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Yenching University
Peiping (West), China
January 29, 1949

Dear Friends:

The skies opened, the iron curtain cracked, and the mail came through Wednesday--35 letters of it all at once, our first in a month of isolation, and nothing else mattered for the rest of the day. Peace and the mail--what a blessed combination! To watch for the postman instead of planes, and to hear the sound of traffic on the roads again and not the sound of guns. It sent us all into a mood of wild optimism, with students parading on the campus and soldiers singing in the village. But now our optimism is being tempered a little as the haggling over peace terms drags on anti-climactically.

Locally, the hitch seems to be that several divisions of Central government troops have objected to Gen. Fu Tso-yi's capitulation and are refusing to give up their arms. As a result the Communists have not yet entered the city, although the gates are open and Chinese civilians are free to come and go as they please. Foreigners, however, are not permitted through the lines except in emergencies, for fear of an incident. Jim Crothers, our colleague and house-mate, drove two appendicitis cases into the hospital Monday and stayed to do some mission work. Now he can't get back out. But Hal Leiper, also of our mission, was able to get out to Tungchow and join Margaret Barnes there, while Bill Satterthwaite (Cong.) made it back into the city from Tungchow after being caught there for three weeks.

Another factor delaying final peace here may be that Peking wants to save face by waiting for Nanking to accept terms before they turn the city over to the Communists. Seven mediators are due to arrive from Nanking today to discuss the Communist leader's (Mao Tze-tung) 8 demands: (1) punishment of war criminals, (2) abolition of the new constitution, (3) abolition of the present government, (4) "reorganization of all reactionary troops on a democratic basis," (5) confiscation of "bureaucratic capital," (6) land reform, (7) abolition of "treacherous treaties," and (8) "convocation of a political consultative conference, free from reactionary elements, to establish a democratic coalition government..." Mao's demand for the arrest of Chiang Kai-shek, H. H. Kung and T. V. Soong on the basis of point #1 is stalling the peace talks right now. If they break off negotiations and war continues, we'll probably be cut off from you again for awhile.

Peace for the whole country now will mean a government dominated by the victorious communists, of course. They have an overwhelming job ahead of them. It's one thing to wage successful guerilla warfare and snipe at government failures, and quite another to take over the government themselves and find solutions for China's vast problems. It may have been the realization that they will probably be called on to do this sooner than they expected that led them in May to drop a pure communistic program as unrealistic for China's present condition, and to substitute an interim program of "controlled capitalism." To reach their goal of an industrialized, economically independent China they know they will have to rely on private industry and--some say, interestingly enough--on American capital, for Russia is in no position to help them. If this should draw them away from the Russian orbit, like Jugoslavia, how nice the resulting freer contact with the States will be. Such speculations are all guesswork at this early stage, but it is true that Russia's Manchuria policy has lost her a lot of friends in China.

Peking is without electricity, and prices are sky high, but there is no disorder. Chief complaint is that the troops have cut down so many of her beautiful trees for firewood. Two shells fell in the Methodist mission compound, we hear, before the truce, one just missing Bishop Kaung, and the other hitting near the Aeschleman's house, showering glass all over Mrs. A. and the food she was cooking in the kitchen. They are near airfield inside the walls, hastily built on the old polo field outside Legation Quarter.

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Jim Crothers got a letter by Communist post from Florence Logan of our mission in Paoting this week. No one was hurt in the fighting there, but considerable damage was done to mission property. No details. One good piece of news is that they have just finished a big 2-day Bible class for country people, with no objections raised by the authorities. It was so successful they have scheduled another for February. One thing that puzzles us is why she wrote in Chinese--perhaps to avoid suspicion and attract less attention.

Opportunities for Christian testimony to the students on the campus continue to open up in a marvelous way as an added sign that it was God's will for us not to evacuate. And the opportunity to work with the seminary students as they wait to learn what adjustments may be necessary in the new order along lines of self-support and productive activity is as challenging as I've ever faced. I find great joy in my Church History classes with them, and was particularly blessed by a three-hour prayer meeting they asked me to lead at the beginning of vacation, waiting on the Lord for guidance and strength in whatever lies ahead.

Just before vacation I assigned my English class a theme on the subject, "My Religion." As an example of the kind of Christian opportunity we have here, this is what one boy wrote:

"My family is like all the common families in China, we believe in Buddhism... Last year I came to Yenching. I have begun to understand that a man should have a certain religion to develop his own personality. Besides, I have not only found many fine virtues in the Religion itself, but I have also seen a lot of christian followers who have really done something good, unselfish, respectful unto this world that we are living.

But still there are lots of things in the Bible that I can't understand or don't believe, such as: 'God created the world in 7 days'; 'Heaven and Hell'; 'We will meet again'; or that sort of things.

If there is someone who would like to give me a explanation, I think it would be very soon for me to be baptized as a christian."

That is enough of a "Macedonian call" for me. This is where I belong right now. If we go, to what do we leave the students? Here is what another boy wrote:

"There has never have any established religion in China, but most of the Chinese believed the religion of many gods... But now they have recognized what the truth is. They give faith to themselves and depend on their own ability. They get no religion and believe no god, for the gods whom they believed have left them in the lurch for two thousand years...

(Now) the poor are roused up by the Communists and fight against the bad government who press them greatly. All of them will get enough food for eating and dress for clothing. China is reconstructing and improving now. Everything is up-to-date. Evidently this progress is made by the power of the people, not by the gift of any god, for they do not enter into any religion of god but make the religion of doing by themselves.

Because I am one of these people, I do not get any religion of god, but believe my own ability."

So there is work to be done, and strength and opportunity to do it. How can we help but say, with Judson, "The future is as bright as the promises of God." We wish we could thank you all individually for the Christmas cards and letters that made this week so bright, and for your prayerful support that makes our work here possible.

A Happy Chinese New Year to you all! Today is the beginning of a new year for China. May it be a year of peace.

