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Miss Anna P. Williams

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1362 Astor Street
Chicago, Dec. 13. 28

Olin D. Wannamaker,
Dear Sir:

Your appeal of Dec. 6th is received. Mr. Luce at different times has interested me much in Yenching and I have wished I might give him a large sum to carry on his ideas. But the monies at my disposal must go to much smaller institutions. I was sorry, too, not to respond to Mr. Stewart when he called last winter.

I feel that I would like to have a personal interest in Yenching, and, at the expense of other things, will be glad to help towards the deficit in this crisis. But please understand this is my one contribution and do not send me other appeals

After January 1st I will send \$1,000, if the sum is not completed by then.

Hoping to hear again,

Very truly yours

(Miss) Anna P. Williams

cc to JLS
+ H.W.L.
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December 20, 1928 ^{cc}

My dear Miss Williams:

You are extremely generous to offer \$1,000 in case it should be necessary to complete the Yenching campaign. The utmost effort we could possibly make in every way, through personal solicitation, letters, and at the last moment a large number of telegrams, brought in a total just the least bit in excess of the amount set as our goal. The surplus recorded above \$500,000 is only \$229.00, not including your offer.

I wanted to report to Mr. and Mrs. Boyd a surplus of fully \$10,000. The general expectation in the case of a campaign of this nature where most of the money is pledged over a period of several years is that there will be a shrinkage ranging from one to five per cent - that is a loss of from \$5,000 to \$25,000 of the whole \$500,000 pledged. I have felt, therefore, very uncomfortable in having to report to Mr. Boyd this morning in a preliminary statement this scanty margin of \$229.00. The condition on which the \$50,000 gift was pledged was that the sum pledged would be paid in instalments in proportion to the actual payments made on all the other pledges in the campaign, so that whatever percentage is lost in the collection of other pledges will be reflected also in this \$90,000 pledge.

It so happens that the mail for the last day or two has brought in three or four offers just like your own - a total of \$3,500 if absolutely necessary to complete the campaign. I am writing to each of these friends quite candidly that their gifts will not be absolutely necessary, technically speaking, to complete the campaign. I am asking each of them, however, whether we may not include this additional margin to take up some of the shrinkage we must expect in collection.

May I add in your case a special reference to Dr. Luce? We have been endeavoring to secure a fund to erect a building which shall become a social center for the entire University on the little

cc to H. W. L. & J. L. S.

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island in the lake lying within the University grounds, this building to be a memorial to Dr. Luce. We should like to erect a building costing about \$10,000. Up to date we have secured slightly more than \$5,000. This building, on which work is to be begun in the early spring, is so planned that additions can be made later if desired. We should be very happy if we could complete the \$10,000 fund before too long a time shall have elapsed after Dr. Luce found it necessary to give up his strenuous work in behalf of the University and accepted a professorship in the Hartford Theological Seminary. It would be a pity if we should not have this building completed for the formal opening of the University on its new site in September 1929.

It occurs to me that perhaps you would like to include your \$1,000 as a part of that particular building. I understand entirely that you have other obligations which will render it impossible for you to contribute in future to Yenching. I am taking the liberty of putting your name on our information list but not including it on the solicitation list.

With grateful appreciation of your generous interest,
I remain

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Anna P. Williams
1362 Astor Place
Chicago, Illinois

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C O P Y

1362 Astor St.

Chicago, Illinois

Dec. 26 (1928)

My dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Your suggestion of Dec. 20 appeals to me and I shall be happy to send you in January the \$1000.00 proposed. I am glad to have it applied to the memorial building to Dr. Luce in appreciation of his arduous and enthusiastic labors in behalf of Yenching.

I also appreciate your not putting me on the solicitation list!

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Anna P. Williams

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1362 Astor Street
Chicago, Jan. 10. 29

My dear Mr Wannamaker,

In pursuance of your suggestion of Dec. 20th and my promise, I enclose my check for one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be used in the erection of the building at Yenching University in honor of Dr. Luce.

Trusting that more than the required amount for all purposes has been pledged,

Very truly yours

(Miss) Anne P. Williams

CC to JLS + TWL
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January 14, 1929

Dear Dr. Luce:

We have just received from Miss Anna P. Williams of Chicago \$1000 to be used toward the memorial to yourself. The enclosed copies of correspondence explain this gift. We are sending the same copies to Dr. Stuart for his information.

