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October 8th, 1929 IC

July 12th, 1923

Dear Mrs. Bonnell:

Your check for $1,000 came in from Manchester this morning, and I want to express our appreciation of this manifestation of your interest and confidence in what we are trying to do. I am sending this letter to Youngstown as I am not sure of your Manchester address.

I was at Lockport, N.Y. a couple of weeks ago and talked to one of the very wealthy men there about his farm and his fancy stock, and he spoke so enthusiastically about Hugh and his success with his projects that I knew it would have pleased you to have heard him. This man is supposed to be worth about twenty-five million or more but thus far has never given anything to any cause outside of his own pleasure. I am hoping that we may be able to secure a friend of China in him, though it is very decided problem.

Dr. Stuart, our President, was greatly pleased to get the message about a new man for the Agricultural Department just before he sailed and I am sure it has cheered the men in China, as Dr. Stuart has reached home by now and passed on the word that a new man will be sent as soon as he is found.

The last word from Mollie said that she is gaining and doing very well. I am hoping that I can be there from the last of July until Labor Day.

With sincere appreciation and all best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary.

Mrs. J. M. Bonnell
Youngstown, Ohio.

June 23,1921

Mrs. W. Scott Bonnell,
Wick Avenue,
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Aunt Cree:-

I am enclosing herewith our Treasurer's acknowledgment of our check from you and want to add my very sincere thanks to his. I wrote Mrs. J.M. Bonnell reminding her of her promise to help with the fund which she made me some time ago. I am hoping that with her contribution and what I have already received I may be able to secure a few contributions of $50 or $100 each to round out a total of $3,000 from Youngstown.

The land which was purchased just outside of Peking was shaped in a peculiar way and they needed an extra strip to make the campus symmetrical and adapted to the work of the two colleges for men and women. Our plan is to have the women's buildings on one side of the campus and the men's on the other and then have a few places like the library and chapel which will be used in common and some classrooms which will be used alternately. The small piece of land was finally purchased by the Peking people and cost just $3,000. I thought it would be rather nice to feel that Youngstown paid for that extra strip. A woman at Oxford,Ohio wrote me while I was in Youngstown saying that she wished to contribute the last $1,000 toward the purchase of the original piece and enclosed her check. Everyone who has made a study of the real situation is most enthusiastic about it.

With very genuine appreciation of your help,

Very sincerely,

HKC VR

June 23,1921

Mrs. J. M.Bonnell,
Broadway,
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mrs.Bonnell:-

When I was in Youngstown some two or three months ago you said you would be glad later on to give something toward the work of Peking University. I called last Tuesday hoping to find you at home to first congratulate you for your improvement and then to give you some further information about the University. I am hoping that you and your family will get to be thoroughly interested in it and almost as enthusiastic over it as I am.

I am going to send you another copy of "Peking News" and a circular letter which we sent out some time ago to a number of people. If you and Caroline and Hugh can take time to look over these things I am sure you will be greatly interested. The statement of Mr. Burgess in "Peking News" as attracted a lot of attention and has been widely read.

(Mrs. W. Scott Bonnell) (Mrs. Perry B. Owen)

Aunt Cree and Emelie, each gave me a check and I have had enough others from Youngstown to make me hope that eventually we would get enough from Youngstown to pay for the extra piece of land which has just been purchased because it was very desirable to make out a proper campus for the University just out of Peking. This extra piece of land has cost $3,000 and thus far I have received $1,150 from Youngstown with promises which I think will mean $1,000 more. This will leave $850 to make the $3,000. If you and the family can give me a boost on that I believe I can get two or three small contributors to finish it up. I am just enthusiastic enough over the University to ask people to do liberal things in spite of financial conditions and just so interested in Youngstown that I am anxious to have it identified with some concrete things like these that are attracting world attention.

I am delighted to know that Mr.Yatman is to be in Youngstown in July and I wish I might be there when he is. You will all enjoy him I am sure.

