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Yenching University
Peiping West
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Jan. 20th 1933

Dear Mrs Lee,

Thank you so much for your kind letter of Dec. 6th which I have just received. A good deal seems to have happened in connection with my future plans since I wrote to you last and your two main questions can be answered very simply and quickly.

In the last six months especially I have begun to feel so much more at home with the young people of China and to find so many opportunities of work opening out before me along lines of my natural interests and training, both in the History class rooms and outside that I have no doubt that as far as I am personally concerned it will be right for me to offer for long term service of the Christian Church in North China and it will be a great pleasure to me if that work can be found in Yenching. It is therefore with especial pleasure that I receive your letter with its definite invitation to join the permanent staff of the Womens College and also to hear from Miss Ssu tu that the Faculty Executive has considered my reappointment and has definitely voted that I should be asked to continue my work here if sufficient funds can be found to maintain me.

With regard to the question of my plans for ~~next~~ next academic year when my three year contract runs out (do you remember it was in 1930 that I visited you in America so that I am now well into my third year of service here?) there is also no doubt that if I am to undertake long term service in North China I must for urgent family reasons see my now very elderly Father and Mother again before I begin on the new long contract. I have had a good deal of correspondence with England on the matter and an urgent cable from my brothers about a fortnight ago is emphatic on the necessity for a visit to England in the coming autumn. In addition to those personal considerations from which no unmarried woman or any other I imagine can be entirely free I feel myself increasingly strongly that the possibilities of work here will be very much increased for me, especially in all the extra curricula activities and Christian work which I have so much at heart, if I can secure some months of uninterrupted language study in Chinese surroundings. I have talked over the whole matter at some length not only with Miss Cheney, (who I think understands my point of view fairly clearly in case you wish to talk it over with some one in America) but also with Miss Sssu tu and with President Stuart and the outcome of it all is that the University should release me for the session 1933-1934 without a salary but with my travelling expenses to the west paid at the end of my first three year contract and for my return to take up the normal six year period of permanent work. I plan then to return to England after commencement this summer and to spend three or four months mainly with my family in helping to clear up a good deal of family business occasioned by the sudden death during the past two months of five near relatives.

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As there is very little chance I shall see my Father again after this visit I should like if possible to spend Christmas at home and then return via America reaching Peiping once more towards the end of February or beginning of March to spend the remaining months of leave in Peiping studying at the Language School in one of their 2nd or 3rd year courses, as I have already put in a good deal of work on all their introductory material, and living I hope with a Mandarin speaking family in the city. The plans for that are all under way but cannot of course be made definite as far as any Chinese family is concerned until much nearer the time. One problem not very easy to solve is the question of my maintenance during that year but I am so clear now that the two courses outlined above ie. long term service in China and a year for my family and language study in the interval between contracts, is the right thing to attempt that I feel sure the necessary very small sum of money will be provided. My own savings will keep me in England for four or five months if I am very careful and I have great hopes that when I get back to the west and can put the case personally I may be able to get some help from Friends who are interested in the work of Christian Missions and who realise the value of language study to carry me through the five months or so of very economical Chinese living in Peiping and the not very economical language school fees.

With regard to the question of my support in the future I have already been in correspondence with the Friends Service Council in England and have this week received from them a letter which tho' expressing a very warm interest in my work here holds out very little hope of their being able to undertake my support again at least in the near future. I am not quite sure if they fully understand the position and I am writing to them again by this mail but clearly the matter will need long consideration and I am doubtful whether we can get any thing settled for the next few months. I find Dr Stuart thinks and I am inclined to agree with him from my own knowledge of 'Friends' that my chances of securing support from Friends collectively or individually in England or America or both will be very much increased by a personal visit to them this autumn when I can make very much clearer than is possible by letter the nature of the work which seems to be opening out before me here. I need hardly add how very much for other reasons I am looking forward to a second visit to the States and how much I hope there will be some opportunity while I am there to have some quiet talk with you and perhaps with other members of the Yenching College committee about our problems in student work here.

I hope to have some further conversation with both Miss Ssu tu and with Dr Stuart in the near future on the question of my future maintenance and I am sure you will let me know at once if there is any thing you think I can do personally in the next few months to rouse additional interest in my work here.

I must apologise for the length of this letter and its purely personal considerations but I do want to keep you informed as accurately as I can of the position and if it is not possible to include with this letter I hope to send on by the next mail some account of our recent experiments in student democracy here which have given us all so much cause for thought and no little anxiety too. Also I will send the most recent news of Mrs Frame after another visit there next week. She certainly is making steady progress tho' we all wish as she does that T.B. were not such a lengthy business.

With best regards to Mrs. Kendrick & yourself

Yours very sincerely
Lucy N. Burtt.

燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING WEST, CHINA.

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Jan 29th

~~Jan~~ Feb

Dear Mrs Lee,

I am enclosing a copy of some sheets of my home letter which I have taken off in duplicate and which may perhaps interest you tho' much of the subject matter will be far more familiar to you than it is to my relatives in England. Probably other members of Faculty will have sent you more detailed accounts of these latest troubles among the students but I am more anxious that my friends in England should catch something of the general spirit of student life out here than hear about details of University organisation. Actually we are feeling quite hopeful that the grand clearing up of various vague and controversial issues which has been necessitated may be a real help towards a more vigorous real democratic government of the University but you can never tell here until the experiment is actually tried out as it will have to be next semester beginning on Feb, 1st.

I hope this may catch the same mail as my morning letter but am a little doubtful.

Yours very sincerely

Lucy H. Burdett

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A letter from Miss Lucy R. Burt of Yenching to Members of the Faculty absent on furlough. e
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TO MEMBERS OF THE CABINET.

This letter is circulated because of the interest I believe you will all feel in the experiences about which Miss Burt writes. It is marked CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT FOR PUBLICATION.

Yenching University
Peiping West
China.

January 25, (and later)

Dear friends:

Chinese New Year once more, kites, firecrackers, candy for the Kitchen god, and all manner of good things to eat for everyone else - good food and holiday everywhere in spite of Japan - and from the kindness and merriment of it all we send you New Year greetings.

The last writer must have told you all about our Christmas celebrations - more than usually beautiful and happy it seemed to me this year - and now it falls to my lot to try to tell you something about the crash over a precipice which was our fate within a week of foreign New Year. For a few days life moved so fast I am afraid I have become a little hazy about exact dates and am a more human than exact historian; also I have to admit to feeling a good deal of sympathy with the students in spite of all their wild foolishness, but Miss Bent assures me that later writers are likely to correct my bias so here goes for my quite subjective account of the recent student "strike."

We came back from the Foreign New Year weekend to meet the news of the Japanese advance on Shanhaikuan but though we were all a good deal concerned at this fresh evidence of the military restiveness of Japan everyone turned in to work and it was not until Friday of that week that the students organized a mass meeting to discuss the whole situation. Many of us realized that morning that the students were feeling a good deal disturbed but very friendly and frank discussions with my own classes led me to think in common with many other members of Faculty, that the majority of serious minded students would be glad to get through with their examinations the following week and so be free either to go home or to take up some form of definitely "patriotic" work. When the mass-meeting requested F.E.C. to suspend exams in order that the students might at once undertake work of "national importance" it was very generally felt that the majority of the students had been swayed against their better judgment by a small group and would be glad of Faculty support in carrying out their University exam requirements and in that impression F.E.C. issued a sensible if somewhat curt statement that the general request must be refused but that if any student felt called immediately to take up outside work he or she should apply as in normal times to the Deans for permission to be excused from exam work. Unfortunately that pronouncement had to be made on Saturday morning and with the rest of the day more or

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less free for mass discussion something quite unaccountable happened. I don't know whether anyone on the Faculty really knows who or what it was on that Saturday that swung the Medicals, Natural Science students and most of the leading Christians over to the side of the petitioners. Many of us who were busy with services and our normal weekend work hardly realized that anything had happened until on Sunday night we were served with two notices, one from Faculty Executive Committee briefly outlining its statement to the students and requesting us to hold our examinations if any students presented themselves and a second from the students Anti Japanese committee remarking in its curiously worded English version that it would be 'very improper' for members of the Faculty to attempt to conduct examinations during the following week.

Next morning there was no doubt we were in for trouble as we found the entrances to all the College buildings guarded by pickets and throughout the day not more than a dozen or so students and those mostly American or Hawaiian presented themselves for examination. My own contacts with the pickets in two exams, each for one student were very friendly but other people had more trouble and by the afternoon it was quite clear that the students were thoroughly roused and terribly over excited.

It is quite beyond me to chronicle the events of the next two or three days which seemed to drag themselves out to eternity. Within the first few hours I found myself a good deal staggered by discovering that the executive committee of the students was being led not by Communists but by men like Yeh Te Kuang, and girls like Lu Huei Ching and Yeh Chu Sheng and that Liu Ching Tung and Sung Yueh Han were active supporters. I have no doubt that at the time those students and many others were sincere in their contention that although they themselves had not altogether approved of the decisions of the first mass meeting, that after all by all the mechanism of democracy - the majority vote as you have it in the West they said - they were bound by its decision and the members of the anti Japanese committee who were entrusted with the executive arrangements felt quite definitely that they were in honour bound to help the students to abide by the will of the majority and also to prevent them from running away ~~xxx~~ home in cowardly fashion when there was work of such importance as they believed to be done here at Yenching. With those ends in view they steadfastly refused to accept the individual excuse method offered by the University ~~xx~~ ~~xx~~ authorities, continued to press for general suspension of exams and at the same time organized another 'patriotic week' very much on the lines of the cooperatively run activities of Nov. 1931. The day was planned to begin with physical exercises if not military drill, followed by mass meetings with addresses in Bashford and in the afternoon and evening group work on first aid, bandage making, sewing & clothes for soldiers and such like activities and every effort was made to prevent any student from leaving the campus.

That the Faculty should have any part in the Democracy of the University seemed to escape their notice and of course when their first excitement had brought them into conflict with University authority it was very difficult for them to turn back. Their attempt to enforce their decisions on every student too could find a parallel clearer than they know in the treatment meted out by Western Democracies to Conscientious

Objectors to war not so many years ago and what has made all this disturbance so interesting and in many ways I can't help thinking so hopeful in spite of all its crudity and stupidities has been the strong insistence of its leaders on ideals of government.

In the turmoil of the next few days when Faculty Executive Committee were meeting almost continuously either alone or with the whole Faculty it was decided almost unanimously that in the prevailing condition of hysterical excitement it would be much wiser to postpone the exams and suspend University functions,

(LATER. FEB. 3. Registration is proceeding quietly and we hope to continue examinations peacefully next week.)

and allow the students to work themselves into a calmer state of mind when it would be possible to reason with them.

