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January 6, 1940

Dear Mrs. Parlin,

Here is a copy of the invitation for the China Colleges Dinner on January 25th. We are grateful for your willingness to serve as a member of the Dinner Committee.

So that our friends will know that this is not "just another dinner" I have sent along personal notes with most of the invitations explaining in confidence that the high point of the occasion will be the Ambassador's presentation of the Order of the Jade to our four guests of honor.

We hope that you and Mr. Parlin can be present, and that you will bring friends. Shall we reserve a table for you? We would be glad to mail invitations (with the price either shown or omitted) to any names you suggest, or to send you extra copies for your use.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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17 February 1940

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

Mrs. Moore and I have just had a long telephone conversation, and I have promised to send you a brief note with an advance copy of the letter of appeal to Wellesley alumnae. This letter will be mailed within the next week but Mrs. Moore wants you to see it in advance of its distribution. The Wellesley-Yenching letterhead, as used on this appeal, necessarily had to go to press before the complete membership of the Committee could be decided. There are likely to be additions to the present list, and the whole matter of the self-perpetuation of the committee, with possible rotation of a certain number each year, has not even been discussed. One thing, however, is clear, and that is the use on the letterhead of your name and Miss Rathbone's as Wellesley women whose connection is with the trustees. Probably what will be done is the printing of your names on the letterhead under:

Wellesley Alumnae Members of the Women's Committee
of the Yenching Trustees.

We are enclosing herewith, also, copies of the two editions of the booklet. In these, pages seven and eight are different, as you will see. The booklet which is to be used with the Wellesley alumnae as a follow-up of the illustrated appeal, has appropriate material on pages seven and eight, and the edition which is to be used with possible endowment donors has on page seven a statement of the case for the Endowment Campaign and on page eight the membership of the Yenching College Committee.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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

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Memorandum of conversation with Mrs. C. C. Parlin, March 12, 1940:

SUBJECT: Scholarship funds for Kuan Yu-shan.

In our conversation we first reviewed our general understanding of the sources from which the fund of \$600 for Kuan Yu-shan would be secured. Our original understanding was that Miss Rathbone would contribute \$100 personally towards this fund, Mrs. Parlin and Miss Rathbone together would secure \$200 from friends of K. A. Wee in Leonia, and \$300 would be secured by the New York office from other friends.

On this understanding, \$300 in pledges was obtained by the New York office in the spring of 1939. Meantime, however, Miss Rathbone discovered that Mr. Kuan would need \$120 more for his tuition and other Columbia expenses than was covered by his fellowship. She therefore stated that her own personal gift would be increased to \$120 and would be used for taking care of these Columbia expenses. This change, however, reduced the amount available for Mr. Kuan's other expenses from \$600 to \$500. This additional \$100 has not yet been found, and our New York office ought to seek for it.

Mrs. Parlin stated that the prospects of Dr. Wee's friends in Leonia raising \$200 were not very encouraging, and that she herself would send us at this time her personal check for that amount. I stated that if this were done, we should later credit to her any amount received from the Leonia friends, either by returning that amount to her, or by applying that amount on any other objective in which she was interested or which she might designate.

Mrs. Parlin stated that if any further assistance from her were needed we should call upon her. I thanked her and told her that I felt this check for \$200 which she had sent me together with what she is doing in trying to raise funds through groups of Dr. Wee's friends, is her full share of the undertaking, and that we should ^{not} ask her to do anything more.

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28 DePeyster Avenue
Tenafly, New Jersey

14 March, 1940.
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Mr. B. A. Garside
Yenching University
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

Enclosed is my check toward
the scholarship of Mr. — at Columbia.
I am very happy to send this and
will keep you in touch with anything
that materializes at Leonia.

Sincerely,

Miniam Parlin

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March 16, 1940

Dear Mrs. Parlin,

Our most grateful thanks for your check of \$200 for the support of Mr. Kuan Yu-shan at Columbia. Our formal receipt is enclosed. This timely help will do much to insure the financing of the last half of Mr. Kuan's study here in New York.

