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March 7 Feb. 24th 1930

Mrs. Lucas O'Leary
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

Dear Mrs. Lee,

Mrs. Murray Frame of Yenching University has asked me to send to you some notes on my past history, & also some account of my reasons for seeking work at Yenching.

You will find enclosed with this a record of my educational experience, with a copy of one testimonial from each of the posts I have held since leaving College, & also an attempt to explain how it is that I have come to an increasing sense of vocation to Christian international work among students as human beings, rather than to the service of any one country in particular. It is a post-

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joy to me that in this offer for Christian educational work
abroad, which I know I am being called upon to make,
the way seems opening for work among the students of
China where the possibilities of contact with an
ancient civilisation & culture do attract me so much.

Mrs. Harle & Mrs. McKinnon have both offered to write
in answer to any questions you wish to ask about me & I
will gladly give you any further personal information you require.
Perhaps I should add at once that my medical examinations
have been entirely satisfactory.

I have held up this letter in the hope that there might be
news from the Friends Service Council but I find it is
impossible for the Council to make a final decision before the first
week in March, so I am sending on these papers 'provisionally' at
once.

Yours very sincerely

Lucy M. Burth

March 7, 1930

Miss Lucy M. Burt
Student Christian Movement of
Great Britain and Ireland
Annandale, North End Road
Golders Green, London, N.W.11
England

My dear Miss Burt:

Your letter of February 24th comes this morning. I have read it and the enclosures with the keenest interest. These papers have awakened in me a feeling that you are just the kind of woman we need in Yenching and the hope that the way may open for you to go. I believe that Yenching offers you the kind of work you desire. It certainly offers a large opportunity for Christian friendliness both through classroom work and extra curricula activities. As a system of practice schools is connected with the Department of Education of Yenching University, I think it may even offer you the kind of opportunity you speak of coveting for some supervision of primary school work as well as touch with older students.

The question that at once arises in my mind is the one that all too often comes up in connection with any of our mission work, viz., the question of money. There seems to be no margin of income sufficient to justify the University in taking on an additional salary. In other words, the possibility of offering you a definite invitation seems to rest very largely on the question of our having assurance of income from some new source sufficient to cover your salary.

The last paragraph of your letter seems to indicate that you think the Friends Service Council may be willing to cooperate in the work of Yenching College to the extent of sending you out as its representative. That would be a most satisfactory arrangement to us. So far as I know, the Friends Service Council does not at present cooperate in the work of Yenching University and I feel sure that that body would have a real contribution to make.

Mrs. Frame doubtless gave you my name because of my position as Secretary of our Yenching College Committee. One of the sub-committees of this body is a Candidate Committee of which Professor Eliza H. Kendrick is Chairman. I am today sending her your letter and the enclosures and I am sure that you will hear from her soon.

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In the meantime I will be exceedingly glad if you will let me know of any action the Friends Service Council takes in regard to your support. If a letter from me would be of help, I would be very glad to write.

Hoping that the way may open for you to go to Yenching and also that we may come to know each other as fellow workers during the years to come, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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March 11th, 1930

Dear Mrs. Lee,

To my great joy the Friends Service Council has decided to make possible my acceptance of the post at Yenching University for next Autumn. They are anxious to know how soon there is any chance of the University providing my salary from its own budget, but I gather that they are conducting all those negotiations direct with you or with Dr. Lepton Stuart.

I am writing by this mail to Mrs. Frame about practical details of work for the winter, and I think perhaps the simplest thing to do is to enclose with this a copy of my letter to her. You will see that I am very eager to accept her suggestion that I should travel to Yenching via the States; and I am hoping very much that the cable will be a favourable one.

My own suggestion is that I should leave England during the last fortnight in September, and spend about a fortnight or three weeks in the Eastern States, and then proceed to China as rapidly as possible, hoping to arrive there before the middle of November. If such an arrangement is possible you will no doubt have many suggestions to make as to how best I can make use of my time in the States. I hope very much that it will be possible for me to see you and other members of the Board of Trustees, and the Friends Service Council will naturally be anxious for me to make some contacts with Friends, probably in Philadelphia and its neighbourhood.

I wonder if it will be troubling you too much to ask if you can make some provisional suggestions for my visit sometime before the beginning of April, as the Friends Service Council are anxious to book the passage as soon as possible, and the date of my sailing from England does depend a good deal on how much time you think I ought to spend in the States. It seems absurd to suggest coming for three weeks only, but it is really impossible for me to leave England until September, and I do feel myself that even three weeks will be an enormous help to me in beginning to make contacts with American educationalists.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee,
14, Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass, U.S.A.

Lucy M. Burt

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March 26, 1930

Miss Lucy M. Burt
Student Christian Movement of Great Britain
and Ireland
Annadale
North End Road
Golders Green
London, N.W. 11, England

Dear Miss Burt:

Your letter of March 11th which came yesterday brings great satisfaction to us. As you already know, Professor Eliza H. Kendrick of Wellesley College is the Chairman of our Candidate Committee and she will carry on any further correspondence with you in regard to the technicalities of your appointment to Yenching University. I have sent her a copy of your letter to me. I want, however, myself to tell you how very glad we are both to welcome you to the Yenching faculty and that the Friends Service Council is ready to carry your support at least for a time. I do not know the name of the Secretary of the Friends Service Council or I would write a word of appreciation direct. I am hoping to see President Stuart within a day or two and he may be able to give me the information I need.

I am not sure how well you understand the basis of financial support of Yenching University. It is a Mission institution, the major part of whose support comes through annual appropriations from the cooperating Mission Boards. The Boards that cooperate are the Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal Boards of the United States, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (Congregational), and the London Missionary Society. Several educational institutions have also entered into an official relation with Yenching University; Wellesley College and Wheaton College, a small institution near Boston, with Yenching Woman's College; Harvard University and Princeton University with other departments of Yenching; and the University of Missouri with the School of Journalism at Yenching. Each of these institutions accepts a certain financial responsibility.

What we would all be most grateful for in connection with your joining the Yenching faculty would be to have the Friends Service Council enter into a permanent relationship with Yenching. The acceptance of financial responsibility for keeping one member of the

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faculty would probably be the extent of cooperation at first and you would naturally be the representative of the Friends Service Council. This question of relationships is naturally one that should be taken up with the officials of the Friends Service Council. It is possible that President Stuart or someone may already be in correspondence on this matter. I will try to secure the facts and what I do will depend on what I learn. In the meantime I will be grateful if you will give me the name and address of the Secretary of the Friends Service Council.

Now as to your hope to make the journey to China by way of the United States of America. We certainly hope that that may prove to be possible. I am glad you wrote Mrs. Frame raising the question of the feasibility of your arriving a month or two after the beginning of the school year. I think they will be able to get on temporarily without you, and I surely do think you should have a period for rest before you start to China.

On receipt of your letter yesterday, I went in to the Treasury Department and asked about sailings across the Pacific near the middle of October. Mr. Smith, the man who attends to this work for the American Board, said that there is a very good steamer sailing from Vancouver on October 16th which is due in Kobe on November 4th, and another sailing from San Francisco October 18th. The trip from San Francisco takes a little longer but in either case I think you could reach Peiping by the middle of November.

You may rest assured that the members of the Yenching College Committee will be very glad indeed to do what they can to make your weeks in the United States profitable. If you land in New York, you would probably want to spend several days there and get into touch not only with the members of our Woman's College Committee who live in New York, but with the educational institutions there such as Columbia University. It happens that Miss Augusta Wagner, one of the Yenching faculty, is at present doing graduate work in Columbia, and she and others will be able to put you into touch with educational leaders. From New York we will want you to come to Boston and you should have several days here, as Wellesley College will want you there for at least a day and you will want to see something of Harvard and other institutions. I hope on leaving Boston you can go to Mt. Holyoke College and have a day or so there. That is, as you perhaps know, Mrs. Frame's College. While on furlough last year, Mrs. Frame acted as Dean of Women at Mt. Holyoke. I think it would be well for you if it proves to be feasible to see Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, and the University of Chicago in that city. If you sail from San Francisco, you could also see something of the University of California at Berkeley. If you prefer the shorter trip from Vancouver, you could stop in Seattle and have a glimpse of the University of Washington.

These suggestions are suggestions only but will, I hope, serve to make you feel that the trip through America will be worth while.

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On re-reading your letter I notice that you speak of going to meet the Friends there. That is undoubtedly desirable and could probably best be arranged before you come to Boston. Philadelphia is about three hours' ride from New York.

