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From Mrs. Jean Dickinson Potter's letter to Mrs. Lee of
February 21, 1929.

*no, early
in April
1928*

In March, 1925, when I was in St. Louis, an old family friend introduced me to Miss Smith, knowing the latter's enthusiasm for anything remotely Wellesleyan. I played it up to the full, and shortly after she gave \$1000. to the Women's College, presumably through Mrs. Boyd. Last winter when Dr. Stuart was here campaigning for the big sum he authorized me to go down to St. Louis to see Miss Smith again. I only succeeded in getting her on the phone that time, but found her cordial, wrote her a letter, and heard after at least a few weeks that she had been very busy but would be glad to give another \$1000. I made several other contacts in St. Louis, and one or two other pledges, all of which I reported, with expenses, to headquarters. Miss Eunice Smith, having only, and very strongly, a women's college interest, was presumably reported to Mrs. Boyd. I definitely remember communicating the other letters to 150 Fifth Avenue, but think I sent hers to Mrs. Boyd, for that reason, and because she had previously paid her contribution thither. That is nearly or quite a year ago now. If I am going to be incessantly referred to for campaign business fully reported years previously I shall have to keep official records of some sort. I thought that job was up to the office secretaries. Her letter was certainly sent, as proof of a pledge, either to the central office or Mrs. Boyd. That is all I know.

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done ill.*

*not to
Camp.
Office*

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COMMITTEE OF
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Alumnae

February 23, 1929

Miss Louise McCoy
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Miss McCoy:

I have received a letter from Mrs. Jean Dickinson Potter in reply to my question relative to a \$1000 gift from Miss Eunice Smith of St. Louis. I enclose a copy of what she says on the subject.

I suppose the gift in question is the payment of the second \$1000 promised. With the help of what Mrs. Potter says can you determine whether or not this sum has been received? As I suppose Mrs. Boyd is still in the South and probably does not have her records with her, I am not writing her, but think that in case you find that the second \$1000 was not paid into the Treasury at 150 Fifth Avenue, her books will undoubtedly show whether or not she has received it.

Sincerely yours,

Eula T. Lee
(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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March 6, 1929

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Wannamaker:

I have letters from you bearing date of
March 1 and March 2.

Replying first to the later letter, let me say that my understanding is, like yours, that Yenching University Promotional Office is now responsible for the interests of the Women's College as for those of the Men's College. You are therefore quite right in feeling that you should have our mailing list and our file of contribution cards. As a matter of fact, we sent you the only list we have at the time of the beginning of the campaign, and my understanding is that you have all these names together with such facts as we have in regard to contributions and special interest of donors. I do not know what more we could send you. If it will be of any help, I will be glad when in New York at the time of the Annual Meeting in April to go over these matters with you and see whether there is anything further we could do.

In this connection may I make a request of you? We have practically no informational material about Yenching University here in our office. Might I have several extra copies of every issue of Peking News and also copies of any other leaflets or informational material you get out about the University, the campaign or anything else of interest? Every once in a while I have requests for something on Yenching and I should have a sufficient stock of material for responding to these requests.

Your letter of March 1st is in regard to the pledge of Miss Eunice Smith to give \$1,000 for Yenching Women's College. The fact that Miss Smith is listed as belonging to Alton, Illinois whereas Mr. Schueler and Mrs. Potter both met her in St. Louis is probably accounted for by the fact that Alton is just across the Mississippi River and a very little north of St. Louis. Probably both Mr. Schueler and Mrs. Potter were going to St. Louis and Miss Smith met them there.

I am wondering whether you have heard from Mrs. Boyd as to whether or not Miss Smith has actually paid the \$1,000. I hope that Mrs. Boyd's records will make this clear but it may not be possible

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Mr. O.D.W. -- 2

for her to get at her records until she returns from the South. If Mrs. Boyd's books do not show a gift of a second \$1,000 from Miss Smith, I think it will be quite right to write her in regard to her pledge.

Very cordially yours,

Eula O. Lee.

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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250 WEST TULPEHOCKEN STREET
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

May 11, 1929

My dear Mr. Nauawake:-

I am home again tho' not able to be on my feet at all. However it is a great blessing to be able to look at my letters and papers & to keep in touch with things in this way.

You will be glad to know that I have a reply from Miss Quill of Allon Oll.

I sent the letter you had written but added a postscript - suggesting that I thought it might be a satisfaction to her to feel that she is doing something permanent rather than giving occasionally to current expenses. That if she felt this way she might like to pledge \$1000. a year for a period of, say, five years and have it go into an endowment of \$5000. for the Woman's College.