With all best wishes for the family and thanking you in advance for anything you may feel like doing, I am

Sincerely yours,

HKC VH

June 23,1921

Mrs. W. Scott Bonnell,
Wick Avenue,
Youngstown, Ohio

My dear Mrs.Bonnell:-

We appreciate very much your contribution of $500 received yesterday through Mr.Caskey for the work of Peking University. We believe that if you could see the very remarkable work being undertaken and the more remarkable opportunity which our University has you would feel amply justified in making this investment. I trust that we may always have your genuine interest and that our work may merit your very hearty support.

Very truly yours,

HKC VH

Treasurer

Chicago, Ill.,
April 27, 1923.

Mr. Hugh W. Bonnell,
Youngstown, Ohio.

Dear Hugh:-

We have just received two letters from the University that are almost pathetic, and I want to share with you some of the questions that we face. I know you are interested in such a proposition as we have and especially when it comes to a question of an Agricultural Department and Animal Husbandry.

About two years ago one prominent Chinese in Peking, who has the Oriental Hotel in that place and controls the dining car service on the railroad to Hankow, offered us two hundred acres of land about twelve miles beyond Peking, for an agricultural experiment station, practically without cost to us. The war came on and there was a change in leadership at Peking and he lost practically all of his property, but arranged it so that the University secured at a very small expense the two hundred acres of land.

We arranged with Mr. W. B. Chamberlain, of Cornell, to go to China and supervise this feature of our work, and we find it is meeting a very popular demand. Of course, the Chinese were farmers four thousand years ago and the land has retained its original value in a large measure, but the farming is more like what we would call market gardening and the skill which has been shown is purely a matter of experience and habit. With the new conditions thousands of young people are going to the cities to the factories and the farms are being enlarged and must be handled in an entirely different way, so that there is need of technical instruction in every department.

We have been delighted with the way breeders all over America have agreed to send us gifts of fancy cattle, sheep and hogs, and I met a man in Rochester the other day who has a fine farm in that section and he was most enthusiastic in his attitude, saying he would send us anything that we needed in the line of poultry or co-operate in any way possible. The Dollar Steamship Company have told me that they will transport any of our animals free of charge, taking reasonable shipments from time to time, until we transport all that we have to ship. We have one veterinary from the State University of Kansas, who is ready to go and he and Mr. Chamberlain give us a nucleus for a teaching staff that will be fine.

The letters which we have just received go into a lot of details concerning the necessary equipment and money if we are to measure up to the opportunity. The men on the field claim that they will be swamped unless they can have at least one more man to supervise the work in Animal Husbandry. The animals that have already been shipped require a lot of time and supervision and unless we have another man those already at the job must give their entire time to routine work and can do nothing in experimentation or class work. These men claim that as badly as new buildings are needed on our new campus the most necessary one thing is a trained instructor for this department. I am sending you under separate cover a booklet which shows some of our plans about the new campus.

I have told our president that I will try and secure the salary of a teacher for the next three years and we will all be greatly pleased if we can get this adjusted so that we can cable them to make their plans for next Fall at least and we will begin to hunt a man. Your own great interest in this sort of work made me wonder if you and your mother and Caroline would not like to have a share in such a salary. An unmarried man would probably cost us about $1500.00 a year and a married man about $2500.00, and we usually add the necessary expenses for sending them out to China to these sums. It is probable that we will find someone who has just finished his college course and will be glad to go for three years and is unmarried. If we were sure of $1500.00 a year for three years we would be immensely pleased and would get busy at once to locate the man.

You may possibly know someone to whom this letter could be sent because of their interest in such things who might be glad to take a share in such a proposition, but of course that is problematical. If, however, your family feel like undertaking a share in the proposition it will be a great start for us and I think we could find the balance somewhere before I get back to New York about the first of June. Caroline gave us a liberal contribution on our current expenses some months ago and Myron Wick gives us $200.00 a year. His mother supports one of the Chinese teachers in our School of Theology. I have no doubt Myron would allow his $200.00 to be used for the Agricultural Department if we so requested it.

You will see that I am tremendously eager about the thing and do very sincerely feel that the work of Peking University is the most strategic single piece of missionary work anywhere in the world today. I will appreciate it immensely if you will talk it over with the family and tell me what you feel you would like to do in this particular matter. I do not want to ask the impossible and am sure you will catch my point of view.

With all best wishes for you all.