Let me once more assure you not only of your welcome to Yenching but of the joy the friends of the institution here will experience in welcoming you to America. If I can be of any further help, please let me know.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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Re: HHC/CMB-3/14/30

Friends Service Council Secretary
March 31, 1930

My dear Mr. Catford:

I have your letter and am very much interested in the opportunity to have Miss Burt come to us. The committee in charge of our Women's College is doubtless already in correspondence with you regarding the customary procedure in the appointment of new members of our faculty and the financial arrangements. We have understood, however, as they came to us from China, that the Friends Service Council would undertake the salary of Miss Burt for the first academic year, or in other words through June 30, 1931. In the discussions on the subject it was also determined to request the Council to appoint Miss Burt as its representative for the full period of her first term in China, not merely or even mainly because of the financial relief to us, but because we would very heartily welcome the fellowship with the religious body represented.

Personally, I feel very strongly that it would add much to the spiritual value of our University if the Friends were actively connected with us. It would be a further evidence of the cooperative spirit among the different Christian forces working in China. I venture to hope that it would also not be without interest and encouragement to British Friends to be associated with those of us who are attempting to build up a Christian, but non-sectarian university in the city which has always been, and doubtless will continue to be, even more the cultural and educational than the political capital of China.

From all that we have thus far learned regarding Miss Burt, we desire to have her and prefer her to other candidates who have been under consideration, without regard to the financial assistance you have offered or the prospects of association with the Friends, but we should be very happy if this might be the occasion for a permanent relationship and if considered favorably we shall do our utmost to make this an arrangement of mutual benefit.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Herbert H. Catford
Euston Road, London N.W.1

J.L.S.
President

CC Mrs. L.O. Lee, Boston.

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Ans.

April 26

10th April, 1930.

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Mrs. Lucius O. Lee,
14, Beacon St.,
Boston,
MASS.

Dear Mrs. Lee,

Thank you so much for your very kind letter.
The welcome from you, and ^{the} cable from Yen Ching is
most heart-warming. I look forward very eagerly to
all the possibilities of this new work.

The Secretary of the Friends Service Council is
Henry T. Silcock, M.A., Friends House, Euston Rd. London,
N.W.1., but I expect you have already heard from some
other official of the Council who is acting in his
place until he returns to England about a week hence.

Thank you very much for all your suggestions
about my visit to the United States. Mrs. Frame's
cable suggests that I should spend some time there
in the autumn, but as there seems some confusion in
the code and it is not quite clear what she means me
to do, I am waiting for her confirming letter, which
should be here in a few days now, before I start mak-
ing any detailed arrangements for my autumn tour.

As soon as I hear from her I will let you know
as I shall be most grateful for your help and advice
as to how I can make best use of the time I am to spend
in the States.

Yours very sincerely,

Lucy G. Buxton

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April 28, 1930

Miss Lucy M. Burt
Annadale, North End Road
Golders Green
London, N.W. 11, England

Dear Miss Burt:

Your letter of April 10th reached me on April 21st just as I was starting to New York for the Annual Meetings of the Yenching Woman's College Committee and the University Trustees. The Woman's College Committee met on Tuesday, the 22d, and the Trustees on Wednesday, the 23d.

Miss Kendrick, as Chairman of the Candidate Committee for the Woman's College presented your papers and it was very heartily voted to recommend to the Trustees that you be engaged for a term of three years as teacher in the Department of History. This recommendation was approved and adopted by the Trustees the next day and you were thus officially made a member of the Yenching faculty.

It was further voted that the Committee express to the Friends Service Council its appreciation of the cooperation of that Board in your support and its hope that the relationship might become permanent. The Trustees on Wednesday voted to unite with the Yenching College Committee in this vote of appreciation. I am accordingly writing to Mr. Silcock.

You will understand that in case the Friends Service Council does not find itself able to continue its cooperation in Yenching through the continuance of your support, the Yenching College Committee has accepted responsibility for your salary during the period named. As I think you may understand, it is further our hope that you will so fit into the needs of Yenching and will find yourself so happy there that you may wish to continue much beyond the three year period now agreed upon.

Mrs. Frame has sent me a copy of her letter to you bearing date of April 1st. I notice what she says to the effect that she feels you need a somewhat longer period of rest before you begin the journey to China and that she suggests your arrival

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by Christmas as a satisfactory plan. We of the Yenching College Committee heartily echo what she says about the importance of your securing necessary rest and arriving in China in good physical condition. You will let us know as the plans for your journey are made and we will be very glad, as I have already written, to do anything we can toward making your period in the United States profitable and pleasant.

Very cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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May 9th, 1930

Ans.

Dear Mrs. Lee,

Thank you so much for your letter of April 26th, which has just arrived. It is a great joy to me to know that I am at last "officially made a member of the Yenching faculty".

All that I hear of the work at Yenching does attract me so much, and the chances of my being able to share in it have seemed so remote at some periods during the discussions this spring, that I am especially grateful now for the certainty which your letter brings.

My desire for the three year term of service is on account of my parents who are now very elderly, but I am fully prepared to consider returning to Yenching for further periods of service if after some experience of my work there the University authorities feel that I am the right person for the post.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee,
14 Beaton Street,
Boston Mass, U.S.A.

Lucy H. Buller.

I am sending this on at once in the hope it will reach you at the same time as a letter which was posted to you last night. Before yours had come.

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May 15th, 1930

Dear Mrs. Lee,

Ans. *June 3*

The Secretary of the Friends Service Council has this week received letters from Dr. Leighton Stuart accepting the arrangement that the Friends should provide for the expenses of passage and outfit and my year's salary. As the money to cover this has already been subscribed, I have every reason to hope that I shall be able to sail for Peking in the Autumn, and I am now preparing with great eagerness to make the most of my journey across the States.

Mrs. Frame has also written very kindly urging that I should take a long holiday in Europe before I start and make a fairly leisured tour of the States, and she suggests that I should arrive in Peking round about Christmas time. My present suggestion therefore is that I should take two months holiday and sail for the States in the first week of October, and stay there for the greater part of the autumn term. I am now collecting a good many suggestions for visits which I could usefully make in the States, and I am hoping that by the end of the month I shall have some definite plan to submit to you for your criticism, as you so kindly suggested that you would be willing to advise me on plans for the tour.

I find it a little difficult to believe that the arrangements are really settled at last after so much indecision, but I am looking forward immensely to the opportunities which seem to be opening out in the work at Yenching for the next three years.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee,
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Lucy L. Buller

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Ans. June 9

Dear Mrs Lee,

May I first of all apologise for the form of this letter. The absence of my typist from the office is forcing me to an attempt to recapture the very little skill I once had with a machine myself and no doubt it will all come in useful next year in China.

Since I last wrote to you I have had a chance of talking over plans for my American tour with Clarence Pickett, Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, and with Margaret Read who has just been touring in the States for some months for the American Student Movement. The enclosed draft scheme is the result and I shall be most grateful if you will criticise it very freely and advise me on various points.

I do value immensely this opportunity of coming into living touch with American education and with a people whose History and Government have always interested me so much. As I think over plans for the autumn I find myself more and more wanting to make use of my few weeks first to meet people rather than institutions and educational schemes tho' such will come incidentally. It is for that reason that I appreciate so much some invitations which have already come to me to stay in American homes. Beyond that I have tried to plan to get some idea of the variety of American work in Higher Education and also to make contacts wherever possible with members of the Society of Friends in the States and go see something of their main centres of work. I have not included names of schools for young children as I have very little knowledge of such work in America. Perhaps you would advise me there as I should like to see some work with young

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children although my primary interest is with students.

I shall be very grateful too if you can advise me on the financial side. Herbert Catford of the English Friends Service Council tells me he has written to Dr. Leighton Stuart to ask if the Yenching Trustees will be able to help at all with the expenses of my tour in the States. He has not yet had an answer but what ever that may be the situation is bound to be a little complicated as I shall be spending part of my time visiting Friends work. As far as I know at present I can depend upon Friends here supplying my full fare for the direct journey out, ^{about 700} my salary at the rate of £150 a year from Sept. 1st and probably some small extra sum for additional travelling expenses in the States but that altogether will not give a great deal of margin. I think the only thing I can do is to discover exactly before the autumn how much money will be available and then when I arrive in New York arrange to stay as long as it seems likely I can make that sum last. I gather that there will be no need to book the Pacific passage very long in advance and if after all I get to Yenching rather earlier than Mrs Frame suggests I expect there will be plenty for me to do there.