250 WEST TULPEHOCKEN STREET
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

My thought was that such a plan would hold her interest and enable us to cultivate ^{her} to an extent that would suggest a continuance after the five years or a lump sum in her will. Some time when I am West as I frequently am, I would try to see her and suggest some of these things by developing the progress and success of the work.

I hope you approve of this plan. Miss Smith seemed quite pleased with it and said she would gladly pledge the \$1000 a year for five years and pay it around the 1st of July if she could be reminded of it from our office, beginning this coming July.

I think we should send her all the printed matter we have and an

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250 WEST TULPEHOCKEN STREET
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

occasional letter from us. I may write and invite her to join our party for Peking and even if she doesn't do that, I'll see that she gets some letters from there.

I've thought some of writing a ^{series} letter on ~~over~~ ^{over} a trip which could be mimeographed and sent out to a group of friends whom we would like to interest. I do this for my family ^{and} personal friends and find it much more satisfactory than to attempt a personal letter to each. As soon as Dan is safe to go about by myself I will come over to New York ^{and} try to have my papers all in shape for you.

Very sincerely Yours
Corabel Jane Boyd
(Mrs. William Boyd)

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

(Incorporated 1889 as Peking University)

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PEKING, CHINA

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150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

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Assistant to the President

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Executive Secretary

May 22, 1929

My dear Miss Smith:

Your generous pledge reported to us by Mrs. Wm. Boyd of \$1,000 a year for five years has given us great encouragement. This brings the special fund we are endeavouring to secure for endowment of the Women's College up to \$15,000. It will enable us to secure additional pledges, and your generosity will thus help to an even greater extent than the actual amount of your own gift.

Accept our grateful thanks.

In accordance with our practice, I am sending you two pledge cards, one to be filed in our office and one to be retained by you. I trust we have filled in the pledge card in accordance with your own wishes. Mrs. Boyd stated that your letter to her said you would pay your annual contribution by the 1st of July if reminded from this office. Such reminders are our usual practice and I am glad to know that you approve of the practice.

We have nothing but the best news from Yenching. Even should the present disturbing military situation become very serious we have no reason for anticipating any hinderance whatever to the vitally important work this University is rendering to China.

Gratefully yours,

Olin D. Wannamaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Eunice Smith,
Alton,
Illinois.

ODW:EMG

*Check on go a dly.
to Mr. O. D. W. Aug 9/9.
Any Mon. Sir: - Enclosed please
find my first payment
on above pledge.
With best wishes
Yours truly Eunice C. Smith.*

*# 3482
\$ 1,000.00
chk*

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA

Olin D. Wannamaker
Assistant to the President

American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

J. Leighton Stuart
President

May 3, 1932

Dear Miss Smith:

The enclosed mimeographed statement explains a very critical situation facing the University - the most threatening crisis in its entire history. Unless we can report to the Rockefeller Foundation by June 30th, \$250,000 toward the endowment for natural sciences, we shall lose an offer of \$250,000 from the Foundation and at the same time the current income of \$12,500 hitherto contributed by this Foundation.

We are using every possible effort to complete the required fund, but we must still obtain \$75,000. It will tax us to the last degree to accomplish this under the present extraordinary conditions in the country.

The Foundation demands that the money we report shall be in cash. Only for this reason do I venture to write you to inquire whether it may be possible for you to complete payment before June 30th of the pledge you made in 1929.* We are thus transgressing for the first time an absolutely fixed rule never to ask for payment in advance of the time stated by our contributors. I think you will understand and pardon the transgression in this case. Every dollar of cash we can obtain increases the possibility that the Foundation may confirm the offered endowment grant.

If I have not made the case entirely clear, please let me answer any question that arises in your mind.

Assuring you of our reluctance to write this letter and of our gratitude for your help to the University, I am

Very sincerely yours,

E. M. McBrier
E. M. McBrier
Treasurer

Miss Eunice C. Smith
Alton, Illinois

* The amount of the pledge was \$5,000; \$3,000 has been paid. Can you send us the balance of \$2,000?

*2,000.00 to Alton
5/10/32
Very truly yours,
Olin D. Wannamaker
Assistant to the President*

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To aid YENCHING UNIVERSITY of Peking, China, in carrying forward its Christian educational activity and in consideration of the securing, by representatives of this University, of gifts from others for this purpose, I am sending herewith a cash gift in the amount

~~of~~ Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) I hereby pledge the sum of (\$5,000.00) in accordance with the plan checked below:

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- ☒ In 2 annual payments beginning not later than July 1st, 1929
 - ☐ In 3 annual payments beginning not later than 1, 1929
 - ☐ In 4 annual payments beginning not later than 1, 1929
 - ☐ In 4 quarterly payments beginning not later than 1, 1929
 - ☐ At my convenience, on or before January 1, 1931

upon request
Full name of my local church:

Signed

Street

City and State

Date

Please remit to the order of E. M. McBrier, Treasurer, Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

NOTE: I shall expect to be reminded previous to due dates.

