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Smith, William Grant 1932-1940
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Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Grant Smith

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June 28, 1932

Mr. E. M. McPrice, Treasurer,
Committee of
Yenching College for Women,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sirs —

Mrs. L. O. Lee of the American Board, Boston, has asked Mrs. Smith and me to contribute to a fund now being raised for Yenching College for Women, Peking, China, the time limit of which will expire June 30th.

Assuming that a pledge payable within a short time will be acceptable, and can be counted, Mrs. Smith and I hereby agree to pay jointly one hundred dollars ($100.00) on or before July 31, 1932, and one hundred dollars on or before October 31, 1932, a total sum of two hundred dollars ($200.00).

If you cannot accept a pledge, please wire me at above address on receipt of this letter. The requirement of a cash payment might cause the amount of our contribution to be reduced.

Sincerely yours,
Wm. Grant Smith
(Wm. Grant Smith)

After June 30th address, R.F.D. Crystalia, Frankfort, Michigan.

Give to Miss Lee Coy

June 29, 1932.

Mr. Wm. Grant Smith,
Mayflower Hotel,
Akron, Ohio

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter of June 28th received, and we greatly appreciate the pledge which you and Mrs. Smith are making, and wish to assure you that it will assist us materially.

We have a number of pledges which we believe the Rockefeller Foundation will take into consideration and give us credit for, and will include yours among same.

I assure you that we are very gratified at the splendid response made by friends of Yenching to our appeal.

I will notify Mrs. Lee and also send her a copy of this reply.

Thanking you both for your fine cooperation, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

EMcB.A

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Grant Smith
May & Lowry Hotel
Akron, Ohio

add. 6-30 is R.F.D. Crystalia Frankfort, Mich.

Gift received, June 30, 1932 (date)

Cash Gift $ —

Pledge $ 200

Designation W. C. Endow.

Received through Mrs. L. O. Lee

Entered on control record ✓

Serial number 1570

Entered on record card

Pledge signal attached

Cross file card made —

Receipt number —

Acknowledgment sent 6-29-32 by Emma B.

Entered on renewal sheet ✓

Checked for office list

Checked for mailing list

Contributed previously? no

Payable:
$100 on or bef. 7-31-32
& 100 " " " 10-31-32

R.F.D. Crystalia,
Frankfort, Michigan.

July 19, 1932.

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

Dear Mr. McBrier:-

Your letter of June 29th reached me before I left Akron. Mrs. Smith and I were very glad to learn thereby that our pledge would be counted in securing the generous appropriation of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Enclosed you will find check $100.00 to pay one half our pledge, due on or before July 31st. Will you kindly send such form of acknowledgement as may be customary, and oblige

Yours sincerely,

Wm Grant Smith

ROTHIEMAY COTTAGE
CRYSTALIA
FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN

October 1, 1932

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

Dear Mr. McBrier:—

I enclose check $100.00 to pay remainder of pledge to Yenching University Emergency Fund, made by Mrs. Smith and me June 28, 1932, when in Akron, Ohio. Please send receipt, and oblige

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Grant Smith

October 3, 1932

My dear Mr. Smith:

Please accept our very sincere thanks for the $100 just received from you in final payment of your pledge to the Yenching Women's College endowment fund. Every gift to the University at this period of financial depression is doubly appreciated, as are also prompt payments on pledges.

Our official numbered receipt is enclosed herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

Vice President

Mr. and Mrs. William Grant Smith
R. F. D. Crystalia
Frankfort, Michigan.

P.S. Will you please advise whether the above address is to be permanent or whether we are again to place you on our Akron, Ohio, list?

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grant Smith
~~Mayflower~~ Rothiemay Cottage
Crystalia, Frankfort, Michigan

temp?

Gift received, Oct. 3, 1932 (date)

Cash Gift $ 100 — final payment on pledge

Pledge $ —

Designation W. C. Endow.