I have not included in the list of names any members of the Yenching Board as you only mentioned them as a group in your letter. Perhaps you will let me know details of all the people and educational institutions which they would like me to see as I will put them first on the list.

I wonder too if before the end of June you could let me have a formal letter of invitation to the States explaining my mission there as I find I need such a document before I can get the American visa for my passport here.

You will see these plans include some little detours to satisfy my almost life long desire to see some of your mountains and rivers and the prairie country and if you too care about mountains and great open spaces I think you will understand.

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Following Mrs Frame's advice I am planning to take two months holiday in Europe and to sail from Southampton on Oct. 4th or 8th if you think that a suitable time.

I do hope all this is not troubling you too much. It will be a great help to me to have your advice, and I look forward so much to meeting you in the autumn.

Yours very sincerely,

Lucy H. Bunt.

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June 3, 1930

Miss Lucy M. Burt
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England

Dear Miss Burt:

I was very glad to have your letters of May 9th and May 15th. I have also had from Mr. Garside a copy of Mr. Catford's letter to President Stuart defining the responsibilities accepted by the Friends Service Council. All this is very satisfactory and we are looking forward with eager anticipation to your service in Yenching, believing that you will make a great contribution to the College life there.

You will before this letter reaches you have received the letter Miss Kendrick mailed a few days ago raising the question of the possibility of your reaching Peiping in time for the opening of the fall term. As she explained to you, Professor Hung, the head of the History Department, feels very strongly that the success of your work throughout the year will depend to quite a large degree on your being present at the beginning of the term. One reason which I am not sure that Miss Kendrick mentioned was Professor Hung's judgment that the best students are pretty sure to choose classes that are in charge of teachers they know, and that if you are not on hand, the best students in the University will be apt to choose courses other than History. Apparently President Stuart agrees with Dr. Hung in thinking it very desirable for you to reach Peiping by the beginning of the school year, but I doubt if he feels as strongly on the subject as Professor Hung seems to.

I am wondering how your own thinking is going in regard to this matter. As Miss Kendrick pointed out and as you will yourself have recognized, your reaching Peiping by the middle of September would necessitate either your giving up your trip across the United States or your starting very early. The latter course would cut out the chance of your having the rest you need before starting for China. It would be a real disappointment to us not to see you before you began your work in Yenching, but if your coming by way of America is going to put you at a disadvantage throughout your first year, that certainly gives ample reason

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Miss L.M.B. -- 2

for reconsidering your plans. My understanding is that you could have some weeks of holiday and if you went the most direct route, which probably means across Siberia, you could leave England about September 1st and reach Peiping by the middle of September or a little later.

I am sure you will have been weighing this question before my letter reaches you. If you have already written your decision to Miss Kendrick, you need not bother to repeat it to me. She will share her letter. Please be assured that we are sorry to have to raise a question of this kind now for the plans as made seem so delightful and worthwhile. If it finally seems unwise for you to try to visit the United States on your way to China, perhaps you can go home this way. We shall be thinking of you and wishing for you wisdom as you reach a decision on this important matter.

Very cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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Suggested Scheme for Visit to the States in the Autumn.

I Eastern States.

Names of people to whom I have or can get introductions.

New York.

Teachers College.

Miss Adelaide Case.

Miss Carney.

Windham House.

Miss Lethrop.

International House.

Harry Edmonds.

Quaker work.

Miss Carolina Wood. (some hospitality)

S.C.M.

David Porter.

Charles Corbett.

Boston.

Wellesley.

Dr Seal Thompson.

Miss Dutcher.

Harvard.

Mt. Holyoke

Quaker work.

Blanche Howland.

Vassar?

Smith ?

Philadelphia. (Quaker hospitality all the time.)

Swarthmore

BrynMawr.

Haverford.

Friends Schools.

Pendle Hill. Henry Hodgkin.

Eastern States. (cont.)

Washington.
Howard University. Arthur Hummel.
Quaker work. Margaret Jones.
Baltimore.
Gaucher College. Dr. Gertrude Bussey.

II. Toronto. (This can easily be omitted but I do
Quaker work. (want to see Niagara and if I am there
(should be glad to make contacts with
(Canadian Friends.)

III. North and Middle West.

Chicago. Two families of private friends here who
would possibly provide some hospitality
while I am visiting Universities in neighbor
hood.
Ann Arbor; Madison; Wisconsin; I am not at all clear
University of Illinois. how many or which of these
or others I ought to see.

Richmond.
Quaker work Willis Beedee. Quaker hospitality.
Journey via Santa Fe and Grand Canon to

IV. West Coast.

San Francisco.
Berkeley.
Mills College. Howard and Anna Brinton.

I should prefer this route with its contacts with the Universities
of California and the oriental students there but I can travel
by Vancouver and Seattle if you think that is best.

Clarence Pickett of Philadelphia kindly tells me that the office of
the American Service Committee will be glad to help me in any way
they can when I get to the States and he advises leaving all details
of plans until I get to ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ New York but I have told him that
my plans must be made first to meet the wishes of the Yenching Trustees.

L. G. Bunt.

June 9, 1930

Miss Lucy M. Burt
Annadale
North End Road
Golders Green
London, N.W.11., England

Dear Miss Burt:

Your letter of May 29th enclosing a scheme for visits in the United States this autumn came Saturday. It certainly made me feel more sorry that ever to think that it had seemed necessary to raise the question of any change in your plan. Inasmuch as the possibility of your giving up the trip to the United States is definitely before you and us, I will not at present make any comments on your outline of travel except to say that I feel very sure that friends of Yenching would be glad to offer you hospitality in several centers other than those you have indicated. I think I did write you that I was sure the Yenching College Committee would meet the cost of the travel involved over and above the cost of the journey by the most direct route. Please believe that the only reason we have suggested a change in your plan is Professor Hung's earnest representation of the great advantage it will be to you in your work if you can be on hand at the beginning of the year.

I wish we had Mrs. Frame's own thought in this matter. I have written her but letters take a long time. Moreover, I do not think she would feel like taking a stand against what seems to be the best judgment of the head of the History Department.

We will be so glad to hear from you.

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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June 13th

Ans. 6/20/30
Dear Mrs. Lee

(of Tunbridge)

Your letter has just come

& I am sending the note at once
by tonight's mail - in reply.

I have been thinking very anxiously
indeed about the new suggestions
for my personal arrangements. I have
consulted with Mrs. Patricia McKinnon
(who has recently come from Paris - known
Hendling) & with members of the F.S.C.
& my doctor. & the enclosed letter
to Mrs. Hendling is the result.

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I do see the force - about needing
the student early. Even I'm sure
I will come face the journey out -
to need work immediately on top of
"Pioneer" S. P. of conferences. -
as my absence at the beginning of
term must in any case "just me
as a disadvantage" - which cannot
be avoided we do very much hope
the Faculty Board will feel that
I am justified in making this short
tour through the States - In addition
to the strong desire of some of the Friends
who are sending me out. That I should
cover the States. I do feel myself

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that even a very rapid journey
through the States with the possibility
of contacts with friends & members of the
Yenching Board - will be of immense
value to me in this new work
where I am to meet & work so
closely with not only Chinese but
American culture.

There has been such marked
community amongst the people I have
consulted during the last few days

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I am hoping very much that
my own strong preference for the
course suggested is ~~not~~ a wise
judgment - on the whole situation
- both here & in London & U.S.A.

May I add how very grateful
I am to you & Mrs. Kendrick for
the warm friendliness of your letter
which does so much to ease
rather difficult problems & decisions
Yours very sincerely & gratefully

Lucy D. Burtt.

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Ans. _____

June 13th, 1930

Dear Mrs. Kendrick,

Thank you very much for your letter of May 30th. I am so sorry to hear that after all Miss Cherry is unable to go out to Peking. I do appreciate the difficulty which has arisen as a result in the History Department. The news that you want me to go out in August came as rather a shock to me, as acting on Mrs. Frame's strongly expressed advice I have by this time very carefully planned my arrangements for some holiday in England and a tour in the States.

*in connection
with*

Since your letter came I have tried very hard to put on one side my own personal feelings in the matter, and have talked over the whole situation very carefully with members of the Friends Service Council who are most concerned in sending me out. They are most emphatic that it is impossible for me to leave England in time to arrive in Peking before the beginning of term, and I find my doctor also supports this view. My specialist work for the Student Christian Movement has been exceptionally heavy, especially during the last few months, and a certain amount of work *in connection with* for the Friends Service Council has had to be added as well. In addition to that the sudden illness of one of my colleagues in the S.C.M. makes it impossible to ease off at all until the end of July, and it will probably be the first week in August before I get clear from my work for the Colleges. It seems essential therefore that I should have a little time of rest and to collect my outfit before I set out on the new work.

