenever I think of writing, I am appalled by the amount that I want to write. But there are certain matters about which I must consult you now.

The map and the statement marked "important" set before you an unexpected opportunity to secure property which we had not ^{thought} expected would come on the market for at least ten or twenty years, and the possession of which seems absolutely essential if this is to be the permanent site of the college. Since writing the enclosed statement I have received additional information which leads me to hope that our chance of securing the property may not be lost for six months, but every week of delay increases the risk. We still have in hand \$1700 which the W.B.M.I. appropriated for buying property, also \$800 from the Endowment Fund, and with this and the possibility of borrowing about a thousand dollars, we are trying to at once secure Plot V, but they may not be willing to sell this apart from the other property. We have made an urgent appeal to the Presbyterian Mission to secure their share of funds for the College, and they have written to their Board, but we entreat you also to bring all possible pressure to bear on them or on any possible contributor.

In presenting this matter and in all others relating to the business interests and development of the College, the lack of any governing or responsible body either here or at the home base places us in constant difficulty. The North China Educational Union, which acted as our Board of Managers, no longer exists, and we have not even an Executive Committee. For three years we held on to our old Committee, tho it was supposed to be elected annually, but death or furloughs have removed so many members that we cannot get a quorum. So we cannot even pretend to have authority to grant diplomas to the class graduating in June. Our catalogue has been out of print for over a year, and we cannot issue another in our present disorganized condition. If we cannot at once be recognized as part of the Union University, with some body at the home base which is really union to look after our interests, I would like to go home, and with the past history and future prospects of the

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College as a basis, seek to effect some kind of an organization, and get financial support. If the other Boards do not respond, let us go ahead and make it an American Board College, or get a Board of Trustees behind it such as Constantinople College has. It already has a name in China, and if the right person were in America to work it up, I believe something could be accomplished now that the war is over. I am not the right person to work it up, for I dislike public speaking, and have no talent for getting money, but I do not see how any one else can do it now. Mrs. Frame would be the best one for it, but her furlough is not due until a year from June, and if I went home first and started the ball rolling, she would be a fine one to carry it to larger proportions. By that time her little girl will be old enough so she can more easily leave her with her sister in America, and devote herself to College interests while on furlough. Mrs. Frame and I should plan to take our furloughs at different times. My full seven years since returning to the field will not be completed until January 1921. I was only eight months away from China on my last furlough, and college interests aside, should much prefer not to go until Mrs. Frame comes back from her furlough, which would only delay my going about eight months beyond the regular time. Ocean travel is an abomination to me, and my health is much better than last year, so that does not demand an earlier furlough, tho I shrink greatly from the year of Mrs. Frame's absence, and would undoubtedly be better able to carry the double burden after a furlough than when it was overdue. Moreover Miss Crane's furlough is due in 1921, and if Mrs. Hall should only stay for the three years of this term appointment, she will be returning then. Next year they can get on finely without me, for there will be no large building or repair transactions, and Mrs. Frame, Miss Crane, Mrs. Hall and Miss Stahl can give full time to the College, and Miss Lane will be able to spare more time than this year from her language study. If I go home this year, I could get acquainted in Plymouth Church, Milwaukee, but I should like to be excused from travelling around to speak, and work only in centers where I could promote the college interests. I go to Shanghai for a meeting of the Continuation Committee Apr. 25-30, and if passage can be secured I should like to go to America from there.

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I shall write at once, asking the proper committee here to authorize my return, but even if the committee does not approve, or if permission has not come from the Board, the stress of College matters may drive me home at my own expense, for I cannot continue at the head of such an ownerless, unorganized institution much longer, and if I leave some one else may succeed in getting the orphan adopted. Of course it is very difficult now to secure passage, so I may not be able to leave as soon as seems to me now desirable. If I could reach America by the end of May, possibly funds could be secured in June which would prevent the Mongol Prince's place passing irrevocably out of our hands. There may be reasons why you will think it best to cable me either to go or to stay, and on the other hand there may be developments here which will indicate that it is not best for me to go now. My present decision to plan to go was made with the approval of Mrs. Frame.

I am sorry that this letter did not get finished sooner. It is now Jan. 15. Between the special meetings of the Week of Prayer, special duties connected with beginning ~~the~~ school after the Christmas holidays, and a bad time with neuralgia in my face, no writing got done for several days. I did not dare send off the first two sheets at once, fearing that I would repent of planning the trip to America now, but the longer I consider it, the more I am convinced that it is the thing to do.

In two or three days Miss Orvis will be leaving us. She certainly has been a blessing this half year she has been in the school, and I should be so glad if we could keep her, but we know how much she will be needed in Turkey. She has made an impression ^{touch} on our students, whose interests have been broadened by the ~~high~~ with her, and the pretty gifts and grateful words at the farewell meeting in her honor Saturday night showed how much they appreciated her faithful teaching.

Have I written what a treasure I think you have sent us in Miss Lane? And Mrs. Hall and Miss Stahl are both ^{even} more than I thought they would be, so I am as happy as happy can be in the faculty which we are gathering. I do not need to write more than I have in the past about Mrs. Frame, who is a wonderful woman, and simply invaluable to the college. For the first time since we separated from the Academy, I feel that we can

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look the world in the face, and claim to be a college faculty. I hope that this desperate way in which I am starting off for America will not make you feel that we do not appreciate all the W.M.I. has done for us. You have simply made this college, which now has students from all but ten of the provinces of China, and it is its success which makes it necessary to plan at once on a larger scale. I have two or three persons or places in mind whence emanate rays of hope, still I shall depend chiefly on your guidance. I want to connect with Carleton College, Cleveland, New York, and Chicago, also to visit Grinnell while I am home, for both Shantung and Shansi send their women students to this college. One reason why I want to go home just now is that Miss Ting Shu Ching, who graduated eight years ago, and who has made such a fine record as a teacher and a Y.W.C.A. secretary in Peking, starts for America in March to assist in a Y.W.C.A. campaign. If I can connect up with her in two or three important centers, I feel that she can do more than I can to advance the cause of the College. She is to be gone about six months. Mrs. Clark will remember her. She was teaching and caring for her aged father in Lin-ching when she was here.

Our sympathies were with you when we heard that the epidemic had made it necessary to postpone the Jubilee, but we hope soon to hear a good report of it.