Received through —

Entered on control record ✓

Serial number 1570

Entered on record card ✓

Pledge signal attached —

Cross file card made —

Receipt number 3309

Acknowledgment sent 10-3-32

Entered on renewal sheet October

Checked for office list ✓

Checked for mailing list ✓

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Contributed previously? See Oct. renewal sheet

Gift added to Cult. List.....

58 Metlin Avenue,
Akron, Ohio.

November 7, 1932.

Mr. N. Gist Gee,
Vice President,
Yenching University,
American Office,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Gee:-

Mrs. Smith and I have received the two Yenching paper weights in the form of Peking Lions, which you were so kind as to send us October 26th, and send many thanks for them. We shall have genuine pleasure in having them on our desk and reading table, where they will be both ornamental and useful, and reminders alike of Yenching University and our own days in Peking.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Wm Grant Smith

11/14/32

June 16, 1936

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith:

In thinking of the friends of Yenching University, you are among those who have displayed real interest in the past. Your gift of $200 in 1928 toward the Women's College Endowment Fund came at a time when sorely needed, and we are very grateful for your help.

On reading the enclosed leaflet you will, I am sure, experience profound satisfaction in the phenomenal growth of the school. With scores of graduates filling important positions throughout China, this American-founded Christian university is now one of the most worth-while educational institutions in Eastern Asia.

From its inception the task of providing funds, erecting buildings, and maintaining required academic standards, has laid a heavy responsibility upon the American Board of Trustees. But with your help and that of other loyal friends, this great university has been brought into existence. The problem we now face - and we face it squarely - is, can we maintain it? Unfavorable financial conditions both in America and China have reduced income by almost one-half. We have drastically reduced salaries and other budget items, but this has not solved the problem. We need $10,000 at once to meet pressing obligations due July 1st. The situation is critical.

Obviously this money should be in cash, but if you find it impossible to participate with ready check, then a commitment on the enclosed card with an amount which you could pay within six to twelve months would help greatly.

China needs us now, and needs us direly. Regardless of political disturbances, China will remain; likewise Yenching. Christian missions are not a whim or a vogue; they are basic and fundamental. This is a time for cool heads and stout hearts. The Orient needs the sanity and sincerity that is supplied through Christian leadership. Yenching has helped and will continue to help. Missionaries are not cowards, nor are we who sent them out. This is the testing time. You have proven your loyalty before and our Board of Trustees believes you will do it again. Will you do what you can, and do it now?

Sincerely yours,

President, Board of Trustees

Mr. and Mrs. William Grant Smith
58 Mitlin Street
Akron, Ohio

April 19, 1937

Mr. and Mrs. William Grant Smith
58 Metlin Avenue
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith:

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

Yenching University, with its 826 students this year, and 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 well 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 1932 you made a contribution of $200 towards the Women's College endowment. Can you help us 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

March 28, 1940

My dear Mrs. Smith:

Because you have been a generous friend to Yenching, you will be interested, I think, in a project that a group of Wellesley alumnae has undertaken on behalf of our sister college, Yenching.

I am enclosing a letter which we have recently sent to some twelve thousand Wellesley alumnae. The response to this letter has been so encouraging that we are planning to build, through the Wellesley constituency, a steady support for the Yenching College for Women.

Most of this will come through small gifts from a great number of alumnae. But to put the project on a sound permanent basis, we need a nucleus of larger donors on whom we can count as annual contributors.

In the enclosed letter we refer to three alumnae who have already undertaken such responsibility. We are hoping very much that we can add your name to theirs as an inner circle of Wellesley alumnae who are taking a vital share in the life of Wellesley's sister college.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs. Maurice T. Moore)

Mrs. William Grant Smith
1564 Alton Drive
Akron, Ohio

June 20, 1940

Dear Mrs. Smith:

We have been keeping you in touch with our initial approaches this year to the Wellesley alumni, and have thought that possibly you would be happy to be considered as belonging to that group of friends of the Yenching College for Women. During these last days of June, however, we have another urgent reason for a message to you, and we are hoping that you and Mr. Smith will find it possible to respond.