With regard to my visit to the States, members of the Friends Service Council are extremely keen that I should make contacts with Friends in America and particularly with the American Friends Service Committee on my way to my new work, and as in any case it is impossible for me to be at Yenching in time to see the students before they choose their courses, I hope very much that whatever temporary arrangement is made to begin the term can be continued long enough to enable me to make a short visit to the States. I suggest now cutting out the whole of the scheme which

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I sent to Mrs. Lee the other day with the exception of the visits to New York, Boston and Philadelphia, leaving contacts with the Middle West and San Francisco until some later furlough. I imagine this much reduced scheme would enable me to meet a good many people in ten days or a fortnight in the Eastern States, and I am wondering whether the following scheme would meet with your approval.

October 4th - Leave England by the Aquitania.

" 10th-24th Visits to New York, Boston and Philadelphia, followed by journey straight across to the Western Coast

" 30th Leaving Vancouver by the Empress of Japan
November 14th Arriving Kobe, and proceeding to Peking as rapidly as possible.

That plan would enable me to attend an important meeting of the Friends Service Council in London on October 2nd, which the Friends very much hope I shall be able to do.

I am extremely sorry not to be able to fall in at once with the suggestion that I should put in the whole of the autumn term at Yenching, but in your kind letter you asked me to write very frankly, which I have done. Of course if you feel it is quite impossible to ~~make any~~ ^{continue the} temporary arrangement at Yenching ~~of course~~ we must try to make some other plans, but we do hope very much indeed that this scheme will be acceptable. Will it be troubling you very much to cable an answer to this, as the C.P.R. are anxious to book my passage as soon as possible.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. Kendrick,
Wellesley,
Mass. U.S.A.

Lucy M. Burtt

Mrs Lucius O. Lee

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Ans. _____

HHC/MRS

20th June, 1930.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
President Yenching University,
150, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY, U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Leighton Stuart,

I have delayed replying to your letter of 28th May until after the meeting of our Personal Service Committee which was held this week, at Birmingham.

The Committee gave careful consideration to arrangements for Miss Lucy M. Burt and recognizes that in view of the situation created at Yenching, owing to a prospective worker having fallen through, it would be unreasonable to urge that Miss Burt should spend the extended time in the United States, on her way to Yenching in the Autumn, that we had hoped would have been possible.

There are certain points, however, upon which I feel sure that you and we will be quite in agreement upon:-

- (1) Foremost amongst these is the absolute necessity of Miss Burt having a break of two full months between the completion of her very strenuous work for the Student Christian Movement at the end of July and her departure for China.
- (2) We believe that the University will lose very seriously if Miss Burt cuts out a visit to the United States altogether. The American Friends Service Committee is becoming increasingly interested

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Dr. J. L. Stuart.

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in work in China and the Secretary of the Committee has just returned to Philadelphia after a visit to our European Centres, with the full expectation of arranging for Miss Burtt to visit the principal Quaker Centres and Colleges in the United States. In view of the great need at Yenching our Committee is prepared to cut down Miss Burtt's programme to the following, namely visits to New York, Boston and Philadelphia. They do not feel that it would be wise to curtail her programme more drastically and hope that you will agree that (as we are contributing her support up to 30th June 1931) we are not unreasonable in desiring that she should have the opportunity of getting into touch with a few of the leading members of our Quaker constituency before she leaves for China. In the long run it will, we are sure, be an advantage to the University itself if Friends in Philadelphia get interested in Yenching through her connection with it. As Miss Burtt's offer for Yenching is due in part to the encouragement that she received from Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin, she is anxious to meet him again before actually starting on the work. Her visit to Philadelphia will give her the opportunity of meeting him once more.

With our full concurrence, she suggests the following arrangements for her journey:-

4th October 1930	Leave London
10th " "	Arrive New York (Besides seeing Friends in New York, visit Boston and Philadelphia)
30th October "	Sail from Vancouver
14th November "	Arrive Kobe (Arrive Peiping say about 21st November)

Our China Committee meets here on 1st October and the Council on 2nd October so that these proposals will fit in excellently as far as we are concerned at this end.

As the University will have good notice of the date at which Miss Burtt is expecting to arrive at Yenching I trust that it will be possible to make satisfactory arrangements

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Dr. J. L. Stuart.

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for carrying on the work during the few weeks at the beginning of the term when they will be without her help.

To save delay, I am sending copies of this letter to Mrs. Murray S. Frame and Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.

Much hoping that what is proposed will commend itself to you all.

Very sincerely yours,

HERBERT H. CATFORD.

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Ans. _____

20 June 1930

My dear Mr Lee

On behalf of Mr Silcock I have pleasure in
thanking you for your kind letter of 28th May
concerning Miss Lucy Bull. We look forward
with great pleasure to her association with
your work at Yenching.

Enclosed copy of letter to St. Bington Street
will show you that we desire to meet the
convenience of the Dean of the College, so far as
it is practicable to do so, as to the time of Miss
Bull's arrival at Peking.

Very sincerely yours
Herbert H. Catford

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June 28, 1930.

Miss Lucy M. Burt
Student Christian Movement
Annandale, North End Road
Golders Green, London N. W. 11.

Dear Miss Burt:

I am starting on my summer holiday this afternoon so I can write but briefly. I want you to know that your letter of June 13, enclosing a copy of your letter of the same date to Miss Kendrick is here. She and I had a very earnest little conference two days ago as to what it seems to us right for you to do. We felt we could hardly reach a definite decision until we had conferred once more with Professor Hung as he will be the acting head of your department at Yenching. He is just now on a trip West but is expected to reach Boston Monday morning. Miss Kendrick will see him as soon as possible after his return and will then cable the decision they are able to reach as to the date by which you should reach Peiping and as to your trip across America. I am so sorry that all this confusion about your journey has arisen. I feel sure that it will be straightened out but this period of uncertainty is hard on you. You will probably have had Miss Kendrick's cablegram some time before this note reaches you.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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Mrs. Lucius O. Lee,
14, Beacon St.,
Boston,
MASS.

SEP 15 1930

Ans. Sept 16

Dear Mrs. Lee,

Thank you very much for your very kind letter. I am so sorry that, in the terrible rush of our Conferences in July, I had not written to you as well as to Mrs. Kendrick to explain exactly what had happened to me, and for the past three weeks I have been completely lazy in the Swiss Alps.

I have today paid my passage money to the C.P.R. so, unless anything quite unforeseen happens now, I shall be sailing from Southampton by the *Mauretania* on Oct. 4th and arriving in New York on *Oct 10th*. I leave again from Vancouver by the *Empress of Japan* on Oct. 30th.

I have already had a delightful invitation from Carolina Wood, a Quaker who lives near Mount Kiscoe, to spend as much time as I like in her home during my visit to the States, and I believe that another Friend in Philadelphia wants me to stay with them for some days. I have written to Clarence Pickett of the Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia, and to Mrs. Kendrick, giving them my crossing dates, and asking them if they can advise me at all as to the best arrangement of my time. I expect by this time you will have seen Mrs. Kendrick and I shall be very glad to have your advice. I am inclined to think that perhaps the simplest plan would be to go straight to Mount Kiscoe on my arrival in New York and make that my headquarters, making visits from there to Philadelphia and Boston. I am afraid I am rather hazy about the quickest routes for travelling through the Eastern States but I do want to keep my expenses down as far as possible. My through booking from Southampton to Kob~~z~~ takes me from New York to Vancouver via Toronto, but I gather I can easily make adjustments in

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New York if necessary.

I have just had a delightful letter from Mr. De Vargas who seems to have chosen some of the text books I most wanted to have used for next year. ~~I think~~ I am feeling *very much* ~~terribly~~ cheered about the prospects for the winter's work and really excited about my visit to the States.

Yours very sincerely,

Lucy M. Bunt

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September 16, 1930

Miss Lucy M. Burt
Annandale, North End Road
London, England

Dear Miss Burt:

I am very glad indeed to have your letter of September 4 which reached me yesterday. Miss Kendrick had already shared with me your letter to her of August 22.

We have considered as to the best use of the brief time at your disposal in America, and I am today mailing a letter of suggestions to Miss Margaret E. Speer and Miss Augusta Wagner, two members of the Wenching College faculty who are this year at home on furlough. Miss Wagner is taking a second year of special study at Columbia. Miss Speer is the daughter of Robert E. Speer and is at her home. She too I think is taking course at Columbia, though I do not know exactly what. They will both I am sure want to meet you, and as they are both taking courses in Columbia University, will be in a position to enable you to see that university and affiliated institutions in a delightful way.