If, as we hope, the young people in Leonia are able to provide some or all of the \$200 they were to seek, we will make whatever distribution of your own advance of this sum as you may direct.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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

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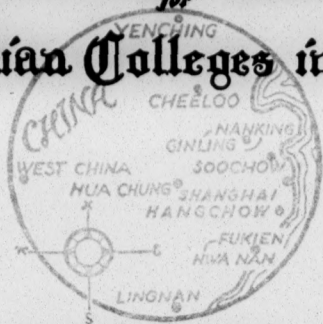
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March 23, 1940

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

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

I am afraid I have been exceedingly neglectful in failing to send out notices earlier in the year in advance of due dates on pledges. I hate to say that it was caused by an overwhelming mass of work, and would rather apologize for neglecting a simple duty.

I just noticed, however, your pledge for \$1,000.00 was dated February 1, 1940 and I am sorry I did not get this notification in your hands earlier.

With many apologies, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dear Mr. Evans: Thank you for reminding me of the due date on this pledge. It had entirely slipped my mind.

Sincerely,
 Miriam Parlin

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March 26, 1940

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

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

Your quick response staggers me, but I know you will understand what I mean when I say that I am glad I discovered the oversight.

As this was a part of last year's Yenching emergency fund, it was set up on the books as accounts payable - quite naturally without any designation. We are therefore making it immediately available for the field.

Receipt is enclosed herewith, and I want you to know that we greatly appreciate your promptness and your continued interest.

Most gratefully yours,

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28 DePeyster Avenue
Tenafly, New Jersey

18 April, 1940.

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Enclosed is a check for \$10.00[✓]
to cover cost of the flowers Mrs. McMillan
arranged to have sent to Miss Kendrick's
funeral. Thank you for informing me
about this -

Sincerely,

Miriam Parlin

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29 April 1940

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

When are you and I going down to conquer Philadelphia? Did you get any light on the Kolb problem from Mr. Pilling?

Mrs. Moore was in to-day to check up on her immediate tasks. She took away a fine analysis of the Wellesley gifts, and you will be seeing a copy of this some time soon.

Among the requests which ELM left for our carrying-through was that we ask you if you did not think that a note from you should go to members of the Women's College Committee about the meeting of May 16th, to the effect that it is the ANNUAL MEETING, that Mrs. Finley will be back for it, that there is interesting news to be gleaned by those who attend, and so on. She says she cannot imagine anyone being fired with a desire to attend after reading the mimeographed list of meetings of all Boards, which is all that has so far gone out to the members of our women's committee. Miss Van S. will get the mechanical work done on such a note if you will dictate its contents.

Lastly, were we not to send out a letter on the Endowment balance to the former faculty people? Is the attached something of what you would like to say?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
28 de Payster Avenue
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April 23, 1940

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

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

Your very gracious note of April 18th has been received enclosing check for \$10.00 to cover the cost of flowers purchased by Mrs. Macmillan in behalf of the Women's College Committee for the funeral of Miss Kendrick.

Surely we have lost a sincere and devoted friend, and we all shall miss her.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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COMMITTEE OF YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Accepted

5/8/40

May 6, 1940

Dear Mr. Garside:

We are supplementing the mimeographed notice of our Annual Meeting on May 16th, to give you the details of the place and time.

We will meet for luncheon at twelve-thirty, in the Jade Room, Fifth Avenue Hotel, Fifth Avenue at Ninth Street. We will continue in session until the Agenda is covered, which we hope will not be later than four o'clock.

This is an important meeting for many reasons, since it is the final meeting of the year for the full Board, and there are significant developments to be considered both in relation to news from the field and to our own task in maintaining American support. Three members of the present faculty will be with us, all of them on the eve of their return to Peking.

Will you please let me have your reply on the attached slip?

Sincerely yours,

Miriam Boyd Parlin
(Mrs. Charles C. Parlin)
Secretary

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May 25, 1940

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

Dear Mrs. Parlin,

Enclosed herewith is a tentative draft of the minutes of the meeting of the Yenching College Committee held on May 16. We have put this together in the hope of saving you a little trouble, but we want you to feel free to go over the draft carefully, to make emendations wherever they would help, and to change the form and content in any way you will.