The enclosed booklet will tell you the story of a generous conditional gift made earlier this year, which put upon us the opportunity of claiming the $47,000 gift if we were able to raise the additional $23,000. The terminal date for completion of this sum in cash or pledges is June 30th. We are within a few thousand dollars of the goal, and we confidently expect that Yenching's friends will not permit the loss of so fine a gift through the failure to complete the small sum still needed. We shall be most happy to include you among those who help to this end during the few remaining days of effort toward the complete accomplishment of the task.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs. Maurice T. Moore)

Mrs. William Grant Smith
1564 Alton Drive
Akron, Ohio

Merry Christmas

from the Smythes

1955

Dear Friends,

We did not send out a Christmas letter last year and so missed getting in touch with many of you. For those who were faithful enough to write us anyhow we are deeply grateful. Because Christmas is a time especially when we enjoy letting our thoughts turn warmly to old friends.

The high point of this past year for us was our trip out to Los Angeles in September to be with Peggy and her family for a memorable ten days. The picture with which we are greeting you this Christmas was taken in front of their attractive little apartment on the campus at 510 Gayley Street where we stayed, bulging out the walls slightly! You will recognize Peg and Bud at the right, "Grandma" with little Karen in the center and Joan and Lewis to the left. The family was all on vacation at the time so we were able to have a real celebration.

It was a great joy, of course, to be with the children and especially with little Karen who is now three years old and as bright as a tack. She confided to me confidently one day that, "When I grow up to be a mummy, I'm going to school too," so reflecting the mores of her little world. But happily for her she has not had to wait so long and is now attending a little nursery school run by the Lutheran Church, to which she starts off with joy and enthusiasm each morning. Her parents are both enrolled in U.C.L.A. and hope to receive their degrees there next June. Bud also works nights at the telephone company. These young folks continually amaze us with all they seem able to do.

Joan graduated from Hiram College with honors last spring. She was granted a scholarship by Radcliffe and is now studying in the graduate school at Harvard-Radcliffe in their East Asian Regional Studies program. She is concentrating in Chinese language, history and culture. She and a Hiram friend share a small apartment in Cambridge at 117 Trowbridge Street and they are greatly enjoying the change from dormitory life. Joan is finding the work there very stimulating and writes with great enthusiasm about the total program.

We are still enjoying our little home in Kentucky. Mardie goes daily to Berea College to help with the student health service there and Lewis continues his work at The College of the Bible, which grows yearly more challenging and worthwhile. The seminary is forging ahead with plans for expansion in their Centennial Development Program which has just been launched this fall. We feel it is a privilege to be working with this forward-looking group as they attempt to make a more significant contribution to the education of Christian ministers.

Our hearts still go back to our friends in China. We are thrilled to know that the Chinese Christians are carrying on the church in Communist China. It is also exciting to know that a new Christian University has been started in Formosa. It is a noble fellowship around the world that follows Him who is the Prince of Peace.

Our warmest greetings go out to each of you personally at this Christmas season. Stop and see us if you are doing any travelling in this direction. The latch string is always out.

Cordially yours,

LEWIS AND MARGARET SMYTHE

412 Henry Clay Boulevard,
December, 1955.
Lexington, Kentucky.

Snider, General.
1943-1944

cc - C. A. Evans
E. M. McBrier

I should like to continue on the Investment Committee and the Finance Committee for Yenching, but there just is not enough time to take care of the others under present conditions.

October 6, 1943

Dr. Lloyd S. Ruland, Secretary for China
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Ruland:-

When you secured my election to the Board of Yenching University, I felt and I still feel highly honored.

I have been appointed a member of the National Anthracite Distribution Committee, and also a member of the much smaller and more potent Supply and Distribution Committee, advising with and recommending to the Solid Fuels Administrator for War on all matters of distribution of Anthracite coal in this Nation.

