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Van Voorhis, Linda Lyon
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Van Voorhis, Mrs. John A.

431 Thomas Avenue
Charlotte Station
Rochester, N. Y.

July 14, 1928

\$5.00 for 1928 Camp.-Undesignated

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| Gift received | 7-14-28 |
| Receipt slip # | 2046 |
| Entered on control record | ✓ |
| " " acct. card | ✓ |
| " " contr. list | |
| Serial No. on L. and card | 328 ✓ |
| Pledge signal attached | — |
| X file cards | — |
| Letter ack. sent | 7-11-28 |
| Checked for O. L. | ✓ |
| " " class card | ✓ |
| " " stencil | ✓ |

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February 13, 1936

WOMEN'S INFIRMARY BUILDING

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

The infirmary was completed in the spring of 1934, funds being used from current income as the demand for an infirmary was so great as to make it imperative that some provision be made for the women students of the University.

The total cost including equipment amounted to LC\$21,249.21. Interpreted into U. S. dollars at an average rate of exchange of 2.50, the cost was US\$8,490.

The normal repairs and upkeep on a building of this type, according to past experience, is US\$200. per year, which on the basis of 4% income would require US\$5,000. The total U.S. dollars, therefore, needed to carry this project at no additional expense to the Women's College Committee, would be US\$13,490.

Blueprints of the infirmary are attached herewith.

Mrs. Van Voorhis took the infirmary upon the basis of the above figures as follows.

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| Total Cost | \$ 8.490 |
| Audit | 4.100 Mrs. Lynn's Gifts |
| Balance | \$ 4.390 ⁰⁰ |
| Cash | 2.000 ⁰⁰ |
| Balance due | \$ 2.390 ⁰⁰ |

"We discussed them - she and her sister, Mrs. Remington, endowing the building at a cost of \$5000 and they would like to do that later if things work out well. They have a genuine interest in China and I feel sure this is the beginning not the end of their support."

George C. Lydelott

SAGAMORE HOTEL
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

February 20-1936.

Dear Dr. Stuart:

I am forwarding to Mr. Mc Bride a check for \$2000⁰⁰ as first payment on the "Lyon Infirmary" which we sold to Mrs. Van Voorhis this afternoon. Her sister, Mrs. Remington, may join her in the gift, but if not Mrs. Van Voorhis will carry it through herself. They could not see their way clear to take on the endowment feature of \$5000⁰⁰ just at this time but indicated that they would like to do it later - or at least would consider it.

We will discuss details when we meet in Pittsburgh.

The transaction is:

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| Out | \$ 8.490 |
| Credit | 4.100 - Mrs Lyon's Gifts. |
| Bal | \$ 4.390 |
| Cash | 2.000 |
| Bal due - | \$ 2.390 |

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart.
150-5 Ave.
New York
N.Y.

Sincerely
Geo. O. Aydelott.

SAGAMORE HOTEL
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Feb. 20. 1936

Dear Dr. Stuart:-

In the letter I sent you
earlier this evening with respect to
the gift of Mrs. Van Voorhis I forgot
to give you her Street address.

Mrs. John Van Voorhis
714 Rock Beach
Charlotte Station
Rochester, N.Y.

I told her I would wire you
the good news so you could
communicate it to the Board
while in session this afternoon,
but when I reached the hotel it
was 4:45 and I felt sure the
message would not reach you
in time to accomplish any purpose
today, so am writing instead.

I know she will appreciate
an immediate letter from you.
She is much interested in Genesee

Cordially

George C. Aydlett

SAGAMORE HOTEL
RACHESTER, N. Y.

February 20-1936

Mr. E. M. Mc Brien
Quaker Hill.
150-5 ave
New York, Ny.

Dear Mr. Mc Brien:-

Enclosed find check for \$2000⁰⁰ as first payment on "Lyons Infirmary" the balance to be paid in probably about three years, not more than five. I mean it will be completed by that time, probably about \$1000 per year. The reason for the uncertainty about details just at this time is that one of the sisters is uncertain as to how her husband is going to react. I am to see ~~them~~ him in their home tonight. He is not much interested in Foreign Missions. If it works out for this sister to participate the whole matter will be simple. If she does not, then Mrs. Van Voorhis is going to carry it through herself. This is her check and she is so enthusiastic

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SAGAMORE HOTEL
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

About the Infirmary that she insisted
on carrying it through today, even though
the other sister asked to hold off until
she could speak with her husband.

