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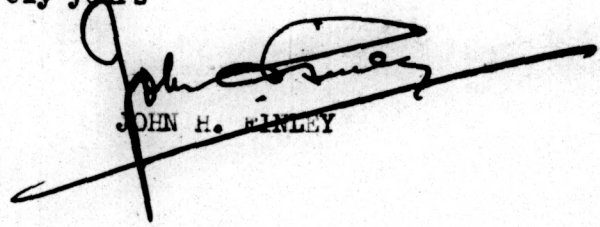
March 24, 1920

Dear Mr Luce:

Thank you for the present word and for the pamphlet about Peking. It is most gratifying to have association with such an institution in the world's "Middle Nation".

I have just had the pleasure of entertaining here in Albany the Chinese Educational Commission. You were with them, I remember, in New York. I hope some day that I may be able to spend an evening with you and hear from your lips the story of the work out there.

Sincerely yours

  
JOHN H. BINLEY

To  
Mr Henry W. Luce  
Vice-President, Peking University  
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City

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Dr. John H. Finley  
c/o New York Times  
229 West 43rd Street  
New York City

Dear Doctor Finley:

You will recall our conversation in regard to the raising of the diminutive Department of Journalism at Peking into a School of Journalism. Since I saw you, letters are at hand which add some very remarkable data, all serving to emphasize the importance and urgency of the task and opportunity at Peking, which I think you see as clearly as I do.

Your thought was that, on your return, we might lay the matter before certain individuals, such as Edward Bok, Charles Crane, and others. I wonder if it would be possible to do something this June? In this hope I have been keeping my schedule open and could fit into any date and plan you might suggest, save I am to be at Pittsburg Sunday, June 13th.

I can always be reached through the Peking University New York office, 150 Fifth Avenue (telephone - Chelsea 2130).

Hoping you had a fine trip to Europe and to Greece and looking forward to greeting you again,

Very sincerely yours,

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March 22, 1926

Dr. John H. Finley  
229 West 43rd Street  
New York City

Dear Dr. Finley:

As a result of our conference the other day, I felt that in a marked way you had seen at once the important and far-reaching bearing of the plan to establish a School of Journalism at Peking. So far as I can see, it is about as worthwhile a single task to carry through as one could find on the face of the earth today.

As I think of the large things that you have been able to accomplish in the past, I can well realize how there often must be the quiet spirit of joy and thankfulness in your heart for the opportunities to render such service. If now, in such ways as you may devise, this task at Peking could be accomplished, I wonder if it would not be potentially one of the greatest services of your life.

I shall be in the city continuously until after Easter and perhaps up till April 15. My schedule after that is somewhat uncertain. I have been wondering if some time before you go to Europe and Greece we could make a first attempt at least to lay the matter before such men as you mentioned the other day. At any rate I hold myself in readiness to cooperate with you in this important matter and await your suggestion. My address is "c/o Peking University, 150 - 5th Avenue" and my telephone number is "Chelsea 2130".

I was impressed with the last words that you said as we parted the other day; "It ought to be done, it must be done." In that faith I am keen to cooperate under your leadership.

Very earnestly yours

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July 1, 1926.

Dr. John H. Finley,  
The New York Times,  
229 West 43rd Street,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Finley:

You will recall our conversation in regard to the raising of our Department of Journalism at Peking University from its present initial stage into a School of Journalism. On an accompanying page I give some extracts from letters recently at hand, all serving to emphasize the importance and urgency of the task and opportunity at hand which I think you see as clearly as I do.

Your thought was that, on your return from Europe, we might lay the matter before certain individuals, any one of whom might do the whole thing (you will recall that our estimate was that it would cost \$500,000.00 to establish and endow this proposed school of journalism). Do you think it would be feasible to take the matter up now? I should be glad of word from you about the matter, at my address, Peking University, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. (Phone Chelsea 2130.)

Hoping you had a fine trip to Europe and some happy days with your son, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

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NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM  
PEKING UNIVERSITY

Messrs Britton and Nash, two young men highly trained in journalism arrived at Peking September of 1924 and at once took initial steps in the establishment of the Department of Journalism. Nearly one thousand newspapers have been started up in China during the last ten years. All the leading ones have expressed the desire that Peking University should furnish them trained men. The opportunity seems unlimited, involving as it does the public opinion of a quarter of the human race. Fifteen students are now in training. The salaries of Messrs Britton and Nash are guaranteed for another year and a half but even now there are no funds in hand to enable them to secure and train up Chinese teachers. If necessary endowment is not secured soon to carry on the two salaries, with those of one or two high class Chinese assistants and the necessary funds for current expenses, we may be faced (as Dr. Stuart wrote in a recent letter) "to give up even the little nucleus we now have".

Some extracts from a recent letter from Mr. Nash to Mr. Luce:

"For more than a year now the Mass Education work has been carried on in and around Peking. The office now centers at Peking and the famous "Jimmy" Yen, its Executive Secretary, has his home here. I presume it is for this reason (some thousands now literate who were not a year ago) that accounts for one of the most prominent new features in the street life of Peking, namely crowds of news-boys. They are specially conspicuous in the afternoons selling the "small" sheets. It is possible also that the increasing use of the street cars accounts for the growth in the street sale of newspapers. Men about to board trams for a ride of some length buy the papers to pass the time."

"The opportunity could be outlined in very few words as follows:

- (1) The numbers of Chinese able to read should continue to increase rapidly for a good many years to come. Because of the 1,000-character movement, a large proportion of these new literates are adults.
- (2) One of the most direct results of this increase in literacy is a proportionate growth in the numbers and circulation of newspapers. We can predict a huge newspaper growth in China in the immediate future not only because of what we see happening all around us at present, but also even more confidently because of the record in Japan where increase in literacy resulted immediately in the phenomenal development of Japanese journalism so that some of the largest newspaper properties in the world are now in certain Japanese cities, notably Osaka."
- (3) This imminent enlargement of the field of journalism in China means that the demand for trained personnel will, without a doubt, exceed the supply for a good many years to come. If the right kind of men and women are not available, the other

kind will perforce be employed. Q. E. D. the strategic opportunity for a school of journalism in Peking (Yenching) University."

"In view encouraging to us to have the number of students double in our second year's teaching; it has been even more heartening to learn what a large proportion of them are definitely planning upon a newspaper career."

"I'm willing to gamble the "best ten years of my life" that the national situation in China will be ready for their talents just about the time these present students reach their point of greatest potential usefulness. "

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Finley

December 3, 1926.

Dr. John H. Finley,  
TIMES Annex,  
West 42d Street,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Finley:

In times of great crises, like these in China, there always is opportunity for at least two points of view. Mr. Strawn represents one point of view at the present time, but I feel quite sure it is the minority point of view, especially if you take into consideration the men who are, by long experience in China, able to interpret the facts.

