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*CEJ*  
*1441*

April 13, 1929

Memorandum re Miss Munger  
1441 Prospect Avenue  
Plainfield, New Jersey

I called on Miss Munger. She gave me to understand that she was not interested in houses or buildings but would be interested, upon the settlement of her brother's estate in about a year, in doing something for either the religious or the personal side of Yenching University and asked me to return. I saw her afterward and told her that Mrs. and Miss Gillespie had given \$10,000. She was very happy about it and said she would think along these lines in the outline of what she wanted to do.

C. E. Jenney

CEJ:BB

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att to you

Munger

April 2, 1931

Dear Miss Speer:

We have been cultivating for a year or more, Miss Jessie Munger of Plainfield, awaiting the time when her brother's estate would be settled. We have just learned that it has been settled and that she is being besieged with claimants upon her generosity. Our approach to her has hitherto been exclusively through Dr. Jenney. We think it wise that he should continue this effort to secure a considerable donation for Yenching. He is coming from Lockport to New York Monday morning to confer with Dr. Stuart and me regarding this matter, and then to call on Miss Munger at her home.

Dr. Jenney has just telephoned me asking that we explain this situation to you and ask whether you would be willing to telephone on Monday to Miss Munger and arrange for Dr. Jenney and you to call on her together. I feel that this suggestion of Dr. Jenney's is a very fine one, and earnestly hope that you can cooperate with him.

The exact nature of the request to be made of Miss Munger is not yet determined. She has certain definite preferences of her own, and these have been discussed with her by Dr. Jenney. At the same time, there are certain requirements of the University just now so imperative and so determinative of our success or failure in meeting conditions attached to very large pledges, that we may feel it to be wise to try Miss Munger's interest in something a little different from what she has previously leaned toward.

If you can go with Dr. Jenney, he will, of course, explain the result of his conversation with Dr. Stuart and me. I shall be grateful if you will telephone us either Friday forenoon, or about 9:30 Monday morning. We are closing the office from noon Friday until Monday morning.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Margaret Speer  
24 Gramercy Park  
New York City

Assistant to the President

P.S. It would probably be best not to telephone Miss Munger until Dr. Jenney is already in New York. She will be more likely to consent than if she thought he were still at a distance from here and asking whether he could come and see her.

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apr. 13, 1931  
Her address  
1471 Prospect  
Ave.  
Plainfield*

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1441 PROSPECT AVENUE  
PLAINFIELD, N. J.

April 13 '31

My dear Dr. Stewart,

Dr. Janny has kindly come from New York to tell me something of the needs of Yenching University and has asked me my intentions in regard to help for the endowment fund.

Some other major projects will demand my attention during the next two years, but I am glad to offer my interest to Yenching



when these projects are cared for -  
I am unwilling to make a definite  
pledge for or for in the future but  
if circumstances are favorable and  
it is possible for me to do so when  
the time arrives I shall hope to  
contribute \$50,000. to Yenching Uni-  
versity - This will be at an indefinite  
date but probably in about two  
years -

Cordially yours,

Jesse Minger

Miss Jessie Munger

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1441 Prospect Avenue  
Plainfield  
N.J.

April 13, 1931

My dear Dr. Stuart:

Dr. Jenney has kindly come from New York to tell me something of the needs of Yenching University and has asked me my intentions in regard to help for the endowment fund.

Two other major projects will demand my attention during the next two years, but I am glad to offer my interest to Yenching when these projects are cared for. I am unwilling to make a definite pledge for as far in the future but if circumstances are favorable and it is possible for me to do so when the time arrives I shall hope to contribute \$50,000. to Yenching University. This will be at an indefinite date but probably in about two years.

Cordially yours,

Jessie Munger

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1441 Prospect Avenue  
Plainfield, New Jersey  
April 27, 1931

My dear Mr. McBrier,

Just a line to thank you very much for your kind note which reached me a few days ago.

It is good to hear of your enthusiasm and your great confidence in the fine work which Dr. Stuart and his associates are doing at Yenching University. When the time comes it would be a real pleasure to me to add my bit of help.

With appreciation of your  
courtesy,

*Jessie Cunningham*

May 18, 1931

My dear Miss Munger:

Ever since learning through Dr. Jenney of your generous intention regarding the School of Theology at Yenching University, I have wanted to see and thank you personally. I had hoped that this would be possible when visiting Mrs. Mead and her daughter, but I have been absent from the city so constantly that this plan could not be carried out.

I am leaving today for China and go back much more hopeful because of your generosity regarding this basic feature in our University work.

With grateful appreciation and the purpose to stress our religious work in such a way that you will share the satisfaction with us, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Jessie Munger  
Plainfield, N. J.

JLS:KK

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1/17/31 JKS

1441 Prospect Avenue  
Plainfield, New Jersey  
November 16, 1931

Yen Ching News  
150 Fifth Ave.  
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Last year, through Dr. Jenny, I made a subscription to Yen Ching University, but cannot remember what date I gave for the fulfillment of my pledge. It seems to me this date was the fall of 1932, but I wonder if you have some record in your office, or if you will inquire from Dr. Stuart regarding this matter and let me know.