She is going to see about a picture
or portrait of her mother to be placed
in the Infirmary along with the

Bronze Tablet, the wording of which
we shall need to discuss with Mrs.
P. Van Voorhis by mail. Also we shall

write her as to just the schedule
she will wish to follow with respect
to consents and dates. The whole
affair was so hurried today - because
of her schedule - that it did not
permit of working out details.

Perhaps for the moment the best
thing would be for you to acknowledge
receipt of this check with a fine personal
letter such as you can write, and when
I return from Pittsburgh about Nov. 1,
we can work it all out. Her name
is Mrs. John Van Voorhis 714 Rock Beach
Charlotte Station, Rochester, N. Y.

Yours sincerely

More Enclosed

George C. Nydell

714 Rock Beach
Feb. 21, 1936.

Yenching University
P. O. Mr. McBrier, Treas.
150, Fifth Ave. N. Y. City.

Dear Mr. McBrier,

My sister, Mrs. F. K. Remington and I would like to give in honor of our Mother Mrs. Edmund Lyon, who has given generously to Yenching University in the past. I have therefore presented my check of two thousand dollars to the order of the University to Mr. Aspelott, who with Dr. Stuart called on my sister and me ten days ago.

If your board would kindly let me know at the time you forward my receipt what memorial you would suggest for the use of this money I would be grateful.

Mr. Aspelott tells me that for the

copy to
Mr. Aspelott

duplicate of her gift the Women's
Infirmary on the Campus could be
dedicated to our Mother, and it is in
the hope of this that I gave my present
check. It would take us, I should think
about six years to complete the amount.

More than that possibly I may
never give, but I shall always be
deeply interested in the welfare of
Yenching University. And I pray that
its high scholastic standards and
its Christian influence may continue
to promote understanding and good
will between our nations.

Ever sincerely yours

Linda Lyon Van Voorhis
(Mrs. John Van Voorhis)

February 21, 1936

My dear Mrs. Van Voorhis:

I take great pleasure in enclosing our receipt for your check in the amount of \$2,000,000 which Mr. Aydelott has sent us, your payment on the memorial to your mother. I am very happy indeed that you selected the infirmary of the Women's College as the object of her contribution.

I cannot express to you our great appreciation for this numificent gift. It is a fitting memorial to Mry. Lyon and her devotion to Yenching University. We also appreciate that your warm sympathy and deep interest have been the determining factor in the provision of this most generous memorial.

All the details pertaining to the points Mr. Aydelott refers to will be worked out on his return. We are particularly delighted to note his suggestions that you will see about a picture of your mother to be placed in the Infirmary. This is a splendid thought and will particularly have its impression upon the Chinese, who, as you know, greatly venerate their parents and ancestors.

I made a suggestion to Mr. Aydelott in regard to a bronze tablet which Mrs. McBrier and I had installed in McBrier Hall, which as he probably told you was erected in honor of our parents.

Mr. Aydelott tells us that the whole interview was much hurried and that only your intense interest and warm response made it possible to progress as far as it has, and that time did not permit working out the details.

I wish to advise you that your gift was most opportune. It was announced at our meeting of the Board of Trustees today and was most enthusiastically received. May I speak for the Board of Trustees in expressing to you their great appreciation of your generous cooperation in making this gift possible.

Most sincerely yours,

E. M. McBRIER

Treasurer

Mrs. John A. Van Voorhis
714 Rock Beach
Charlotte P.O.
Rochester, N. Y.

February 21, 1936

Mrs. John Van Voorhis
714 Rock Beach
Charlotte Station
Rochester, New York

Dear Mrs. Van Voorhis:

A letter from Mr. Aydelott came this morning with the good news of your generous decision to accept our suggestion of the Women's College Infirmary as outlined to you by him, with, possibly, the assistance of your sister, Mrs. Remington.