Sincerely yours,

Bet and Sam Moffett

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March 10, 1921

Dear Leighton:

As I indicated in another letter, Professor Paul Monroe is leaving here early in April, and hopes to go direct to Peking to be there probably through June, or about the time of the closing of the Government colleges. He has some work in connection with the Government schools, probably as advisors. He is to see some people in Japan, and I think plans to go back there for July and August. He will return to Peking in order to attend the dedicatory exercises of the China Medical School the last of September and will sail with the rest of the party from Shanghai about September 29th.

In speaking to him recently, he intimated to me that he would much rather stay in a missionary compound than at the hotel, and accepted my offer to write you to see if any such arrangements could be made. Of course I suppose Dr. Houghton is really responsible for placing him, and you would probably wish to confer with Dr. Houghton; but I know Professor Monroe would appreciate it very much if he could get a couple of rooms and board on some missionary compound. I suppose he would like a bedroom and a room that he could use as a study, though I imagine he would be content to have a bedroom for himself and Mrs. Monroe.

I think Professor Monroe will be in a position to do a good deal for education in China on his return, and such men as John D. Jr. will regard his views as very important. So anything you can do to make his stay in Peking pleasant will be helpful to him, and may assist in his seeing the position and opportunity of Peking more clearly. I am to have an opportunity soon to see him and go over the whole situation as I see it in order to prepare him for understanding the situation. You remember that he is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Shantung University; he however, is very broadminded about it and looks upon the whole problem as a unit. From his point of view, he would like to see the five big colleges under the Boards have a united movement at home. I will write you again after I have had my talk with him. You will find him a very pleasant, straightforward, frank man, and I am well pleased that he has shown this desire to link up with the missionary community.

Ever truly,

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June 15, 1921

Professor Paul Monroe,
Teachers College,
Columbia University,
New York City.

Dear Professor Monroe:

I think you will be interested in reading our "Peking News". It is full of material which I think you will find both important and interesting. Of exceptional value is the article on Peking by Mr. Burgess.

I have just received a letter from President Leighton Stuart, in which he expresses his great pleasure at your coming to China. He is hoping to have you in his own home while you are in Peking. You can count upon his hearty cooperation in every way to make your visit at Peking both pleasant and profitable.

I was delighted to learn from you over the telephone the other day that you could have a longer time in China than you previously expected.

At a conference in Washington which I attended recently it came out that the Chinese have given over seventeen million dollars to the Famine Relief work, something unprecedented in all the history of China. If you have time while you are there I think you will be interested in trying to trace some of the ways of these changes, and I suspect that the larger part of them will be found to have had their initial impulse in the religious motives of the missionaries, with the cooperation of the Christians. Whether you think of foot binding or opium, or the sense of sympathy for suffering and many other things, the initial impulse and sometimes through a period of years the constant work towards these things came from these forces. Thomas W. Lamont said the other day in an address, "We find on examination that it is the missionary who has set the feet of the Chinese on the path of modern progress." They are moving upon this path with tremendous rapidity. It is up to us to see that they move in a direction controlled by these Christian principles which we believe are the highest.

I am leaving for Lake George July 1, and hope that I may see you before that.

H. H. H.

Ever most sincerely,

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Prof. Paul Monroe,
Teachers College,
New York.

Dear Prof. Monroe:-

It looks as though I was going to have the opportunity of presenting the question of having a Teachers College at Peking to someone who might really do a great deal for it if it were presented in the right way.

To this end I feel you could render a very great service by doing two things, first: by writing me a letter as long or short as you may desire, in answer to my inquiry why you believe a strong Teachers College of the character of your own Teachers College, should be placed at Peking in connection with Peking University. Secondly: sometime before long, but at your convenience, to jot down why you think would be needed in the way of buildings, departments and staff under each department. We would fill in the financing cost of these items, but it would be good to know just what professors and assistants would be needed to cover the work thoroughly.

As it would take some time to carry out any plan, it would be good if you could find time to do so, to indicate what would be needed each year over a period of five years from the time the matter was taken up, that is, what would be necessary to start the first year the school will open, and what would be needed to be added each of the following four years.

I would appreciate it if you could send the first suggested letter soon and the estimate as to buildings and staff whenever you find it possible.

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realize that your time is very full, and
for your very great interest in this matter
by opportunity we have to do something, we
encroach on your time.

With warm regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. Stuart writes very hopefully about the
the year, even in our limited quarters there.
I am glad to be able to tell you know Mr. Luh, who is probably the
best Chinese psychologist we have in China.
I hope Mr. Chao of Soochow University have not
decided against coming to Peking University. Dr. Stuart
was greatly cheered by their decision.

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March 12, 1928

Professor Paul Monroe
Teachers College
525 West 120th Street
New York City

My dear Dr. Monroe:

I have explained to you in general the idea back of our projected School of Applied Economics, together with something of the proposed method of procedure.

I would be very much obliged to you if you would kindly favor me with a short statement of your opinion as to the value and practicability of the idea and plans which I might use in convincing the skeptical.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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April 3, 1929

Dear Dr. Monroe:

I have a request to make which I consider very important. I do hope it may seem to you quite proper to grant the request. If not, however, I shall of course understand your declining.

It is almost impossible to place the China situation before American men of means in such a way that they form a clear-cut impression of any single unit which is having an important influence upon events. Even if one can state the case clearly, the person approached inevitably assumes that one is grossly exaggerating the importance of the institution for which the appeal is being made.

A very concise but very positive statement over the signature of an unbiased and competent witness is of tremendous value in winning support. Such a brief statement from you would help us greatly at the present moment. It so happens that we are now seeking access to a number of persons of large wealth. We have reason to believe that we shall be granted interviews within the next week or ten days. If we are granted these interviews, it is very important that we should make the best of the opportunities.

My specific request of you would be that you address a letter to Mr. Franklin H. Warner, president of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University, at this office address, so phrased that it will not seem like a testimonial extracted under pressure. Since you have just come from Peking, it would seem perfectly natural that you might address a letter to Mr. Warner, as president of our Board of Trustees, expressing your appreciation of the developments which have taken place at Yenching University, the excellent quality of its work, the importance of its position in the system of education developing in China, your gratification that the institution has been increasing its financial support so as to be able to meet the tremendous opportunities existing for such an institution. If you could quite conscientiously send such a letter, positive enough in tone to be impressive to a cautious and intelligent man of means who really wishes his money to go where it will count for most, we should make copies of such a letter, together with others of a similar character, and attach these copies to any statement we submit to a man of large means from whom we hope to get a generous contribution.