If you will send the corrected draft back to us, we will be glad to have it mimeographed and distributed.

Mr. Evans has offered to write the field with regard to the various financial items in the minutes. Do you wish him to do this, and are there any other details in connection with the minutes which we can follow through for you?

Very cordially yours,

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Dear Mr. Jarside: 6/6/40
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I have marked one
or two very minor points.

I see one omission: -

the reelection for a 3 yr
term of Mrs. Robert Spear
and Mrs. Maurice Moore
whose terms expired '40.

Thank you so much
for helping me in this.
Do have the office mail copies
to the field. Sincerely,
Miriam Parlin

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PUDDING ISLAND FARM
SILVER BAY, NEW YORK

Dear Mrs. Mc Millan,

I have quite a little new material on the Kolb sisters and I am ready to go to see them. I can go over Thursday afternoon or Friday morning, if that is convenient to you. We may waste a trip as I cannot get an answer from them - I thought I would write them I was going to be in Philadelphia and would plan to make a call on them. Would you send me a telegram here telling me if you can go and then be poised for flight as I won't be down till just before we start.

I got your telephone message but was not able to telephone you as minutes counted between getting back from our Methodist conference at Atlantic City and leaving for here -

Very sincerely,

Miriam Parlin

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June 8, 1940

Dear Mrs. Parlin,

Thank you for your note accompanying the draft of the Yenching College Committee minutes. We have included the action covering the reelection of Mrs. Speer and Mrs. Moore. We have also omitted any reference, under the approval of minutes, to the more or less informal meetings of the Committee held during the year. We did mention, however, the October 13, 1939 meeting of the Committee, because formal minutes of this meeting were mimeographed and sent out, and if they were omitted our serial numbers would be incomplete.

We will send copies to the field, and I will also send a general note to Miss Speer. A copy of this note is enclosed. If you have anything more to add, you may wish to write her a more personal letter.

Very sincerely yours,

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

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November 4, 1940

Mrs. Charles C. Parlin
123 Hillside Avenue
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

The other day your return card regarding the meeting of the Committee on Finance of the Associated Boards indicated that you were of the opinion that you had not been re-appointed to this Committee for this year.

The source of your appointment to the Committee on Finance is in the election of coopted members by the Associated Boards. You were not on the Committee as a representative of the Yenching College Committee. The appointments for this year were made by the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards at its meeting on June 21, and the vote covering your election is E-1111.

I trust that this will answer your question as to your membership on this Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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November 6, 1940

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

Herewith a rough draft of the minutes for the November 4th meeting of the Committee. Will you revise them as they may require, and then return the draft to us for mimeographing and distribution? (I have another copy on my desk if you should wish to discuss any point by telephone.)

One point which I believe the Committee wished us to follow up promptly was the establishment of the Dean's Emergency Fund of \$1,000. I have therefore drafted off a letter which our office can send to Miss Cookingham if you approve. At the same time you can write to Miss Speer telling her the fund is available, and giving her further details as to the Committee's thought in making this appropriation.

I believe you are also writing Miss Speer, asking her to give us somewhat more specific information as to the nature and amounts of the various special needs which we understand she has in mind just now. I hope you will urge that she be as concrete as possible, both as to what needs there are and as to the exact amount she would need in each case.

If there are any other points in connection with these minutes - or in other activities of the Committee - at which your humble Assistant Secretary can help, please do call on me. Thus far the Honorable Secretary hasn't done much to implement the provisions in the by-laws that define the Asst. Secy's duties as being whatever the Secretary tells him to do.

Sincerely,

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December 9, 1940

Mrs. Charles C. Parlin
123 Hillside Avenue
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

I am pleased to find, in checking with Mr. Parker, that you are still a member of Yenching Finance Committee. The resignation which he has in hand is for membership on the Finance Committee of the Associated Boards and this resignation will be presented at the next meeting of the Associated Boards Executive Committee. You are still a member of the Associated Boards Executive Committee, Yenching Committee on Promotion, and Yenching Committee on Finance. Therefore, if you are planning to be absent Wednesday through a very understandable and commendable modesty over attending a meeting of a Committee from which you have resigned, then the reason does not exist.