This sum now brings the total contributed for the Scranton-Luce Memorial to a trifle over \$6,000, of which \$1,000 was given by Mr. Linen's sister, Mrs. Mackithey, on condition that the money was to be returned to her within a year if the memorial had not been completed,-that is, by the end of April 1929.

I am simply sending the above information on to you without waiting for your arrival in New York, as there is to be no action required.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. H. W. Luce
422 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

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January 25, 1929

Dear Miss Williams:

My heart was greatly delighted when they reported to me from the office your gift to Yenching University, and I am also greatly delighted that the amount is to be added to the fund that is being built up looking toward a social center there on the island in the midst of the lake. I hope it will be one of those quiet social centers somewhat removed where the students can go and quietly talk over the important questions that meet them in their lives. It will be one of the most beautiful spots on all of the campus and I think also one of the most useful.

It has been a great grief to me that, owing to the necessity of caring for aged parents, Mrs. Luce and I will be unable to return to China now. We shall, however, keep very close to the life of Yenching. It is simply marvelous the way the University has advanced even during the period since last I had the pleasure of visiting with you in your home. During all the troublous times the doors of the University have not once been closed, and its prestige and influence have increased with each passing year until they have become nationwide. I feel that any of us who have made an "investment" in Yenching, whether of time or money, can rejoice greatly that the returns have been so great and are likely to be increasingly great through the coming years.

Our sorrow at our inability to return to China has been somewhat assuaged by the fact that an opportunity for service as one of the faculty in the Kennedy School of Missions at Hartford has come to us.

I shall ever recall our very pleasant hours together and, if I ever should be able to come to Chicago, I would hope that I might have the pleasure again of greeting you and rejoicing with you in the great success that has attended the building up of the University at Peking.

Ever sincerely,

Miss Anna P. Williams
1362 Astor Place
Chicago, Illinois

HFL:BB

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1362 Astor Court

Chicago, Ill. 21.29

My dear Mr. Wainwright

I am delighted with the beautiful Porphy lions. Can it be a mistake that two of them were sent? I hope not, for they are so fine holding up books on my library table instead of holding down papers on my desk. It is difficult to know where they are most ornamental. I certainly appreciate them.

With many thanks

Very sincerely yours

James C. Williams.

October 23, 1929

My dear Miss Williams:

Your kind letter to Mr. Wannemaker of October 20th has been handed to me for reply.

We are so glad you are pleased with the little lions and hope they will be a constant reminder of the University's appreciation of your interest in the work.

It is quite all right for you to have both the lions as we make it a practice to send two to particularly generous friends, such as yourself.

Cordially yours,

Promotional Office Secretary

Miss Anna P. Williams
1362 Astor Street
Chicago, Illinois

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December 10, 1931

Dear Miss Williams:

We are deeply grateful for your generous gift. First, because we know that the present financial crisis makes it unusually difficult for our friends to help us; and second, because contributions coming under such circumstances give us the satisfaction of feeling that these friends have unusual confidence in Yenching University.

We believe you would be happy if you could get a bird's-eye view of the University campus and see its splendid work going on even while so much is happening that might well disturb it.

Gratefully yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Anna P. Williams
1362 Astor Street
Chicago, Illinois

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P. S. Enclosed is our official receipt for \$10.

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Williams, Miss Anna P.

1362 Astor St.

Chicago, Illinois

Dec. 10, 1931

\$10 - undesignated

Gift received	12-10-31
Receipt slip #	3107
Entered on control record	✓
" " cost card	✓
" " cost bill	✓
Serial No. on L. and cam.	1239 ✓
Pledge sign attached	_____
X-file Ex. as	
Letter ack. sent	12-10-31
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " _____	ML ✓
" " _____	Renewal ✓

By Dec. 7th appeal

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February 16, 1932

Dear Miss Williams:

We are indeed grateful for your check for \$25.00. Yenching is carrying on in spite of the critical financial situation facing it, and with such generous friends as you coming to its assistance, we hope to weather the storm. You have doubtless received our "News Letter" reporting on the University. We are omitting the February issue of the "Yenching News" in an effort at economy.

Gratefully yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Anna P. Williams
1362 Astor Street
Chicago, Illinois

P. S. Enclosed is our official receipt for \$25.00.

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Miss Anna P. Williams
1362 Astor Street
Chicago, Ill.

Gift received, Feb. 15th, 1932 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 25⁰⁰.....
Pledge \$ ---.....
Designation Undesig.....
Received through Jan. 14th appeal.....
Entered on control record ✓.....
Serial number 1360 ✓.....
Entered on record card ✓.....
Pledge signal attached ---.....
Cross file card made ----.....
Receipt number 3531.....
Acknowledgment sent 2-16-32 ✓.....
Entered on renewal sheet ✓.....
Checked for office list ✓.....
Checked for mailing list ✓.....
Contributed previously? Dec. 1931.....