If you prefer to talk this matter over before deciding one way or the other, will you kindly have your secretary telephone me at Watkins 8703.

Sincerely yours,

Professor Paul Monroe
Teachers College

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International Institute

Teachers College

Columbia University in the City of New York

January 15, 1924.

PAUL MONROE, PH. D., LL. D.
DIRECTOR
WILLIAM F. RUSSELL, PH. D.
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
I. L. KANDEL, PH. D.
LESTER M. WILSON, PH. D.

President Leighton Stewart,
Peking University.

My dear President Stewart:

I am glad to learn of the progress of your work in securing funds for the new plant of the Peking University. You know my position regarding mission educational work in China, since I have expressed it frequently. I believe there is room for one real University of the Western type, supported by Western funds and representing the mission philanthropic and educational purposes of the West in China. There is only one place for the location of such a University if it is to be efficient and reach the Chinese people, and that is in Peking. Peking is not only the political but the intellectual, social and moral capital of China. [Here are gathered the large numbers of government officials, young men who need to be reached by the influence of Christianity of the modern University, especially in the lines of political, and social economic sciences.] A mission university would have much to offer this large group of the picked men of China and I believe that very frequently contacts could be made so that the opportunities for such instruction would be seized upon by large numbers. This university should represent combined mission interests of America in China. It should be of the highest grade which can be supported. It should have an adequate, well-trained staff,

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TEACHERS COLLEGE
Columbia University
New York

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

October 8, 1925.

Dr. H. W. Luce,
Peking University,
New York.

My dear Dr. Luce:

You ask for my opinion concerning the establishment of a Teachers College at Peking in connection with the mission University, and my reasons for it. I am very glad to state these and to do so in the briefest terms possible.

First: Practically all students of the mission situation in China and most missionary administrators agree that the outstanding need is for the development of the teachers training in the mission institutions, particularly the universities. The recent Educational Commission (from U.S. via) has stressed this point. The reason for it is clearly seen. The maintenance of the present strength of the Christian Church and more especially its advance depends upon an educated laity. This can only be attained by a large staff of Christian trained teachers, both in the mission schools and in government institutions.

Second: The educational institutions cannot compete with the native Christian private and government ones unless there is a body of trained teachers. The government schools have a higher standard of teacher training than have the American public schools. Practically all of their teachers must have a four year professional training, and this is given them without expense, as we do the prospective military and navy leaders at West Point and Annapolis. Unless the Christian Church lays great emphasis upon this immediately it will lose first its prestige and then real power and influence.

Third: One of the greatest contributions that the Christian Church can make to China is through educational ideas and practices, based upon christianized democratic principles.

Fourth: When the question is raised why this should be done, the answer is, in all Christian Colleges and Universities, and perhaps in a number of High Schools; but it should head up in a Teachers College of the highest grade, at some center. In my judgment the center should be the intellectual and cultural and educational center of Chinese life, without question this is in Peking. A further reason is found in the fact that the majority of higher educational institutions supported by the Chinese government are found in Peking. Here is their leading university and their leading higher normal school. As a matter of fact neither the university nor the higher normal school are as progressive or as up to date as the government institution at Nanking, because this latter is staffed nearly altogether by American returned students, while those at Peking are largely staffed by and almost wholly dominated by teachers and administrators trained in Japan. Consequently there is very great opportunity there for a mission institution of the higher grade in the training of teachers, exerting a very great influence and achieving an outstanding position.

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But to my mind there is no need of attempting this unless it can be done in a creditable manner. A weak and struggling institution or one doing perfunctory work, or one manned by inexperienced and untrained teachers, carrying out the frequent American educational game of bluff, will not answer. If the work must be inadequately staffed and supported, it would be best not to attempt a pretentious scheme at the capital. Better leave the more elementary and introductory work for the other institutions.

I am convinced, from my study of the whole Chinese situation, and from residence in Peking, which enabled me to visit all the government institutions, that the mission institution of the highest type should be located there and that it should have a strong department for the advanced study and investigation of the educational problems as well as a strong department for the training of teachers.

As it would take some time to work out any budgetary scheme for the conduct of such a school or an estimate of its plant, I shall have to defer further comment until a later date.

However, I am answering your letter immediately in order that you may know just what I think concerning the development of the University at Peking.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Paul Monroe

Director

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INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE
TEACHERS COLLEGE
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

November 15, 1927.

My dear Mr. Evans

At the suggestion of a number of those directly responsible for the administration of the higher educational work of the mission bodies in China, I am calling a conference for the discussion of that subject on the afternoon of Saturday, December third.

On behalf of the International Institute of Teachers College I shall be glad to have you as our guest at a luncheon at 1:15 P.M. in the Service Dining Room of the students' cafeteria in the Dodge building and at the conference immediately following, in the Milbank Chapel.

Very truly yours,

Paul Monroe

Paul Monroe, Director
International Institute.

Mr. E. A. Evans
26 East 10th Street
New York City

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International Institute
Paul Monroe, Ph.D., LL.D.
Director

April 5, 1929

Mr. Franklin H. Warner
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Warner:

During my recent stop in Peking (January 1929), I had the pleasure of visiting Yenching University as I always do on my frequent trips to China. It was a great pleasure to find the University in such a flourishing condition, its staff so active and devoted, its student body so interested in study instead of political agitation, its financial condition so excellent, and its new plant a magnificent contribution to the notable architecture in Peking.

As you know, I have been in contact with the University now for nearly twenty years and have had rather unusual opportunities of knowing both the government educational system and the mission schools and colleges over this period of time. Also, perhaps you know my views, long held, that the mission educational forces were greatly over-extended and should be concentrated into one or at most two educational institutions of the higher grade, and that Peking and Shanghai were the strategic locations for such institutions. It is indeed gratifying to me, as it must be to every friend of China, every supporter of Christian education, every believer in trusting these institutions largely to the guidance and the teaching staffs of the Chinese, to see the realization of these ideals in Yenching University. It is without question the outstanding Christian educational institution in China, has the brightest promise of the future, it has accumulated more financial support, it has the greatest opportunity for expansion, it has attracted the greatest approval and support of the Chinese, and among all these institutions, it has had and has yet the sanest and wisest management and direction.