I am sorry to trouble you, and thank you in advance for your courtesy.

Yours very truly,

ODW

(Miss) Jessie Mungler

See Apr. 13, 1931 letter

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*Letter to C. & J.*  
*copy ODW*  
*1-27-32*

November 17, 1931

Dear Miss Munger:

I take pleasure in replying to your note of November 16th addressed to Yenching News.

In your letter of April 13, 1931 you did not set any quite definite date for the carrying out of your generous intention to contribute \$50,000 to the University. You said "This will be at an indefinite date, but probably in about two years." Strictly interpreted, therefore, the approximate date you had in mind was the spring of 1933. If you should find it possible to make this payment earlier, it would be of enormous help to us to begin drawing the income on your generous contribution, since under present abnormal financial conditions the University is having a hard struggle to get the necessary current funds for its work.

With assurances of our grateful appreciation, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Jessie Munger  
1441 Prospect Avenue  
Plainfield, New Jersey

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Cor. Church and Ontario Streets  
Lockport, N. Y.

*copy in C E Jenney's file*  
*" " Miss Munger's file*  
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Pastor's Study

December 28th, 1931.

Mr. E. M. McBrier,  
Yenching University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. McBrier:

So glad to see you last Monday. Saw Miss Munger. She will increase her gift to Yenching University very materially. I hope by \$200,000 but will not be able to do this before 1933. She thinks she might be able to make a pledge to this end next year, the latter part of the year, all of which is very fine. Nothing must be said to Miss Munger about this by anybody in the office or anywhere else. It needs careful cultivation and can be lost almost as easily as it can be gotten. I have her confidence and will keep in touch with her from time to time and at the right time will secure her pledge if possible. You can convey this information to Mr. Wannamaker telling him that I said that anything said or done now would ruin the whole deal. This is one of the cases that should be left to me and my judgment. I will talk it over with you from time to time and let you know how I am progressing.

I have been asked by one of our college presidents to visit some hundred people that contribute to them (it is their own list and clientele) sometime in January taking a week to do this. If I go I will inform Mr. Wannamaker of the places I shall visit and will at his and your suggestion call on any of the friends of Yenching and Lingnan as I have time in the interest of these two institutions. It would cost Yenching and Lingnan nothing and I might get some money.

I will send you the list we talked about in a few days. Appreciating your fine courtesy and friendship, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Chester E. Jenney

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1441 PROSPECT AVENUE  
PLAINFIELD, N. J.

June 1st 1932

My dear Dr. Sewall

This is to let you know  
that it will be entirely satisfactory  
to me to have my pledge of 5,000 -  
held in your favor - meeting the  
conditions of the Rockefeller bequest -

I hope to begin paying this  
pledge early in 1933 and to finish  
my payments by early fall -

Yours very truly

Wesley C. Cramer

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Miss Jessie Munger  
1441 Prospect Avenue  
Plainfield, N.J.

Gift received, June 2, 1932 (date)

Cash Gift \$         
Pledge \$ 50,000 dated 6-1-32  
Designation Natural Sciences Endow.  
Received through C E J  
Entered on control record   
Serial number 1415  
Entered on record card   
Pledge signal attached   
Cross file card made         
Receipt number         
Acknowledgment sent 6-6-32  
Entered on renewal sheet         
Checked for office list         
Checked for mailing list         
Contributed previously? No

AT. C.E.J.'s request to  
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ative pledge  
of this amount  
to religious  
work at Y.U.  
in which she  
is primarily  
interested.

see O'DW's memo of 6-6-32

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Yenching University  
New York

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June 6, 1932

Memorandum to Miss McCoy:

Please make the following notation at the bottom of the record sheet pertaining to Miss Munger's pledge of \$50,000.

"Miss Munger is interested primarily in the religious life and work of the University. Dr. Jenney obtained her gift on this basis although in her original letter of April 13, 1931 she did not refer to that matter, but stated her intention of giving money for endowment. Dr. Jenney got her to write the letter of June 1st, 1932 authorizing the Trustees to use her pledge to help in meeting the conditions of the Rockefeller offer of \$250,000 toward the endowment of the natural sciences. It is, however, almost certainly her expectation that her gift will eventually go to the School of Religion." ~~Text~~

These no-  
tations have  
already been  
made on  
her second  
card  
Lee

This matter should be handled with great care to avoid offending Miss Munger and also in order to avoid any unethical handling of her gift. The Trustees will probably have to secure substitute money which they can allocate to the natural sciences and thus release Miss Munger's money for the purpose she had in mind.

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Olin D. Wannamaker

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Miss Jessie Munger

Exec. County

June 28, 1932

Use of Miss Munger's Pledge. The meeting gave consideration to the fact that at least a part of Miss Munger's pledge of \$50,000.00 will be required to complete the conditions of the Rockefeller gift, but it was agreed that, due to various considerations affecting this pledge, it should be used only as absolutely required to meet the Foundation's conditions, after all other available resources are included. It was

EFP-3091 VOTED that after all other available resources have been used, such portion of Miss Jessie Munger's pledge of \$50,000.00 as is absolutely required to complete the Rockefeller Foundation's conditions, be applied toward the first fund for the endowment of the Natural Sciences.