EMERGENCY SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Recognizing the danger which threatens one of the most vital services of Yenching University to China—the training of scientists with a Christian view of life I pledge to this end the sum of Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be paid as follows:

- ☐ Cash herewith \$
- ☒ In annual payments of \$1,000.00 beginning June 1933
- ☐ In semi-annual payments of \$ beginning June 1934
- ☐ In quarterly payments of \$ beginning 193
- ☐ At my convenience on or before 193

Signed

Address

Date

Checks should be made payable to TRUSTEES, YENCHING UNIVERSITY
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Elmer R. R. R.

Adm. Sec.

June 23, 1932.

To "Purchasing in its
Emergency" Provisions
to pay 1,000.⁰⁰ (over
thousand dollars)
in 1934, and 100,000
in 1935, and 100,000
in 1936.

Total Pledge
\$ 3,000.⁰⁰

Signed

Elmer R. R. R.

Photostat Copies of
Pledge of Will
Ervine C. Smith.
Originals sent
Will Smith on
Aug 11, 1930, with
request that they
be returned

Charlottesville
Alton, Va.

June 23, 1932.

To "University of Va."
Emergency Provisions
to pay 1,000.⁰⁰ (over
thousand dollars)
in 1934, and 1,000.⁰⁰
in 1935, and 1,000.⁰⁰
in 1936.

Total Pledge
\$ 3,000.⁰⁰
Natural Sciences Bldg.

Signed

Gen. C. C. Smith

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To aid YENCHING UNIVERSITY of Peking, China, in carrying forward its Christian educational activity and in consideration of the securing, by representatives of this University, of gifts from others for this purpose, ~~I am sending herewith a cash gift in the amount~~

~~of~~ Five thousand dollars (~~and~~ ~~and~~) I hereby pledge the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), in accordance with the plan checked below:

- 569*
1929
- ☒ In 5 annual payments beginning not later than July 1st, 1929
 - ☐ In 3 annual payments beginning not later than July 1st, 1929
 - ☐ In 4 annual payments beginning not later than July 1st, 1929
 - ☐ In 4 quarterly payments beginning not later than July 1st, 1929
 - ☐ At my convenience, on or before January 1, 1931

upon request
Signed E. M. McBrier
Full name of my local church: First Baptist Church
Street Elm Ridge
City and State Alton, Ill.
Date Jan 15, 1929

Please remit to the order of E. M. McBrier, Treasurer, Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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- ☐ Cash herewith \$.....
- ☒ In 1000 annual payments of \$..... beginning June 1933
- ☐ In semi-annual payments of \$..... beginning June 1934
- ☐ In quarterly payments of \$..... beginning June 1934

~~At my convenience on or before~~
Signed E. M. McBrier
Address Elm Ridge
Date May 18, 1932 Alton, Ill.

Checks should be made payable to TRUSTEES, YENCHING UNIVERSITY,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

ELM RIDGE
ALTON, ILLINOIS

Dec. 11, '33.

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Purchasing Annually
and your city.
Now first: - When I paid
you 1000.00 in July '33 I made
a note to check back on my
payments to you. This I
have done today
my first year pledge

paid Aug 29	1000.00
" 30	1000.
" 31	1000.
May 32	2000.

This 2nd pd for 2 years in this
one year to help give a
Rockefeller gift. So paid
out pledge in 4 years
instead of in 5 years.

COPY

Yenching University
New York City

December 11, 1933

Dear Sirs:

When I paid you \$1,000. in July 1933, I made a note to check back on my payments to you. This have done today. My five-year pledge:

Paid Aug. 1929	\$1,000.
" " 1930	1,000.
" " 1931	1,000.
" May 1932	2,000.

This \$2,000. paid for two years in this one year to help gain Rockefeller gift. So paid out pledge in four years instead of in five years.

In May 1932 I promised to pay \$1,000. per year for two years from the end of my five year pledge. That would be summer of 1934 and 1935. So having paid \$1,000. this past summer (too soon) I have now only \$1,000. to pay for 1934-35. I just want us mutually to understand this, now that I have finally checked it up.