I sincerely hope you will be able to read the paper prepared by Mr. Barnabuis. You will note there that Roger Greene (whose utterances are always measured) is eager to get back to China to meet the special opportunity there. If we are right, the present crisis offers a most special opportunity.

It is possible that you you may not know that at the last meeting of the Foreign Policy Association, Mr. Strawn was a speaker. At that time Roger Greene arose and said that he had been in China not only all the time that Mr. Strawn had been there, but in addition the three months preceding, and the three months following. He had also been for a long term of years Director of the Rockefeller Medical work in China and before that, Consul at Hankow. He said that he did not question the facts that Mr. Strawn presented, but that he did question the interpretation of those facts, and in this lies the great difference. I wish Mr. Strawn could see these things differently, for of course such a well-known man can do a good deal of harm by stating that money put in China is merely wasted. I really do not know of anyone who knows China and in whose judgment I have confidence who thinks that this is the time to hold back. Rather, this crisis is producing an opportunity such as I think we never have had before -- and especially for just such things as we have been conferring about. To let our embryonic Department of Journalism go to the wall now, just when, with three years initial experience gained, it is ready to go forward to meet the new day, seems to me to be almost tragic. If we are wrong (and the best testimony that we can secure does not seem to indicate that we are) at the worst it would be the loss of only a few thousand dollars initial funds, but if Mr. Strawn is wrong, the loss is almost irreparable.

I am leaving the city for my Western trip within an hour or so. If you wish to communicate with me, I should be glad if you would

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so through Dr. Eric North at our office her -- telephone Chelsea 2130.

In making up your mind as to the issue involved, I am  
re you will give a good deal of weight to the various testimonies borne  
the paper of Mr. Warnshuis, which I left with you.

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November 30, 1927

Dear Doctor Finley:

I am just in receipt of a letter from Professor Lucius Porter of our faculty in Peking who tells me of a statement that Mr. Hallett Abend has sent to the New York Times regarding the position of our university in relation to Chinese nationalism. It is not important that I see this before its publication, although Dr. Porter urges that I do. I venture, however, to call your attention to what in your busy life must be a very small matter. If you think it worth while you may care to arrange for my passing upon it before it appears in print.

I should also like to have your opinion as to the possibility of our being able to interest Mr. Ochs in the proposed School of Journalism at Yenching. It is important that some decision be reached in the near future regarding this project. There is scarcely any feature of our work which has seemed to me as full of promise as this is and yet we cannot attempt to re-open the school unless assured of at least a minimum income especially provided for the purpose.

I shall be here most of the time until December 15th after which I am planning to go south for the holidays. If a decision could be reached before that time it would be quite a relief to me. Any assistance you can give in seeing that this be brought to the attention of Mr. Ochs will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. John H. Finley  
The New York Times  
Times Square  
New York, N. Y.

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June 26, 1928

Dear Mrs. Finley:

After some months of very painstaking work our office secretary, Miss McCoy, has brought our records here up to date. She has found a good many instances of confusion due to misunderstanding of records of conversations, verbal pledges, etc. As a matter of good office management we are for this reason making every effort to see that all understandings with friends of the University regarding prospective gifts shall be in explicit written form. I am sure you will understand the sense of responsibility which leads us to adopt this principle.

Our files contain the carbon of a letter written by President Stuart to you on May 9th referring to a conversation between you and him the previous day and to the fact that he was enclosing a pledge card. Dr. Stuart informed us verbally in the office regarding your very generous intention to contribute a total of \$2,500 to the University for the Women's College. We shall be grateful if you will make your wishes in regard to this matter quite explicit by filling out the enclosed pledge card in accordance with your intention and mail it for our records.

Since I am writing you on this matter, I venture to refer to another item which I discussed with you several months ago - the effort to secure initial financing for the department of journalism. I telephoned and then wrote Dr. Finley in the hope that he might secure a pledge from Mr. Ochs. Upon latest information Dr. Finley had gone to California. His secretary advised me to approach Mr. Ochs directly. I felt that this would be very bad tactics and I am leaving the matter in the hope that Dr. Finley may yet secure one of the five year \$1,000 pledges from Mr. Ochs which would bring our total of such pledges up to five and a half or \$5,500 a year for a period of five years. We should need only \$4,500 more to launch this part of the University's work. Mr. Ochs would, of course, carry tremendous influence with other publishers if we were permitted to include his name with the four others we now have.

Moreover, this would influence Mrs. Elmhirst who has been seriously considering a contribution which might even bring us up to

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the total amount needed.

I hope you may already have heard that President Stuart arrived in Peking in time for commencement on June 10th and has cabled that everything is promising for the future.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. John H. Finley  
1 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

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June 29. 1928

KILMARNOCK  
TAMWORTH  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dear Mr. Trammeter -

Your letter has  
been forwarded to me here  
where I have been with my  
son for a month. He has  
not been well, and other  
things have been neglected.  
My conversation with Dr.  
Stuart stands, which I had  
wanted to send the signed  
pledges for the first food  
kit things were a little  
more settled about the  
Truman's College. We had  
expected to have a meeting  
of the Com. about the matter

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of June but it was deferred. I  
hope Mr. & Mrs. Boyd will visit  
the time because of uncertain  
conditions in China, & believe  
they will.

Mr. Ochs is not in U. S. just  
now but I will write to Mr.  
Fulley about the matter. I suppose  
it was settled. I am sure  
he told Mr. Fulley he would  
do it just before things  
became so uncertain in  
Peking - Probably he  
decided to wait till  
he knew more definitely  
how affairs were. I am

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KILMARNOCK  
TAMWORTH  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Very glad to know of the  
encouraging cable  
from Dr. Stuart.

My gift is to the  
Woman's College as I  
begin understand, and  
I will send the first  
\$1000 as soon as the  
status is somewhat  
more defined.

Yours truly  
(Mrs. J. H.) Martha Fuller

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Finley, Mrs. John H.  
1 Lexington ave.  
New York City  
July 2, 1928

Pledge \$2500 for 1928 Campaign -  
Women's College

Gift received	7-2-28
Receipt slip #	
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	279✓
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X-file cards	
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" " class card	✓
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Payable "on or before Jan. 1, 1930"

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July 7, 1928

My dear Mrs. Finley:

Pardon my delay in expressing thanks for your letter of June 29th. Dr. Stuart has expressed to you in person his gratitude for your help. He would wish to renew this expression of thanks were he here now. Your pledge will be clearly recorded in the interest of the Women's College.

