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January 7, 1928

Memorandum to Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
Concerning the list of approved Campaign Objectives - 1928.

On checking over the lists of approved campaign objectives for the 1928 campaign for Yenching University and Yenching College, I find that following the special conference of the Campaign Committee representing both the Trustees and the Woman's College, which was held in Atlantic City on January 12, 1928, two memoranda of approved objectives were drafted by Dr. North. In one of these memoranda the fourth item which had read "Model School and Practice Teaching House" was amended to read "Home Economics Practice House". In the other, the third item under section two (Objectives of Women's College) read "Model School-Practice Teaching House."

Under date of January 14th the memorandum in which the "Model School" was listed was sent to those who had been present at the Atlantic City Conference. Among those who received this were Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Roys, and Mrs. Boyd. Under date of January 18th, the memorandum in which the "Home Economics Practice House" item (with an explanatory note) ^{appeared} was sent to Mrs. Avann, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Lee, and Mrs. Roys, in addition to the campaign personnel who, in addition to yourself, included Mr. Evans, Mr. Warner, Dr. Stuart and Dr. Jenney. Mr. Strong had received a copy of this a few days before.

In accordance with Dr. North's wishes the memorandum which had been distributed to those who had been present at the Atlantic City Conference was presented to the Committee on Finance, Property and Investment on January 27th, and this list of objectives was adopted under F - 2228. On January 16th, Mrs. Lee had issued to the members of the Yenching College Committee a request for correspondence vote on the list of approved objectives which corresponded with the list adopted by the Committee on Finance, Property & Investment.

I believe these facts will answer, technically, the question which you raised the other day, though the divergence between the booklet issued for campaign purposes and the records of the Committee of Yenching College for Women and the Finance Committee of the Trustees is not explained.

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K. J. Linehan
K. J. Linehan

C.C. to Dr. North.

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March 7, 1928.

Dear Mr. Post:

I have just learned from our Mr. Strong of your very generous insistence on meeting the expense of the pleasant little luncheon which was recently held in your name at the Downtown Club. I am writing to express my personal thanks for this courtesy. We are having no little difficulty in finding access to possible contributors in this present effort so a bit of encouragement from yourself is all the more appreciated.

I am sending you under separate cover a pamphlet just prepared which will give you further insight in what we are trying to do.

With cordial regards

Very sincerely yours

Mr. James H. Post
129 Front Street
New York City

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Sent Our University and a pledge card (large one)

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April 12, 1928.

My dear Jean:

Letters have been passing between New York and Peking to try to trace the gift that you secured for the Practice School amounting to about \$5,000. Can you throw light on this as to whether, when and how this money was actually paid and what became of it? It is a rather discreditable admission that no one seems to know where this money is but we shall keep it within the family and get it straightened out.