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. I shall be in Minneapolis all of next week at the Hotel Radisson and then in a number of places for two or three days, so that my only safe address is 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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.....By .....

Peking University
New York -
Dear Friends.

Enclosed herewith is check for $200.00 from Hugh W. Bonnell Youngstown, in payment of his subscription on salary account for first year -

Wym C. Wick of Youngstown has been paying $200.00 annually - He is off on a long wedding journey, but if he has not sent in a check, a notice should

be sent to him. It will
no doubt be cared for by
his secretary.

Cordially
A. K. Caskey

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Bonnell

July 24, 1924

Herbert K. Caskey
169 Pearson Drive
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Caskey:

Thanks for your good letter of the 1[illegible]h and the check for $50. toward the final providing for that wonderful artesian well. Man, if your money holds out like that well does, it will be a great thing for all of us!

We have not written Mrs. Paul Jones but I am correcting the record. I am also making the note about the sending of the "Peking News" both to Hugh Bonnell and his mother. I am going to fix that up right away. Hugh Bonnell gave us $200. on January 3 on his pledge for $600. His mother gave a thousand dollars in July of last year but has not contributed anything this year thus far. It is possible it will come in yet this month as this would correspond with her gift of last year. Mrs. Myron C. Wick has not yet paid anything this year. She gave a thousand dollars in January of 1923.

George S. Davison of Pittsburgh has given nothing thus far though Luce saw him for a few minutes in Pittsburgh and had another fine talk with Mrs. Miller. I am planning to see Mr. Davison in Pittsburgh in September.

The final result of the Bashford Memorial indicates that we will receive a total of about $155,000. This is somewhat short of what we had hoped but it is more than enough to provide for the building so that it will give us a little endowment.

The last two weeks of Mr. Byrd's work here were spent in helping Mr. Eubank collect a herd of cattle, sheep and other wild animals. He did mighty good work on this, particularly because of his acquaintance already with breeders associations.

Nee goes to China in August; Byrd is living on his farm at Wingdale.

I am very concerned about your health. Both you and Mrs. Caskey improve very slowly. I earnestly wish you would try Whole Grain Wheat. It may sound silly but it surely is the finest thing I have ever gotten hold of.

Frank Mason North was made Secretary-Counsel for the Board of Foreign Missions but the corresponding secretaries elected were Ralph Diffendorfer, whom you doubtless know, and J. R. Edwards, a district superintendent from Baltimore. It is distinctly a Diffendorfer administration and starts off well.

Eric is still in the saddle in his usual place and without him and his encyclopedic knowledge, we would be unable to carry forward the Peking University program.

Your $50. came in March, and with the present gift the total amount of the contibution toward the Artesian well is $100. It certainly is mighty generous of your folks to take part in this way.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely yours

P. S. Mrs. Perry B. Owen sent in $1500. in February 1924, which completed her pledge for $2500.

~~Bonnell~~ Mrs. Paul Jones

159 PEARSON DRIVE
ASHEVILLE
NORTH CAROLINA

July 30/24.

Dear Mr. Lewis—

Enclosed is check for $300.00 from Miss Caroline Bonnell (now Mrs. Paul Jones) of Youngstown Ohio, sent to me by her Mother Mrs. J.M. Bonnell— I'd acknowledge it to Mr. Jones—can Mr. Bonnell—

Cordially

N.K. Caskey—

July 31, 1924

Mrs. J. N. Bonnell
Broadway
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Bonnell:

You will be interested to learn that upon his arrival in Peking, Dr. Luce wrote me as follows:

> "I am more than satisfied with the prospects at the new site. It will be wonderful. I never expected the ideal I have had in my heart could be so well realized. In the midst of (apparent) chaotic building materials, something very solid and very beautiful is emerging. The site itself is better than I had thought it could be. We have just passed plans for the building of fourteen residences."

It is interesting to see this response in a new arrival, in spite of the fact that he has been associated with the University for so long in this country.

A recent letter from President Stuart says that the building construction is going ahead with as much dispatch as possible, and he has real hopes that the students will be able to move out into the new buildings a year from this coming fall. It will be really a chapter in human history when the new campus buildings are opened for use, and it will mean much for the growth of relationships between the Chinese and their Christian friends in America.

