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June 8, 1932

My dear Doctor Putnam:

We are indeed deeply grateful to you for your generous help. In spite of the utterly unfavorable conditions prevailing our friends are standing by us, and we are slowly reducing the balance needed to obtain the Rockefeller gift. What we still need seems to be about \$53,000 and we have a good many verbal assurances not yet made specific or put in writing. We are optimistic about the result.

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I am asking a good many of those who help us whether they can perhaps give us a few names of persons in their community who ought to join in this effort. Do you feel free to give us the names of a few such persons in Providence? Possibly some of your medical acquaintances might be especially interested, or members of your church. If you are willing to permit me to refer to you in letters addressed to these persons, I shall feel that this is a great assistance. On the other hand, if you prefer that your name should not be mentioned, we should of course scrupulously avoid referring to you.

With assurances of our heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Dr. Helen C. Putnam
312 Laurel Avenue
Providence, R. I.

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P. S. We are enclosing a copy of your pledge for \$500 for your own record.

cc to H.C.

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Dr. Helen C. Putnam
312 Laurel Avenue
Providence, R. I.

Gift received, June 8, 1932 (date)

Cash Gift \$ -----
Pledge \$ 500 conditional - "provided the Foundation's
Designation Natural Sciences Endow. condition is complied with"
Received through June 6th appeal. Payable in 5 annual payments
of \$100 beginning Sept. 14, 1932
Entered on control record
Serial number 1424
Entered on record card
Pledge signal attached
Cross file card made -----
Receipt number -----
Acknowledgment sent 6-8-32
Entered on renewal sheet ✓
Checked for office list
Checked for mailing list
Contributed previously? \$100 in 1922 to Women's College

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July 26, 1932

Dr. Helen C. Putnam
512 Laurel Avenue
Providence, R. I.

My dear Dr. Putnam:

We are very happy indeed to report that the Rockefeller Foundation has now given its approval to Yenching University's efforts to match the Foundation's first conditional gift of \$250,000 for the endowment of the work in Natural Science. The Foundation has agreed to pay over immediately an amount equal to what we have thus far received in cash designated for the endowment of Natural Science, and to pay over from time to time during the next three years amounts equal to the collections on outstanding pledges which we are able to report to them.

I believe, therefore, that we have met the conditions of the pledge you made on June 8, 1932, for \$500, which was given with the provision that the Foundation's conditions be complied with.

There is one point, however, at which difficulty might arise. I note that your pledge provides for five annual payments of \$100 each beginning September 14, 1932. Thus the last two payments would be made on September 14, 1935, and September 14, 1936. The action of the Rockefeller Foundation accepting our report stipulated that only such amounts could be counted as matching their first conditional gift as are collected before June 30, 1935.

We sincerely hope that you may find it possible to advance somewhat the date of your last two payments so as to enable us to include the entire amount of your pledge in our reports to the Foundation. Of course, this last \$200 would be greatly appreciated by Yenching for the strengthening of its work in Natural Science even if it should be received after June 30, 1935, but in that case, we would lose the benefit of an equal amount to be secured from the Foundation.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG/RC

Secretary

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HELEN C. PUTNAM, M. D.
CONSULTATION BY APPOINTMENT
TELEPHONE

312 LAUREL AVENUE, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Sept. 14, 1932

C. A. Janside, Sec. Trustees
150 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find my check
for first \$100. of \$500. pledged to comply
with Foundation's endowment fund of
College of Natural Sciences, Yenching
University.

Replying to your request July 26
re final payment: I will complete my
\$500. June 15, 1935 by sending \$200. on
this date.

Very truly yours
Helen C. Putnam

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HELEN C. PUTNAM, M. D.
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TELEPHONE

312 LAUREL AVENUE, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Sept. 14, 1933

Dr. Gustave, New Prov.
150 Fifth Ave., N.Y.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find check \$100.00
in reply to your notice of 29th ult.
The cancelled check is sufficient
receipt.

Very truly yours

Helen C. Putnam

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HELEN C. PUTNAM, M. D.
CONSULTATION BY APPOINTMENT
TELEPHONE

312 LAUREL AVENUE, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Sept. 14, 1934

Mr. McBrien Treas.
Yenching Univ.
150 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find \$100⁰⁰, third payment of five pledged.