Miss Kelley seems to be doing finely in the English teaching in the Academy. I wish she were stronger. Miss Lum is up for a few days, then collapses again, but she keeps up her courage. This next semester Miss Stahl will have all the college music except singing two or three times a week, so Miss Lum can give practically all of her time to the Academy. I wish she could have been in a furnace heated house this winter, for she might have made a better health record. She is hardly able to do half work, but she picks up the Chinese language with great facility, and loves the Chinese people.

Miss Reed is worn to the point of breaking, and the worst of it is that her furlough is due, and she feels she cannot possibly leave. If some one were here preparing, hope would help to sustain her.

Yours with love,

Lillian Miner.

From

RECEIVED CHINESE MISSIONS BOARD

Confidential.

Perhaps I ought to write a little about Miss Crane and take back my too hopeful forecast of her usefulness as a mission worker. She has been a disappointment in so many ways, and it makes me lose faith in my power to select capable workers, for she impressed me as almost capable woman, and the appearance was deceitful. I still think that anyone else who met her casually, or even spent a few weeks with her, would make the same mistake. I think perhaps the trouble is that she never bore the yoke in her youth, and it is hard to form habits of work and self denial after one is well past forty. I had hoped that she would take charge of the English Department and be happy to do most of her work in English, but she is not willing to do that, and her progress in Chinese is painfully slow. This is her fifth year since her return ^{to} ~~from~~ China, and she is teaching two hours of Bible in Chinese for the first time, and I fear the students are getting little from it. Her only other work is two hours a week of English teaching here, and an hour ~~per~~ a week of teaching in the Bible School. She has just started in with a Bible class in English ^{once a week} for men, she leads a little group class prayermeeting of half an hour once a week, and has led chapel once in the past five months. She is advisor to the College Y.W.C.A. and usually attends the cabinet meeting once in two weeks, but less than half the time attends their Sunday prayer meeting, the she has no other Sunday work except playing the organ in church part of the time. She does not get into the real college life, or the lives of the girls. She has made a few calls in homes with Miss Reed or me, but does not seem to have the faculty of following up this introduction with any helpful work. She has a great longing to serve on committees, but is bored with detail, and has no patience for routine work. Public functions delight her soul as much as they burden me, and if she could get more Chinese, she might find her role there, but I fear that is hopeless. If she had more faculty for getting on with fellowworkers or servants I would not feel so discouraged. I think not less than twenty servants have processed through Wisteria Bungalow in the two years since she began housekeeping there. Three ladies who lived there had most disagreeable relations with her, namely Miss Mickey, Miss Giffin, and Dr. Porter, but it was their fault far more than Miss Crane's. She and Miss Orvis have "rubbed" some, but it has not been serious. You may wonder what she finds to fill the time and interest her, but you would not wonder if you lived in Peking. You can be very busy doing all sorts of pleasant, worth while things, without doing a bit of missionary work. Miss Crane belongs to the Friday Club, the Choral Club, which meets at least once a week, the church choir with its weekly practice, is a good attendant at lectures, and has a calling circle which it would make me dizzy just to look at. She keeps saying she would like to get in on more lines of work. We tried her on the Library Committee, but she could not understand what was said in the meetings, and did not get at cataloguing the English books, so the next year she was not put on the committee. Then I started her on the college accounts, giving her the kitchen accounts which are kept by the student committee to audit as a beginning, but she had not the patience for that, and handed them back to me all in a mass after they had been in her hands three months. The future is a problem, for I do not believe she can get enough Chinese to do the Bible teaching which seems to appeal to her now. ~~the~~ students,

To be continued later!

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150 Fifth Avenue

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Miss Luella Minor
229 Edwards Street
New Haven Connecticut

My dear Miss Minor:

I have received minutes of the Board of Managers of Peking University for November 10th, in which are the following actions referring to the Woman's College:

"A recommendation was presented by a committee of nine, representing the Peking University, the North China Union Medical College for Women, and the North China Union College of Arts and Sciences for Women, to the effect that the two Women's Colleges affiliate with the University. The report of the Committee was referred to the Executive Committee as some of the details regarding representation needed revision, but the general idea of affiliation was heartily approved, and the following action was taken:

"Resolved, That since the North China Union College of Arts and Sciences for Women, and the North China Union Medical College for Women have applied for affiliation with Peking University, we heartily recommend to the Trustees that these requests be acceded to in the case of the Woman's Arts College and also in the case of the Women's Medical College, provided that institution remains in Peking.

"Resolved, That we recommend to the Trustees that the name of the Woman's Arts College be The Woman's College of Peking University."

I have also received from Mrs. Frame a revision of the askings for the Woman's College. A copy of her letter I enclose. I also enclose a transcript of the survey statement and the documents which accompanied it. The items in red are the corrections I have made in the processes of estimating in order to arrive at accurate totals for salaries. I shall be glad to show you the original any time you are here, but I thought it wiser not to risk it in the mails. I think that it justifies from the field the actions you have taken in raising the original budget presented, although the estimates are still lower than the estimates which you prepared.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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TRUSTEES OF
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Miss Luella Miner,
North China Woman's College,
Peking, China.

My dear Miss Miner:

It occurs to me that one of the first things to be done by you when you reach Peking is, to straighten out definitely the matter of the name for the girls' College. It is important to get that definitely decided and properly spelled before we begin to issue very much literature. We have been spelling it Yenching but Mr. Luce is inclined to spell it Yen Ching, as two words. Since it is composed of two Chinese characters. I am not sure that this reasoning holds when I look at Nanking, Ginling and Peking. My own judgment is, that though 'ching' may not be quite a proper transliteration, it is better than either 'king' or 'jing'.

I think it might be easy to stir up a tempest in a teapot about this, for the University has had some difficulty with the matter of names, anyway. All that is desired is, that we get some uniform practice and follow it and I think that you in Peking should determine what the practice should be.

Faithfully yours,

EMM
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January 30, 1920

Miss Luella Miner,
Mrs. Lucius O. Lee,
Woman's Board of Missions
of the Interior,
19 South LaSalle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Miss Miner:

I have received the letter, a copy of which follows. It is my hope that this will reach you before you sail in order that you may perhaps get in touch with Miss Brown or at least advise me as to what to do with her application. Perhaps you can yourself transfer it to some one who can act for your Board if your Board desires to consider this application. I have asked Miss Brown to let me know in case she does not hear from you within the next three or four weeks.