I wonder whether Mr. Gaskey has written you that Mr. Bransford Eubank, a young Texan and a graduate of the State Agricultural College of Texas, is taking a couple of carloads of cattle, sheep and hogs for the Animal Husbandry section of the Department of Agriculture in the University. He will leave New York within the next two or three weeks and expects to reach Peking the end of September or first of October. Most of the animals have been given to the University by prominent breeders throughout the country, who are interested in making their contributions because of the unique position of Peking University not only in the life of China but in its location on the borderland of the great future grainery of Asia, Manchuria, Mongolia and Siberia. The help which you and Miss Caroline and your son, Hugh, gave last year enabled us to carry on there, not only to get the Department going, but also to make some preliminary experiments in anticipation of the coming of Mr. Eubank with all of his stock this fall.

The school year starts again in September and we will, of course, need our funds right away for this next year. Just [illegible] the present moment the exchange rate is so favorable for gold that President Stuart cabled us a few days ago, asking that he might draw on us for a considerable amount of money in order to

to take advantage of this favorable rate. In view of these approaching obligations, and of the fact that you generously contributed your thousand dollars in July of last year, I am wondering whether you will want to contribute your thousand dollars for this year at the present time, and possibly Miss Caroline and Hugh would wish to add their checks along with yours, so that we might have the entire salary in hand for the ensuing year and exchange it at the present favorable rate.

The August number of the "Peking News" will be issued about the middle of the month. It will consist largely of pictures of the buildings and campus showing the progress of the work. We have received some very excellent photographs and are anxious that you and the other friends whose contributions have carried forward the work of the University, shall see just what your gifts are accomplishing.

Very sincerely yours

MRS. JOHN M. BONNELL
230 BROADWAY
YOUNGSTOWN
OHIO

Ans to Court Reid ✓

Aug 5 1924

Mr James H. Lewis

Dear Sir

I am answer to your letter I am enclosing a check for $1.00. My daughter sent the check for $3.00 to Mr H. K. Cathey last month not knowing just where to send it. He doubt he has forwarded it to that place. May you does not put me

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MRS. JOHN M. BONNELL
230 BROADWAY
YOUNGSTOWN
OHIO

Can give Lui Frank three
year.

Very Truly
Mrs J. M. Bonnell

August 7th,
1 9 2 4.

Mrs. J. M. Bonnell
230 Broadway
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Bonnell:

I am very grateful for your letter of the 5th and your check for $1,000. Since I wrote you Mr. Caskey has forwarded to me your check from your daughter for $300.

It would be almost trite to say that we are grateful for this money. I can better show our gratitude by telling you what these contributions mean. As you know we are in a temporary period of building our entire new plant and for the last six years nearly all the funds received have been designated for buildings or building enterprises. With the exception of a small amount of money in our Agricultural Department, we have no endowment. This has made it necessary to carry our current expenses as we go along.

It has been really a great struggle heroically carried forward by Mr. Caskey and his friends who joined with him financially in providing for the current expenses of the institution. After we get into the new plant we will be in a position to seek an endowment fund to adequately secure our running expenses.

During the period of interim, however, the faith and generous help of yourself and your family together with a very few others have made possible the continuance of the University work on a plain where it can move comfortably into the new plant without any particular jar; and it is has brought the standing of the University to a place of absolute leadership in the life of China. May I now say that we are very grateful to you for this aid.

Very sincerely yours,

August 12th,
1 9 2 4.

Mrs. Paul Jones (Caroline Bonnell)
Broadway
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Mr. Caskey has forwarded to us your check for $300 to cooperate with the $1,000 sent by your mother in the support of our Agricultural Department.

You probably have seen the letter I wrote your mother, but I want to write this personal note of appreciation for your own generous help.

Mr. Eubank will leave the end of this month or first of next with a good quantity of all sorts of animals for experimental and demonstration purposes. The list to date includes twenty cows, fifteen pigs, three milk-goats, ten sheep twenty chickens, four turkeys and four rabbits.