It is taking so much of my time that while I can well perform my duties on the Investment Committee for Yenching, and possibly be present at some other Yenching meetings, I should be relieved of some of the appointments on other Boards and other committees in connection with the Associated Boards.

It is a little embarrassing to have my office continually telephoning that it is impossible for me to attend one meeting or another as it is called, and I think under the circumstances and for the duration of the war it would be well to appoint someone else in my place on those committees.

Will you be good enough to arrange this for me, and greatly oblige.

Very truly yours,

GNS:ST

January 21, 1944

Mr. Girvan Snider
Mickson Coal Company
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Snider:

In connection with the notice of the Investment Committee Meeting of the Yenching Trustees on the 31st mailed by Mr. McBrier, please note that this will deal very largely with the report of the Fiduciary Counsel which was mailed to you a few days ago.

Kindly bring your copy to the meeting.

Very truly yours,

CAE:EW.

C. A. EVANS

Dickson Coal Company

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January 26, 1944

Mr. C. A. Evans, Associate Treasurer
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Your letter of January 21st about the Yenching Investment Committee meeting January 31st:-

The regular weekly meeting of the National Anthracite Distribution Committee with the Solid Fuels Administrator for War which is set for that day is of such a pressing nature that we have agreed we will start at 10:00 A.M. and go on as late in the night as necessary.

Under those circumstances I greatly regret that it will not be possible for me to attend the meeting. I will get in touch with you or Mr. McBrier afterwards and see if I can be brought up to date.

Very truly yours,

GNS:ST

May 24, 1944

Mr. Girvan N. Snider
c/o Dickson Coal Company
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Snider:

You have already received the Minutes of the Investment Committee that was held on Monday. I regret that you were unable to be present.

It seems almost impossible to find a suitable time when all three members of the committee can meet together with Mr. Evans and Mr. Bryan. Mr. Evans is always exceptionally busy, and Mr. Bryan is often out of town. Your humble servant does not come to the city every day.

We felt it best to hold the meeting without further delay, due to the fact that we had not had a meeting for a considerable time and did not wish to delay action on the recommendation made by Fiduciary Counsel.

There was distributed at the meeting a list of all the securities in the Endowment Fund as of May 15th. A copy of the list is herewith enclosed. You will kindly observe that this list is rather different than the ones we have sent heretofore. It is a complete list, and is divided into Yenching University General Endowment Fund, with segregation of various grades of stock, as well as various sections and committees; also Women's College Endowment Fund similarly subdivided. Previous lists sent you have been simple compared with this, and consisted of merely the total common stocks held in the various divisions.

For your information let me state that the following facts appear:

Value of Endowment Fund as of Jan. 31, 1939, (when Fiduciary Counsel began to review our portfolio)	$1,834,014.00
Cash contributions to Endowment Funds since above date	127,537.00
	$1,961,551.00
Market value as of May 15, 1944	$1,932,357.00

I believe that the general condition of our total fund has considerably improved over this period, and that doubtless the distribution of our investments is in far better shape than it was at the beginning of our arrangement with Fiduciary Counsel, Inc.

Sincerely yours,

EMMcB.A
Enc.

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May 25, 1944

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

Dear Mr. McBrier:

It was most courteous of you to write me on May 24th giving the list of securities in the

Endowment Section
Plant Section
Swiss Committee
Women's College
Chamberlain Annuity.

I had scheduled a meeting with the Committee, but on Saturday the Government people got me on the telephone to ask especially for a meeting of the National Committee on Monday so when our Investment Committee meeting was also set for the same day, I was rather helpless.

So far as Fiduciary Counsels are concerned I think that have done a good job for us, and I particularly like the sensible and apparently thorough manner in which they analyzed the individual companies.

If I have the feeling at times that they in common with most investment counsels are prejudiced against the future of some of our basic industries, I must admit that their opinions are so much in line with a very large volume of opinion that the constant pressure of that opinion may actually bring about the conditions they fear.

Some time soon I hope to make an opportunity for us to lunch together so I will not be entirely out of touch.