"I know of no way of applying for a position in the Peking Women's College, except through you, for no other address was given in the Student's Volunteer Movement Bulletin.

My first two years of college work were at Bryn Mawr, but I graduated from Radcliffe in 1916. Two years later I received my Master's from the University of Minnesota, where I was a teaching fellow in French for the last semester. Since then I have been Instructor of English here, except for my six months overseas service.

I am a member of the Unitarian Church, and so have to depend upon outsiders for missionary work, since the church as a whole does not believe in it. Accordingly, I should not be qualified for evangelical work, but I should be glad to go as an instructor of English.

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My father, Carleton Brown, is Head of the English Department at the University of Minnesota, but he is lecturing at Oxford this winter.

Probably you want only orthodox protestants, but I thought I might as well make sure."

Sincerely,

Margery L. Brown

Stephens College,
Columbia, Mo.
January 23, 1920.

Faithfully yours,

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May 5, 1920.

Miss Lucella Miner,
Peking University,
Peking, China.

My dear Miss Miner:

This is to notify you of your election by the Trustees of Peking University as Dean of the Women's College of the University. The Trustees have, I believe, every confidence in you, and I am sure that they anticipate the steady, consistent and wise development of the school under your direction. The pleasure of cooperation with you when you were here I greatly appreciate, and I trust that all will develop in harmonious fashion.

I am particularly interested to know just how whether the site at the Zoological Gardens which Dr. Stuart cables is in prospect of being purchased will include lands for the Women's College. It must eventually.

Mrs. Frame is in the country, but she has not yet been in New York; she will probably be here within a few days.

Cordially and faithfully,

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Secretary.

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Vancouver, Feb. 18, 1920.

Dear Dr. North:-

I sail for China tomorrow - some what in the dark as to how things are going regarding the Women's College, as the fifteen letters which arrived here for me were by mistake forwarded to San Francisco with those for another lady, who had mail sent here in my care.

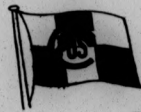
I received your letter, and wrote to Miss Margaret Brown, tho I was somewhat puzzled as to how to reply to a Unitarian - I fear Mrs. Foame will find this with many other unfinished tasks awaiting her. I wrote to Mrs. Luce about some College matters, and feel confident that you who are responsible for the University will "carry on" until the Women's College Committee is fully organized so Mrs. Foame arrives -

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I want to thank you again for your constant courtesy and kindness as well as the efficient way in which you have forwarded the Women's College interests.

I left with Dr. Dickinson money for printing a college leaflet and other expenses, and if you incur any which the Women's College should pay, either Dr. Dickinson or Mrs. Frame can draw on this deposit for it. I do not yet know whether Mrs. Frame will arrive in San Francisco City in March or about the middle of April.

Yours sincerely
Lucella Miner.



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THE CANADIAN PACIFIC OCEAN SERVICES, LIMITED

R. M. S. "EMPERESS OF ASIA"

One day from Yokohama
Mar. 1-1920-

Dr. Eric North,
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City-

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

3/27/20

Dear Dr. North:-

You will be glad to know that Mrs. Frame is now on her way to America. Yesterday I received a Marconigram from her in Kyoto, and I am planning to meet her in Kobe and confer on College affairs. I wish that she might be in New York for the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, but that is impossible.

(see documents) I enclose copies of some of the sheets relating to college matters which I am sending to Miss Hodge, with a copy of the action by the Presbyterian Board which called them forth. Though you have probably

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been notified of that action. You may think it best to pass some of them on to Miss Bender, as the circumstances of the two Boards are very similar. You and Mrs. Luce can judge whether there are any matters relating to the Women's College which should be brought before the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee before Mrs. Frame is there to advise with you. I have not extra copies to send to Dr. Smith.

Had the Women's College Committee been organized before I left America, I should have handed in my resignation as Dean. As soon as we hear that the Committee is organized I will do this and advise the other faculty members to send you their resignations. This is on the supposition that the same method

will be followed as when the
other departments of the University
changed their organization. Mean-
while I am in an embarrassing
position, for while I was dean of
the N.C. Union Women's College, I
have no right to sign documents
or diplomas as Dean of the Women's
College of Peking University. If you
can give me any light to help
us over the coming June com-
mencement, I shall be grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Luella Miner.



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THE CANADIAN PACIFIC OCEAN SERVICES LIMITED

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF ASIA"

Near Nagasaki, Mar. 5, 1920.

Dear Dr. North:-

Since mailing my letter with enclosures from Yokohama, I have gone to Kyoto by rail, and there had a day and a half with Mrs. Frame. She sails Mar. 13 from Yokohama, the Nile having been delayed a few days, and unless other word reaches her in San Francisco, plans to go at once to Massachusetts where she will leave her little daughter with a sister.

Mrs. Frame tells me that the other members of our Women's College faculty have already sent in their resignations through the Board of Managers, and I shall do the same as soon as I reach Peking.

A sentence or two was omitted from the last sheet of one of the papers enclosed in my last letter, so I enclose another copy.

Yours sincerely,

Luella Miner.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences for Women

Teng Shih K'ou

PEKING, CHINA May 5, 1920

My dear Mrs. Lee:-

Problems near at hand and all sorts of work requiring immediate attention since I arrived have made me adopt as my motto, "Never do today what can be put off until tomorrow". That is why you are not hearing from me sooner. Now instead of the pages which I would like to write I am going to hurry off an explanation of our financial budget for the next University year which begins July 1st., hoping that it will catch the Empress steamer. Then I will try to write a longer letter soon. I hope our W.B.M.I. secretary and Mrs. Sheffield have already written you about the situation as regards the Medical College, our requests at the annual meeting of the District held at Paotingfu a month ago, and other matters. My sole responsibility now is for the University, but I want to enforce all that Mrs. Sheffield has written about the importance of cooperating fully in the Women's Medical College. Important missions like the American Episcopal which have no other work in North China are considering cooperating, and when we have such a large work right here, we cannot afford to fail of representation. If a large number of Boards participate, the burden will not be very hard for any one of them to carry. I wish that your cooperating committee would consider whether our three women's boards could not undertake this as a joint work. I think Mrs. Sheffield has written about the desirability of Dr. Dyer of Foochow (W.B.M.) being one of our teachers in this college, and I suggest also Mrs. Albert Bowen (our Dr. Metcalf) who will soon be returning from France, if Dr. Bowen can get an appointment to Peking also, and Miss Margaret Taylor, who graduates from Johns Hopkins this year. Her address I think I gave you, 101 Jackson Place, Baltimore. If we could have two doctors one living at this college and one at Bridgman Academy, it would be fine.