At the time I felt, and even more so now as I look back on it all that the first few days many of us on the Faculty were to blame, not for lack of wisdom in regard to the general situation - for I am as convinced as ever that our original contention is sound that China is best served by students training themselves to carry the responsibilities they already have rather than flinging those over to go out and look for others of much less certain value, - but in lack of sympathetic understanding of the extreme tensivity of overwrought nerves. We were so eager to help them to be wise in the service of China we did not understand quickly enough the immediate problems of hysterical excitement with which they were faced, and without realizing what we were doing let them slip into a position where they could imagine, perhaps with slightly uneasy consciences, an antagonism which certainly did not exist as far as we were concerned. But when we did understand as I think many of us did just about 36 hours too late I have nothing but admiration for the attitude of the great majority of the Faculty. The two general Faculty meetings held on the Monday and Tuesday of that week seemed to me one of the most practical demonstrations of Christian love, patience, lack of resentment, desire to understand and to make cooperation possible that I have ever seen a group of somewhat miscellaneous folk make, ~~xx~~ and as far as one can judge that attitude has been steadily backed up during the ensuing lull in class work by efforts on the part of individual members of Faculty to do all in their power to restore confidence and friendly relations with such students as have remained on the campus.

The immediate result of our labours will become evident on Wednesday when registration for the new term begins and each student will be required to give his assent to a document circulated about a week ago from Faculty Executive Committee which while strongly upholding the need for the patriotic service of China emphasises very clearly the value of training in citizenship involved in the acceptance of University discipline and as a practical step requires the student organization to change its name to "Student Self Government" and to undertake not to attempt to interfere with University authority. There is a general impression that the majority of serious minded students will welcome the opportunity to straighten out a situation which has obviously become impossible but how much influence the resisters will have it is impossible to foretell. If the American mail

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does not go out till the end of the week I will hold this open to report further developments.

I don't think it is really strange or sentimental that episodes like this one should do so much to strengthen the desire of a foreigner to be allowed to do anything to help these young men and women to tackle the bewildering problems of government and cooperative living which lie before them these days. Their problems with this huge country with its long slowly moving history do seem so much more acute even than ours in the West and even if the difficulties of life are much the same everywhere I know these Chinese students are stealing my heart for themselves very completely.

Signed) Lucy M. Burtt.

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Hutchins Women's College
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MAR 6 1933

Dear Mrs Lee,
March 11/33

This is a fore-notice to my
last letter - written now within a
few days of my return from a few
days holiday at T'ungshai.

My frame

It is to have another X-ray this
month & I suppose an official report
will follow that - but certainly
as far as my unprofessional eye
can judge she does seem to be

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making steady progress - tho' of course
it is bound to be many months
before she regains her full vigour.

She walks now for nearly an
hour a day in all weathers & looks
a different person - The feeling of
general lassitude & weariness of
she talks or tries to concentrate
much disappears more slowly but
that is only to be expected after
the many years of strain & Doctor
Robinson seems very well satisfied

leave her progress.)

As I look on from the outside, I can't help feeling that one really benefactor in the illness has been & is - the gift of Rosamond of her mother's undivided attention & ever present sympathy - just at the time in her adolescent life when she seemed more to need it.

There is no doubt that Rosamond is benefiting very much from this steady contact with her Mother, & that is the main reason why we are hoping so much the scheme for them to travel to Sweden together this

summer will be possible - & that Mrs
Frame may be able to stay there for 2 months
or so. Of greater value - life with Rosemond
as she settles in to this good Swiss school
- & hence they plunge back into the
world of American interests.

Did I tell you that as I too shall be
returning to the West this summer
we are planning to travel together so
that I hope to be able to carry most
of the responsibility for the travel arrangements
& ease the long journey as much as
possible. It is a great joy to me to be able
to help in any way to bring Mrs Frame
back to vigorous health once more.

Yours very sincerely
Lucy M. Brent

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As I try to remember what it felt like to be teaching peacefully in a College in England I wonder sometimes if it is possible for anyone in the comparatively stable west to understand the conditions in which students in North China are pursuing their 'higher education' these days since the Revolution and especially since the 'Student Movement' began to get hold in Chinese educational institutions about 10 years ago. (The Student Movement here has nothing whatever to do with our western S.C.M. but is a many headed not easily defined attempt on the part of the young people ~~XXXX~~ in Middle Schools as well as in Universities to take a responsible share in the government of a country which at present has hardly begun to develop any technique of democratic government.)

The West may be suffering from the modern cult of comfort and security, pensions at the end of 30 years continuous service, and the like but here life is passed in conditions of psychological uncertainty and instability which make one wonder that any thorough work is ever achieved. My own experiences in the last fortnight or so do illustrate most vividly the kind of problems the young people of China are having to face at present time. I have just come in from a three days visit to the Yenching Rural experimental station in a country district which centres round a little market town called Ch'ing Ho. The whole district, in common with all the rest of the villages and small towns of North China is mainly intent just now on the New Year celebrations which continue undisturbed by emphatic declarations from Nanking that China is now accepting the Western calendar and should begin her year on Jan 1st. Last Wednesday was the beginning of the week of celebration and is marked by the departure of the Kitchen god to heaven to report on the years activities in the house, and the little street stores in Ch'ing Ho were full of the white candy which is used to sweeten the mouth of the god before he goes so that the report may be good. There was much discussion whether I as a foreigner could be seen in the villages on such an important day without bringing bad luck but eventually it was decided I might go and nobody seemed to mind as I cycled along side Wu Yu Chen's rickshaw and then visited with her as she went about her work in ~~XXX~~ a far distant village. We spent a good deal of the morning in a clinic recently established in a side room of one of the village temples and watched with much interest while the four or five patients came and sat on a stool in front of the young doctor and detailed entirely in public with considerable assistance from all the onlookers vivid accounts of their symptoms such as indigestion from drinking too much water! One of the most prominent personalities of the group was the old village midwife, very old and wrinkled who sat smoking a long pipe and looking on at the proceedings with an amused aloofness. The majority of the children of China must still be assisted into the world by such old women whose chief qualification as their age and yet that very afternoon back in Ch'ing Ho in the new little hospital which has just been built as a centre for modern medical work we found a class of oldfashioned midwives being examined after two or three weeks intensive course given them by a young Chinese nurse of 22 married less than a year herself and looking about the age of a middle school graduate

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Can you imagine the effect of a change like that on the minds of the old village midwives - if indeed the new ideas have any effect at all and do not simply run off like water from a ducks back as we sometimes suspect - and if even the villagers are a little jolted just try to imagine what it feels like to be a student growing up in a country which in 21 years has tried to reorganise from the roots a government which affects 450 million people and at the same time to reform its educational system, its literary language, its economic life the whole process going on while all the time with a speed far beyond conscious control the minds of the literate are being flooded with all the newest and not quite new ideas of the west, science in its pre Einstein Eddington materialism, communism, Bertrand Russells views on sex relations and the cruder and most objectionable phases of our Western/ literally thrown into the limelight by the cinemas in every town all the more popular because of the comparative rarity of other forms of public entertainment. Do you wonder that the average students and even more so the really thoughtful ones are a little bewildered as they find all the old religious and moral sanctions disappearing overnight as it were, and only in peculiarly enlightened and sympathetic families is there any chance of their getting much help from their parents and the older generation.

Then on top of all this comes this steady military pressure from Japan and the dim awareness on the part of many thoughtful Chinese that there is something in the foreign criticism of their inability to keep order just enough to make them supersensitive to any foreign criticism in that direction. When you add to all this the truly amazing speed with which rumours can grow from some tiny origin or often no origin at all can you wonder that in the first week of foreign New Year as the news of the Japanese movements within the Great Wall, not more than 2 or 300 miles north of Peiping, was picked up by every newspaper, every group of street corner idlers, every group of men and women anywhere within reach of the spreading idea the students of Peiping simply blazed with patriotic fervour. It was true that in every University examinations were looming but I cannot believe that even the Chinese dread of examinations of any sort was the main motive which inspired almost all of the very best of our Yenching students suddenly to organise great mass meetings and in the excitement which crowds can generate here even more rapidly than in the west to forget to look further than about a week ahead and when they found the Faculty, both Chinese and foreign, a little less ready to feel that the future of China depended on the complete overthrowing of all University arrangements in order to start 'patriotic work' a week earlier than could otherwise be achieved to organise a student strike ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ with the slogans 'We must teach our fellow students to abide by the decisions of a majority vote' if we are ever to build a democracy in China and 'Yenching students shall work for their country and not run off to their homes for safety.'

You need to have experienced the sudden change/ in one weekend of friendly eager classes whom you have been teaching for months into defiant strikers and pickets to know how difficult it is to make even the most sympathetic western mind move fast enough to keep pace with what they are thinking. I think a good many of us did get their point of view

but just two days too late and even then older folk with real experience of war conditions in the West were not likely to agree that much is to be gained for China even in the face of far more serious invasion than she is at present experiencing by all her young folk hastily throwing down the dull but important job for which they are responsible to take up hastily planned so called patriotic work of ~~KKK~~ dramatic but far less valuable nature.

However I think many of us who are older have learned a very great deal in this last fortnight of the educational folly of trying to meet growing minds where we are pleased to think they ought to be rather than where they are and if only we had realised more clearly in those first days of the Shanhaikuan news the strength of the psychological tension and irritation arising not only out of the immediate circumstances but out of the whole background of uncertainty, bewilderment and consequent inferiority complex aggressiveness we might have saved the students and ourselves a great deal of energy and nerve strain which has been spent in meeting after meeting during the past few days to consider not the apparently ^{main} problem of China's reorganisation and relations with Japan and the outside world but a whole series of complications and misunderstandings between the students and Faculty on the Yenching campus. The first few days were certainly gloomy but things have cheered up a great deal to the credit of both students and Faculty very specially the latter it seems to me who so far have as a whole shown admirable patience and sympathy in their attempts to get the students to realise that a University democracy cannot consist of the students alone and that one of the first essentials in learning the true patriotism and democracy which we all so much covet for China is the learning of the harder because so much closer to real life lessons of loyalty and ~~democracy~~ true democracy in the smaller units of which we find ourselves part. There have been moments when it has been very depressing to feel that they understood so little and yet on a longer view many of us feel that we can take real encouragement that the students have got far enough to want to suspend their classes on account of their conception of patriotism and not in a cowardly desire to run home out of danger and that to many of them an eager if mistaken enthusiasm for their conception of democracy did take them to very hard work and a persistent effort which has lasted now beyond the first flush of excitement. I can't help feeling a little anxious for the more idealistic of them when they have to face the disillusionment which must come in the course of the next few weeks as they begin to discover how very much slower is the building of a real democracy than they have ever imagined and how much personal discipline as well as patriotic fervour is required for the making of a good citizen.

Perhaps it isn't strange that it is in their troubles and perplexities that these young people of China draw their foreign teachers most near to them. I have never so much longed to have some tiny share in the building of this new China as I have done these last few days.

February 23, 1933

Miss Lucy M. Burt
Yenching University
Peiping West, China

Dear Miss Burt:

I am very glad to have your two letters of January 20. The first encloses a copy of a part of a letter you had written your family giving some of your experiences in working in China. This is very interesting and I thank you for sending me the copy. The second letter discusses your own thought as to your own future work. I am exceedingly glad that you can say so definitely that you feel that your permanent place of service should be in China. It is easy to understand the need you feel for some months with your family in England and I sympathize cordially with your desire to have some time for uninterrupted study of Chinese after your return. I feel sure that plans can be worked out in accord with your desire.