I am taking the first opportunity to send you my personal word of grateful appreciation for this generous assistance. With the many difficulties in raising money for every good cause, such an expression of good-will is all the more welcome. By a fortunate coincidence, our Board of Trustees was meeting today before my departure for China, and this news came just in time to be reported to the Board, adding much to the interest of the meeting.

I hope you will let me have your suggestion for the text of the inscription to be put in the building. We shall have a bronze plate in Chinese and English. Promptly after my arrival we shall have this executed and I shall hope to send you a reproduction of the plate as well as some photographs of the building itself.

Let me take this occasion to thank you also for the delightful afternoon in your home. Entirely apart from the benefit to Yenching, it was a pleasure to become acquainted with your sister and yourself. I hope that this is only the beginning of a long association, with the new bond of interest between us.

I am sailing from San Francisco on the S.S. "President Hoover," March 20th, and can be reached either in care of the steamer or through this office which will always forward my mail.

Please give my greetings to your mother and sister as well as to the dear little children.

Very sincerely yours,

J. LEIGHTON STUART

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March 11, 1936

Mrs. John Van Voorhis
714 Rock Beach
Charlotte Station
Rochester, New York

My dear Mrs. Van Voorhis:

I am forwarding under separate cover, a package of pictures which I have selected from our files. You may feel free to keep them.

In conversation with Dr. Stuart in Pittsburgh before his departure for the West Coast, he gave me the assurance that upon his arrival in China he will give immediate attention to arranging a bronze tablet for the Infirmary. I believe he said you were going to supply him with the text. He also said that he hoped he might have a picture of your mother for the Reception Room of the Infirmary, if you had a suitable one available.

I wish to assure you once more of the genuine impetus you have supplied to the campaign through your generous gift, which has caused the members of the Board of Trustees and the friends of Yenching to have increased confidence in the important work which Yenching is doing in China. I think you will be glad to know that the present emergency campaign is meeting with good success. Your gift, plus one for \$75,000 and several smaller contributions, have brought the total to more than \$140,000. We hope to reach our objective of \$240,000 by the first of July.

I hope you will feel free to communicate with me or the Yenching Office at any time, with the full assurance that it will be our pleasure to serve you in every possible way.

Thanking you once more, I am,

Yours very sincerely

George C. Aydelott

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May 7, 1936

Mrs. John Van Voorhis
714 Rock Beach, Charlotte Station
Rochester, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Van Voorhis:

Since returning here I have been busily occupied with all the matters requiring attention, which explains why I have not written earlier. I had also hoped to be able to send you the latest photographs of the Women's Infirmary and of the bronze tablet. We thought it would be more attractive, however, to wait until the spring verdure is a little more advanced. The season has been quite late this year. Without waiting, therefore, for the completion of this work, I shall send you this brief note chiefly to enable you to share in the pleasure that everyone here has had on getting the news of your generous contribution. The Dean of the Women's College, Miss Margaret Speer, and the medical officer in charge, Dr. Clara Nutting, are of course especially pleased, and are quite enthusiastic about the plans for the tablet and the new name.

It is a great joy to be back here again. The campus never looked more attractive, and there is an excellent spirit among the students who are faithfully making up the work that was interrupted by the political disturbances last winter. At present these are quiescent, and we are planning to go ahead on the assumption that we will not be interfered with.

Will you give my greetings to Mrs. Remington, and remember me to those dear little children.

Very sincerely yours,

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May 8, 1936

My dear Mrs. Van Voorhis:

With Dr. Stuart's arrival in China, his schedule was exceedingly full but we have his assurance that one of the first matters that will receive his consideration is the tablet which is to commemorate your gift on behalf of your mother. I hope the artist will design something of unusual beauty and interest that will be pleasing to you.

I am increasingly conscious of the importance of your gift as I go from place to place throughout the country, telling of your fine participation. In these days of grave international misunderstanding, it is gratifying to know that the Christian impulse is still finding expression throughout the world and that eventually the saving grace of civilization must be the spirit of Christ.

The influence of Yenching University and other Christian colleges in China, is one of the most vital factors in the Orient for peace and good-will.