I enclose a summary of our accounts for a year just for your information, and our budget for the next year, which is much more important. This is in local currency, and you note that I have you down for \$4000 counted as equal to the same amount in gold. Just now, gold is bringing \$1.12 in local currency. Last year the American Board gave us \$800 at 2:1 and you \$750 at the same rate, and this with a little interest made \$3107. This year the American Board give us \$1200 but do not guarantee the rate. We would like to have you give us gold \$2800, or at least enough to make \$4000 local currency with what the American Board will send us next October. You can find by writing to Boston what that will be. We have enough of last year's appropriations on hand to make our \$2000 for the first six months if you can have the increase by the beginning of 1921. By that time I hope the other Boards will begin to share the burden, but this sheet shows you what we want their appropriations for, so we hope you can begin by being a fully cooperating Board on the basis already adopted, or a doubly cooperating one on the reduced basis. The latter calls for six teachers, and Miss Payne's name added to the five would just make your quota. You see I have faith to ask great things!

The third sheet enclosed shows what the Board of Managers of the University are asking of the Women's College in salaries of additional foreign teachers. The list is a copy, showing the order of importance.

More later!

With Love.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences for Women
Teng Shih K'ou
PEKING, CHINA

Exp Com. June 23

May 21, 1920.

My dear Mrs. Lee:-

While our thoughts are mainly occupied with getting a fine new university site outside the city, we must give attention to property problems closer at hand in time and place.

Two or three years ago when we expected that this would be our permanent site, I wrote about a large piece of property across the alley east of us, originally the park belonging to this ducal palace. When we bought the ducal property it included only a narrow strip and one larger court bordering this old park on the west. Ts'ao Ju Lin, the corrupt "traitor" whose house was burned a year ago while the students were there making a demonstration, has erected an immense mansion overlooking our college on this park site, and paid about \$15,000 local currency for our strip of land, shown roughly in the enclosed map. It was worth that to him, as our tumble down houses there, and especially the larger court abutting into his property, quite injured his prospects.

Our hope is that with this money we can at once purchase a larger piece of land than that sold, much more favorably located for our use, as it directly joins our property, and is so located that we could use it for dormitories, dining room, laboratories, or any other buildings. Moreover it would bring our west boundary to the street, running north-south, east the whole length of the American Board compound, giving us easy access to the church, and a far better approach from the wide, paved street south of the compound. To reach that street and our compound from our present front gate we are obliged to make a detour by a winding, dusty or muddy street, and when Mr. Ts'ao sets up his big establishment with attached harems the approach from that side may be made very unpleasant. I have indicated by blue dots on the rough map how we could make a fine, wide approach to our present front courtyard through this property which we desire, without disturbing in the least our present arrangement of buildings.

Dr Wilder paced off this property when we went to see it, and found it was between three and four Chinese acres, about half an English acre. There are about forty rooms of dilapidated buildings, from which we could get only a little material for new buildings. Just over the wall from one of our dormitories and basket ball court the conditions are most unsanitary, pig pens, donkey stables and open latrines making the air thick, and providing us with a pest of flies. The tumble down building are occupied by swarms of renters just above the beggar class. We have been annoyed by men climbing onto our wall and even into the trees growing on the edge of our grounds, to pick the leaves. Last night sneak thieves came over the wall, probably from this court, and stole twenty garments which students had washed and hung on the line.

This property was owned by the Mongol prince who occupies the large place in front of us, but was mortgaged by him for several thousand dollars. We might be troubled to get a clear title, but it would be worth \$10,000 to us, partly because it would greatly increase the value of the property which we already hold. But we greatly need it as a site for at least part of the buildings mentioned above. Our average rate of increase the past five years has been 30% a year. At that rate we should

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have between two and three hundred students in five years, and I do not think we shall be able to move to an outside city site within that time. Any buildings which we erect we shall try to plan so that for rent, sale, or other mission uses they will prove a profitable investment. ~~They are~~ This land which we wish to buy is quite near our boys' school which much needs room to expand, and we can perhaps sell to them when we move outside the city. We must do something at once, or else turn away twenty or thirty students who want to enter college next autumn. One more laboratory and more dormitory space as well as kitchen and dining room accommodations are absolute necessities. We are not asking you to make appropriations, but to permit us to use our present property and its proceeds in the best possible way for present necessities and future values. If we have an opportunity to buy this land, we hope Mr. McCann will permit us to use the money in hand, though I know it is against a rule in the handbook. I do not know what we shall have to pay for it. Property is rising so rapidly in value in Peking. I would rather pay \$10,000 for this place than to lose it, but I hope we might get it for \$5000. Of course we shall offer less even than that at first. It is said that Japanese have offered \$320,000 for the big place, including this piece which we want to get. This, with Ts'ao Ju Lin's property, entirely surrounds the school part of our premises, except a little section on the west, and buildings might be erected which would make it almost impossible to continue the school here, and greatly reduce the value of our property for any purpose.

If we cannot get this property we would like permission to use as much of the \$15,000 as is necessary for erecting buildings on the land already owned, marring the beauty of our present buildings as little as possible by crowding them in. It may be best to erect two story buildings.

I hope we can know within a few days whether we can get this land as to get at the work of building and repairing before the summer rains begin.

This is purely business, but I will write again soon.

Yours with love,

Lulla Hines.

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June 26, 1920

Miss Luella Miner,
Peking, China.

My dear Miss Miner:-

The question of authorizing the purchase of further property by the College has ^{been} much discussed in our Executive Committee ever since Mr. McCann's code cable message came about two weeks ago. We have corresponded with Dr. Barton and with Mrs. Frame and frankly, the consensus of opinion was that we had better not buy property just now. I will enclose a copy of what Dr. Barton says on the subject as it explains so clearly his own thought. We hesitated for the further reason that it does seem to us important that we should have some money in hand for the purchase of our share of the new site whenever that necessity arises. Am I right in thinking that the Woman's College will have to buy its own land, or may it be that the land will all be purchased by the University and all they will require of the Woman's College Committee is to provide money for buildings? Please answer this question.