I am not sure whether Dr. Stuart is finally coming to America in time to be present at the annual meetings of the Trustees and the Yenching College Committee which are both scheduled for April 20. It will naturally be of help to us at this end if he can be here, but we realize that these are days when it is peculiarly difficult for him to leave the Yenching campus. If he comes to America, he will share with us his thought as to the possibility of cultivation of further interest on the part of the Friends in America and England in your support. The time for action in that connection has obviously not come. Contacts you can make personally will naturally be more effective than anything that can be done through letters. I will in passing simply say that I feel confident that a way can be found to provide your salary when you are ready to return to Yenching.

I note your thought that if the University can provide your travel to England and back to China, you can find a way of supporting yourself for the period you are in England and the months of language study after you return to China. Your thought as to your furlough and

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your return to China will be brought to the meeting of our Yenching College Committee and I naturally cannot speak with authority on any specific point until after the Committee has considered the matter. Personally, however, I see no reason why your salary should not begin from the time you arrive in China. That is, why you should not have the regular salary during your period of language study. So far as I know that is the universal procedure in the case of Yenching faculty members who are given time for study in the language school. It is also the accepted practice of the American Board and any other Mission Boards with which I am acquainted.

I need say no more today except to assure you that the friends of Yenching in this country will be exceedingly glad to see you on your way to England next fall. I am sure it will be worth while for you to renew the contacts you made when you were here in 1930. I am sharing your letter with Miss Kendrick and I know she with your other friends will welcome you eagerly when the time of your visit comes.

I am looking forward to the letter you promise giving an account of some "recent experiments in student democracy" and also reporting on Mrs. Frame's progress toward health. I judge there is no doubt on the part of her friends in China as there is none on our part that it is desirable for Mrs. Frame to have a furlough year beginning this coming summer.

Again thanking you for your letters, I am

Very cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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I surely hope your plan to go through America either on your way to England or on your return can be realized. The friends of Yenching in this country will be exceedingly glad to see you and I am sure it will be worth while for you to renew the contacts made when you were here in 1930. I am sharing your letter with Miss Kendrick and I know she with your other friends will welcome you eagerly when the time of your visit comes.

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(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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March 16, 1933.

Miss Lucy M. Burt
Peiping
China

Dear Miss Burt:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your confidential letter of February 6 in regard to Mrs. Frame's health condition. We are very glad to have that letter and to know that she seems to be making satisfactory progress. It is not strange that she finds it difficult to overcome her general feeling of lassitude and weariness, but I hope that too will pass as her strength returns. I most heartily sympathize with what you say of the advantage it is proving to be to Rosamond to have her mother so constantly with her. The factor in your letter which has given us here the greatest satisfaction is your statement that you are planning to travel with Mrs. Frame and Rosamond this summer and thus to take as much of the general responsibility for tickets and other details from her as you can. I hope it may seem right for you all to come by the straits and for Mrs. Frame and Rosamond to stop a little while in Switzerland. I know the hesitancy she feels in regard to delaying her return to America because of her father's health condition. I have talked with Dr. Ward in regard to this matter and also with one or two of the friends in the Missionary Home who see Dr. Brown daily. There is I judge, no doubt that he is gradually failing. The change seems however, to be very gradual and Dr. Ward thinks that although it is possible that he may drop off at any time it is equally possible and even probable that he may continue about as he is for a considerable period. On the whole my impression is that unless some definite change occurs in the near future Alice should not hasten her return to America on her father's account. If he seems to fail more rapidly we will let her know. If he continues about as he is the chances are good that he will still be with us when she arrives in the autumn. If the end should come suddenly she could not reach him in any case. I think therefore that it will be right for you to encourage her to make the journey by the route which the doctors think will be most beneficial for her and to have some weeks of rest and recuperation in Switzerland before coming on to America. I am not sure that plans have been definitely made for her to leave Rosamond with Miss Demierre for next year, but my understanding is that Alice is thinking quite favorably of doing so. I feel the more inclined to encourage her to have a period of rest in Switzerland because I know how difficult it will be for her to keep out of the rush of American life when once she reaches this country.

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Miss L.M.B.--2.

Again let me thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of January 25 to Yenching faculty people now absent from China. Your story of the student strike is not only interesting but is revealing in what it tells of the psychology of Chinese youth at the present time. We do have the deepest sympathy with them in their great desire to serve their country and their general confusion of mind as to how they can best serve.

Although you may have seen a copy of the letter which I enclose I am tucking this in on the chance that you may not have seen it. This change in my own plan naturally means that I shall not see you if or when you return to China by way of America. Had your homeward trip been through America I might possibly still have been in Boston. You can well imagine that I am going to find it difficult to break my close ties with Yenching and the Yenching College Committee. I have greatly enjoyed this work, partly because of its interdenominational character and partly because I have so believed in a College for Chinese women and have been so happy to see the way in which Yenching has grown into a position of great influence in the comparatively short period since the infant North China Union College for Women had its beginning. I assuredly hope that you may be one of the friends who will make a trip between Yenching and the homeland by way of Constantinople.

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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Dear Friends in so many parts of the world, each of you facing your own particular national troubles, bank crises and what not but perhaps finding time sometimes to think ~~XXXXXXXX~~ of these people of the Far East being driven into war by the ambitions, corruptions inefficiencies mostly of other folk! Do you realise that the coming of spring in all its beauty and the breaking of the frost in these plains and mountains of North China and Manchuria makes possible the movements of troops and the spread of the disease of war?

And what does it feel like to be living out there you may sometime ask? What does it mean to our Chinese friends? We can only guess, we who are foreigners looking on even with the deepest sympathy at the troubles of countries not our own. Can we with our comparative wealth and many possessions begin to understand what it means to be villagers living within reach of large illequipped armies who need camels, carts donkeys, motors, rickshaws, coolie service and who may or may not pay for these commodities which they seize as they need. Last week there was a sudden raid on the richshaws of Peiping ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 1000 or more were taken and for days there was a great stillness on the city as those who were left and drivers of motor cars dared not put their noses out of doors lest they too should be seized. This weekend things have cheered up a good deal, quite a number of the coolies have come back some with ~~XXXX~~ four dollars to their credit and only some froze to death on the way! ~~XXXXXXXX~~ The speed with which things become normal again is one of the most astonishing things about life here. Today the city was quite lively again rickshaw men laughing and joking at all the main traffic centres - but still the war goes on and wounded soldiers are brought in from the passes on the Wall 100 miles or more away to be tended as well as may be by emergency and volunteer ambulance corps working in the big Temples of the city

Can you or we guess what it feels like these days to be a young man or woman in the educated classes of China, super sensitive folk in a country in which for long ages 'loss of face' has been the great trouble to be avoided at all costs. Try to imagine what it means to them to watch Japan slowly gobbling up this northern territory, and realising very vividly that it is the failure of their own government and of individual officials to produce a really efficient vigorous government which has made possible this monstrous situation. There is blame, they and we all know it, and yet given the history, the geographical and economic conditions of the huge continent with its 450 millions people could western efficiency, could archangels have straightened out in 22 years the results of revolutions in almost every aspect of life? As I work on a lecture course on the growth of British Democracy and am constantly reminded of the length of time which has been taken for the making of our British government such as it is at the present time, in a country which would easily drop inside one small province of China, with a population even now of only 50 million, living in an island whose sea boundaries make the keeping of order child's play compared with the troubles with war ~~XXXXXXXX~~

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childs play compared with the troubles with war lords in this great section of Asia, I think the young reformers of China at the present time are some of the most courageous heroes in the world. The reorganisation of a conservative country with some 350 - 400 million illiterates to fit into the conditions of this modern scientific world is a task which would daunt Napoleon or Abraham Lincoln but that is the work before these young people whom we are teaching and they have to do it in a world which includes amongst their neighbours a people whose military party seem to have lost their heads as badly as Europe did twenty years ago.

We hear from impartial observers passing through Japan that many kindly good people there have no idea that anything particularly unusual is happening beyond a general cleaning up and kindly restoring of order in north ~~eastern~~ eastern Asia by their beneficent power!! I am beginning to wonder if the wellintentioned efforts of the British Empire to keep order and spread knowledge of hygiene and disinfectants have always looked quite so innocently attractive from the point of view of the country enduring our ministrations at the moment.

But these days here in Peiping and its neighbourhood we are learning a disbelief in rumours of all sorts, especially military, which will come near making us agnostic for life on all matters of information on contemporary history. Just at the moment (March 20th) we are enjoying a spell of unusual quiet. The loss of Ku pei kou on the main road due north of us about a week ago was a terrible blow tho not quite so bad as the treacherous abandonment of Cheng Te and the whole Jehol province by T'ang Yu Lin a few days earlier. It is difficult to know the truth about Chang Hsueh Liang but no one can say he is popular here and his resignation of office and disappearance from the scene ~~is~~ I fancy has relieved feelings a good deal. The arrival of the Nanking troops and their very courageous stand and possibly victory at a pass further east at Hsin feng kou in the last few days has had a calming effect much more for psychological than for military reasons. 'At least other folk will know we are not all cowards' one man remarked last week and that willingness to stand a heavy attack on the part of the troops and the improved control of the army which has begun to pay for some tho' by no means all of the labour commandeered is helping to bring back a little self respect and to lift the terrible depression which came with T'ang Yu Lin's flight. It was so obvious that the man was a traitor and folk had known it for years and yet no one seemed strong enough to be able to do anything about it.

And in the midst of all this do you wonder it is far more difficult for Christians here in China to take a pacifist stand even than it was for us in Europe. A few eager men and women are very much exercised in their minds about their Christian duty and you can imagine how eagerly the solitary Quaker in Yenching and the few members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation in North China do anything we can to help them. All we have managed to do up to the present is to help to provide opportunities for frank discussion of the Christian position, with illustrations from our pacifist position in the West, and to offer quite definitely to help with any form of civilian relief work which may be needed. When there is almost everything to be done for the military medical services there is not much chance of getting attention for civilian relief but we have organised one emergency unit to help the families of richshaw men commandeered for the army and are hoping to get more regular constructive work established among them. We are also waiting for the report of a group of Chinese who have gone to investigate conditions among refugee children from the North Eastern provinces and the war area and are holding ourselves in readiness wherever we can find an opportunity

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Dear Mrs Lee,

You know how impossible it is to make arrangements far ahead in China with any degree of certainty but you may be interested to know my tentative plans for the next few months. After your kind letter suggesting the Yenching College Committee would like me to become a permanent member of Faculty here and a similar invitation from the authorities here I feel quite clear that it is right for me to look towards long term service in North China and I hope at Yenching. To my considerable relief I find that all the members of my family are supporting me in that view with some enthusiasm so that as far as we can see at present the way certainly lies open before me for service of the Christian Church in China.

I think perhaps I have already told you that owing to the advanced age and how rather failing health of my Mother and Father my brothers fell very strongly indeed that I ought not to attempt to complete the normal six years period of service out here but should go home at the end of this first three year contract to see my people probably for the last time, before settling down here for a full six year period of service. I have explained this, and also my own desire to take some full time for Chinese studies as soon as possible, to Miss Ssu-t'u and to President Stuart and they have agreed to release me from my University teaching for one year beginning this summer and to provide my travelling expenses home and back again here when I return for the new period of service. As far as I can make out it will not be possible for me to receive any salary during a furlough occurring at the end of three years but I feel that both the Chinese studies and seeing my parents are so urgent that I must try reduce my needs Franciscan style till I can live on my own very small savings from pre Yenching days and a tiny legacy which has come most unexpectedly to me in the middle of this discussion.

