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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN  
YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

December 9th, 1932.

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee,  
15, Beacon St.,  
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

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FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

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Dear Mr. Lee,

I am afraid that with the changes in this office we have not been keeping you as up-to-date with information as we should have done. Of course, I have been in Yenching for four years now, but previously my work has been entirely with the College of Public Affairs, and so I too have had to learn the work.

I have collected a group of photographs which I think you may like to have, for they tell pictorially what has been happening since the opening of this semester.

First there are the pictures of Dean Ssu-tu, whom we are all so happy to have here. We hope that you like the folder which we sent out for publicity. Miss Wang Pi-yun is the Chinese secretary in this office. She graduated from the English Department last year, and is doing very good work here. Miss Wu Sung-chun is another of our own graduates who has been teaching and working with the Mass Education Association at Ting Hsieh before coming back to teach in the Home Economics Department. She is taking charge of the nursery school work. Her sister, Miss Wu Yu-chen is in charge of the Social Service Work at our Ching Ho Experiment Station. Miss Stone, our new teacher for Physical Education, is seen on a donkey at the Western Hills on the "Double Tenth" holiday.

Then there ~~is~~ a group of pictures taken at Pre-session Conference, which was held this year in the Wei Hsiu Yuan, the new Garden where all the bachelors live. Pre-session was followed by Convocation. These pictures were taken in the front courtyard, and show the pillars.

Owing to the rumours of wars in the North our Freshmen enrollment was slightly less than we expected, but one of the pictures is quite interesting, showing Miss Speer registering two out of the three girls who came to Yenching from Honolulu. We have had girls who belonged to Honolulu families before, but this is the first time that any girls have themselves come from the Islands to register at Yenching. Miss Boring had a heavy time registering the pre-medicals, for 49 enrolled, the largest number since Yenching offered pre-medical courses.

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During the first months of this semester the courts were crowded every day, old girls practising, and new ones learning the strokes. The progress which the girls have made in tennis during these last few years is extraordinary, and in a match with the faculty women at the end of the season, the faculty only won one out of the five games, whereas two or three years ago we always expected to be victorious. Mrs. Chou (one of Huie Kin's daughters) is teaching the tennis for us this year.

Perhaps one of the happiest times the faculty as a group spent this Autumn, was the Yenta Christian Fellowship Retreat which was held in the Wofossu Temple at the Western Hills. It opened with a Quaker service led by Miss Burt in a beautiful little pavilion, by the light of swaying lamps. The service on Sunday morning in a large courtyard shaded by old trees, was led by Miss Ssu-tu, and the closing service by P.C.Hsu. The pictures show groups taken at different times during the Sunday's meetings.

The Yenta Christian Fellowship student department has been interested in the question of getting Freshmen linked up with friends in Yenching, and to that end has asked various faculty members to act as friends of Freshmen, with a student assistant. There are two groups here taken at my house. One is entirely of girls from True Light School in Canton. A big group of these girls are now coming to Yenching, and they are amongst the most active we have, especially in Athletics. Liu Yuen-chen (who is now at the New York School of Social Work on a Gamble Scholarship) is one of their graduates.

I am also enclosing a few snaps of earlier date showing groups on hill trips.

I expect you have all been interestedly reading the Lytton Commission report, so I thought you would like these two photos, which were taken by Mr. Mead of the Commission leaving China from the Ching Ho aerodrome, which is quite near to Yenching.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Dora M. L. Bent*



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YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
Peiping, China

OFFICE OF THE DEAN  
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

November 9th, 1934.

Dr. N. Gist Gee,  
150, Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Gee,

It is now just about a month since I returned to Yenching, and I have been spending most of this time getting back into things, and finding out what has been happening, particularly during last summer.

I am sure you will be interested in the enclosed report which has been written by Mr. Chang Hung-chun telling something of his trip in Europe and the East last year. I am also sending a copy to Mr. Gamble.

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You will have received copies of Mr. Chiao Shu-fan's paper on the oil pressing industry, with its interesting drawings, and by this mail we are sending you copies of a pamphlet which has just been published by Mr. J. B. Tayler on Aspects of Rural Reconstruction. I believe that Mr. Tayler intends to expand his thesis later, but this has been published as an introduction to the subject now because of the intense interest in rural reconstruction in China at the moment.

The work at Ching Ho seems to be progressing, although we particularly miss Miss Wu Yu-chen and her practical commonsense. I expect you will have already met her in New York. Mr. Wang Ho-chen is preparing a report on the home-spun woollen industry, and hopes to have it ready in a few weeks.