The recent gifts of the Hall Foundation are remarkably gratifying and substantial testimonies to the truths that I have just pointed out. No doubt there still exist many needs as well as many opportunities for expansion, both justified and demanded. The many substantial gifts recently received would seem to prove that wise and generous donors may be found to take advantage of the opportunities offered; and the record of the administration I believe is such to guarantee that no work of expansion will be undertaken unless the necessary funds are assured.

I cannot close without a word of appreciation for the wise and statesman-like and stimulating leadership of President Stuart.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Paul Monroe

Director International Institute

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FOUR EAST FIFTY-FOURTH STREET
NEW YORK

June 29, 1928

Dr. Franklin H. Warner,
President of the Board of Trustees,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Warner:

At the direction of
Mrs. William H. Moore, I am pleased to enclose
her check for \$1,000 toward the fund being
raised for Yenching University.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Moore

Secretary

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July 9, 1928

My dear Mrs. Moore:

When we receive a contribution in this office toward the work of Yenching University, we feel that a vital connection is established through us between the generous friends in America and the faculty giving their lives to this work in China. We count it a great privilege to be in position to keep you informed about the University and to do our utmost to see that your help counts for the maximum benefit with the Chinese with whom we are co-operating.

We are enclosing herewith our official receipt for \$1,000.

I remain

With sincerest thanks for your generous gift,

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York, New York

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Mrs. Wm. H. Moore

gave in June 1932
John S. P. Young

April 27, 1932

Dear Mrs. Moore:

It distresses me to tell you that a crisis amounting to a real financial disaster threatens Yenching University. Only such a crucial danger to the University would justify me in adding its troubles at this time to the emergency facing such friends as you in our own country.

Let me explain. Since the natural sciences must play a major role in bettering human life in China, we consider it of the greatest importance that some leading scientists shall be educated at Yenching University, a Christian university fostered by the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational Churches. We have, therefore, developed a College of Natural Sciences superior, probably, to any other in China. But this achievement has been possible only through the help of two foundations in America. After June 30th we lose a large portion of that support unless we can meet a certain condition attaching to it.

Two years ago, one of the Foundations offered us \$250,000 toward endowment of the natural sciences if we could match this gift by June 30th of the present year. The depression has so hindered us that we have available only \$175,000. The Foundation feels obliged, not only to decline to extend the time, but even to cut off its annual appropriation of \$12,500 if we fail to meet the condition.

Such a loss would tragically disable the whole College of Natural Sciences.

The Trustees at the recent annual meeting instructed a small committee to present the matter to those friends of Yenching who have shown deepest interest in the University. It is for this reason that I am stating our situation to you. Please give the matter your most earnest and friendly thought.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 56th Street
New York City, N. Y.

E. M. McBrier
Treasurer

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Moore, Mrs. William H.
(Ada Small Moore)
4 East 54th Street
New York City

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Entered on record card
Pledge signal attached _____
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June 21, 1932

Dear Mrs. Moore:

In the name of the Trustees, let me thank you very heartily for your generous gift made through Dr. Young. It heartened us in the strenuous effort we are now making to avoid the loss of the large Rockefeller gift to the University. We feel rather optimistic. We have a good many verbal commitments for moderate pledges, which will be put in writing in the next week, and we are creeping up toward our goal. We still need about \$15,000.

With renewed thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York, New York

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P. S. Our official receipt for \$5,000 is enclosed herewith.

cc to JKS

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June 21, 1932

Dear Mrs. Moore:

In the name of the Trustees, let me thank you very heartily for your generous gift made through Dr. Young. It heartened us in the strenuous effort we are now making to avoid the loss of the large Rockefeller gift to the University. We feel rather optimistic. We have a good many verbal commitments for moderate pledges, which will be put in writing in the next week, and we are creeping up toward our goal. We still need about \$16,000.

With renewed thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York, New York

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P. S. Our official receipt for \$5,000 is enclosed herewith.

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Office number

Edorado 5-3365 April 6, 1933.

Her secretary says she is still away
Her return is indefinite. I suggested I
might try again in November but she
said I might try, but she was not
My dear Mrs. Moore: sure.

4-7-33
Her secretary telephoned
that Mrs. Moore
left for Europe
last week &
will not be
back until
next fall.

You may, perhaps, have learned through the papers
that President J. Leighton Stuart is again in this country.
He will be in New York and vicinity for a few weeks begin-
ning the latter part of April, and expects to leave the east
about May 15th or 20th to start on his return trip to China.

President Stuart has written to me asking that
we inquire whether he might call upon you during his stay
here. He has learned of your recent generous gift to
Yenching and wishes to thank you in person and to tell you
something of the great work that the University is engaged
in and something of the present situation as regards China
and Japan.

May I ask that you kindly write or telephone
this office and let us know whether this will be convenient
for you during the period mentioned? Our telephone number
is Watkins 9-8703.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary to President Stuart

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 E. 54th St.
New York City, N. Y.

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November 27, 1935

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York City

My dear Mrs. Moore:

In response to the message from you over the telephone, I am writing to explain why I wish to call on you. This was to consult with you regarding a matter about which I feel that your advice would be more helpful than that of anyone else I can think of.

One of the former students of Yenching University who comes from a long line of Manchu dukes left somewhat impoverished after the revolution, has given me certain art treasures which he would like to have me dispose of in this country for the benefit of a certain much needed project in the University. One of these is a painting by the daughter of Chiu Shih Chou. There are also two pieces of gold brocade on red cloth which were a present to the family by the Empress Dowager when he was taken to pay his respects to her as a little boy. His thought was that someone interested in Chinese art and in Yenching might purchase these not merely because of their intrinsic value and historical associations but also for a contribution to Yenching.

You have been a generous friend of ours in the past and there is no one in this country with a more intelligent appreciation of Chinese art. I thought, therefore, that you might yourself, be interested in seeing these things, - possibly in purchasing one or more of them and that in any case, you might make some suggestion to me. I confess to feeling rather helpless in a matter of this kind. If, therefore, you would care to allow me the privilege, I should like to take the things for you to see at your convenience sometime during my stay in this country.