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Memorandum Concerning Miss Munger and Mrs. Mead

September 23, 1932 - Had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. McBrier in their lovely home in Montclair, N.J. After lunch we three motored to Plainfield, N.J. to call on Mrs. Frederick Mead and to try also to get in touch with Miss Jessie Munger, who has promised \$50,000 to Yenching. Mr. McBrier had made the arrangement and Mrs. Mead was to invite Miss Munger to her house for tea to meet us. Miss Munger had a previous engagement and could not come but we had a delightful afternoon with Mrs. Mead, Miss Margaret Mead (a Y.W.C.A. Secretary), and Mrs. Hiltner (a former Miss Mead whom I knew at the old Ginling College in Nanking) and the Assistant Pastor (a young man) of Mrs. Mead's church. The Pastor was detained by some church duty. Our visit centered around the display and discussion of the pictures of Yenching. The cordiality of our reception was very striking and we certainly have the hearty support and cooperation of this whole family in anything we may undertake in behalf of Yenching. Mrs. Mead extended a very cordial invitation to me to come back and see them often.

N.G.G.

*2 copies - (1 to Mrs. Bedrick)*

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September 28, 1932

Dear Miss Munger:

I regret very much that we were not able to meet you last Friday when we were in Plainfield. Mrs. Mead told us that you were occupied and could not come over to her house for tea.

I have just arrived from China and before I left Peiping I had the privilege and the pleasure of spending some time out at Yenching studying some of the problems from the standpoint of the field. I shall be glad to come out some time at your convenience and bring some pictures of the University to show you.

Please allow me to express on behalf of all of those connected with Yenching our hearty appreciation of your very generous gift toward the endowment of the great work which Yenching is doing for China.

I am sending you under separate cover two Chinese lions (paper-weights) which will serve as reminders of Yenching University. A pair of similar lions are placed just outside the entrance gate to the University. The "Peking University" on the lion is the old name but now "Yenching", an old Chinese name for Peking, is used.

*sent Sunday*

Hoping soon to have the pleasure of meeting you personally, and of expressing our appreciation for your wonderful help, I am

Very sincerely,

N. Gist Gee  
Vice President

Miss Jessie Munger  
1441 Prospect Avenue  
Plainfield, N. J.

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*cc to J.H.S.  
C.E.J.*

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1441 Prospect Ave  
Plainfield N. J.

October 2, 1932

My dear Mr. Lee,

Thank you very much for  
your extremely kind note which  
came a few days since and  
for the Yenching lions which joined  
my family a day later!

The lions are most attrac-  
tive, whether as paper weights or  
ornaments and I shall like to  
think of Yenching University as I  
use them.

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It will be interesting to see the  
pictures of the University and per-  
haps later in the fall we can  
find a convenient time -

With appreciation of your  
kindness and hoping to meet you  
while you are in this country,

Yours very sincerely,

Jessie Mungler

October 20, 1932

Dear Dr. Jenney:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of yesterday. My understanding is that you have received an intimation from Miss Munger that she would like to talk with you about her Tenching support and that you called to ascertain whether it is our desire that you see her. I told you to go ahead and make the arrangements to see her if you can within the next few weeks, as per your suggestion.

We are very glad indeed that you are in position to do this and hope that you will find it possible in your interview with Miss Munger to bring about the following points:

(1) That any payments that she can make on her outstanding pledge will draw exactly the same amount from the Rockefeller Foundation, since they match the amounts we receive from those who subscribed in the campaign. Of course the University needs this money very badly and the larger the amounts she can make available, the larger the amounts that we can claim from the Foundation.

(2) Solicit her further aid in meeting the immediate pressing needs of the University for funds to cover the 1932 budget. The two principal items are (a) \$80,000 to cover the expenses of the campaign so successfully waged last year and provide the current budget for the present year, and (b) \$65,000 for the Women's College Endowment to replace that part of the \$100,000 they gave to the Natural Science Endowment in order to complete the \$500,000 fund. Other items which are needed and which might possibly be of interest to Miss Munger are the sum of \$50,000 for residences already erected on the campus and for which funds have not yet been provided, and \$40,000 which is the estimated cost of a dormitory for the Women's College which is urgently needed. This has been approved by both the Women's College Committee and the Trustees. Of course neither of these two latter items will help out with the 1932-33 budget, and since that is the most pressing need, if she is willing to contribute anything to it, it will be very helpful at this time.

As I said before, we are pleased to have you undertake this trip to see Miss Munger, and hope you will call to see us when you are in this vicinity.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Chester E. Jenney  
50 Spruce Street  
Lockport, New York

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
COR. CHURCH AND ONTARIO STREETS  
LOCKPORT, N. Y.

November 3, 1932

Mr. B. N. Hedrick  
Yenching University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Hedrick:

I was glad to see you last Monday for a few minutes. I always delight in meeting you. I had a very interesting call on Miss Munger. I am quite sure that this will work out favorably. It will take a few months until she makes certain arrangements in her income. It was fortunate, in my opinion, that I called when I did. I will tell you more in detail about this when I see you.