Yours very truly,

Vice President

GNS:DR

June 7, 1944

Mr. Girvan N. Snider
c/o Dickson Coal Co.
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Snider:

Since I have been working on the Westchester County mortgages, I have been increasingly convinced of the fact that we have not the time to bother with mortgages on individual pieces of property.

The amount of follow-up work is altogether out of proportion to the amount of our investment in same. Not only so, but tax payments have to be watched, and interest collected; and there are endless interviews, both personal and by telephone. Although we have a very efficient man who is thoroughly conversant with real estate conditions in and around New Rochelle to represent us, we have, during the last two years, succeeded in securing payment of only two mortgages, we have taken over some properties, and we have quite a number of very "sour" situations where we stand a chance of taking substantial losses.

The individual mortgage situation is just as unsatisfactory as the guaranteed mortgage situation was in the 1930-1940 period.

Enclosed find report. You will observe that of the seventeen mortgages we are now holding, we are definitely trying to collect or foreclose on ten properties. Seven of the mortgages we have segregated into another category as described on the heading.

I hope to be prepared to answer any inquiries and give any further information at our next committee meeting.

Mr. Evans just notified me that he had arranged for a meeting of the committee to be held at the Aldine Club at 12:30 on Wednesday, June 14th. I hope to see you there at that time.

Sincerely yours,

EMcB.A
Enc.

Similar letter to Mr. Rounds.

June 16, 1944

Mr. Girvan M. Snider
c/o Dickson Coal Company
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Snider:

Mr. Evans has mailed you copy of the Minutes of the Investment Committee held on June 14th.

I have just called his attention to a slight error under the heading - "ACTION ON MORTGAGES". The last sentence should read -

> "In general it was felt that the mortgage situation is such that all real estate holdings and mortgages should be eliminated from the portfolio as soon as possible, etc., etc."

I also remarked to him that item (b) at the bottom of the page had a very distinctive odor of old cheese.

Sincerely yours,

EMcB.A

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF YENCHING UNIVERSITY

FOR POLLING THE VOTES OF MEMBERS

ABSENT FROM THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 1944

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of Yenching University, being duly assembled to consider the Plan for Consolidation of the Trustee Boards as presented by the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, have voted to approve the aforementioned plan by a count of votes as follows:-

Affirmative, - seventeen votes

Negative, - no votes; and

WHEREAS though the number of votes for approval of the plan fulfills the requisite three-quarters of the entire Board, it is nevertheless the judgment of the Board that in a matter of such importance it is desirable to secure in writing the votes of the members who were absent from the meeting of December 1, 1944; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Secretary be instructed to notify absent members by registered mail of the favorable action of the Board, presenting each with a copy of the original resolution dealing with the consolidation of the trustee boards, and a copy of this action, requesting each member to record his or her approval or disapproval of the plan, by notarized vote; and be it further

RESOLVED that the record of the results of this poll be submitted to the Regents of the State of New York by Counsel for the Associated Boards as supplementary information as to the attitude of the Board towards the Plan for Consolidation of the Trustee Boards.

Secretary

December 11, 1944

RESOLUTIONS IN RESPECT TO THE

CONSOLIDATION OF THE TRUSTEE BOARDS OF THE

CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

WHEREAS the trustee-electing bodies related to the Board of Trustees of Yenching University, namely:

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions
London Missionary Society
Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church
Woman's Division of Christian Service, Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church
Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

have taken favoring actions with regard to the Plan for Consolidation of the Trustee Boards of the Christian Colleges in China; and

WHEREAS the Committee of Yenching College for Women at a specially called meeting held December 1, 1944 have by a favoring vote of a majority of the membership of that Committee passed the following vote:

"(a) that Yenching Colle e Committee, meeting in session especially called for the consideration of the transfer of property held in the name of the Trustees of Yenching University, does hereby consent to the transfer of both endowment funds and all capital assets held in trust by the Trustees of Yenching University for the Yenching College Committee to the proposed United Board for Christian Colleges in China.