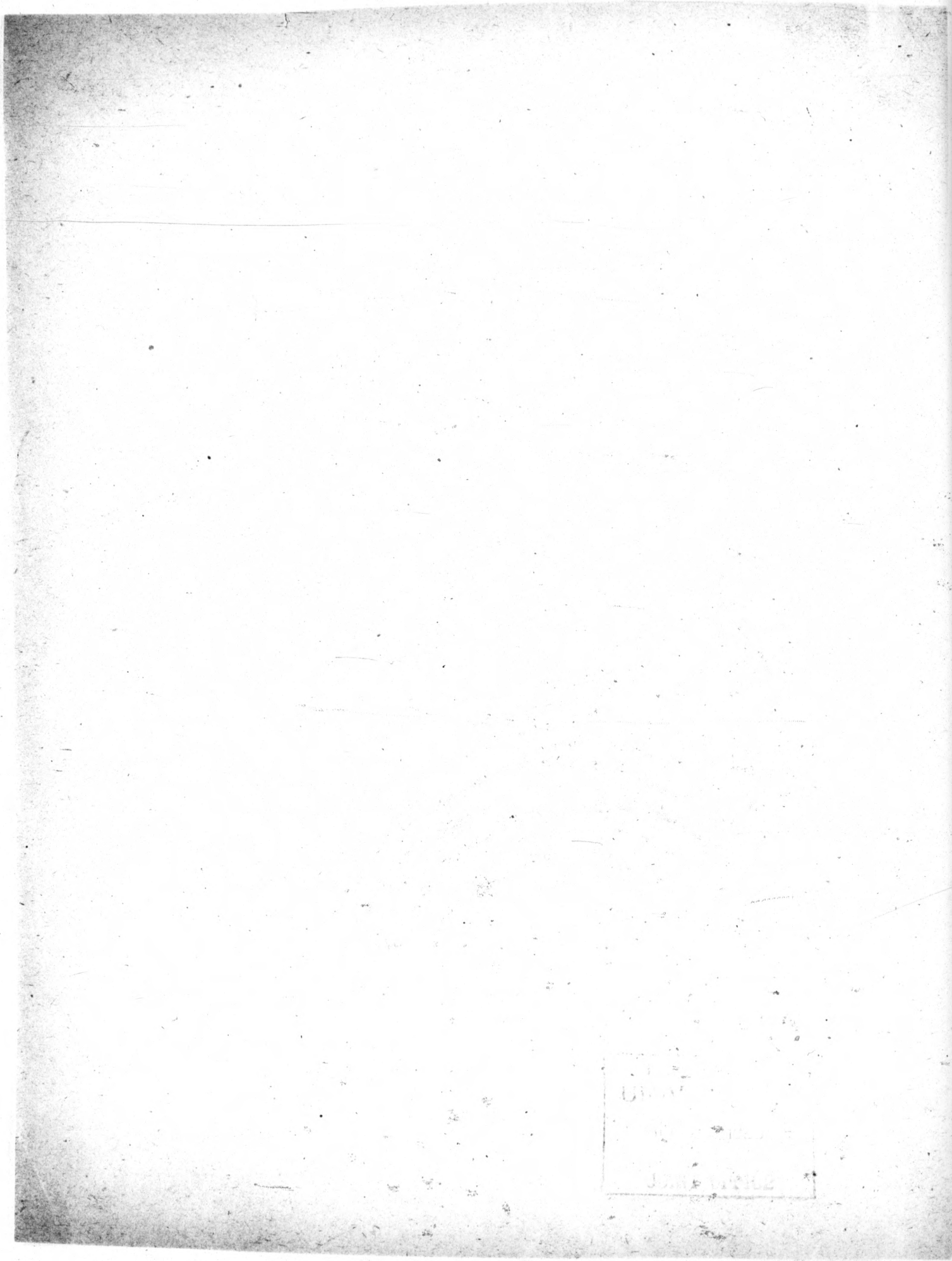
Very sincerely yours

Miss Jean Dickinson
5529 University Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

JLS:O

from Mr.
James H. Post
88 Remsen
Brooklyn

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MISS JEAN DICKINSON
5529 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
CHICAGO

April 16, 1928

Dear Leighton;-

It will be difficult to give you any useful information about Mr. Post's gift for the practice school. It was in the summer of 1925 that I visited them in the country and they offered, with their usual initiatory generosity, to give for the children's work side of our program, for it is in children that Mr. James H. Post has always been most interested. Presumably I then mentioned our office address, and was surprised that the matter had not been completed when he asked me sometime shortly before I left, March, 1926, to whom to send his gift. Again I told him 150 Fifth ave. He is not the type of man who needs any follow up, or should be repeatedly asked, for they give to the outside limit, always.

I also remember telling the office, in reporting his offer, that the Posts should not be repeatedly requested to give, resting assured that they always would. ^{His daughter} His daughter, also, one of my best friends, is giving annually to the women's college budget.

I am astounded if there is no record of receipt. There is only one loophole I would suggest. His daughter, Mrs. Thomas Morrow, (55 Remsen Street. . . Post address, 88 Remsen St. Brooklyn,) sends through Mrs. Boyd. It may be that he would have used the same address, for my sake being more interested in the Women's side of things than the men, and possibly thinking more credit would accrue to me or to the women's college for me by sending to Mrs. Boyd for joint work.

Hoping that this may be cleared up without risking any interrogation of the Posts,

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I spent the weekend in St. Louis. Rather careful follow-up should be undertaken upon Mr. Jackson Johnson, "the richest man in St.L." With a personal introduction, I called on him, and succeeded in making a good impression, as evidenced by his really cordial invitation to call again, tho' he was tied up at present. (Work among the Ozarks is his excuse.) He needs education. He might travel to China. Heading the ^{International} Shoe Co, he is naturally interested in our leather work. I would suggest that he be cultivated in a very discrete and personal way, in my name, for some time before another direct request is made, by personal call of some convincing person, preferably Hung(or Lew) I am going to send him pictures soon, before he forgets me. He is really interested in International education.

Mr. Jackson Johnson
International Shoe Co.
1505 Washington Ave. St. Louis.

Have you any good pictures
of the leather work? I will wait
a few days to write on the chance.