If Dr. Finley succeeds in securing a definite pledge from Mr. Ochs, I firmly believe that this will mean the complete success of our effort for the initial financing of the school of journalism. I shall hesitate to bring this matter to Dr. Finley's attention again knowing how numerous are the appeals that he must receive. I shall also hesitate to approach Mr. Ochs since this would seem quite out of order when Dr. Finley has already talked with him. I shall, therefore, be especially grateful if you can inform me a little later of the result of your discussion of the matter with Dr. Finley. The pledge from Mr. Ochs would bring the total money pledge at the present time for the journalism project up to \$5,500 a year for five years. A little later we could certainly obtain the remaining \$4,500. On the other hand, without the pledge from Mr. Ochs I do not feel confident of success in this matter.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd have graciously extended the time limit on their pledge to July 15th. A letter sent out from this office over the signature of Mr. Warner has brought in a total of somewhat over \$17,500 in cash and pledges. We are now sending a follow up letter. It remains to be seen whether Mr. and Mrs. Boyd will feel it wise to be exceedingly flexible in the application

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of one item of their conditions - that the only cash and pledges which can be counted toward meeting their conditions must be money to be devoted to the definite objectives mentioned in the campaign literature. Much that has been given or pledged has been specified for other objectives than those mentioned. This is always one of the difficulties of raising money.

Our latest news from Peking is altogether encouraging.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. John H. Finley  
1 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

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KILMARNOCK  
TAMWORTH  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sep 12, 1928.

E. W. McBrien - Treasurer  
Dean -

According to my pledge  
to Peking University, I  
now inclose a check for  
\$1000 towards my pledge  
of \$2500 - to be applied  
to funds of the Wanamans  
College - the remainder  
to be paid at my con-  
venience before January  
1, 1930. I am glad

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that the total amount  
of \$500,000, has been  
pledged.

James Trukey  
Martha B. Trukey  
(Mrs John H. Trukey)

Here too Oct 1 -  
N.Y. address  
1 Lexington Avenue.

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Finley, Mrs. John H.  
1 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

Sept. 13, 1928

\$1000.00 - 1928 Camp. - Women's College (Payment on pledge)

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" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	279 ✓
Pledge signal attached	✓
X-file cards	✓
Letter ack. sent	9/19/28
Checked for O. L.	
" " class card	✓
" " stencil	✓

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November 8, 1928

My dear Mrs. Finley:

Knowing how deeply interested you are in Yenching and especially in the Women's College of the University, I venture to inform you of the very difficult situation we face in our present campaign for funds.

You are well aware, of course, that last winter when President Stuart was seriously needed in Peking he came home because of the necessity of securing a moderate additional fund to meet certain needs of the University on its present scale of operation. The amount requested of our friends in America was \$500,000.00, this to be distributed among certain pressing needs - a small addition to the endowment, a dormitory to accommodate desirable students eager for admission for whom we have an ample teaching staff but no accommodation, faculty residences required to relieve faculty members of conditions of living entailing waste of time and undue nervous strain, a gymnasium for the Women's College, a building for the practice school of the department of education, the minimum necessary improvement to the campus of the University, etc.

We have all been gratified by the response with which the appeal for the University has been met since we were well aware when the campaign began that the American public had not yet recovered from the effect of unfavorable newspaper reports of conditions in China. We are grateful to have secured in cash and pledges \$447,000 of the total amount for which we have been asking. We feel that this degree of success under difficult conditions means a distinct endorsement of the University by those best informed about its work.

But the distressing element in the situation is that we are in great danger of losing \$90,000 of the \$447,000 pledged. This very generous gift has been offered to complete the present building requirements of the Women's College. The two friends who have offered

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it have extended the time limit of their offer twice. We are now informed confidentially that at the expiration of the present time limit, January 1st, there is no reason to hope for a further extension or for a modification of the conditions. They offered this gift as a part of the money necessary to put the University on a sound basis for the proper accomplishment of its task with its present prospective enrolment of 700 students. They do not approve of contributions which fail to achieve the objects in mind. They definitely expect us to report by January 1st that all the objects we have had before us in this campaign shall have been accomplished.

We are doing our utmost to secure the remaining \$53,000 in time to save that generous gift. I am venturing to address this letter to you in the earnest hope that there may be some one or more friends to whom you will feel free to address an appeal for help to the University under these conditions. I know you will help us in any way that seems practicable.

You can certainly state to any interested friends that Yenching University now holds the foremost position among Christian colleges in China. It has the largest enrolment of collegiate students and these come from every province in the country, a disproportionate number from remote provinces in the south. It has been selected by a competent commission as the one institution to offer at present a full curriculum of postgraduate studies and it has enrolled this year 100 postgraduate students. Obviously it is to be the center from which the most thoroughly trained leadership is to be sent into all parts of China to help in bringing Christian influence to bear upon the New China.

With sincere appreciation,

Cordially,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. John H. Finley  
1 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

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March 13, 1929

Dear Mrs. Finley:

I had given up all hope that Mr. Ochs would help us when you told me that you and Dr. Finley were inclined to make another effort there. Dr. Finley's success gives us the greatest satisfaction. This pledge, together with what Dr. Jenney has secured on his trip in the West, brings our total for journalism slightly beyond \$56,000.

If you were an outsider, I might try to avoid stating this figure seemingly above the total amount needed for the five year period. Since, however, you are very much on the inside, I will add the comment that we are eager to put the figure up to \$60,000 since this will not only give us a five year demonstration budget, but also cover the two years' residence and study of Mr. Nash who is to be responsible for this demonstration and the entire cost of securing the special budget for journalism. A conclusion like that would surely be meat enough to satisfy anybody and you and Dr. Finley deserve much of the credit for the complete success we now hope for.

Gratefully,

Mrs. John H. Finley  
1 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

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Mar 20, 1929.

ONE LEXINGTON AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

Dear Mr. McBrine -

I in enclosing a  
check for \$1000 on my  
pledge of \$2500 to Peking  
Univ. \$1000 was paid

Sept 12 1928, so now  
only \$500 remains which  
I shall pay before Jan  
1, 1930. This gift

is for the Women's  
College.

Sincerely yours  
(Mrs. J. H.) Martha B. Tweedy

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*Mrs J.H. Finley*

April 25, 1929.

Mr. Julius Rosenwald,  
Sears Roebuck & Company,  
Arthington and South Woman Avenues,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Julius:

My sister, Mrs. John H. Finley, is on the Women's Board of Yenching University at Peking, and my cousin, Roland Boyden, is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, which institute has received a good deal of money under the will of Mr. Hall of Cleveland, to be used for research in the field of Chinese culture.

Through these relatives I have become interested in Yenching, and have been asked if I would not give Dr. Jenney, Executive Secretary of Yenching University, a letter of introduction to you. Dr. Jenney will arrive in Chicago some time after April 28.

I have told Mrs. Finley that I thought it much fairer to send you the enclosures which contain admirable statements in regard to Yenching, which I have read with interest, and ask you to read them if possible and then to advise me whether you would be willing to accord an interview to Dr. Jenney.

I am greatly interested in the character and possibilities of the Chinese people, and also greatly interested in the fact that you made a fine gift to Beirut, which in my judgment is doing the same kind of work that Yenching is doing in China.