It sounds more like the Bronx Zoo than anything else at first glance and I presume that if Mr. Eubank were not so serious in the work which he does, he might conceive of himself as the manager of a menagerie. However, he was raised on a Texas ranch, took his agricultural training in Texas and is a perfect wizard in handling animals. I am sure you will be glad that your money will help to carry forward the work of this department.

By the way, I noticed yesterday in this week's Trans-Pacific Magazine (an important weekly of the Far East) that the Christian General Feng is likely to be appointed in charge of the northern provinces of China, including Mongolia. If he is, he will want to concentrate on cattle and sheep raising and because of our present personal relat[illegible] with him our [illegible]

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partment of Agriculture will likely be asked to take the leadership for the agricultural development of that whole vast section of Chinese territory, sparsely inhabited today, formerly the base of the great Mongul Empire which Genghis Khan and is followers built from the Pacific on the east to Vienna on the west.

The wars and the conquest in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, together with the struggling of the warriors in western Asia and eastern Europe so drained Mongolia of men that it is today largely the home of Nomad tribes. There are sections of it very fertile and it borders on provinces of China proper with her teeming millions. The indications now are that this great reservation of untilled land will be filled by Chinese and become another great incorporated province of China before the end of the present century.

Very sincerely yours,

JHL/RH

Bonnell File

159 PEARSON DRIVE
ASHEVILLE
NORTH CAROLINA

January 12, 1925

My Dear Lewis –

The last number of "Peking News" interested me greatly as all succeeding numbers will, I am sure. You know that Mrs. J. M. Bonnell, her son Hugh, and her daughter Mrs. Judge Jones, Youngstown, are responsible for the salary of an agricultural man for three years and they should be much interested in this issue. Mr. Bonnell would not commit himself for the third year ($1000.00) but the two children made their pledges for the three years,

two of which have been paid – Now the
person is to get Mr. Bonnell's thousand
dollars for 1925 and you may have already
adjusted it. They are all greatly interested
in fancy cattle and Hugh Bonnell is or
was the President of the Ohio Association of
breeders of fancy cattle. He is cranky about
the postage wasted on duplicate material sent out
by organizations like Peking. If I were you
I'd enclose a copy of Peking News in a separate
letter to Mr. B. "For fear it had been
overlooked in the abundance of such
material received &c" and see what she

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ASHEVILLE
NORTH CAROLINA

will be willing to do in 1925 -
Then pardon my suggesting it, but if you have not already written Mr. Owen of Y.M. about her January contribution, do it now -
She is going abroad soon, and the Y.M.C.A. is planning to have her see a lot of interesting things - She ought to be made to feel that she must keep up a salary in Peking perpetually.
Mr. Wm. B. Hale - Aqueduct Bldg - Rochester is on the mailing list - He is an unusual

Man, is Treasurer of Rochester University.
Has a big farm, and is a great breeder of
chickens, ducks, turkeys and fancy cattle
I'd see that he had a special number
of the News. The family is rich but I imagine
it is largely his wife. Her sister was in the
Orient a couple of years ago —

All best wishes —

Sincerely yours

A.K.C.

January 29, 1925

My dear Mrs. Bonnell:

Because of the fact that you and your son and daughter have been taking care of the salary of an agricultural man for the last three years, I want to make sure that you have received the last number of the "Peking News", which is an agricultural number, and I am therefore sending several extra copies to you. I know that you must receive an abundance of literature of one sort and another and I want to make sure that the last News has not been overlooked in the abundance which comes to you. I should think that your son would be particularly interested in the kind of cattle which we are using to build up our herd.

It is quite possible that I will be going through Youngstown within the next month and if you are there I hope I may have the privilege of making your acquaintance at that time.

Sincerely yours

Mrs. J. M. Bonnell
230 Broadway
Youngstown, Ohio

Bonnell File

June 16, 1925

Mr. H. K. Caskey
159 Pearson Drive
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Caskey:

I have before me the record of the Pledge Card of Mr. Hugh Bonnell. Following is a copy of it:

Total Pledge - $600.00

Dates due		Payments made	
10/ 1/23	200.00	1/10/24	$200.00
10/1/24	200.00		
10/1/25	200.00		

You will see that Mr. Bonnell has paid only $200 on a total pledge of $600. I don't like to write him as he is in arrears only one payment and the next payment is not due until October of this year. Would you suggest that we do not write him about this until October and then try to get the entire $400?

