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June 27, 1921

Mrs. Byron C. Wick,
382 Wick Avenue,
Youngstown, Ohio

My dear Mrs. Wick:-

We appreciate very much indeed
your check for \$1,000 sent to Mr. Caskey last week
for the work of Feking University. You will be in-
terested in knowing that we have just received our
first contribution toward the endowment fund, the
Charles Hall Estate of Pittsburgh sending us a check
for \$50,000.

We have great faith in the Uni-
versity and its future and greatly value your co-
operation.

Trusting that we may always merit
your very hearty endorsement and support,

Sincerely yours,

The super.

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1921
MYRON C. WICK.
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

682 Wick Ave.

November 23, 1921

Dear Cousin Herbert,

In regard to my contribution to the Peking University I should like to give a thousand dollars, payable either 100 dollars a year for ten years, or 200 dollars a year for five years, whichever you prefer. The money to be used for annual expenses.

I finally had to give
in to my cold and spent
yesterday in bed trying
to shake it off. I am up
again today but do not
feel very strong, so I
will have to be a little
careful today.

Mother is well and
joins me in sending kindest
regards to you and any of
your family whom you will
see Thanksgiving day.

Very truly yours,
Myron C. Wick Jr.

\$ 700⁰⁰ annually
5 years

January 5, 1932

Mrs. Myron S. Wick
682 Wick Avenue
Youngstown
Ohio

Dear Aunt Lizzie:

You were very good to respond so cordially to my proposition yesterday under the circumstances. I felt sorry to broach the matter when you were so busy and had no time to think of it, but I was tremendously anxious to get it settled while in Youngstown, so that we could cable at once to Resident Stuart and secure the services of the man he wants.

He said in his letter about this man as follows:

"There is at present a limited number of exceptionally gifted young Chinese who have themselves taken a full theological education abroad. Dr. T. H. Lew, the present Dean of the School, is one of this type, and Dr. T. N. Li, though less brilliant, is admirably qualified for his present department of the Old Testament Language and Literature. Professor T. C. Chao, now in Soochow University, is forced, because of climatic conditions, to face the question of leaving his present position. Mr. Chao has a rare combination of a keen intellect and scholarly tastes with fervent evangelistic and platform gifts. Articles by him in The Life of Jesus' Conception of God and The Economic Problems of the Chinese Ministry have been attracting wide interest by their original, fearless and convincing treatment. He speaks to students with impassioned earnestness reinforced by his mental power. Mr. Chao would be a very great acquisition and would supply the fine Methodist quality of emotional fervor in preaching and thought which our present teachers do not possess to the same degree."

You will see, therefore, that he considers him a very choice man and the combination, with those we already have, would secure us a teaching force without an equal in China if for our theological seminary. We will hope to have Mr. Chao as a member of the force by the 1st of July and felt that it was unwise to ask him to come unless we could be sure of his support for at least three years. I felt that you would be willing, under normal conditions, to duplicate the gifts you have made to us this year, so had less hesitancy than I would have had about suggesting the matter to you. If you feel that during 1922, you can give us two thousand dollars, as you did in 1921, it will, of course, be most acceptable, but I want to leave this entirely to your own pleasure. Your own attitude is quite too cordial to demand any suggestions from the outside.

With very keen appreciation from us all of what you have done and promised to do,

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

HRG
TC

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January 27, 1922

Mr. Byron C. Wick,
Wick Avenue,
Tompkins, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Wick:

I am directed by the Trustees of the University to express their very warm appreciation of your gift of \$1,500 a year for three years in support of a member of the faculty of the Theological School, at Wick's University.

and of your further generosity in making \$500 to your gift amount upon the school.

Your action in this case is possible for us to call to the attention of the Board of Trustees who are very greatly interested because of the contribution which we believe we could make to the student life and to the training of the future leaders of our country. Your gift of the additional value of below the gift of \$1,500 toward a fund of \$50,000 which we need to raise in order to meet a conditional gift of \$50,000 for the Theological School.

With hearty appreciation of your generosity, I beg to remain

Faithfully yours,

JL

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156 FIFTH AVE.

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NEW YORK,
June 16, 1922

Mr. H. K. Caskey,
Peking University,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Caskey:

May I ask whether I am correct, that it will be
satisfactory to the donor if the sum given for the salary of
T.C. Cha^o for the next fiscal year be applied to other
personnel needs in the Theological School? I should like to
have this as a matter of record in our files.

Faithfully yours,

Eric M. North

Secretary

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H. K. CASKEY
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

June 23rd, 1922.