You have probably heard of the recent Conference at Ting Hsien on National Rural Reconstruction. It has attracted a good deal of attention both from the experts and in the popular press. Dr. Wu Wen-tsao, Dr. Cato Yang, Mr. Chang Hung-chun, and Miss K. K. Lei attended from the Department of Sociology, and several other members of the University were there either as delegates, or in a private capacity. Mr. Chang and Dr. Yang made reports at the Conference, and all took part in the very interesting discussions. Dr. Wu went, as he himself expresses it, as an "onlooker", having particularly in mind the question of the training of our students for work in the rural field. He had a long talk with Mr. Chu Shih-ying, Dr. Yen's representative, on this question of co-operation between Ting Hsien and Yenching, both on the question of training students, and also regarding research work where we believe that

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Dr. N. Gist Gee.

we can be of considerable help to each other. Dr. Wu states that he is personally convinced of the importance of a rural training programme as far as Yenching is concerned, and that Yenching can have a unique place in the nation-wide reconstruction programme.

During the summer Dr. Wu and his wife, Miss Wagner, Mr. Gideon Chen and Miss K. K. Lei made a most interesting trip into Suiyuan. The general director of the Ping-Sui railway being a personal friend of Mrs. Wu placed his own car at the disposal of the party, and made all necessary arrangements with the military and civil authorities in the area. On the first journey the party went as far as Kalgan to see the old caravan route which leads from here across the desert, and then on to Tatung-fu, and the Yung-Kang caves. The second trip took them to the end of the Ping Sui line to Pao-tou. From there they travelled to Pa Ling Miao, the seat of the inner Mongolian Political Council. The pictures of this part of the trip are most interesting, and I hope to be able to procure some to send to you. This border region allows of interesting studies of race conflict, culture, religion, etc. Our Political Science Department has been studying these frontier questions for some years, but Dr. Wu feels that it is time the other departments also became interested, as the question of colonisation of the frontier regions is very closely bound up with rural reconstruction plans being made for the other parts of China.

The general director expressed his intention of holding an exhibition of the photographs taken on these journeys, the profits to be given to the Yenching Endowment Fund. It is his hope that a sum of at least \$1,000 can be made from such an exhibit.

To one who has been away for a whole year, and who left during the excitements of a Japanese invasion, the calm to-day is simply astonishing, not only amongst the student body, but in the country and town as well. Peking looks most prosperous. New shops are constantly being opened, displaying the very latest accessories and comforts. I have particularly noticed the electric torch which seems to be part of every child's equipment, either in town or country. I have purchased what seems to be an excellent Chinese bicycle for \$24.00. Many of the parts are imported but it is assembled in China.

Yours sincerely,

Dora M. L. Bent

P.S. I am also enclosing a comment  
on J. B. T's pamphlet.

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December 20, 1934

Miss Dora M. L. Bent  
Yenching University  
Peiping, China

Dear Miss Bent:

It is good again to have a letter from you bringing information concerning the work which is going on at Yenching. These intimate details of the work in your college are most helpful and I am very grateful for them.

I wish especially to thank you for the copy of Mr. Chang's report of his trip in Europe. This is most helpful and I shall circulate it among a number of our friends here in New York. Already Mr. Gump of the Rockefeller Foundation, has spoken very appreciatively of the copy which he has.

The pamphlets by Mr. Chiao and Mr. Taylor came and I have retained two copies of each of these and passed the others on to the Princeton-Yenching office for their use. We will be very glad always to have such things as these since they enable us to cultivate people who have a special interest in Yenching.

Your staff seems to be taking a very active part in the new rural reconstruction program and I wish to congratulate you all upon your contribution to this important phase in the New China. Mr. Gump has had his program for the next three years approved by the Rockefeller Foundation and is leaving here on Sunday, the 23rd, to return to China. I am sure that you people on the field will present to him an excellent picture of what Yenching is doing in the work in which he is so much interested. I have already written to Dr. Stuart concerning this matter and he knows that the determination of gifts by the Foundation will be largely on the basis of how far the requests presented fit in with the general plan which Mr. Gump has in mind.

I am much interested in your comments on life in Peiping today and am wondering if the old charm of Peiping will be lost in the new, modern environment. I appreciate very much your writing me and I trust that you will do this frequently in order that we may be kept in close touch with the progress of affairs at Yenching. You can imagine, after having been away for a year, how difficult it is to keep up with developments at the University without some one special person to give one the information which is so

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The little English Yearning News helps out somewhat but lacks of course the personal angle which one gets in a letter.

With all good wishes for the Christmas and New Year season from our entire family, I am,

Very sincerely,

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Office of the Dean

December 2nd, 1935.

Miss Helen L. Woodward,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue, U.S.A.