Another important reason for attempting this visit to the West this year is the hope that now I know so very much more clearly the scope and possibilities of Christian work out here I may be able to persuade members of the Society of Friends in England and in America either officially through the Friends Service Councils or by private effort to undertake my support out here once more. I am afraid the present economic situation makes the chance a very thin one but at least I can try and quite apart from the economic issue I do feel that renewed contact with Friends in the West at this point will be a great help both to me and perhaps to their understanding of the possibilities of work at Yenching.

And this means that I shall be spending some time during the next twelve months in England and America seeing my people and making fresh contacts with Friends (and many friends too) in ~~England and in both~~ ^{Countries America} and some time in China in steady work on language, history, and various other studies which I need as background for my teaching work and simply cannot find time to pursue in an ordinary full time

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teaching life.

Further details as to the arrangement of my time dates of sailing and so on I am holding in abeyance until the doctors have made up their minds more definitely when it will be wise for Mrs Frame to travel home.

Dr. Hall talked to me for a long time one day while Mrs Frame was in P.U.M.C. for the phrenic nerve operation, about the whole situation. I gather he has written to you and Dr Ward so there is no need for me to try to repeat my memories of his medical statements. You can imagine that it was a sharp blow to hear so suddenly that the T.B. was not so near recovery as we had been given to suppose and as seemed so likely from Mrs Frame's obviously increased vigour and health but after living with that news for some days it was comforting to hear Dr Hall stating that she is not worse, but rather we had not realised in the autumn how serious the ~~XXXXX~~ trouble from the old infection had been.

You will know that he has now sent her back to bed for three months and thinks that probably that period should be followed by some weeks gradual return to more normal life preferably in the hills before she attempts the journey home towards the end of the summer. When I explained to him that quite unusual circumstances (as outlined above) are making me mistress of my own time in the next few months in a way I have never been before and that I can quite easily plan my work so that I begin my Chinese studies out here this summer and look after Mrs Frame and if all goes well travel home with her to America in the early autumn he ~~XXX~~ expressed himself as ^{much} relieved that I feel very clearly that it will be right for me to plan such a course at least until circumstances arise to alter the whole situation. There is no urgent reason why I should be in England at any particular time tho' I would like to be sure of spending Christmas at home and tho' I am sure there are many people out here who are far more able to nurse than I and who would very gladly help Mrs Frame in every way possible, while the conditions both of her health and of the political situation, especially the latter, are so uncertain it does seem as if it may be a positive advantage for her to have an able-bodied friend near at hand who for a few weeks at least will be busy with work at her own discretion, no committees, no conferences and able to travel whenever the doctors think most suitable for Mrs Frame. *with its care Mrs Frame*

I need hardly add what a joy it will be to me if this course *does* become possible and how much I look forward to another visit to America in the near future.

You will be glad to hear Mrs Frame seems to be taking the disappointment better than I had feared. At first it was such a sharp blow it seemed as if she might get terribly depressed but last weekend when I took her back to T'ungchou from the city and settled her in to her own little house again with Rosamond she seemed to recover from the fatigue more quickly than she did in the autumn and when I left on Sunday she was very bright and cheerful. If the Japanese will only keep quiet and away from Peiping I hope to spend the first week of April, our Spring vacation very peacefully at T'ungchou getting Rosamond's packing ready for her journey to Europe and beginning to pack up the winter fittings of the house. I cannot tell you how much it has meant to me in all the effort and difficulties of student work in China these days to have that peaceful T'ungchou household as a home base and the peacefully domestic concerns of nursing and helping to look after a house as a holiday occupation remote from nationalist problems

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I must apologise for the length of this letter but I know you are glad to hear news of Mrs Frame and I do want to assure her friends in America how easy it will be for me to stay on with her and to bring her home if that seems the best plan. Of course if the doctors wished to keep her here into next winter I should have to go on home alone but Dr Hall does not at present think there is any reason to keep her here beyond August or the first week of September and we are trying to keep a hope of travelling then with an open mind so that there will be no serious disappointment if the next X ray suggest a longer wait.

I must confess to hoping very much that after Rosamond has left T'ungcheu and the hope there which was so important both for her and her Mother has been broken up that Mrs Frame will not have to linger very much longer in this troubled war anxious country, but we can only live a few days at a time and hope to see the next step in time to take it,

Please give my greetings to Miss Kendrick and share with her any of the first part of this letter which may interest her.

With kind regards to you both

Yours very sincerely

Lucy M. Burt

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Dear Mrs Lee,

May 22

A cable arrived yesterday asking amongst other matters whether I can be free to travel in time to attend an American Board meeting on June 22nd. I have talked over the whole matter very carefully with Miss Ssu-t'u and with Dr Galt and we all feel that an early journey would cut very badly into my work here both in teaching the students and as one of the Chaplains to the Fellowship where it happens that in the next few weeks I am even more deeply involved than usual it will be unwise to attempt it. I think the University is adding that bald piece of information to a cable which is being sent during this week but I am hastening to catch today's quick mail to America to make this fuller explanation to you. I am very sorry not to be able to share in that work whatever it may be but I think it is very clear that I ought to complete this semester's work before leaving.

Your very kind and understanding letter of March 16th makes me feel sure too that now you have heard the February report of Mrs Frames condition you will know how it is that I feel even more strongly than before that unless anything quite unforeseen of a most unusually urgent nature recalls me to the West it will be right for me to stay on here for a while after the end of this semester so that I can complete the packing and closing down of Alice's house, ease the nursing arrangements for her while she is coming back slowly to sufficient activity to be able to travel and then bring her with me to America. We can make no definite plans until the next X ray report at the end of May but there seems a very reasonable hope that she will be able to travel as soon as the weather is a little cooler perhaps at the end of August and my present plan is to begin my study of Chinese history and language (that of course in continuation of a daily effort over three years) at T'ungcheu or in the hills with Alice so that I shall be on hand to do anything she may need. By this time we have a household routine well established so that such nursing as has to be done, with the help of an amah is a very light affair and my principal job is to be there to take responsibility and to help to keep her as cheerful as may be.

If these plans can be carried out I shall be in America in the early autumn and again on my return journey in the spring and will very gladly do anything the Yenching Committee thinks desirable in the way of speaking or personal interviews.

May I add that although I am not a member of the American Board and am only a newcomer at Yenching the news of your departure from America comes with the sadness of a personal loss. I am particularly sorry that Alice and I are likely to miss you in Boston in the Fall but I hope very much that both of us at some time or other may be able to claim your kind invitation to Constantinople where I am sure your work will be as much valued as it has been by all of us in China.

Yours very sincerely

Lucy M. Burt

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April 28, 1933.

Miss Lucy M. Burt
Yenching University
Peiping West, China

Dear Miss Burt:

I write to thank you for your letter of March 23. What you say of your reasons for wishing to return to England this coming summer or fall and for spending a little time in America en route is all very reasonable and you have our full sympathy in these plans as I think my earlier letters will have assured you.

As to your plans for the return journey we especially appreciate your readiness to change them so that you may make the journey with Mrs. Frame. She herself wrote me some time ago of the possibility that the operation on the phrenic nerve would have to be done and Dr. Hall of the P.U.M.C. wrote officially a little later to Dr. Ward. In his letter he spoke of his desire that Mrs. Frame spend the summer months in the Western Hills and start for America in September. We have wondered whether the present war situation might become so acute that the dangers of an earlier journey for Mrs. Frame would seem less than the dangers involved in her continuing and especially in her spending some months at the Western Hills. In regard to this we can but trust the judgment of you and Mrs. Frame and those whom you will naturally consult. I take it it is definitely decided that Rosamond will go by way of Europe and will remain for some months with Miss Demmierre in Switzerland. Please believe that we appreciate more than words can express, your readiness to adjust your own plans to Mrs. Frame's needs. I know your being with her through the journey will be the greatest relief possible. It will also doubtless be of real advantage for you to go through America on your way to England. If you have seen the Minutes of the Yenching College Committee meeting held on April 20 you will have noticed Vote - Y - Action 516 in regard to your support. I have since the meeting talked a little with Dr. Stuart. He tells me that you think the best approach to Friends whether in America or in England will be through you personally. In this judgment we are heartily agreed and we are accordingly not making this request officially. We feel that we do not even know the names of Friends in America to whom the request should be presented, but think that you will know such names because of the contacts you made on your way to China three years ago. We will of course, be glad to do anything we can in the way of introductions or other preparation for your coming or of follow-up after your visits. In this matter we will await suggestions from you.

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More than this I perhaps need not say just now. We will expect to hear from you as it becomes possible to make more definite plans for Mrs. Frame. My heart has gone out to her in deepest sympathy because of the findings of the P.U.M.C. doctors which must inevitably have caused her disappointment. I am so glad she has you for a friend.

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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May 22, 1933.

Miss Lucy Burt
Yenching College for Women
Peiping, China

Dear Miss Burt:

Your letter of April 25 came two or three days ago. I was a bit puzzled by your statement that you had received a cable asking whether you could reach America in time to attend an American Board meeting on June 22. I know of no American Board meeting to be held on June 22 nor do I think a cable asking this question has gone from this office. I am wondering whether the cablegram was not from the office in New York and whether its import was not to learn whether you could be in America in time to attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Yenching University on June 22. However that may be I am glad indeed that you have chosen to stay by the work in China until such time as the doctors permit Mrs. Frame to travel so that you and she may make the journey together. I quite realize that the work of packing and closing Alice's house would be too much for her even to superintend alone. We also have felt the greatest satisfaction in the thought of your being with her on the homeward journey. I believe you are right in feeling that you can make a very good beginning on your study of Chinese history and language while you are in the hills. This summer so that your delay in coming will not involve any serious loss for yourself.

Unless we hear from you to the contrary we will expect you and Mrs. Frame to arrive together some time in the early fall. I say "we" although I shall presumably not be here myself. Other friends will and I know they will have a warm welcome for you.

You will of course keep us in touch with your plans for travel as they take more definite shape.

In closing it may be worth while for me to add that so far as friends here can tell Alice's father is holding his own fairly well. We think she has every reason to hope to find him still here when she reaches home in the fall. I may be writing you again before I leave Boston,

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but if not please keep in mind my hope to see you some time in Constantinople.

Always cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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Nov 22 1887

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee
Federal College for Women
Fairfax, Virginia
Dear Mrs. Lee:

I have just received your letter of the 19th inst. and am glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same. I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the city and have not yet left. I am glad to hear that you are all well and hope to see you some time in Constantinople. I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the city and have not yet left. I am glad to hear that you are all well and hope to see you some time in Constantinople.

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(Sent by Mrs. Burtlett
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Report on the visit made to American Friends

by Lucy M. Burtlett, October 1933.