"(b) to conform with the requirements of the Constitution of the Trustees of Yenching University, the following, representing the various participating Boards and agencies, do hereby affix their signatures:"

(Signed by: Mrs. J. M. Avann, Mrs. R. G. Burlingham, Miss Margaret E. Burton, Miss Helen B. Calder, Mrs. Charles H. Corbett, Mrs. John H. Finley, Miss Mateel Killingsworth, Mr. Edwin M. McBrier, Mrs. Maurice T. Moore, Mrs. Charles C. Parlin, Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer, Mrs. Timothy N. Pfeiffer, Mrs. Charles Kirkland Roys, Mrs. F. Louis Slade, Miss Amy Ogden Welcher.)

now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Yenching University, meeting pursuant to notice duly issued and given as required under its By-Laws at least ten days prior to the date of said meeting, having on the 9th day of May, 1941 given general approval to a plan for the consolidation of Boards of Trustees or Directors of China Christian Colleges, does hereby (1) approve the Agreement, Constitution, Declaration of Purpose and Plan of Structure of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, copies of which Agreement and other documents just referred to are annexed to these minutes and respectively marked Schedule A, B, C and D, and (2) authorizes and directs the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and Clerk, acting respectively as Chairman and Secretary of the said meeting, to duly sign and execute a statement verifying the approval of the said Agreement, and further, on behalf of this corporation, to duly execute and verify a form of petition addressed to the Regents of the State of New York for consolidation in accordance with the provisions of the statute, and any other papers

or documents which may be required by the statute to carry out and accomplish the proposed merger of China Christian Colleges and be it further

RESOLVED, that when the merger of the said China Christian Colleges, to be known as the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, is completed in accordance with the requirements of the statute, the Secretary and Treasurer are authorized and directed to transfer and deliver to the said United Board for Christian Colleges in China all the assets of this corporation, incorporated under the Board of Regents of the State of New York on the 25th day of June, 1889, of whatever nature owned and held by the said corporation, together with a statement of all its liabilities and the records of the said corporation and the receipt of the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China for the same shall be a sufficient discharge thereof, and further

RESOLVED, that this corporation elect fifteen representatives upon the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, same to be appointed by its Executive Committee, and further

RESOLVED, that Dr. Eric M. North be named the representative of this Board upon the Preparatory Committee and

That the fifteen representatives and the Convenor of the Preparatory Committee be notified of this action.

NOTARIZED BALLOT

I, Girvan N. Snider, a member of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University, duly elected by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America on April 21, 1941 for a term of four years, said action being still in force and effect, do hereby indicate my approval / disapproval of the foregoing "Resolutions in Respect to the Consolidation of the Trustee Boards of the Christian Colleges in China" and hereto affix my signature.

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State of)
(ss
County of)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 19 .

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December 11, 1944

Mr. Girvan N. Snider,
Dickson Coal Company,
30 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York 20, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Snider:

The Yenching Board of Trustees met as scheduled on December 1st to consider the plan for the consolidation of the trustee boards of the Christian Colleges in China. As you have received a copy of the plan you are acquainted with its provisions.

Those present expressed their unanimous approval of the plan and the attendance of seventeen comprised the required three-fourths of the total membership of the Board which now consists of twenty-two persons. Nevertheless it was the judgment of the Board that in a matter of such importance it is desirable to poll the votes of the absent members. A resolution was therefore adopted, a copy of which is enclosed, asking each absent member to record by notarized vote his or her approval or disapproval of the plan.

As you were one of the members who could not be present at the meeting held on December 1st, will you kindly send us your notarized vote as provided by the action of the Board? A copy of the original resolution dailing with the consolidation of the trustee boards and a ballot are enclosed herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Earle H. Ballou
Secretary

EHB:D

Encls.