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Mr. Julius Rosenwald:

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April 25, 1929.

If you can find time to see Dr. Jenney I should be grateful. If you find it impossible I shall feel for you the same admiration and affection that I have felt for many years.

Always sincerely yours,

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P. S. Among the enclosures is a letter from Mr. Roger S. Green of the Rockefeller Foundation, with whom you are doubtless acquainted:

W. C. B.

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1 Lexington Ave -

Dear Mr. Loannamaker -

I send you a  
copy of the letter my  
brother sent Mr. Rosenwald.  
I'm sure you will agree  
that he has done what  
he can for us -

Sincerely yours,  
Martha Tuley

April 27, 1929.

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May 2, 1929

Dear Mrs. Finley:

Thank you for sending me the copy of the letter your brother wrote to Mr. Rosenwald to accompany our statement. I am sure we could not have this matter presented to Mr. Rosenwald under more favorable circumstances. We shall hope that substantial results may accrue from your and your brother's efforts. If nothing results, we can certainly at least subscribe to the last sentence in your brother's letter only we shall apply this to you instead of to Mr. Rosenwald.

I have informed Dr. Stuart fully about this approach to Mr. Rosenwald and I know he will be very grateful to you and to your brother.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. John H. Finley  
1 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

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Finley, Mrs. John H.

1 Lexington Ave.  
New York City

Feb. 21, 1930

\$500 - 1928 Camp. - Women's College -  
(final due on pledge)

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FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

ONE LEXINGTON AVENUE FEB 25 1930  
NEW YORK CITY

Ans. Feb 20.

Dear Carla -

I'm glad to know  
the date of your meeting  
- I was fearful I might  
miss it. The Nat. Council  
of the Nat. Bd. of the Y.W.C.A.  
meets in Detroit April  
25 - to May 1. So  
you see I can just about  
get in the meeting  
before going to  
Detroit. I enclose

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a letter from Mrs. France  
which has just come &  
which worries me.

Why do you suppose  
she is "not enjoying  
her work" if the truth  
were told? Is it just  
that she wants to be  
doing something else  
or is something wrong  
in the management. If  
it is the Com. should  
know it before we  
get a head down.

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Appelennately, June  
Martha B. Finley.

I do not suppose this  
letter is confidential since  
she didnt say so, unless  
your discretion about it.

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February 25, 1930

Mrs. John H. Finley  
1 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

Dear Martha:

I am ever so glad to have your letter this morning and I certainly am thankful that the date of the Yenching Committee meeting comes at a time when you can be present.

I have been meaning to write you a little word of welcome ever since you got home from Scotland and also to tell you how very much I enjoyed the unique Christmas card you and John sent us. I always look forward to your cards as they represent so much personal thought. I probably should never have the originality to do anything of that kind if I had ever so much time, but the time element alone seems to make it impossible for me to give as much thought to my friends as I should love to.

Thank you for sending me Mrs. Frame's letter. This remark about not enjoying her Yenching work is more out-spoken than anything she has written me. It troubles me a little too, and yet I really do not believe it is anything more than the result of her feeling that she is in Yenching temporarily, and since the change is to come, she would like to get it over as soon as she can.

A letter I had from her two or three days ago told me in the briefest possible fashion of an invitation she had received from Dr. Lobenstine to join the staff of the National Christian Council. She said the invitation came to her as a very great surprise and her judgment was to the effect that they should seek a Chinese woman for the position. She also thought that whoever accepted that position should begin work at the earliest date possible, and she felt herself bound to Yenching until the summer of 1931. She sent me a copy of the reply she wrote Dr. Lobenstine, which was nothing more than an expression of her surprise and the above two thoughts, together with a few questions as to the nature of the work.

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Mrs. J.H.F. -- 2

This letter of yours gives a more hopeful word as to the possibility of finding the right Chinese Dean than anything I have had. We will hope to have something more on this subject before our meeting.

Always lovingly yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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June 7, 1930

Mrs. John H. Finley  
1 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

Dear Martha:

When President Stuart was in the other day we talked a little about the invitation to Miss Gillespie to become a member of our Yenching College Committee. You know, I think, that I passed on to her the invitation of the Committee but that she declined to serve. That you may know just how the matter stands at present, I enclose a copy of her letter and of the letter I wrote her in reply. President Stuart said the other day that he thought a word from you might help her to reconsider and accept service on our Committee. Could you write her?

I am wondering whether you have already gone to your summer place or will be going soon. If you should be in or near Boston, do come to see me. I often wish we could have more or a real visit.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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June 10, 1930

Mrs. John H. Finley  
1 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

Dear Martha:

Thank you for your note and for your being willing to write to Miss Gillespie.

As to the additional grant requested by cable by the Woman's College for supplementary heating apparatus, my judgment is that the amount needed should be taken from the Woman's College Surplus now on the field. I yesterday had a long letter from Mr. Garside asking for my opinion in regard to this and also the use of the remaining Surplus now standing to the credit of the Woman's College on the field. We have, as you will remember, had considerable correspondence as to the completion of the Sage Memorial Building. It seems that the work on that building, together with the furnishing, will when completed have cost something over \$10,000 more than the gifts received from the Sage funds for this purpose. I am today writing Mr. Garside that I am personally ready to approve the appropriation necessary for the completion of this building and its furnishing from the Surplus on the field. You will remember that he and I were made a special committee to consider the use that should be made of this Surplus. I think this action was taken not at our April but at the November 1929 meeting. It has involved considerable investigation and correspondence so we are only now ready to report. The suggestions that will be presented to the Finance Committee tomorrow are that any balance that remains after the Sage Building is completed and the new heating apparatus paid for shall be used first for meeting any further special needs in connection with this year's work of the Woman's College; second, for a suitable working balance on the field; and that any balance that may still remain shall be transferred to America for investment.

I hope these various suggestions will seem to you right. I am glad you are planning to be at the Finance Committee meeting tomorrow.

Always affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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February 28, 1951

Dr. Madeline Fiske  
39 Broad St.  
Stamford, Conn.

Dear Dr. Fiske:

I am not sure that you even know my name but I am deeply interested in Yenching College, and have followed with very great interest Miss Kendrick's correspondence with you in regard to the position of college physician. As soon as she received your letter telling of your decision not to apply for the position, she telephoned me and I shared the keen disappointment she felt. She has now sent your letter of the 23rd to me to read.

I notice what you say about the possibility of your later applying for regular missionary appointment. That remark leads me to raise with you the question whether the fact that we had suggested the Yenching work for a term of three years only is a factor in your decision. If you should be willing to think seriously of appointment as a missionary with the expectation of putting your life into the foreign work, I am sure that the Mission Board of your choice would be glad to take the matter up with you.

