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January 22, 1936

My dear Mrs. Parlin:

We are very grateful for your pledge of \$10,000 for the Yenching College, which is a most generous step on your part for the year, but still we hope to

We have not had any further "large" gifts since we received the \$25,000 from Dr. and Mrs. Thompson, and Mr. McBrier's pledge of \$10,000, but have been getting quite a number of gifts of \$100, and occasionally a gift of \$500 or \$1,000. We still hope that within the next few weeks we will have some of our other major prospects happily realized.

With sincere appreciation of all you are doing on behalf of Yenching College, I am

Very cordially yours,

Assistant Treasurer

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
28 Depeyster Avenue
Tenafly, New Jersey

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Yenching University

January 27, 1956

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Mrs. C. C. Parlin
28 DePeyster Avenue
Tenafly, New Jersey

My dear Mrs. Parlin:

I am enclosing copy of a letter with enclosures from Miss
Cookingham, which came to hand today.

You will note that they are requesting that approval be given
to charging approximately \$1,400. to the Surplus account in China. (We are
assuming that the \$905.58 is local currency, although there is nothing on
either the schedule or in the letter which will give us this information).

The auditor's report as of June 30, 1955 showed LC\$22,402.03
in the Surplus account, this being the accumulation over a period of years.
In addition to this, a surplus was shown for 1954-55 from operations, amount-
ing to LC\$5,678.88, making a total of LC\$26,080.91.

In setting up the current budget it was voted to approve de-
ducting US\$1,500 from surplus on the field. At prevailing rates this would
mean a deduction of approximately LC\$4,500 from the field surplus, but if
gains are recorded as in the past two years, this entire amount probably will
not be used.

What do you think of our sending this out to the committee,
asking their judgment, it being our thought to set up three optional motions
for the convenience of voting:-

1. Charging the cost of the new equipment to the surplus
on the field.
2. Approving the expenditure of \$500 on additional
plumbing to be charged to Surplus.
3. Prefer to have the foregoing questions remain open
until the next meeting of the committee.

In the latter case it would be some time late in April before
we could secure action. We shall be very happy indeed to carry out your wishes
regarding any of the foregoing suggestions.

Cordially yours,

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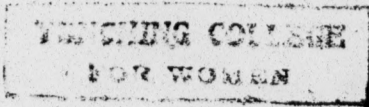
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January 29, 1936.

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City-

Dear Mr. Evans:-

I agree with you that a letter should be sent to the various members of the committee asking for votes on the questions of charging \$95.38 to the surplus account in China and approving the expenditure of \$500 on additional plumbing. I think your suggestions of the three optional motions are all right. I would suggest you send a copy of Miss Cookinhaus's letter. Replies, I should think, ought to be returned directly to me. Will you take care of getting out such a letter for me, please?

I like the new letter head very much and wish to thank you for seeing to its execution-

Cordially yours,
Miriam Parlin

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February 4, 1936

To Members of
Yenching College Committee

Dear Friends:

At the request of Mrs. Parlin we are sending herewith a copy of Miss Cookingham's letter of December 31, 1935, covering an expenditure of LC\$908.38 for new equipment for the Women's Dormitory, and seeking authorization to spend LC\$500.00 for additional plumbing. The latter item has not been spent, and for that reason it seems advisable to secure the attitude of the Women's College Committee at once. Otherwise we would allow the first item to wait until the next meeting of the committee.

The auditor's report as of June 30, 1935 showed LC\$22,402.03 in the Surplus account, this being the accumulation over a period of years. In addition to this, a surplus was shown for 1934-35 from operations, amounting to LC\$3,678.88, or a total of LC\$26,080.91.

The revised 1935-36 budget from Yenching indicates that there may be a deficit in the Women's College of approximately LC\$4,500, which is equivalent to around US\$1,500. If gains are recorded as in the past two years, however, it will not be necessary to draw as much as this from the surplus on the field.

If you will record your decision on the enclosed post card and mail same to Mrs. Parlin, we will be able to advise the field regarding your attitude at an early date.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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Enc.

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MINUTES OF MEETING
YENCHING COLLEGE COMMITTEE

3:00 P.M. Friday, February 21st, 1936
Hotel Gramercy Park, New York, N. Y.

List of Members

	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>
American Board	Miss Helen Calder	Vacancy	Prof. Eliza H. Kendrick
Methodist Board	Mrs. J. K. Cecil	Dean Lucy J. Franklin	Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf
Presbyterian Bd.	Vacancy	Vacancy	*Mrs. T. N. Pfeiffer
Wellesley College	- - - - - One Vacancy - - - - -		
Coopted Group	Mrs. S. M. Cavert	Mrs. R. E. Speer	Mrs. F. L. Slade
Trustee-Members	Mrs. J. M. Avann	Miss Margaret Burton	*Mrs. J. H. Finley
	Mrs. William Boyd	Dr. Ellen Pendleton	*Mr. E. M. McBrier
	Mr. G. G. Barber		Mrs. C. K. Roys
Wellesley Alumnae Representative:-	*Mrs. C. C. Parlin		

Executives:- *Mrs. T. D. Macmillan, *Mr. C. A. Evans, *Mr. B. A. Garside.

Those whose names are starred were present, as was also Miss Ruth Ransom, alternate for Mrs. Cecil.

Mrs. Finley presided.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Y - Action 550 - To approve, as distributed, the minutes of the meeting of the Yenching College Committee held November 26, 1935.

NEW MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

The matter of securing new members for the Committee was discussed. The sections of the By-Laws of the Yenching Trustees defining the composition of the Yenching College Committee were reviewed, and the vacancies as indicated in the above list were noted. Several suggestions were offered as to possible new members, but it was decided to postpone action until the regular meeting of the Committee on April 22nd, 1936.