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November 8, 1933

Dear Miss Williams:

Our expression of gratitude for your gift of \$100.00 would be inadequate if we failed to add that it is doubly welcome at this time. Our country's abandonment of the gold standard has lessened the exchange value of every dollar we send to China, but with strict economy and the generous support of friends such as yourself, we are sure that Yenching University will carry on.

Our official receipt number 3931 is enclosed.

Gratefully yours,

Miss Anna P. Williams
1862 Astor Street
Chicago, Illinois

Treasurer

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Miss Anna P. Williams
1362 Astor Street
Chicago, Ill.

Gift received Nov. 8, 1933 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 100.00

Pledge \$ ----

Basis of payment ----

Designation Undesignated

Received through Oct. 25th appeal letter

Control record serial number 1661 ✓

Entered on record card ✓

Pledge signal attached -----

Receipt number 3931

Acknowledgment sent 11-8-33

Entered on renewal sheet ----

Checked for office list -----

Checked for mailing list -----

Last renewal card entrance (month and year) ----

Entered on cultivation slip yes

the request on her card

June 15, 1936

Dear Miss Williams:

In thinking of the friends of Yenching University, you are among those who have displayed real interest in the past. Your gift of \$1000 toward the Scranton-Luce Memorial, in 1929, and your smaller gifts since then, all came at a time when sorely needed, and we were 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 must 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 a 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

Miss Anna P. Williams
1362 Astor Street
Chicago, Illinois.

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July 17, 1936

My dear Miss Williams:

We are grateful for the contribution of \$20.00 for the work of Yenching University which you sent us on July 14th. Our formal receipt is enclosed.

I note your inquiry as to the sending of separate appeals for the individual China colleges when general appeals are also being sent for the whole group of the Christian colleges in China. The situation is this:- Our Yenching trustees have placed all of our promotional activities in the hands of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China and are cooperating in every possible way with the representatives of the other colleges in this united group. It had been the general policy of the Associated Boards, however, to encourage everyone who has previously been interested in some individual college to continue his contribution to that particular institution. We have continued, therefore, to cultivate those who, like yourself, have contributed generously to Yenching in the past, doing this as a part of the unified program of the Associated Boards. It is understood of course that any individual who so desires may designate his or her contributions for the entire group of colleges rather than any one institution.

Constant care has been exercised to avoid sending any individual appeals both for the entire group of colleges and also for a single institution, but occasionally a duplication may have slipped through before all of our mailing lists have been completely correlated.

You will rejoice to learn that we have recently received a cable from President Stuart, reporting that the academic year at Yenching has closed in a very gratifying manner, and that the Commencement season this year was a particularly happy one.

Sincerely yours,

President, Board of Trustees

Miss Anna P. Williams
1362 Astor Street
Chicago, Illinois

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Williams, Jesse Feiring

1931-1939

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X Nothing can be done about this

O.D.W. 10-2-31

May 27, 1931

Dear Doctor Williams:

I am sure that in your cordial and generous way you remember your former student, K. A. Wee, as vividly as he remembers you. Every now and then I receive a fervent appeal for assistance to his department at Yenching University. We have had such desperately hard sledding for the past two years, that I have been unable to do anything further for him. It has occurred to me that possibly you might be able to make me some suggestions as to how I could obtain a little special fund to assist him in developing his department in an adequate way.

Wee has just sent us a brief statement of the deplorable condition of physical training in the colleges and universities, as well as the middle schools of China, and an argument that we should set up at Yenching an adequate system for training teachers of physical training to start a proper development of this important part of education for Chinese boys and girls. I send you a copy of his statement knowing that it will interest you, and hoping that possibly you may be able to lend me a hand in the effort to meet Wee's desires in this matter. I shall be deeply grateful for anything you can do.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Dr. Jesse F. Williams
Department of Physical Education
Teachers College, Columbia University
New York City

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*For a Department of
Physical Training
at
Yenching University*

It has long been recognized that one of the greatest points of need in China (and therefore an extraordinary opportunity for service) is in the field of physical education and recreational exercise. While this has been and is acknowledged theoretically, no adequate recognition has ever been manifested by mission schools in their budgets and staffs. With few exceptions, the mission colleges and universities have no properly trained or experienced directors of physical education and their equipment for such work is almost unbelievably meager.