Dear Miss Woodward,

I have to-day sent you under separate cover a few folders which Miss Tseng of the Education Department has just had printed. These were produced for a friend of her's in America who was interested in the Kindergarten work, and all the pictures are of children in the village kindergarten for poor children. We sent several of these folders to Mrs. Parlin and Mrs. Finley also. Will you please let Mrs. Finley know from where they come, and make the best use of them among those who are interested in the kindergarten work. Please let us know if you would like any more.

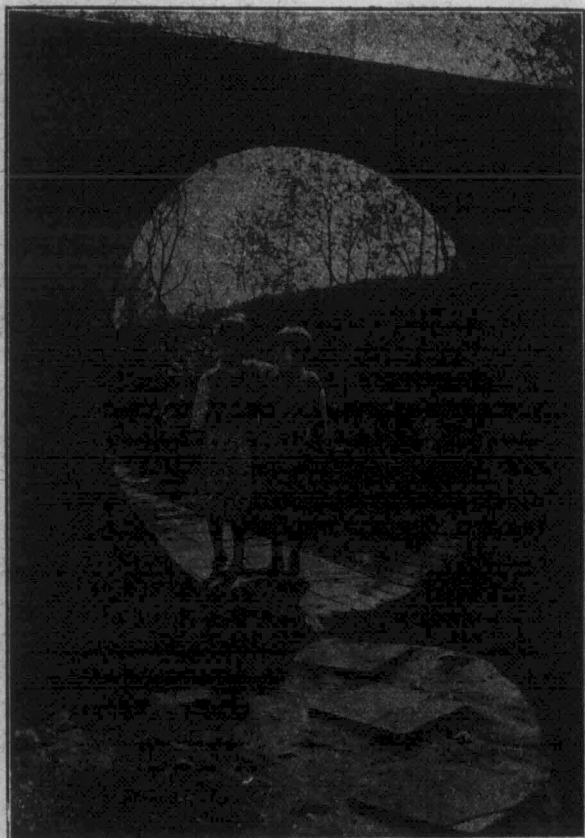
Yours sincerely,

*Dora M. L. Bent*

Secretary.

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Greetings to you through the  
Moon Gate.

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Every year at Christmas time we have a party and invite children who cannot go to school. We let them have our chairs and we sit on the floor. The teacher tells the Christmas story, we sing songs and play games and then we eat. One year we had meat dumplings

and one little boy ate twenty, he looked full all right. Before the party we made bags and these were filled with peanuts and candy. We gave each visitor one. They certainly did enjoy our party and we had a good time too.



See our scissors? We know how to cut out very pretty pictures.



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Am I a boy or a girl? Yes, you guessed right,—I am a girl but I have on a boy's cap and clothes.



We are graduates! See our Diplomas? They are almost as big as University diplomas and just as nice. Now we are ready for the first grade.

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This kindergarten is a remodled old Chinese house. Notice the date tree in the corner. In the fall when the dates are ripe there is an early morning rush and the one who gets there first fills his pockets the fullest.



I graduated from the kindergarten two years ago. Now I am a second Grader. I had a Yenching University scholarship when I was in the kindergarten. My father works in a temple and my mother goes around selling eggs. There are four children in my family. I am so glad that I can go to school. Miss Tseng gave me this dress two years ago and it is a little short now but it suits me all right.

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This brother of mine goes to the kindergarten every afternoon. He loves to go to school but he is so shy that I have to take him every day. Our father is a gatekeeper at Yenching. He receives twelve Chinese dollars a month. I have an older brother in school too. This little one has a scholarship of a dollar a year which keeps him in the kindergarten for a year. I should love to go to school, but I have to stay home and help my mother.

We are all relatives of the last Emperor and at that time our parents all received money from the government, but when China became a Republic that money stopped coming. Our mothers nearly all work in the workshops of Yenching University, which were opened and are managed by the wives of the teachers of the University. They make beautiful things. Wouldn't you like to buy some? They are very cheap.



It is very difficult for us to keep our clothes clean, especially in the winter when we have only one padded garment, so the kindergarten gives us each one an apron. We all know our own because the designs on the pockets are all different. In the spring time Miss Tseng takes us all to the workshop and gives us baths. Oh! how good it does feel.



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MISS VAN SCIVER

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China  
One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue . . . . . New York, N. Y.

December 31, 1935

My dear Miss Bent:

Miss Van Sciver and I have been consulting together in regard to the publicity needs of certain of our contributing groups. I am forwarding certain comments to you while they are fresh in my thinking.