Very truly yours

Helen C. Putnam

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HELEN C. PUTNAM, M. D.
CONSULTATION BY APPOINTMENT
TELEPHONE

312 LAUREL AVENUE, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

June 14, 1935

E. W. McPhee, Treas.,
Yenching University
150 Fifth Ave. New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find ~~CHF 200.00~~ as fund
payment of two annual pledges sent two months earlier
by request, for total \$500.

With best wishes for Natural Science Endow-
ment ~~Law~~ Truly yours Helen C. Putnam

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HELEN C. PUTNAM, M. D.
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TELEPHONE

312 LAUREL AVENUE, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Oct. 17, 1938

Treas. Yenching University
150 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find check
\$300⁰⁰, completing \$500. pledge* of two
years ago.

Very truly yours

Helen C. Putnam

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HELEN C. PUTNAM, M. D.
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TELEPHONE

312 LAUREL AVENUE, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Dec. 18, 1936

Sec. Yenching University
150 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Sir

Your letter from Prof. Stuart is rec'd.
I will subscribe \$500. to the Women's
College, payable in five annual amounts of \$100,
each, my check for the first being enclosed.

With best wishes

My truly yours
Helen Putnam

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Committee of
YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

OF
Yenching University

PEIPING, CHINA

American Office
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

22 March 1939

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Miss JOSEPHINE L. RATHBONE, *New York*
Mrs. F. LOUIS SLADE, *New York*
Mrs. ROBERT E. SPEER, *Lakeville, Conn.*

Dear Mrs. Finley:

The call on Dr. Helen C. Putnam in Providence to-day was a very interesting experience. The house looked unoccupied; inquiry at a neighboring house brought the information that Dr. Putnam was at home, "but I understand you have to know the combination to get in." The gate appeared to be wired closed, so I went some blocks and called by telephone. Dr. Putnam's first response was forbidding, but she finally invited me to come to see her immediately, since she was going out later. On returning, I found that the gate could be opened by using sufficient energy. - - She had received Mrs. Finley's letter about Miss Rathbone, and had begun a reply.

Dr. Putnam is an alert, white-haired, keen-eyed person, eighty-two years old, living most simply with one servant. There is every evidence of limited income, - but also every evidence of a spirit which longs to give. The real obstacle to a straight-forward Yenching interview to-day was a surprising one, namely, Dr. Stuart's gift of Mme. Chiang's book on the Sian affair.


More than a year ago Dr. Stuart sent out with his card a large number of the brocade-bound volumes of the Sian story. One went to Dr. Putnam, and what impressed her was the white strip of paper across the outside of the book, saying that the story had been written in order to raise money for the families of Chinese soldiers whose lives were lost in the Sian affair. All these months Dr. Putnam has been trying to discover how to get money into Mme. Chiang's hands, and it would not have been wise for me to make any open opposition to her carrying out of this desire. She is interested in the Yenching Women's College, and promised to-day to renew her pledge of that amount for another five years, and said she would try to send the entire amount at once - \$500. But what she will certainly do is to make out a check for \$500. to Mme. Chiang! This will also come forward to the Yenching office; at her request, I promised Dr. Putnam that we would see it reached the Bank of China office in New York as a dependable agency for forwarding funds to Mme. Chiang.

This interview was but another proof of the fact that the China situation is so complicated that we ought to make our story as simple as possible - tell only of the work of our colleges. Even an intelligent person like Dr. Putnam cannot understand that Dr. Stuart expected to increase her interest in and support of Yenching by sending her a book by Mme. Chiang, bearing a plea for relief work. As a matter of fact she had not noticed Dr. Stuart's card in the book until I pointed it out to her.

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Like all women physicians of her generation, Dr. Putnam is a Feminist with emphasis on the capital letter. She is not more interested in physical education than in many other activities of women, and will continue to give to Yenching Women's College if we keep her informed. She should be seen at discreet intervals, but is not strong enough to respond to pressure favorably. She was eager in her questions, and we talked more than an hour. She thanked me for coming, and I believe she would receive me again. - - I believe there is not the slightest reason to expect a large gift from this source.