Dr. Eric North,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Dr. North:-

Mrs. Myron Wick said to me while I was in Youngstown that she will be pleased to have her contribution toward the salary of Mr. Chao used for this year entirely as the Trustees think best. She is quite willing to abide by our wisdom in any of these matters at any time.

In the matter of finances, Prof. W. J. Thompson promised Mr. Wheeler \$100 and this has not been paid. Your acquaintance with him suggests that we defer to your judgment as to the next move in the matter. I can write him unless you have some other way of handling it which will be better.

Very sincerely yours,

H.K.C.
Executive Secretary.

*Pd.
12-18-22*

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JORDAN HOTEL CO.
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AT PEKING UNIV. H.Q.

1/17/23

Portsmouth, O., Jan'y 15 1923

My Dear Jimmy

Enclosed find check for \$1500.00
from Mrs. Myra G. Wick of
Youngstown, Ohio.

Of this \$1500.00 is to go to the
current expense account on "Salaries"
as Miss Roberts will know, and
\$1000.00 on the campaign to the
undesignated fund —

I will acknowledge it but you
might see that proper receipts are
sent —

Yours
A.K.C.

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January 11th, 1925.

Mrs. Myron C. Wick,
682 Wick Avenue,
Youngstown, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Wick:-

Your greatly valued contribution of \$1,500 was paid last year on January 18th and was applied, as agreed, on the salary of one of the Chinese instructors in the School of Theology of Peking University. The additional \$500 was applied on the current expense account, as was the entire \$2,000 of your original contribution. If you feel like duplicating this full amount for 1925 it will indeed be greatly appreciated.

As you probably know we are entering upon the building campaign toward which we have been working for months and our hope is that by the end of 1925 we may have sufficient funds in hand to push the building operations as vigorously as possible. At present all work is done in cramped, dingy quarters, not adapted to dormitory or recitation purposes, and every available bit of space is occupied by students representing practically every province in China. We hope by the fall of 1924 that there will be enough buildings finished so that both faculty and students will be cheered by moving to the beautiful new site.

You will be interested in one of Robert Speer's recent statements - "No educational work which the Boards are doing in China should have more steadfast and unstinted support than the work of thorough theological training and preparation of men for the ministry. The preachers of the next generation in China must have a far more thorough training than the preachers of the last."

Mr. Caskey will be out of the office practically all of the time from now till early summer, working in the building campaign.

Greatly appreciating your generous co-operation,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Myron C. Wick,
682 Wick Ave.,
Youngstown, O.

January 22, 1923.

My dear Myron:-

The New York office has forwarded to me the names of a few personal friends who gave us contributions to our work last year, feeling that it would be better for me to write them personal letters than to have one go from the office. I have been so busy ever since I saw you that I have had but little time for letter writing.

Your last payment on your annual contribution of \$200.00 was made just at the close of December, 1921, and we will be glad to have your renewal at your convenience. We are moving from one city to another telling about the University and its position of importance in the future of China and think we are making a lot of new friends. One of our Chinese friends is to be a teacher in the Theological Seminary made the opening prayer at the state legislature this afternoon.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary Peking University.

July 31, 1934

Mrs. Wynan G. Wick
392 Wick Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Wick:

The photographs which are coming to us now of the building operations on the new campus of the University in Peking, reveal some beautiful buildings under construction. Several are already practically completed. A number of the "Peking News" will be issued during the month of August, showing just how some of these buildings look, and I know you will anticipate seeing that because we all like to see the things toward the support of which we contribute.

Our construction engineer was in New York for several days the early part of July, going over construction and mechanical details with our consulting engineers here. It is safe to say that when that group of buildings is completed there will be in Peking not only a beautiful and permanently built set of educational buildings but they will stand forever as a high tribute of American friendship toward the development of high Christian educational ideals among the Chinese. Our construction engineer in Peking has been connected with the national government university in an official way for a dozen years and resided in China for nearly twenty years. He says, however, that Peking University is regarded by the Chinese as the outstanding educational institution in China today. He says that if the support is adequately continued, it will maintain this leadership.

In closing up our current accounts for this last school year and anticipating the needs at the opening of the fall session, we are rather anxious to fill our current cash account as largely as possible. I am wondering, therefore, whether it would be convenient to you to send us a check for your annual gift toward the support of the salary of some of the professors in the Theological Department. It would help us particularly at this time as Dr. Stuart has just called that exchange is very favorable to gold and he is rather anxious to take advantage of this condition.

With very sincere appreciation,

Faithfully yours

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August 15th,
1934.

Mrs. Myron G. Wick
602 Wick Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Wick:

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I have received two days ago your generous check for \$3,500 to provide salary for a teacher in our Theological School for this coming year.