This morning's mail has brought a few copies of the folder prepared for use with those especially interested in kindergarten work. We could wish that this mail had brought, rather than these folders, the photographic material which is used therein. Some of these pictures are excellent, particularly the two or three real action pictures. Will you refer to the glimpse of three children working with scissors at a table. That is the kind of picture we need, need desperately, and need in considerable quantity. Groups of large numbers of children are not anywhere nearly as good, although folders of this kind could well have one large group picture. Will you not pass on this word to any of your colleagues who are working on publicity materials? Ask them to allow us to have prints of pictures as soon as they are taken, and the films themselves as soon as they can be spared. Will you also tell them as gently but as firmly as possible that printing of the quality of this kindergarten folder is almost unobtainable in America today. The quality of typography in publicity has improved in leaps and bounds within the last few years, and most of our friends, however humble, expect to have their favored projects presented to them in first-class typographical form. Costs are moderate, and we can in most cases produce material here more favorably than it can be done on the field.

I count, of course, on your discretion in making effective use of these comments.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan  
Executive Director

Miss Dora M. L. Bent  
Yenching University  
Peiping, China

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燕京大學  
YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
PEKING WEST, CHINA.

from 19. Glen Avenue,  
Ottawa, Canada

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1939.

Dear Miss Van Seiver,

I had hoped to be in New York by this time - in fact was booked to sail tomorrow on the Georgic, but since the outbreak of war I have decided that it would be wiser to put off my sailing for a few days until things get more certain. My friend here has persuaded me to stay with her a little longer.

Miss Kiao, at Hurley House, has invited me to stay with her, and I have promised to let her know when I shall be in New York. Meanwhile, if any letters for me have arrived at your office (I don't expect any) I should be glad if you would send them to this address for me, but not if they arrive after the weekend.

Isn't this conflagration dreadful? I was on the trans. Canadian when I heard the news, and almost felt like turning back to China - and the war I know rather than the war I don't know.

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
PEKING, CHINA

I will call in to see you in the office as soon as I arrive in New York. This is just to let anyone know where I am for the time being.

I hope you were able to get off for a good holiday this summer.

Sincerely yours,

Dora M. L. Bent.

P.S. I met George Taylor in Seattle. He had arrived the day previously, so we were able to exchange latest news of Yenching and South China. I had met Dr. Stuart in Hongkong on August 3rd, after his trip to Cheungking.

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*Dora Bent*

October 3, 1939

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I have not forgotten our little talk last Friday, and have intended to write something for you, but life in New York with so many Yenching friends around is simply hectic, and I haven't had one moment to think, so that I can do no more than underline what I said to you the other day in the office.

Before I left China I felt that I must go down south to see what was happening, and what the temper of the people was in free China. Many people had come back with glowing tales of the south, so that there was not very much to startle me on the whole. However, the one conviction that I did get was that Yenching had really done the right thing by staying in the north. In the first place I am perfectly sure that Japan is on the run, and therefore it won't be long before Yenching will be, if not free, at least much freer than we had expected a year ago. In that case we are really established on the spot, and will not have so many readjustments to make. Secondly, we are really meeting a need in the north. Families who have moved south will take their daughters with them but those who still stay in the north, are not anxious that their families should be separated, and Yenching is able to provide an environment where they can be sure of the safety of their children, and know at the same time that they are getting a good education. (Education in the south is often somewhat sketchy I'm afraid - lack of books, laboratory facilities, etc.)

To an English woman it is still very difficult to get used to young men and women who can go on quietly studying while their country is engaged in a life and death struggle, but one cannot help but admire the spirit that calmly talks about preparation for rehabilitation in China after the war, and is steadily preparing for that end.

Yenching is not the place it used to be; we all know that, and some times we shed tears for the old days when we had such fun, but there is no doubt that Yenching in spirit is still the same. The students are more earnest; most of them (men and women) wear the plain blue gown, and dress-up occasions get rarer. Money is scarce and they are economical; many of the girls do their own washing, or take it home to do at the week-end. When they go into the city they must alight from the bus, and be "frisked" by Chinese women who are under the eyes of Japanese guards. It is mortifying, but at least they are facing the problem, and personally I feel that the souls of the Chinese in Peking are in a better state of health than the souls of the Chinese who live in International Settlements, and accept the protection of some other government.

More than 70% of our senior class of girls this year were Christians. That is a much higher percentage than usual, and it doesn't just mean saying you are a Christian, but in most cases the girl has taken an active part in some piece of social work, besides being a member of a small group within the Christian Fellowship. You will probably have heard of these small groups which meet every week for prayer, worship, and discussion. In my group, at least, the discussion was always very practical, and we had no time to get to know one another in the approved manner, until we had spent two weeks discussing the problem of the relation of war and Christianity.

We are terribly short of Chinese women on our faculty, and no one but Miss Speer could tell you how much she misses the advice of such people as Kit-king Lei and Chen I, Kung Lan-chen and others who belonged to the old Yenching. We need such people terribly badly on the staff, but we realize that many of them have obligations in the south. I think Miss Speer would probably say that that was our greatest need. A second very pressing need is physical - small social rooms for

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✓ student groups - large enough to hold twenty or so people comfortably. However, that is probably a building problem and should not be considered now, but a building with a number of such rooms for student clubs and meetings would help tremendously in helping us to consolidate our "Yenching spirit".