From our stand point it is therefore very desirable that the \$10,000. Mexican or more, for it appears from your letter that the amount received was really \$15,000., be invested here by us and be ready for use whenever the time comes for moving the college to the new site.

Your letter dated May 21st just received has, however, given us much new light on the situation and we are therefore today cabling Mr. McCann the word - Authorized. This really

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means that we are leaving the matter to your judgment and that of the property committee and the mission, if in the judgment of those of you who know the situation best it is desirable to put all or the larger part of the money in hand into the purchase of the lot in question we are willing it should be done. If on the other hand it seems to you better not to tie up all this money at present but to erect such buildings ^{as} are imperative-ly need in the immediate future on the present site, we will again accept your judgment in the matter.

You will recognize as we do that before the college can move to its new site some building must be done. That means that money which may eventually come from the sale of the present property will not be available for meeting the first need, does it not? We notice also that it seems to be your thought and Mrs. Frame's that the college property will probably be sold to the mission for some part of the regular work, presumably the boys' school.

The question then arises in our minds whether the American Board will pay the W.B.M.I. the highest price that an outside purchaser might. ^{will} We ~~we~~ of course need to get full value for our property in order to help in providing the new plant. It is only because we have absolute confidence in your judgment and also in your understanding of the problems of raising funds in America that we decided to authorize you to go ahead.

We are very busy these days getting our new missionaries started for their fields, commissioning services, farewell services sailing dates, and many other details are demanding our attention. We have a very fine group of young women we think, and a larger number than ever before - eighteen young women are to go for the

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W.B.M.I. this summer and we sent two in February, making a total
so far for the year of twenty. Isn't that a challenge to the
faith and zeal of our constituency to provide their support?

Always lovingly yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
College of Arts and Sciences for Women

Teng Shih K'ou

PEKING, CHINA July 12, 1920.

My dear Mrs. Lee:-

We two busy women do not write very often, do we? You have had no special business which compelled you to write, and I am not sure that I have had a letter since I returned. But your cablegram allowing us to use the money from the sale of property across the alley on the east for the purchase of other property or the erection of buildings, shows that the needs of the college are on your hearts. The property sold for about \$17,000 silver, and I think that our summer buildings will use up about \$10,000 of this, including the repair of our back row of ~~residence~~ buildings for residences for our increased foreign staff, and the fitting up of dining room and kitchen for a second family group in the temple court. Work has already begun on a dormitory for the students to accommodate about forty, and a new dining room to accommodate sixty or seventy. We shall probably use two dining rooms for two grades of food. I wish that with our remaining \$7000 we might purchase another piece of property west of us. The one we especially wanted to get was mortgaged for three years, together with the Mongol prince's residence in front of us, to a catholic, before your permission to use the money came. But they held it so high that I do not think we should have purchased it anyway. There is other property bordering us which we may be able to get; if not, we shall have to crowd more buildings on the land we already own. We will fit up one of the rooms now used for a dormitory for a make-shift Biology laboratory, and use the same one this year again for chemistry and physics. *two laboratories in all -*

I enclose a report of the college, and shall be so grateful if you can have copies made and sent to those whose names are enclosed. Miss Mickey's illness has made it necessary for me to do all of my own typing, and with the building to oversee, and the constant calls because of the panic in the city, I am much behind in my work. Living alone at the College enables me to work to good advantage, and I hope soon to "catch up" with my work and do some reading. The electric fan, the gift of Mrs. Clark, is such a comfort. I can even take an afternoon nap in the sultry heat of the day, or get to sleep at night before the midnight coolness comes on. The inability to get enough sleep because of drenching perspiration and a feeling of suffocation has made me dread a summer in Peking before. I carry my Corona to the side of my fan and set it going as I write if the heat is trying. I mean to write to Mrs. Clark soon, and tell her she has saved my life this summer! I made myself a present of an electric toaster, and as I have a green servant, I enjoy making my morning toast just to suit me. I am grieving that the suspension of train service between here and T'ungchou deprives me of milk, but I hope this is only while the troops there are being transported.

Our building may be much delayed because the soldiers are seizing all the carts, and we cannot get our ~~previous~~ materials brought in. Of the four railroad leading from Peking, only the one to Tientsin is carrying passengers, and I hope that will continue to carry mails.

I will mail several copies of Pres. Stuart's report, and ask you to give copies to Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Avann.

Miss Mickey is out of danger.

Yours with love,

Lillian Miner.

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Western Hills Peking

July 30. 1920.

My dear Mrs. Lee:-

When I started to the Hills with Miss Boynton yesterday I expected to return to Peking today, but no trains are running, there is the danger of getting to the city gates and not being able to get in, moreover it is blistering hot, so I am waiting, hoping there will be a train in a day or two. I did not bring your June letter, received early this week, but think I can answer it from memory.

As I have already written, we did not buy more property for the college, but are erecting and repairing buildings to provide for our absolute needs for another year, counting, since your cablegram came, on using for it about \$10,000 local currency from the sixteen or seventeen thousand which we expected to get from the sale of property to Ts'ao Ju Lin. I still think it would have been a good plan to use as much as \$7000 to buy adjacent property if possible, as we can not build much more on the present site, and shall need more buildings next year. This property has been a splendid investment for you, with the improvements which we have put in it, and the doubling or tripling of value of property in our neighborhood. I think it could be sold today for at least \$100,000 local currency, or \$75,000 gold, and if it is retained for university uses when we remove to a new site, I think with the increase in value, it can easily count as a contribution of \$100,000 gold from you to the University plant. So I do not think you need be anxious about raising your apportionment. Which does not mean that we would not appreciate a gift of a million from Congregational sources for Yenching College!