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BUFFALO, TORONTO

December 13, 1944

Mr. Earle H. Ballou, Secretary
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Ballou:

In accordance with your letter of December 11th, I have registered my vote in favor of the proposed merger, and return herewith the Resolutions and notarized ballot you enclosed.

Yours very truly,

G. N. Snider

Vice President

GNS:DR
Enclosure

Soong, T.V

1933, 1941

May 3, 1933.

Hon. T. V. Soong
c/o Chinese Legation
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Soong,-

At the suggestion of the Chinese Minister, I venture to write you regarding certain impressions received by me during a recent interview with President Roosevelt, in the hope that these may be of some assistance to you in your own conversations with him and other officials of the American Government.

He has the common impression of international confusion in China and of factional disagreements among the leaders. I did what I could to explain that this was more apparent than real, that the people were essentially united and that there had been constant progress toward a national consciousness and the precedence of claims of the nation above traditional loyalties. American misconceptions have been aggravated by unfriendly criticism.

The President unquestionably realizes the seriousness of what has been happening in Eastern Asia and discussed all of this with Messrs. MacDonald and Herriot but apparently they all feel perplexed as to what actual steps can be taken short of going to war, which he naturally feels unwilling to risk any possibility of. He feels that an embargo would have to apply to China as well as to Japan.

He seems primarily concerned at present over the restoration of normal economic conditions through international efforts to promote trade. A realization of the hindrance the Japanese program is offering to this, and the continued turmoil and economic disorder that this is causing, will probably arouse his attention as much as any other feature of the Chinese-Japanese issue.

In a somewhat more general way the President is sympathetic with China and realizes the dominating influence of a certain military group in determining Japan's policy. I have been much impressed with the almost universal sympathy of the American people with the Chinese point of view in this issue but the problem is as to what can be done about it. The President is alert to the demands of public opinion and I hope that you will take advantage of opportunities to arouse public interest in this issue. It seems not unlikely that the Government would be ready to put into effect any proper measures that it felt would be supported by the public.

I know of several Americans who are anxious to find ways in which citizens can exert themselves on behalf of China but are baffled as to what they can do. If Dr. Sze and you have suggestions to make, I shall be more than glad to communicate these.

With best wishes for the success of your mission,

Very sincerely yours,

JLS.A

May 15, 1933.

Dear Dr. Soong:

This is to report to you conversations I have had with representatives of the Ford Motor Company and to assure you that they are hoping that you can find it possible to visit Detroit while in the country.

I am leaving here day after tomorrow and am expecting to see Mr. Henry Ford on my way to the coast but they will doubtless write to you direct either before or after I make that visit.

I might add that the Ford Company has been losing very heavily because of the present depression and has various internal difficulties which have made impossible any concrete plans for expansion in China in the immediate future.

Very sincerely yours,

JLS

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January 24, 1941

Honorable T. V. Soong
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My dear Dr. Soong:

It was a great privilege to hear your brilliant and persuasive speech at the China Society dinner last night. I am grateful to you also for giving me a few minutes at the end of so busy a day.

Pursuant to our conversation regarding the permanent annual contribution that we all hope Wellesley will make to China, I have drafted, in accordance with your suggestion, the following cable as a basis for the message you may be able to arrange from your sister, the Honorable Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY FINE BEGINNING WELLESLEY ALUMNAE
HAVE MADE IN SUPPORT OF YENCHING - MY URGENT NEED IS
FOR TRAINED LEADERS IN EVERY FIELD - THEREFORE CON-
TINUED AND INCREASING HELP FROM WELLESLEY TO CHINESE
SISTER COLLEGE CONSTITUTES IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO
PRESENT WAR EMERGENCY AS WELL AS FUTURE OF CHINESE
DEMOCRACY - GREETINGS AND GRATITUDE TO MY FELLOW
ALUMNAE MADAME CHIANG KAI-SHEK

Some such message as this from our most distinguished alumna would unquestionably make a strong appeal to Wellesley women. We appreciate very deeply your kind help in forging yet another of the many bonds between our two countries.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. Maurice T. Moore

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