/S/ EUNICE C. SMITH

Dear Mr. Garside:

June 27, 1934

Since we do not agree about my payments still due, I am (pursuant to your letter of Dec. 27, 1933) asking you to send me my pledge cards of May 18, 1932, and of June 25, 1932. My understanding (and written into my checkbook stub) was that in May 1932 I paid up my first five year pledge by paying two in one because of your need to gain the Rockefeller gift. And also pledged \$2,000. more to be paid in the summer of 1933 and 1934. In the spring my fall pledges equalled \$7,000. You asked me to pledge on and I said I would not make further pledges then. How came you to seek a pledge in May, 1932, and another in June, 1932? My belief is that I owe just \$1,000. this summer to complete my pledge. Please let me have the pledges and I could return them to you.

Dear Mr. Gee:

July 27, 1934

We do not yet understand one another and you have not sent me that which I asked of you. Herewith I send the \$1,000. to finish the pledge of May 18th, 1932 (the second payment). The other matter must now await my return home, as my mail is not to be forwarded to me, and as you did not answer me when and as I asked it.

P.S. If your answer is sent, it will await my return.

/S/ EUNICE C. SMITH

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Eunice Smith

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December 27, 1933

My dear Miss Smith:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 11th, in which you ask us to verify your understanding of how you stand on your payment of your pledges to Yenching University. I have delayed my reply a few days because I wish to give further study to what appears to be a difference between your understanding of the matter and that which I have previously had.

According to our records you have made three very generous pledges to Yenching University totaling \$10,000, as follows:-

First. On June 15th, 1929 you pledged \$5,000 payable in five annual instalments of \$1,000 each, beginning July 1st, 1929.

Second. On May 18th, 1932 you filled out one of our pledge blanks for the Endowment Fund for the College of Natural Science as follows:-

"Recognizing the danger which threatens one of the most vital services of Yenching University to China - the training of scientists with a Christian view of life - I pledge to this end the sum of \$2,000 to be paid as follows:- annual payments of \$1,000 each, June 30th, 1933 and June 30, 1934."

Third. On June 23rd, 1932 you sent us a handwritten pledge reading as follows: -

"To Yenching in its emergency I promise to pay \$1,000 in 1934 and the same in 1935 and the same in 1936. The total pledge is \$3,000."

We have interpreted these pledges as covering ~~the~~ total of \$10,000. Our records show that since the first of the above pledges was made we have received from you \$6,000, paid on the following dates:-

August 29, 1929	\$ 1,000
August 8, 1930	1,000
August 3, 1931	1,000
May 25, 1932	2,000
July 22, 1933	1,000

We are, therefore, quite in agreement with your letter of December 11th that your pledge of June 15th, 1929, amounting to \$5,000, was completely paid with the remittance made in May 1932. We have considered that the \$1,000 received on July 22nd, 1933 covered the first half of the pledge you made on

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May 18, 1932. This would leave the following amounts still to be paid:-

In 1934\$1,000 on your pledge of May 18th, 1932 and
1,000 on your pledge of June 23rd, 1932
In 1935 1,000 on your pledge of June 23rd, 1932
In 1936 1,000 on your pledge of June 23rd, 1932.

I trust that this is in accordance with your understanding,
but if our interpretation of your plans is incorrect at any point we would
be grateful to you for setting us right. With all good wishes for the new
year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Eunice C. Smith
Alton, Illinois

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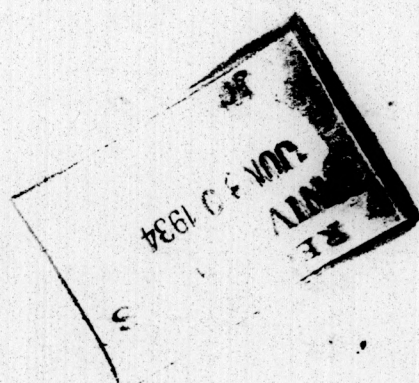
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ELM RIDGE
ALTON, ILLINOIS

Dec 27, '34

My dear Mr. Garrison:

Since we do not agree
about my payments still
due, I am (pursuant to
your letter of Dec. 27, '33)
asking you to send me my
pledge cards of May 18th
'32, or of Nov 23-'32. My
understanding (& written into
my sheep book & lab). was
that in May '32 I paid up
my first 5th - pledge by
paying 2 in 1 because



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of your need to gain the
Rockefeller gift: & that
I also pledged 2 m. more
to be paid summer of '33
or summer of '34, asking
any full pledges = 7 m. you
asked me to pledge. See
and I said I could not
make further pledges there.
How came you to ask a
pledge in May '32 & another
in June '32? My belief is
that I owe just 1 m. - this
summer to complete my pledge.
Please let me know the pledge
I will return them to you.
Yours truly
Carrie C. Switzer

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ELM RIDGE
ALTON, ILLINOIS

July 27, 34

My Mother, Bill
I do not get across -
stand over another & you
have not sent me that
to which I aspired of you.
I have I send the \$1000.00 to
him to this pledge of May 18,
1932, the 2nd payment. The
other matter, I want to see
about my return home, as
my main is not to be for-
warded to me. - as you
did not answer me then
as I aspired it.
Yours truly
James C. Smith.