I have investigated the status of your pledge and find that conditional upon the securing of \$25,000 or more, it reads as follows:

"I pledge toward this objective Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000); payment to be on or before December 31, 1940. This gift is to be known as the "William and Corabel and Tarr Boyd Fund."

This seems to answer your question, and while I am writing, may I add a word of very sincere appreciation for this generous assistance toward the work of women at Yenching University. Snowed under as we frequently are with routine tasks these evidences of interest and cooperation come as a deep stimulation to greater and more consecrated effort.

With every good wish for the coming Yuletide Season, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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17 December, 1940

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Englewood, New Jersey

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

The membership on the various committees still worries me. Your letter of evidence made it worse than I thought it was. I feel very definitely I must resign from the Yenching Finance Committee and wish you would take that up with Mr. Parker also. I will then put a bigger effort to attend the other meetings -

I am enclosing two checks for \$6,000 each. You will notice the dates are different - The one made out for January 1 being done for tax purposes - This is only paying off a gift I know father would have made had he lived, and is therefore to be considered as coming from him - I claim no credit for this - He had a nice little talk with me before he died and told me this was his intention.

With best wishes for the Christmas Season.

Very sincerely,

Miriam Parker

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December 18, 1940

Mrs. Charles C. Parlin
123 Hillside Avenue
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

Humbly, yet regretfully, bowing to your wishes I have informed Mr. Parker of your desire to resign from the Yenching Finance Committee. In due time, therefore, action will be taken conforming to your wishes. The only valid reason you have in taking this action is the time element, - I concede nothing else.

Your very beautiful manner of continuing the wonderful work for Yenching so devotedly fostered by your parents is evidence of your loyalty to them. What you and Mr. Parlin have done will always remain as a memorial in honor of the cherished plans of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd.

According to your wishes I am enclosing receipt for \$6,000 representing one-half of your pledge and will hold the check for \$6,000 dated January 1st for the purpose of issuing a receipt at that time. This, I take it, is what you desire.

I was about to dictate a word of Christmas Greeting, but I am thinking you will be greatly interested in a Yuletide folder received this morning from the President of our Investment Counsel containing a quotation from Walt Whitman which is most appropriate for these times:-

"Keep heart O comrade;
God may be delayed
By evil, but he suffers no defeat.
God is not foiled;
The drift of the World Will
Is stronger than all wrong.
--Walt Whitman."

Ever gratefully yours,

C. A. EVANS

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December 18, 1940

Mrs. Charles C. Parlin
123 Hillside Avenue
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

Mr. Evans came to my office this morning and advised me that he had received checks covering your complete subscription to the Yenching Women's College Endowment Fund.

I cannot express in proper words my real appreciation to you and Mr. Parlin for this evidence of your faithfulness to Yenching - also your faithfulness in carrying out the purpose of your father and mother. I think it is wonderful when children "carry on" the ideals of their parents, as you and Mr. Parlin are doing.

Your father and mother certainly had a large part in building Yenching University. Your mother was for many years the most active supporter of the Women's College. I often have felt that there would be no Women's College had it not been for the support she gave - not alone in her generous gifts, but also in her devoted service.

We hope you will carry on in her stead during the coming years. I know of no more worthy cause.

With sincere appreciation to you both, and wishing you every blessing of the Holiday Season just ahead of us.

Very sincerely yours,

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January 6, 1941

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
125 Hillside Avenue
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

Agreeable to our previous correspondence, on January 1st, we deposited your check for \$6,000.00 covering the balance of your pledge toward the Yenching Women's College Endowment Fund. Receipt is enclosed herewith.

Again may we thank you good friends for this enduring testimony of your interest in the work of Yenching College.