As you probably understand, several Mission Boards share in the support of Yenching. It happens that there will this summer be a vacancy in the quota of American Board missionaries assigned to Yenching, and I feel sure our Board would be most glad to take up with you the question of your appointment as a missionary with designation to the work of resident physician in Yenching women's College. The Mission Board of the Episcopal church is not now one of the boards cooperating in the support of Yenching, but if you should prefer to go under the board of your own church and that board should be willing and able to assign you to Yenching, this cooperation would be most eagerly welcomed.

I note what Miss Kendrick has said to you about the desirability of anyone giving her life to missionary work getting started in it fairly young. I think she is right in that. There are not only considerable adjustments to be made, but any missionary who hopes to do really worth while work must learn the Chinese language. In most cases new

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February 28, 1931

missionaries spend their first year in China at the Language School in Peiping. Definite language lessons must be continued much longer than the first year, but that can often be done with a private teacher.

If your decision that your work for the immediate future is in this country is final, all that I have said is perhaps uncalled for, but I wanted you to know how eagerly we would welcome your application for a longer term of service than three years.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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March 20, 1931

Mrs. John H. Finley  
1 Lexington Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Martha:

A thought has come to me in connection with the April meeting of our Yenching College Committee which I am going to pass on to you, believing that you will receive the suggestion in exactly the spirit in which it is meant, and will say "No" if you feel that you should.

I received some little time ago a list of the Yenching Alumni at present studying in America. The date at which the list was made out was November 18, 1930, and it may, by this time, be out of date. If this list is correct, there are at present time six men and four women graduates of Yenching in the immediate vicinity of New York. There are also several people who have been members of the Yenching faculty. The thought that has come to me is to wonder whether the Yenching College Committee could, in connection with its meeting, invite these friends to an informal reception where they might meet Dr. Stuart and the members of our committee. We would hardly want to go to the expense of meeting in a hotel or a place like the University Club; and the audacious thought has come to me that you might be willing to open your home for such a reception. The time would presumably have to be Tuesday evening. Very likely only a small number could be present, but I think there would be value in such a social meeting if it is practicable. If it is not convenient for you, you will of course say so and we will drop the thought.

Possibly Mrs. Speer and Margaret might be willing to act as hostesses in case you cannot well do so. The other member of our committee living in New York city, is Mrs. Cavert, but I do not know how she is situated, and in fact, feel that I know her very slightly indeed. The Yenching College Committee should by all means meet the expenses of such light refreshments as we might care to serve, and the invitations could, if you preferred, go in the name of the committee. Please let me know what you think of this suggestion, and as I said, do not feel to veto it very frankly if for any reason it does not seem good to you.

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I am looking forward to seeing you at the time of our meeting  
and hope all is going well with you and yours.

Lovingly yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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March 24, 1931

Mrs. John H. Finley  
1 Lexington Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Martha:

Thank you for your letter of Sunday. I like your suggestion of a tea Tuesday afternoon instead of an evening reception. I would not for anything have you give up your evening engagement, and anyhow, I believe you are right in feeling that the tea would be more practicable for people coming from a distance.

You ask what I would think of holding the afternoon session of our Committee meeting in your home. I should have no objections to that plan and really think it is a matter for you to decide. If it would be simpler and easier for us all to be there, than for us to continue at 150 Fifth Avenue until about four and then come over, I am sure the members of the Committee would gladly accede. I am writing Mrs. Williamson this morning and will tell her that I think the decision as to where the afternoon session should be held is for you to make, and asking her to ~~let you know~~ if she has any preference.

Now about the invitations. would you like me to send them from here in the name of the Yenching College Committee, or do you prefer to send them yourself? I do feel that any expense involved should be a charge against the Committee budget.

I am sure you must be busy these days getting ready for your Atlantactrip and you will have very little time before our meeting after your return. Please therefore let me ~~do~~ anything I can to help you.

Most affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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March 28, 1931

Mrs. John H. Finley  
1 Lexington Ave.  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Martha:

I will be very glad to send the invitations for our little reception Tuesday evening. I am planning to say from 4 to 6, as I feel sure we can get through our Yenching College Committee meeting by 3:30p.m. if we work to that end. Don't bother to send cards. I will get some.

If you approve, I would like to include President Stuart's name and have the invitations read:

Mrs. John H. Finley  
invites

Mr.

to meet President Stuart and the members  
of the Yenching College Committee  
at her residence  
1 Lexington Avenue, New York,  
on Tuesday afternoon, April 14, 1931  
from 4 to 6 p.m.

Please Reply.

I have from Mr. Evans a rather urgent letter as to my coming to New York for the meeting of the Yenching Executive and Finance Committees next Tuesday, March 31. I have not yet definitely decided as to whether I should go. Are you planning to be present? If so, we can talk over any further details that should be taken up in regard to the reception. I think Mrs. Williamson expects to be there.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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*[Handwritten signature]*

October 9, 1931

Dear Doctor Finley:

The secretary of Mr. Henry W. Taft, 40 Wall Street, said that a letter from you to Mr. Taft in the interest of Yenching University would do more than almost any other possible sort of introduction. Do you feel free to write him suggesting that he join you on the Yenching Committee we are forming? If you do not care to suggest this definite service, will you give me a letter of introduction to Mr. Taft?

I shall be grateful for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Doctor J. H. Finley  
New York Times  
New York City

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*W. A. Strong*

November 2, 1931

Dear Doctor Finley:

The late Walter A. Strong, of Chicago, was almost as influential as Dean Walter Williams, of the University of Missouri, in giving us an initial impetus toward the formation of our Department of Journalism at Yenching University. Mr. Strong verbally pledged \$5,000 and wrote a large number of letters to other editors and publishers, informing them that he was contributing toward this project and recommending it for their consideration. Mr. Strong's pledge was never put in writing, but was absolutely clear and definite. He died without having made any payment on this pledge. We have been endeavoring to secure payment by the Executors of the Estate. These Executors are willing to make payment, but feel that they have not quite sufficient evidence to place in their own records as legal justification for the payment. After considering all the evidence we have been able to send them, including a copy of the letter Mr. Strong wrote to other editors and publishers, they have now requested that we secure a signed copy of that letter.

One of those to whom Mr. Strong addressed a letter was Mr. Adolph Ochs. The letter was dated in the early part of April 1928. I am most reluctant to convey to Mr. Ochs the information that Mr. Strong failed to make any payment on his pledge and that we are having to collect from the Executors. I wonder whether it would be possible for you to secure for me, either the original letter from Mr. Strong, or a photostatic copy of that letter. With such a signed copy of the letter as addressed by Mr. Strong to one of those who actually responded by pledging, and with affidavits from Mr. Nash and Doctor Stuart as to the nature of Mr. Strong's verbal pledge, the Executors indicate that they will pay us the \$5,000 he promised in 1928.