If your answer
is sent, it will
await my
return.

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TRANSLATION

July 27, 1934

My dear Mr. Gee:

We do not yet understand one another and you have not sent me that which I asked of you. Herewith I send the \$1000.00 to finish the pledge of May 10, 1932 (the second payment) The other matter must not await my return home, as my mail is not to be forwarded to me, and as you did not answer me when I asked it.

Yours truly,

Eunice C. Smith

P.S. If your answer is sent it will await my return.

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ELM RIDGE
ALTON, ILLINOIS

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pay \$1,000.00 per year for
2 years from the end of my
5 year pledge: that would
be summer of '34 & '35.
So having paid \$1,000.00 this
past summer (too soon)
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pay for '34 & '35. I just
want as. naturally to under-
stand this, now that I have
finally checked it up.

Yours truly
E. C. Smith.

Miss Eunice C. Smith
Alton, Illinois

Gift received August 3, 1934 (date)

Cash Gift \$ One Thousand Dollars

Pledge \$

Basis of payment

Designation..... Pledge to Yenching University

Received through..... Letter

Control record serial number..... 1764

☒ Entered on record card..... Yes

Pledge signal attached

Receipt number..... 4047

Acknowledgment sent..... August 3, 1934

Entered on renewal sheet

☒ Checked for office list..... Yes

☒ Checked for mailing list..... Yes

Last renewal card entrance (month and year)

☒ On Cultivation List.

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Copy for Dr. Gee

August 13, 1934

Miss Eunice C. Smith
Elm Ridge
Alton, Illinois

My dear Miss Smith:

I am sorry to have been delayed in replying to your letter of June 27th. I was away from the office at the time it arrived, attending a series of meetings of our China Colleges Boards being held in Oxford, England.

In accordance with your request, we are sending you herewith the originals of the three pledges which you have so generously made to Yenching during recent years. (Will you please return these to our files when you have finished with them, so that our records may be complete?)

As I wrote you on December 27th, it has been our general understanding that the pledges are independent of each other and represent your intention to contribute a total of \$10,000.00 to the work of Yenching. In addition to the \$6,000.00 we had received when I wrote you on December 27th, we now have the \$1,000.00 you sent on July 27th, making a total of \$7,000.00. On the theory we have been following, this would leave an unpaid balance of \$3,000.00.

We wish to assure you again, however, that we are eager to re-adjust our records in any way that will bring them into conformity with your own understanding of your pledges.

In your letter of June 27th, you ask how we came to seek an additional contribution from you in June, 1932, after you had already made a pledge of \$2,000.00 the previous month. You may remember that during the spring of 1932 the Yenching Trustees, and all of our North American friends of the University, were making every possible effort to match the conditional grant of the Rockefeller Foundation, for which the time limit expired on June 30th. When we counted up the results we had attained up to the end of May, we found that after having appealed to our entire constituency, we were still about \$50,000.00 short of the total of \$250,000.00, which must be in hand in cash or written pledges by June 30th if we were to save the contribution of that same amount promised to us by the Rockefeller Foundation. We were, therefore, compelled during the month of June to go a second time to some of the best and most generous friends of the institution to explain the emergency to them and ask whether they could possibly make an additional gift. I believe it was as

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Miss Eunice C. Smith

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August 13, 1934

a result of this final appeal that your pledge of June 23, 1932, was made. I remember that the promise of this additional \$5,000.00 from you was one of the bright spots in the anxious days just before the time limit expired, and that it helped tremendously in reaching our goal and meeting the conditions of the Rockefeller Foundation. You will be interested to know that payments have been coming in regularly on practically every pledge made by our friends in 1932, and at the present time only about \$25,000.00 of the total of \$250,000.00 promised is still to be collected.

