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ROCHESTER, N. Y.,

11th April, 1923.

Peking University Incorporated,
Room 912, 156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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Gentlemen:

I beg to enclose in this registered letter the following checks and subscriptions obtained from Rochesterians for the Peking University Fund:

Mr. Philip Allen Swartz,	Check for	\$ 5.00
Mr. Junius R. Judson,	Check for	25.00
Mrs. Harriet E. Daly,	Check for	20.00
Mr. H. F. Remington,	Check for	25.00
Mr. Thomas G. Skuse,	Check for	100.00
Mrs. Ernest B. Millard,	Check for	25.00
Mrs. Lillian J. C. Arvine,	Check for	10.00
Ernest B. Millard,	Check for	25.00
		<u>\$ 235.00</u>

These checks are payable either to Peking University or Bankers Trust Company.

Mr. M. E. Stevenson,	Subscription for	\$ 100.00
Mr. Horace I. Kendall,	Subscription for	200.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Naramore,	Subscription for	100.00
Mr. Robert B. Wickes,	Subscription for	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Leary,	Subscription for	100.00
Mr. Albert E. May,	Subscription for	500.00
Mr. John E. Durand,	Subscription for	100.00

(Check attached to order of Bankers Trust Company in payment of half of the subscription.)

Mr. William E. MacFarlane,	Subscription for	50.00
Mrs. Clara M. Copeland,	Subscription for	100.00
		<u>\$1,585.00</u>

Mrs. Woodworth's subscription of
was given to Dr. Stuart. 1,000.00

Mrs. Strong's subscription of
I believe Dr. Luce had charge of. 7,000.00

\$9,585.00

I report the following subscriptions which were secured by Mr. Caskey and the men who canvassed with him, and which were not turned in to this office:

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Brought forward,		\$9,585.00
✓ Mrs. F. D. Clement,	66 Lorimer Street,	100.00
✓ Mrs. Addie M. Webster,	57 Ambrose Street,	50.00
✓ Mrs. Anne McIntosh,	333 Lake Avenue,	100.00
✓ Mr. A. T. Simpson,	Genesee Valley Trust Co.,	75.00
		<u>\$9,910.00</u>

If you receive any Rochester subscriptions direct, will you please, in the course of the next week or so, send me a memorandum of the names and amounts?

Very truly yours,

Wm. B. Willard

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May 24th 1923.

My dear Mr. Millard:

In accordance with your request, I am listing below the subscriptions that have come in from Rochester since the receipt of your letter of April 11th and its enclosures.

✓ Third Presbyterian Church - two scholarships	\$150
✓ White, Richard E., 607 Powers Building - (cash \$20)	40
✓ Buell, Henry D., Granite Building	50
✓ Smith, Charles W., 625 South Goodman St.	100
✓ Cobb, Mrs. Catharine O., 119 Brunswick Street	<u>15</u>
Total.	\$350

Sincerely yours,

Chairman.

Mr. Ernest B. Millard,
27-31 Rochester Savings Bank Building,
Rochester, N.Y.

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Dorms Rochester Hall

February 3, 1928.

My dear Justin:

Following up my letter of recent date, I am writing again to say that Mr. William Boyd has just made a gift to our University of \$50,000 upon certain terms which can perhaps be best communicated to you by enclosing a copy of his letter. Mr. Boyd is advertising director of the Curtis Publishing Company.

This makes me all the more eager to secure our Rochester dormitory. It is not at all essential that the money be paid by any specified date, only that the project be definitely undertaken. I am writing by the same mail to Dr. Gillies.

Very sincerely yours,

Rev. J. W. Nixon, D. D.,
Brick Presbyterian Church,
Rochester, N. Y.

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The Brick Presbyterian Church

North Fitzhugh and Allen Streets



Pastor Emeritus

William R. Taylor

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G. B. H. Hallock

Raymond P. Sanford

Rochester, N. Y.

February 7, 1928.

President J. Leighton Stuart
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City.

My dear Leighton:

I have both of your recent letters in regard to the Peking University project. I have tried to get in touch with Dr. Gillies but at present he is out of the city and I have just had a long telephone conversation with Mr. Farley, chairman of our Board of Trustees. Mr. Farley and I both feel that the "egg which contains Rochester Hall" will hatch more certainly if we do not sit on it too hard. We both feel that Rochester Hall offers a promising and worthy outlet for the missionary energies and funds of our church. But we also feel that we cannot rush the matter.

The way the situation lies in our minds is this. We have Dr. T.T. Lew scheduled for an address at our spring men's banquet on March 9th. I hope to make an arrangement by which he will be able to meet the Third Church men at the same time. Then after Dr. Lew is here I plan to have Dr. Gillies and a few of his men meet with some of our men and we will thrash the proposition out and give you a final and I hope favorable answer. As I told you when you were here we cannot put anything in the budget for it this year but I think that it is entirely possible for us to give you a promise this year and then begin on the actual payments next year.