✓ One other impression, not only from the south, but from the United States too, - that is the tremendous love that Yenching students have for Yenching - they love the campus, they think of the lake on a summer night, silver in the moonlight, or in winter covered with happy skaters; they remember Christmas parties in faculty homes, or just weekly meetings where some faculty member has provided a comfortable spot for their group; they talk of the help that professors gave them with their class work, and the personal interest in every student; above all they talk of Dr. Stuart, and there, words fail. Miss Speer is quickly taking the same place among ✓ the women students; that is the best testimonial we can give of our present administration in the Women's College.

This is terribly sketchy, and my mind is divided between Yenching and the number of things I must do in New York before I sail to-morrow, but perhaps some of what I have written may be of some use to you in thinking of Yenching to-day.

Please keep me up to date on what is happening in Peking for I shall be thirsty for news.

Sincerely yours,

Dora Bent

E.N.S.

2 November 1959

Dear Miss Bent:

It is a relief to know that you have reached your home and found your mother well. I want to tell you how grateful I am for the letter of comment which you left for me. It has been of help in our work of the last fortnight, and its services will go on from day to day.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Dora M. L. Bent  
49 Austin Avenue  
Lilliput, Parkstone  
Dorset  
England

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23 Stanmore Road,  
Edgbaston,  
Birmingham, 16,  
England.  
May 19th, 1941.

*Note Sun Life 7/3*

Dear Mr. Evans,

Last Autumn you sent me a signed statement with regard to the insurance which I held with Yenching University, under the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada. According to this you signed a declaration that on leaving the company I was entitled to receive 50% of the University's contributions in addition to my own.

I have been having a lot of correspondence with the Company. In the first place there were three options: (1) to continue as an individual contributor; (2) to receive a paid up policy at the age of 65; (3) to receive a lump sum. Because of the war, and because of the restrictions on the export of currency it is not possible for me to take (1). I now find that option (3) is for my own contributions only, plus interest, and does not include 50% of the University's contributions. There is no copy of the policy in England, and the Company continue to "presume" this and that. For instance, they suggest that it is quite possible that the University make the stipulation that the 50% will only be given on a paid-up policy at 65, and not to a lump sum withdrawal, because the University wish to penalise people who would take the lump sum. I have explained to them that Yenching University was not the type of institution to try to make money out of people, and that it is useless to argue on assumptions. In the end we have agreed that I shall write to you to ask if you can send me a copy of this group policy so that we may know exactly what are the terms about which we are arguing. According to their statement they do not disburse the money, but pay it to the University, who then proceed to make the payments. This seems a strange procedure to me. However, if you can send a copy of the agreement we shall know better. I believe the original is in Peking, but perhaps Stephen Tsai can help you on that matter, if he is in U.S.A. at the moment.

How far away the pleasant days of light and wonderful Chinese meals in New York in October 1939 seem from the realities of to-day; but from the news it would not seem as if New York were still the same care-free city. We have been in more than one blitz, but so far have come through personally unscathed, though our windows are more like those of old China than the usual glazed brightness of the west. There is more interest again in China, and I have been doing a good deal of speaking. Dr. Stuart's letters, copies of which I received last year, were tremendously useful. I hope I can be put on the list again. I earn my living now as Youth Officer for this city, a job with many interesting possibilities.

Kind regards to Miss Van Sciver, and other friends in the office.

Sincerely yours,

*Dora M. L. Bent.*  
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K. I. Bent

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August 6, 1941

Miss Dora M. L. Bent  
25 Stanmore Road  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham 16, England

Dear Miss Bent:

I have received a reply from the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada which just came to hand today. The Company has gone to great pains to check back over the situation involved and I am quoting herewith the essential facts as set forth in the policy covering the employees of Yenching University:

"The employee appears to have taken exception to the amounts quoted to her by our London Office and has written the Employer for confirmation. We have examined the information in our memorandum to our London Office and we can discover no errors. This information, which we would like you to transmit to the Employer, is as follows:-

According to the terms of Provision X of the policy and employee having more than ten but less than twenty years of service is entitled to receive a paid up annuity for an amount provided by the employee's contributions and 50% of the Employer's contributions made on her behalf, but if the employee chooses to take the cash withdrawal allowance she is not entitled to receive any portion of such allowance arising from the Employer's contributions. This employee according to our records was engaged by the University in November 1928.