I think it wise that everybody, even Mr. Gee, himself, stay away from Miss Munger, then I think it would be very fine for Mr. Gee to call after this gift is consummated. I am quite sure that there is much more money for us from Miss Munger if we are careful about it. I shall send you a letter about the first of December with a list of people I shall cultivate that you may fit it into your schedule of things for January first. I am looking forward to our conference of January first with great anticipation.

Most sincerely yours

*Chester E. Jenney*

Chester E. Jenney

CEJ:DT

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Copy for Mr. Hedrick.

November 4, 1932.

Dr. Chester E. Jenney,  
50 Spruce Street,  
Lockport, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jenney:

I asked Mr. Hedrick yesterday what results you had from your call upon Miss Munger, and he said he had not heard from you.

I was not in the office this morning but found he had left your letter of November 3rd for my perusal.

I gather from your letter that she said nothing conclusive but that you had strong hopes of securing from her the \$65,000 Women's College endowment. Do I rightly interpret your letter?

I have not seen Mr. Hedrick today but you can rest assured that he will cooperate in any way you suggest, and after you get her committed to the \$65,000, or whatever definite objective you had in mind (and from what you told me the morning you were going over to see her, I think this was the objective you had in mind) Dr. Gee will arrange to call as per your suggestion.

We want to keep all of our contacts with different people as warm as possible, and Dr. Gee, being the personal representative of Dr. Stuart and having such an intimate knowledge of the Chinese situation can, I believe, cement the bond of sympathy and personal interest very materially. We want Miss Munger to feel that she knows Yenching through a personal knowledge of those related to it. I want her to become acquainted with Dr. Stuart and other leaders in the Yenching work, especially in the Women's College, if she is going to become personally interested in that department. Her acquaintance with Mrs. Mead is one of the factors which will make for a more intimate personal contact with the University.

We find that the more personal contacts which a donor has with the institution itself and those interested in the work, the deeper their interest becomes. For this reason your suggestion that Dr. Gee call upon Miss Munger is a good one, as it will increase her interest in the institution.

Always glad to see you, and appreciate all you are doing for us.

Most sincerely yours,

EMCB.A

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Miss Jessie Mungler  
*Jessie Mungler*

November 9, 1932

Dear Dr. Jenney:

Your letter came during my absence from the office and I asked Miss McCoy to let Mr. McBrier see it inasmuch as he had asked me about your report the day before. He tells me that he has written you.

Nevertheless I want to write and thank you for your prompt advice concerning this interview. I, too, am looking forward to January 1st when we shall have several weeks of intensive effort on some of the big prospects.

May I tell you how much I appreciate your constructive suggestions about the work and especially concerning the proper method of following up special donors. I think this is a very important matter.

If you should feel like writing me somewhat confidentially just exactly what character your conference with Miss Mungler assumed, I will appreciate it very much.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Chester E. Jenney  
50 Spruce Street  
Lockport, New York

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Jessie Munger

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
COR. CHURCH AND ONTARIO STREETS  
LOCKPORT, N. Y.

PASTOR'S STUDY

January 3, 1933

Mr. Bayard Hedricks  
Yenching University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Hedricks,

Enclosed find my report on Boston where I worked two days. After leaving you I saw Miss Munger. Miss Munger will give again as soon as she pays her first pledge of \$50,000. She needs careful cultivation and must not be irritated by anyone. Would advise when Dr. Stuart comes in the spring that both Dr. Stuart and myself see her. I was called home from Miss Munger's and did not go to Philadelphia. The trouble that comes to one in trying to do two jobs is legion. On the whole I found people feeling much better and believe very thoroughly that people are going to give again right shortly. Attached is a personal note.

Sincerely yours,

Chester E. Jenney  
Chester E. Jenney

Be finished  
payment on  
Apr 10, 1933.

Note: The ~~cautions~~ are being  
cultivated by C.E.J.  
Want to see Dr. S. when he comes

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MISS J. D. MUNGER  
1441 PROSPECT AVENUE  
PLAINFIELD, N. J.

Mr. Lee  
Please attend to this  
B.M.H.

February 8<sup>th</sup>

Yenching University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed please find my check  
for \$15000., being part payment of my  
pledge of 50000. made some time  
ago, which was to be liquidated  
during 1933 if possible.

I now hope to complete payments  
before Sept 1st -

Yours truly

Jessie Munger

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Miss Jessie Munger  
1441 Prospect Ave.,  
Plainfield, N. J.

Gift received Feb. 9, 1933 (date)

Cash Gift \$15,000 to apply on

Pledge \$50,000 made 6-1-32

Basis of payment "To begin early in 1933"

Designation Nat. Sci. Endow.

Received through CEJ

Control record serial number 1415 ✓

Entered on record card ✓

Pledge signal attached ✓

Receipt number 3834

Her check number 9093 dated  
2-8-33

Acknowledgment sent 2-10-33 by NGG

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BMH

Entered on renewal sheet Jan. 1933

Checked for office list

Checked for mailing list

Last renewal card entrance (month and year) none

Gift added to Cult. List. ✓

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MISS J. D. MUNGER  
1441 PROSPECT AVENUE  
PLAINFIELD, N. J.