The upshot of the matter is that I do not believe that we can give you any definite word one way or the other until the middle of March. I am sorry that this is the case but it seems to be. I hope that if you do go back this spring you will stop in Rochester on your way and that we may be able to get some of the folks together socially to meet you.

Ever yours,

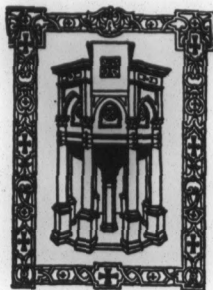
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Room, Rochester Hall

The Brick Presbyterian Church
North Fitzhugh and Allen Streets



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Rochester, N. Y.

April 9, 1929.

Dr. Chester E. Jenney
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

My dear Dr. Jenney:

I wish I knew what to tell you about the dormitory at Yenching. Dr. Gillies has not been well and I have disliked troubling him about the matter.

Both of our churches are struggling with budgets which seem difficult for them to raise and I see no immediate prospect of taking on as churches the effort to raise the \$18,000 for a dormitory. If you should come through here, I would do my best to have you meet a few of the men of each church to discuss the matter but I cannot promise you any favorable outcome. I am sorry that this seems to be the situation at present.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Justin W. Nixon
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September 24, 1930.

Rochester, N.Y.

General Note -9-23-30

In 1923 Dr. Luce was in Rochester working on our campaign there. Rev. Paul M. Strayer, pastor of the Third Presby. Ch., went about with Dr. Luce making calls. Dr. Justin W. Nixon, pastor of the Brick Presby. Ch., also cooperated, and with his help a parlor meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Henry A. Strong, one of his members. However it seems that the only funds raised was \$500 which the 3rd Presby. Ch. gave at this time and has been contributing annually ever since. Mrs. Strong later gave a residence and at the present time is contributing toward scholarships (her home is now at Washington, D.C.) Also in 1923, a few months after Dr. Luce's visit to Rochester, the Third Pres. Ch., at the request of Dr. Strayer, took on Dr. Luce as its missionary until his retirement from the staff of Yenching a few years later. Since the fall of 1929 this church has been carrying Prof. Adolph of the Dept. of Chem. (\$1500 annually).

About the same time two scholarships amounting to \$150 were given for use in the Women's College of Yenching. This gift has been repeated with the exception of one year, up until 1929-30.

At the time Dr. Luce was taken on by the Third Church, Mr. Swartz (formerly religious director of the Peking Union Medical College, Peking) was asst. pastor, and both Dr. Strayer and he endeavored to increase the interest in Yenching University, both in Rochester in general and in their church in particular, with the idea of securing a dormitory (to be called Rochester Hall). Two years later Dr. Strayer's health broke down completely and Mr. Swartz was called to a pastorate in the Central Church at Honolulu. Relationships, however, have been maintained and Dr. Luce spoke in the church in June 1927 and JLS visited there in the spring of 1928. Dr. Jenney took up with Dr. Gillies in the fall of 1928 the matter of his church continuing with the salary of a professor after Dr. Luce's retirement and it was later decided that Dr. Adolph should be the person.

To sum up, therefore:- in addition to the \$1500 for salary, the Third Church is contributing \$500 annually for current expenses at Yenching and a gift of \$150 almost annually for scholarships was made from 1923 through 1928-29; the renewal of this has apparently not been pushed on account of the difficulty of getting even the \$1500 and \$500 annual gifts.

About the first of May, 1929 Dr. Jenney made a visit to Rochester and reported as follows:

In Rochester, Dr. Gillies of the Third Presby. Church is pretty near the end of active life and is really a sick man. I hesitated to speak with him after church on Sunday and was advised by some of his people not to bother him. I was glad in the end that I did not for on Monday I had a long conference with Mr. Nixon of the Brick Presby church and this was the proposition, that the two churches (The Brick Presby and the Third Presby of Rochester), build a dormitory to be known as Rochester Hall and to be of the same size and cost the same amount as the dormitory recently built by Mrs. Jenkins - the Brick Church to take \$6,500 and the Third Presby \$3,500, making a total of \$10,000. Mr. Nixon talked with Dr. Gillies over the phone and Dr. Gillies felt that the plan might work out satisfactorily and said that he would be very glad to cooperate. Mr. Nixon was to meet with his officials on Monday night - the night of the day I saw him - and take the whole matter up with them and if they followed his suggestion as stated. then a letter would be sent to the Third Church asking for their cooperation in the plan as above outlined. I have every confidence to believe that this thing will go thru before the first of the year and I look to see the thing accomplished within the next 10 days. Anyway, I am confident of ultimate success in Rochester now.

However, On September 4, 1930 Dr. Gillies wrote to the effect that he and his church could do nothing for Yenching at present beyond what is already being done.

Note: The Third Presbyterian Church Missionary Society gave \$2,000 to Residence fund in 1929 but this will probably be switched to Rochester Hall Dormitory, if that effort is completed.

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