The situation is even worse in most government schools. Disorganization and lack of discipline in many of them actually makes athletic activities an unwholesome factor. Where adequate staffs and equipment exist in a few places, unwise use of them involves huge waste and often produces situations that are inimical to the results which the right kind of physical education should produce.

No school in the whole of China has a program of physical education and athletic activities that can, to any degree, stand as a model for others. This most vital field is left today without leadership. Even the physical department of the Y.M.C.A. is drifting today, without vigorous leadership and quite inadequately staffed.

Such a situation is the more alarming because the country is "all set" just now for wise guidance and leaders with vision. Participation in all forms of sport is growing apace. It is more than possible that absence of leadership in the next few years will mean that the swelling tide of leagues, tournaments, local, district and national meets will carry athletics beyond the point where it can be guided into right channels. The most disquieting element is the growth of a passion for victory; games are being played primarily to win championships. The counterpart of all this is the vicious concentrating of athletic directors upon a few promising athletes^{es} to the complete neglect of the needs of the mass of students. This is harmful, even to the few "stars", since they are frequently over-trained and, as a rule, give their whole time to forms of sport which they can have no use for in later life.

Two things are required: a demonstration by some one institution, and a sufficient supply of trained men. These two things are closely related. It is doubtful if any institution can afford a paid staff large enough to carry on a good intra-mural program. A group of majors in physical education and of students with a deeper vocational purpose can administer such a program under supervision, and thus learn to do by doing. No amount of theoretical study about the desirability of athletics and recreational exercise for all can be as effective for future physical directors as actually participating in such a program.

The carrying out of such a program in institutions of higher learning will be much easier, and receive much more whole-hearted support from students (which is essential) when these students have participated in such a "sports-for-all" system in middle schools. There is more likelihood of this point of view gaining ground in secondary schools as teachers go out from colleges and universities with a good intra-mural program. The two conditions will thus interact on each other.

To what school can we look under present conditions for such a demonstration and for the training of professional physical directors? The promising start at Soochow some years ago has collapsed. The Y.M.C.A. has withdrawn its cooperation, and the authorities of Soochow University are not keen in the matter. The opportunity is wide open to some institution to pioneer in this phase so vital to China's future.

What are the factors which make Yenching a desirable place for the development of a Phy. Educ. Training School?

1. The prestige of Yenching in China today would be of ~~great~~ value to future physical directors quite as much as to those entering other lines of work.
2. Students like to come to Peiping, and it would be easier to get promising students.
3. The presence in Peiping of so many colleges, universities and middle schools offers an opportunity for a varied program of projects, and as the example of the work of one institution spreads to its neighbors, the whole city could set a standard for the country that would be much, ^{more} effective than the example of a single school.
4. The proper training of a physical director involves, in addition to the more technical phases of the subject, a sound grounding in such subjects as physiology, psychology, sociology, etc. The unusual strength of such departments in Yenching would make our university a more satisfactory training center than any other institution in China.
5. The association of other educational institutions in America with Yenching will facilitate the establishment of a similar form of cooperation for physical education with some schools, such as Teachers' College, Columbia, and the consequent financing of the program.

For the starting of a pioneer but sufficiently comprehensive program, it would seem that approximately G\$10,000 a year for a period of years would be adequate, in addition to the present budget. Two Westerners of Ph. D. grade and another Chinese associate, together with an enlarged current operating budget, should be possible with such a fund.

L. A. W.

Teachers College
Columbia University
New York

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

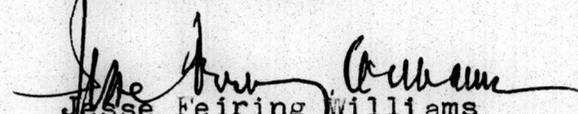
February 7, 1934

Mr. N. Gist Gee
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Gee:

I am delayed in responding to your letter of January 22nd because of the fact that I had no particular plan to propose. I am very much interested in the work Mr. Wee is doing and should like exceedingly to encourage him in it. The present seems rather a hopeless time to explore the possibilities of support. I shall keep the matter active on my desk, and perhaps when you return from the West coast we can have a conference on the matter.

Sincerely yours,


Jesse Feiring Williams

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February 8th, 1934

Dr Wesse Peiring Williams,
Physical Education,
Teachers College,
Columbia University,
New York City.

Dear Dr Williams:-

I wish to thank you for your very kind letter
of February 7th, 1934.