As Boston is north and east of New York, whereas Philadelphia is almost directly southwest, we think the best plan will be for you to come to Boston from New York, and return to that city, going from there to Philadelphia and on west. I learned that Richmond, Indiana is on the Pennsylvania Railroad so if you succeed in changing your transportation across the continent to an American line, it will be best for you to make the trip from New York to Chicago by way of the Pennsylvania Railroad. I very much hope that it will be possible for you to stop in Chicago for at least a few hours. All transcontinental travelers change at Chicago. It may be quite possible for you to arrive in the forenoon and leave in the evening.

I am writing tentatively to Miss Alice K. Clark, 1217 Forest Ave., Evanston, Ill., asking whether in case you are able to make a brief stop in Chicago it would be possible for her to meet you and take you in her car to see the

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University of Chicago, and if there is time, Northwestern University in Evanston. Miss Clark is a member of our Yenching College Committee, and she and her mother have for many years been deeply interested in Yenching and in China. If they are at home and Miss Clark is free, she would I am sure enjoy taking you around and with her car, she could enable you to very much more in a day than you could in any other way.

There may be time for us to write you again after plans are more definitely made, but in any case you may rest assured that someone of your American friends will meet you at the steamer and will make such plans as are necessary in advance of your coming for the best use of your time. I have suggested to Miss Speer and Miss Wagner that they get into touch with Miss Carolina Wood. Miss Kendrick assures me that she will be glad to have you as her guest in Wellesley for the one or two nights you can give to the Boston area. I am hoping also that we can arrange a luncheon for you with the members of our Yenching College Committee who live in or near Boston. We are looking forward to your coming.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Lucius C. Lee

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P.S. I am enclosing a map torn from a Boston and Albany Railroad time table. This is not the read by which you will probably make the trip to Boston and back to New York, but it does show the comparative location of the cities and so may be helpful.

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20 SOUTH 12th STREET
PHILADELPHIA

Oct. 18th.

Dear Mrs Lee,

I have been waiting to write to you until I could report on my plans for the rest of the American tour, and that could not be done until I had seen these secretaries at Philadelphia.

It seems that after all I shall have to travel west much earlier than I had expected and shall be able to spend the whole of Thursday Oct 23rd in Chicago. I wrote last night to Miss Clarke to tell her this and to give her the names of the other people whom I hope to see in the city. This morning your letter sent on from New York brings the news of the meetings at Madison. I am sorry that these will make the meeting with Miss Clark impossible but the width of the American continent and work which I have now undertaken to do with Friends in Vancouver make Friday morning the latest possible time for my departure from Chicago and that does not help. I am so sorry to miss this contact with a member of the Yenching Board but I am afraid there is nothing to be done.

May I add now my thanks to you for all you did to give me such a warm welcome to this continent. It was rather bewildered and straying wanderer who reached Boston that Friday evening but from the moment you and Miss Kendrick came I began to feel comforted and at home and the process which began then

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has gone on steadily ever since.

I am terribly tempted to tell you about some of my doings but you will be busy with committees and in any case must have heard hundreds of English people discoursing on their first impressions of this country* but I am sure you have never heard one who has enjoyed her first week more than I have done or who is more grateful to all the kind friends who have made a traveller feel so humanly welcome and at home. It is a special privilege I feel for an English member of faculty at Yenching to have been given such an opportunity of coming into real contact with so many people at Wellesley and however much life in future brings me in contact with America I shall never forget the radiant beauty of that first weekend in New England.

*Wellesley
2nd St.* I am typing this so that I can send a copy to Boston as this address seems a little uncertain. If you want to get in touch with me next week my address on Tuesday will be Friends Central Office 101 South 8th St. Richmond, Ind. and on Thursday c/o Arnold Vaught 5618 Drexel Avenue Chicago.

Yours very sincerely and most gratefully

Lucy H. Burdett

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REF'D TO
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Empress of Japan.

Nov 4th

Dear Miss Calder,

All is well! the little
dressing gown has arrived quite
safely with the other things
which I am taking over for
Mrs Frame. I did not write
at Victoria as I could not
trace the parcel. but suspected
highly that the local authorities
had it stored away somewhere

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And it duly appeared next-day
& shall be delivered ~~anywhere~~ a
fortnight's time - I hope.

I am leaving America with
real regret. My trip there has
been one of the most-interesting
& enjoyable experiences of my life
& tho' my face is now turned
resolutely to the Far East - I am
determined this visit is not the
end. But the beginning of a series

of growing contacts with America
- east - & west.

What amazing country the
Middle West is - I am still left-
almost breathless in my memories
of Chicago - & of the wonderful
spaces of the prairie between
Chicago & Calgary.

I am sorry to inflict a hae-
script on you. But I am working
in my cabin this morning & try to
avoid a typewriter as much as
possible for the sake of fellow

passengers behind their walls

Yours sincerely

Lucy H. Burtt.

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Dear President Stuart:

One matter I meant to take up with you was crowded out during the busy days we were together in New York. I refer to the question of the support of Miss Lucy Burt beyond June 1931.

I think we have all had some hope that if the English Friends Service Council found it impossible to continue the support of Miss Burt beyond the time agreed upon, the American Friends might assume that support or at least a part of it. I know that Miss Burt met a number of influential Friends while she was in America last October. Have you done anything in regard to this matter, or have you it in mind to do anything? I am always ready to be of service if needed, but I think you are better in touch with the situation than I am and that a letter from you to the proper officials would probably carry more weight.

I hope that it is going to be possible for you to get a little rest now that these meetings are over, though I am keenly aware that the heaviest part of the real work is still to be done. I feel that real progress was made yesterday.

Always sincerely yours,

Lucia B. Lee

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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Will you kindly send me the Chinese term for Honorary Dean, that I may insert it in brackets in the Minutes.

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Dear Mrs Lee,

I feel most apologetic that I did not write more often to you and to Miss Kendrick last year after so happily making your acquaintance in that delightful trip across America but in the deluge of new adjustments it was as much as I could do to keep pace with my University work. Now after my first long holiday I have come back to Yenching much more energetic and able to grapple with the teaching and many other problems and interests of life here.

I am enclosing with this a copy of a short report which I wrote at President Stuart's request particularly for the information of a group of American Friends who are interested in Christian International work in China. I explain that at once because you who know Yenching will notice at once how very much is left out but this is an attempt to share with friends in the West my very vivid impressions of the possibilities which lie before Christian History teachers in Chinese Universities at the present time.

The more difficult aspects of work here I am not attempting to write much about until I have had more experience of life with these students. It is so extraordinarily difficult, at least for those of us who have not spent our lives in China, to understand just what it means in the inner experience of these young men and women to be growing up into adult life in this chaotic, disillusioned modern China and yet with it all there is so much hope. — A new world coming to birth and it is a privilege to be allowed even as a foreigner to stand by and it may be some day to be sympathetic and understanding enough to be able to help. It is all these background considerations which make the work with the women in this College so interesting but you know far more about all that than I do and all the interesting and often so difficult problems of the relation of the College to the rest of the University.

We are missing Mrs Frame very much indeed and no arrangement which can be made can really replace her, but the more I come to know of the immediate conditions here the more convinced I am that she is right in the action she has taken and it is a great joy to find that she is settling so happily and hopefully into her new life with Rosamond and her work at Tunghsien. I went to stay with them last week and found the little house looking charming and so full of young things with Rosamond and all her pets, and of Chinese visitors of all sorts coming to give Mrs Frame such a warm welcome back to her work there. I do feel that it has been one of the great gifts which have come to me in life to have had this opportunity of spending my first year in

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China in such close contact with Mrs Frame with all her love of China and sympathy with its people. She has been and still is teaching me so much, far more than she would ever herself admit or even recognise,

After a year in the Deans Residence I am now setting out to look at Yenching from the very different angle of a suite in the second dormitory with Miss Kit King Louis as a charming and generous suite mate. We have had great fun shopping little household oddments together in the city and hope to have our bright golden curtains made by the end of the week and to be ready for visitors. I shall be very much interested to see how conditions in these dormitories and of Chinese student life compare with those in the English Colleges where in one way and another I have spent so many years of my life. I am also hoping to find more time for Chinese study this year. History work is quite full time and very interesting but I am quite clear that I must get some working knowledge of the language to enable me to meet China outside Yenching, the China from which these students come and which is so rightly in their minds as a background and vision in all their historical work. I am much relieved to find how very interesting language study is and only wish I could lengthen my days and find much more time for it. Perhaps next summer when I am no longer a new comer I shall be able to take a good deal of time in entirely Chinese surroundings. I was at Pei Tai Ho most unwillingly for some weeks this summer owing to the civil war which upset all our plans for Shansi but we did get away to the western hills for the last two or three weeks to my great joy and next year I mean to provide several alternative schemes for a holiday in the interior.