With warm regards,

Ever yours

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Bonnell

Casting letter to Lewis

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159 PEARSON DRIVE
ASHEVILLE
NORTH CAROLINA

June 24/25.

Dear Mr. Lewis —

(In regard to Hugh Bonnell's subscription, I think I'd not ask him for anything till the year is up, though I thought his first payment was in 1923 when his sister Caroline Bonnell Jones paid here and his Mother gave $1000.— He is a little touchy and so absolutely absorbed in the Welding Problems himself

that he forgets things –
If there is any thing new in
that department at Peking don't
fail to write him about it –
If you get any cables
about the situation from
Ottawa or others – do let me
know – Best wishes

A.K. Cassels

Am hoping to hear that Luce has had
some successful work –

from
Caroline Bonnell Jones (Mrs. Paul Jones)
2061 E 96th St. Cleveland Ohio
formerly 230 Broadway Youngstown, Ohio

Sent given through Mr. Hubert Caskey.

MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN CHINA

July 1, 1925.

You will be interested in the following cablegram from President Stuart:

> "Concerning disturbances: Not much anti-foreign feeling; it is chiefly against English because of the incidents in Shanghai. We do not anticipate any danger. Peking University attitude fully appreciated by Chinese. We are all working together harmoniously. New teachers do not hesitate to come."

The newspapers here brought reports of rioting in Shanghai, Canton, Foochow, Peking, Hankow, Chungking and Kiukiang. Look at the map of China and you will see that these cities are distributed in every section of the nation.

With the exception of Shanghai and Canton - and possibly Kiukiang - there seems to have been no shooting and the riots were demonstrations made largely by students. All the trouble seems to have taken place in cities where there are foreign "concessions". There are about seventeen such cities in China.

There is doubtless some Russian influence in these demonstrations and uprisings, but it is probably overstated.

The Tariff Conference which is being called for Shanghai by the representatives of other nations with China, will likely help matters very considerably. The Chinese feel that they are prevented from having a strong central government because they cannot fix and receive the revenue of a higher tariff. Their tariff is fixed by the foreign Powers, not by themselves.

One of the chief reasons for the anti-British feeling is that the police who did the shooting in Shanghai are under the command of British officers.

We feel that these demonstrations are but extreme expressions of the unrest which now pervades China. We do not look upon them as dangerous. They do indicate that the Chinese have reached the place where they feel they have a right to more direction in their own affairs than has been accorded them for some years past.

The construction of our university buildings and power equipment is being pushed this summer. We need and ask your very substantial help for their completion.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES H. LEWIS

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July 13, 1925.

Mrs. Caroline Connell Jones,
2061 East 96th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mrs. Jones:

Thank you sincerely for your generous check for $300.00 received Saturday. I am particularly delighted to tell you that the response which we have had to this memorandum has been really more than I expected. One of our Pittsburgh subscribers, who heretofore made no contribution whatever, responded with a pledge for a residence for Peking University in Peking. While others like yourself, have responded with substantial checks for the carrying on of the construction.

I am glad that the American Government has taken such a favorable attitude towards China. No national crisis through which China has passed has so stirred her people as the present one. This is largely because of the spread of means for communication and the growth of literacy during the last five years. The other reason for the nation being stirred as never before is that our government is taking a friendly attitude, thereby increasing the friendship which already exists between China and America.

In the meantime, I have a long letter from Dr. Stuart in which he tells me that the friendly attitude of the University toward the Chinese during the past few weeks has greatly enhanced its influence and leadership among the leaders of China.

Very sincerely yours,

Received July 11	1928
Entered	✓
Cash receipt made	✓
Pledge card	✓
Follow up card	✓
Checked on list	✓
" " Stencils	✓
Answered	✓
(Lion sent)	
Filed	✓

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September 1, 1925

Mr. Herbert K. Caskey
34 Lawrence Place
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Caskey:

We have checked both our records and the records of Dr. North as treasurer, and find that both records agree in the statement of Mrs. Myron C. Wick's gifts which we sent you in our last letter.