1933

Yenching University  
150 Fifth Ave.  
New York City

March 3rd

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed please find my check  
for \$20,000., being payment on  
account of my pledge -

There now remains due \$15,000.  
which I hope to send in April or  
May - yours truly,  
Jessie Munger

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Miss Jessie <sup>P</sup>Munger  
1441 Prospect Ave.,  
Plainfield, N. J.

Gift received March 6, 1933 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 20,000.00 - second payment on pledge #1415 of 6-1-32

Pledge \$ ----

Basis of payment ---

Designation Natural Sciences Endowment

Received through CEJ

Control record serial number 1415 ✓

Entered on record card ✓

Pledge signal attached ✓

Receipt number 3842

Acknowledgment sent EMMB 3-8-33

Entered on renewal sheet Jan. 1933

Checked for office list

Checked for mailing list

Last renewal card entrance (month and year) Jan. 1933

Gift added to Cult. List yes

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March 8, 1933.

Dear Miss Munger:

I write to acknowledge, with our most sincere thanks, receipt of your check for \$20,000., for which receipt is herewith enclosed.

Probably the bank moratorium now in force will be raised soon, at which time it will be possible to deposit this check. We are under the impression that present difficulties will surely be adjusted in the not distant future.

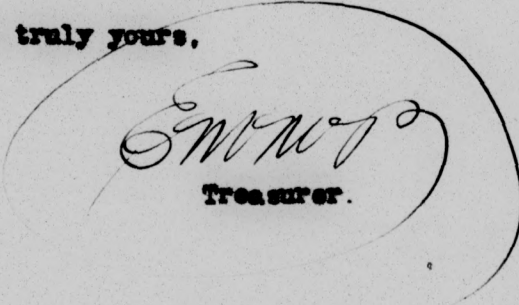
On behalf of the Trustees, and for myself, personally, I wish to express to you once more our great appreciation. Your challenging gift was more help toward stimulating other gifts and thus securing an appropriation from the Rockefeller Foundation than any other one individual gift made during our recent campaign. You understand that every payment on a pledge secures a like amount from the Rockefeller Foundation toward the endowment for the Natural Science Department.

While we have no direct word yet from Dr. Stuart, we assume that he is on the Pacific Coast with Dr. Gee, carrying out the program which has been arranged.

If agreeable to you, we should like to arrange to have you meet Dr. Stuart while he is here. He can give you the latest news from Peking and give you confidential advice that none of us possess.

With renewed assurances of our great appreciation of your liberal support, I beg to remain,

Most truly yours,



Treasurer.

Miss Jessie D. Munger  
1441 Prospect Avenue  
Plainfield, N. J.

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March 30, 1933

Dear Dr. Jenney:

We are trying to arrange Dr. Stuart's schedule and want him to go with you to see Miss Mungar, if possible. Could you go with him to Plainfield on the afternoon of April 17th if that is agreeable to her? I should be glad to have you make the arrangement with her for that afternoon or, if not then, for some afternoon or evening on some day soon after the 17th? Kindly let me know as soon as you hear from her.

On the day that is arranged, we should want you to come to the Yenching office earlier that day. Also after the date is arranged, we should want to get in touch with Mrs. Mead to see if it would be possible for her to have you and Dr. Stuart take dinner with her the same evening on which you see Miss Mead. It would be well to talk over with Mrs. Mead the proposed meeting at her church and make what arrangements for that meeting that you can.

With kind regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

B. M. Hedrick

Dr. Chester E. Jenney  
50 Spruce Street  
Lockport, New York

LM

He called up BMH & said this  
could be arranged

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MISS J. D. MÜNGER - 1441 PROSPECT AVENUE - PLAINFIELD - N. J.

RECEIVED ATTENTION 1933

APR 1 1933

E. M. McBRIDE

Yenching University  
150 Fifth Ave  
New York City

Dear Sirs

Enclosed please find my check  
for \$15,000.

This completes, I think, my pledge  
of \$50,000., and is sent with very  
best wishes for the success of your  
splendid institution.

Yours very truly  
Jessie Münger

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COR. CHURCH AND ONTARIO STREETS

LOCKPORT, N. Y.

April 8, 1933

Mr. Bayard M. Hedrick  
500 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Hedrick:

I shall be in New York on Monday, April 17, arriving at the office about 9:20 o'clock.

Inclosed is a telegram that came from Mrs. Mead of Plainfield this morning. This telegram is in response to a letter I wrote asking for an appointment with her and through her with Miss Munger for Monday afternoon or evening, April 17.

I tried to get you over long distance phone this morning but you were out of town. Could you not take this matter up with Dr. Stuart and arrange from the office for afternoon or evening, with or without dinner, whichever appointment as best suits Dr. Stuart, or if you will wire me Monday morning what Dr. Stuart's wishes in the matter are, I will carry out the arrangements with Mrs. Mead. However, I think you could do it with Mrs. Mead from the office. I prefer that nothing be said to Miss Munger but that you permit me to handle the matter in my own way.