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Peking University

April 26, 1928

Mr. L. A. Bowman
131 No. Dearborn St.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Bowman:

During the last few weeks a number of questions have been raised as to the receipt of certain contributions secured by Miss Jean Dickinson while she was in America during 1925-26. I wrote Mrs. Williamson early in April enclosing copies of letters dealing with Miss Dickinson's contributions and asking her to look into the matter for us. She has probably communicated with you. A few days ago Dr. Stuart handed me a copy of Miss Dickinson's letter of April 16th in which she gives further information regarding the name of one of those who promised to give to the work at Yenching and the approximate date at which his contribution should have been received. I quote from her letter:

"It will be difficult to give you any useful information about Mr. Post's gift for the practice school. It was in the summer of 1925 that I visited them in the country and they offered, with their usual initiatory generosity, to give for the children's work side of our program, for it is in children that Mr. James H. Post has always been most interested. Presumably I then mentioned our office address, and was surprised that the matter had not been completed when he asked me sometime shortly before I left, March, 1923, to whom to send his gift. Again I told him 150 Fifth Ave. He is not the type of man who needs any follow up, or should be repeatedly asked, for they give to the outside limit, always.

"I also remember telling the office, in reporting his offer, that the Posts should not be repeatedly requested to give, resting assured that they always would when possible. His daughter, also, one of my best friends, is giving annually to the women's college budget.

"I am astounded if there is no record of receipt. There is only one loophole I would suggest. His daughter, Mrs. Thomas Morrow, (55 Remsen Street. . . Post address, 88 Remsen St. Brooklyn) sends through Mrs. Boyd. It may be that he would have used the same address, for my sake being more interested in the Women's side of things than the men, and possibly thinking more credit would accrue to me or to the women's college.

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for me by sending to Mrs. Boyd for joint work.

"Hoping that this may be cleared up without risking any interrogation of the Posts."

I have made an examination of all the accounts in our Peking ledger where Mr. Post's gift may have been placed if it had been received in our New York office and am able to find no trace of any such contribution. I have also gone through our Peking files without finding any correspondence in regard to such a gift. Dr. Eric North has no recollection of such a pledge or contribution as referred to by Miss Dickinson ever having been handled here in New York. It seems from Miss Dickinson's correspondence the objective toward which Mr. Post promised to contribute is such that his gift should have been handled through the Women's College rather than the office of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

We hope that you will be able to clear up the uncertainty in regard to Mr. Post's gift. We have, as far as I can find, no definite assurance that Mr. Post's contribution was ever paid over. We all realize how often it happens that even the most interested of our friends sometimes overlook pledges they have made, particularly if some careful system of follow-up is not used. Just now our office has several very embarrassing cases of this sort where we have received such clear-cut pledges that it seemed safe to authorize certain expenditures, only to discover when the funds are urgently needed that they are not forthcoming.

We will be anxious to learn what you discover in regard to this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

B. G. Gaud

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CC: Mrs. Boyd

Mrs. Williamson

Miss Dickinson

Campaign office

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C O P Y

Chicago
April 30, 1928

Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary
China Union Universities,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of April 26th is received and contents carefully noted. Up to this writing, I have had no communication whatsoever from Mrs. Williamson in relation to the matter of pledge through Miss Dickinson from Mr. Post. I have looked carefully through all receipts coming to me through Miss Dickinson or Mrs. Boyd, as well as from any other source, and find the records to be as follows:

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING FROM MR POST, EITHER DIRECTLY OR
THROUGH MISS DICKINSON.

It should be stated that my part of the financial work which Miss Dickinson did consisted exclusively of receiving remittances of cash and of crediting and acknowledging them. I received no pledges for future payments whatsoever and have no record at all, nor do I think it was ever contemplated that I should have, of pledges made for future payments. That doubtless was to have been kept by some one else.

If there is any further way in which I can assist in throwing any light on the matter, I shall be very glad to do so. I am giving you the facts as shown by my cash records and whatever memory I have of the transactions which she had.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Louis A. Bowman
Vice President and Trust Officer.

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June 14, 1928

Dear Miss Dickinson:

We have done everything possible to clear up the matter of the contribution of \$5,000 you expected to receive last year from Mr. Post. The matter is exceedingly delicate and I have followed a plan based upon the best advice obtainable since I have wished to avoid the least possibility of offending Mr. Post. What I have done is as follows.

Dr. Stuart informed me before leaving that a certain Mr. Fred Eldridge had generously agreed to raise a very large sum of money for the school of education at Yenching. Mr. Eldridge is an unusually successful person for just that sort of thing and his promise means something very important. One of the persons mentioned by Mr. Eldridge as a source from which he would hope to obtain a part of this money was Mr. Post. He has often obtained money from Mr. Post. Dr. Stuart requested me to confer with Mr. Eldridge, therefore, before taking up any other matter with Mr. Post.