Sincerely yours,


Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Mrs. John H. Finley
Yenching Women's College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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March 25, 1939

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

Dear Mr. McBrier:

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan writes me that you will forward to Madame Chiang my contribution to her relief work.

I learned of it thru the copy of "Sian", that came from Dr. Stuart of Yenching last October, but have waited to find the safe channel.

If the enclosed check \$200 is not the right form, please return and I will make one so.

I also renew my pledge of \$500 (Final \$300 paid last October), and enclose \$250 check as first instalment. *

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Helen C. Putnam

* Next in March 1940

*Original
Letter in
"Check the
safe"*

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March 29, 1939

Dr. Helen C. Putnam
312 Laurel Street
Providence, R. I.

My dear Dr. Putnam:

Mrs. Macmillan has told us about her delightful visit with you a few days ago, and your letter of the 25th, addressed to Mr. McBrier, Treasurer, mentions that Mrs. Macmillan informed you that we would be willing to forward funds to Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

With this in mind, I note that you have enclosed your check for \$200, payable to Madame Chiang, also your check for \$250, covering the first instalment on your new pledge of \$500 to Yenching University - the next payment to be made in March 1940. Enclosed please find our receipt for your gift to Yenching.

We are returning your check for \$200 for Madame Chiang, as it seems too much of a risk to send this through the mail, and also because we have devised a system which we think is the best method of forwarding money to China at this time.

This method is to deposit your check in a New York bank, and have the Field Treasurer in China draw a check payable to Madame Chiang Kai-shek. In this way, no money is transmitted, the whole transaction being handled by check.

In order for us to do this, your check should be made payable to E. M. McBrier, Treasurer. If you will send us your check made out in that way, we shall be very glad to carry out your wish to get your gift to Madame Chiang.

The Field Treasurer who will handle this transaction for us is located at Chengtu, Szechwan, only ninety miles from Chungking, which is now the seat of the government, where Madame Chiang is located. We will tell the Field Treasurer to pay this money over to Madame Chiang immediately, with full information as to its donor.

The continued interest of the dear friends of China is a constant source of inspiration to us all. Our hearts are so torn with the atrocious things which have happened that we would often find ourselves desolate were it not for the prayers and material gifts of you dear friends of the Orient.

Sincerely yours,

CAE/VS

C. A. Evans, Assistant Treasurer

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HELEN C. PUTNAM, M. D.
CONSULTATION BY APPOINTMENT
TELEPHONE

312 LAUREL AVENUE, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Apr. 11, 1939

E. M. McBrier, Treas. Leuching Univ.
150 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Mr. McBrier

A letter from C. A. Evans instructs me to send this check enclosed to you, and you will arrange that its \$200. reaches Mme. Chiang.

(As my previous letter explains, the check is in reply to receipt of a deluxe copy of her book, "Siau" sent me last summer by your president, Mr. Stuart, with notice that its sale produced funds for her relief work. I have delayed because of ignorance of safe way to send.)

Thank you for your assistance and getting the explanation to her.

Very truly yours

Helen C. Putnam

No publicity please.
Check \$200.00 Dep 4/4/39.

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*Returning
to EVS*

April 5, 1939

Dr. Helen C. Putnam
312 Laurel Avenue
Providence, R. I.

Dear Dr. Putnam:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 1st enclosing \$200.00 made payable to E. M. McBrier, Treasurer of Yenching University.

We are making this available for Madame Chiang Kai-shek by asking the field treasurer to pay this amount direct to the Madame. We are also quoting your explanation for the delay.

With assurances of our deep appreciation for your continued interest in the welfare of the Chinese people, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS,
Assistant Treasurer.

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8 April 1939

Dear Dr. Putnam:

You may remember that when I called upon you in Providence on March 18, I told you that we had in Boston a Chinese woman physician just arrived in this country with her husband and baby son. You expressed a desire that Dr. Wang might see the New England Hospital for Women and Children, and I am happy to tell you that she has had an entire morning at this fine institution. I drove her over on Tuesday of this week, and the resident physician, Dr. Dorothy R. Scheidell, personally conducted us through the entire institution. I was much impressed, and I feel certain that Dr. Wang was, also. Her specialty is gynecological surgery, and she is hoping to be able to attend certain operative clinics in that work. It is difficult, however, for her to leave her little son for professional engagements at any distance, and I am not certain whether she will be able to carry out all of her fine plans this spring. She will be in Boston for the autumn, also, and I may be able to second her program a little more effectively when I return to Boston in September or October.