Almost the whole month of October was spent in the Eastern States amongst Friends in and around Boston, New York and Philadelphia in an attempt to share with them my concern for the great opportunities which lie before members of the Society at the present time in the service of the Christian Church in China and especially among people of the student class in Yenching and Peiping. I met with an unexpectedly warm reception and was given as many opportunities as could be fitted into the available time, to talk with groups of all sorts and perhaps even more important with individual members of the Society.

My general procedure was to give some account of the religious situation among students in and around Peiping and especially of the Yenta Christian Fellowship, emphasizing the essentially indigenous Chinese character of the work. Against that background I described in more detail the particular problems and opportunities of service which have come to me in the past three years when both in my private capacity and as an assistant chaplain of the Fellowship I have found myself so deeply involved in work alongside various individuals and groups particularly with regard to experiments in corporate worship and in discussions on the problems of the Christian pacifist in China at the present time. Almost everywhere I met with a most sympathetic and understanding response for my story is so clearly linked with the work of Henry Hodgkin and so strongly confirms the report given by a small commission of American and British Friends who after visiting China and Japan in ~~1929~~ 1929 urged the establishment of 'Quaker outposts' especially in or near the great cities of Canton Shanghai Nanking and Peiping. (such service is already being rendered in Tokyo by the group headed by Gilbert Bowles and his wife and I could make a special plea that Friends should also be making a direct effort to help in building another centre for Christian reconciliation on the other side of the Yellow Sea in this time of acute conflict in the Far East.)

On several occasions direct reference was made to this ¹⁹²⁹⁻³⁰ report and the question raised as to the possibility of taking over my support at Yenching in pursuance of this policy and I believe I am right in thinking that the only hindrance to this lies in the present acute financial depression and the difficulties which the Mission Board and American Friends Service Council are finding in maintaining their already heavy commitments both in overseas mission work and in relief work among the mining villages at home. Even as it is there have been a few offers of financial help from individuals but it certainly will be some time before the project could be taken over officially by the Society.

Throughout the period of work in America I have been immensely helped by the sympathetic understanding and practical advice of Joseph Platt and his wife now at Pendle Hill and formerly workers in the Y.M. in North China and Mukden. In consultation with them, with the Chair of the American Friends Service Committee and a few others we have decided for the present 'the concern' should be left in the care of a

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Far Eastern Watching Committee which was brought into being some months ago by the American Friends Service Committee and includes among its members Rufus Jones, Carolina Wood, Hannah Clothier Hull and Joseph Platt himself. The Committee as a whole is not very likely to take an active initiative in pursuit of this object but it has the great advantage of being an already constituent body of the Service Council with official standing and of including among its members several Friends who are already well informed and deeply concerned with the problems of China.

Less officially but more practically Joseph Platt and his wife have most kindly offered to help in Nursing interest among a small group of Friends who have shown particular sympathy with the project. We feel that from any point of view the education of such a group is the most valuable help that can be given and it may well be that as that interest grows it may find its concrete expression in gifts of money which can be handled through the official organ of the Friends Service Committee and sent direct to Yenching. We feel very strongly that the approach to this group should come from the missionary angle rather than from the Yenching promotional agency so that it seems wiser to leave the list of names concerned with Joseph Platt and the Service Committee in Philadelphia rather than with the New York Office.

Closely connected with this is another proposition which I want to bring to the notice of Yenching as soon as possible. Joseph Platt tells me that in addition to the regular two semesters work at Pendle Hill there is also an annual summer vacation course and we are wondering if it would be possible from time to time to get some Yenching member of Faculty or older student while studying in America to attend this summer course before returning to Yenching. Pendle Hill is developing with considerable vigour and no one who knows the two institutions could doubt the value to them both of a closer personal connection.

I have no idea whether it is a scheme which would interest C. W. Liu or any other members of Faculty working in America this year. Among students Chou Kuo Ping rises to my mind at once with the only hesitation that her Episcopal training might make some difficulties of adjustment with the very liberal but strongly marked Quaker character of Pendle Hill. The scheme seems to me an altogether excellent one and I would gladly offer to put in a good deal of work on it but here on the Atlantic or in England I have so little material available it is almost inevitable that its working out this year must be done by other folk at Yenching and Pendle Hill.

Yet a third proposition to be considered is the cultivation of a closer connection between Yenching and Swarthmore College. In the short time at my disposal in and around Philadelphia it seemed wise for me to concentrate my efforts this fall on the cultivation of Quaker missionary interest in our work but many contacts in that connection with people at Swarthmore left on my mind an encouraging impression of the possibility of building up a closer connection between the Colleges especially perhaps on the side of International relations. Probably Yenching or the New York Office knows far better than I do the best lines of approach but if such an attempt is made I am sure that H

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Hannah Clothier Hull and her husband, both of whom specialise on international relations, would take a deep interest in the scheme.

I imagine that an interchange of Faculty for a year might be a very profitable scheme if the right persons could be found and the near presence of the University of Pennsylvania would offer Ph.D. attractions to a Chinese visitor hardly possible at Swarthmore itself

~~XXXXXXXX~~ I am afraid that all this may not mean very much in terms of practical relief of the Yenching Budget next year but I don't think it is a kind of inverted conscience salve which is making me feel considerably encouraged by the results of this first spell of work with Friends in the West.

As I write I am on my way to England where we expect to land on November 12th and I am hoping very shortly after that to get in touch with The Friends Service Council in London and especially with Friends who were close to Henry Hoggkin. It may be of course that their interests are all devoted to our work at Chengtu but I hope that it may be possible to find some whose imagination can be roused to the needs of students in North China as well.

Lucy L. Bevell
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I hope you were well pleased with the luncheon in New York which certainly to an outside British observer and guest seemed highly successful and excellently arranged.

I do want too to add my personal thanks to yourself, to Mr Evans, Miss McCoy and other members of the office staff who gave me such a warm welcome to New York and made what might have been a chilly business visit such a pleasant and friendly experience. With warm thanks and greetings to you all,

Yours very sincerely

Nancy L. Beville.

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Yours very sincerely

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Nov 8th. 1933.

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Yenching University.
Peiping.
June 3rd 1934

My dear Mr Gee,

I have been waiting to answer your letter of December 28th until I could report the achievement of the particular bit of financial work for Yenching which the circumstances of this winter have given me to do. Possibly you heard that in January the Yenching administration cabled to me that owing to the American depression they could no longer support me. That was an unpleasant shock but it has worked out most happily for by the joint effort of members of the Society of Friends in England and America sufficient new money has been raised to send me out for this next six year term of service as a fully recognised worker of the Friends Service Council.

All that of course means so much more than the actual sum of money raised, for it has given some of us an opportunity not only of rousing interest in Christian work at Yenching but of raising the whole issue of the nature and urgency of the Christian message in the modern world and the F.S. C. secretaries and I myself are so very happy to find that much of the money for this new venture has come from young people many of whom say frankly that they were never before interested in overseas mission work.

Do you wonder that it is with a very deep joy in my heart that I am returning to China once more knowing that I am being sent by so many people both in America and England as their representative on a mission of Christian love and international friendship.

In America Joseph Platt at Pendle Hill is fully informed of my movements and I am sure you or he will let me know if there is anything else I can do from China to increase the interest of American Friends.

Yours very sincerely
Lucy N. Burtt

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on board Conte Rosso

nearing Shanghai

June 3rd

Dear Miss McCoy

I am so sorry that all these months have passed and I have never written to thank you for all your kindness to me in New York last fall also to tell you about the fate of those pictures you so kindly lent me. I made full use of them all through the winter in what turned out to be ~~my~~ a very intensive campaign on behalf of Yenching finances and by the time I had finished speaking and the money for my support had been amply raised Friends had become so much interested in our work, all of which of course is a new field for my Mission Board, that it seemed most sensible to leave the considerably travel stained pictures with the Secretary of the China Committee for further publicity work in England rather than to pay transport across the Atlantic once more.

I hope you will not think I have exceeded instructions but it seemed a clear case for useful further publicity.

I am not sure where Mr Gee is at the moment so I enclose this note with yours and perhaps you will see that it reaches him in due course.

We are on the last stage, actually the last day, of an excellent voyage from Venice to Shanghai and I expect to be back in Peiping in time for the opening of the summer term at the Language School. Six years hence I shall be turning my face westwards once more and hope there will be a chance to travel through America and to see you again then.

Yours very cordially

Lucy M. Brewster

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New York, N.Y.
July 8, 1934

Miss Lucy R. Burtt,
Yenching University,
Peiping, China

My dear Miss Burtt:

I wish to thank you for your letter of
June 3rd written on board the Conte Rosso.

I regretted very much that I was not able
to see you when you were here and to be of more service to
you in helping you to get in contact with people. As it
has turned out however, things have worked out splendidly
for you and for us and we rejoice that you are back in
Yenching for at least another term of service. Let us hope
that this will be continued indefinitely.

I am sure that what you have done has
been of great benefit to the University through the arous-
ing of interest among young people who may be able later on
to give us liberal financial support.

Please do not hesitate to communicate
with us at any time that we can be of service in keeping
the interest of people here in America in your special
work. I shall hope some day to have the pleasure of meet-
ing Mr. Platt of Pendle Hill. Nearly always when I am
in Philadelphia I try to get out to Swarthmore. If at
any time you wish us to mimeograph a letter to a group of
your friends here we would be glad to do so if you will
send us the letter and the mailing list. This is probably
the best way to maintain any interest.

Miss McCoy has passed a letter on to me
and I wish to acknowledge its receipt, also she is not
with us any longer, having resigned at the end of June this
year.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely,

H. Gist Gee

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

Office of the Adviser
to Foreign Students

YENCHING

March 10th, 1937.

Mrs. Eva B. A. Macmillan,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.,
U.S.A.

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Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Miss Speer has suggested that I should write to ask if you would be willing to help us over a small difficulty which has arisen in the work of our Admissions Committee. We recently received enquiries from three young women who are graduating from High School this summer in America, but who for various family reasons wish to return to China next Fall. We feel very strongly that it would be much wiser for them to take their Freshman and Sophomore work in America, and later transfer to us, and have written to tell them so, but if they insist upon applying for entrance there will be need for them to take some entrance examination. We recommend the ordinary College Board entrance examinations, but as the results are not published until late in the summer we are wondering if, in order to save time in announcing our decision, we may give directions for their results to be sent to your office to be checked over. We can supply you with a clear statement of our views on the desirability or otherwise of their entry subject to reasonably good examination results, so the making of the final decision should not be a heavy responsibility.

Another possibility, which we are not recommending, is that they will need to take our Yenching entrance examinations during the first week in May in order to secure an earlier decision. In that case may we send the examination papers to your office to be distributed to one or more school principals who may apply for them at the end of April?

We hope very much that all three young people will decide to postpone their application, and that the need for examination will not arise, but as mails take so long I must write to you at once in case they decide to apply to us this year, and if they do, it certainly will be a great relief to us if we may count on your help.

Yours very sincerely,

Lucy M. Burttt.

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- 1) Charlotte Cline
- 2) Emma Rose Hubbard } of Oberlin, Ohio
- 3) Name of the third has not yet been sent by her relatives

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

Peiping China

Office of the Adviser
to Foreign Students

YENCHING

March 31st, 1937.