I wonder whether you know of the stories hidden behind the surface which your gift makes possible. I am going to set out a personnel number of Peking News this coming year which will be devoted to telling of some of our Chinese professors, each of whom have declined invitations to go to other schools under government auspices for from two to five times his present salary. I have five Chinese professors, each with his advanced degree from an American university and theological school, and I want to suggest the story of just one of these young men.

Timothy Jen is the only son of a successful merchant in South China, and his father was very anxious to have him succeed him in the business and be his sole heir. His father has no sympathy with the idealistic purpose of his son, who has consecrated his life to try to interpret the teachings and life of Jesus to his own people. His father gave him the alternative of "everything or nothing". Just as the young man was in the process of becoming disinherited and disowned, he was offered by Sun Yat Sen the position of Commissioner of Education in the Government of South China, which ranks as a Cabinet office. The young man not only took the alternative with his father of "nothing" but he declined Sun Yat Sen as well, and he did

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all this in order to join our faculty on a salary which represents the allowance his father gave him for incidental spending. As you know, the two ambitions which are normally most deeply situated in the mind of a Chinese are wealth and official position. Both these Timothy Jan gave up in order to identify himself with us that he might help to raise up properly trained ministers for the Chinese church.

I am sure you will enjoy the August number of Peking News which goes to press in a few days and which will show some of the buildings which are being erected on the new site where these devoted men will have increased facilities for service.

Sincerely yours,

JH/

October 30, 1924.

Mrs. Myron C. Wick,
682 Wick Avenue,
Youngstown, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Wick:

I happened today to be looking over the report of our treasurer and my eye caught your name in connection with the payment of the salary for the theological teacher you have been generously furnishing us. I feel I cannot miss the opportunity to send you a little message to say again how very much we appreciate this assistance. I am very proud of our theological faculty as it is now built up. We have four or five of the very finest Chinese whom the Christian movement has yet developed, doing their teaching with an enthusiasm and conviction which is thrilling and, of course, commending the Christian faith to their own and other students as no missionaries or any less well trained Chinese could do. Among these, Mr. T.C. Chao is perhaps the most thoughtful and passionately devotional personality. He is at present working hard on a book designed to meet the intellectual difficulties of thinking Chinese who have been more or less affected by modern thought, and is also doing some work in writing Chinese Christian hymns. The only trouble with him is his rather delicate health which is perhaps aggravated by the amount of hard work he does. We are hoping, however, that the better climate in north China, and especially the improved living conditions on our new site out in the country will improve his health and that he will be less called upon from now on by outside duties. We are hoping to be able to move by the end of next summer, and you can imagine how much happier we shall all be in our permanent home, and how much more effectively we can do our work. You will doubtless have been reading the news of civil war in China. So far, we have not been affected although the present situation gives a certain amount of anxiety as to possible disorders within the city of Peking. It is idle to speculate on developments which will have become past history by the time this letter reaches you, so I shall only say that our work is going along uninterruptedly and that these factional wars are part of the process by which

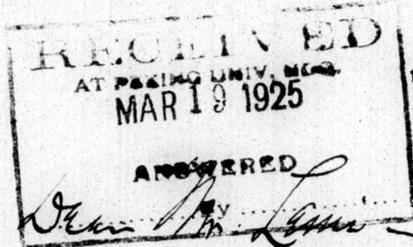
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China is working out its stable government with the progress of intellectual and higher moral standards among the people. I never felt more convinced of the value of what we are trying to do than right now.

I shall always be glad of the opportunity I had to be in your home and to become acquainted personally with the friend of whom I had heard so much from Mr. Caskey.

Very cordially yours,

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159 PEARSON DRIVE
ASHEVILLE
NORTH CAROLINA

March 17, 1925-

Mr. Nym C. Wick of Youngstown has
been at the hotel here for some time
and we have talked "Peking University"
of course - She told me yesterday
that she will be glad to continue
the salary for a man in the Seminary
for two years more, making five
years in all instead of three as
originally pledged -

I presume she paid in 1924
or I would have heard of it,
and if I am not mistaken that
was her third year - and therefore
the last. She will not be in
Youngstown for a little time. You
might write her about April 1st saying
that you have had this work from
me and no doubt she will send
you a check - All best wishes
A.K.C.

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Wick

Asheville, N.C.

~~June 10, 1925~~

March 17, 1925

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Mrs. Myron C. Wick of Youngstown has been at the hotel here.....She told me yesterday that she will be glad to continue the salary for a man in the Seminary for two years more, making five years in all, instead of three as originally planned.....You might write her about April 1, saying that you have had this word from me, and no doubt she will send you a check.