At the present time we find that your friends are probably in a position to receive a letter from us concerning the possibility of their giving for this year as follows:

Mrs. J. M. Bonnell $1,000.00
Hugh Bonnell (due on his subsc. $200 in 1924
and $200 in 1925) 400.00

Mrs. Paul Jones' subscription of $900 for salary of Professor in Agriculture has been completed this year. Should we write her asking her to renew her pledge for three more years?

Mrs. Perry B. Owen 2,500.00

I am sending the above to you because you may wish to write them direct rather than have me write them. However, I will be glad to write them if that is what you desire. I will wait for word from you before I write.

There must have been some confusion in the mind of this woman about the Sage Memorial because that is the name of the building. As you know it is the Junior College Recitation Building of the Woman's Group and its official name is "The Sage Memorial". I am enclosing herewith a little brochure gotten up in Peking which testifies the veracity of my statement!

I am glad you are having such a good time and that you have definitely planned to settle there.

With warm regards,
Very sincerely yours

Bonnell File

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

Jan. 21/26.

Dear Mr Lenz

Mrs. J.M. Bonnell of Youngstown Ohio died last night, so go easy on any communications sent there. She was the Mother of Hugh Bonnell, and Mrs Paul Jones of Cleveland, who will probably eventually make good her annual contribution —

Cordially

H.K. Caskey —

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January 23, 1926

formerly Young Lowe
Carolina Bonwell

Mrs. Paul Jones
2061 East 96th Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Jones:

I have just learned to my sorrow of the death of your good mother. May I express to you our deep regret in her passing and our appreciation of the continued spirit of kindliness and generosity which she had and in which she gave us the privilege of sharing.

During these days of lonliness I pray for the confort of the Father.

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. Caroline Bonwell Jones

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Answered by Mrs. Park

FEB 28 1927

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

Bonnell
Feby 24/27.

Dear Mrs. Park -

Mr Hugh Bonnell of Youngstown Ohio has answered my recent letter to them about their subscription - I should have kept your memo. instead of making notes on it and returning it to you. They say that their Mother Mrs. J. M. Bonnell paid her pledge in full - that is $100.00 a year for two years - $200.00 she did I think that is what your memo. said.

Mr. Jones is paid in full - yes $90.00 or $30.00 annually for 3 years.

Hugh W. Bonnell said he had

forgotten his pledge of $200.00
a year for the more years
She says he will be glad to
pay that as soon as he can.
He may possibly send in through
me - I will forward it at once
of course if he does. If Mrs.
Bonnell (she died) paid $200.00 that will have
to conclude that return as the
Estate has made heavy pledges
on a memorial - If she paid
only $100.00 please let me know.
With best wishes - Sincerely
A.K. Cauley

July 15, 1927

MEMO TO MR. GARSIDE

Regarding the Bennell family contributions to the Department of Agriculture:

There is still due (from Mr. Hugh W. Bennell, Youngstown, Ohio) $400 against his pledge of $600 made in June 1923. He was to pay $200 annually but paid only his first instalment. H. K. Caskey writes (Feb. 24, 1927) "Hugh W. Bennell said he had forgotten his pledge of $200 a year for two more years but says he will be glad to pay that as soon as he can."

His sister gave $300 for this department. She is Mrs. Paul Jones, 2750 Endicott Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. J. M. Bahnell, now deceased, gave $2000.

The last letter which was written to Mr. Hugh Bennell was on July 9, 1926, and only gave the situation in China - no mention was made of his pledge or of his giving any money to the cause.

L.M.

Bonnell

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

August 18, 1927

Mr. Hugh W. Bonnell,
Broadway,
Youngstown, Ohio.

My dear Mr.Bonnell:

Our campaign office records show that in June, 1923, you very generously agreed to contribute to Peking University the sum of $200. annually for three years. The first installment of $200. was paid on January 14, 1924, and as far as our records show, this was the only payment made.