With the best of wishes for 1941, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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January 9, 1941

Mrs. Charles C. Parlin
123 Hillside Avenue
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

In the attached minutes of the joint meeting of the Executive and Promotional Committees of the Associated Boards of December 30, 1940, you will find the last action relates to your membership on the Committee on Finance of the Associated Boards. The Committee was sorry indeed that you found it necessary to withdraw from this Committee, but realizing that you had very good reasons for doing so, it agreed to release you from this appointment.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Dear Miss Van Sciver:

February 21

The people present at the meeting at Mrs. Finley's
were:

Mrs. Cavut, Miss Burton, Mrs. Finley, Mrs. Roy,
Mrs. Pfeiffer (Timothy) Mr. Evans, Mrs. Parlin, Mrs. McMillan.

It was voted

To write a letter to Miss Spur ^{stating} ~~suggesting~~ that the
committee would be in favor of building ^a ~~the~~ new
dormitory if the maximum cost including heating and
plumbing would not exceed \$50,000 and the conditions
warrant -

It was further voted:

To hold another meeting to discuss the question
further after we hear from the field -

Would you doctor this up and send me a
copy for approval? Many thanks -

Sincerely,

Miriam Parlin

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue New York, N. Y.

June 16, 1941

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

Dear Friends:

Enclosed find preliminary copies of the Minutes of Yenching College Committee meeting held May 6. I am apologising most sincerely for this delay, but feel that you should have opportunity to make corrections or additions if desirable.

I am also calling attention to the last paragraph on page 3. The stenographic minutes call for an action at this point and the inclusion of a name as a possible candidate. ~~As~~ this person has been considered and found unable to accept, it seems ^{it} advisable to record the action. It would seem that this paragraph should answer all of the requirements of the situation.

I am enclosing stamped envelopes for your use in replying, and, as soon as we have made adjustments, the Minutes will be stenciled and mailed at once.

Very sincerely yours,



C. A. Evans

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Mrs. C. C. Parlin
Silver Bay
New York

Dear Mr. Evans: Sorry for the delay - While I was down home last week this letter came and my boy, who was house keeper, did not give it to me until to-day. Besides the note about the secretary which I would like deleted if possible I can think of one more thing - (I forgot this) namely the re-election of the co-opted members. I haven't my records here so can't look up who they are - could you see and have them added? Thank you - Miriam Parlin

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
One Hundred-11th Avenue
New York, N. Y.

June 18, 1941

Mrs. John H. Finley
Mrs. C. C. Berlin

Dear Friends:

Enclosed find preliminary copies of the Minutes of Yenching College Committee meeting held May 8. I am apologizing most sincerely for this delay, but feel that you should have opportunity to make corrections or additions if desirable.

I am also calling attention to the last paragraph on page 8. The stenographic minutes call for an action at this point and the inclusion of a name as a possible candidate. If this person has been considered and found unable to accept, it seems advisable to record the action. It would seem that this paragraph should answer all of the requirements of the situation.

I am enclosing stamped envelopes for your use in replying, and, as soon as we have made adjustments, the Minutes will be stenographed and mailed at once.

Very sincerely yours,



G. A. Evans

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Mrs. C. C. Berlin
111th Ave.
New York

Handwritten notes:
The notes about the action for which I would like to be included if possible. I can think of one more thing - (I forgot this) namely, the resolution of the so-called members. I haven't my words here so can't look up into that one - would you see and have the added? I thank you - Mrs. Berlin
I also know how hard work this letter came and my hope was to have paper, did not give it to me with the copy - I think
I was sorry for the delay - While

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June 23, 1941

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Mrs. Charles C. Parlin
 Silver Bay
 New York

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

Miss Van Sciver is in receipt of your letter outlining the minutes of the meeting held February 21st at the home of Mrs. Finley.

The cash available at that time toward building the dormitory consisted of the following two items:

Building Fund Investments.....	\$23,554.93
Plant Cash.....	17,109.28
Total.....	\$40,664.21

I note that you have the maximum cost not to exceed \$50,000. At the present time the total of these two is \$41,633.58. I do not recall that the Committee desired to raise \$10,000 additional for the dormitory, but I may be wrong.