We still hope that some occasion may bring you and your sister, Mrs. Remington, to New York and that the members of our staff may have the opportunity to meet you.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

George C. Aydelott

Mrs. John Van Voorhis
714 Rock Beach
Charlotte Station
Rochester, New York

May 9, 1936

Mrs. Charles K. Roys
470 West 24th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Roys:

The principal facts with respect to Mrs. John Van Voorhis, 714 Rock Beach, Charlotte Station, Rochester, New York, are as follows:

Her mother, Mrs. Edmund Lyon (Caroline H.) 1441 East Avenue, Rochester, over a period of time, had contributed \$4100.00 to Yenching. She is now an old lady and cannot live long. She has three lovely daughters - two of them, Mrs. John Van Voorhis and Mrs. Francis K. Remington, are twins, married to prominent attorneys.

On a recent trip to Rochester, I approached Mrs. Van Voorhis to consider a memorial to her mother on the basis that we would give credit for the \$4100.00 her mother had previously contributed. She reacted favorably with the result that Dr. Stuart, together with members of the Board of Trustees of Yenching decided to offer the Girls Infirmary at Yenching as a Memorial to carry the name of her mother, Mrs. Lyon.

The transaction therefore is as follows:

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| Cost | \$8,490.00 |
| Credit | 4,100.00 |
| Balance | 4,390.00 |
| Cash | 2,000.00 (check from Mrs. Van Voorhis) |
| Balance due | \$2,390.00 to be paid within three years. |

I feel reasonably certain that Mrs. Remington, the twin sister of Mrs. Van Voorhis will share in the Memorial, but at the time I was there, her husband was not especially interested. Mrs. Van Voorhis took the lead and will carry it through alone, if necessary, but the girls usually act as one and I am sure will work it out between themselves.

My thought in suggesting that you write Mrs. Van Voorhis is that the little touch you would give in a personal note would further elicit her interest and let her know of our genuine appreciation. Dr. Stuart is having the bronze memorial tablet cast in China.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Aydelett

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L. L. Van Voorhis
718 Koch Beach
Charlotte Station
Rochester, N.Y.

Return EVS

March 23, 1937

YENCHING

My dear Dr. Stuart:

The beautiful photographs of the Infirmary arrived so many months ago and many lovely letters from Yenching University that I am most terribly ashamed to think they have never been acknowledged by me. Also while I was on a trip of several weeks with my husband I missed the letter and call of Miss Clara A. Nutting whom I should have been most happy to have seen had I been home. Letters from both you and Mr. Aydelott informed me of the placing of the memorial tablet in honour of our dear Mother and by now I trust you have also received the lovely picture of her. It was sent unframed in the belief that you could frame it more suitably for the setting than I could at so far a distance and I do hope it was in no way damaged in transit.

I had also intended to send you the paper's account of our dear Mother's going. In the strength of Mother's faith and in the beauty of her life we shall in time be comforted, but in the loneliness of our hearts we cannot help but grieve although we could not wish her back to suffer on. I find that I have no extra copies of the news paper left but I am sending the Carolyn Talrott Lyon Memorial Number of the Rochester Advocate of English and Speech for the Deaf. You will find that here again thoughts of her embrace China as well as America.

Enclosed you will find my check a partial payment on the remainder of my pledge, in which Mr. Van Voorhis and the children join. We are all interested in Yenching University like Mother.

Thank you for your kind sympathy,

Sincerely,

Linda Lyon Van Voorhis

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

September 28, 1937

Mrs. John Van Voorhis
714 Rock Beach
Charlotte P. O.
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Van Voorhis:

I know how anxious you are about the situation at Yenching and am sending this brief note to tell you that we recently had a cable from Dr. Stuart in which he said the school was opening with an enrollment of slightly less than four hundred students. This number will steadily increase as conditions become more settled. All are safe and no harm has been done to the buildings.

We are in daily communication with China, either by cable or mail, and, while the situation is deplorable, we are delighted with the spirit that is being manifest by the various Christian universities. Shanghai and Nanking are the worst hit and it seems improbable that classes will be resumed in the universities in either city until the situation is much less hazardous. For the most part, the Christian Colleges in other centers have opened and some of them, due to the influx of students from the war areas, have an increased enrollment. With a common conviction that the Christian people of America should reveal their true interest in China in this hour of great distress, the various mission boards of America are resolved to carry on. Financial support for these schools which has been coming from China will be almost entirely cut off. We, therefore, in America feel an increased responsibility in this matter.