Mr. Eldridge advised that I see Mr. Davison, personal secretary of Mr. Post, and lay this whole matter before him. I had a very satisfactory talk with Mr. Davison some weeks ago. I showed him the letter addressed by you to Mrs. Morrow and sent by your mother to me. Mr. Davison agreed at once to have the book-keeper go through the records to discover whether Mr. Post had ever paid this amount, or any other amount, to Yenching since the time you mentioned. I have given Mr. Davison ample time and finally called him on Tuesday. He tells me that there is no record of such a payment. I asked what he would suggest that I should do - whether to mail your letter to Mrs. Morrow or to call personally on Mr. Post and raise the question with him. Mr. Davison very earnestly advised that he would do neither one. He intimated very clearly that Mr. Post might be offended if we should seek, no matter how tactfully, to challenge him with the presentation of an unpaid pledge.

You will see that no one in either this office or the Chicago office is at fault in this matter. If your letter goes to Mrs. Morrow it would seem to me needlessly to raise the question in her mind as to the efficiency of our office staff. That would do no good.

Mr. Davison recommended very positively that I should simply address a note to Mr. Post asking whether he had intended to make a contribution to the practice school of Yenching last year - without mentioning any amount or stating anything about a definite pledge. I took his advice very seriously since Mr. Eldridge, who knows Mr. Post so well, had said to me in effect, "If you should challenge Mr. Post with an unpaid pledge he might hand you the amount but, not believing that he had pledged it, he might immediately blacklist you for the future."

I am very anxious that we should obtain this \$5,000. On the other hand, I am very anxious that we should retain Mr. Post's goodwill especially in view of the promise of Mr. Eldridge to raise a large sum of money for Yenching and partly through Mr. Post. Under the complicated circumstances I am really perplexed as to what to do. For the moment I am doing nothing. I send you herewith your letter addressed to Mrs. Morrow. I should like your judgment as to whether you think it best to take this matter up with Mrs. Morrow personally or whether you think I had better carry out the suggestion of Mr. Davison and simply write this rather vague inquiry to Mr. Post concerning a possible intention of his to give something to the practice school last year.

I should be grateful if you will give me your judgment in this matter as soon as possible after reaching New York.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Jean Dickinson
438 West 116th Street
New York City

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copy to J.H.S.

C O P Y (6/18/28)

438 W. 116th St.

N.Y.C.

Just a hurried word that having cleared up that Mr.P.
never did give the sum in question I have written to his
daughter and will expect to hear soon, one would
think favorably.

Will you please notify Mr.Wannamaker

(Signed) Jean Dickinson

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MISS JEAN DICKINSON
438 WEST 116TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY
TEL. YELLOWSTONE 9451

June 25, 1928

Dear Mr. Garside

Will you please share with
Mr. Warramaker, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Boyd
and any other interested the glad news
^(Mrs. Post writes) that, in spite of the fact that the Post
had recently spoken of the matter in
the family, & decided that the papers
indicated the uselessness of going
to China, since we who have been
there are still competent - "we will
be glad to do what was promised
when you were here, which was
\$5000. - You can rest assured
that this will be attended to promptly."
I am sure it will - and

I am only sorry that I did not feel
able to write Mrs. Monrow earlier
until we knew for certain that the
money had not been given.

Much cheered,

John Dickinson

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June 30, 1928.

Memo to Mr. Wannemaker

I am attaching a letter received from Miss Jean Dickinson in regard to the much discussed pledge from Mr. Post for \$5,000. We are keeping a copy in our files.

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Encl.

B. A. *Garside* Garside.

*Since the Post family has decided
not to give, and have now
been persuaded to give, this
belongs to the campaign
O.D.A.*

Post, Mr. & Mrs. James H.

New York City

July 3, 1928

Pledge \$5,000 (this is a renewal of the old pledge made to Miss

received	6-30-28
Receipt slip #	-----
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contrib. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	283
Pledge signal attached	
X file card	
Letter ack. sent	<i>none sent</i>
Checked for O. L.	
" " class card	
" " stencil	

Dickinson in 1925 in this amount for a women's practice house - the new pledge is for the same purpose but should count on the 1928 campaign, Mr. Wannamaker says, as it was discovered through efforts to raise money for this campaign)

*as no written
pledge received*

In a letter from Miss Dickinson dated June 25, 1928, she quotes from a letter she had received from Mrs. Post stating the following:

"We will be glad to do what was promised when you were here, which was \$5,000. You can rest assured that this will be attended to promptly."

C O P Y

Yenching University
Peking, China
October 26, 1928

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

A recent letter from you encloses a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Finance, Property and Investment of the Trustees, for September 14th. On the last page of the Minutes referred to, in the report of the results of the campaign, under the heading "Women's College", I note Item C "Model School Practice Teaching House, Gold \$5000.

