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WOMEN'S UNION CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN FOREIGN FIELDS  
419 FOURTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

June 10, 1932  
May 27, 1932

FLORENCE G. TYLER  
Executive Secretary

To the Treasurer of Yenching College:

Dear Sir:

The death of Mrs. Anne Elizabeth Vander Veer Rohrman occurred in 1927. She had been deeply interested in the work of the Christian Colleges of the Orient. In her will she left \$25,000.00 to the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., to be divided as the trustees of the church saw fit - between "The Women's Christian College of the Orient" - and the Missionary Society of that church.

Miss Tyler and I have been in touch with the lawyer and the church, and though there was an error in the wording of the will have convinced the court that her intent was to designate our seven colleges. From an accumulated interest fund of approximately \$4000. the trustees have "seen fit" to appropriate \$200.00 to each of the seven colleges.

I am enclosing the check which has just come through for Yenching College. The trustees have given us no promise in writing, but through conversation we are led to believe that in the future you will receive approximately \$50.00 per year from this fund.

Very sincerely yours,

*Alice M. Hudson*

Miss Alice M. Hudson, Treasurer

~~74 Lenox Avenue~~  
East Orange, N.J.

*44 Chestnut Street*

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June 13, 1932.

Miss Alice M. Hudson  
44 Chestnut Street  
East Orange, New Jersey

My dear Miss Hudson:

Your letter of June 10 as of May 27, 1932 is received this morning and comes as a pleasant surprise. It is not only the money for which we are grateful, but the discovery of a friend whom we did not know who is nevertheless so deeply interested in our Christian Colleges in the Orient that she remembers them in her will. It is a very happy experience.

I am at once passing the check on to the Treasurer of the Yenching College for Women. I am also consulting some some of the other members of our Yenching College Committee as to the use that should be made of this gift. My own thought is that it had probably best be added to the slowly growing endowment fund of Yenching College. Do you think this would be in accord with Mrs. Rohrman's desire? It is good to have the assurance that we may expect to receive approximately \$50. per year from this fund. We have every reason to rejoice in the work that Yenching College is doing for Chinese young women and I feel sure that Mrs. Rohrman's friends may rejoice in the good her money will continue to do.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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2620 Annuene Street  
Honolulu.

August 12. 1927

Dear Miss,

I am very grateful for your kind letter of July 25, and wish I could send a more satisfactory reply. I have been now more than six weeks in Honolulu, but I have not taken any opportunity to speak to any one about Yenching. At bottom, the reason of reasons for that is, that I know so little of the University, though I am trying to learn; and I feel also that I know less than nothing of the conditions in China.

I know, personally, nearly all the people on the list you enclose. But most of them know a very great deal more about Yenching than I do. Many of them have been in China: all, I think excepting Philip Swartz himself, have been long acquainted with the Chinese here; and although most of the Chinese here, as you so well know, are Cantonese, of late there have been established some links with Peking with Tonghua & even with Yenching (as your letter states).

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I am glad to know that Philip Swartz intends to  
interest his people financially in Yenching. He has  
a responsive and generous congregation, called  
upon almost to-morrow for subscriptions for  
good work of all sorts, - in these islands and  
elsewhere. During his interregnum before Mr. Swartz  
came, they had as 'Locum Tenens' the Rev.  
D. H. A. Manchester, of the Union Church of Yokohama.  
D. H. A. Manchester had lost his Church building in the  
earthquake, & Mr. Swartz' congregation gave him  
\$2500 toward the rebuilding.

How far Mr. Swartz will be able to attach Yenching  
to the enterprises of "Central Union" I do not  
know. He has returned to Oahu before the  
end of his vacation, on account of the poor health  
of Mr. Swartz, but he at once retired to a quiet  
coast place and we have not seen him at all.

It was a great delight to see "Willie Strong"  
again. No delegate made a deeper impression  
on the Institute than he did, and his Lecture  
on the "Background of New China" was startling  
in its brilliancy and power. He won many  
friends here by his brightness and humor.

It was of course not possible for me to

secure him as a speaker at Central Univ. I was  
 in no sense in pastoral control. I preached  
 two Sundays before the Institute began. During  
 the sessions of the Institute I gave  
 way in favor of "Institute eminences", and  
 after the Legros had thundered past, I preached  
 two Sundays more: voilà tout.

The Institute querra was not considered a  
 Christian affair, and therefore I suppose  
 I myself did not feel that he should make  
 any arrangements for any devotional services  
 at the church. The building was granted  
 for certain Lectures by members of the  
 Institute: but I was not in charge of those  
 arrangements. It was not possible therefore  
 to have a meeting for preparation purposes  
 in connection with the gathering.

I may see Philip Sunday before I leave:  
 and if I do so, I shall mention your letter.  
 And I recognize that that hope is a miserable  
 response to your communication of desires.

