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December 15, 1924.

Mrs. C. Pardee,
239 West Walnut Lane,
Gettysburg,
Pa.

Dear Mrs. Pardee:

It was a great joy when Miss Sui Wang reported to me the gifts from your daughter and yourself for the endowment of permanent scholarships, and on behalf of our whole institution I want to thank from my heart.

I have been in correspondence with our New York office to try to learn something more definite as to the conditions and the special class of students whom you would prefer to benefit by this arrangement. On their advice I am writing to you direct, and am the more ready to do so because I have a special suggestion which our secretary in New York thought had better be made direct to you. We have, as you know, a School of Theology which in addition to the regular ministry, aims to prepare men and women who are college graduates for other forms of Christian life-work, such as teaching the Bible in Mission Schools, going into Christian literature, acting as W.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. secretaries. Under present social and economic conditions in China any college student who goes into Christian service is almost certain to have any support from his family discontinued, which adds greatly to the difficulty involved in such a decision. My dream has been that we might have a few scholarships such as yours which could be awarded to students who had given clear evidence both of qualifications for such a career, and of the

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necessary Christian experience and consecration of purpose, but who had not the resources for continuing their theological studies. My thought would be that such scholarships would not be limited to those actually in the School of Theology, but might apply to others in the college whose decision had been quite definitely made, and whose record had seemed to justify such treatment. I am increasingly convinced that the Christian cause in China will in the coming years be most effectively served by educated and thoroughly earnest Chinese who are given adequate training and can work for a truly Chinese Christian church. Our best service would be in the supplying of such young men and women and for this reason I am profoundly interested in such scholarships. If your daughter and yourself approve of this use of your gift I shall see to it that suitable students are selected soon after hearing from you.

With the greetings of the season and grateful appreciation in the name of the Master whom we are alike striving to serve, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

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October 21, 1925

Mrs. Calvin Pardee
239 Walnut Lane
Germantown, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Pardee:

The reports from China are all favorable so far as the American Missionary Schools are concerned. We have had word from Peking that the University opened with capacity enrollment and that we turned down more than we did last year because of our present limited quarters - and last year we turned away two-thirds of those who applied. We have nothing to fear from civil wars so far as the new buildings are concerned. This is the time for those who are real friends of China to have faith in her future.

If it had not been for the generous pledges made by yourself and other friends of the University, there would be no University today - certainly not with the strength and standing which the University now enjoys. Your pledge helped to make this possible.

We have gauged our spending on the generous pledges we received, and I am writing now to ask whether you do not see your way clear to pay the other \$1500 toward the two scholarships you provided.

Sincerely yours

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239 WEST WALNUT LANE
GERMANTOWN
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

File -
Scholarship

Mr. James H. Lewis.

Dear Mr. Lewis.

Enclosed you will please
find check for \$1500.00 my second
and final ^{pledge} scholarship to Peking
University.

Very Truly
Mary C. Pardee

(Mrs. Calvin)

October 26th 1925-

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Scholarships

October 27, 1925

Mrs. Calvin Pardee
239 West Walnut Lane
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Pardee:

Thank you very sincerely for your check for \$1500.00, providing the second of the two scholarships which you so generously pledged for Peking University.

More than ever since the three weeks I spent with President Stuart in August and September, is it evident that China's future is to be determined from within. The morning paper reports a riot of the students at the opening session of the Customs Conference but I would not be greatly disturbed by this action. It is true that there is a considerable number of mushroom "schools" in Peking, either influenced by or under the financial support of Soviet government. Doubtless these students will be used to make demonstrations from time to time but I am sure that they do not have any great effect upon the total Chinese situation.

With very sincere appreciation,

Faithfully yours

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Regarding the terms of the Mrs. Calvin Pardee and Miss Olive Pardee Scholarships, I can find no restrictions or specifications. Miss Pardee's letter of July 5, 1924, stated: "I have given three thousand dollars as a donation to Peking University, but I do not care to have it put in my name." Apparently the first letter to Mrs. Pardee was that of June 12, 1924, in which the check for \$1500 was accepted with the statement "I assure you that the income from this \$3,000. continuing forever, as it will, in the form of a scholarship for a student at Peking University, will prove a lasting endowment in life....." Mrs. Pardee's reply to this letter was simply "I have decided to have the perpetual scholarship which I have given to Peking University named The Mary C. Pardee Scholarship." No other restrictions appear.

This data completes the list which you asked me, some time ago, to compile for you.

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July 7, 1924

Dear Miss Pardee:

I appreciate very much your note of July 5, and we shall, of course, be happy to follow your preference in the matter of its designation. It will stand in the records as "An American Friend". If you ever wish to make another designation, we shall be glad to change it.

With very cordial appreciation,

Sincerely yours

Miss Olive Pardee
259 W. Chelton Ave.
Germantown, Pa.

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