Very sincerely yours,



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Elm Ridge
Alton, Illinois

August 31, 1935

Mr. B. A. Garside
Secretary and Treasurer to Yenching

My dear Sir:

Very seldom do I go away from home. Last summer I said I only left for two months and before leaving tried to square up some of my arrears - mine to you amongst them. I in my hurry could not understand my two pledges to pay on both in May - June 1932: No record had I kept of the second one (emergency) There was no time for letters back and forth and I sent you in July \$1,000.00 as my 2nd and last payment of my 2M (\$2,000.) plodge of May 1932. Your August letter enclosing my pledge cards came after I left and was not forwarded. In October I came home and not being able to catch up at once many things were put aside and then neglected. Only now do I take up the matter and find you to be correct as (?) to my pledges (which I return with thanks), and now enclose \$1,000. as my first payment on 3M (\$3,000 ?) due June 1934. That means that two payments are still due, that of June 1935 and June 1936.

Due to the advance of the Japanese are you carrying on at Yenching now? And do you expect to next year and thereafter, or will the Japs absorb the work and if so, the upkeep? Please let me know.

Yours belatedly,

(Signed) Eunice C. Smith

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HOTEL ORLANDO

DECATUR, ILLINOIS

16 May 1938

Dear Miss Van Sciver:

Attached hereto are two sheets; one giving some notes in regard to Miss Eunice Smith, and the other suggesting a note to be sent to her over Mr. Barber's signature.

In regard to the former, I would suggest that you do not copy entire what I have written for the field record sheet, but merely note the most important facts, and then file my sheet with Miss Smith's correspondence.

Mr. Barber will, of course, use my draft as he pleases, but it would seem helpful to have Miss Smith receive from our office some confirmation of her conversation with me to-day.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature, likely of F. Harold Van Orman, written in cursive.

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VAN ORMAN HOTELS
F. HAROLD VAN ORMAN, PRESIDENT

Miss Eunice C. Smith, Elm Ridge, Alton, Illinois
(Wellesley '98) telephone: Main 218

EBM telephoned on Sunday, May 15th. Miss Smith at first said too busy to be seen. Would pay her pledge when she could, but did not intend to give to the Emergency Fund, for which an appeal had just come from New York. After a few minutes' conversation, agreed to see EBM at 11 AM the next day.

Interview at Miss Smith's home, Monday, 16 May, very satisfactory. Will send a check for \$1000 on her Yenching pledge before June 30th, and another \$1000 early in 1938-39. Is not sure that she can keep this up, because she feels she must first carry the deficit on the new Memorial Hospital (half-million investment) recently completed in memory of her parents. The hospital is on a 25-acre tract of the 100-acre estate, and is within sight of Miss Smith's home.

Aside from the Hospital, Miss Smith's interests are chiefly centered in Wellesley College. This is her 40th reunion year, and she is giving to a special gift. She also supplies the Class Secretary with sufficient funds each reunion year to pay expenses of classmates who could not otherwise attend, and to take care of emergency needs of needy classmates as they become known to the Secretary. Also, she is a deep admirer of Professor Sophie Hart of Wellesley, honorary member of Wellesley '98 (their freshman English teacher), and she continues to help Miss Hart to make gifts to Japanese friends - in fact, I would suspect that the funds are wholly from Miss Smith. -- *Miss Smith also pledges to University of Illinois and the YMCA.*

Miss Smith's continuance of support to Yenching will depend upon two things: first, the extent of the drain upon her purse from the Memorial Hospital; second, the vitality of the alumnae giving of Wellesley women to Yenching. "She already proudly speaks of the Yenching Women's College as her sister college, but "the Hospital is my child, and I cannot desert it." "Have sold securities this year for my own support."

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Miss Smith
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Miss Eunice Smith (continued)

Asked EBM the meaning of "the appeal for a group of colleges, of which Yenching is one, which has reached me over the names of a long list of people, including my friend Candace Stimson." Did not seem much impressed by EBM's eloquence on the advantages of cooperation between the several China colleges. Miss Smith is probably a person who would react always more vitally to a concrete unit project. In the future only Yenching appeals should be sent to her. Her name should be removed from the Ginling list, on which it was put at the request of the field.

Says she will be too busy to see Mr. Tsai when he passes through St. Louis this spring.

Gave no evidence that her Yenching interest is related to any personality. Was silent when President Stuart's name was mentioned.

Thanked EBM for coming to see her, - called it "a real contact."

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F. HAROLD VAN ORMAN, PRESIDENT

- May 1938

Dear Miss Smith:

We are glad to hear from Mrs. Macmillan that she was able to call upon you on Monday, and to tell you of the success with which Yenching is carrying forward its important service. It is also a satisfaction to know that you will send us a check for \$1000 before the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 1938, and that you plan to make a payment of equal amount early next year.