We are now in peculiar difficulty, though it may work for our decided gain in the end, from the political upheaval. Ts'ao Ju Lin, one of the traitors of the Anfu Club, paid Dr. Wilder over five thousand dollars local currency as option money for our property across the street which cut into the yard of his elegant new residence, not yet completed. He should have paid the other two-thirds when we notified him the middle of June that we had vacated the property and handed it over to his middleman. There was delay, I suspect because the middleman wanted to use the buildings for housing scores of his own workmen erecting a building on his own land, perhaps because Ts'ao saw his own judgment day approaching. He has been living in a Forbidden City fortress since the students got him out of office over a year ago, but has continued to manipulate government affairs through others. The net on the first list of criminals whose immediate arrest is demanded, there is little doubt that he will be brought to trial if he does not succeed in escaping to Japan. The past two weeks I have been exerting constant pressure through Dr. Wilder and the middleman to get the rest of the money paid over. Yesterday when I left the workman on his place had all deserted, as workmen on a place belonging to one whose arrest had been demanded had all been arrested the day before when the property was confiscated, and it was rumored that the place was to be "sealed", a preliminary to possible confiscation. According to Chinese law, the option money is ours, also our old property, the embarrassment is that our building plans demand more money than we have in sight, if we get rooms in order for our increase in staff. We still have \$1700 in gold of your original grant and a few hundred dollars of repair funds are available. I send this explanation now because we may have to cable for permission to borrow Pei Yuan funds, as the building committee think the building which Miss Crane planned had better be delayed. With a year's leeway, I think we can get funds to return this without asking you for a special grant.

* Aug. 4. This has not been done and the workmen are back.

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Peking Aug. 4.

The trains did not begin running again to the Hills, so I came in day before yesterday walking the first five miles, then riding a donkey until I was able to get a jinriksha. I found here your letter written late in June, after the cablegram was sent, enclosing one from Dr. Barton. We are doing just what you hoped we would do, erecting buildings instead of buying land. Sometimes I fear we shall have more new pupils than we can assimilate this autumn, with so small a faculty speaking Chinese. But the political upset may limit the attendance from distant provinces. Four who were to come from Ssuchuan have written that they cannot start unless fighting ceases in that province. By the way, the money has not yet come in for that property, but Dr. Wilder thinks we may get it sometime. I have sent your letter to him, as he is chairman of the Property Committee, so do not have it in hand to answer.

I found so many things demanding attention that I have not yet been to see Miss Mickey, but I hear she is sitting up a little.

When land is purchased for the University our college will be included, and adjustments can be made later with the Women's Boards. The University managers and officers of administration on the field are much more in favor of a common treasury than the Trustees seemed to be. So though it would be fine if you could have money now to send for our part of the land, it is not absolutely essential, unless Dr. North write urging it. The American Board would like to get this property, but the University wants a Community Service and Social Laboratory center in the city, and this may be retained for that, for both men and women. The location is central and desirable in every way, except our very poor approach. After a rain we have to cross a pond or river nearly a foot deep, more than a foot during a heavy rainfall, and as we have no control over the alley south of us, we cannot grade so as to drain it. Had we been able to get the property west of us for a reasonable price, we would not only have had a site for buildings which may be imperatively needed during the next five years, but could have had a fine approach from the American Board Mission, which would much increase the value of the property whether it is sold to the Mission or retained for University uses.

There is now a chance to get a small piece of property, with ten Chinese rooms, joining the Bible School dormitories, for about \$2000 local currency, but no funds are in hand. Mrs. Sheffield will probably write you about it, as I have written to her.

I enclose some journal sheets, though I do not think you will have time to read about our local politics. The one who is taking Miss Lyman's work may like to read them. I cannot think of the Rooms and the Friday meeting without her. Please give her sister my loving sympathy. Mr. and Mrs. Clark must have had an anxious time about Alice, and I shall be so glad when I read in Mission Studies that she is with them again.

Yours with love,

Luella Shiner.

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Peking, Aug. 6. '20
My dear Mrs. Lee:-
I learned last night that I had been laboring under a misunderstanding as to the price of the land sold. We have already received only \$4000 local currency, dollars instead of dolls, and were to have received \$8000 more if the property had been taken over. But the purchaser will be either under arrest or in exile, and his real estate will be confiscated, so we shall not get that \$8000, and shall be much perplexed to pay our building contracts and get new furniture essential for the school. Of course we still have

Please send to Mrs. Clark & Mrs. Hurlbut
and Milwaukee -

Peking, Oct. 3, 1920.

My dear Family and Mrs. Frame:-

I never want to know how many months it has been since I have written a line to one of you. It is simply inexcusable that I have not sent postal cards, but perhaps you know from experience that the longer one waits, the more one is ashamed to send just a postal. I hope you haven't thought I was sick, or getting over tired, for I have been perfectly well. Work just simply piled up, and I wasn't smart enough to get it out of the way. We almost attempted the impossible in tearing down some of our old buildings and trying to get new ones in time for school to open Sept. 15, for we had only two months and a half in which to do it. And students, both new and old, seemed drawn to precipitate themselves upon us a week or two before they were due, when the new dormitory was not finished, so they had to live in the buildings which we wanted to change to lecture rooms, and we were in a general mess. There are still a few workmen here, but we have almost reached the end. Our next congregation was when our splendid new faculty members arrived, and the new premises where our enlarged family is to live were far from finished. But now six new rooms are practically finished, in the back line of buildings which we had never repaired, and in addition our new family center in the temple will be opened tomorrow, with its kitchen and all the adjuncts. The dining room and living room together will be quite different from our room in Wisteria Bungalow, but just as roomy, and tho it has not so much beautiful carving, it has a dignity and beauty of its own.

I can introduce you to our newcomers by telling you where they live. Mrs. Hall, Miss Lane, Miss Stahl and I are all in our old rooms, Miss Crane has left the college for the new home of our elementary school for girls, about as far west as and north of the American Board Mission as we are east and north. That school is in a very pleasant Chinese place with several courts. Miss Seynton, the only other resident who was here last year, has just moved into two rooms in our new row of six, Mrs. Loos and her daughter will within a day or two move into two others, Miss Payne occupies the west end as her bedroom, with a fine sleeping porch addition, using our former guest room at the west end of Wisteria Bungalow as her study, and the remaining room in our new row is now the guestroom. This new north court will be very attractive, for it has a fine big tree to begin with, and the servant's do not live in that row now, a little house having been built for them back of the three room house now occupied by Miss Lane and Miss Dickinson. Miss Atterbury has Miss Crane's rooms, and Prof. Kendall of Wellesley, whom we expect in a few days, will occupy for a few months Mrs. Frame's rooms opposite Mrs. Hall's in the temple court. Mrs. Hall's two little girls bring our number up to thirteen. You cannot imagine how rich we feel with such a fine college faculty. Miss Payne is just back from her second furlough, and gives all of her teaching time to the Chemistry department, Mr. Xuan teaching physics and trigonometry and Miss Lane Biology. Miss Dickinson and Miss Atterbury are rare young women, and will do much to make Yenching College strong. They must give most of their time to language study, but each has a two hours course in the College. Our English department is booming, under Miss Seynton's splendid leadership, and with Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Loos also giving full time to it. Mrs. Loos, the widow of a Congregational minister, came to China to visit her sister, taught last year in the Presbyterian Mission, and we invited her to come here, hoping that the tuitions paid by our enlarging student body would enable us to pay her salary. We have also taken Miss Ruth Cheng onto our college budget, as the London Mission only promised her salary for last year. She has the same salary as

a foreign teacher, so our expenses this year will be almost doubled. But Wellesley, in addition to paying Miss Atterbury's salary is sending us a thousand dollars, and the Presbyterian Mission has at last begun helping on current expenses by sending a thousand a year. So though we have not near all that we need for equipment, it is so much more than we have had in the past that I get quite excited over it.