The last time we figured the present valuation of the Building Fund Investments there was a shrinkage of \$5,000. In view of Miss Speer's recent letter, I take it that they understand there is \$50,000 available. However, we have set up the minutes according to your understanding and will send you a copy as soon as they are typed up.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Dear Mr. Evans: The figure \$50,000 came from my notes taken at the mtg. I myself was surprised when I saw it - I will leave it to you to decide what to do. We agreed, you remember, not to send them out, as it was a small mtg but to keep them on file - It is 6 of one, and half a dozen of the other, I think, as the 'if the situation warrants' clause protects us - I do feel the minutes of the May mtg ought to be gotten out soon - I have not rec'd these yet - Let me know if there is any thing I should be doing - Sincerely,
 Miriam Parlin

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June 26, 1941

Mrs. Charles C. Parlin
Silver Bay
New York

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

Your letter is at hand and I am amazed that you have not received a draft of the minutes of the last meeting of the Board. Two copies were sent out on the day previous to the time you were talking with me on the telephone. Mrs. Finley replied by return mail and I should have gotten in touch with you again.

As Mrs. Finley has approved the minutes in detail and they are now mimeographed, we will have them sent out this afternoon, and thus avoid further loss of time. I am so sorry this happened and apologize sincerely.

I shall not relax my vigilance until I have ferreted down to a more conclusive point the question regarding the amount available for the dormitory. I am asking our File Secretary to give me all of the data on this material including letters to the field, and from the field. If it appears that we are right in our conclusion that \$40,000 should be the limit, and as the minutes are not to be circulated, it would seem best to hold it to this minimum amount. I am suggesting this as the inference would be were it put at \$50,000 the Committee would be in a position where it must raise \$10,000 additional, plus any shrinkage in security values.

Again with sincerest apologies, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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July 2, 1941

Mrs. C. C. Farlin
Silver Bay
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Farlin:

I am enclosing draft of the Minutes of the February 21st meeting which we are writing up for our records as you requested.

After studying the situation at length, I find that the field intended to use U.S. \$20,000 surplus on hand in China. This, together with the \$40,000 U.S. on our books, made the total which appears in your notes. I think this answers the question, and the \$50,000 should stand.

If these are satisfactory, we can run off a few copies for the files and for our records.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS
Acting Executive Secretary

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Silver Bay, New York

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Mr. C. Q. Evans
Yenching University
New York City.

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

I quote from a letter I received from Mrs. Evans:-

"I find no reference to the matter of a dormitory in the minutes and as the discussion resulted in a vote should there not be? If I am not mistaken, I made the motion that no funds be appropriated for a dormitory at this time, and the vote to support it was, I believe, unanimous. Do you recall such an action?" etc - etc -

As a matter of fact I did not have such a vote in my notes and I am quite sure Miss Van Sciver did not. I have written Mrs. Evans enclosing a copy of our special meeting in February on the subject -

What do you think I should do further, if anything?

Cordially,

Minna Parlin

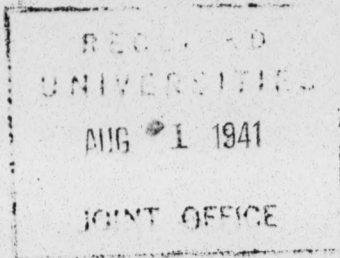
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July 30, 1941

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
Silver Bay
New York

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

Mrs. Avann wrote me a similar letter to the one she sent you, and replied stating that while I was at the meeting discussion on the subject centered around the question as to whether a reply had been received to the cable sent to the field. As none had been received up to that time, the Committee took no action.

In the light of recent developments, it would seem foolhardy to proceed with any building program as very late letters from Leighton Stuart indicate that the Japanese are putting still greater pressure upon the University to employ more Japanese on the staff. So far, Dr. Stuart has withstood the pressure, but his only recourse - should it come to an issue - is to take the matter up with the American Government, and it is anybody's guess how far such an appeal would get.

In the light of these circumstances, it would seem to amount to very little as to what action was taken at the last meeting of the Committee.