Thanking you again for all that you have done for Yenching in the past, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JLS:MP

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February 1, 1936

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York City

My dear Mrs. Moore:

I can't tell you how thrilled we all are this morning by your beautiful letter and the fine check which you enclosed. I have shown Dr. Stuart your letter and it certainly warmed his heart, not only because of the gift but because of your more than kind reference to him and his work which you know and which all know who are responsible for the great work of Yenching, is so richly deserved.

I am enclosing a receipt for the \$5,000.00 and it is of course accompanied with the gratitude of all the friends of the University for this evidence of your friendship and generosity.

Yours very cordially,

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February 1, 1936

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York City

My dear Mrs. Moore:

The visit with you was so delightful an experience in itself and I so enjoyed seeing your Chinese treasures that I should have felt amply repaid with the memory of that visit. This morning Dr. Young has, however, shown me your letter with its generous contribution to our University, thus adding a pleasant surprise to the experience, which thus becomes also a source of financial benefit to the University. No one knows better than I, how much this is needed and I want to assure you how grateful I am, personally. It means more than I can express in a letter to have your kindly comments about the Institution and myself.

Your appreciative insight into the Chinese art which I have also learned to love, is a further bond which enriches the memory of that morning call.

I trust that your visit to California and to Mexico will be one of vivid interest and a quiet refreshing rest.

Very sincerely yours,

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for signature
at reunion.

April 7, 1938

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Moore:

Among the most pleasant memories of my recent trip to America is that of my delightful visit with you. Your cordiality, your beautiful home, made doubly interesting to me because of your magnificent collection of Chinese objects of art, all contributed to a delightful and inspiring occasion.

Returning to the campus on April ----, I am delighted to report that Yenching is in the midst of one of the most active semesters in all its history, with a capacity enrollment of 800. The disturbing events of the past few months in North China, have subsided and a spirit of calm courage prevails throughout the student body.

The continued constructive progress of China in the midst of internal reform, is reassuring evidence that its political entity will be maintained. It is from this standpoint that educational institutions like Yenching, established by Americans, have their significance in the formative period of Chinese transition. They aid in mitigating the task of national rebuilding in the finest moral and spiritual ideals.

Your recent check in the amount of \$5,000, brings the total of your contributions since 1928, to \$11,000. I am sure you understand how sincere is my personal gratitude, as well as that of the Board of Trustees, at this generous participation in the progress of Yenching. As you well know, this outstanding Christian institution of higher learning in China, has been made possible through the wise counsel and liberal support of intelligent Americans. The names of Sage, Rockefeller, James, Gamble, Field, Perkins, McBrier, Thompson, Pfeiffer, Boyd and other social and financial leaders whom you know, are numbered among its benefactors. Campus buildings, faculty residences, student loan funds, scholarships, professorships, the theological school, the library, social sciences, rural reconstruction, journalism and other features of this University, bear the names of their donors.

With a view to giving you the most pleasure from your support of Yenching, I discussed with members of the Board of Trustees, before leaving America, the possibility of crediting your previous gifts, totalling \$11,000, on a larger sum, in the event you were to undertake a definite project on the campus, such as a professorship, student loan fund, faculty residence or some

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Mrs. William H. Moore.

phase of the work in which you feel an especial interest. Yenching is supplying an ever-increasing number of leaders who are destined to play a large part in the development of China and to sit in the councils which will formulate the policies of international good-will and understanding.

The distressing financial strain under which Yenching has carried on for the last three or four years, confronts us with the necessity of raising a \$5,000,000 endowment as quickly as possible if the school is to continue unimpaired. In China we are hoping to raise \$1,000,000 of this amount, trusting that our friends in America will supply the remaining \$2,000,000 which will be required.

Your deep appreciation of China and her culture better fits you to understand the depth of meaning which I am herein attempting to convey, and I know of nothing that would be so heartening at this particular crisis, as the assurance of your continued interest and support. It is our thought that with \$11,000 to your credit, you might supplement this by some amount which would bring the total to a sum adequate to establish a professorship or some major undertaking on the campus, which would bear your name. The payments could be arranged on a schedule suitable to your convenience, covering as many months as you desire. Such an arrangement would have the two-fold advantage of giving definiteness to your philanthropy at Yenching and exerting at the same time, a wholesome influence upon the student mind.

This is not a matter which calls for immediate decision, but one to which I invite your thoughtful consideration. Since there are so many phases of this suggestion which do not lend themselves to correspondence, I am taking the liberty of asking our American representative, Dr. Sherman R. Young, who you will recall was with me on the morning of my recent visit at your home, to communicate with you some time during the next few months and arrange for an unhurried discussion of the whole matter. I trust this may be agreeable to you.

I have cherished the hope that our Board of Trustees and I, personally, might from time to time be given the benefit of your counsel, but perhaps your busy schedule would not permit of further demands upon your time. In any event, I wish to re-affirm our sincere appreciation of your continued support and beg to remain,

Yours very sincerely,

J. Leighton Stuart

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

July 21, 1937

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Moore:

In the midst of a period of tension in North China, a reassuring cable has just come from Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, President of Yenching University, stating that peace and quiet prevail on the Yenching campus. As one of the benefactors of Yenching, this word will give you, as it has us, a sense of satisfaction.

Letters from Dr. Stuart, during recent months, have been buoyant and optimistic. The essential unity of China, together with the increasing power of the Central Government is at least one reason for this. Notwithstanding present strained relations with Japan, the future of China is full of promise. For Americans who have tried to share with China the best of their culture, this supplies a genuine basis for satisfaction. Emerging now into a great new commonwealth, she is destined to exercise a major influence on the trend of civilization.

Confirmation of our influence on China's idealism was given by Dr. Kung at the tea held in his honor at the Waldorf-Astoria when he said, "You in America have no idea of the place the Christian religion has at the heart of the Chinese Government." His address, informal, was intimate and forceful. We deeply regret your inability to be present.