May I revert or I close to the point about



my own ignorance of Yenching? I have felt and  
feel that very keenly. I must write to the office  
and find out, in the first place, how long my term  
as trustee lasts. If it lasts over a year more, or  
two, I must content myself with having been a  
silent member, learning. If it lasts longer, I wish  
I could go over to Peking and see the work. It is  
true I was once in Peking: but under health-  
conditions so adverse that I could see my friends  
only when I was lying in bed, and I grew so  
spiritless with the (non-amoebic) dysentery, that  
I finally gave up the idea of learning anything; and  
I left China without having met even with a body of  
Chinese students. My visit, which had been  
reluctantly undertaken anyway, ~~was~~ resulted in nil.  
I could not therefore, as things are, ever make a  
speech in favour of Yenching. I could not even  
answer the question: "Why ought American Christians  
should go on supporting (pro-ectarian) schools in  
which the Chinese demand that a majority of the  
managers & ultimately the President, be Chinese?"  
But I cannot at the moment see any  
opportunity of visiting over to China. I have  
to return to New York for the first (Sept-Jan)

term of Union Theological Seminary. By January 20  
 I shall be free: and if I am not "called hence"  
 (→ or as the case may be) by the intervention  
 of death, I hope to return to Hawaii by at the  
 end of January, to remain here until the  
first of June, when I may be needed again for  
 summer school work at U. T. S. I do not  
 at the moment see how any visit <sup>to Peking</sup> - worth anything  
 could be worked in during the period April-May 1928,  
 but the desire is great even though I see my way  
 barred down ahead. If I went over in the late  
 spring, I need hardly say I should go out at  
 the expense of the University but at my own:  
 and I should like to have some little task to do -  
 (I am emphatically not a scholar and I have  
 come to loathe the oratorical static preaching  
 of the ~~modern~~ Protestant (Christian Church) - which  
 would get me into touch with the students, if  
 the lack of the language does not effectively bar me  
 from ~~that~~ understanding <sup>them</sup>. Perhaps I had better  
 remain here where I am, slowly making some  
 friends among the Chinese. - In your kind  
 farewell, rambling & irrelevant letter  
 Yours as usual  
 G. A. Gustafson



Ross

August 30, 1927

Professor G.A. Johnston Ross  
c/o Union Theological Seminary  
120 th and Broadway  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Ross:

Thank you for your good letter from Honolulu.  
It was good indeed to hear from you and I appreciate very  
much your writing as you did.

I hope that next Spring you will make every  
effort possible to reach Peking. I think you will find it a great  
and rich experience to revisit Peking at that time and to see the  
University which is now developed far enough both in its plant and in  
its plans to gauge more accurately its future opportunity which seems  
to me to be almost boundless, facing as it does in its own right as  
its particular field, a population equal to that of the United States  
and in addition having a large scope, drawing from every part of China.  
I was deeply interested to hear recently that last year there were 140  
students from Canton in our University.

I am taking a little rest this Fall and hope  
to devote not a little time to reading and perhaps to studying, center-  
ing a good deal in the Union Theological library. Perhaps I may have  
the opportunity of a little chat with you sometime.

Most cordially,

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UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

NEW YORK

201 Hamilton Ave.  
New Rochelle, N.Y.  
December 27, 1927

B.A.Garside, Esq.  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City

Dear Mr.Garside:

I have received from four officers of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University and of the Campaign Committee of the Yenching College Committee a letter which deeply embarrasses me. I hesitate to reply addressing any of the signatories of the letter and venture to reply through you.

The letter asks me to authorize the Officers of the campaign to write to President Stuart saying that I among the other members of the Board of Trustees pledge myself to secure \$1000 as the beginning of the campaign.

I am sorry that I cannot do this. I owe my position on the Board of Trustees to the fact that I am an alien. As an alien I have never felt free to ask anyone in America for money. I declined to take any active part even in a campaign for funds for Union Theological Seminary in which I teach. The alien is under restrictions as a guest in a foreign country.

All that I can do by way of response to the official letter is to send a small contribution from my wife and myself.

I therefore venture to enclose my wife's cheque for \$250 and my own for a like sum. May I ask you to deposit these cheques to the credit of the campaign fund?

With every good wish for the success of the effort, I am

Very truly yours,

*\$250 - Mrs. Ross (Caroline S.)*

(Signed) G.A. Johnston Ross *← \$250*

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Peking University

December 28, 1927

Dr. G. A. Johnston Ross,  
201 Hamilton Ave.  
New Rochelle, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Ross:

We are sending you herewith receipts for the two checks of \$250.00 each which you enclosed with your letter of December 27th.

We quite appreciate the situation in which the request of the officers of Yending Board of Trustees places you.

It is extremely generous of Mrs. Ross and yourself to contribute so liberally from your personal funds to the work of Yenching University. I know that Dr. Stuart will be deeply touched and greatly encouraged by such proof of interest and loyalty on the part of a member of the Board of Trustees.

Faithfully yours,

*B. A. Gaidis*  
Assistant Secretary  
Peking University

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January 29, 1937

My dear Mrs. Ross:

Before your letter of January 4th had reached us, we were saddened by the news of the death of Dr. Ross. Those of us here in the Yenching office feel that we have lost a personal friend, as well as a warm-hearted benefactor of Yenching University.

My own personal memory of Dr. Ross's services to Yenching go back to the spring of 1927, when I came into the Yenching office here in New York, after returning from China. At that time Dr. Ross was a member of our Board of Trustees, and while his other duties sometimes prevented him from taking a very active share in the meetings of the Board and its various committees, we always had the assurance of his deep and constant interest in the University and in the efforts of the trustees to provide encouragement and support.

The Yenching trustees and the American friends of the University join in sending you our sympathy at this time of bereavement.

We have received this latest gift from Dr. Ross and yourself with appreciation of the fact that it is doubly consecrated. We know that it will be used in ways which will be of greatest benefit to this institution in which Dr. Ross had such a warm interest. Our formal receipt is enclosed herewith.

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Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

Mrs. G. A. Johnston Ross  
2626 Terrace Drive  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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