Yenching has already given evidence of its ability to adjust to a constantly changing situation demanding devotion and intelligence of a very high order. You will share our pride in its achievement in maintaining a normal program this year. Although I realize that this is only one of several significant projects to which you are giving support, you must take special satisfaction in having a part in China's education program during these heroic days.

W. B. Barker to

Mrs. Emma C. Smith

Chas. R. Rogers

Alton, Illinois

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Elm Ridge
Alton, Illinois
June 30, 1938

To the Trustees of Yenching

My dear Friends:

At last I am paying my final amount on my last pledge, overdue this is, as I have been immersed in a Cause of our own - the building by my sister and myself of a Hospital Memorial to our parents. Quite "broke" I was, finally having to sell securities to keep me going. Now I am catching up again, and send this with apology, and with acclaim of Yenching and its carrying on!

With best wishes

Yours truly,

(Signed) Eunice C. Smith

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July 5, 1938

My dear Miss Smith:

We are deeply grateful for your letter of June 30th, with its enclosed check for \$2,000. Our formal receipt is enclosed.

This contribution, completing the payment of your pledge of June 23, 1932, arrives at a most opportune time. Through the faith and courage of her staff and student body, and with the generous financial assistance of many friends here in America, Yenching has just completed another successful year of work, despite all the difficulties caused by the Japanese invasion. Letters which have come in today show that the administrative officers are planning for the new year's work to begin in September. Your gift helps to provide the permanent support which the University must have to carry on its work from year to year. In addition, it will help to bring increased cheer and courage to all those in charge of the University on the field, and to the friends working in its behalf here in America.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

Miss Eunice C. Smith
Elm Ridge
Alton, Illinois

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On train
August 2, 1939

My dear Mrs. Moore:

I had said that I should not make further commitments to Yenching, as I've too many with my own disappearing income as the interest rate falls and falls and I live on interest not active business. (Is any "business" left?)

But I will this year (of "Emergency" to quote F.D.R.) send \$500.00 without any future pledges. A great cause you serve - whether hopeless or not! Do you know Ruth Ingram (of China and of Oberlin) in her forties, I dare say? Her mother is in Peking.

Yours belatedly,

/s/ Eunice C. Smith

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Miss Eunice C. Smith
Elm Ridge
Alton, Illinois

1000 Park Avenue
New York, New York

June 8, 1939

Dear Miss Smith:

You have long been aware of the close relationship between Wellesley College and the Yenching College for Women, a relationship which may have had a part in creating your interest in the work of the China Colleges. You are aware, too, of the many reasons for the existence of our sister-college tie with Yenching, among them being Miss Pendleton's service on the Yenching Board of Trustees, Mme. Chiang Kai-shek's membership on the field committee for the Yenching Women's College, and the other distinguished Chinese women - such as Hsieh Wan-ying, the poetess, the late Ping-sa Hu (Mrs. T. C. Chu), and Mrs. D. Y. Lin - who have linked the Yenching and Wellesley campuses. There seems to be an excellent background for a sister connection which will mean more and more as the years go on.

As college women we are especially impressed with the fact that the Chinese colleges have provided leaders whose courage and determination are invaluable in this time of national crisis. As Wellesley women we are especially proud of Yenching's record in this respect. It would seem, then, that the logical point for Wellesley women to place their gifts to harassed China is at Yenching, where Wellesley already has a partial responsibility. And this is perhaps the crucial moment to do that thing which we have left undone, namely to organize Wellesley Alumnae as contributors to the Yenching College for Women.

For many years Wellesley undergraduates have given from their Service Fund to Yenching; - at the present time their annual gift is \$3750. So far there have been no alumnae contributions gathered under the name of Wellesley, although several Wellesley graduates, like yourself, have given generously, and one of our fellow alumnae has given a faculty residence on the Yenching campus in memory of Miss Pendleton. The possibility is now being explored of having a Wellesley Alumnae Committee for Yenching through whom information will be available and gifts acceptable.

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Miss Smith

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Miss McAfee's personal interest in Yenching is shown by her membership on the Board of Trustees of that University. She is also a Vice-President of the Associated China Colleges, of which Yenching is one.

During the days of Commencement next week, we shall be discussing the matter with individual alumnae. It will be a great help to have before us some tangible evidence of cooperation from a few Wellesley women whom we know as already committed in mind and spirit to the work of Yenching.