APPROVAL OF ACTION ADOPTED BY MAIL VOTE

Y-- Action 551 - To confirm the following ^{action} ~~action~~ adopted by mail vote:-

(a) To approve the expenditure of LC \$905.38 used in purchasing equipment for the Women's Dormitory, the amount to be charged to surplus on the field.

(b) To approve the expenditure of LC \$500.00 for additional plumbing if and when required in the Women's Dormitory, this expenditure to be charged to the surplus on the field.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Evans reviewed the report of the Treasurer of the Yenching College Committee for the year ending June 30, 1935. It was voted

Y - Action 552 - To approve the report of the Treasurer for the year ending June 30th, 1935, and also to approve the following recommendations as contained in this report:-

(a) That the Current Surplus of 1933-34, amounting to \$110.22, be closed out by crediting to the general surplus account.

(b) That the following gifts, now carried in the Special Section, be transferred to Women's College Endowment:- Mrs. W. R. Wolf, \$100, Mrs. C. E. Bell, \$25.

(c) That the balance of \$396.98 remaining in the income account of the Yenching College Committee Promotional Fund be added to the principal account of this Fund.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Macmillan reported on the promotional work of the Yenching College Committee. Up to February 21st the amount of gifts received this year was approximately \$7,500. She spoke of the fine work going on in and near Boston and in New York. She asked for the Committee's cooperation and further suggestions.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Finley.

MIRIAM BOYD PARLIN
Secretary

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**YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN**

Yenching College Committee

February 25, 1936

telephoned Cal 3/4/36

Mrs. G. C. Parlin
28 DePeyster Avenue
Tenafly, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

Miss Cookingham wrote to our office regarding the expenditure of surplus money for the dormitory equipment and also requesting LC\$500. additional for plumbing.

Do you wish us to notify Miss Cookingham of the result of the committee's action last Friday? Ordinarily this notification would consist of sending a copy of the minutes with a covering letter. However, we will conform to your judgment as to what is the best procedure.

Very truly yours,

CAE:RC

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YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

March 6, 1936

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
26 DePuyster Ave.
Tenafly, N. J.

In accordance with your letter of March 3rd, we have prepared the attached draft of the minutes of our Yenching College Committee meeting held on February 21st. If you will make any necessary corrections and return this draft to us we will arrange for its mimeographing and distribution. In returning the material, give us any necessary instructions as to distribution of copies. We will send copies to all members of the Committee, and will send you any additional copies you require. Shall we send any apply of these minutes to the field, or would you prefer to send them accompanied by any covering letter you may wish to write?

I have been trying to set up an accurate list of the membership of the Committee, but I am not sure whether I have been entirely successful. The one point which puzzles me most is that of what group Dean Lucy Jenkins Franklin represents. I have talked with the officers both of the Presbyterian Board and the Methodist Women's Board but in each case they have stated that so far as they know Dean Franklin is not one of their representatives. Delving back into ancient history, I find that on June 15th, 1929, Mrs. Avann, in response to a request from Mrs. Lee for a corrected list of the members of the Yenching College Committee wrote as follows: -

"I am enclosing a list of the names, with one or two changes from your list. I have added Dean Lucy Jenkins Franklin. She is the new representative of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. I have a formal acceptance from Dean Franklin."

Possibly you are already familiar with Dean Franklin's status on the Committee. If not, perhaps it would be wise to send a note to Mrs. Avann and ask her for information. You will note that in the minutes I have shown Dean Franklin as one of the W.F.M.S. representatives. If we may have to spend quite a little time clearing the question, I suppose we could let the list stand in this form when the minutes are sent out, making any necessary correction in future minutes.

Very cordially yours,

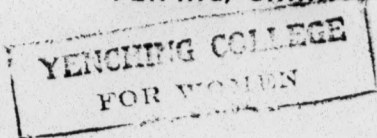
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March 18, 1936

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Mr. B.A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Garside:

I have looked over the copy of the minutes you sent me and find it satisfactory. I would appreciate it if you would have it mimeographed and distributed for me. I suggest you send me several copies and let me send them to the field with a covering letter.

With regard to Dean Franklin's status on the committee I cannot give you any further information. However, I will write to Mrs. Avann, as you suggest and let you know what I find. Your suggestion of letting the list stand in this form and making any necessary corrections later is alright.

I did not know that Mrs. Dorr Diefendorf was on our committee, but perhaps this is a recent appointment by the Methodist Board that I had not heard of.

Very sincerely,

Miriam Boyd Parlin

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YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

March 19, 1936

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
28 DePeyster Avenue
Tenafly, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Parlin:

Thanks for your letter of yesterday.

Enclosed herewith are six copies of the minutes of the February 21st meeting of the Yenching College Committee. We are mailing copies to the members of the Committee and of the Yenching Board of Trustees. We understand that you will send copies to the field, accompanied by a covering letter.

The officers of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society inform me that Mrs. Diefendorf was appointed as one of their representatives a few months ago, filling the vacancy created by the death of Miss Gouldy. Mrs. Diefendorf herself told me that she hoped to be able to take an active part in the work of the Committee, and that she regretted her inability to attend the meeting on February 21st.

I hope that your correspondence with Mrs. Avann will clear up the question of whether Dean Franklin is still considered a member of the Methodist Woman's Board representation on the Committee. I hope the class and board of each of the other representatives is set forth clearly - there was some uncertainty at a few points, but the arrangement I made seemed to be best in accordance with all the information I could dig up. Once the list is in order, it should be easier to keep it correct.