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We did not expect when we invited Mrs. Loos here to teach that her daughter would be with her, but she suddenly decided to join her mother in China, and has temporary secretarial work in the American Legation. She is a recent graduate of Iowa College, with a year of graduate work at Wellesley.

We had fifty six boarders in the college last semester, and by tomorrow night we shall have a hundred and one. Three are waiting to have beds made for them, and other necessary furniture. Had not our examinations cut out ten or twenty, we should have had more than we could accommodate. We cannot possibly crowd in more than a hundred and five. Next year we shall probably have to turn our Chinese men teachers out of the two courts now occupied by their families, thus making room for twenty or thirty more boarders. And this will be the extent of possible enlargement until we move to the new site, unless we tear down the Chinese buildings in one of these courts and erect another two story dormitory for fifty six students like the one we have just built at the cost of about \$4000 gold. All of these improvements are making this property more valuable, but our rapid growth makes us long for the new site, and money to erect buildings. Our day pupils bring our number up to a hundred and thirteen, and we do not include in this number any special students who come only for English and music. We have had to cut these out this year for the most part. Our seventy new students represent three-fourths of the provinces of China, even distant Yunnan having two, and with last years students fifteen provinces and Korea have girls here. Twenty different demoninations are represented, but a third of our students are non-Christians, all but one or two of these from government schools. You can imagine what a task we have to assimilate this material. Classification has been most difficult, but as Mrs. Loos is giving all her time to those who are back in English, and we have also provided classes for those who are deficient in mathematics, we hope within a year to bring all of our new ~~xxxxxx~~ students up to Junior College grade. I have not quite completed the statistics, but think about ²⁴ ~~thirty~~ of our new students count as sub-freshmen, half of whom may make up in the summer vacation to full grade second year Junior College. Fully half of our new class ^{many} are in the premedical course, and will leave us in two years. They are a fine lot, ~~many~~ of them mature after experience in teaching.

We used some of our former dormitory buildings for classrooms, making five new lecture rooms or laboratories. Our classes are so large that I fear we should knock out more partitions and make larger rooms. We have had hectic times getting enough seats for them all, and still waste much energy in carrying chairs from one room to another, after driving the college to bankruptcy in buying furniture. We have been happy through all this confusion, and the only serious trouble was caused by a theft committed by a new school servant.

And we are really coeducational, to an extent which alarms me when I stop to think about it. It was simply forced upon us. Four of our graduates, one a member of our very first class, are here for the two additional years of study now offered, and this makes six classes for us to carry this year, with only Miss Payne and myself and Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Loos who are not giving a considerable amount of time still to language study. Miss Stahl and Miss Boynton have very little time for it, I fear. Miss Cheng and Mr. Kuan count for as much or more than foreign teachers, and we have two Chinese classics teachers, but we simply could not handle university electives, even the some help is given us from the men's college faculty. So several of our Senior College Sophomore and Junior girls go over a mile several times a week to the men's college for classes, and young men come here for Miss Dickinson's Sociology, the class in current events, and a psychology class taught by Dr. Timothy T. Lew, just here from Columbia. We hope Prof. Kendall will take the class in Current Events and some other coed classes after she comes. Another of our students is taking almost full work in the Theological College, where she is the only woman student. She is older than most of our students. The girls take this almost more calmly than I do, their chief embarrassment being that most of these coed classes are taught in English, and they have been taught far less in English than the young men, ~~and the young men are much more advanced in English~~ English department is now so strong that we shall soon catch up if our girl's high schools will raise their English standards. If I had time these days to think of the China of even twenty years ago,

the distance between would make me dizzy. Seventeen years ago, my first year in Bridgman Academy, one of our older girls went to bed prostrated with mortification because she, from the safe distance of fifty feet, had glimpsed the young man to whom she was betrothed going to the principal's office. Now if we have betrothed maidens, our chief difficulty is to induce the young men to make their calls upon them sufficiently brief, as our reception room space is limited. And the men and women students meet in committees and talk freely with less show of embarrassment than I felt my first years in Berlin.

At the American Board there are some fine new women workers, and Miss Reed has returned, but is not at all strong. The men's work is still pitifully understaffed, and the Chinese Church has only a man fitted to be pastor's assistant trying his best to do the work of two men. There is one of the finest opportunities for influence in the universe going to waste in that church. Mr. Cross has the work for students splendidly in hand, and we need now a young woman in our mission who will do a similar work with the women students. Perhaps Miss Lueder or Miss Swann will fit into that work later. We want Mr. Cross's sister Laura, who has just come, to bring the Academy much needed help. They have about the same enrollment this year that we have, but a larger proportion of special students. The only man whom the American Board has sent to our North China Mission is Mr. Whitaker, who left our Foochow Mission because the climate did not agree with one of his children. Mrs. Whitaker was Louise Gulick of Japan.

Oct. 2. Yesterday we celebrated the Birthday of Confucius, Bridgman Academy joining with us, and the students and faculties of the two schools made an audience of about two hundred and forty. Tomorrow is the anniversary of the Birthday of the Republic, and being Sunday we will celebrate the next day, the men students from the Theological and Arts Colleges of our university taking the place of the Bridgman students. This will be the first united university function held here this year, the convocation of all departments having been held the day the university opened in the court at the men's college. The faculties wore cap and gown, and the president and three deans gave brief addresses. It was a pleasant day, and we enjoyed the open air, but when winter comes, most union functions will probably be held in our assembly hall. We are really better equipped with buildings than the men's colleges, but they have a far larger faculty. They have about the same number of students in the men's arts college as we have, but all of theirs are in the Senior College, while all but fifteen of ours are in Junior College. They add the Junior College department next year. Meanwhile that department is confined to a school at the Methodist Mission.