Mrs. Eva B. A. Macmillan,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

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Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I am sending off to your office the bundle of Yenching entrance examination papers in case the three students who are applying to us from America decide to take our examinations rather than the College Board Entrance papers. Full directions for the presiding examiner are given with each of the bundles of papers, so that the administration at your end will not be at all heavy. These papers may not be taken before May 1st, and in any case not later than May 22nd. The exact date we must leave to you and the headmistresses who will apply to you for the papers. The students concerned are Miss Cline of 21 S. Cedar St., Oberlin, Ohio, Miss Hubbard of 108 E. College St., Oberlin, and Miss Lugowski, Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee. Presumably the two girls in Ohio will take the examinations at the same time and place, and I think it would be a good thing for the Tennessee girl if she could have the papers sent to her about the same time as the other two. The finished scripts are to be sent back to us at Yenching, so you will have no further trouble with them.

After all it may be that they will decide to take the College Board examinations, so that you may not hear from any of them, but I hope I have made full provision in case you do.

Thank you so much for your help.

Very sincerely yours,

Lucy M. Burt.

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I have included an extra set of papers in case a fourth girl whose friends have just written to us decides to apply. They have not yet given me her name, unless I get her papers in the next 10 days - we cannot admit her to

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the entrance examinations. I will let you know as soon as possible if she can apply.

March 31st, 1937.

Mrs. Eva B. A. Hamilton,
Yenching University,
180 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

I am sending off to your office the bundles of Yenching entrance examination papers in case the three students who are applying to us from America decide to take our examinations rather than the College Board Entrance papers. Full directions for the presiding examiner are given with each of the bundles of papers, so that the administration at your end will not be at all heavy. These papers may not be taken before May 1st, and in any case not later than May 22nd. The exact date we must leave to you and the headmistresses who will apply to you for the papers. The students concerned are Miss Oline of 21 S. Cedar St., Oberlin, Ohio, Miss Hubbard of 108 S. College St., Oberlin, and Miss Lorraine, Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee. Presumably the two girls in Ohio will take the examinations at the same time and place, and I think it would be a good thing for the Tennessee girl if she could have the papers sent to her about the same time as the other two. The finished scripts are to be sent back to us at Yenching, so you will have no further trouble with them.

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Thank you so much for your help.

Very sincerely yours,

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I have indicated on the papers in case a female student should come first to the college to apply. The date was set for June 1st unless the papers in the case of Miss Oline and Miss Hubbard are sent to her about the same time as the other two.

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June 28, 1937

Dear Miss Burt:

In reading one of the last copies of the Yenohing News this morning, I noticed a paragraph listing nine foreign students who will be admitted to Yenohing, and you were given as the faculty adviser of these students. This brings up the need for some information on my part.

I have been asked several times since I began the promotional work with Yenohing for a list of American students who have studied at Yenohing during past years and who are now in the United States. Mrs. Macmillan has thought these ex-Yenohing students would be of considerable help to her and to the other field workers when they were working in various cities, and getting together groups of prospects and donors. We keep an up-to-date list of returned faculty members, but do not seem to have a corresponding list of returned American students.

This list could of course also include sons or daughters of faculty members, who come to America for their college courses and expect to return to China upon graduation. We are of course in contact with most of these students - Lawrence Mead, for instance, studying at Princeton. But I would appreciate a list as complete as you could make it, keeping me advised as additional students reach this country, whether children of faculty members at Yenohing, or Americans who for some reason spent some time studying at Yenohing and have returned here.

I hope this request will not put too great a burden upon you. Perhaps you are not the one to give me the information, but if not, I shall be very grateful if you will pass my request on to someone who can compile the list for my records.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Lucy Burt
Yenohing University
Peiping, China

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

Office of the Adviser
to Foreign Students

July 2nd 1937

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Dear Mr Garside,

There are two letters from you, one to Mr Sailer and one to myself which I want to answer before we go to the hills tomorrow, even tho' a month hence I suppose you also will be away on holiday and not much concerned with office work.

Your letter to Mr Sailer we brought before the Deans Committee and the main result of the discussion that day is summed up in the copy of the minutes which I enclose in case Mr Han has not sent you a copy direct. These suggestions are for a general line of policy as we see the situation out here at the present time but we all agreed that as next year Miss Speer, Mr Price, and Mr Sailer will all be at home and working in New York there will be an excellent opportunity for one or all of them to discuss the matter with you in America. We are also hoping very much that most of the details of corresponding and interviewing American students can be carried out by one of them in consultation with your office, thus avoiding the inevitable delays of correspondence across the Pacific.

With regard to the students whom you mention, Miss Lugowski certainly need not take out entrance examination and I wrote to tell her so directly I received clear information that she is applying for entrance as a transfer student and not as a freshman as I had at first been given to understand. Her transcript of records has now come to hand and the girl is coming home in any case and will come to see us here next month.

Your letter to Professor Scudder about Mr William R Williamson exactly expresses the opinion of the Admissions Committee. The young man is highly recommended from a personal point of view by Dr Stanley Wilson but as we have not yet received any transcript of records we can do nothing until they arrive.

Before next semester we will send on to you a number of copies of the bulletin of information for foreign students which we have recently had printed and I hope that the information included in that together with the personal explanations from the Faculty at home on furlough will help to clear the issues a little next year. It seems very clear that there is an increasing demand for such transfer work in Universities in the East and we are very glad indeed to welcome suitable students but we do need to have their applications early so that we can have time to investigate each case thoroughly and make sure we get people likely to make good use of their time here.

This is being finished after all in the mountain cottage where Miss Boring and I have retreated to escape from the heat of the plains and I send it with all good wishes for your holidays too, in as cool and pleasant a spot I hope as we have found here.

Yours very sincerely
Lucy M. Burt

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June 17, 1937

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燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peking China

Office of the Adviser
to Foreign Students

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Dear Mr. Garalde,

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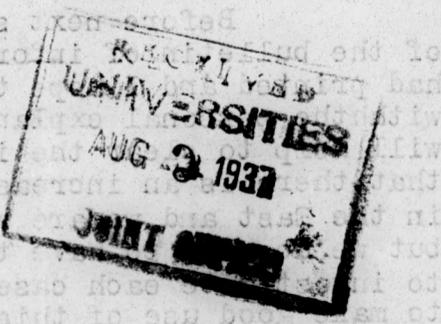
With regard to the students whom you mentioned, Miss Ingewald certainly need not take our entrance examination and I wrote to tell her as directly I received clear information that she is applying for entrance as a transfer student and not as a freshman and had at first been given to understand. Her transcript of records has now come to hand and the girl is coming home in any case and will come to see us here next month.

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Yours very sincerely
Lester K. Boring



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學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping China

Office of the Adviser
to Foreign students

Jan 24th 1938

Dear Mrs MacMillan,

As you so kindly undertook last year to supervise arrangements for entrance examinations for us in America I am writing to you now about the plans for the coming year. It seems to me improbable in the extreme that American students will wish to study here next year while conditions are so unsettled but in case any do I have sent to you under separate cover a few copies of our bulletin of information for foreign students and the two application forms which need to be filled in by each applicant. The entrance fee for a transfer student from America is \$1.00 (U.S. currency) and for a freshman who needs examination \$3.00 (U.S.

As Miss Speer is at home this year I think much the most satisfactory plan will be to refer all questions concerning applicants first to her or to Mr Sailer if Miss Speer is inaccessible. If you find it necessary to provide entrance examinations in America we ought to know here by the middle of March in order to get the examination papers to you by the first week in May, but we are not enthusiastic at any time about receiving freshmen students from America and especially now when conditions are necessarily more unsettled even than usual.

Will you kindly show this letter to Mr Garside and to anyone else in the Office who is likely to be concerned with applications from American Students.

Yours very sincerely

Lacey H. Beattie

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12 February 1938

Dear Miss Burt;

It will be a pleasure to take care of the cases of any candidates for admission which appear on the horizon this year. I second your conjecture that we may have no American candidates for 1938-9, but you may be sure that I shall not discourage any who ask my advice. Miss Speer and Mr. Sailer will be available in New York for most of the second semester, and this will help.

Mr. Garside and Miss Van Sciver are aware of your provision for our dealing with these matters.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. T. D. Macmillan)

Miss Lucy M. Burt
Yenching University
Peiping, China

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Telegrams:
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Chairman:
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FRIENDS SERVICE COUNCIL

FRIENDS HOUSE, EUSTON ROAD,
LONDON, N.W.1.

Telephone:
Euston 3606.

General Secretary:
PAUL D. STURGE.

Nov 29th 1939

Dear Mr Garside,

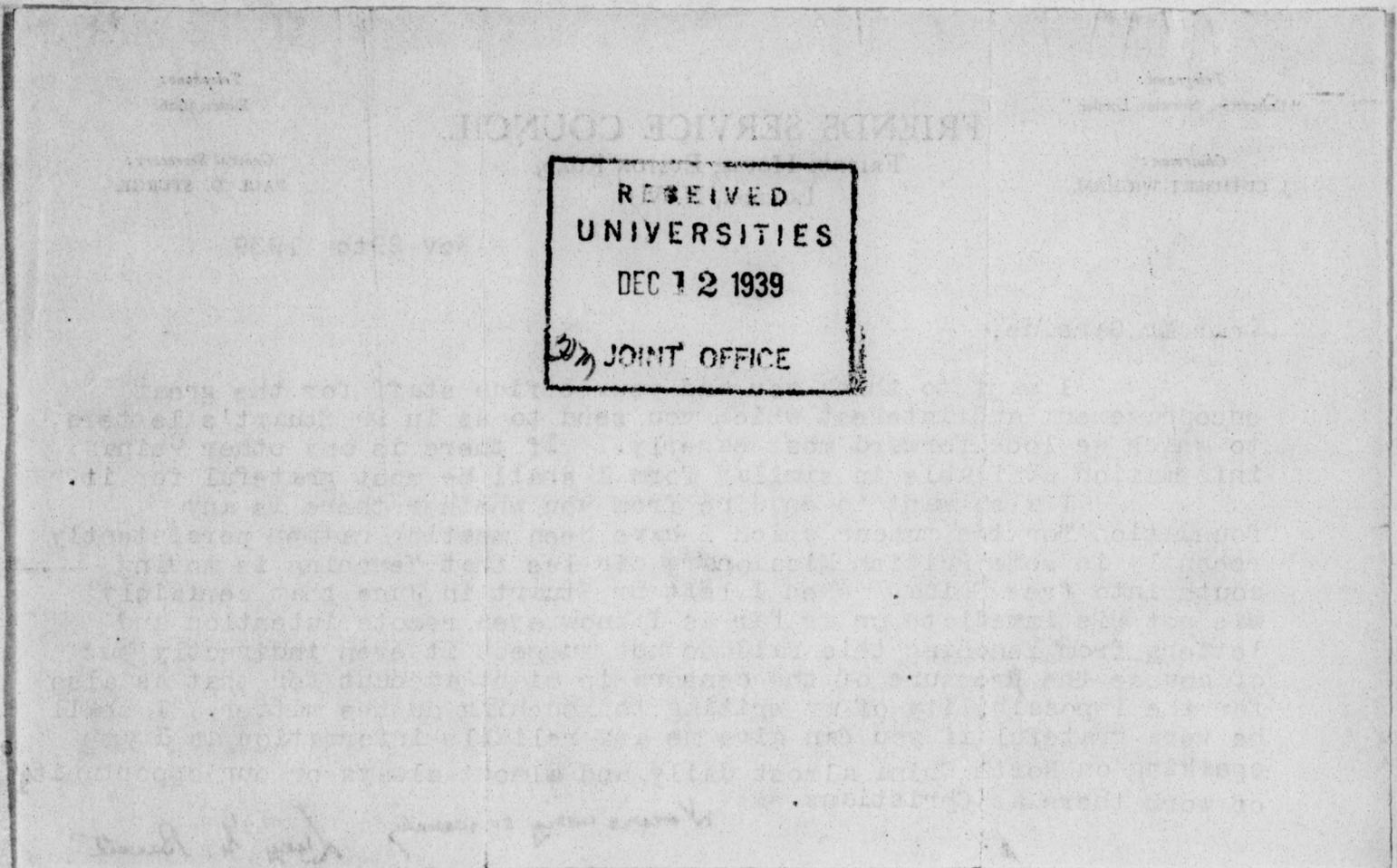
I want to thank you and your office staff for the great encouragement and interest which you send to us in Dr Stuart's letters to which we look forward most eagerly. If there is any other China information available in similar form I shall be most grateful for it.