Did you know that Dr. Kung has recently been made Chancellor of Yenching? The office is largely honorary, the duties being discharged by the Vice-Chancellor.

Dr. Stuart remains, as always, the real power in the University. Incidentally, he is coming to America in the early autumn and I know he will hope to see you.

Coinciding with Dr. Stuart's visit in America, we are planning a celebration in honor of Dr. Frank D. Gamewell's eightieth anniversary. Dr. Gamewell went to China on October 6, 1881 and was one of the men most influential in the early history of Yenching, as you will discover from the brief statement enclosed.

The Board of Trustees of Yenching University, Dr. Gamewell's friends, together with others who appreciate the heroic work he did in China have had under consideration for some months the plan to honor him while he is yet alive. It has finally taken form in the establishment of what will be known as the "Frank D. Gamewell Professorship of Religion at Yenching University." The idea of religion

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in the heart of China has been the absorbing motive for Dr. Gamewell's long years of service in China, and, after some persuasion, he finally consented to a perpetuation of his life in the Orient through this proposed medium. It will cost \$50,000 to establish this chair in perpetuity. These funds will be kept in America, only the interest being used for that purpose. Mr. E. M. McBrier made an initial subscription of \$25,000, another friend \$10,000 and other subscriptions bring the total well up to \$40,000. Dr. William J. Thompson, for many years identified with Drew University, is Chairman of the Committee and we are all trying desperately to complete the fund by August 31st. Dr. and Mrs. Gamewell are in good health, but at their advanced age anything can happen. We, therefore, feel that nothing could be more appropriate than to announce to him on his eightieth birthday that the fund has been completed. Furthermore, Mr. McBrier, who gave \$25,000, will be returning from Europe about that time. With Dr. Stuart arriving near that date, we hope for a real celebration.

Although you have given substantial sums to Yenching, I do not recall that you have ever been solicited. We have written you of our needs and you have responded in a most generous way. Our gratitude you have had in unbounded measure. If you care to join in completing this memorial, which we believe to be one of the most important things ever done for Yenching, your approval by letter would inspire us with great confidence of its early completion. The policy of no solicitation is being faithfully carried out. To tell the story as best we can of this great and good man who has given fifty-six years of his life to China is all we attempt to do. The devotion to the man and his work is finding expression in this living memorial which will stand forever in China as a symbol of all that is good, and pure, and holy, casting its rays of light over the new and mighty China that is just emerging.

You know, of course, that any of us would be delighted to discuss the matter with you personally, if that is your desire. Obviously, the cash will not be needed for some months - only an expression of purpose is all we need at the moment.

Thanking you for your patience in reading this long letter, and with gratitude for your many favors, I am

Yours sincerely,

George C. Aydelott, Secretary

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June 23, 1936

Dear Mrs. Moore:

You will doubtless be interested in the following quotation taken from a letter that has just come from Dr. Stuart from Yenching: "I am happy to assure you that despite the uncertainties of the political situation, internal conditions within the institution have never been more full of promise than at the present."

In the same mail, a letter came from Mr. Arthur Rugh, honorary lecturer at the School of Religion at Yenching, which speaks with great enthusiasm concerning the influence of Christianity on the campus.

The fact that you have given rather substantial sums of money to Yenching leads me to believe that you are watching very closely the developments in China. Your knowledge of the Far East will give you a much more intelligent insight into the deeper facts which underlie that entire situation, but we believe you will agree with us eventually that China will hold a commanding position in that territory. Its vast population and ancient culture are obviously not to be permanently submerged.

We, as the American Board of Trustees, are going steadily forward in our plans to provide adequate financial support for the school with full confidence that the measure of cooperation we supply to China in these hours of emergency will be a strong factor in supplying the required leadership which must eventually determine the destinies of the Far East.

Before returning to China, Dr. Stuart requested that we remind you that there are two Chinese brocades here in this office which we are to give you when you are at home to receive them.

Thanking you for your interest and friendship, I am,

Sincerely yours

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York City

Dr. Sherman P. Young

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November 29, 1935.

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

Dear Dr. Stuart:

When your name was given to me when you telephoned, I did not recognize it. I am sorry not to have answered you.

At the present time I am having some trouble with my eyes and unable to examine anything in detail. I am assured by my oculist that it is probably a temporary trouble but it may be some months before I can use them, so I cannot ask you to bring the things for me to see.

I wonder if you know of The China Society, which is located at 570 Lexington Avenue. Perhaps someone there could help you or put you in touch with someone who

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would care to see or purchase them. I am
sorry that I cannot be of any assistance.

Very sincerely yours,

Ann S. Moore

(Mrs. William H. Moore)

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

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January 31, 1936

Dr. S. P. Young
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Young:

As you know, China, its people and its welfare have a great interest for me and, especially, the fine work that is being done by the Yenching University. Dr. Stuart is the ideal man to be at the head of such an institution. His knowledge of the people as well as his own fine character and intellect make him the outstanding leader. So, I am making a special effort to send you a contribution and am enclosing my check for \$5,000. I will leave it to the Committee to use it as they think best.

It was a great pleasure to have the little visit with you and Dr. Stuart last week.

Very sincerely yours,



(Mrs. William H. Moore)

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FOUR EAST FIFTY-FOURTH STREET
NEW YORK

July 26, 1937

Rec'd 7/27/37

Mr. George C. Aydelott, Secretary
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Aydelott:

Mrs. William H. Moore has read your letter of July 21st with interest and directs me to send you the enclosed check for \$500. toward the fund being raised for the "Frank D. Gamewell Professorship of Religion at Yenching University."

Sincerely yours,

Lillian F. Forsberg

Secretary to
Mrs. William H. Moore

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

July 27, 1937

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Moore:

Your letter of July 26 enclosing your check in the amount of \$500.00 has just been received. I am so delighted with your promptness and generous response that I telephoned your residence in the hope that I might convey, through your secretary, a personal message of appreciation. Being unsuccessful in this, I am resorting to the only means available to send you immediate word expressing not only my personal gratitude, but that of other members of the Committee to whom I have already conveyed the good news.