I trust that the weather is being good to you and that you find Silver Bay as beautiful as ever. May the Lord richly bless you and your good husband.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping, China

December 3, 1941

Dear Miriam:

It seems an act of great faith in the universe to start a letter across the Pacific at this time when we have been hanging over the radio for each news broadcast and are continually thinking that the next forty-eight hours must bring a crisis of some sort. If the break between Japan and America actually comes, one of the certain inconveniences will be a stopping of all communication by mail, but one cannot worry too much about such a contingency and the only thing to do, we discovered long ago, is to go on calmly and expect things to remain normal. Long ago when my Father used to take us children on camping trips his motto for us always was, "Prepare for the worst; expect the best; and take what comes." I have found that a pretty good guide for these days here, except that perhaps it isn't wise to spend too much time in preparing for a "worst".

My efforts at correspondence in these last few years have not been too fruitful, I fear, and you have not had as many letters from me as you should, but just the same I feel an odd sense of being cut off from the New York end of things now that you are no longer secretary of the Yenching College Committee and now that Mrs. Macmillan is no longer in the office. We are everlastingly grateful for all the years of loyal service that you have given as secretary of the Committee and we cannot wonder that you want to be relieved now of all that detail, but just the same we feel reluctant to let you go. I am glad that you will stay on the Committee for we need your understanding and interest there.

I hope the Fortnightly Letters have been reaching you and that the material we sent about the Memorial Service for Mrs. Frame has found its way into the hands of all the members of the Committee who knew and loved her.

Our hopes for a new dormitory have faded away with so many other bright hopes that have been dispersed by the currents of war all over the world. We have been reluctant to put away our blueprints and give up the plans entirely, but for the moment at least there seems to be little point in working or planning for any immediate construction. It would be disastrous to stop thinking of constructive plans for the future, but for the present we can hardly think in terms beyond this academic year. Our stores of coal and Diesel oil and gasoline are being used with the greatest care so that they will somehow see us through this year, but if the situation grows worse rather than better by next summer, we shall have to contrive other ways of providing light, heat, and transportation that do not depend on oil and coal and gas.

The girls that are squeezed so tightly into the dormitories are cheerful and happy, and indeed, why shouldn't they be? For even though the crowding is shocking by Wellesley standards, yet the dormitories are warm and clean and sunny and are really spacious compared to accommodations in most other academic institutions in this country. Last evening we saw some colored movies which Mrs. Payne has taken of the Yenching campus over the last four seasons, and we were reminded most vividly by the beauty of the color of the maples and the wisteria and the lotus and the pine trees in the snow, what a paradise this campus has been and is and we hope may continue to be.

With greetings that are a little late for Christmas but none the less affectionate,

Ever yours,

(signed) Margaret Bailey Speer

To -
Mrs. C. C. Parlin
123 Hillside Avenue
Englewood, New Jersey

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March 5, 1942

Dear Mr. McBrier:

The four Boyd children joined in making a gift of \$4,000 through United China Relief, Inc. for the designated use of Yenching University. This was under the theory that the mother would have wished it so.

As you know this is nothing new so far as my wife Miriam is concerned, but it does represent an innovation for the other three, the contribution being of \$1,000 each. I think it would be nice and all to the good if you could write to each of the three a brief note. Their names and addresses are:

William R. Boyd,
Mountain Lake, Fla.

Mrs. Margaret Boyd Rowan,
342 Beechwood Road,
Ridgewood, N. J.

Mrs. Isabel Boyd Proudfit,
960 Park Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Charles Parlin

Mr. E. M. McBrier,
203 S. Mountain Avenue,
Montclair, N. J.

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March 9, 1942

Mr. Charles C. Parlin
63 Wall Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Parlin:

Thank you sincerely for yours of March 5th. Fortunately for me, Mrs. Parlin called at my office this forenoon, and I had an opportunity of talking with her in regard to your very generous gift.

I shall take great pleasure in writing Mr. Boyd, Mrs. Rowan, and Mrs. Prouditt; and appreciate very much your interest in securing their gifts. Mrs. Parlin advised me that it was your interest and activity that secured same.