H.K.C.

Payments by Mrs. Wick since 1921 as follows:

| | | |
|----------|-------|---------|
| 6-27-21 | | \$1000. |
| 11-24-21 | | 1000. |
| 1-13-22 | | 2000. |
| 1-17-23 | | 1000. |
| 8-13-24 | | 2500. |
| 6-8-25 | | 2400. |

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Sept. 10, 1925

Dear Mr. Lewis:

The Youngstown people have been hard hit in the past few weeks through the difficulties of The Trumbull Steel Co. of which you may have read in the N.Y. papers. The Wick Estate has been so involved that the oldest son has been made President (pro tem) in the effort to rehabilitate. I am sure Mrs. Wick would not want to consider anything new just at this time.....

H.K.C.

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July 28, 1925

Dear Mrs. Wick:

In a letter from President Stuart, received a short time ago, he speaks of the daring and devotion of T. T. Low, the Dean of our School of Theology, in conducting the Christian funeral of Sun Yat Sen. It took a great deal of courage, both for the family and for Timothy Low, to carry on this service at a time when anti-religious elements in China are so strong.

In speaking further about this incident, President Stuart says to me:

"This leads me to speak more in detail of the policy of getting hold of men like Timothy Low and others of our Theological Staff for the University. In view of the growing anti-religious feeling, the hostility to religion in general, stimulated by political causes of various sorts, the only real hope for successfully carrying through such a project as ours is in having it become so thoroughly Chinese in its complexion, that as the storm grows in violence the issue will have shifted from its foreign to its religious aspect. With Chinese of the sort that we are gradually adding and with their uncompromising position as Christians, we can face the unpopularity, and even the persecution that goes with loyalty to Jesus Christ, and can even rejoice in this chance to bear such witness. Personally I do not fear any serious consequences from this source, provided that the objections to us as foreigners can be neutralized. In no other feature have we been more fortunate than in the presence of our Chinese, and I find increasing comfort in their loyalty and in the reputation they are winning for themselves and for Yenching. The chance to add to their number is a largely unanswered question of financial aid of finding the right men who have real needs to develop."

I feel you would particularly appreciate this word from Dr. Stuart, in view of your generous support for one of our Theological professors. If it had not been for the support which you have been giving and which I hope it may be possible for you to continue to give from year to year, such an incident as took place in the conduct of Dr. Sun's funeral would not have been possible, nor would we have been facing the future so unprepared as we are.

After writing what I have quoted, President Stuart named three Chinese whom he has been seeking to draw to the University for a considerable time, and whom he can now draw provided the funds are secured. After a good deal of thought on the matter, the question was presented to Mr. W. S. Harkness here in New York. We assured him that we felt you would be willing to continue your gift for perhaps three years, together with some of the others from whom we have received assurances, and that this would take care of our present current salaries.

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Mrs. Byron C. Wick

5/29/25

Then Mr. Harbness generously agreed to provide an endowment of \$100,000 to cover for all time the salaries of the three persons or their successors whom Dr. Stuart has in mind. That is the worth which Mr. Harbness puts on this sort of Christian policy.

I must ask you to keep confidential the word about Mr. Harbness' gift as he does not want it generally known as yet. I am hoping that some time later he may give the amount to an existing public gift. I feel, however, that you would be glad to know of his association with you and there in this portion of department of the University's life.

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. Byron C. Wick
682 Wick Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio

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| Received | |
| Entered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Cash receipt made | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Phone card | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Follow up card | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Checked on list | |
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159 PEARSON DRIVE
ASHEVILLE
NORTH CAROLINA

July 7, 1925

Dear Friends -

Please let me have a statement of payments made by Mr. Myron C. Wick of Youngstown Ohio for the past four or five years, on salary account. He has been asking me some questions which I cannot

Answer, particularly
because I do not know
the record for the past
Eighteen Months.

I'd be glad to know
too what payments Myron
C. Nick Jr. has made.