The employee has therefore been told that the amount of paid up annuity available will be \$17.61 per month, first payment being payable on August 1, 1935. This is the amount of annuity purchased by the employee's contributions and by 50% of the Employer's contributions. The withdrawal allowance will, however, be only the amount corresponding to the employee's contributions and will be \$656.63. Should the employee choose to take the cash withdrawal allowance, the amount of the allowance corresponding to the 50% of the Employer's contributions will be paid to the Employer. The amount corresponding to the other 50% of the Employer's contributions has already been disbursed to the Employer.

As you are aware, Option 1 in the Employer's letter enables the employee to continue making contributions, under which circumstances she will receive a paid up annuity under Option 2 together with an ordinary deferred annuity policy as issued by our London Office. The employee seems to suggest that Option 1 is not available because of war restrictions, but this is not the case as an ordinary deferred annuity can be issued by our London Office in Sterling."

The Company now has in hand the contributions which you made and will either pay same to you or set up the policy which is allowable under the contract. In the latter case we are ready at any time to return to the Company 50% of Yenching's contributions. If you wish to have the lump sum withdrawal, you may take the 50% from the Company and we will send you one-half of the 50% which we have received. May I say that this policy is exceedingly liberal in that it does grant to participants a portion of the funds contributed by the employer. There

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Miss Bent

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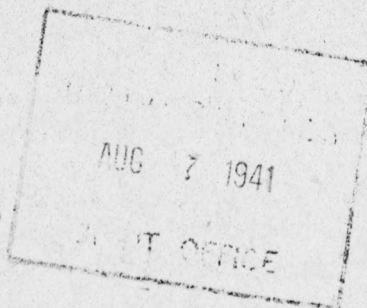
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are many funds established whereby the employee receives nothing of the employer's contribution if withdrawal is made prior to the time of maturity. To make it clear, whatever you wish to do, please bear in mind that all of your contributions plus interest are available, also one-half of the contributions of Yenching plus interest.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS,  
Acting Executive Secretary and  
Associate Treasurer.

CAE/B  
Via Atlantic Clipper  
c.c. via next boat.



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SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

HEAD OFFICE - MONTREAL

November 8th, 1941

Memo. from : Group Department - Mathematical Section.

To : London Administrative Office - Group Life & Pensions Dep.

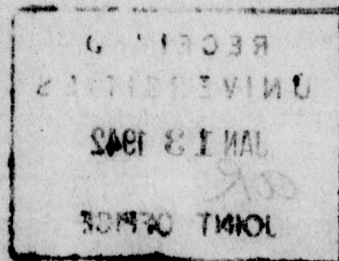
Re : 1597-G Yenching University (Cert. No.40 - Dora M. L. Bent)  
Your Ref: HT/EF

On receiving your memorandum of October 13th to which a copy of a memorandum to your Office from Mr. H. S. Churchill of Birmingham was attached we have prepared a cheque to be sent to the above Employer representing the withdrawal allowance under the above certificate corresponding to the employee's contributions and the balance not already disbursed corresponding to the Employer's contributions.

These amounts are for Employee's and Employer's contributions respectively \$703.93, and \$351.97, According to the terms of the above policy as we have said in our previous correspondence, the withdrawal allowance has to be paid to the Employer and will be disbursed by them directly to the employee, It would appear as far as our Company is concerned that this matter has been closed with the despatch of the cheque for \$1,055.90 to the Employer. The amounts quoted above are larger than those quoted in our previous correspondence as we have allowed as withdrawal allowance the amount which would have been available at the present time if a paid-up annuity had been issued.

Signed A.H.GRAY

AHG/SD.



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SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

HEAD OFFICE - MONTREAL

November 8th, 1941

Memo. from : Group Department - Mathematical Section.  
 To : London Administrative Office - Group Life & Pensions Dep.  
 Re : 1597-6 Yenching University (Cert. No. 40 - Dora M. L. Bent)  
 Your Ref: HT/MS

On receiving your memorandum of October 15th to which a copy of a memorandum to your office from Mr. H. S. Conroy of Birmingham was attached we have prepared a cheque to be sent to the above employer representing the withdrawal allowance under the above certificate corresponding to the employee's contributions and the balance not already disbursed corresponding to the employer's contributions.

These amounts are for employee's and employer's contributions respectively \$103.93 and \$31.97. According to the terms of the above policy as we have said in our previous correspondence, the withdrawal allowance has to be paid to the employer and will be disbursed by them directly to the employee. It would appear as far as our company is concerned that this matter has been closed with the despatch of the cheque for \$135.90 to the employer. The amount quoted above are larger than those quoted in our previous correspondence as we have asked as withdrawal allowance the amount which would have been available at the present time if a paid-up annuity had been issued.