Very cordially yours,

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Mrs. Charles C. Parlin

28 Depeyster Ave.

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Dear Mr. Garaid:-

Enclosed please find my personal
check for two hundred dollars. I appreciate
very much your cabling the money to
be transmitted to Fette, Peking-

Sincerely,

Miriam Parlin

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YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

June 13, 1936

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
Silver Bay
New York

My dear Mrs. Parlin:

*See "Cables" 6/13/36 - Yench
for*

We enclose herewith a copy of the cablegram we sent to Yenching yesterday. We hope that it will be intelligible both to Miss Speer and Mr. Tsai.

Thank you for the check for \$200 which arrived in the mail this morning. The part of the cablegram requesting Mr. Tsai to pay this \$200 over to the Fette Rug Company on your account cost \$6.05.

I am writing Miss Kendrick and am enclosing a copy of my letter to her for your information.

In the hope that you and your family have a pleasant summer at Silver Bay, I am

Very cordially yours,

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COTTON, FRANKLIN, WRIGHT & GORDON
SIXTY-THREE WALL STREET
NEW YORK

CABLE ADDRESS
"COTTOFRANK"

ASSOCIATED
BOARDS
PROMOTION

June 22, 1936.

*ack
C.F.G.
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Dear Mr. McBrier:

I have a note from Mrs. Parlin written from Silver Bay asking that the enclosed check for \$350 be forwarded to you.

*Yenching
Receipts # 5333*

This check represents the payment of our \$300 pledge to Yenching University which I understand is due July 1, and \$50 is sent in response to the telegram sent out by the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.

*Receipts
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As I am not certain how the check for \$50 should be made out, I am sending a single check made to your order as Treasurer and assume that you will be able to see that the \$300 and the \$50 get to the correct accounts, respectively.

Sincerely yours,

Charles C. Parlin

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

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June 24, 1936

Mr. Charles C. Parlin
Cotton, Franklin, Wright & Gordon
65 Wall Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Parlin:

I am acknowledging your letter of June 22nd enclosing check for \$350.00, representing payment of a \$300.00 pledge toward Yenching University, and a \$50.00 donation toward the emergency appeal of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China. Receipts are enclosed herewith.

We wish we could adequately express our appreciation for your and Mrs. Parlin's generous interest in the activities of Yenching University and the general work of our colleges in China. We all recognize the splendid services being rendered by Mrs. Parlin as secretary of the Women's College Committee, and this contribution is further evidence of her deep interest in this work.

The special emergency appeal for the Associated Boards' budget is meeting with such a splendid response on the part of board members that it gives us new courage to go forward with hope. It is hoped that no such emergency appeal will be forthcoming in the future, as the basis of caring for the budget has been changed so that the universities benefiting from the results of our efforts will pay the bills. At this time, however, we do face a very dire situation and your response is of great assistance to us.

Again thanking you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

CAE:RC
Enc.

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YENCHING College
For Women

January 18, 1937

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
28 DePuyster Avenue
Tenally, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

I have for some weeks been holding material which should be passed along to the new Chairman of our Yenching College Candidate Committee. I have a vague recollection that at the meeting of the Committee held several weeks ago the Candidate Committee was reconstituted but I do not remember the names of its Chairman and members.

Apparently we have not received copies of the minutes of that meeting. Were they sent out, and have I merely mislaid my own copy?

Miss Speer has called our attention to the necessity of beginning in the near future to find a new appointee in the field of Home Economics to replace Miss Mabel Wood at the beginning of the academic year 1937-38. As you know, Miss Wood went out for only the one academic year 1936-37 and since she is on sabbatical leave from her own work in Oregon, there seems no possibility of keeping her beyond June of this year. We should, therefore, have the Candidate Committee start in quite promptly to find suitable candidates for this position. Collecting the information and securing the judgment of the field authorities takes a great deal of time, and we should not put off too long the initiation of this process.

I also have on my desk quite a lot of candidate committee material which Miss Kendrick left with me to be turned over to her successor in the Chairmanship of that Committee. This I will be glad to pass along to the new Chairman.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP

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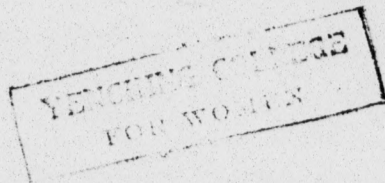
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22 Jan, 1937,

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Mr. B. A. Garside
Yenching University
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:-

Will you please have the enclosed minutes mimeographed and distributed to the members of the committee? I will send copies to the field, if you will send them to me.

Have you heard whether Mrs. C. C. Pratt of Hursdale, Ill. has accepted membership on our committee to represent the American Board?

Thank you for forwarding the candidate material to Miss Calder. I trust she will take hold as Miss Kendrick did although it is hard to find many like Miss Kendrick.

Have you worked on dates for the spring meetings yet?

Will you keep me informed about these plans, please?

Very sincerely,

P.S. Did the enclosed letter go out to the members of the committee, do you know? It turned up from Mrs. M^{rs} Millais office. If there is a readable copy, I would like it - M.B.P. Miriam Boyd Parlin

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Minutes of Meeting

Yenching College Committee

December 9¹⁰ 1936

150 Fifth Ave., New York

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usual form of starting those present -

Present: Mr. Garside, Mr. Evans, Mr. Mc Brire, Mr. Barbour, Mrs. Pfeiffer, Mrs. Finley, Mrs. Slade, Mrs. Parlin, Mrs. Roys.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Roys.

Action # It was voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Yenching College Committee held April 22, 1936.