Cordially
A. H. Caskey -

July 14, 1954.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

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My

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159 PEARSON DRIVE
ASHEVILLE
NORTH CAROLINA

July 18, 1925-

Dear Mr. Lewis -

Yours of the 14th received, but does
not quite answer my question -

Mr. Wynn Wick originally pledged
\$1500.00 a year for three years toward
a salary in the Theological School -
She has always sent an additional
sum when remitting but is not
committed to it. As I wrote you
recently she told me some time
ago that she would extend her

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payments on salary for two years
more, and I presume will make
it \$2500⁰⁰ as usual - What she
and I want is the record of all
her payments from the first - they
have all been for salary first, with
the additional sum to me as we
thought best - Her pledge was to
enable us to get a man then
at Hanking - I've forgotten his name -
but they felt he ought not to be
taken away, and she said it

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ASHEVILLE
NORTH CAROLINA

July 18, 1925

would be all right to apply it
to that department -

I am sorry about Myron Nick Jr.
and his account. His pledge was
for \$1000⁰⁰ in five years, and he said
he would expect to be notified of course.
It looks as if the dates given me
had been confused. I do not think he
made two payments only a month apart.
Dec. 1921 & Jan. 1922. I wrote about

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him once when he was on his
wedding trip - You had better
write him and get him to resume his
payments for three years more -

His contribution is to the regular
general expense account -

Cordially yours

A. H. Caskey ✓

Please let me have Mrs. Nick's record
of payments from the first - 1922,
I think -

Memorandum to Mr. Lewis concerning Gift
of MRS MYRON C WICK

Our receipts from Mrs#Wick have been as follows:

| | Amount | Distribution intended by Donor | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Salary Theol School Professor | General or Campaign Uses |
| June 27, 1921 | \$1000.00 | | \$1000.00 |
| Novem. 24 1921 | 1000.00 | | 1000.00 |
| Jan 13, 1922 | 2000.00 | \$1500.00 | 500.00 |
| Jan 17, 1923 | 2500.00 | 1500.00 | 1000.00 |
| August 13 1924 | 2500.00 | 1500.00 | 1000.00 |
| June 9, 1925 | 2400.00 | 1500.00 | 900.00 |
| | <u>11400.00</u> | <u>6000.00</u> | <u>5400.00</u> |

Out of the \$5400.00 for campaign expense or other undesignated uses we have used \$4000.00 for campaign expenses and have assigned to the Peking treasurer \$1400.00 for general ^{university} uses.

The "distribution intended by the donor" is what we understood the intentions to be.

Note for New York files

The receipts above listed appear in the accounts as follows:

June 27, 1921 in the old Campaign and Building Fund account

Nov. 24 1921 " " " Campaign account 137a

Jan 13 1922 " " " " " "

* These last two are carried forward to Acct 137 July 1 1922

The rest are in account 137 - Receipts for Special Purposes Current

The disposal of the amounts or drafts against them is as follows:

June 27 1921 closed out against Campaign expense in the same acct.

Novem. 24, 1921 \$1000.00 closed out against Campaign deficit

Jan 17 1923 \$1000.00 closed out against Campaign exp as charged.

Of the Balance

Drawn by Mr. Krause

To campaign Expense

June 9, 1924 2166.66

Journal Jan 10 1923 333.34

Mar 20 1925 333.34

" Jan 31 1925 666.66

Jan 2 1925 2500.00

5000.00

1000.00

Undrawn June 30, 1925 \$2400.00

E.M.N.
July 21, 1925

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Your friend
down

34 Lawrence Place

Mrs. Myron C. Wick

150 PEARSON DRIVE

ASHEVILLE

NORTH CAROLINA

Aug. 24 1925.

Dear Mr Lewis

Your last letter was quite complete in its report of the gifts of Mrs. Myron C. Wick, but I confess it surprised me a little.

In the first place I should have been willing to take my oath almost that her check of Jan'y 13 1922 was for \$2500⁰⁰ and

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Not \$2000⁰⁰ ~~or~~ If she gave
us \$2000⁰⁰ in 1921 (June 27th Nov. 24)
I am very much surprised -
Can you check back on that
without too much trouble? That
was my first year and she
would certainly have given
through me. Possibly I have
simply forgotten it - I hate to
trouble you.

I have kept the enclosed

Please note
changed
address

34 Lawrence Place

359 REASON DRIVE
ASHEVILLE
NORTH CAROLINA

Aug. 24, 1925

for a long time in order to
say this about it. In one issue
of "Peking News" we spoke of the Faye
Memorial building and some
woman connected with I don't know
what rather called us down for
not using the proper title. In the
next issue the correction was made
and I thought possibly it would
be just as well when you have

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time to familiarize yourself with
the name they would use so you
will not tread on the toes I've
already walked on. I am sure
they would not be satisfied with
"Dag Memorial," though I know you
are not responsible for this. Hope
you've had a good summer -
We have decided to call Ashville home
for a time at least and have bought
a delightful little house and are
quite settled in it after five years of the
other thing. Cordially Yours Arthur K. Caskey

File
Youngstown

September 30¹² 1925 ✓

ROCKY CREST
MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA
MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. James H. Lewis