I wish you would go over your lists and make arrangements for me with the people you wish me to see with others I have in mind through the week. Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you in the near future, I am.

Most sincerely yours

*Chester E. Jenney*

Chester E. Jenney

CEJ:DT  
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Miss Jessie <sup>D.</sup>Munger  
1441 Prospect Ave.,  
Plainfield, N. J.

Gift received April 10, 1933 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 15,000.<sup>00</sup> - final on pledge # 1415

Pledge \$                     

Basis of payment                     

Designation Nat. Sci. Endow.

Received through                     

Control record serial number 1415

Entered on record card                     

Pledge signal attached                     

Receipt number 3860

Acknowledgment sent 4-11-33

Entered on renewal sheet                     

Checked for office list ✓

Checked for mailing list ✓

Last renewal card entrance (month and year)                     

Gift added to Cult. List yes

*Handwritten initials*

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April 11, 1933.

My dear Miss Mungar:

Once more I am called upon to acknowledge with grateful thanks your most generous payment of \$15,000, which completes your pledge.

You will be gratified to know that of the \$250,000 required to match the Rockefeller Foundation pledge of equal amount, less than \$5,000 remains to be collected on pledges that were given last year. I think this is a remarkable showing in a time of such severe financial stress.

The most generous pledge you made has had a large part in making the success of our campaign possible and we appreciate more than we can express the great help your gift has been to the establishment of our University.

As you have been advised, Dr. Stuart is now on his way East and is expected in New York at the end of this week, and we hope arrangements may be made so that you may have an opportunity of meeting him. He will want to express in person his deep appreciation of your wonderful assistance.

Thanking you sincerely on behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am,

Most truly yours,

Treasurer.

Miss Jessie D. Mungar  
1441 Prospect Avenue  
Plainfield, New Jersey

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December 15, 1933

Mr. Bayard Hedrick  
150 Fifth Avenue  
Yenching University  
New York City, New York

My dear Mr. Hedrick:

I had a long talk with Miss Munger relative to her gifts of 1934. She will include Yenching in her gifts and will let me know how much when I am in New York the second week in January 1934. I asked her for \$50,000.00 but I do not think we will get that much but we will get a substantial gift.

It was nice to see you again.

Sincerely

*Chester E. Jenney*

Chester E. Jenney

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*Copy given 2 Mrs.*

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Miss Jessie Munger

February 2, 1934

Dear Mrs. Finley:

You asked that we supply you with a record of the gifts made by Miss Jessie Munger to Yenching University.

She pledged \$50,000 in June 1932. This pledge is now fully paid, \$15,000 having been paid in February, \$20,000 in March, and \$15,000 in April, 1933.

Recently Miss Munger assured Dr. Chester E. Jenney that in the current year she would give Yenching 20% of her income. She told him that she estimated this would mean approximately \$10,000 for Yenching. This was her response to Dr. Jenney's suggestion that she give \$60,000 to the endowment of Women's College. Although she declined this specific request, we feel that she may ultimately become an excellent prospect for the larger gift.

If there is any further information you wish us to supply, please let us know.

Cordially yours,

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

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MISS JESSIE MUNGER - 1441 PROSPECT AVENUE - PLAINFIELD - N. J.

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1936

Mrs. J. P. Young  
150 Fifth Ave  
New York

My dear Mrs. Young,

Dr. Stuart's letter came to me  
some weeks ago and is still unan-  
swered. I am sorry to say. I simply  
haven't had time to write!

Your letter follows, and I  
do think it would help you me to  
tell you right away that I have not  
any plan for making a "Munger Tru-

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action" and that it will not be possible for me to consider such a project.

"The money I gave you during was the bequest from my will, given ahead of time, not a yearly donation and not the beginning of some more extended donation. Do please try to understand this!

Yours very truly,

Justin Younger



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March 9, 1938

Miss Jessie D. Munger  
1441 Prospect Avenue  
Plainfield, N. J.

My dear Miss Munger:

For a long time I have had a desire to meet you personally because of your interest in Yenching University. Last Monday afternoon I called at your home and found you were out.

I had just returned from Florida, and am leaving again immediately. Upon my return I hope I may have the pleasure of a personal interview. My interest in Yenching dates back to the very beginnings of the University. I was then a member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and as the Methodist College was one of the units that was included in the original Peking University, name later changed to Yenching University, I was elected on the Board of Trustees. I was at that time elected Treasurer, and have been Treasurer ever since.

You should know that my interest was merely that of a Christian business man. At that time I was with the F. W. Woolworth Company, with which firm I had been associated since the beginning of my business career in 1887. I retired from the company in 1921 and ever since my retirement have been giving my time exclusively to the promotion of the interests of Christian work in various forms and, for the last ten years or more, primarily to the interests of Yenching University.

Not only have I given my time but I have also contributed rather generously of my means. I have been particularly interested in the religious work in the institution and have established a special fund for carrying on distinctly evangelistic and Bible Study work among the student body. My reason for this is my prime interest to make Yenching University a distinctly Christian university. I am glad to say that of all the Christian Universities in China it is my sincere belief that Yenching stands unique in its Christian emphasis.