Action # It was voted to approve the 1936-37 budget for the Yenching College for Women as approved by the Committee on Finance of Yenching University held Oct. 2, 1936.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented her slate of officers and committee chairman and it was voted Action # to elect the following:

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| Chairman | Mrs. Finley |
| Secretary | Mrs. Parlin |
| Assistant Secretary | Mr. Garside |
| Treasurer | Mr. Mc Brir ^e |
| Assistant Treasurer | Mr. Evans |
- and the following committees:
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| Candidate Committee | Miss Helen Calder, Chairman
Miss Eliza Kendrick
Mrs. Finley
Mrs. Avann |
| Nominating Committee | Mrs. Charles Roys, Chairman
Mrs. Avann
Mrs. Cavert
Mrs. Finley |
| Promotion Committee | Mrs. Pfeiffer, Co-Chairman
Dean Franklin
Mrs. Boyd
Mrs. Pratt (if she accepts membership on the Y.C.C.) |
| Budget Committee | Mrs. Dieffendorf
Mrs. Speer
Miss Calder, Chairman
Mr. Mc Brire
Mr. Garside
Mrs. Dieffendorf |

suggest full names be used here

The Secretary read a letter from Dr. Stuart, dated May 20, 1936, in which he urged upon the Yenching College Committee the desirability

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of giving Miss Margaret Speer the title of Dean of the Women's College rather than that of Acting Dean.

Also a letter was read from Miss Speer dated Sept. 25, 1936, in which she reported:

- a) The following action taken June 25, 1936, by the Women's College faculty: "Voted unanimously that we recommend to the Women's College Administrative Committee that Miss Margaret Bailey Speer be appointed Dean of the Women's College."
- b) That this action was confirmed by the Administrative Committee.

Action # After very careful consideration of the problem it was voted to confirm the action of the Administrative Committee electing Miss Margaret Bailey Speer Dean of Yenching College for Women.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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February 8, 1937

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
28 DePuyster Avenue
Tenafly, New Jersey

My dear Mrs. Parlin:

We mailed out last week the minutes of the December 10th meeting of the Yenching College Committee. We sent you four copies for your own use and for forwarding to those in Yenching who should receive this material. I hope that all this material has reached you promptly.

You ask us to whether Mrs. V. C. Pratt has accepted membership on the Committee as a representative of the American Board. It is our understanding that Mrs. Pratt has accepted membership on the Committee. Dr. Fairfield wrote us about two months ago that she had been appointed on the Committee, and at about that same time some of our China Colleges representatives in Chicago visited her and found her cordially interested in the College and in the work it is doing. We have been assuming therefore that her membership on the Committee is an accomplished fact.

I have sent along to Miss Calder the candidate material Miss Kendrick turned over to us and have also passed along to her Miss Speer's latest communications on candidate matters.

You ask us to dates for the spring meeting of our various China Colleges groups. The annual meeting of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China is scheduled for May 10th and 11th and the meetings of the other boards and committees will follow immediately thereafter. How much time will you need for the meeting of the Yenching College Committee? Shall we adhere to the previous practice of having the Committee meet just before the Yenching Trustees? I have been considering the desirability of holding a meeting of the Yenching Trustees on Wednesday, May 12th. This, however, would not give much opportunity for an earlier meeting of the Yenching College Committee, which would have to be held, in that case, either on the morning of Monday, May 10th, or late in the evening on Tuesday, May 11th. Perhaps it would be better to postpone the meeting of the Yenching Trustees to Thursday, May 13th, so as to allow for a meeting of the Yenching College Committee on May 12th. What do you think?

I believe that Dr. Stuart's letter of May 20th addressed to the members of the ICC has been circulated to the Committee members. We do not

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however, have any positive proof of this. Also, we do not have an extra copy of this letter in our office. I am therefore returning herewith the copy which you sent us.

Sorry we do not have a better one for you.

Cordially yours,

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February 19, 1937

Mrs. G. C. Parlin
28 Depuyster Avenue
Tenafly, N. J.

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Col for Women

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

I believe Dr. K. A. Wee has talked with you about the possibility of Dr. Josephine Rathbone spending one semester at Yenching, probably during the spring semester of 1937-38.

I am not sure whether he has told you that we have recently received a cabled reply from Miss Speer reading as follows: -

"WELCOME RATHBONE EITHER SEMESTER BUT NO FUNDS AVAILABLE - SPEER"

The question of whether there are ever funds available for any proposal is always dependent upon our evaluation of its comparative importance. If a thing is sufficiently urgent, funds can always be found, those of relatively less importance are always put aside with the perfectly legitimate statement that support is not available. The question therefore is just how important it is that we have Dr. Rathbone at Yenching for a semester during the coming year.

Dr. Wee thinks that Dr. Rathbone's visit would not only be very valuable in itself but would pave the way for many valuable contacts in future. If this is true, we could probably find some special source of support for her. As you know, we have a Women's College Committee reserve fund of a little over US\$10,000 and there is hope that our income this year will be sufficient to permit our adding a little to the reserve rather than taking anything away. If Dr. Rathbone's visit is as important as Dr. Wee thinks, it might be advisable to make available around US\$500 from this source to provide her with an honorarium while she is on the campus.

We leave in your hands the decision as to whether or not any steps should be taken. I believe that K. A. was anxious to have some decision reached before the first of March, since Dr. Rathbone must soon complete her plans for 1937-38.

Very cordially yours,

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March 4, 1937

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
28 DePeyster Avenue
Tenafly, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Parlin:

Your night letter telegram from Clearwater arrived several days ago.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter we have sent to Miss Speer in this week's China mail. As I state in my letter to Miss Speer, the urgency of reaching a decision concerning the invitation to Dr. Rathbone is relieved somewhat by the fact that she has already decided to spend the autumn semester, 1937-38, in India, so we can wait a few weeks without embarrassment before reaching a final decision as to inviting her to Yenching for the spring semester 1937-38. K. A. Wee felt that it would be sufficient for us to send a letter to Miss Speer and ask her to cable a reply rather than to try to clear the matter by cable each way.

You will see that I have written Miss Speer frankly and at length. Perhaps I have gone into too much detail, but it seemed to me better to state the case fully, so she would have all the factors in mind when she cables us a few weeks hence. Certainly her next cable ought to clarify the matter so that we can proceed without further delay to reach a decision concerning the invitation to Miss Rathbone.