Even more than we, the men's colleges need the new site, and there is now a fine prospect that we shall actually have it in our possession very soon. It will probably be near Haitien, a town between Peking and the Summer Palace, a half mile north of the town on the macadam road to the Palace, with macadam road connections with the American Indemnity College, one and a half miles away, and with a railway station about the same distance away. It is about five miles from the railway station at the N.W. corner of Peking, and over eight miles from here. The government university has purchased a new site three miles further from Peking on this same road, or a western extension of it to the Hills. There are beautiful views of the Hills, which are near enough for hykes, and already there is jitney service to Peking, as well as jinriksha service. I will write more fully if we actually get it, for we have had so many disappointments that we do not talk much. The failure of the Landerchurch Movement will make it necessary to erect very plain dormitory buildings, perhaps of a temporary nature, but our rapid growth will force us out of the city soon after we get the site, perhaps in two years.

For the men's college. We shall have to stay here longer.

I fear our little summer revolution did not move us up much higher than we were before as to government affairs, and fear we must have something much more radical before reforms are really inaugurated. Pres. Hsu and Premier Ch'in are helpless in the hands of some of the corrupt politicians who were not removed from the stage, tho they some of them wisely remain in the background.

North China Union Women's College

Peking Oct. 9, 1920

My dear Mrs. Frame:-

How I wish that I could wireless this report of our big college attendance to you so you could have the information for those days at Wellesley, when we shall think of you night and day. We are so happy in Wellesley's representative. Miss Atterbury is fine. I wonder if it would appeal to Wellesley to use their thousand dollars for Miss Ch'eng's salary? She could write them letters, and perhaps it would help to keep up the interest more than dead equipment. If the present exchange rate continues, the thousand dollars would also be enough to pay house rent for Miss Atterbury, and for Miss Kendall for the time she is here. We are expecting Miss Kendall any day now. I did not get her cablegram from Vancouver until our schedule had been made out, so did not dare to schedule classes for her.

That schedule making was more maddening than ever, trying to add the men's two colleges to the other three institutions with which we have at least faculty connections, and to allow a hour to our students for coming and going to men's college classes.

As soon as we know the size and shape of the land set aside for the women's college, I will write you about building plans. Ts'ao Ju Lin finally paid in full for the land, and we shall have a few thousand toward paying for the site after our building accounts for the summer are settled. But we are so limited in funds for equipment this year. Next year we shall simply have to limit attendance by competitive examinations, but it is hard to do it when there is no other christian school to which those whom we reject can go. I think we shall send out examinations in June or July, and will be glad of suggestions.

In view of the failure of the Interchurch, I decidedly think we should organize our Yenching College Committee on the lower financial basis, hoping to attain the higher later, and meanwhile trying to hold the American Board to the double basis which it has already attained, giving it two representatives on the Committee, as an inducement to others to do likewise! Suppose we put our askings on a local currency basis, to correspond with the University budget. With the rising price of gold, this will encourage the women's boards to cooperate. This is in reply to your letter of July 27, the last I had from you. You inquired about Miss Payne's salary; it was put tentatively on the budget because we had not heard that the W.B.M.B. would send her to the college. Of course it drops off now. The action of the trustees in regard to our budget did not disappoint me at all, for I had no hope of their doing anything about it unless there was an organized Yenching College Committee to which they could hand it over. But if the Managers are willing, we will continue to incorporate it, hoping that the committee will soon be organized, and so avoiding delay.

Dr. Leonard had gone to Canton to investigate Women's Medical College matters, and I think decisions must soon be made. There is talk of a three cornered arrangement rather centering in Tsinan for the first years of the course, then completing in Peking or Shanghai as the student prefers. About thirty of our new students are taking the premedical course, but a few of them will try for the China Medical Board examinations. By the way, Ling Shu Hao and a girl from Ginling were the only new women students admitted this year to the Peking Union Medical College. I should think the Methodist Board would see the absurdity of working for a women's medical college without providing any college where they can get the required premedical training. Here is a little more denominational dynamite for you; the Presbyterians, North only, have nineteen students

in our college, and there are four from other Presbyterian churches. There are 16 American Board, and 14 M.E.B. with a few other Methodists.

We have not received the bills for the books ordered for English classes, Silas Marner etc., which makes it difficult to sell them to the students.

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Peking

This is decidedly a business letter, but there is no time to add much, and I hope now that I am almost through with building supervision and accounts, and that that the machinery is all started for the semester, that it will be possible to write an occasional letter. If all the faculty had not worked hard and loyally, we never could have handled the situation this past month. Miss Payne, Miss Lane and Miss Stahl were here a month before school began to help, and Miss Boynton returned even earlier, and cared for the girls at the hills. All, including Mrs. Hall, have carried very heavy burdens. Miss Lane has six hours a week with a biology class here, and "runs" the school servants, including the cooks in the two school kitchens, where of course the heaviest burden is carried by the students themselves. We have men cooks in both kitchens. Miss Lane takes all the money for board, lightening Mrs. Hall's burden a little. I tell Mrs. Hall that we cannot let her go next year. I do hope her mother will be well.

Committees continue to tread on each others heels, but I have not been able to attend all at which I was due. I was especially sorry to miss the important National Christian Conference Committee, which met last week in Shanghai, but as Dr. Stuart went, my views were well represented. (I also wrote my views, especially against making the great Conference next May a battle field where the defenders of the faith may slaughter us unorthodox.)

I am so sorry that prospects for you to study without making dear little Rosamond pose as an orphan were not brighter. Come back and help us with your enthusiastic leadership during these formative years of the college, then when Rosamond is a little older you can go to America again, and accomplish some of the things which you must leave out now. Much as we love college interests, and want you to have that fine opportunity in Union, it does seem as if R/ was just the worst age now to free you for either. We so enjoyed the pictures you sent of her, and they were passed around when we had our social meeting to welcome new faculty and students. I do not enthuse at all at the thought of your remaining longer than until next summer in America, unless some providence furnishes R/ with an ideal home and you see a big opportunity to work for the College.

I sent you two or three photographs, and we are soon going to have one taken of a representative student from each province, and of our new building and some others. Everyone has been too rushed to attend to it before.

Yours lovingly,

L. Miner

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