Of course I am interested in, and likewise am Treasurer of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, which is an organization embracing twelve Christian colleges and universities.

You have been a generous donor to Yenching University. It was

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March 9, 1938

not my purpose to see you to request a further contribution at this time. I wish to make your acquaintance, if possible, and tell you more about an institution in which you have a very substantial investment.

May I have the pleasure of calling upon you at some mutually convenient time after my return in April?

Sincerely yours,

EMMcB.A

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March 11, 1933

Miss Jessie D. Minger  
1441 Prospect Avenue  
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Miss Minger:

I thought you would be interested in the  
enclosed description of the Christmas services at Yenching  
University.

Sincerely yours,

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My dear Mr. McBrien,

In reply to your letter received a few days since, I want to say that I appreciate very much the fine work you are doing and the devotion which characterizes your doing of it.

As to an interview with me I think it would be better if you stopped in very briefly sometime when you are in Plainfield on other business rather than come out from

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New York on purpose.

I am sorry to be so chary about interviews with the many people who ask to come and see me but you see I do have many responsibilities of my own which I can not otherwise fulfill adequately.

Perhaps it will simplify matters if I tell you frankly that I cannot repeat even partially the gift I made to Youching some years ago. My holdings are scarcely more than half of what they were and I must conserve all my resources to meet my

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commitments to other institutions  
and causes. I cannot make any  
further gifts to Yenching nor can  
I add even one more name to  
the list of my annual donations.

One wishes there need not be  
a definite limit but all my "possibilities"  
are already apportioned for years to  
come and conditions are such that  
I must not again make any promise  
for the future.

With kindest regards

Jessie Munger

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*Yenching office*

*Miss V.S. - Please show to Mr. Young*

April 1, 1938

Miss Jessie D. Munger  
1441 Prospect Avenue  
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Miss Munger:

Your letter of March 12th was received during my absence from the city. Mrs. McBrier and I started for Florida on that very date for a brief motor trip, returning home last Tuesday evening.

I wish you to know that I greatly appreciate your frank letter. It was not with a view to requesting a contribution that I called upon you and still desire to have an interview with you, but it is because you have been a very generous and good friend to Yenching University, and I want you to know more of what that gift has accomplished in the past and is accomplishing at present.

My home is in Montclair, N.J., not a great distance from Plainfield. I feel I have been negligent in not making your acquaintance long ere this; but there was a good reason why I did not do so previously, which I wish to explain personally.

It is easy for me to run over to Plainfield almost any time. Just at present we have Mr. Stephen Tsai from Yenching University with us here for a few weeks. He is fresh from Yenching and holds a responsible position, that of Comptroller of the financial affairs of the University. I should like to have you meet Mr. Tsai, and wish to ask the privilege of bringing him over at some time that will be convenient for you. I should prefer to have you select the day. Either forenoon or afternoon will be convenient.

I fully understand that you cannot undertake to consider any further gifts to Yenching at present, nor shall we make any request of this character. We seek the appointment merely to acquaint you with the present condition in China. More particularly I feel I owe you an explanation as to why I am seeking to become acquainted with you at this late date.

When will it be convenient to receive us?

Most sincerely yours,

EMMeS.A

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1000 Park Avenue  
New York, N. Y.  
June 8, 1939

Dear Miss Munger:

You have long been aware of the close relationship between Wellesley College and the Yenching College for Women, a relationship which may have had a part in creating your interest in the work of the China Colleges. You are aware, too, of the many reasons for the existence of our sister-college tie with Yenching, among them being Miss Pendleton's service on the Yenching Board of Trustees, Mme. Chiang Kai-shek's membership on the field committee for the Yenching Women's College, and the other distinguished Chinese women - such as Hsieh Wan-ying, the poetess, the late Ping-sa Hu (Mrs. T. C. Chu), and Mrs. D. Y. Lin - who have linked the Yenching and Wellesley campuses. There seems to be an excellent background for a sister connection which will mean more and more as the years go on.

As college women we are especially impressed with the fact that the Chinese colleges have provided leaders whose courage and determination are invaluable in this time of national crisis. As Wellesley women we are especially proud of Yenching's record in this respect. It would seem, then, that the logical point for Wellesley women to place their gifts to harassed China is at Yenching, where Wellesley already has a partial responsibility. And this is perhaps the crucial moment to do that thing which we have left undone, namely, to organize Wellesley alumnae as contributors to the Yenching College for Women.

For many years Wellesley undergraduates have given from their Service Fund to Yenching; - at the present time their annual gift is \$3750. So far there have been no alumnae contributions gathered under the name of Wellesley, although several Wellesley graduates, like yourself, have given generously, and one of our fellow alumnae has given a faculty residence on the Yenching campus in memory of Miss Pendleton. The possibility is now being explored of having a Wellesley Alumnae Committee for Yenching through whom information will be available and gifts acceptable.