Perhaps it may seem to you entirely out of order for me to trouble you with this matter, but I consider it very important not to disturb Mr. Ochs in regard to it and I do not know how else to obtain the letter. Mr. Dewart, of the New York Sun, has already tried, in vain, to locate his copy. There are only one or two others who responded favorably and they are at a distance from New York City. If, however, you cannot arrange this matter without too much trouble to yourself, please let me know, and I will see what else I can do.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. J. H. Finley  
The New York Times  
New York City

Assistant to the President

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November 24, 1931

Dear Doctor Finley:

May I ask whether you felt that it would be practicable to do anything in regard to the letter of the late Walter A. Strong, of Chicago, to Mr. Ochs regarding a contribution for our department of journalism, about which I wrote you on November 2nd. If you are in doubt as to the wisdom of making any inquiry regarding the filed copy in Mr. Ochs' office, please do not take any step. We should be extremely sorry to cause either needless trouble or any disturbance of the interest of Mr. Ochs by bringing to his attention the fact that Mr. Strong did not pay his own pledge.

Thanking you for your courteous attention to this matter,  
I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Dr. John H. Finley  
The New York Times  
New York City

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February 2, 1932

My dear Mrs. Finley:

We have looked up the payments on your pledge of \$2500, made to the Women's College of Yenching University on June 29, 1928, and are glad to verify your statement that payment of the final instalment of \$500 was made to us on February 20, 1930. Our record shows receipt of your check on the 21st.

We are returning the cancelled pledge herewith in order that you may see how it was written - signed by "Mrs. John H. Finley." Please do not trouble to return the pledge.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. John H. Finley  
1 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Countersigned

Assistant Treasurer

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June 24, 1932.

Mrs. John H. Finley,  
Famworth,  
New Hampshire.

My dear Mrs. Finley:

I have been sending information as to the status of our campaign daily to all the Trustees, and for some reason I have missed you. Permit me to apologize.

You probably heard of the challenging gift made by a New York lady who requires that her gift be matched by the Trustees with pledges given or secured.

The enclosed statement tells the story.

We have been working day and night on this campaign. Today we need \$12,835.55 to complete our \$250,000.

We are asking every one of our Trustees and friends to solicit a few friends. This we must do because our employed force are going to be utterly unable to secure the necessary funds to complete our requirements by next Thursday.

I cannot tell you how much we need your help. I really do not know how the Trustees are going to get nearly \$7,000 more to match this conditional gift. Can you do anything for us in the way of approaching some friend who might help?

Sincerely yours,

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27 June 1932

Dear Mrs. Finley:

Feeling that we could not possibly obtain the total amount required to meet the Rockefeller conditions without drawing on the pledge of Miss Mungar, we have reluctantly allocated one-half of that pledge to this particular purpose. After including that \$25,000, we need slightly more than \$9,100 to complete the fund. We have until Thursday evening to raise the additional amount. We are still straining every nerve to avoid a failure, but we have not very much left in prospect.

I know that it is not in order for me to ask you to make a contribution. Your interest in Yenching is even more intimate than my own. I merely write to state the situation so that you may decide yourself what you think it right to do to assist us in completing our task.

You have been very good in helping throughout and we are all deeply grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

<sup>A</sup>  
Mrs. John B. Finley  
1 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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Yenching University

July 6, 1932.

Mrs. John H. Finley,  
Famsworth, N. H.

My dear Mrs. Finley:

Before you left the city, I promised to send you word, shortly after June 30th, as to the outcome of our efforts to match the Rockefeller Foundation first conditional gift for Natural Science.

On June 30th we submitted to the Foundation a statement showing cash and pledges substantially in excess of \$250,000, but as yet we do not know what the Foundation's decision will be. Under the strict letter of their appropriation pledges are not included, and it will be necessary for the Foundation to take a separate action allowing the inclusion of pledges before the conditions of their first grant can be accepted as fulfilled. We have had two conferences with the officers of the Foundation in the last week, and the probable outcome seems to be that the Foundation will recognize the first conditional grant as having been met, but may modify, or abrogate their second conditional grant due three years hence. We will keep you informed of developments.

I am enclosing the Minutes of the meeting of our Central Office Supervisory Committee held on June 29th. I am sorry that you were unable to be present.

Very cordially yours,

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KILMARNOCK  
TAMWORTH  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

August 5, 1932.

Dear Mr. Garcia -

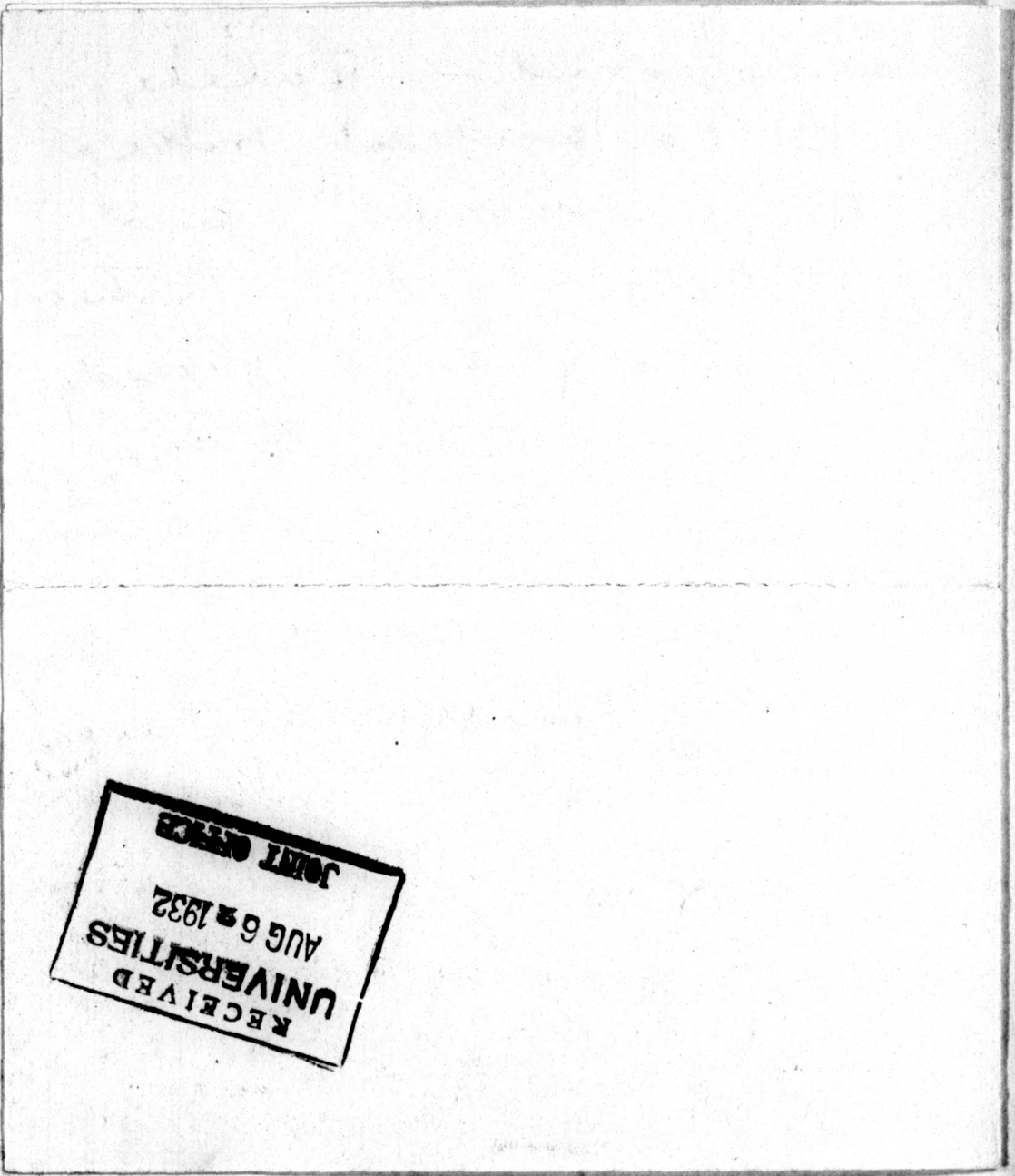
I have meant  
to write you before to thank  
you for the information  
about Yenching. I was  
greatly cheered by your  
letter, and when later  
I read in the Times that  
the Rockefeller Foundation  
had really made  
us the gift I was