I shall shortly be writing Dr. Stuart and will also mention your gift to him. In this connection, may I say that the headlines in the paper this morning make us a bit anxious, but we become quite accustomed to periods of uncertainty in the Orient and find that satisfactory adjustments are usually made in the end. In any event, all endowment funds for Yenching and other Colleges in China are kept in this country, only the interest being sent to China.

Thanking you once again, I am

Yours sincerely,

George C. Aydelott, Secretary

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February 15, 1939

Dear Mrs. Moore:

We cordially invite you to be the guest of the Yenching Trustees at a dinner to be held at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria at seven-fifteen o'clock on the evening of February twenty-eighth.

The primary purpose of the dinner will be to pay honor to Mr. E. M. McBrier. This month Mr. McBrier begins his twenty-third year as Treasurer of the Yenching Trustees. You are acquainted with the vital part which his devotion and leadership have had in the growth of this Christian educational center during the past quarter-century.

Dr. Edward H. Hume, together with Professor Hubert S. Liang of Yenching University, will be the principal speakers, and Mr. Henry R. Luce will preside as toastmaster. Mr. McBrier's friends everywhere - both those who will be present at the dinner and many others throughout the world, are sending letters of greeting and felicitation which will be presented to him at the dinner. We know that Mr. McBrier would be particularly happy to have such a letter from you included in his "Book of Remembrance". All such letters and messages should be addressed to the Yenching office in my care, since we are trying to keep from Mr. McBrier the details of this "conspiracy" to do him honor.

We earnestly hope that you can join us in what should be a very pleasant occasion.

Very sincerely yours,

President, Yenching Trustees

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York City

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FOUR EAST FIFTY-FOURTH STREET
NEW YORK

October 3, 1939

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

My dear Mr. McBrier:

At Mrs. Moore's direction, I am enclosing her check for \$100. payable to Yenching University toward the scholarship for Mr. Kuan Yü-shan, as pledged in her letter of May 26th.

Very truly yours,

K. F. Forsberg

Secretary to
Mrs. William H. Moore

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FOUR EAST FIFTY-FOURTH STREET
NEW YORK

October 11, 1939

February 10, 1940

Dear Mrs. Moore: Mrs. Finley:

It was very good of you to send us so promptly your check for \$1,000.00 in payment of part of the expenses of Mr. Hsun Tsun-chang during his year of study in this country. Our receipt for this amount is enclosed.

Will you be good enough to request the Yen-ching University to inform Mrs. Moore whether or not this University is incorporated in the United States.

Very truly yours,
Treasurer

Allian F. Laneberg

Secretary to
Mrs. William H. Moore

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York City

Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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*Copy of this letter sent to Mrs. Finley
& acknowledged by her*

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FOUR EAST FIFTY-FOURTH STREET
NEW YORK

February 10, 1940

My dear Mrs. Finley:

As pledged to you the other evening when you and Dr. Finley were here, Mrs. Moore takes pleasure in sending to you the enclosed check of One thousand (\$1,000.) dollars payable to Yenching University for its Women's Department.

Will you be good enough to request the Yenching University office to inform Mrs. Moore whether or not this University is incorporated in the United States.

Very truly yours,

William F. Forsberg

Secretary to
Mrs. William H. Moore

Mrs. John H. Finley
1 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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Enclosure

*copy of this letter sent to Mrs. Finley
& acknowledged by her*

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February 24, 1941

My dear Mrs. Moore:

Just before I left China last fall, Dr. Stuart asked me especially to see you while I was in this country. July 17, 1940

Since my arrival, I have spent a good deal of my time away from New York, but I am now in the city this week and would like very much to call on you to convey Dr. Stuart's greeting. I will telephone you in the morning, and hope I can arrange a time to see you within the next day or two.

Very sincerely yours,

My dear Mrs. Moore:

The beginning of July has brought to me the pleasure of writing to you that final success has crowned our effort to complete the \$100,000 endowment unit for the Women's College of Yenching University on the date set by the donors of the large conditional gift of \$47,000.

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York City
We are thankful for the generous impulse which prompted your gift to this fund, and we are glad to include you among those who will watch the progress of this excellent College with that glow of proprietary interest which can be felt only by those who have taken a part in assuring its future. To the administrative officers and the faculty of the College this undergirding of their task will bring an increase of courage and a certainty in the making and carrying out of plans which will strengthen morale and help vitally in the maintenance of high standards.

Gratefully yours,

(Mrs. John H. Finley)

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York City

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February 24, 1941

My dear Mrs. Moore:

Just before I left China last fall, ^{May 14, 1943} Dr. Stuart asked me especially to see you while I was in this country.

Since my arrival, I have spent a good deal of my time away from New York, but I am now in the city this week and would like very much to call on you to convey Dr. Stuart's greeting. I will telephone you in the morning, and hope I can arrange a time to see you within the next day or two. The obstacles which have been overcome in creating this refugee university

Very sincerely yours,

First there was the problem of escaping from the Japanese, and of keeping alive in a war-torn land. Tales of heroism and self-sacrifice are accumulating. Witness the boy who was one of a group of students who left Peking, ^{Stephen Tsai}, completely ignorant of what plans had been made for the reestablishment of the university. When his small party arrived in free territory they were delighted to discover that Yenching was being reborn in Chengtu. This boy volunteered to risk his life again by returning alone through the battle zone to bring good news to his friends in North China. We are sure to hear how he fared.

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York City

We feel that the victory of Yenching over all the forces of war and want and destruction, is an encouraging omen of the better world to come. Almost everything worthwhile which we have inherited from the past has resulted from a victory of the human spirit over similar obstacles. It is reassuring to discover that our generation also possesses this creative courage and faith which surmounts all difficulties.

We report to you with pride the accomplishments of Yenching University, which is more than justifying the faith of its friends in America. We solicit your whole-hearted participation in the creation of a strong Yenching in Free China.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York City

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May 14, 1943

Dear Mrs. Moore:

Every mail from West China brings fresh word of the fine accomplishments of our Yenching friends, who have built anew their university in a distant land. We who are holding the home base are filled with humility when we contemplate the obstacles which have been overcome in creating this refugee university.