Miss McAfee's personal interest in Yenching is shown by her membership on the Board of Trustees of that University. She is also a Vice-President of the Associated China Colleges, of which Yenching is one.

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Miss Munger

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During the days of Commencement next week, we shall be discussing the matter with individual alumnae. It will be a great help to have before us some tangible evidence of cooperation from a few Wellesley women whom we know as already committed in mind and spirit to the work of Yenching.

The initial proposal is that we plan, as Wellesley graduates, to fill an acute need - one of which Dean Margaret Speer of Yenching has spoken with special urgency - a chair of Public Affairs, to be held by a woman. This Department is an important one at Yenching; it has trained a considerable number of China's leaders, and will continue to do so. This chair would bear the Wellesley name, and we hope to assure it from annual gifts until we are able to endow it. The necessary yearly sum is \$5000. We believe we could gather one-half of this in small gifts if the other half could be assured in larger units.

Will you consider being one of several Wellesley alumnae to give \$500 to \$1000 annually for the next five years to help in the assurance of this Wellesley chair at Yenching? I shall hope for your affirmative reply before I must start for Wellesley on June 15th, and I shall be most grateful, also, for your criticism of this plan.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Maurice T. Moore  
Wellesley 1924

P. S. A word of explanation of the use of my signature for this important communication. As a Wellesley alumna having the good fortune to have been born in China and to be the daughter of one of the American founders of Yenching University, I have been asked to be the Chairman of the Committee on Promotion for the Yenching Women's College. The knowledge that a few Wellesley alumnae - like yourself - could be counted on has helped me to decide to undertake the task, and to begin planning to make the Wellesley cooperation more effective.

Miss Jessie D. Munger  
1441 Prospect Avenue  
Plainfield, N. J.

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1441 Prospect Avenue  
Plainfield, New Jersey  
June 11, 1939

My dear Mrs. Moore,

I wish I might reply to your recent letter as I know you would like to have me, but it is quite impossible for me either to assume more financial responsibilities for the present time or to undertake any further pledges for the future.

I seem to be almost submerged with obligations and under present conditions of business my great concern is to liquidate these. I shall not be making any new pledges for several years at least.

With all good wishes for the success of your work,

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Jessie Munger

Mrs. Maurice T. Moore  
1000 Park Avenue  
Plainfield, N. J.

Miss Munger's letter was answered by Mrs. Moore after her conference with Wellesley alumnae June 15, 1939. No copy of Mrs. Moore's answer in our files.

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MISS JESSIE MUNGER  
1441 PROSPECT AVENUE  
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

May 31st,  
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My dear Mrs. Finley,

Your sweet and friendly letter brought to my mind memories both dear and sad. For me, now definitely the lass of my race, it is a temptation to let life become too much a thing of memories, and then I remember your glorious husband and others like him, who built for the future always, with his face turned ever forward, and I take courage and plod on. As to the subjects of your

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letter, the raising of an endowment fund for the Yenching Women's College, I am so deeply committed at the present time that I cannot even make a new pledge until I have cleared up present responsibilities.

I am sorry and wish it were otherwise but my expenses and burdens have increased rapidly, with serious illness in my household for over two years, nurses and all that this means. It will continue until a release comes to my dear ones.

My adopted daughter mar.



MISS JESSIE MUNGER  
1441 PROSPECT AVENUE  
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

ried a charming & brilliant young  
Norwegian and the war has  
left them bereft of job and in-  
come. They and their year old  
baby are here with me and  
cannot get back to Oslo. indeed  
there would be nothing of sup-  
port for them if they did get back.

You can see that life has  
become very very complicated  
for me and it is necessary for  
to watch carefully my outstand-  
ing pledges and responsibilities.

With warmest regards,

Jessie Munger

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April 18, 1941

My dear Miss Munger:

Two years ago the Yenching Women's College Committee of the Associated Boards asked me if I would organize the gifts to Yenching from Wellesley alumnae into a joint project, so that many other Wellesley alumnae would join in the support of our Chinese sister-college, Yenching. This project is now under way, the first goal being the support of an urgently needed professorship in the Yenching Department of Public Affairs, and the ultimate goal being greater support of the entire Woman's College.

Last year we raised \$7,752.52 from 1,241 alumnae, in gifts ranging from one dollar to several at five hundred dollars. This year we have received \$6,151.90 in response to the two folders which I enclose. The "lion folder" was sent out in March, but the yellow one has just been issued and we hope for more returns in the next few weeks.

I think you will be especially interested in the yellow folder because of the parallel pictures of Wellesley and Yenching, including a picture of the kitchen at Munger Hall.

In these particularly difficult days in China when the cost of living is rising precipitously, and the strain of the fourth year of war makes terrific demands on faculty and students alike, Wellesley's gift comes as a great boon to Yenching.

You have in the past been generous to the China Colleges, and your gifts have been deeply appreciated. We hope you will wish to continue the good work this year by joining other Wellesley alumnae in bringing new courage to our embattled sister-college.

Yours very sincerely,

Miss Jessie D. Munger  
1441 Prospect Avenue  
Plainfield  
New Jersey

(Mrs. Maurice T. Moore)

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