I can well appreciate your position with refer-
ence to suggesting any plans at the present time for
support for the work in Physical Education at Yenching.
The situation is desperate and the people on the field
are very uneasy as to what the future holds for all phases
of the work there and they are naturally eager to get what
help they may be able to secure in order to guarantee the
future of their departments. I hope that conditions are going to im-
prove speedily and that people may be in a position to give again.

I shall try to run by some time when I am up in
your part of the city and enjoy the pleasure of meeting you
and knowing you personally. Possibly we may be able to work
out some plans later on that may help to provide support for
Mr Wee and Physical Education at Yenching.

Very sincerely,

M. Gist Gee.

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Invited to A.E.
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February 9th, 1934

Dear Dr Stuart:-

Taking advantage of the opportunity of an interview with Dr. Jesse Peiring Williams of Columbia University, Teachers College, Department of Physical Education, made possible by Mr Wee's letter to him, I called this morning and had a long talk with him. He is most friendly and sympathetic and will, when the times are more suitable, lend his help in any possible way toward the working out of some practicable plan for securing some support for Yenching's Physical Education. Dr Williams is a great admirer of Mr Wee and spoke in every flattering terms of his work. When we are in a better position to begin something of the kind of work as may be decided upon later, it would certainly be wise to have Mr Wee here with us. Just now, as you well know, is not the time to start this. Most of the larger institutions are doing everything possible to keep their own work going and will not consider plans which would deprive them of any source of income. Then many of them are burdened with indebtedness on their stadia and are fighting to keep these out of the hands of receivers.

I suggested the possibility of securing a special game between two of the large teams- football would probably be the best game- with the understanding that the proceeds would go to the endowment of Physical Education at Yenching. This did not seem at all unreasonable to Dr Williams and he said he would be willing to help with this. He advised against going into these things now but said that we must wait for a more normal financial situation. You will recall that I discussed this with Mr Hamilton also and that he indicated his willingness to help with such a program.

In addition to this plan, I also discussed with Dr Williams the possibility of interesting the High Schools over the country in doing something similar and getting their assistance in securing the necessary endowment. Dr Williams thought this also had possibilities. If we could get some picturesque athlete, whose name and fame are known all over the country, get him to endorse and help us to promote such a scheme, this would be the making of the project. We can keep these things in mind for the next year if things pick up here during this year.

We can count on the help of Dr Williams, I am sure, when we get ready to go forward with plans. It might be a good idea then to organize a committee of outstanding men in Physical Education and get them behind such a program.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee.

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Teachers College
Columbia University
New York

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

February 13, 1934

Mr. George G. Barber
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Barber:

I have your kind invitation to serve as a member of the Tennessee Advisory Council of Yenching. I am wondering if the reference to Tennessee is a typographical error since I was born in Ohio, educated in New York and have done practically all of my professional work in New York City. I have no connections with Tennessee whatsoever.

If the invitation is to serve as a member of the American Council, I should be very happy to associate myself with those who have a keen interest in the welfare of China and direct contacts with those who are helping to develop the Chinese people.

Sincerely yours,


Jesse Feiring Williams

Too bad about
"Tennessee"
he used one
of the copies left
out from the
invitation
but and I
forgot to
change the
Tenn. to
New York.

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February 16, 1934

My dear Dr. Williams:

Your letter of February 13, in answer to Mr. Barber's invitation to join our Advisory Council, has been received, and I am taking the liberty of replying since Mr. Barber is not in the office today.

Please let me thank you in behalf of the Trustees for your willingness to become one of the Yenching councillors. We appreciate this indication of your interest in the work of our institution.

We shall take pleasure in sending you from time to time from the field and from our office here communications dealing with various aspects of China's problems and with what Yenching is doing to aid in their solution.

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee,
Vice President

Professor Jesse Feiring Williams
Department of Physical Education
Teachers College, Columbia University
Broadway and 120th St., New York City

P.S. The reference to "Tennessee" was indeed a typographical error. We were also sending an invitation to a resident of that state and it was an error on the part of the stenographer to write Tennessee in your letter also. I hope you will pardon this.

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TEACHERS COLLEGE
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
NEW YORK

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

February 14, 1939

Mr. George G. Barber
President, Yenching Trustees
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Barber:

Mrs. Williams and I appreciate very much your kind invitation to have dinner with the Yenching Trustees on the evening of February 28. Unfortunately Mrs. Williams and I will both be out of the city from the 22nd of February to the 1st of March. This prevents acceptance of your invitation, which we regret exceedingly.

Sincerely yours,


Jesse Feiring Williams

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