Your note received I would
be pleased to have the Bulletin
regarding China sent me as
you suggest doing. Please send
to 682 Wick Ave. Youngstown Ohio
as I expect to be there for the
winter shortly. I should also
like to inquire about a piece
of em. Friday sent to me by
Mr. & Mrs. Ferrigo, Was it sent

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to the former address
by forced ROCKY CREST
MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA
MASSACHUSETTS just when
it was sent so that
I can make some inquiries
regarding the same
Thank you in advance

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth G. Wick

(Mrs. Myron C. Wick)
(youngster)

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July 9, 1926

Mrs. Myron C. Wick
862 Wick Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Wick:

A few days ago one of the friends of the University inquired about the conditions of affairs in China. He stated that he saw as reasonable peace seemed assured additional gifts to the University could be made by Missions and societies.

We are assured, both by word from President Stuart and from the Chinese Minister in Cleveland, that affairs in China are gradually working toward normal. There are two factors which must not be forgotten; the first is the tremendous bulk of China's population which makes the case more serious, the other is that the Chinese are fundamentally a people who do not say other states in their relations to them.

China is a land of surprise and out of this present national confusion will rise very shortly a national unity wherein the opportunities for unusual service may not be so readily welcomed as they are today.

We have had printed a booklet of the University showing a bit pictures of the work which we are doing and I am sending you a copy under separate cover today. You have recently received the Young News. May I invite your appreciation of the permanent service and leadership of this University in the Far East.

Sincerely yours

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June 15, 1928

Dear Mr. Caskey:

I wonder if you feel that it would be possible to help us out in the matter of a pledge of Mr. Myron C. Wick, Jr.? The records show that in November 1921 he wrote you: "I should like to give \$1000.00, payable either \$100.00 a year for ten years, or \$200.00 a year for five years, whichever you prefer." His card shows that he paid \$200.00 in December of that year and that you secured \$200.00 more from him at the end of January 1923 by a letter you wrote to him, and that you remitted this for record, stating that it was the second payment on his pledge. We have no further correspondence in our files here bearing upon Mr. Wick nor have we received any more money. The \$600.00 still due on that pledge would be of the greatest value to us just at this time when the purpose for which we need money more than any thing else is ordinary current expenses.

We are using every possible means to complete our campaign for \$500,000.00 for buildings and equipment and current expenses. We are reasonably optimistic though the time limit on one conditional pledge of \$90,000.00 is July 1st and we are quite some distance from the total amount required to meet the conditions.

With grateful appreciation for anything you can do about Mr. Wick, I remain

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. F. K. Caskey
34 Lawrence Place
Asheville, North Carolina

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HERBERT K. CASKEY
34 LAWRENCE PLACE
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

June 27/28.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker

Your recent letter came just as I
was leaving for a student conference,
hence the delay.

First let me say how pleased
I am that you have undertaken
this work - Menckings' possibilities
seem almost unlimited but
she has been terribly handicapped
thus far - Now, with you in
New York and Stuart able to
stay on the field I believe
I can do anything.

I have sent your letter to
Myron Nick and asked him
to write you - I told him that
the office was at fault for he
distinctly told me we would
get nothing unless we kept
him reminded - I have
explained the situation and
he may feel all right about
it. He has lost a lot of
money recently so I don't know
what sort of a reaction we
will get.

I am afraid that the

HERBERT K. CASKEY
34 LAWRENCE PLACE
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

June 27, 1928

Cooperation of his Mother
Mr. Myron C. Nick, and of
Mr. Perry D. Owen, has been
lost from the same cause -
I wrote the office about them
three or four times - usually
at Luffin's request -

All good wishes

Sincerely yours

H. K. Caskey

MYRON C. WICK.
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

958 Ottawa Drive

June 30, 1928.

Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Attention Olin D. Wannamaker.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of June 15th. addressed to Herbert Caskey has been forwarded to me here. According to your letter there is still an unpaid balance on a pledge that I made in November, 1921 amounting to \$600.00. It will be necessary for me to check back over my records, since I cannot recall at this time the payments that I have made against this pledge.

The information contained in your letter comes to me at a bad time, since I have already committed myself for gifts over this year that tax my ability to the limit. If you will be so kind as to send me a memorandum notice in December of this year, I will at that time try to arrange to start payments against the balance on my pledge and clean the matter up as soon as possible. If I find that I am able to do any thing before December, I shall be glad to do what I can.

Very truly yours,

Myron C. Wick

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July 6, 1928

Dear Mr. Caskey:

Your friendly intervention has brought an immediate response from Mr. Myron C. Wick, Jr. He writes that he will look up his records and requests us to wait until autumn for any payment on the unpaid balance of \$600 on his pledge of \$1,000. I think he will discover that our statement is corroborated by his own records and that we shall secure his \$600 during a period of months beginning in the autumn or winter. We shall all feel that we owe this \$600 about as much to you as to Mr. Wick.