Since a final decision will not be reached in any event for three or four weeks yet, I have not attempted to canvass the views of Mrs. Finley, Mrs. Speer, and the other members of the Yenching College Committee. There will be time for you to discuss this with them after your return from Florida. For the same reason, I am sending this to you at Tenafly rather than troubling you about the matter when you are in Clearwater.

I hope that you enjoyed your brief stay in Florida and that you will not find March weather in New Jersey too depressing after you return.

Very sincerely yours,

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March 11th, 1937.

Mrs. C. C. Parlin,
28 Depeyster Avenue,
Tenafly, N.J.,
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Dear Miriam:

Since writing you last week the Faculty Executive Committee has approved the budget. We have not yet had an opportunity to present the proposed Women's College budget to the Board of Managers, and its sub-committee of the Women's College, but I feel sure there are not likely to be any questions raised since it is in such an extremely tentative form. I am sending you under separate cover six copies of the budget, and I shall send a copy of this letter to Mr. Garside.

You will observe that the first four pages show the settled items in the budget, with only those changes which are practically automatic - some small increases in salary, furlough and travel adjustments. We have a slightly higher figure for income from tuition since next year there will be three classes paying our new increased tuition rate, and only one class, the Senior Class, on the old basis. When these changes have been made there is a balance for reserve amounting to L.C.\$6797, an amount insufficient to meet the proposed additions which we have listed on a separate page, and which altogether amount to U.S.\$830, and L.C.\$10,050. I think possibly we should make a further addition to this list of \$500 L.C. to be added to our item for wages, as the cost of living has increased markedly in Peiping in the last year or two, and I believe that it is only just to increase the wages of all our servants and employees. If all of these items should be included we would then have a deficit of U.S.\$830, and L.C.\$3753. It will be sometime before we can be sure about all of these proposed additions. We have already found a good assistant for the Mathematics Department; an assistant in Music is an absolute necessity if Miss Stahl is to have increased responsibility for Women's College administration next year. It is quite possible that the University may find a good man for Education, in which case we would not need to include the Education lecturer in the Women's College budget. I think it extremely unlikely that we shall need to pay part, if not all, of Miss Kung Lan-chen's salary. We must have somebody for Home Economics, though perhaps we will not need the whole of the Assistant Professor's salary we have put down here.

I hesitate extremely to present again to the Yenching College Committee and the Trustees a budget showing a deficit for the Women's College, but I think we must face realistically the problem which confronts us. It is imperative that we build up a strong Chinese faculty, yet the only way that the Women's College budget can conceivably be cut is by cutting salaries. Either we must let some of our present staff go, or we must not engage any

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Mrs. C. C. Parlin.

March 11th, 1937.

new Chinese. Originally it was assumed that the women members of the faculty would be one-third of the total, but at present the women constitute only about one-fifth of the ranking faculty. Moreover, in the University as a whole the ratio of Chinese to foreigners is something like 2:1, whereas in the Women's College it is about 1:5 if we count those above the rank of assistant. Some changes come so gradually in the University that we do not realise they are taking place. The total numbers of University faculty have certainly not decreased in the last ten years (I am not sure what the actual increase is). In the Women's College however the numbers of people supported by Mission Boards has been cut in half. It is interesting to compare the figures for 1931 and for the present years

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From the American Board we used to have Mrs. Frame, Miss Boynton, Gertrude Wood, and two quota vacancies. Now the last quota vacancy has been taken from the Women's College and used for Mrs. de Vargas, leaving only Miss Boynton. Under the Presbyterian Board there were formerly Miss Veghte, Miss Cochran, and myself. Miss Cochran now receives a salary from the Women's College, and the Board supports only Miss Veghte and me. Under the Methodist Mission we used to have Miss Stahl, Miss Mills, and Miss Cheney. Now we have only Miss Stahl. We still have Miss Wood under the London Mission, but they are not under any obligation to provide a woman, so that when Miss Wood leaves there will be no one to take her place. Miss Burtt under the Friends can be considered as taking the place of the person who used to be contributed by the Y.W.C.A. In view of this, when we compare our present budget with the budget of former years we should bear in mind that the actual salaries paid by the Women's College do not give the full picture, and that we now not only have less money from quota vacancies which can be used for Chinese salaries, but we also have fewer members of staff supported by the Mission Boards. We all realise that these cuts were made only when they were absolutely necessary. In the case of the American Board for example, there is no doubt that Dr. de Vargas is one of the most valuable members of the University, and that Mrs. de Vargas is a great addition to the Campus, and since they could not have returned to Yenching unless the Board had made the adjustment which it did we are glad that it was possible somehow to have them return, but we have to realise that it is the accumulative effect of these adjustments for the past years that makes it necessary for us now to present a budget which can only be balanced by drawing on reserve.

This long letter is enough about budgets I am sure.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer

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YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

April 7, 1937

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
28 DePuyster Avenue
Tenafly, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Parlin:

Within the last few days we have received from Miss Speer a cablegram reading as follows:-

"IN ANSWER TO YOUR LETTER OF MARCH THIRD REFERRING TO OUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY EIGHTEENTH MRS. C. C. PARLIN. VERY ANXIOUS TO HAVE RATHBONE IF FUNDS ARE PROVIDED BY YOU"

I believe I sent you a copy of my letter of March 3rd, so you will have that in hand as well as your letter of February 18th.

If I clearly understand Miss Speer's cable, the field is really desirous of having Dr. Rathbone come out for the spring semester 1938 if we can find from sources here in America outside the regular budget appropriations for 1937-38 approximately US\$500 to cover her expenses, or to provide her with an honorarium, while she is on the Yenching campus. Is this your understanding?