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overjoyed - Surely,  
the ~~Committee~~ ~~made~~  
magnificently, and  
the University is fortunate  
in having such friends.  
I hope you're having  
a well earned vacation.

Most sincerely yours,  
Martha B. Wiley.

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Mrs. John H. Finley

October 6, 1932

Interview with Mrs. John H. Finley

Doctor Gee and I called by appointment at 3:00 o'clock. Mrs. Finley was most gracious. She told us that she was one of the original group of women who raised the money to establish the Peking Union Women's College about twenty-five years ago. Her interest in the project has continued unabated in the intervening years. Her love for Yenching is sincere and deep.

Mrs. Finley remarked upon the great respect held for Yenching by persons who have visited her campus or who have known Doctor Stuart or others of her personnel. She believes that Doctor Stuart has done wonderfully effective work when visiting America and that he makes many real friends for Yenching.

When we told Mrs. Finley that we plan to concentrate, during the next few months, on the extension of friendship for Yenching she remarked that it should not prove to be a difficult task because people generally speaking are favorably predisposed to the institution.

Mrs. Finley told us of the genesis of the Harvard-Yenching connection. Her brother William C. Boyden (later an outstanding lawyer of Chicago and president of the Board of Overseers of Harvard) had a youthful romance with a little girl in Illinois named Janet Whitecomb; this resulted in a happy correspondence which lasted throughout their lives. William C. Boyden later attended Harvard College. While there he had a letter from the little girl in Illinois saying that she had become engaged to a young man named Homer Hosea Johnson, who was coming to Harvard to attend the law school and asking Mr. Boyden to make his acquaintance. Mr. Boyden and his cousin, Roland W. Boyden, who was also in Harvard at the time, became the close friends of Mr. Johnson. In later years Mr. Johnson became the attorney of Mr. Hall of aluminum fame. After Mr. Hall's death, Mr. Johnson, knowing of the deep interest of Roland W. Boyden's cousin and William Boyden's sister, Mrs. John H. Finley, in Yenching, he used his influence to have the estate trustee set aside the fund to establish Harvard-Yenching.

Lyman H. Thompson

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March 20, 1933.

Mrs. John H. Finley  
1 Lexington Avenue  
New York City

Dear Martha:

It is good to have your letter this morning. I cannot begin to tell you how much it means to me that all my best friends seem to approve the decision I have reached to go to Constantinople this summer. Mrs. Roys writes me that my letter reached her when she was in bed with an attack of grippe. She then adds, "I almost had a relapse and ran my temperature up ten degrees when I read your letter! It is so absolutely the sort of plan I should like to carry out myself." It means much to me that you so well sense the thoughts that have actuated me. I did not know that Mrs. Huntington was a friend of yours, but I am glad to know it. It will be lovely of you to write her.

Now as to your thought of having the women members of our Committee at your home for a buffet supper, before going to Mrs. Speer's on the evening of the 19th. That seems to me a very lovely plan as I know it will to the others. Miss Grace Boynton's home address is:

46 Powder House Road  
Medford, Mass.

Mrs. Avann's is:

4949 Indiana Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Miss Kendall is no longer a member of our Committee. Miss Clark also has resigned.

Miss Margaret Rogers, of Warnwood  
Glen Ellyn, Ill.

was elected last year to fill one of these vacancies and the Prudential Committee of the American Board at its meeting last week elected Miss Helen B. Calder who as you know has been one of the American Board secretaries to fill the other vacancy in the Congregational quota on our Committee. You perhaps know that Miss Calder has with-

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Mrs. J.H.F.--2.

drawn from her American Board work. Her address is:

29 Fern Street  
Auburndale, Mass.

It will be good to see you,

Always with love,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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4 July, 1934

KILMARNOCK  
TAMWORTH  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dear Dr. Lee -

I'm sending on  
a pledge received from  
Miss Helen Calder. I  
am writing today to  
Margaret Spear, as I prom-  
ised. I have been so  
busy with a Lencapelle  
of people that I haven't  
had time before.

A cousin of mine who  
graduated from base  
and who went to Yenching

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on a scholarship from<sup>2</sup>  
them the year has written  
Lee family that they  
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it was doubtful whether  
the college would be  
able to open next year.  
Of course things are  
difficult for all ed-  
ucational or philan-  
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but I hope they are  
not as serious as  
that with you.

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I was quite astonished  
in looking over the lists  
of former contributors to  
see how few I knew and  
how little information  
I had about them. That  
Yenching list must be  
very old, and many  
of the people on it be  
"gone to the road"

I am writing Margaret  
Speer that we feel it  
better to have two mailings  
from China if possible.  
In on the women's committee  
feels that the Chinese

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paper &c, added much  
to the interest. But surely  
the lists should be checked  
up & kept in order -

I hope you and Mrs  
Lee are getting a good  
vacation & somewhere  
away from New York. I wish  
the summer -

With all good wishes  
and cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,  
Martha Finley.

July 6, 1934

Mrs. J. H. Finley,  
Kilmarnock,  
Tamworth, N.H.

Dear Mrs. Finley:

Thank you for your letter written on the 4th. It is very good of you to take time out of a holiday to attend to these routine matters.

The pledge from Miss Calder has been received and will be filed with the other pledges from the members of the Women's Committee. When you get back in the fall we will take this up with you and show you the list of the pledges made to date.