I am sure you will not mind shaying this letter with Miss Kendrick and showing the little report to anyone on the Womens College Committee who is likely to be interested. I hope you have all had good holidays not unduly clouded by all the news of wars, floods, and this terrible world ~~trade~~ depression, and that by the time this letter reaches you the prospects for the winter may be looking more hopeful.

May I send greetings and good wishes to all the members of the Committee whom I met last year and especially to Miss Kendrick and yourself

Yours very sincerely

Luey H. Burt

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MY FIRST YEAR AMONG THE CHINESE

Last year so many Friends both in England and America, showed sympathy with my concern for work among the students of China that now in this breathing space of my first summer holidays in the East I am venturing with all the humility of a newcomer to this revolutionary land to set down and to share with you some impressions not of North China or even of Peiping but of the group of students among whom my first year in China has been spent.

I wish I could give you some picture of the setting of our work in modern Chinese buildings on a campus which in early summer is a fairy land of wistaria and roses and all the year round gives us the daily joy of looking out across a rich fertile plain to the beauty of the Western Hills. And lest we should lose ourselves in an unreal world of academic interests, at our very gates are villages where whole families struggle to exist on a precarious income of \$6 (silver) a month and only five miles away is Peiping itself with its palaces and museums, its great city wall and gates, its broad streets and narrow hutongs, its problems of slum life and poverty and yet withal the glory of a great historic tradition. As I roam about its streets and meet its kindly, courteous people I begin to understand why people at home who have lived out East were so envious of me a year ago as I set out for this new life in the city of Kubla Khan and Hu Min Shih.

But our eight hundred students, men and women, come from all parts of China - for Yenching has a well deserved reputation for its academic standards - and from every type of home. In these last few months I have worked with students from old official families in all the beauty of silk gowns and a courtly decorum of manner, with sons and daughters of successful business men, with folk from humble village homes, with men and women from Mukden, Chengtu, Canton, Wuchang, Amoy, Honolulu, Singapore, from every part of the Chinese Republic and outside it, all sent up for this somewhat expensive higher education by modern wealthy families or by missions aiming at the fullest possible modern education for potential Christian leaders.

The University is registered and has no religious qualifications for entrance. Many students are frankly non-Christian and the forty per cent or so who come from Christian homes and schools are no more exempt than students in any other part of the world from the doubts and questions which beset young folk who are turning towards adult life and the specific problems of the modern educated world. In addition to much normal questioning these students almost all show signs of bewilderment and strain consequent on living in a country in the violent throes of revolution of every kind. This is not the place to enlarge on the acute problems of student discipline involved by all this but men in simple teaching relationships men and women, who are studying to University standards, the History of Western Nations since 1815, the growth of British Democracy or the development of the British Empire, soon reveal even to a newly arrived foreigner their sensitiveness on their own nationhood and its relations with the Western Powers, their interest in and often complete ignorance of the nature of Democracy and a real concern with the problem of government which is in curious contrast with their individual and personal restlessness under any sense of authority. The opportunities which lie before a Christian internationalist seem almost limitless in helping them to discover sound historical information on which to build judgments on these matters of such vital importance to the healthy growth and development of modern China. If the conditions of work limited the contact with students to the History classroom alone, a Quaker Historian might well feel scope here for many years of service, and I have never felt a greater sense both of challenge and of opportunity in History teaching.

The individual and corporate life of the Christian community within the University offers possibilities of more clearly defined religious work. Leaders of Christian thought in the University have been associated with the historic traditions of many different Christian missions and all contribute their share to the development of the Yenta Christian Fellowship, a Christian community of considerable vitality even if at times its methods may seem to a European almost bewilderingly experimental. The Fellowship draws its membership from the faculty, students, and servants of the University in very simple and real human brotherhood and its guidance is now almost entirely in the hands of its Chinese members. This makes it a little more difficult for a newly arrived foreigner to come rapidly into close contact with the inner thought of the Fellowship but already in the last nine months it has been a matter of great interest to me to find how often the thought of members of the Fellowship has turned to the place of worship in the Christian life as well as to the problems of the Christian service of society. A long discussion one night among a group of faculty members of the Fellowship might well have been a direct continuation of a meeting and discussion group led by Dr. Hodgkin one evening last fall when I was visiting Pendle Hill. Chinese Christians here show a natural and very healthy unwillingness to adopt ready made the religious practices of the West, but in their search for methods of worship and ways of life which for them are the most vital approach to the Christian Faith they show a deep interest in methods which to us have brought power and life and I think there is no doubt that to some the way of worship based on silence may be as productive as it has been for us in the West. I have already been asked on more than one occasion to 'conduct a Friends Meeting' and I am hoping very much that in the coming year when our community is to be joined by one or two more graduate students from Chengtu and possibly by a son of Gilbert Bowles from Japan that our little group may have much more opportunity of sharing with other members of the Fellowship the vital experience which comes to us in the practice of corporate worship based on the practice of silent waiting upon God.

One more very vital experience which I cannot pass over in any account written for Quaker readers of our work here is the continual and almost unselfconscious experiment in international Christian life which comes to us as Chinese, Americans, British- at least, and there are often visitors of other nationalities- set out together to face the problems of the higher education of the students of China. Ever since the War my life in Europe as a member of the Society of Friends, as a History lecturer, as a secretary for the Student Christian Movement has involved much conscious discussion of problems of internationalism, often much conscious effort to bring together in happy Christian fellowship students of many races. Can you imagine the joy and sense of limitless possibilities, as I find myself here constantly and often without conscious prearrangement a member of a group of folk including three or more nationalities who either in formal discussion or in the much more free and easy contacts over a dinner table or on a mountain walk are facing together problems of reconstruction and of Christian living in this modern world in discussions which rise, fall, develop quite irrespective of national divisions.

Surely here is a Christian community in the building to the glory of God and the service of His Kingdom not only among the students of Yenching but through them among the students and peoples of the world.

Lucy M. Burt

November 14, 1931.

Miss Lucy M. Burt
Yenching College
Peiping, China

Dear Miss Burt:

It was a real and great pleasure to receive your letter of September 8 not long ago. I have not shared it with Miss Kendrick because as you may now know, she is not at home. Miss Kendrick and President Pendleton went to Europe for the summer and about September 1 Miss Kendrick went on to the Near East, expecting to see something of the American Board work in Greece, Bulgaria and Turkey, and then to spend the winter in Italy. She made her visits in Greece and Bulgaria and enjoyed them very much, but soon after reaching Constantinople she had a slight stroke. She was taken to the American Hospital there and the report is that she is doing well and may make a complete recovery. An old friend has gone to Constantinople to make the homeward journey with her and a cabled message tells us that they are to sail from Naples on November 29, reaching New York on the 16th of December. Another great sorrow has come to Miss Kendrick in the sudden death of her brother, her only near relative. We are glad for her sake that she is coming home and also for the sake of her sister-in-law, as they naturally desire to be together at this time. You may have heard all this from others of the Yenching staff. I know you will feel the deepest sympathy for Miss Kendrick.

Of course I have read what you say about Yenching and your impressions of the life of young China, with the deepest interest. I doubt if you at all know how glad we are to think of you being just where you are these days. These young people so disillusioned and so excitable need the sympathetic understanding and guidance of a friend such as you. We are very proud of the Yenching student body that they have exercised such admirable self-control during these difficult days of the trouble in Manchuria. I hope that the trouble may be settled by the time this reaches you, although I am not sure there is real ground for such a hope.

I am much interested that you and Miss Kit King Lewis are now occupying one of the dormitory suites. You are not doing your own

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cooking are you? I hope you can some time write of some of the experiences you have in this more intimate contact with the students.

Of course I am pleased that you are trying to put some time into the study of Chinese. Please do not allow yourself to over-work in attempting to carry a good many hours of study in addition to your regular full time teaching. The summer holiday will give you more consecutive time and it would be a real calamity to have you overdo and breakdown.