Signed A. H. GRAY

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Austin Avenue,  
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Dorsetshire, England.  
Miss Dora M. L. Bent

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November 18, 1941

Miss Dora M. L. Best  
25 Stammers Road  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham 16, England

Dear Miss Best:

We have received word from the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada stating that you wish the withdrawal allowance upon your annuity certificate.

The Company has figured that your accumulations total \$702.95 which deducted from the total adjustment on the policy of \$1,294.75 leaves a balance of \$591.80 to be divided by the University and yourself. As this division amounts to \$245.40, the total funds due you aggregate \$1,049.35.

We have this money on hand, therefore, and are asking you for instructions as to the method of transmitting it to you.

Awaiting your reply with interest, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/s  
cc: Accounting Office

Via Atlantic Clipper

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23 Stanmore Road,  
Edgbaston, Birmingham,  
England,  
December 11th, 1941.

*ack 5/27/42*

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you very much for your two letters of August 6th and November 18th. Immediately on receipt of your first letter I took up the matter with the agent of the Sun Life of Canada here, and he wrote to the head office for me. If, as the Company state, they wrote certain terms to London, these terms were never transmitted either to me or to their agent here. For more than a year I was in correspondence with the London office, but could get no satisfaction, and it was not until I had your letter of August 6th, which I was able to show to their local agent, that we could get any further. In face of world shaking events this seems a small piece of business, otherwise I should like to send you copies of the correspondence so that you could see what has taken place.

However, by the same mail as your latter letter I have received a reply from the Company, copy of which I enclose. It was my intention to ask you to send this money to me here, but I am not sure what the position will be by the time this letter reaches New York. If it is possible, will you please dispose of the money as follows:

*Paid 5/26/42  
To 10398  
Hampshire  
Trust Co*

\$1000 to be sent to me by mail transfer,  
Care of the General Manager,  
Birmingham Municipal Bank,  
Birmingham.

*2.50 charge  
1.90 airmail  
2.80*

My account is No. HO 86172 (which should be quoted). I understand that this will comply with the British Treasury requirements.

*\$46.53 now*

The balance, (which in your letter is \$49.33, and in their's \$55.90) I should like sent to the treasurer of Yenching University for social service work. Before I left the University I undertook several commitments which it has not been possible to fulfil. I hope, despite the present situation, that this will be possible.

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You will know how very concerned we here have been over all the events of the last week, and I should like to send to you all a word of very special sympathy at this time. So far, we have no news at all of what may be happening in North China, and your many concerns in the Far East, as well as your own affairs, will put a heavy strain on you all at this time.

May the New Year bring to us all a promise of happier things.

Yours sincerely

*Donald L. Beal*

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25 Stenmore Road,  
Edgbaston, Birmingham,  
England,  
December 15th, 1941.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you very much for your two letters of August 6th and November 18th. I immediately on receipt of your first letter I took up the matter with the agent of the Sun Life of Canada here, and he wrote to the head office for me. If, as the Company state, they wrote certain terms to London, these terms were never transmitted either to me or to their agent here. For more than a year I was in correspondence with the London office, but could get no satisfaction, and it was not until I had your letter of August 6th which I was able to show to their local agent, that we could get any further. In face of world shaking events this seems a small piece of business, otherwise I should like to send you copies of the correspondence so that you could see what has taken place.

However, by the same mail as your letter I have received a reply from the Company, copy of which I enclose. It was my intention to ask you to send this money to me here, but I am not sure what the position will be by the time this letter reaches New York. If it is possible, will you please dispose of the money as follows:

\$1000 to be sent to me by mail transfer,  
Care of the General Manager,  
Birmingham Municipal Bank,  
Birmingham.

My account is No. HO 8612 (which should be quoted). I understand that this will comply with the British Treasury requirements.

The balance (which in your letter is \$49.33, and in their's \$58.90) I should like to send to the treasurer of Yenching University for social service work. Before I left the University I undertook several commitments which have not been possible to fulfill. I hope, despite the present situation, that this will be possible.

You will know how very concerned we here have been over all the events of the last week, and I should like to send to you all a word of very warm sympathy at this time. So far, we have no news at all of what is happening in North China, and your many concerns in the Far East, as well as your own affairs, will but a heavy strain on you at this time.

May the New Year bring to us all a promise of happier things.

Yours sincerely

David L. Paul

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May 27, 1942

Miss Dora M. L. Bent  
25 Stansmore Road  
Edgbaston, Birmingham  
ENGLAND

Dear Miss Bent:

Your letter of December 11th was greatly delayed in transit, but we must also apologize for additional delay caused by our Annual Meetings which consumed practically all of the time for more than two weeks early in May and only now are we beginning to see daylight with routine matters.