If our interpretation of the cablegram is correct, what should be the next steps with regard to trying to find the \$500 which would be required? As you know, the Yenching College Committee's surplus at the present time amounts to a little over US\$10,000. The probabilities are that we will have to draw little or nothing from the surplus in order to take care of the 1936-37 budget, and there is the possibility that we may even have a modest balance at the close of the year to add to this fund. It would appear, therefore, that \$500 could safely be provided from the YCC surplus if no other source were available.

I suppose that we ought to get definite word to Dr. Rathbone as soon as possible as to whether she is definitely being invited to spend the spring semester on the Yenching campus and can count upon receiving around \$500 while she is on the campus.

Very sincerely yours,

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May 1, 1937

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

As you know, our China Colleges have, during the past eight months, carried on active publicity and promotional work in a number of cities. In each community where we have been at work, the members of the Associated Boards, and other friends of the China Colleges, have formed a local sponsoring committee to endorse and to support these activities. As a rule, the success of our efforts in each community has been proportionate to the activity of the sponsoring committee.

During the months of May and June our activities on behalf of the Colleges will be centered largely in the New York metropolitan area. We are therefore asking all members of the Associated Boards, and of the Advisory Councils established by several of the Colleges, to form the Metropolitan Committee of Sponsors. The list of members of this Committee will be a striking proof of the large number of influential men and women who are actively interested in Christian higher education in China.

We are, of course, counting on you as one of the Committee. But we try to make it a rule never to use the names of even our most loyal friends in any way without first informing them and securing their consent.

We would be grateful if you would indicate on the enclosed card the ways in which you will be able to assist during the coming weeks. You have probably already sent in, or will be sending in within the next day or two, your reservations for the Annual Dinner on May 10th, so you need not make any special notation on those two items.

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
28 DePeyster
Tenafly, N. J.

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WENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

CHAITMAN

June 2, 1937

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
28 DePeyster Avenue
Tenafly, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

As requested, we are enclosing copy of excerpts from Miss
Cookingham's letter covering the request to return to the field
funds used in constructing the Women's College infirmary.

Two sets of the minutes for the Women's College meeting
are enclosed herewith; the others will be mailed with the consoli-
dated mailings of all of the Associated Boards minutes. These
should be out tomorrow or the next day.

I have discussed with Dr. Garside the question as to the
place for charging Gold \$500. to be used for Miss Josephine Rathbone.
He has agreed that it should be taken from the Women's College surplus
carried on our books here in New York.

Very truly yours,

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Excerpt from Miss Cookingham's letter C57-5-26-206.

On page 4 of the annual report of the Treasurer of Yenching College for Women for year ending June 30, 1956, we find the following recommendation:

1. That there be transferred to the Women's College General Endowment Fund \$6,100. of unallocated Plant Funds which have been released by the gifts for this same amount from the Lyon family to pay for the Women's College Infirmary.

The cost of constructing and equipping the Infirmary was L\$21,249.21. On authorization from your office we drew a draft on May 28, 1954 for L\$4,000., which cost US\$1,000. Subtracting this amount from the gift from the Lyon family we are entitled to US\$5,100. here on the field. At the present rate of exchange we will probably be able to realize around L\$17,000, which will be somewhat less than the amount, L\$17,249.21, which we drew from our Women's College surplus account for this building. In view of the fact that we obtain about twice as much interest on funds invested in China as those invested in America, we feel very keenly about being reimbursed for funds drawn from our surplus account.

Will you please send us an authorization to draw US\$5,100. as soon as convenient?

Excerpt from Miss Cookingham's letter C57-4-25-220.

On March 26, C57-5-26-206, we wrote you about our Women's College Infirmary account. This week President Stuart received a check for US\$2,000. from Mrs. Linda Lyon Van Voorhis. Neither President Stuart nor this office is clear as to the exact amount which can be expected from the Lyon family for the Infirmary. Will you please let us know how much was pledged and what balance is still due? While the cost of the Infirmary was only \$21,249.21, the actual value of the building was something more than that because some old building material and plumbing equipment from the first infirmary was used in constructing the new infirmary. President Stuart hopes that it will be possible to collect from members of the Lyon family the full amount of the pledge.

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YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

June 15, 1937

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
28 DePuyster Avenue
Tenafly, New Jersey

My dear Mrs. Parlin:

Enclosed herewith are four copies of the minutes of the May 13th meeting of the Yenching College Committee. In addition to keeping one copy in your own files you will undoubtedly wish to send a copy to Miss Speer and probably also to Dr. Stuart and Miss Cookingham. If you need any additional copies, or if there are any points in the minutes which you wish our office to follow up, please let us know.

Very sincerely yours,

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CABLE ADDRESS
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June 15, 1937.

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Dear Sirs:

I enclose herewith check to your order for \$1,000 covering the subscription as per the enclosed card.

Trusting that the delay and oversight in sending in this check has not inconvenienced your program, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Charles C. Parlin.

Trustees, Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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Silver Bay
New York

Mr. B. A. Garside
New York City

12 August, 1937.
Ack. 8/17/37.

Dear Mr. Garside :-

Copies of the cablegrams have been very gratifying - I feel very much out of touch with things - I realize the office has no bona fide information except these cables but I am sure speculation among you, who know China, is rife.

I am very anxious for the latest word about Josephine Rathbone and also for information as to what

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Was finally done about a person for
the Home Economics Work. Miss Calder
has not written me since our Yearling
meeting last spring and I would
appreciate word from you about this.
In the mimeographed letter of August
10 from the office, ^{who is} ~~which is~~ the "Young
Woman" mentioned in Dr. Stuart's
cable and who the "woman member
of staff planning to go out for a special
one year term" -?