Let me thank you again for this excellent suggestion on Dr. Wang's behalf. It has been a pleasure to help in carrying it through.

I am informed by our New York office that our treasurer thought it best to ask you to rewrite your check for Madame Chiang, in order that it might be transmitted through one of our officials on the field, who will be able to put the gift directly into Madame Chiang's hands at the most favorable exchange rate. You can certainly count on prompt and careful execution of your generous intent.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Dr. Helen C. Putnam
312 Laurel Avenue
Providence Rhode Island

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HELEN C. PUTNAM, M. D.
CONSULTATION BY APPOINTMENT
TELEPHONE

312 LAUREL AVENUE, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Jan. 29, 1940

E. M. McBrien, Treas.
College for Women, Genesee Univ.
150 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Sir

Enclosed find check #230. completing \$500.
pledged last year.

If College survives I will continue
next year - if I do.

Very truly yours
Helen C. Putnam

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HELEN C. PUTNAM, M. D.
CONSULTATION BY APPOINTMENT
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312 LAUREL AVENUE, PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Jan. 17, 1941
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E. W. McOnis, Treas. Yenching Univ.,
150 Fifth Ave. New York

to Miss Putnam

Dear Sir

Enclosed find checks for \$250. each
for Yenching Univ. College for Women; and
for Mme Chiang Kai-shek to use for Child-
ren of China. Jan. 17, 41

Thanking you for cooperation in send-
ing the letter to her with "100% in every dollar"

Very truly yours

Helen C. Putnam 1/20/41

wrote to Miss Putnam
cc: Dr. Putnam
Madame Chiang
Acct. Office
Yenching

Also wrote to
Madame Chiang
1/20/41

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January 20, 1941

Madame Chiang Kai-shek
Chungking
Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Madame Chiang:

Enclose herewith find copy of a letter which I am writing to Miss Elsie M. Priest, Treasurer of the University of Nanking, now located at Chengtu.

Dr. Putnam is greatly interested in work in China and in the same mail sends us \$250.00 for work in the Yenching College for Women.

Through every means possible, we endeavor to stimulate and nurture this interest.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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January 20, 1941

Miss Elsie M. Priest
University of Nanking
Chongtu, Szechwan, CHINA

Dear Miss Priest:

We have just received \$250.00 from Dr. Helen C. Putnam of 212 Laurel Avenue, Providence, R. I., requesting us to send same to Madame Chiang Kai-shek to use for the children of China.

We have deposited this to your Nanking account with the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company which will permit you to draw a check upon receipt of this letter.

With many thanks for your cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/S
cc: Dr. Putnam
Madame Chiang
Accounting Office
Yenching Office

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January 20, 1941

Dr. Helen C. Putnam
512 Laurel Avenue
Providence, R. I.

Dear Dr. Putnam:

I take great pleasure in acknowledging your letter of January 17th enclosing two checks for \$250.00 each. You have designated one for Yenching College for Women and accordingly we are enclosing receipt herewith.

This gift is greatly appreciated as the Current Budget for the Women's College will show a deficit unless friends contribute generously to its support. To that end, we are intensifying our efforts here in America.

The other check for \$250.00 we have deposited to the account of the field treasurer requesting that same be paid over to Madame Chiang Kai-shek at once. This notification will go through by Clipper Mail. We trust you will accept this letter as a receipt for this amount.

With every good wish, and with many, many thanks for your interest, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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January 6, 1942

Dr. Helen C. Putnam
312 Laurel Avenue
Providence, R. I.

Dear Dr. Putnam:

I am acknowledging your letter of December 15th enclosing check for \$250.00 for Yenching Women's College of Yenching University. Enclosed find receipt herewith.

The last report which we received from North China indicated the probability that work was continuing in some capacity at Yenching. Tomorrow we are filing a request with the State Department asking that the Swiss Government thoroughly investigate the situation at Yenching and report as soon as possible. Meanwhile, all funds are being held pending a complete or partial resumption of the work either in Peking or some other part of China.