On noting this item, I supposed it was the \$5000 which the Department of Education had been expecting as the result of a contribution made some years ago through the efforts, we understand of Miss Jean Dickinson. I wrote to Miss Stahl, Acting Dean of the Women's College, to confirm this opinion, but she writes back as follows:

"I hate to disappoint you, but in looking up the statement sent by Mrs. Lee of what the campaign objectives were for the Women's College there is \$5000 listed as Model School Practice House, but this item was to pay the Home Economics Practice House, which had been built out of the general building funds, which were to be reimbursed when the special funds for the Home Economics Practice House were secured. The Home Economics Practice and the gymnasium were the two building projects for which our Promotion Committee were trying to secure funds before the joint campaign, and so I am sure the item referred to in the minutes reporting the results of the campaign under the heading "Women's College Model School Practice House G \$5000" must be the item for the Home Economics Practice House. I am sorry that it is not the Dickinson money for the Practice School."

I remember hearing from some source last spring, possibly from President Stuart, that efforts were being made to follow up the matter of that promised contribution of \$5,000 for the Department of Education Practice School, and as I remember the report was favorable toward our receiving that gift soon. In case Miss Stahl's interpretation is correct, and the \$5,000 reported as received in the campaign was not for the Practice School of the Department of Education, would you be kind enough to look again into the matter of the contribution promised to Miss Dickinson, and let us know what are the prospects of ful-

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fillment? Our Department has waited long and patiently for funds to provide some of the much needed practice schools, and we are eager to make a start in this project. We shall much appreciate anything you can do to further progress.

Sincerely yours,

Howard S. Galt (Signed)
Acting Treasurer

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MRS. JAMES H. POST
88 REMSEN STREET
BROOKLYN
NEW YORK

November 16, 1928

Mr. Chin D. Watanabe,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed

find a check for \$500.00 from
Mr. Post and myself. which
is to be used for the Practice
School at Yenching University
and was the amount prom-
ised to Miss Dickinson about
two years ago—

We have deferred payment
realizing the necessities of
China. — We are glad to send
it now. Yours cordially
(Mrs James H.) Louisa W. Post

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Post, Mr. & Mrs. Jas. H.

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~~166~~ Front St. N. Y. C.
~~Brooklyn~~

Nov. 16, 1928

\$5000 in payment of pledge #283,
toward Camp.—
Women's College
Practice House

Gift received	11-16-28
Index	2189
Entered in central record	✓
" " class card	✓
" " center list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	283
Pledge receipt attached	—
X file card	
Letter adv. sent	11-28-28
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	✓
" " stencil	✓

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November 28, 1928

My dear Mrs. Post:

The very generous gift of \$5,000 from you and Mr. Post meets an important requirement of the University and will distinctly increase its efficiency in accomplishing the vitally important task laid upon it by the Council of Higher Christian Education in China. At the same time it helps us to meet the conditions necessary to securing the large gift of \$90,000 from Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd of Philadelphia. We are striving to obtain the remaining amount needed to meet that pledge and we hope that we shall have accomplished what is required by January 1st.

I hope that we may be able to furnish you and Mr. Post from time to time such news regarding the University and its work as will give you complete assurance that your generous assistance is accomplishing the sort of thing in which you are so deeply interested.

With grateful appreciation, I remain

Sincerely,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. James H. Post
88 Remsen Street
Brooklyn, New York

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The official receipt of the University for \$5,000 is enclosed herewith.

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December 5, 1928.

Mr. James H. Post,
160 Front Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Post:

I am herewith enclosing a statement of our
campaign to date.

We are still lacking \$32,075. in pledges in
order to secure Mr. Boyd's conditional gift of \$90,000.

This must be obtained within the next ten days.
We are in rather a desperate situation.

We are making some progress as you can see, but
it comes very slowly.

We are hoping that you may be able to assist us
to some extent.

Again thanking you for the hope that you held
out of favorable consideration, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

EMMcR/A
Encl.

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JAMES H. POST
129 FRONT STREET
NEW YORK CITY

December 11, 1928

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

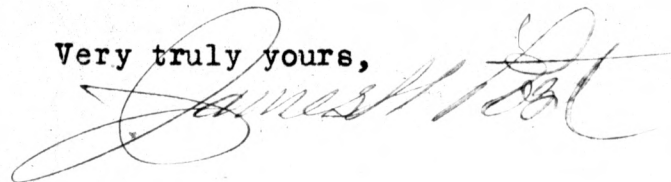
My dear Mr. McBrier:

I have given your letter of December 5th most careful consideration and regret that in view of my very heavy obligations to several Colleges in Foreign Countries, as well as to several in this Country, I do not feel warranted in adding to my contribution to Yenching University.

It is not only the amount I feel I should give to Educational Institutions with which I am actively connected, but the need for additional money to relieve the sick, the poor, the crippled and the blind, especially in Brooklyn where I live, is so great that I feel I must contribute whatever additional money I may have available for such purposes.