I have a great desire to bring my wife and daughter down to your country for a little while during the summer. If I am lucky enough to do so, I hope I may be able to see you.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. H. K. Caskey
34 Lawrence Place
Asheville, North Carolina

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July 9, 1928

Dear Mr. Wick:

You are exceedingly kind to reply so promptly to my letter referring to your pledge. I trust you know that the unfortunate death of our former secretary, Mr. Lewis, was the cause of the failure of this office to inform you at the time the payments were due. I was reluctant to call your attention to the pledge after so long a silence and I am especially grateful that you authorize me to send you a memorandum in December when you will endeavor to begin payment on the balance of the pledge and clear the matter up as soon as possible. If you find it possible, in accordance with your generous statement, to begin payment before December that will be all the more helpful to us but I should not wish you to feel under any special pressure.

The University has made a wonderful development. It has never lost a day during this civil war even when the Nationalists captured Peking recently. We had our usual commencement exercises on June 14th and President Stuart delivered diplomas to one hundred graduating students. I am sure that your generous help to Yenching University has borne fruit in notable measure.

Gratefully yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Myron C. Wick, Jr.
958 Ottawa Drive
Youngstown, Ohio

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December 26, 1928

Dear Mr. Wick:

In accordance with your very generous letter of June 30th in which you suggested that I should send you a memorandum in December regarding a balance of \$600 on a former pledge of yours, I am taking the liberty of reminding you now. Please be assured that both the Trustees and President Stuart are grateful for your generous willingness to resume payment on his pledge made by you several years ago.

With best wishes for a happy holiday season, I am

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Myron C. Wick, Jr.
958 Ottawa Drive
Youngstown, Ohio

*Mr. Wick sent only
\$100
Jan. 4th*

OD:EB

*Came in an envelope
marked "Trustees for the Heirs of Myron C. Wick
1206 1st Natl Building
Youngstown"*

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MYRON C. WICK
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

January 21, 1929.

Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Attention of Louise McCoy, Campaign Secty.

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of January fifth with which you enclosed your receipt for my payment of \$100.00 against my pledge made some years ago. I understand that this leaves a balance of \$500.00 still to be paid.

If you will send me another notice in December of this year I will at that time pay another \$100.00, or if possible I will pay off the entire balance at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Myron C. Wick

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December 3, 1930

Dear Mr. Wick:

Last January, at the time you forwarded the last remittance on your pledge to Yenching University, you suggested that we send you this December a reminder of the \$400.00 balance due on your pledge, as you hoped to be able to finish the payments at this time. In accordance with your wish, we are sending you this little reminder.

Cordially yours,

Corresponding Secretary

Mr. Myron C. Wick, Jr.
1206 First National Bank Bldg.,
Youngstown, Ohio

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January 14, 1931

My dear Mrs. Wick:

I have been exceedingly slow in replying to your communication accompanied by the generous check for \$400 sent to complete the payment of Mr. Wick's pledge to Yenching University. The reason for the delay has been extreme pressure of work characteristic in this office near the end of the year, and my desire to write you a very special letter of thanks. Please be assured that the Trustees do esteem it a great kindness on your part to have completed this payment, when the neglect to notify Mr. Wick long ago of the balance due was solely brought about by the accident of the death of our own secretary here, and the interval of time during which we had no one in charge of this office. Both Mr. Wick, and now you, were very generous to take the matter up again upon our reporting the situation to you.

May I be permitted to express to you at this time also the deepest sympathy of our Board of Trustees in the great loss you have suffered in the death of Mr. Wick. I was following with a great deal of interest his activity in connection with the effort of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation to absorb the corporation in Youngstown in which he was interested. I am happy to see that this effort was not successful. I fear, however, that Mr. Wick must have worn himself out in the difficult matters he was fighting.

With our earnest hope that the New Year just begun will bring you the deepest satisfaction, I remain

Gratefully yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. Myron C. Wick, Jr.
958 Ottawa Drive
Youngstown, Ohio

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cc to J. H. S.

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June 10, 1936

Dear Mrs. Wick:

I have just finished looking over your long list of contributions to Yenching University, covering a period from 1921 to 1930, in which you gave in amounts from \$100 to \$2500. It is a very practical and forceful testimony of the Christian interest which you and your husband have had in China. He must have been an unusually fine man and I know you sustained a great loss in his passing. In our files are letters from him which we greatly treasure.