As requested, we have forwarded \$1,000.00 care of the General Manager, Birmingham Municipal Bank. It is going by air mail and we trust that it will not be greatly delayed. As the charges for this service amount to \$2.80, we are deducting this amount from the balance of \$49.33 in excess of the \$1,000.00. This will leave a balance of \$46.53 which we are crediting to the Yenching University budget for social service work. The difference in the figures of the Company and our office is represented in the adjustments made in the payment of premiums.

You will be interested in knowing that plans are now projected for opening a Yenching unit at Chengtu on September 1st. Dr. H. H. Kung is the Chairman of the Emergency Board of Directors; Dr. Y. P. Mei, Secretary; and Dwight Edwards, Treasurer. We are endeavoring to provide sufficient funds to care for temporary buildings and equipment. Just as soon as the work is instituted your contribution will be forwarded to be used if designated.

We regret exceedingly that there has been considerable correspondence and delay in getting this insurance adjusted and thank you for your patience.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Dec. 4 - 1942

Dear Mr. Evans,

For the past two months I have meant to write and thank you for your letter of last May, and to let you know that the money at last arrived, and was transferred to war savings. Thank you very much for all the business you did for me over this. I was rather disappointed to have to take it out of Yenching hands, as I always hope to go back again, but goodness knows when that will be.

Yours was the first news I had of the new Yenching, though I had expected this from the beginning. Dr. Stuart will be most encouraged to think of Y. P. Mei helping with the new set-up. A few weeks ago I had a long letter from

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Hilda Hague in Shanghai, sent by friends who were being repatriated. It was grand to have this first hand news of so many friends, and to know that so much is still able to carry on. I do hope you will keep me in touch with any new developments, for we feel so out of touch over here.

Your soldiers are all around us these days, but I have not yet bumped into any old friends.

You will see that I am back in my old home, and I hope this will now be my permanent address. I am now doing Youth Work in the rural areas — all over the Thomas Hardy country. It is most interesting.

Please give my best wishes to Miss Van Seiver and any Frenchman you see in New York. I wish you a happy New Year.  
With kind regards,  
Yours sincerely,  
Dorothy H. Bent.

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<b>NIGHT LETTER</b>		<small>TELEGRAMS TO ALL AMERICA</small>	<small>CABLEGRAMS TO ALL THE WORLD</small>
<small>The sender must mark an X opposite the class of service desired; otherwise the telegram will be transmitted as a fast telegram.</small>			<b>TIME FILED</b>
			<b>STANDARD TIME</b>

and the following Telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to. Form 2

Fort Smith, Ark. June 27, 1930

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Bayard M. Hedrick  
551 Fifth Ave  
New York, N. Y.

Twenty thousand in will today plus three thousand pledge Wichita tonight

Conant

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Oct. 1930 Bequests

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in future  
years -  
for JKS*

Regarding

Date

*\$20,000 bequest by a woman (?)  
in Wichita Falls, Texas or*

*July 1930*

*H. Smith, Arkansas - Confidential & her  
name is not to be divulged.*

*Dr. Stuart knows who she is & so does  
Jos. S. Conant (campaign worker) but the  
Promotion office does not know who she is.*

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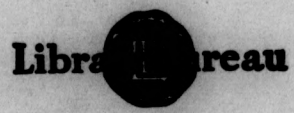
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July 15, 1930

Dear Leighton:

Are you in position to give me any information in regard to the meaning of a telegram sent by Conant to Hedrick on June 27th from Ft. Smith, Ark., saying that \$20,000 was being written into a will? Mr. Hedrick tells me that he thinks you know all about this, but that he knows nothing about it and he understands that the matter is strictly confidential. If you know about the matter and cannot tell me the details, please simply write me that you do know about it and that it is confidential. We should have some record in the office to interpret such a telegram received from Mr. Conant.

Hastily yours,

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart  
Yenching University  
Peking, China

ODW:KK

*Dr. Stuart answered this on Aug.  
15, 1930, advising OSW  
that he was not at liberty  
to divulge anything concerning  
this bequest. It was strictly  
confidential - r*

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July 15, 1930

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Memorandum to Miss McCoy:

In regard to the telegram from Conant dated June 27th to Hedrick "\$20,000 in will today, plus three thousand pledge - Wichita tonight", there seems to be some mystery. We know now that the \$3000 pledged was the annual pledge of Miss Haines. With regard to the \$20,000 in the will, we know virtually nothing. Mr. Hedrick informs me that Mr. Conant said that the matter was to be entirely confidential and no report was to be made as to the person concerned. Mr. Hedrick thinks that Dr. Stuart knows about the whole matter. I intend to write Stuart and ask him whether he has any such information.

see JLS' letter  
to ODW of Aug. 15.

O.D.W.

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Miss Haines wrote a note on June 26, 1930, she would not make any definite pledge but hoped to give \$600 a year - no mention of \$3000

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