With the hope the full amount you require will be secured, I am

Very truly yours,



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The previous Nov. he had
paid the \$5000 pledged
To Jean Dickinson Pottes
for practice school bldg.

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December 11, 1928.

Mr. James H. Post,
129 Front Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Post:

I thank you sincerely for the consideration you
have given my appeal.

I appreciate the large number of calls which
come to every person who gives generously.

You have been a good friend of Yenching and we
very much appreciate all you have done.

We have still to raise \$26,331.97 and only a few
days in which to raise it, but I have faith to believe that it
will come from some source. If this is the Lord's work and He
would have it done, some of His children will supply the required
amount.

Thanking you sincerely for your kind consideration,
I am,

Most truly yours,

EMBB:A

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June 22, 1931

My dear Mr. Post:

This will confirm conversation over the phone just now with your secretary as to the appointment for 9:20 A.M. Thursday, June 25th, at which time I shall bring some recent photographs of buildings on the Yenching University campus and other material of interest. We feel that you are entitled to this special consideration because of the large contribution you made in 1928 to our work.

If at all possible I shall bring Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker, Assistant to President J. Leighton Stuart, with me. There may be many questions which you would like to ask him. This will be in the nature of a friendly call and is not for the purpose of soliciting funds.

Very sincerely yours,

George C. Aydelott

Mr. James H. Post
129 Front Street
New York City

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May 18, 1932

Mr. James H. Post,
88 Remsen St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Post:

You have been a generous contributor to the
Yenching University and your interest has been greatly
appreciated.

There has unexpectedly developed an acute
crisis which the friends of Yenching should know about.
We are endeavoring to see all the close friends of the
University in order that we may speak to them personally
about the situation as it is a matter we cannot write
about.

May I ask that you kindly receive Dr. S.P.
Young, as my personal representative, who will explain
the situation.

Thanking you in advance for granting
for granting Dr. Young an audience, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

BMCB.A

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May 19, 1932

My dear Mr. Post:

I want to thank you sincerely for the kind and sympathetic interest in Yenching University which you expressed to Dr. Young when he called upon you yesterday with a note of introduction from me. He could not have placed too much emphasis upon the threatening, and at the same time, promising situation which the greatest of our Christian universities in China is facing at the present time.

Dr. Young probably told you of a grant of \$250,000 which the Rockefeller Foundation offered two years ago, on the condition that we raise another \$250,000 in good subscriptions by June 30, 1932. We are now short \$75,000 on the \$250,000, and unless we can raise that amount in cash and bonafide pledges by June 30th, the Rockefeller Foundation offer will be positively withdrawn, and the \$12,500 interest they are paying us now will cease. In that case, the department of natural sciences of the University will be lost. This would be a serious blow to the friends of Christian education in China.

When we faced a similar great need in 1928 you came to our rescue with a pledge of \$5,000. Dr. Young thinks that because of the financial condition which you explained to him we cannot hope for anything like that amount in this present emergency, but we want you to know that any kind of a subscription from you would express your continued interest in a cause which you have helped so generously in the past and would be of great aid to us at the present time. Those of us who know what the situation is are almost sweating blood to meet this great challenge which, at the same time, if met is the greatest opportunity the University has ever faced.

I am enclosing a subscription blank and I feel sure from what Dr. Young tells me that you will try to find some way of helping at this time of great need to save an institution in which we have already invested several millions of dollars.

With kind personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. James H. Post
129 Front Street
New York, N. Y.

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JAMES H. POST
129 FRONT STREET
NEW YORK CITY

May 25, 1932.

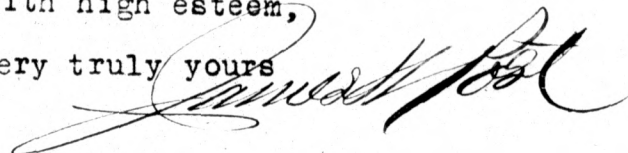
Mr. E. M. McBrier
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. McBrier:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th and greatly regret in view of my very heavy obligations to many forms of Welfare, Charitable and Educational work and the fact that my income has been greatly reduced, I do not feel warranted in making a contribution to the Yenching University at the present time.

With the hope you will secure the amount of money necessary, I am with high esteem,

Very truly yours



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JAMES H. POST
129 FRONT STREET
NEW YORK CITY

June 22, 1932.

J.H. Post

from appeal

✓ H. Lee Jan 1933

Dr. S. P. Young
Yenching University
New York City

My dear Dr. Young:

I duly received your letter
of June 10th and have given it very
careful consideration.

In view of my very heavy
obligations to many forms of Charitable,
Welfare and Educational work it is not
possible for me to favorably respond to
all the appeals I receive.