I quite appreciate what you say about the College missing Mrs. Frame. I have so much missed her letters which always gave quite intimate pictures, not only of the successes of the College but of the problems as well. I really felt quite out of touch with Yenching during the summer months, but have more recently had good letters from Miss Wood and Miss Speer which have done away with that feeling. I am so glad you could make a little visit with Mrs. Frame and Rosamond in their Tungchow home. Her letters to me have indicated real happiness in the establishment of that home and in taking up her new work. She seems to be conscious of a certain freedom that she has not felt in the midst of the complicated relationships of university life.

I should have said in the beginning that I will be so glad to share your letter with Miss Kendrick when she gets home, and pass it with other members of our Yenching College Committee. Please write as often as you can and as freely as you will.

With very cordial greetings to your fellow workers and also to your students if you care to pass them on, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.

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We are just beginning the new semester at this early date! I begin to think we British folk are inveterate holiday makers and yet we do manage to get through a good deal of work at home don't we and in other parts of the world too! When I am feeling most lazily inclined to wish for longer holidays I hug to myself the remark of a Cambridge (England) professor that for him creative work was impossible without three months complete change of occupation in the summer! a pleasant doctrine which I could apply more comfortably to my conscience if I could ever dream of claiming that any of my wintertime activities are of a creative nature!

But here we are on a sunny campus in the warmth of the clear early autumn days which are one of the great gifts of the climate of North China and around us are 200 or more young men and women all plunging into University life for the first time. I watch them being guided about by such older students ~~who~~ as are here and willing to help with 'Freshmen week' and try to remember what it felt like so many years ago to be approaching University life for the first time and with the impression that here was an immensely wide new world, its horizons so wide as to be almost invisible. How soon will they realise that it is but one of the arches wherethrough gleams the untravelled world? but just now they are feeling adventurous and brave in their brighter moments and terribly homesick at intervals. Registration for their courses begins tomorrow and on Thursday classes begin in serious earnest and the will find themselves comfortably busy if they mean to take their work seriously.

I came back myself, most unwillingly it must be confessed, last Thursday. Anyone who has nursed a friend for eight weeks consecutively and then has had to leave her patient still almost helpless in the hands of even quite efficient amah will know something about the terrible wrench it is for the nurse and perhaps a little for the patient too to get accustomed to the new conditions. Fortunately for me my patient is still to be in the Western Hills for six or seven weeks within fairly easy reach and I shall be able to make at least a weekly visit to keep an eye on the amah and on the household generally. I am very much cheered too that Dr Hall greeted my seven weeks report with unexpected enthusiasm. We cannot be sure of the rate of progress until the next X ray examination at the end of September reveals the condition of the diseased lung but the Dr feels very hopeful from all the external signs that the last eight weeks of absolute quiet have had a good effect.

Incidentally to the nursing I have had such a quiet holiday as has not come my way for a long time and have caught up months of arrears of sleep. I seem incapable of raising my weight out here above 105 lbs so I am following my family traditions in looking rather like a lamp post but otherwise I'm very fit and well and certainly much more inclined to face the new year than I was twelve months ago.

Another advantage of the nursing activities was the necessity of speaking Chinese to the servants and village people and I am hoping very much that my new little Chinese house out in the village with its daily contact with the cook and the Chinese Bible woman who lives in part of the house will help me to keep my nerve for speaking and will help along the practical part of my language work. Its funny how the study of Chinese seems to obliterate all other languages except English. I find now that when I try to speak French Chinese turns up all the

(Miss Baynes's
little house)

time. Imagine the astonishment of a French porter if I remarked 'Shemna Shih hou che lai' when enquiring for the time of the train arrival or the shop keeper to whom I said affably 'Che ke tung hsi shih to hsiao chien?' when enquiring the price of an article. I am sure something like that will happen to me when I next try travelling in Europe, for the effort to get this language has been so much greater than any of the gentle studies of Indo European languages which I made in my youth. It is a comfort tho to find the language coming alive at last and tho in ordinary Mandarin conversation I still only understand a small proportion of the words used I can quite often get the general drift of a conversation and do begin to feel some ray of hope that one day I'll get to a working knowledge of ordinary work a day language. If only I could manage to get some time right off for language study and could go and live with Chinese for six months or so I might get somewhere. I am beginning to lay plans to try to persuade the administration of the value of such a course for me if I am ever to do any effective religious work here but as usual it is a question of finance and at this point I do miss the support of a Mission Board. I think all the Boards insist on language study for their members for the reasons, quite unacademic, for which I want to press it and of course if they insist they provide the upkeep for the period of study. My trouble with the University is that I cannot possibly plead that the Chinese language is an indispensable requisite for the teaching of Western History and I am not sure how the University authorities would take the statement which I am perfectly willing to make to them that my loyalty is to the Christian Church - how much that phrase 'the Church Universal' does come to mean out here - rather than to any particular job of academic teaching tho I want to make as good a job as I can of anything I do have given me to do.

P.C. Hsu whom a good many people have known in England during the last two years has just got back to Yenching and cheered and interested me very much today by asking whether I would help him to form a small and quite informal group which would combine an interest in pacifism and simple living with the practice of occasional corporate worship 'after the manner of the Society of Friends' You can imagine how joyfully I accepted the suggestion which cheers me so much as coming from the Chinese end. I told him about the little group which met irregularly last term for a similar purpose and about the strong devotional spirit and experience of corporate worship and study which came out of our study circle on St Paul last year. Both the latter groups are continuing their activities this term and with a considerable share in helping with both as well as this new group when it comes into being and the still not very clearly defined job of assistant Chaplain for the English Sunday evening service and a share in arranging the daily Chapel services in the Womens College Chapel I will have a good deal on hand of the kind of work we usually associate with mission stations and which is very vitally concerned with the religious life of this community. All of us who are sharing in such work do need your prayers for ourselves and much more for the young people who in this chaotic country are having to face the horrid complication of all their own problems of ~~misery~~, poverty, disease, ignorance, corruption, disorder - the great enemies of China as Hu Shih puts it - and a big dose of western humanism materialism, communism and what not into the bargain

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Yenching University
Peiping West
CHINA

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Dear Mrs Lee.

You may have heard that to my great delight Dr Hall considered my four years nursing experience in student work in England sufficient qualification to enable me to take charge of Mrs Frame this summer in the first seven weeks of her hill cure. We had been intending to spend our holidays together in Shansi taking Rosamond into the 'interior' mountain climbing and what not, so when Mrs Hanson kindly took charge of Rosamond at Tai Shan the rearrangement of our plans from Shansi to Shih Ching Shan was a very simple matter and I was so thankful that I was so completely free to help.

My report of the patients progress after these eight weeks is only the common sense observations of the unspecialised nurse but I think you will be interested to know that Mrs Frame does seem to be making good progress. The Dr. is only just back from his holidays and cannot get out to see her until next weekend but he was very cheery and encouraging when I called in to see him at P.U.M.C. a few days ago with our charts and general report on progress since his last visit in July. She is to come into the hospital again at the end of September for another X. Ray examination which he hopes very much will show considerable improvement. Certainly she is physically a good deal better as far as returning energy is concerned - tho of course she is still entirely in bed. The most trying part of her illness now is the extreme fatigue which she still shows if she makes any effort to talk or concentrate her thought. The Dr thinks that is probably a good sign that she has at last relaxed and is allowing the accumulated fatigue of years to have its way ~~at last~~ and he is not seriously concerned about it as a symptom of T.B. He has forbidden all uninvited visitors for the present to give her as much rest as possible and we hope very much that in a few weeks time she will feel much stronger. I shall be very glad now when his next visit is over and even more when the X ray examination is complete and we have authoritative records of her progress. He will of course write to Dr Ward officially about all this and will give you all the details but I thought perhaps you would be interested in this entirely unofficial and not for publication account of my impressions.

It has been on my mind for a long time to write to you but you no doubt know that the second year of a newly arrived missionaries career is not one of the easiest and Yenching, especially after Mrs Frame left, was so unlike anything I had expected from my previous contacts with modern educational missionaries that it took me some time to get my bearings. I think now I am beginning to understand better the needs of these students and the possibilities of extra curricula work with individuals and groups as well as the great possibilities within my own courses of helping in less specifically

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'religious' ways to do something towards the reconstruction of this chaotic country but I have been very shy of writing much while the first efforts of adjustment were going on and my own mind was a ~~little~~ little chaotic too. This year is opening very much more cheerfully for me and the long spell of quiet with Mrs Frame on the hills has been a grand preparation for a new term's work so I hope to be able to write to you soon in much more detail about my doings, as you kindly say you are interested in hearing.