I am enclosing a letter from
Ruth Stahl. Will you note particularly
what she says about Joe Rathbone's
salary and write me if you think

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any thing ought to be done about
the slight discrepancy? Will you
also return the letter to me for my
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I am sorry to make you write one
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Sincerely yours,

Miriam Parlin

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August 17, 1937.

Mrs. C. C. Parlin,
Silver Bay, New York.

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

I am sorry to note from your letter of August 12, that we have not been keeping you as fully informed as we should have in reference to the news that has been coming to us from Peiping, and with reference to the steps we have been taking here.

Miss Rathbone is going forward with her plans for spending a year abroad. Since she is spending the first half year in India, there will be four or five months for the situation in China to revolve itself in one way or another before she is due to sail for Peiping. Some of us are fervently hoping that by that time our Chinese colleagues will have persuaded "the little brown brothers" that they are tackling far too unpleasant a proposition, and that the situation will have settled down to a point where the University can carry on its work under relatively normal conditions. Perhaps that is too optimistic a hope to even mention at this time. In any event, the wise procedure with regard to Miss Rathbone seems to be for her to go along to India and to postpone for the present any decision as to her work at Yenching next spring.

After various vicissitudes Dr. Martha M. Kramer has now sailed for Yenching, for one year of special work in Home Economics. Some weeks ago her appointment was confirmed and arrangements were made for her to sail on August 14. About ten days before that date Yenching cabled asking us to cancel this appointment. We relayed this news to her in Colorado. She wired back asking us to postpone her sailing until she could make plans for spending some or all of the year elsewhere in China. Then a couple of days later, Dr. Stuart cabled again, asking us to send her along as planned. She was still able to make her original steamer and sailed on schedule. Dr. Stuart has, in several cables, directed us to send along all the other returning members of staff, except he asked that Miss Veghte delay her sailing. A cablegram which has just come in this morning, asks that Miss Veghte come if possible, and goes on to state that the University is planning to open as usual.

I return herewith for your files the letter from Miss Stahl. My own judgment would be that in as much as arrangements have already been made with Miss Rathbone here on the basis of U. S. \$500, we should not attempt at this time, to make any change. It is quite possible however, that this will not coincide with your own judgment. The difference is not much, in any event, and I am sure that Miss Rathbone will want to follow whatever procedure will

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be acceptable to the field.

We trust that you are having a very pleasant vacation and that the events in China during the last few weeks will not be such as unduly to disturb your peace of mind.

Very cordially yours,

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Mrs. C. C. Parlin

August 18th, 1937

Dear Mrs. Parlin,

The news of your mother's death has touched all of us very deeply. I know that I personally have had the warmest admiration and affection for her during the ten years I have been privileged to know her. It is hard to think of the work of the Yenching Trustees and the Yenching College Committee going forward without the help and inspiration of her interest always and her presence whenever that has been possible.

We are grieved, too, that these closing months of your mother's earthly life had to be burdened both by her own failing health and by concern over your father's illness. A week or two ago I found myself puzzling over the inexplicable workings of a divine providence which could decree a long period of ill health for your father and your mother. Surely there has never been two more consecrated and devoted servants of the Lord, and none who more richly deserved to have their closing years filled to the brim with all the life can offer of health and comfort and rest from labors well and triumphantly done. Some day, perhaps, we may find the answer that now escapes us - the why and wherefore of illness and suffering.

We are deeply troubled, too, as we think of the shock to your father of this bereavement. His secretary tells me that he is bearing up bravely, as we all knew he would. We feel for him more than we can express.

If it were humanly possible, every member of the Yen-
ching board and of the Yenching College Committee would be in
Germantown on Friday afternoon to pay their final homage to your
mother. Of course at this season of the year and with the group
so widely scattered only a few can come. Yet you will know that
all the others join in their sincerest sympathies and that all
have the same sense of personal loss and sorrow. I have been
trying to arrange things here at the office so I can get away, but
I fear that with the crisis in China and with Mr. Evans away on
an all-too-brief vacation I may not be able to make it. Even if
I do not come, I will be sharing ^{my} thought with all those who are
present in person and in spirit.

Very sincerely yours,

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PUDDING ISLAND FARM
SILVER BAY, NEW YORK

2 Sept. 1937.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

At the time of mother's death it was a great help to get your letter so beautifully expressed, and the many other letters from the Yenching friends. It was with great pride we read of what the many many friends said about our mother - of her inspiration, her help, and her devotion to all good work. We as a family wish to express our appreciation for all.

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As for mother's actual going we were quite prepared. She had suffered a series of strokes since early June and then pneumonia set in. She was unconscious for several weeks. We were happy to have her noble spirit released from the limitations of an infirm body - yet the realization that she was gone from us was a great shock.

Father is at present in a very critical condition and of course he feels very lonely now. He

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still suffers great pain with his arthritis.

Will you kindly convey to all members of the Yenching Board our sincere appreciation for the gorgeous spray of flowers and tell them father was overcome with emotion when we showed them to him.

I will be in Tenafly next week for fall and will get in touch with you shortly. Chica is very much on my mind as with every one else interested in her.

Very sincerely,

Miriam Parlin

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September 29, 1937

My dear Mrs. Parlin:

God is merciful, isn't He? He has given you fine memories of your parents, even though there have been physical limitations which must have been hard to endure. And now comes the release from suffering, which is indeed merciful.

Nevertheless, no matter how philosophically we try to look upon these events, yet the parting has a poignancy for which it is hard to find relief. Time and faith help to heal the wound, and during these coming days, may your memories be mellowed by the consciousness that the spirit of the departed one lives on. My heart goes out to you in this loss you have sustained.

Most cordially yours,

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
250 W. Tulpehocken Street
Germantown
Philadelphia, Pa.

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28 dePeyster Avenue,
Tenafly, N. J.,
October 20, 1937.