I regret not being able to
contribute at the present time.

Very truly yours

J.H. Post

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JAMES H. POST
129 FRONT STREET
NEW YORK CITY

November 3, 1933.

Mr. George G. Barber, President
Board of Trustees
Yenching University
New York City

Dear Mr. Barber:

I appreciate your sending me the article
by Professor Grace Boynton of the Yenching Department of
English, and know I shall find it very interesting.

Very truly yours



JHP/K

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January 28, 1936

Mr. James H. Post
129 Front Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Post:

We have received from Mrs. Finley,
your very generous check of \$200.00 for the
Women's College Endowment Fund. Our official
receipt is enclosed herewith.

Just at this time, when general
economic conditions have caused a serious de-
cline in the University's income, the loyalty
and generosity of our friends are doubly wel-
come.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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April 19, 1937

Mr. James H. Post
129 Front Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Post:

I enclose a photograph showing a group of students from the School of Religion at Yenching University, starting on a mission to out-lying villages. I also enclose a booklet which we are sending to a small group of our close friends. I think you will find this interesting.

Yenching University, with an enrollment this year of 826 students, and with 2,137 graduates, is a dramatic example of what Christian education can accomplish. Here we have something to show for our money. So deeply has the University touched the life of its young men and women students that a tremendous elemental force has been released. This force is completely revolutionizing the thought of all China on matters of rural reconstruction, politics, religion, health, education, and social standards. Such a powerful factor in shaping Christian thought in China must be perpetuated.

You know the devotion, prayers and sacrifice that have gone into this Christian university, because your gifts, together with hundreds of others, brought it into being and have enabled it to continue. Formerly, the support came almost entirely from American sources. More recently, however, the Chinese themselves have responded most generously, and they will eventually provide the major portion of the budget. But until that time, it is essential to continue American support. To withdraw would be fatal to all we have accomplished up to the present time.

Even with salaries reduced, expenses cut to bare necessities, and tuitions raised to increase revenue, we are still in great need of \$190,485 to meet our immediately pressing obligations. This includes \$14,759 to balance our current operating budget; \$77,485 toward general endowment; \$48,241 for the Women's College endowment; \$25,000 toward the School of Religion endowment; \$25,000 for the Department of Physical Education endowment.

On previous occasions you have proved your loyalty and friendship through your gifts, which we have deeply appreciated. In January 1936, your gift was \$200.00. Can you help again at this time, by sending either a cash contribution or a subscription payable at some future date? Please send what you can - it will all help.

Sincerely yours,

President, Board of Trustees

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January 16, 1939.

Mrs. James H. Post,
88 Remsen Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Post:

It was a keen disappointment that you were unable to see me this afternoon. Those of us on the faculty of Yenching University continue to hold you and Mr. Post in kindest remembrance from year to year as we see the major students in home economics profiting so greatly from the "practice house" home, contributed by you through Jean Dickinson Potter in 1928. We are grateful for further tangible evidences of your interest and support in the succeeding years. We learned with sorrow of the passing on of Mr. Post.

I carried greetings not only from Mrs. Potter but also from Dorothy D. Barbour and from Dr. Dickinson, with whom Mrs. Nash and I have been living since the death of Mrs. Dickinson last autumn. My wife and I have been enrolled until the first of the year in the graduate school of Columbia University.

The university authorities wish supporting friends to obtain from time to time more intimate acquaintance with our problems and opportunities than is possible through written materials alone. Accordingly, they take advantage of the presence in New York each year of staff members. During the rest of this school year I have been asked to call upon you and other such supporting friends.

We trust that you will be able to continue this year your generous help. Emergency conditions not only tend to decrease the amounts which can be obtained locally in China but also increase greatly the necessary expenditures. Unless continued and increased support is forthcoming from American friends, therefore, the work must suffer at a time when it is most greatly needed. We shall be grateful for your continued sharing in this strategic opportunity for Christian service to whatever extent you may feel able and willing to do at this time.

In a letter concerning the work of all the Christian Colleges in China, the former Secretary of State, Henry L. Stimson, has recently written: "The courage and persistence of the Chinese people.... have won my admiration along with, as I believe, that of all thoughtful Americans.....Every dollar contributed to the support of these institutions will count as never before."

Respectfully and sincerely yours,

Vernon Nash, 438 West 116th, N.Y.C.

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January 17, 1939.

MRS. JAMES H. POST
88 REMSEN STREET
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Mr. Vernon Nash
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

My dear Mr. Nash:

Your letter received this
morning, explains who my
caller was yesterday afternoon.
Your name was an en-
tirely new one to me, and
I was resting, or trying to rest,
after having heard shortly
before your call, of the death
of one who was very close
to us. I did not know you

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were the one who was with
Mr. Dickinson this winter.