At the moment I am venturing to send on to you for your purely private interest and possibly Miss Kendrick's if she is near, a copy of the least personal sheets of my letter home this week to my family. It is lying on my desk beside me and it occurs to me as I write, it might interest you to see a very informal account of my doings written for my own home and my brother's family and without any official intent. I feel shy of offering you a copy like this but I know you will understand that the effort to get language in the intervals of full time work in English does not give me a large amount of spare time.

Please give my greetings to Miss Kendrick and share this letter with her if she is still near Boston. I do hope she is better now. With greetings and all good wishes to yourself

Yours very sincerely

Lucy M. Beckett

I am sure you will understand my desire that this letter should be regarded as a strictly private communication. I don't want in any way to seem to butt in on the official letters, or in any way to forestall the Dr's report

November 8, 1932.

Miss Lucy M. Burt
Yenching College for Women
Peiping, China

Dear Miss Burt:

I wish you could know how much I appreciate your letter of September 7 as also the enclosed copy of your family letter. It has been the greatest comfort to us to know that you were with Mrs. Frame during the summer. Any patient, and Mrs. Frame more than some perhaps, needs companionship as much as nursing care. Of course we are delighted that she seems to be making satisfactory progress. At the time you wrote you said that the P.U.M.C. doctor was just back from his vacation and had not yet seen Mrs. Frame, but that he would give her another X-ray examination when she came into the city at the end of September.

Dr. Ward has been hoping to have an official report from Dr. Hall but he tells me that nothing has yet come. No doubt such a report will be received soon. You have probably not been able to keep in as close touch with Mrs. Frame since the beginning of September as you were during the summer, but I know you will see her as often as you can and we will always be grateful if you will write of your impressions as to her progress. We will understand that your reports are not official but those of a friend deeply interested in the patient's progress toward health. If at any time you have suggestions as to steps that should be taken, as for instance if you should feel that the time is approaching when Mrs. Frame should come to America, we will be glad to have you pass on such suggestions.

Of course I am deeply interested in what you say of your own adjustments to China and the attempts Yenching is making to meet some of the needs of her country. It is great to have contacts with such a group of young men and women as are the Yenching students, but it means exacting work and heavy responsibilities. I am glad you are working away at the study of Chinese. It is perhaps too soon for us to raise officially the question of your continuance in China for a longer period than the present arrangement provides. I shall be deeply interested in anything you may care to write me on this subject even though questions relating to it need not be officially

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taken up until later.

You will probably ere this letter reaches you have seen the minutes of the recent meeting of our Yenching College Committee. I am always impressed by the deep and abiding interest in Yenching which the members of our Committee feel. Any services we can render seems to be somewhat vague and elusive but you may all surely count upon our deepest interest and desire to help you in the meeting of the problems of the College in so far as we can. I have shared your letter with Miss Kendrick. She is in her own home in Wellesley and is I think much better in health than she was when she first returned from the Near East. It is probably true however that she will never again have her former strength and vigor.

With the kindest of personal greetings to you and your fellow workers and with special appreciation of your love for the companionship for Mrs. Frame, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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December 6, 1932.

Miss Lucy M. Burt
Yenching College for Women
Peiping, China

Dear Miss Burt:

You will know from the letter I sent you some weeks ago that we have been realizing that the term for which you were engaged as a teacher in Yenching will expire with the present school year. I think my letter did not at all adequately express our very earnest hope that you will wish to stay longer in Yenching and that we may find a way for keeping you there. A short time ago I received a letter from Miss Monona Cheney written just before she landed in America in which she expressed her own very earnest hope that you would continue. She spoke both as a member of the History Department (for a time she was Chairman I think,) and as a fellow missionary and

teacher who has the best interests of the University and especially of the women students at heart. I am writing today primarily to ask you two questions. The first is whether after your nearly one and a half years of experience in China you feel that you would like to invest more of your life there, perhaps becoming a permanent member of the Yenching staff. The second is whether in case your answer to the above question is affirmative you feel that you should go home to England this summer before entering upon a more permanent connection with Yenching. If you feel that for family or other reasons you should go home this summer the College and our Yenching College Committee will of course acquiesce in your judgment. On the other hand if you should feel that you could continue in China now until you had completed a five year term we should I am sure think that the more desirable course from the point of view of the College. I am not forgetting that you came to Yenching in part at least, as a representative of the Friends Service Council. I realize that their cooperation in Yenching to the extent of assisting in your support was definitely for a limited time. If you should feel that you could continue longer in Yenching we would I think wish to correspond with the Friends Service Council as to the possibility of their cooperating for a longer period. Should they not feel it possible to extend the time of their cooperation we should be very glad to explore the possibilities of securing your

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support in whole or in part from interested Friends in America. I do not however think that your continuance in Yenching should be in any way conditioned on our securing even a part of your support from Friends, English or American. The Yenching College Committee does as I think you understand, assume direct responsibility for the support of some members of the Yenching staff. There are also other possibilities which I need not discuss here. What I want to make very plain in this letter is that we should be very glad to have you a permanent member of the Yenching staff. Will you then, let me know your own thought as to whether or not your life work should be in China and secondly, whether in case you are willing to continue you wish to go to England this summer. If you do go to England should it be for a whole year or perhaps only for a shorter time? Ordinarily a member of the faculty who has served only two years is not entitled to a furlough with furlough allowance.

Please write me frankly. I will not stop to discuss other things today save to add that we shall always be very grateful for any word you may care to say about things connected with the College or about Mrs. Frame's progress toward health.

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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Yenching Women's College
Peking, China

Certainly at present it seems as
if the girl home life - this not
without difficulties is much the
happier & more helpful arrangement
which can be devised both for
Mrs. Lane & for Rosamund - & I who
have lived so closely beside both
of them in these past two years
do feel very much encouraged
as I see Rosamund beginning to feel

more naturally at home - & at ease
in her home.

I am very hesitant about writing this
as you know how extremely reserved
Mrs. Lane is - & I know she feels
strongly that the loss the problem
of a growing girl are discussed - the
reason it is for everyone concerned - but
Rosamond & her Mother do mean so much
to ^{us} ~~her~~ we cannot consider Mrs. Lane's
treatment as if she were an isolated

"Chiao shih" like myself. & I feel sure
you will use mind & body then tell
as a family personal & private one for
you alone.

I am writing this without having had
a chance of talking over your letter
with Mrs. Frame herself. But I have very
little doubt from earlier conversations
that this does represent her point of view
too. & I am much interested to find
that Mrs. Frame feels so strongly in favour
of the King's College arrangement continuing
until Rosemond graduates - unless anything

quite unpleasant happens.

May I just add my own great joy
in finding that 'Lanching' wants me to
join the permanent-staff here. The details
of the arrangements & especially of the
question of time of furlough are not yet
worked out - but it seems very
probable I shall be able to take next-
year off for a rapid visit to my people
at home - I hope a 2nd visit to America
before I come back here for 6 months
concentrated language study in Peking.
After New Year I will write more detailed accounts
of this home - & of my own plans too.
Yours very sincerely Lucy N. Burtt

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Dec 15th
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Dear Mrs Lee,

Thank you so much for your
very kind letter of Nov 2nd. There is
much that I would like to write in
answer to it - but in these unusually
busy days just before Christmas the only
chance of catching this year's mail is
to send you a brief interim note to
assure you that Mrs Liang seems to
be making good progress.

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I had a long talk with Dr. Robinson
about a fortnight ago & this week with
Miss Frame who has just seen her sister
in town again after 4 months. Dr. Robinson
from the point of view of the medical
adviser & Miss Frame as a friend who
is not in such frequent contact with
the patient as I am both speak of
steady improvement although of course
Dr. Robinson points out that improvement
is not yet complete cure & she will

have to continue the semi invalid life
for some time & be very careful for
a long time after that.

Especially since your letter came we
have thought again of the possibility
or desirability of an earlier return to America
- but all feel quite clearly at the
moment that the advantages which
are coming to both Rosamond & her
Mother from this long consecutive period
of time during Rosamond's adolescence
when her Mother can be always
accessible, very much outweigh any

possible advantages which might accrue
from an earlier return to the work.

An only child with no father ~~will~~ must
inevitably take such a large share of her
Mother's thought - & care - & you no doubt
know at least as well as we do how
~~very much~~ devoted Mr. Frame is to his
little daughter & how much the child's
welfare really affects her mother's happiness
herself.

Dr. Robinson is watching very closely
& if there were any reason to suppose
that life in Tunbridge were impeding
the recovery from the T. B. I am sure
he would point it out at once but