First there was the problem of escaping from the Japanese, and of keeping alive in a war-torn land. Tales of heroism and self-sacrifice are accumulating. Witness the boy who was one of a group of students who left Peiping on faith, completely ignorant of what plans had been made for the reestablishment of the university. When his small party arrived in free territory they were delighted to discover that Yenching was being reborn in Chengtu. This boy volunteered to risk his life again by returning alone through the battle lines to carry the good news to his friends in North China. We are anxious to hear how he fared.

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Sincerely yours,

Treasurer

Mrs. William H. Moore
4 East 54th Street
New York City

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21 KIRKLAND STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

January 15, 1936

Dear President Stewart:-

Mr. Moore and I are sending to you for Yenching a thousand dollars from a fund which was designed originally to support a Chinese woman doctor. In the past there was difficulty in finding the right person. We would like this sum used for scholarships for Chinese women, if possible, to aid those who are looking forward to medicine, and wish it to be made an anonymous gift as from a friend.

Sincerely yours,

Eliza C. Moore
Mrs. Edward C. Moore

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FRED FIELD GOODSPELL, D.D., EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

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Treasury Department

February 1, 1936

HARVEY L. MEEKEN
PUBLISHING AND PURCHASING AGENT
EARLE E. SMITH
DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT

Pres. J. Leighton Stuart
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear President Stuart:

It is a pleasure to send you the enclosed check for \$1,000, to be credited as a donation from "A Friend". We are happy to forward it for the uses of Yenching University.

Yours cordially,

S. Emma Keith
Assistant Treasurer

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February 1, 1936

HARVEY L. MEEKEN
PUBLISHING AND PURCHASING AGENT
EARLE E. SMITH
DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT

Mrs. Edward C. Moore
21 Kirkland Street
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Moore:

The payment of the \$1,000 from the China Salary Account was authorized by the Board of Directors and I have now sent it forward to Dr. Stuart in New York, for Yenching University as a donation from "A Friend". I am sorry that I did not see to the forwarding of this earlier so as to avoid the anxiety of the Yenching friends in regard to it.

Sincerely yours,

S. Emma Keith
Assistant Treasurer

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January 18, 1930

Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Moore
21 Cortland Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Friends:

Dr. Moore's letter has reached me this morning and I am immensely cheered by this generous contribution. Under the circumstances prevailing in this country at present, which I can readily imagine have affected you in many ways, this is not only of so much financial help to us, but is also a cheering evidence of your endorsement and good-will. I shall see that it is used for the purpose indicated and will count toward the endowment of our Women's College for scholarship aid to girls.

With pleasant memories of the evening in your home and of all my visits with Dr. Moore, I am,

Very cordially yours,

J. Leighton Stuart

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February 3, 1936

Miss S. Emma Keith, Assistant Treasurer
Woman's Board of Missions
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Keith:

We are grateful to you for your note of February 1st, addressed to Dr. Stuart, with its enclosed check for \$1,000, to be credited to Yenching University as a donation from "A Friend."

About a fortnight ago, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Moore, of Cambridge, wrote Dr. Stuart that they were planning to make a contribution of \$1,000 from a certain fund, this gift to be recorded as anonymous. I suspect that your check is in payment of their pledge.

We will of course follow the wishes of these good friends of Yenching in not revealing the identity of the donors. But for our confidential records, we should know whether this \$1,000 is in payment of the promise made by Mr. and Mrs. Moore, or whether their gift is still to come in from some other sources.

I hope it will not involve any betrayal of confidence for you to answer this specific inquiry. If it does, please let us know frankly, and we can secure the information we need in some other way.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS
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MRS. WALTER S. FITCH, President
FREDERICK A. GASKINS, Treasurer
MISS S. EMMA KEITH, Assistant Treasurer

Feb. 4, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of February 3 is received, and in reply I would state that the \$1,000 which I forwarded to you from the Woman's Board of Missions is the gift to which you refer in regard to which you had instructions from Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Moore of Cambridge. I had thought it probable that they had informed you from whence the check would come, and so I sent the gift without further information. We are glad that Yenching has this special help.

Cordially yours,

S. Emma Keith

Assistant Treasurer

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Mr. A. A. ...
Yeshiva University
130 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Your letter of February 2 is received.
and in reply a check for \$100.00
has been forwarded to you. The
amount of \$100.00 is being
paid to you for the purpose of
the ... and is being paid to you
and Mrs. A. A. Moore of Cambridge.
I have enclosed a check for \$100.00
and informed you from where the
check would come, and as I said the
check is without further information.
and if you need any further
special help.

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FREDERICK A. GASKINS, Treasurer
MISS S. EMMA KEITH, Assistant Treasurer

February 8, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

We have received a letter from your office enclosing a receipt for the \$1,000 recently sent to you. I am sorry that my previous letters have not made clear that this gift came from the Treasury of the Woman's Board of Missions. I am therefore returning the receipt and ask that you send one for the Woman's Board of Missions, and if the entry on your books has been made in the name of the American Board, kindly correct such entries.

As you may know, our Woman's Board of Missions, although it has given the administrative responsibility for the work on the field over to the American Board, is still an incorporate body. We hold various funds in our Treasury which is separate from that of the American Board.

I am sorry to trouble you with these changes which I fear were due to the fact that I may have used American Board stationery by mistake in my letter to you. As I am Assistant Treasurer of both Boards, the error was very easily made.

Yours sincerely,

S. Emma Keith
Assistant Treasurer

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WARRANT BOARD OF ALABAMA
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IN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter of the 27th day of January, 1936, in relation to the proposed purchase of the University of Alabama Library Building, and in reply to inform you that the Board of Trustees has approved the purchase of the same for the sum of \$100,000.00, and that the same has been authorized to be paid out of the University Fund.

The Board of Trustees has also authorized the purchase of the same to be made by the University of Alabama, and that the same be paid out of the University Fund.

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February 10, 1936

Miss S. Emma Keith, Assistant Treasurer
Woman's Board of Missions
14 Beacon Street, Mass.

Dear Miss Keith:

We return herewith our receipt for the \$1,000
gift recently sent to us. We have changed all our records
to show that this contribution came from the Woman's Board
of Missions.

Thanking you for calling this error to our
attention, I am

Sincerely yours,

Office Secretary

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