I also want to enquire from you whether there is any foundation for the rumour which I have been meeting rather persistently recently in some British Missionary circles that Yenching is moving south into free China. When I left Dr Stuart in June that certainly was not his immediate or as far as I know even remote intention and letters from Yenching this fall do not suggest it even indirectly but of course the ~~are~~ sure of the censorship might account for that as also for the impossibility of my writing to Yenching on the matter. I shall be very grateful if you can give me any reliable information as I am speaking on North China almost daily and almost always on our opportunities of work there as Christians.

Yours very sincerely
Lucy H. Burt

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December 18, 1939

Miss Lucy M. Burt
Friends Service Council
Friends House, Euston Road
London, N. W. 1
England

Dear Miss Burt,

Thank you for your letter of November 29. We are glad that you are finding Dr. Stuart's letters interesting and helpful. We enclose herewith a copy of the latest letter we have received from Dr. Stuart, together with a copy of the December number of Yenching News.

If you want any additional copies of any of this Yenching material, please let us know the quantity you could use.

So far as we know, there is no foundation to the rumor that Yenching is contemplating moving southward into Free China. In a personal note to our office attached to Dr. Stuart's general letter of November 8, he makes the following statement:

"As to Yenching policy, we shall stay here and claim American rights now that the government has clarified its stand. We shall do this, as hitherto, with every effort to be conciliatory in manner, but as we interpret the government policy, our rights are not limited to the persons and property of American citizens, but include the enterprises in which they are engaged, with all that has to do with their free and effective functioning. On the whole, my surmise is that in the big centres, like Peking, they will not attempt any 'rough stuff', and even the more unruly elements will be under restraint."

Under separate cover we are mailing you a package of publicity material descriptive of Yenching and the other China Colleges for any general use you may have for this material.

As the 1939 Christmas season approaches, there does not seem to be any superabundance of "peace on earth and good will among men." But we do hope that you will find the holiday season a pleasant one, and that the year 1940 may bring improved conditions for us all.

Very sincerely yours,

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April 27, 1940

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Cable

Miss Lucy M. Burt
Friends Service Council
Friends House, Euston Road
London, N.W. 1, England

My dear Miss Burt:

We have just had a cable from Yenching University,
reading as follows:

"REQUIRE SECRETARY PRESIDENTS OFFICE AUTUMN. SUGGEST
CONTACT BURTT."

We would take this cable to mean that Dr. Stuart is
wanting to know whether you are interested in undertaking this
work at Peiping. We might say that Miss Doris Cummings is re-
turning to America this summer, and this is causing the search
for some one to act as secretary in the President's Office.

Will you please let me know what your reactions are
in regard to this as promptly as possible, so that we may cooperate
with Dr. Stuart in finding some one for this position?

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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Friends House
Euston Road
LONDON. N.W. 1
May 19th 1940

Dear Mr Parker,

Your letter took a long time in transit and only reached me on May 15th. I immediately communicated with Norah Ford-Smith the young woman mentioned in my cable to you and her own letter giving exact details of her position will probably reach you with or before this one.

As I am now packing for my return journey and hope to leave for China in three or four weeks time all further details of negotiation must be left for you and Miss Ford Smith to carry on directly with each other. I hope very much to see you myself in New York before the end of June but to save time will add now the outstanding facts as I know them relevant to her application for the post of Presidents secretary.

When I came back on furlough last summer I had general instructions from Yenching to look out for some active minded missionary young woman who would strengthen the younger end of our foreign womens staff. Early in December I found that Norah Ford-Smith in our own Friends Service Council Office was prepared to contemplate service in the Far East and I wrote at once to Miss Speer asking if a secretarial post was still vacant. In the months while we have been waiting for an answer my own work for the F.S.C. has brought me into much closer contact both with Miss Ford Smith herself and with two of the Mission secretaries for whom she has worked in recent years and I have no hesitation in recommending her most highly for our work at Yenching. She is not only well trained on the technical side but is a woman who takes a keen and responsible interest in her work, so much so that she has a reputation for her willingness to work at all sorts of irregular hours to suit the convenience of her chief, a quality which I know Dr Stuart will deeply appreciate. Is it very frivolous to add that she is an attractive looking girl, very well dressed on English standards, and already with some experience of international social life so she should fit in quite easily to that rather important side of secretarial work for Dr Stuart. My own chief interest in recommending her is my joy in finding a good secretary who also is keenly interested in Christian international work especially with students, and to be more personal still I do very much want to strengthen the links of interest between the Society of Friends and Yenching. So far I have been the only member of the Society working in Yenching and have found Friends both in England and

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in America increasingly interested in what we are doing there. If Norah Ford-Smith joins me there ~~there~~ is no doubt that together we can do more among the students and also strengthen the connections between Yenching and the Society of Friends in the West.

I am not wanting to suggest that she is a paragon of all the virtues but after my ten years experience of work in Yenching I have very little doubt that she will adjust herself easily to conditions there and will have a real contribution to make to the life of the community especially on its more serious side. I asked Miss Bent, who has been working as Miss Speers secretary for some time, to interview Miss Ford Smith a few weeks ago and I was glad to find that she also was very favourably impressed and hoped very much we should be able to secure her for our staff.

Unfortunately the long delay in getting an answer from Yenching has made some difficulty, as she has told you, in getting free from her present post especially in the strain of war conditions but I am hoping very much that if you think favourably of her application some way will be found to provide a substitute for her before the end of the summer. If you can cable an answer to her letter it will be a great help. Even airmail letters from America now take two or more weeks to reach us.

May I officially report to the Yenching Office that I am hoping to land in New York towards the end of June on my way to China. I will call in at the Office while I am there to find out if I can be of any use to you as a bearer of verbal messages. I am so sorry that war conditions made impossible the winter visit to the States which I had intended to make when Dr Stuart hoped I might be some use to you for publicity work of some sort. Now I can only linger for the week or so necessary to renew connections with my Quaker supporters in America and I am arranging to do some speaking in Quaker groups about our work in Yenching. If you want to know any further details about my plans in America Joseph Platt of Pendle Hill Wallingford Pa. can give you the information as he has all my arrangements in hand.

I must apologise for the lack of secretarial training myself which produces typing such as this and you will see permanently disqualifies me from applying for a post as secretary.

Yours very sincerely

Lucy M. Bent

AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES

New York - California - Orient - Round the World

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Aug. 22nd / 40

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W,
Dear Mr. Carside

Miss Hutchison in the kindness
of her heart has undertaken to break
my life long bad habits of typing - by
instruction in the process of touch typing -
& at present letters are still forbidden -
so I am sure you will excuse this
hand scribble-letter.

In the blissful quietness of these long
days at-sea - I have remembered two
or three points I should have mentioned
to you in New York.

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1. I should have mentioned in that memorandum on foreign students, which you no doubt have remembered, that arrangements for exchange of graduate students between Yenching - American Universities have been covered for in the past by Dr. Call, & are made with special reference to each case. I will call the ~~the~~ attention of the Deans Committee to the omission when I hand in the summary notes on our conversations in your office.

2. I forgot to ask if in future copies of Dr. Stewart's letters can be sent to

Miss Lydia Boring 410 Riverside Drive
New York

Mrs Montvern Wright 130 West Chestnut Avenue
Chestnut Hill Pa.

I think you know both & will not need any further guarantee either of their interest in Yenching or of their dependability. Yet a third name I want to suggest is Mrs A. L. Lindsay^(?) The Masters Lodge Balliol College Oxford England. As you know she & her husband were already considerably interested in our work at Yenching through their son Michael - but in England we miss the easy contacts with Yenching which come to Americans through the New York office & all this past year I have been sharing my Yenching news with Mrs Lindsay.

My own more personal contacts with friends in England & America are

already kept-informed I believe by
 judicious selections from the letters
 you are already sending to Joseph Platt
 at Pendle Hill - & to the Friends Service
 Council Friends House Curzon Road, London NW

It is important - that - both these groups
 should be kept as well informed as possible
 even in war time - if we are to go on
 building up 'Quaker' interest - for our work
 in teaching. My recent work amongst
 American Friends was lengthened by the
 delay in the sailing of the Footbridge - & I
 feel much encouraged by the results.
 All across the continent - in spite of the
 heat I found an unexpectedly quick &
 sympathetic response to the story we
 have to tell. The detailed report on
 the meetings held & personal contacts made

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I have sent to Joseph Platt as there is no doubt that any further approach or development of interest now aroused will best be made through direct Quaker channels.

Over Pacific trip so far has been crowded - but successful - & we expect to land in Japan tomorrow. Mrs Lockington & I have seen a good deal of Mrs Hestelion - & enjoy very much her gay vitality - but there is no need to tell you that it takes more than 2 weeks of life at sea - in the midst of a crowd

of gay young things. To create a
 missionary vocation! We are doing
 all we can to show simple human
 friendliness - & to avoid antagonizing her
 as she evidently is feeling very sensitive
 - & a little on the defensive - about this
 "Christian missionary business" as Kendrick

I can't help wishing, especially now when
 conditions are likely to be so hard, that
 she could have started her work in
 China a little further along the line
 of Christian interest - & even conversion -
 We shall need all the courage &
 power we are capable of receiving
 in these coming months. But I judge

that beneath the surface - is expressed
 perhaps - if at all - in rather different
 terms. she has just a real concern for
 work in Yenching & Jaoed. with all
 the suffering of life in present day China
 I have a great hope - she too will feel
 as so many of the rest of us have done
 & still do the inspiration of being allowed
 to take part in the vital experiment
 in Christian community life - which is
 the living soul of Yenching

I have written all this to you in
 continuation of our last conversation in
 New York - & will leave to you the

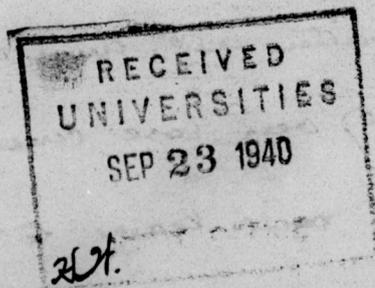
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disentangling of information which
should be shared with Mr. Goswami &
Mrs. Macmillan.