The initial proposal is that we plan, as Wellesley graduates, to fill an acute need - one of which Dean Margaret Speer of Yenching has spoken with special urgency - a chair of Public Affairs, to be held by a woman. This Department is an important one at Yenching; it has trained a considerable number of China's leaders, and will continue to do so. This chair would bear the Wellesley name, and we hope to assure it from annual gifts until we are able to endow it. The necessary yearly sum is \$5000. We believe we could gather one-half of this in small gifts if the other half could be assured in larger units.

Will you consider being one of several Wellesley alumnae to give \$500 to \$1000 annually for the next five years to help in the assurance of this Wellesley chair at Yenching? I shall hope for your affirmative reply before I must start for Wellesley on June 15th, and I shall be most grateful, also, for your criticism of this plan.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Maurice T. Moore
Wellesley, 1924

P.S. A word of explanation of the use of my signature for this important communication. As a Wellesley Alumna having the good fortune to have been born in China and to be the daughter of one of the American founders of Yenching University, I have been asked to be the Chairman of the Committee on Promotion for the Yenching Women's College. The knowledge that a few Wellesley alumnae - like yourself - could be counted on has helped me to decide to undertake the task, and to begin planning to make the Wellesley cooperation more effective.

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8 August 1939

Dear Mr. Garside:

There is special good fortune in this response of Miss Eunice Smith's to the letter we concocted for the small group of older Wellesley alumnae. It ought to mean that she will stand by the plan at the rate of \$500 to \$1000 each year. In view of the very heavy responsibility she has assumed for the Memorial Hospital on her own estate, her cooperation with us to this annual amount is not inconsiderable.

There is probably little virtue in my signature to this preliminary note except the negative one of avoiding injecting into the correspondence a personality whom she has not met. I found her cordial when I was in her home, and even more so in the later meeting last year at the Symphony concerts. She may be a woman who responds more cordially to her more-than-half of the human race. Ruth Ingram - who stood close to her in St. Louis for many years - considered this one of Miss Smith's many fixed tendencies. She turned down with vigor my suggestion that she allow Stephen Tsai to call upon her two years ago. "No use for him to telephone," she said, "I have no interest in talking with him." - - - Be that as it may, please use my note if it commends itself to you. I shall have no feeling against your substituting another. Miss Smith is an interesting woman, strongly committed to foreign missions. I hope we shall be ingenious enough to hold her in spite of multiple pressure from other projects and of definitely reduced margin of income.

I hope you are taking your place as one of those committed to keeping the smile on Mr. Whalen's face - - or are doing other things more to your taste. Greetings to Mrs. Garside and Jean.

Paul

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August 28, 1939

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mrs. Macmillan
FROM: Mr. Garside

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

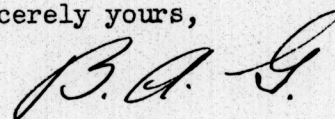
Since we are awaiting letters from Miss Speer with regard to the Wellesley-Yenching professorship, we should certainly postpone any final decision as to whether gifts for that professorship should be counted as within the special current funds we are seeking for 1939-40.

In general, it would seem that no matter how the Women's College may decide to use the gifts received for this professorship during the current year, such gifts properly belong within the special current fund. The 1939-40 budget of the Women's College does not show any income for this professorship counted as a part of the assured resources of the College for this year. So whatever money is available will presumably be used to provide the additional support and strength for which this fund is primarily intended.

However, we should wait until we hear from Miss Speer before any final decision is reached. Please let me know when you have heard from her.

If we find we can include the gift of \$500 received from Miss Eunice Smith a few weeks ago, that will help to encourage our leaders and workers as the year begins.

Sincerely yours,



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March 28, 1940

My dear Miss Smith:

Last spring you responded so generously to our letter telling you of the possibility of a Wellesley-Yenching project, that I think you will be interested to know that the project is now more than a dream.

A few weeks ago we sent out the enclosed letter to some twelve thousand Wellesley alumnae. The response has been so encouraging that we are definitely proceeding with permanent plans for continued support of Yenching through the Wellesley constituency.

Most of this will come through small gifts from a great number of alumnae. But to keep the project on a sound basis, we are hoping that the original large donors will continue to sustain their undertaking.

You have a very special share in the history of Wellesley-Yenching, and I should like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude again. Your check, and your perfectly delightful letter, reached me just as I was leaving for Wellesley, and wondering whether the Wellesley-Yenching dream were not too ambitious an undertaking. It was just at that point that your generosity gave the necessary impetus to a relationship that should be rich in accomplishment for many years to come.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs. Maurice T. Moore)

Miss Eunice C. Smith
Elm Ridge
Alton, Illinois

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