Since Mr. Post's going we
have had to give the same
answer to all who have
appealed to us for funds
for any Organization, that
it is not possible for us
to grant their request. So
if I had been able to see
you, you would have
received this same answer.
It is not that we are not
interested in objects which
we have given to in the

MRS. JAMES H. POST
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past, but as Mr. Post's estate is not yet settled we have been obliged to call a halt. Of course, if truth be told, people have not the money that they had several years ago; so cannot give as they did then.

I hope this will explain what may have seemed a strange answer yesterday, when you called -

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs James H) Emma H. Post

February 16, 1939

My dear Mrs. Post:

Thank you for your letter of February 10th.

We are grateful for the assurance of your continued interest in Yenching University. We can quite appreciate the impossibility of your keeping up all of the volume of gifts which Mr. Post and you have made so generously during the years. So, even though the needs in China are particularly pressing just now, we would not urge you to consider any immediate gifts. It is quite enough to know that your interest and friendship are continuing, and that any gifts in the future will be dependent upon financial conditions.

We can assure you with complete honesty that there are no "mercenary" considerations connected with the February 28th dinner in honor of Mr. McBrier. The gathering will be for the sole purpose of paying a well-deserved tribute to one who has served Yenching and the whole Christian cause in China with complete unselfishness and devotion for half a century. We do wish that you might be able to join with the other friends of Mr. McBrier and of Yenching University who will assemble to do him honor. In any event, we trust that you will send a letter of greeting and felicitation which can be included in the volume which will be presented to him that evening.

Very sincerely yours,

President, Yenching Trustees

Mrs. James H. Post
88 Rensselaer Street
Brooklyn Heights, N. Y.

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March 27, 1939

My dear Mrs. Post:

I have only recently been advised of two facts, namely, first, that Dr. Vernon Nash, of Yenching University, wrote you (on January 16, 1939), in reference to his inability to see you. You very graciously replied on January 17th. Second, that you were invited to attend the dinner that was tendered to me on February 28th - a dinner that was arranged without my knowing anything whatsoever about it, and which turned out to be a very trying ordeal for me, as you may imagine.

I do not recall that I have ever had the honor of meeting you. I knew Mr. Post very well over a period of many years. He was a member of several Y. M. C. A. committees, and he cooperated in a perfectly wonderful way in many Christian enterprises in which I have been interested. Like Mr. Post, I was a business man during my active business life, and during recent years I have resigned from business and am giving more of my time to various Christian enterprises.

It would have been a pleasure had it been possible for you to attend the dinner to which Mr. Barber invited you in February. It was purely a social affair, as you have been advised. It was very lovely for my many friends to express their appreciation of the little I have done for Yenching in such a generous manner - an appreciation, I feel, far beyond any contribution I have made to the University.

Dr. Nash knows intimately the inside story and activities of Yenching University. I think you would enjoy meeting him and becoming more intimately acquainted with the work Yenching is doing back of the Japanese lines than any printed material can convey to you. I wish to assure you that he will not make any appeal for funds. You have told us plainly your situation in regard to that matter.

If you can, will you let him have the opportunity of meeting you just to give you a word picture of how Yenching is carrying on in the midst of many difficulties, and surrounded by an invading foe? I believe you would be much interested.

Dr. Nash will be here during the first half of April, and if you can see him during that period and will advise me to this effect, I shall request that he ascertain an hour when it will be possible for him to call.

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Mrs. James H. Post
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Inasmuch as I knew Mr. Post so intimately, I hope I may have the pleasure of meeting you some time. My interest in this and other organizations was similar to his interest - as a contributor and as an ardent believer in the efficacy of the work being done by such organizations in promoting the interests of the Kingdom of God.

Most sincerely yours,

E. M. McBrier

Mrs. James H. Post
88 Renssen Street
Brooklyn, New York

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EIGHTY-EIGHT REMSEN STREET
BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Oct 2/16

Mr. George G. Barker.
President of Board of Trustees
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Barker:

It is with regret that
I feel unable to accept
the kind invitation of
Yenching Trustees to be
their guest at a dinner
to be held on the 28th
of February at the Waldorf
Astoria

I realize that your hope
I may contribute to the

University which I am
unable to do and it
is very certain we can
never again be a large
Contributor to it.

It is simply impossi-
ble to keep up Dr. Poole's
many gifts even to the
objects right here in
Brooklyn which need our
help greatly. These must
come first.

Of course, you must
know that it is not
because we are no longer
interested in the
University, but I feel
I must be frank

with you.

Regretting that I must write
in this way. I am -

Cordially yours
(Mrs James H) Laura W. Pool

February 10. 1939.