With every good wish to you and many thanks, I am

Very sincerely yours,


C. A. EVANS

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May 17, 1948

Dr. Helen C. Putnam
312 Laurel Avenue
Providence, Rhode Island

My dear Dr. Putnam:

Every mail from West China brings fresh word of the fine accomplishments of our Yenching friends, who have built anew their university in a distant land. We who are holding the home base are filled with humility when we contemplate the obstacles which have been overcome in creating this refugee university.

First there was the problem of escaping from the Japanese, and of keeping alive in a war-torn land. Tales of heroism and self-sacrifice are accumulating. Witness the boy who was one of a group of students who left Peiping on faith, completely ignorant of what plans had been made for the reestablishment of the university. When his small party arrived in free territory they were delighted to discover that Yenching was being reborn in Chengtu. This boy volunteered to risk his life again by returning alone through the battle lines to carry the good news to his friends in North China. We are anxious to hear how he fared.

We feel that the victory of Yenching over all the forces of war and want and destruction, is an encouraging omen of the better world to come. Almost everything worthwhile which we have inherited from the past has resulted from a victory of the human spirit over similar obstacles. It is reassuring to discover that our generation also possesses this creative courage and faith which surmounts all difficulties.

We report to you with pride the accomplishments of Yenching University, which is more than justifying the faith of its friends in America. We solicit your whole-hearted participation in the creation of a strong Yenching in Free China.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. John H. Finley)



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February 1, 1944

Dear Dr. Putnam:

Enclosed I am sending a receipt for your generous contribution to the Yenching Women's College.

Hardly a day passes without bringing us a request for help of some kind for the college. Our money is needed not only to keep the regular work going, but also to provide for students and faculty many of the necessities of life that limited budgets do not reach.

The government has just granted an additional exchange subsidy making funds sent from America worth \$40.00 N.C. to \$1.00 U.S. instead of the official \$20.00. Thus your gift has come at a very opportune time - and we wish to express to you our gratitude.

Sincerely yours,

E. M. McBrier

Dr. Helen C. Putnam
312 Laurel Avenue
Providence 6, Rhode Island

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
of
Yenching University
Chengtou, China

- I enclose \$100.⁰⁰ for the current needs of the College.
- I pledge \$..... payable..... 194.....

Name Dr. Helen C. Putnam

Address 312 Laurel Ave.
Providence 6, R.I.

Date Jan. 27, '44

Checks payable to Yenching University, Mr. E. M. McBrier, Treasurer
Room 903, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
Gifts are Deductible for Income Tax Purposes

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HELEN C. PUTNAM, M. D.

Yenching University
150 Fifth Ave.
New York 11, N. Y.

312 LAUREL AVENUE, PROVIDENCE 6, R. I.

June 24, 1949

Mr. Sidney D. Gamble,
Dear Sir,

As I can find no record in Dr. Putnam's
files of a gift to Yenching University, would you
~~possibly~~ give us the exact year and amount of
any former gifts from her.

Yours truly

Gladys N. Grammond,
Secretary.

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June 30, 1949

Miss Gladys N. Grammont
312 Laurel Avenue
Providence 6, R. I.

Dear Miss Grammont:

Thank you for your letter of
June 24, requesting information of Dr.
Putnam's gifts to Yenching. Attached
is the record of Dr. Putnam's generous
gifts.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Esther W. Chow
Office Secretary

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June 30, 1949

GIFTS RECEIVED FROM DR. HELEN C. PUTNAM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Object</u>
1925	\$ 100.00	Women's College
9-14-32	100.00	Natural Sciences Endowment
9-13-33	100.00	" " "
9-13-34	100.00	" " "
6-14-35	200.00	" " "
12-19-36	100.00	Women's College Endowment
12-20-37	100.00	" " "
10-18-38	300.00	" " "
3-28-39	250.00	" " "
1-31-40	250.00	" " "
1-17-41	250.00	Women's College Sustaining Fund
12-16-41	250.00	" " "
1-31-44	100.00	Women's College - Current Needs
10-22-48	100.00	Women's College - Emergency Fund