The report which you received from a cousin of yours who is at present at Yenching is doubtless a reflection of the general feeling of uncertainty in the minds of all of the people in North China over the Japanese situation. Or it may be this together with some of Dr. Stuart's rather pessimistic expressions concerning financial conditions for the coming year. Personally I do not feel that trouble from the Japanese is likely to occur immediately, though of course any little incident may bring about an unforeseen situation. As far as finances are concerned provision is made for another year as you will recall from the action of the Board of Trustees. The future of course, is uncertain, but we are all hoping for better conditions.

I think it might be well for us to send out a mailing with return post cards to the Women's Committee. In this way we will be able to check at least those who are interested enough to return the post cards. This we can arrange after you return.

I have written already to Miss Speer concerning her list and we will be glad to do what we can to see that it is properly revised. I think there should be at least two mailings from China and I am glad that you have written Miss Speer to this effect.

I trust that you are having a delightful summer up there. We are sizzling in the heat in New York. The past two weeks have been continuously hot, many days around 90 degrees.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely,

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November 7, 1934

Mrs. John H. Finley  
1 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Finley:

Thank you very much for your note and for the generous check which you have sent us for \$50.00. If we had a large number of people who were willing to contribute on this basis it would certainly lighten the burdens of preparing our budget. We are very grateful to you for this gift.

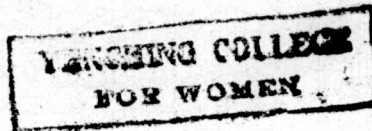
We are getting out in a few days the letter suggested as a follow up to the members of the Women's Committee and to the Board of Trustees. We will hope for a more encouraging response to this appeal.

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee

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July 8, 1935

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Mrs. John H. Finley  
Mrs. C. C. Parlin

My dear Mrs. Finley and Mrs. Parlin:

A short time ago Mrs. Slade telephoned me that she would not find it possible to serve as a member of the Associated Boards Committee on Promotion. Since she seemed quite firm in her decision I did not deem it wise to press the matter, and promised her that I would report her decision to you and ask you to suggest someone else for this position. You will remember that Mrs. Timothy Pfeiffer is the principal representative of our Yenching Committee on the Associated Boards Committee on Promotion and that Mrs. Slade has been her alternate. We might, of course, go through the remainder of the year without an alternate to Mrs. Pfeiffer, but since Mrs. Pfeiffer has not been a very regular attendant at meetings of the Committee on Promotion, this might frequently leave our Yenching Women's College without representation at Promotion Committee meetings. We should, therefore, secure someone to succeed Mrs. Slade if at all possible.

Of course the logical representative of Yenching College on the Committee on Promotion is Mrs. Finley, both because of her position in the Yenching College Committee and also because she is a member of our Yenching Committee on Promotion. If Mrs. Finley can find time to serve on our Associated Boards Committee on Promotion this would be the ideal solution, though I am reluctant to press the proposal too vigorously because we are so constantly calling on her for service in other ways.

I believe that technically our Associated Boards Executive Committee should approve any change in personnel of the Committee on Promotion. But I know that this Committee will be glad to approve any suggestion you may make.

Very sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Garfield -

I have your letter  
about Mrs. Slade & the  
Promote Com. My feeling  
is that Mrs. Pfeiffer is  
much interested in the  
China colleges and is  
likely to be an active  
member, until we  
can find someone  
else as alternate on  
the Promote Com. of the  
Soc. Bands, probably

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She and I can by  
telephoning Jean so  
that one of us could  
attend the meetings.  
Of course if we  
could interest another  
person it would be  
all to the good,  
and when I get  
back to N.Y. in  
the fall, Mrs. Puffer  
& I ought to talk  
the matter over

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see if we can't  
find some one else.  
Do you want to  
send the letter on  
to Mrs. P. Griffith  
and ask her if she  
agrees?

I hope you are  
having a vacation  
somewhere this  
summer - with  
warm regards.

Sincerely yours  
Bertha Fuller.

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ONE LEXINGTON AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

To the Members of the Committee  
of the Yenching College for Women:

You will already have received the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held in New York last Thursday, October 17th. It was agreed at that time to enter upon a program for the more active promotion of the interests of the Yenching College for Women. The program calls upon each one of us to present the needs of the College to certain friends who have already made evident their interest in its work.

In accepting the commission given to us by our fellow members on the 17th, it may help us to review the latest news from Yenching and other facts which we shall wish to present to those from whom we are to ask continued support.

We have all rejoiced over good news from Yenching during recent weeks. Despite our fears of the summer that disturbed conditions in North China might prevent many students from coming to Peiping, the enrollment at Yenching this autumn has far outstripped all previous records. Even though the University accepted only about one-fifth of the qualified applicants, all accommodations are overcrowded. The number of women students is about 275.

This latest demonstration of the remarkable way in which Yenching College is serving the young womanhood of China constitutes a challenge to the Committee and to the other American friends of the institution. We have

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already made substantial progress toward establishing the College on a solid foundation, but there is much more that we must do, and must do without delay if we are to seize the opportunity that is now ours.

We have cause to be proud of the physical plant of the College. Our investment in land is \$31,545.59. Buildings have been erected at a cost of \$689,199.44, obtained chiefly from our share of the funds secured in the successful 1922 campaign for the Christian Colleges for Women in the Orient. We have now made adequate provision (except for another dormitory and a Music Hall) for housing the College comfortably and in beautiful surroundings.

The College for Women has always carried on its work with an amazingly modest budget. This year our total requirements are \$38,500, for which our present income provides with the exception of \$2,500.

There are, however, four extremely urgent needs which we must meet during the next few months if the College is to continue the service it is now rendering.

First of all, there is the balance of \$2,500 required in the current budget. We simply must obtain this small amount still needed to care for the essential expenses of operation and instruction.

Second, an additional dormitory must be built. The four dormitories already erected can provide comfortably for only about 225 young women. With all our facilities of instruction adequate to care for 275 students, and with that number actually on the campus at

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this moment, the need for another dormitory is imperative. \$50,000 is needed for this purpose.

Third, the completion of the endowment is the only method by which we can obtain a permanent and assured income to supplement that which is being given year by year by the Mission Boards, Wellesley College, and other good friends of the institution. There is needed \$90,000 to complete the \$100,000 endowment which we have set as our goal.

Fourth, a Music Hall is urgently needed in order to remove the inconvenience of present arrangements which seriously affects other departments of the University as well as that of Music. Yenching's work in this field is deservedly famous, and a suitable building, costing about \$25,000, should be provided.

I enclose herewith a folder, prepared a few months ago, which is worth careful restudy as we consider these urgent problems.

May I urge that each member of the Committee feel a deep sense of personal interest in, and responsibility for, these needs which must be met if Yenching College is to go on? We can share this challenge and this opportunity - proudly and confidently - with other friends of Yenching and of China.

Very sincerely yours,

*Martha B. Finley*

Mrs. John H. Finley  
Chairman

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