If, as a result of my conversation with Mrs. Parlin, you deem it advisable to have this fund handled in any other manner than as a contribution to the current expenses of the Women's College, I will be pleased to communicate with you further, and we will endeavor to carry out your wishes.

The gift has not yet been reported through the United China Relief, but probably it will eventually reach us. I regret we cannot issue Yenching University receipts for gifts received through the U.C.R., as they issue their own receipts for any gifts sent through their office. We do, however, express our appreciation to our friends who have made gifts through them.

As I explained to Mrs. Parlin this morning, I have a strong feeling that it is better to send gifts for the Colleges direct to this office, designating for which college or particular purpose the gift is made. We can then issue the receipt from this office and report to the U.C.R. The money will reach us much sooner. We have had some trouble in getting the necessary information from U.C.R. in case of designated gifts. They send their money at stated times in checks covering many items, and do not always designate the sources of the gifts. It would relieve us of a good deal of follow-up work if the gifts came direct to this office.

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Mr. Charles C. Parlin

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I am sure you will not misunderstand my explanation, and this is not intended as any criticism of the U.C.R. We appreciate the splendid work they are doing; but the routing of designated gifts makes a tangled skein which sometimes it is difficult to unravel. Inasmuch as you are interested in the U.C.R., and definitely interested in Yenching University, I thought this explanation was due you.

With sincere appreciation and kindest regards, and hoping I have an opportunity of seeing you soon, I remain,

Most truly yours,

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May 28, 1942

Mrs. C. C. Parlin
123 Hillside Avenue
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Parlin:

Dr. Decker has named a committee to review the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards and is asking you to act as a member of this committee.

It may not be necessary to hold a meeting of the committee unless some of the members discover something which should be discussed with the others. If you find the minutes satisfactory, or have only minor changes to suggest, will you please return them to the office with your approval.

The various reports which are referred to in the minutes as being attached are not included herewith since you received copies of these at the Annual Meeting attached to the agenda or distributed during the discussions.

The section regarding the Harvard-Yenching Institute on pages eleven and twelve are being referred particularly to Dr. North for his approval and corrections, and that section will be finally worded as he may suggest.

We hope that you can give this matter early attention so that we may proceed with the issuing of the minutes.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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Pledged \$10,000 - as or before Dec, 1951
Paid 1st instalment 2,000

April 2, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Parlin,
123 Hillside Avenue,
Englewood, N. J.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Parlin:

Upon my return to the office today I find your most generous subscription to the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, and your initial payment of \$2,000.00 on same. I observe the designation is for Yenching University.

After talking this matter over with Mr. Evans we have concluded that probably the most necessary thing to do is to designate every such gift to the rehabilitation of the University in order that it may be prepared to continue its full academic work. This means not only the rehabilitation of buildings and of the sewer, water, and heating installations but also the demolition of certain unnecessary buildings that were erected by the Japanese, and the rehabilitation of the buildings that were used by them, in order to put them in proper shape for the university.

Possibly you would like to have this particular gift indicated for such work on the campus of the Women's College inasmuch as Mr. and Mrs. Boyd were particularly interested in that branch of the work. If such is your desire, will you kindly indicate same and it will be used for that particular purpose.

Your later payments on this pledge may be so applied if you desire, or they may be applied to the general rehabilitation of the University, whichever you prefer.

May I express my personal appreciation for this generous gift. It comes at a time when so much is needed in order to put the College in a state of adequate repair and it will go a long way toward assisting our friends on the field to continue their educational work. Every such gift that may be applied to making our College what it was before the war lifts a big load from the hearts of our faculty, as they are bending every endeavor to getting the College back to its old time usefulness and beauty.

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We would appreciate any suggestion that you may make, and if in every particular we are not carrying out your purpose in making this contribution, please indicate your desire and we will do our best to carry it out.

With sincere personal regards, and hoping that you may find time to drop in and consult with us some day in the near future, I beg to remain,

Most truly yours,

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