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Yenching University
Peiping West, China
April 20, 1940

Dear Mrs. Pyke:

A week or so ago Mr. Sailer had a letter from your Jim in which he inquired about a possible position on our School of Religion faculty for next year, or the year after. The only position that is open is a temporary one - the position held by Brank Fulton this year - which is a three-year appointment for a rather young man from the West. It is not primarily a teaching job; rather is it a sort of Y.M.C.A. job in the Christian fellowship - preparing material for small groups, etc. etc. This position is under the McBrier fund and Mr. McBrier's purpose, as I understand it, is to leave it open every three years, so as to get new, youthful, enthusiastic blood. Brank Fulton expects to go back to America for further study the middle of the year, and the Committee hopes to find some one to come in the fall to work with him for one semester, and then to go on by himself for another two years and a half. Jim would seem to me to be a fine candidate, if he is interested.

Now the McBrier Committee is composed of people like Dr. Stuart, Dr. Lucius Porter, Dr. de Vargas, William Hung. They feel that they can make no decision about anybody till the return of Dr. Stuart from the South, early in May. I have talked the matter over with Dr. de Vargas, and he suggests that I write to you and ask you to get in touch with him for a conversation, some time before you leave for America. He can tell you all the details about the position, and when the Committee meets, on Dr. Stuart's return, they can make their decision, and cable you or Jim, if necessary. If the cable should be a favorable one, and if Jim is interested, you could tell him all about the job when you see him. This would be much more satisfactory than correspondence. The final decision, I think, rests with Mr. McBrier himself, and Jim could arrange to meet him in New York, later on.

I didn't mean to write such a long letter. All I want to say is that Dr. de Vargas hopes you and he can have a talk before you go to America. He can be reached by phone or letter, and time and plans arranged that way.

I hope you have had good trips to the field, and that you are not too awfully busy during all the necessary winding up of things.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Louise L. Sailer

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EXCERPT FROM A LETTER TO MRS. F.M. PYKE FROM SOMEONE IN PEKING

DATED MAY 6, 1940

"Yesterday Dr. de Vargas told me that on Thursday morning the Committee met and decided to invite Jim to come to Yenching. Ran Sailer is to write to Jim, and Lucius Porter to New York. The final decision rests with New York. They are to see Jim, and if he looks good to them, he will be with us next year if he wants to come. That last sentence looks like the remark of the tramp: 'If I had some ham, I could have ham and eggs if I had some eggs.' Anyway, the action of the Committee here is favorable, and so we hope he will come back with you."

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Telegram sent Walker Missionary Home
6/17/40
E.M. McB
Rabunscald, Mass
June 15, 1940

Dear Mr. McBrier, Aik. 6/17/40

It may ^{surprise} you to receive
a note from me in
America, when Mr. Lyke
is still in China. The
reason is four com-
mencements in our
family this June and
one daughter not well
all year. A generous

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commissions are "the presence
of their mother" at those
commencements as her
gift to the children.

My reason for writing
you now is that before
I left China the Sullers
and Dr. DeVergal asked
Mr. Pyke and me to come
to Yenching to talk over
the possibility of our
son, James, going there
this fall as Religious
Fellowship director for
the students, and they
asked us to write through
the details. Then just
before I left a letter came
saying the committee
had voted to recommend
him to the New York
committee.

As questions about
positions here have
come up, and as this
word from Yenching
was that we should
wait, we are wonder-
ing whether your

New York Committee has
met and decided on
someone else or has not
met yet. It is simply
that others are press-
ing James for an answer
here that I feel I better
write. Could you telegraph
the answer, please?

Mr. Pyke and I often
think of that delightful
evening in your home
with gratitude. Sincerely yours
(Mrs. F. M.) Frances Tappan Pyke

P.S. Perhaps I should add
that James is very
interested in this
Yenching proposition,
and feels like leaving
these openings indef-
inite until he hears
from the New York
Committee.

A. S. P.

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June 17, 1940

Mrs. F. M. Pyke
Walker Missionary Home
144 Hancock Street
Auburndale, Mass.

NO PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM YENCHING REGARDING JAMES. WRITING.