I shall, from time to time, attempt to keep you informed about Yenching. We had expected Dr. Stuart in America this autumn, but naturally he was compelled to change his plans. China and Yenching need him now and he will remain at his post.

I hope that you, and Mr. Van Voorhis, and the children are well.

Yours sincerely,

George C. Aydelott, Secretary.

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GEORGE C AYDELOTT=

YENCHING UNIVERSITY 150 5 AVE NYK=

HOPE YOU AND MR TSAI HAVE NOT ALREADY MADE VISIT TO
ROCHESTER JUDGE VANVOORHIS AND I SHOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO
SEE YOU WHEN YOU COME=

MRS JOHN VANVOORHIS.

TSAI . AYDELOTT .

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March 10, 1938

My dear Mrs. Van Voorhis:

Your telegram is just at hand and Mr. Tsai and I are delighted that you and Judge Van Voorhis are in the city.

We have delayed our schedule pending word from you. We are practically certain that we will arrive in Rochester on Wednesday morning, March the 16th and shall probably spend at least two days there. If neither the 16th nor the 17th are agreeable dates, we might even arrange to stay over to the 18th. While we are there, there are a few other persons whom we should see but our main purpose in stopping off is to see you and your family.

Mr. Tsai brought several hundred feet of motion picture film, recently taken on the Yenching campus. These have been developed and put in shape for a very good showing of about forty-five minutes. We will have these films with us and we may even bring the projector and screen and if we decide not to burden ourselves with so much baggage, we can rent a projector and screen suitable for a large parlor meeting. You might like to have your sister and some friends in for a showing and if so we shall be glad to fit in with your plans. If the films were shown in the daytime in your home we would have to darken the windows. I am not suggesting that you make arrangements for the showing of the films unless you wish to do so. We will have them with us and you may do as seems best. If you make any definite plans or dates, perhaps it will be best to wire me to make sure that we are there when you wish us to be.

Unless you hear to the contrary you may expect us to arrive on the morning of March 16th. With pleasant anticipation, I am

Faithfully yours,

George C. Aydelott

Mrs. John Van Voorhis
714 Rock Beach Avenue
Charlotte Post Office
Rochester, New York

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March 21, 1938

My dear Mrs. Van Voorhis:

Let me, on behalf of the Yenching trustees, express to you our sincerest appreciation for your check for \$390.00 which you gave to Mr. Aydelott on March 19th. Our formal receipt is enclosed herewith.

According to our records, this now completes payment of the cost of the Infirmary of the Yenching College for Women, amounting to U. S. \$8,490.00. This Infirmary is making a great contribution to the health and comfort of the women students at Yenching, and we trust that many generations of the students will be privileged to use the Infirmary, and to remember with appreciation the generosity of your mother and yourself.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mrs. John Van Voorhis
714 Rock Beach Avenue
Charlotte P. O.
Rochester, New York

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December 24, 1941

My dear Mrs. Van Voorhis:

We are very grateful for your generous gift of \$25.00 for the support of Yenching College for Women. Our official receipt is enclosed.

Since the declaration of war, we have had but little news from China and an accurate appraisal cannot be made at this time. We do know that China's needs are great, and that our obligations are compelling. Your gift is therefore most timely.

The Christian Colleges in China are built on everlasting foundations and will be preserved for China's youth if their Christian supporters continue faithful. You may be assured that as news comes, our friends will be notified.

As we pray for guidance, we can also be thankful for opportunities to serve in this war-torn world.

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer

Mrs. John Van Voorhis
714 Rock Beach Road
Rochester, New York

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March 27, 1946

Mrs. John Van Voorhis
714 Rock Beach
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Van Voorhis:

I was much delighted when I saw that you had given me a check for \$500. A formal receipt for this is enclosed. It seems to me that the most appropriate use would be to let it count toward the re-furnishing of the Lyons Memorial Infirmary. On behalf of the University as well as in a more personal way I thank you most heartily.

Let me take this occasion to tell you again how much I did enjoy the visit in your charming home. I was especially glad to become better acquainted with Judge Van Voorhis and with those attractive children. With regards to all of them, believe me

Very gratefully yours,

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J. Leighton Stuart

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