You have undoubtedly kept in close touch with the China situation during recent months and know something of the remarkable record which Peking University has been making. It has been one of the very few universities of any rank or grade in China that has succeeded in keeping its work going forward without interruption. The splendid new University plant just outside of Peking is almost completed, the student enrollment has surpassed all previous records, and the University staff, both foreign and Chinese, are carrying on with their work in an admirable spirit. The University today without question faces the greatest opportunity of service it has ever had.

And yet, if Peking University is to make the most of this opportunity, her friends in the West must lend their generous support. The institution is faced with many serious financial problems and on their solution depends the hope of efficient work during this year and future years. Your contribution is needed now even more urgently than it has ever been. We earnestly hope that it will be convenient for you to contribute your assistance sometime within the next few months.

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Garrett
Assistant Secretary

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November 29, 1927.

Doctor J. L. Stuart,
Office of Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Doctor Stuart:-

Since my last letter of November 16, 1927, you must be thinking what has become of the Department. For the past two weeks the students have been quiet after Mr. Lew Yu-lung's resignation. It is very hard to predict what will be the next movement on the part of the students, but the general opinion of Dr. Galt, Vice President Wu and myself is to wait for further development. So far as I am concerned, I am still with the Department.

Concerning the financial question of the Department, we may need $2000.00 to tide over the next month, so if the Bonell Gift is still good, we should be very glad to receive it sometime next month. I have noticed that there are payments made by the New York Office out of the Department's income. I hope that I can be informed as to what are the regular payments to be made by them, in order that I may be able to keep the expenses within limit. I am also trying to obtain from the Treasurer's Office a statement showing the outstanding debts of the Department due them, so that we may make arrangements for settlement.

All the Bonnell's have paid up pledges except Hughes - $400

Under separate cover, I am sending you some souvenirs of this year's Agriculture Fair, which I think will be of interest to you. Please use these pictures to the best advantage, such as the wiring of advertisements for the Department. In case these souvenirs should not arrive before you leave for China, I hope you will arrange to have someone responsible for them.

Yours very faithfully,

Homer H. Lew

Homer H. Lew,
Chairman, Department of Agriculture.

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January 18, 1928

Mr. Hugh W.Bonnell,
Broadway,
Youngstown, Ohio.

My dear Mr.Bonnell:

On August 18, 1927 we wrote to call your attention to the fact that our records show you have made only one payment of $200.00 on the pledge you made in June 1923 that you would contribute a total of $600.00 to the work of Peking University, this amount to be sent in three annual payments. As yet we have not received any reply to our communication of last August so we are taking the liberty of calling the matter to your attention once more.

During the last few weeks I have received several communications from Peking stating that the work in the Department of Agriculture, for which your contribution was designated, is just now seriously hampered by lack of funds. This department has been accomplishing admirable results on a very limited budget, and the added support which the remainder of your pledge would bring would be of great value to them at this time.

As you probably know, President J.Leighton Stuart is now in America and is having most gratifying results in stimulating interest of the American friends of Yenching University. The University has made a most remarkable record during the past year and is amply deserving of every bit of support we in America can possibly give it.

May we hear from you in regard to the $400.00 still remaining unpaid on your pledge so that we can write our workers in Peking the encouraging news that they will have this contribution to assist them in their work this year.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

BAG-H

CC: Campaign Office

March 13, 1929

Dear Mr. Bonnell:

In June 1923 you pledged $600 toward the salary of a teacher in the department of agriculture at Yenching University to be paid in three annual instalments beginning July 1923. You made the first payment for which this office sent you receipt #626. In the rush of the special effort to raise money for University buildings, it is likely that the office did not remind you the following year when the second payment was due. Somewhat later the executive secretary, Mr. Lewis, died suddenly and there was an interim in which no one was in charge of this office.

Within the past twelve months a thorough examination of all office records has been made. A good many friends have been reminded of pledges long past due and I am grateful yo say that in almost all cases these past due pledges have been honored. This year we are very badly in need of cash for various purposes. One special need is just that to which you made your pledge - the salary of a teacher in the department of agriculture.

May I ask whether it would be possible for you to make a payment on your pledge at this time or to indicate when we should remind you and expect an instalment.

Assuring you of our grateful appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. Hugh W. Bonnell
Broadway
~~New York City~~
Youngstown

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