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Mrs. F. M. Pyke
Walker Missionary Home
144 Hancock Street
Auburndale, Mass.

June 17, 1940

My dear Mrs. Pyke:

Mr. McBrier has handed me your letter of June 15, and has asked me to write to you in the light of the telegram which he has sent to you this morning. It so happens that I am responsible here for any personnel matters which come up.

We have had no word from Yenching indicating that they were considering asking your son, James, to join their staff. It may be that a letter is on the way from Peking which has not yet been received.

Furthermore, there has been no request from Yenching for the appointment of any one as a "Religious Fellowship Director", and we are a little bit uncertain as to what the position might be. Is it possible that this is the work handled by the McBrier Foundation? If so, the situation is that the present appointee for the work under the Foundation is Mr. Brank Fulton, who is in Peking and is expecting to continue through at least a part of this next year. Perhaps you can tell us whether the appointment being considered is for some one to succeed Mr. Fulton.

Not having any request from the field, we are, of course, unable to take any action here, particularly since it is uncertain as to what they have in mind. We will be very happy indeed to consider James if we can discover what is desired in Peking.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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Mote James
Dr 4/25/40
144 Hancock Street
Auburndale, Mass.

June 20, 1940.

Mr. Joseph J. Parker,
150 4th Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Parker:

Thank you
for your letter, which
clears matters up con-
siderably for us. It is
evident that Dr. Lucius
Porter's letter has never
reached you. Perhaps
the two letters that I
enclose enclosing will
throw the necessary
light on the question
for you.

At first, when Dr.
Sailer mentioned this
subject with the name
the was not just right
and we were quite satis-
fied. I returned with

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The facts and details
that came out in
talk with Dr. [?]
he is very much
interested in [?], if
the term could be
one or two years. Three
years would keep him
out of the regular
work for the Mission
Board too long, he
feels.

James has been ac-
cepted by the Board
and has been told
that he may go out
in the fall of 1941. He
had hoped to go this
year, and this would
give him the chance
to get started out
there a year earlier.

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If he gave Yenching
two years, the Board
would then wait for
him one year only.

While waiting for
word from New York,
he has had offers of
work in the churches
here in New England,
which he must take,
if he does not go out to
China this summer.

I am writing because
all these letters have
been addressed to me,
but will you write
directly to James when
you answer this, please,
as I am to be away
for ten days?

Sincerely yours,
Frances Lathbyke
(Mrs. Fred M.)

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June 25, 1940

Mr. James Pyke
Divinity Hall
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Pyke:

I have just received a letter from your mother, in which she includes the two letters returned herewith. Will you please see that she gets them? She asked me to reply to her letter directly to you.

The request for information which came the other day from your mother was the first intimation we have had of the conversations in Peking concerning the possibility of your succeeding Mr. Brank Fulton. For some reason we have received no information from any one at Yenching regarding this matter. The only letter we have had from Dr. Lucius Porter was received some time ago, asking that we take action to extend Mr. Brank Fulton's contract through as much of the coming school year as it would be possible for him to remain. This has been done, and it is our understanding that he will be at Peking until at least the close of the first semester, and possibly longer.

Any action by the McBrier Foundation Committee in New York can only be taken after we have received a definite proposal from the field, and since such has not been received, it is difficult for any move to be made at the present time.

I realize that this is not a satisfactory answer to you, and that you will probably have to make your decision in regard to the immediate future before any action can be taken here. It is regrettable that we have received no proposal from Peking on which we can act. If anything should come within the next few days, I will certainly let you know at once.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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YENTA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Peiping West, China

112 Ninde Hall
October 7, 1941

Mr. J. I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Some time ago Dr. Stuart turned over to me your letter of June 30th concerning the desire of some of the young people of Mr. Ben Cowles' Church in Washington to correspond with some Yen-ching students. I have talked the matter over with the leaders of the Christian Fellowship, and they are more than willing.

We suggest that you tell Mr. Cowles that there are those here who would like to start a correspondence. If he could start from his end, we will be prepared to answer. We are planning an International Week for late in the semester, and if his letters could be in hand at that time, it would give an impetus both to our week's program, and to the starting of the correspondence. The young people must be warned not to talk about politics or other controversial subjects.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ James H. Pyke

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