Mr. B. A. Garside,
150 Firth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

Enclosed is a copy of the report of
the Dean, 1936-1937.

I am mailing copies to the Members
of the Yenching College Committee, with the ex-
ception of those who are at your office, namely,
Mr. Barber, Mr. Evans, Mrs. MacMillan and Mr.
McBrier. Will you kindly call their attention
to the report if you think it is necessary.

Very sincerely,

Miriam Boyd Parker

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October 27, 1937

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
28 DePeyster Avenue
Tenafly, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

We enclose herewith a copy of a letter we have just received from Dean Ava B. Milan describing her visit to Peiping and to the Yenching campus this summer. I am sending copies of this letter to the other members of the Yenching College Committee for they will probably find it of some interest.

Miss Milan writes that she is planning to be in New York about November 11th and 12th and adds that she would be glad to meet any members of the Yenching Board who may wish to talk with her about conditions in Peiping when she left. Do you think that it would be possible or desirable to call together at least a small group of the Yenching College Committee to talk with Miss Milan, or would it be sufficient if one or two of the members of the Committee - Mrs. Finley and yourself preferably and others who may be available - could plan to see her informally while she is in the city?

With everyone working at top speed dealing with emergency matters we must necessarily reduce meetings of boards and committees to the bare minimum for the time being.

Very sincerely yours,

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October 28, 1937

Mr. Charles C. Parlin
128 East Walnut St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Parlin:

Through your intimate relationship of the Boyd family and your acquaintanceship with Dr. and Mrs. Frank D. Gamewell you have, I am sure, learned of the Professorship which is being established at Yenching University in China in honor of Dr. Gamewell, and more than fifty years has been spent as a servant of the Methodist Board in China.

It has been on the hearts of some of the friends of Dr. Gamewell to honor him in some suitable way during his lifetime. As a result of several conferences with him and Mrs. Gamewell, their consent was gained to establish a Professorship of Religion at Yenching University which would be named after Dr. Frank D. Gamewell. It would be his desire and that of the Board as well, to make provision for this Professorship in perpetuity so that for hundredths of years to come we would have assurance of some competent instructor in the Christian religion at Yenching, one of the largest and most influential Universities in all China.

By securing a principal sum of \$50,000 and investing this in American securities it will yield from \$1500 to \$2000 annually which would pay the salary of the proposed instructor in religion. When the present conflict is over, as it will surely be before many months, China will be in need of religious leadership more than ever. The Gamewell Professorship will help to supply this.

Mr. Boyd, prior to his death, and Mr. W. S. Pilling were on the Sponsoring Committee for this fund, and if there are any questions, I am sure, Mr. Pilling will be pleased to answer them if you choose to telephone him.

\$45,500 are now in hand in cash and subscriptions, leaving a balance of \$4500 yet to be secured. This we hope to accomplish within the very near future. I shall doubtless be in Philadelphia again very soon and if at that time you wish to discuss this I shall be pleased to meet you personally. In the meantime, if you can arrive at a decision as to any participation which you might care to have, our Committee will accept it most gratefully.

Very sincerely yours,

George C. Aydelott, Secretary.

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Friday night, November 5th

Dear Mrs. Parlin,

Since I failed to reach you on the telephone this afternoon I pass on the facts with reference to the luncheon for Miss Milan.

Mrs. Pfeiffer and Mrs. Finley got together and agreed on a luncheon November 11th. Mrs. Pfeiffer is arranging it to be held at the Princeton Club, beginning at 12:30. She is trying to get into touch with Mrs. Slade and Mrs. Roys, possibly one or two others.

We have wired Miss Milan to hold the luncheon period on the 11th free for this session.

Sincerely,

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November 9, 1937

Mr. C. C. Parlin
28 DePeyster Avenue
Tenafly, N. J.

Dear Mr. Parlin:

In compliance with your request, I am enclosing copies of some of the correspondence between this office and Mr. Boyd respecting the Gamewell Professorship. When the personal letter of June 19 from Mr. Boyd to Dr. William J. Thompson has served your purpose, we shall appreciate it if you will return it for our files. The others are copies which you may keep permanently if you wish.

From the outset Mr. Boyd was one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the idea of establishing a memorial to Dr. Gamewell. The Professorship of Religion seemed to be the most appealing. Had we been able to avail ourselves of his wisdom and active support, we should long since have completed the fund. His illness, however, made this impossible. But, through his conversations with Mr. Pilling from time to time, we were assured of his unflinching interest.

In our conversation with you at lunch, I think Mr. McBrier made it clear that the principal sum of \$50,000 is to remain in America, only the interest being used to pay the salary of the one who occupies the chair of religion in Nide Divinity Hall at Yenching University, which chair is to bear the name of Dr. Frank D. Gamewell. There has been given in cash and subscriptions a total of \$42,600 in addition to the \$5,000 which Dr. and Mrs. Gamewell have insisted we should accept from them. Since Dr. Gamewell recently celebrated his eightieth anniversary, we hope to complete the fund as soon as possible.

We greatly appreciate your friendly interest in this matter and if you desire further information, Mr. McBrier or some member of the Committee will be pleased to supply it.

Very sincerely yours,

George C. Aydelett, Secretary.

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November 15, 1937

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
28 DePeyster Avenue
Tenafly, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

Miss Van Sciver tells me that you would like to attend the luncheon given in honor of Dr. Wang this Friday if you were sure that there would be other ladies present. So far we have acceptances from several ladies: Mrs. George Plimpton, Miss Sara J. Day, Mrs. John H. Finley, Mrs. Jonathan Bulkley, and we hope that several others will come. We hope that the presence of these distinguished ladies will persuade you to join us.

We are making a tentative reservation for you but would be glad if you would confirm it.

Sincerely yours,

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