In a letter from Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, president of Yenching University, which has just been received, I believe you will be interested in the following quotation: "I am happy to assure you that despite the uncertainties of the political situation, internal conditions within the institution have never been more full of promise than at the present."

Such comforting news in these days of political disturbance in China is very reassuring to our Board of Trustees and I am sure it will be the same to you. From the beginning we have had the conviction that China with her vast population would remain a dominating factor in the Far East, regardless of any temporary upheavals. It is to be expected that in the unfolding of the new China there will be many difficult social and political problems to solve. Likewise there will be international complications but the saving grace of the whole situation is the influence that has been and continues to be exercised in behalf of Christian principles, which have been promulgated largely through the mission schools. 52% of the present leadership of China has at one time or other come in contact with these American founded Christian universities.

During the past few years the task of providing funds for Yenching has been very trying. Members of the board have given not only great blocks of their time but substantial sums of money, as well. One member who had previously given approximately \$250,000, supplemented it further the other day with \$10,000 additional. I only mention this to assure you that we have great faith in the school to which you have given such large sums and we propose to continue to support it and the missionaries on the field. This is especially true now when China needs her friends and needs them so much.

We have been forced to reduce salaries and budget items by almost

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Mrs. Myron C. Wick

June 18, 1936

50% but even so our problem is not yet solved. During the next three to five years, China and America together will attempt to raise an endowment fund of \$3,000,000 which will safeguard the institution for years to come. But this doesn't help us over the present critical situation in which we face current obligations in the amount of \$10,000, which are due July 1st. We have no recourse except to our friends who have steadfastly stood by us.

Although you are now left alone and your income is doubtless reduced, yet we do hope it may be possible for you to join us in tiding over the present emergency. Your own generous spirit will suggest the amount which you wish to contribute. If ready cash is not available, a letter from you stating the amount and date of a future commitment, would be most acceptable.

With gratitude for any and all favors, I am,

Sincerely yours,

President, Board of Trustees

Mrs. Myron C. Wick Jr.
958 Ottawa Drive
Youngstown, Ohio

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February 12, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Wick:

The Chinese people are the best friends America has in the world. Thousands of their finest young men and women have been educated in this country. They have returned to their own country, taking home with them our highest ideals of democracy and Christian civilization. Largely for this very reason, one of the most sickening disasters of six thousand years of Chinese history has come to them. Probably this is why the hearts of so many millions of our American people are moved with pity and compassion for these stricken people.

According to the last word that has come to this office, it is estimated that possibly 200,000,000 are threatened with starvation. If we could raise tens of millions of dollars for relief, it would hardly meet this appalling situation for even a few weeks. However, as this tragedy deepens, it is more and more evident that we can render one great service that will largely determine the civilization of China for generations to come. Because of the far-sighted statesmanship of the Chinese leaders, the finest young people of China have been kept in our Christian colleges. If we can raise \$300,000 for present needs, we can keep our colleges open, especially our medical schools, hospitals, refugee camps and other relief agencies under their control. Because you have so often been a "friend in need" to China, we are giving you these facts, believing that if at all possible, you will find some way to help the National Emergency Committee meet the great opportunity now before us to save our Christian colleges into which we have put many millions of dollars, so that the young people now being trained in them will be available as leaders in the years of reconstruction ahead.

Because of your record in this office as a friend and supporter of Yenching University, unless you instruct us to the contrary, any contribution you make in this crisis will be credited to our work there.

During these disturbed times, you are no doubt burdened with many calls. Knowing this, we hesitate to add this one, but it is so exceptional that we hope you will see your way clear to give us your support in this crisis, even if something else of importance may have to wait.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mrs. Myron C. Wick,
682 Wick Ave.,
Youngstown, Ohio.

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***N. C. Bolton to Wed
Mrs. Wick on April***

Mr. and Mrs. John Raynard Todd of Summit, N. J., and Camden, S. J., today announced the engagement of their daughter, Mrs. Myron C. Wick of Greenwich, Conn., formerly of Youngstown, Ohio, to Newell Castle Bolton of Mentor, Ohio.

The wedding will take place in Greenwich in April.

Mrs. Wick, the former Miss Frances Todd, was graduated from Vassar College. She is the widow of Myron C. Wick of Youngstown, who died in 1930. She has two daughters, Alice and Ann Wick, and one brother, Webster F. Todd, of New York, who married Miss Eleanor Prentiss Schley. Mrs. Wick is a member of the Junior League.

Mr. Bolton was graduated from Harvard in 1912. Chester Bolton, Julian Bolton and Irving Bolton of Cleveland, Ohio, are his brothers.