Miss Cokringham & Miss Heletuier join
with me in sending greetings to all
those of you - & to other members
of the office staff to whom we are
known.

Yours very cordially

Lucy M. Burt



from
Miss Lucy M. Burt, Assistant Professor
Department of History

Yenching University
October 21, 1940

Dear Friends,

You who are reading this letter in England and America will understand the joy which came to me last weekend as I found myself back once more at Wo Fo Ssu, watching the dark shadows of the pine trees in the moonlight, listening to the drums in the Hall of the Buddhas and the next morning waking to catch sight of the great ginko tree golden as its leaves were touched by the dawn light. What would you give yourselves to be back here with us watching the glory of a North China autumn on the campus, in the hills, and sharing the glowing radiance of comradeship as together we turn to face the gathering darkness of the international storm.

To anyone returning to Yenching from Europe, first impressions of the apparent normality of campus life, the absence of black-outs and air raids, the absorption in full-time academic work without evacuees or makeshift classrooms is startling and precious. Here for a few weeks at least is an opportunity to regain poise and balance in the health-giving occupations of normal and constructive educational work. But you will hardly need to be told that such impressions, true enough in their way, give anything but a complete picture of life in occupied territory. Letters from New York, which many of you are seeing, fill in more details than we can write, but I doubt if they give any idea of the effects of the present disturbance on the lives of the village people as we see them in Haitien, and further away from Peking conditions are much worse. The terrible rise in the cost of living is one of the most obvious troubles; corn meal is 20 cents a catty and the cheapest cotton cloth 40 cents a foot. A noticeable increase in employment in unskilled occupations brings some slight amelioration but is very far from meeting the needs of all, and with starvation staring them in the face is it any wonder men yield to the temptation to turn informer, so easy a job and so well paid? The wonder to me is that so many resist, willing in hunger to maintain their independence and honor.

For the students, an extension of scholarship grants and of self-help work goes a considerable way to meet these increased costs, but many other troubles press in on educational institutions and now the uncertainties occasioned by the new political developments add very considerably to the strain. To anxious inquiries about the possible evacuation of foreigners the President replies calmly that the Yenching foreign members of the faculty are too absorbed in their work to be affected by an order aimed at people without jobs; that in case of real emergency the University has plans, and that for the present we shall do well to go on calmly with our work!

Against this rather gloomy background and even darker outlook the developments of our Christian work here stand out most encouragingly, not so much in the increased membership of the Christian Fellowship, including now nearly 1000 members of the community, as in the quality of the work which is being done. One of the most promising signs is the way in which at last younger members of the faculty are coming forward to take their share in Christian work. The visit to Wo Fo Ssu last weekend was occasioned by our annual Fellowship Retreat, and in meetings on Sunday lasting from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and attended by more than 150 people, practically the whole responsibility was carried by young Chinese. With the exception of Dr. Stuart as closing speaker, T. C. Chao as Chaplain, and J. F. Li as Chairman of the Fellowship, there were no "old hands" responsible for the administration of the conference or the program itself. Wang Chung-han with a group of

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students organized the Retreat, including the provision of lunch brought from Yen-ching; Weng Tu-chien, a Harvard-Yenching fellow just back from years of study in Europe preached an excellent sermon on the power of the Christian life. In the afternoon while students discussed their problems in groups under the guidance of Dr. Chao, C. F. Wu opened the proceedings for the Faculty group and our small groups were led by young Chinese teachers from the Departments of History, Physics, Physical Education, and Political Science. We look forward now with very much interest to see what practical results will emerge as a result of the discussions.

It is a great joy and inspiration to have T. C. Chao back with us again with his experience not only of Madras but even more recently of active evangelistic work done among the students at Kunming. He is taking now the main responsibility for the Sunday morning services where the numbers keep up fairly well. The Hammond organ is much appreciated and the singing has greatly improved, but it is the sermons which are one of the main attractions. Yesterday Yuan Yung-chen, headmistress of the Presbyterian Girls school told me that two of her young folk, freshmen at Yen-ching, and neither of them Christians told her that they look forward to attending chapel every Sunday because Dr. Chao is so interesting. Most of us would echo that opinion but would add much more, for those services now with their very much deepened sense of the spirit of corporate worship are becoming in quite a new way the centre and inspiration of our life as a Christian community. T. C. is wonderfully eloquent as he speaks of the foundations of our faith on an unshakable experience of God, and the challenge of living in Christian fellowship in this modern world, but even more impressive to me as I come back to Yen-ching again from Europe and America, is the sight of our community itself. Its limitations are obvious; how well we all know the charges which can be rightly levelled against our practice of Christian living, but haven't Christian communities been like that at all times and in all places? Isn't it one of the marvels of the Christian Faith that the powers of Love have dared to work through men and women like us and through Christian communities who as they stumble and falter and sin begin to discover their weakness and dependence upon God?

This sounds more like a sermon than a news letter, but I know so well how you are asking yourselves as I did all last year, "How would it look if we could get back?", and the experience is so vivid to me I must try to set it down: "It looks just like that!" Yen-ching is one of the many communities now established throughout the world in which the constructive powers of Love are at work. The shape which our life takes, perhaps even its very existence owes much to our leaders, to the Peter, the John of our little group, yet much too depends on the work of every member and it is the sense of comradeship in service here and with others all the world over which is one of the most tangible evidences of value in a world gone mad. The opening paragraphs of the first epistle of John come so often into my thoughts; it is in the fellowship of witness to what we have seen that joy is fulfilled.

Your friend,

Lucy M. Burtt

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Office of the Adviser
to Foreign students

Nov. 25, 1940

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Dear Mr. Garside:

You will remember that in July after a long conversation about the admission to Yenching of students from America, we drew up a draft memorandum on the subject, a copy of which is in your files. I am now enclosing a revised version of that document, produced after careful consultation here with the people chiefly concerned, and officially blessed by the Deans' Committee.

You will see that the most important change is the increased stress on the eligibility of Sophomore and Junior students, the refusal to take Seniors, and discouragement of Freshmen. We realize that in the latter case children of missionaries or American born Chinese may have special claims, which we are quite prepared to consider, but with them as with all other students coming from America, it is most important that applications should be made to us sufficiently early for a real investigation to be made. In the rare cases of Freshman applications the substitution of College Board for Yenching Entrance examinations should very much simplify the procedure. If application has been made in good time we shall be able to inform you which students we are prepared to take if the results of the College Entrance Board examination are satisfactory. That final decision, however, must be left to your office.

We are also sending under separate cover revised editions of the Entrance Information Bulletin for Foreign Students (see especially new regulations for work in Graduate School) and copies of the current Announcement of Courses and a detailed list of the courses now offered in English. You will see at once how difficult it is for students from America to find any large range of choice among the courses given in Yenching.

You will be hearing from Dr. Stuart of the continued normality of our life here and I need hardly add how deeply grateful I am to find myself once more working in this most challenging and inspiring community.

Yours very sincerely,

Lacy M. Burt

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Application by Students from America
for admission to Yenching University

General Situation. In general Yenching is able to admit only a very limited number of students from America and wishes to limit such admissions to young men and women who have some special contribution to make to the life of the community. It is expected that such students will live in the dormitories and share fully in the normal life of Chinese students, including eating Chinese food in the student refectories. As the amount of work offered by the University in the English Language is very limited it is usually difficult for a student from the West to secure more than one year of work at Yenching.

As it is especially important that applications should have the fullest possible personal consideration, correspondence with Yenching should begin as early as possible in the year preceding the intended date of entrance so that the decision of the Admissions Committee can reach the candidate in America by the end of May. In this connection it is important to remember that permission to enter the University must be received by the candidate before sailing for China. Furthermore, wherever possible an interview should be arranged in America with some member of the Yenching faculty on furlough in America.

Application for admission to the Freshman Year. Except in very rare and unusual cases, Yenching cannot admit students from America for the freshman year of work. If exceptional circumstances seem to justify special consideration, application should be made as early as possible, preferably by February 1 of the year in which the applicant desires admission. The application must be accompanied by a transcript of school records and the applicant will be required to take the College Board Entrance Examinations. The final decision as to admission will be made in America and will be communicated to the applicant from the New York Office after the receipt of the examination results. No special Yenching entrance examination is required for students coming from America for the freshman year.

Application for Admission to the Sophomore and Junior Years.

Students from America who wish to enter Yenching for either their sophomore or junior year should make application to reach the University by February 1 in the year in which they seek admission. Applicants should state clearly their reasons for wanting to work at Yenching and the application must be accompanied by transcripts of School and College records and by personal letters from at least two members of the faculty of their college. If possible an interview should be arranged with some member of the Yenching faculty in America on furlough, and a full report sent to Yenching. On the basis of this information the Admissions Committee will make its decision and communicate the result to the applicant as rapidly as possible by mail, or by cable if the cost has been prepaid by the candidate.

Application for Admission to the Senior Year cannot be received.

Application for Admission to the Graduate School. Full details of the conditions to be fulfilled by such students are given in the Entrance Bulletin for Foreign Students. Applications from Students in America who fulfil these conditions should arrive in Yenching not later than February 1 for the fall semester or August 1 for entrance in the spring semester of the following year.

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Courses in Yenching given in English

College of Arts

Departments

Chinese : Special courses in Chinese for foreign students

Western Languages: No language difficulty for an American student, but the courses are planned for students to whom English is a foreign language, so that they are rarely suitable for Americans. Courses in French and German are necessarily elementary in nature.

History: Courses in Western History only are given in English and even there in courses 153-154, 253-254 and 257-258, lecturing is often in Chinese.

Philosophy: Mr. Porter's courses.

Psychology: Mr. Sailer's courses.

Education: Mr. Galt's courses.

Music: All courses except 329-330 and 355-356.

Journalism: None.

Physical Education: Mr. Wee's and Mr. Chao's courses.

College of Natural Sciences.

Mathematics: Miss Hancock's and Mr. Davis's courses.

Physics: Mr. Band's courses.

Chemistry: Courses offered by: Messrs. S. D. Wilson, E. O. Wilson and W. Adolph.

Biology: All except Biology 103-104.

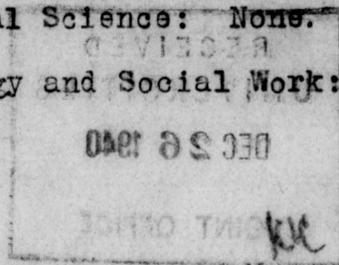
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College of Public Affairs

Economics: Miss Wagner's courses.

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Sociology and Social Work: None.



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Office of the Adviser
to Foreign students

Nov. 25, 1940.

Mrs. T. D. MacMillan
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Mrs. MacMillan:

I am so sorry that my visits to New York in July fell entirely during your vacation. I had looked forward so much to making your personal acquaintance and to discussing some of our American student problems with you.

The enclosed document, a copy of which I am also sending to Mr. Garside, represents our considered and official attitude at the present time with regard to the admission to Yenching of students from America. Regulations for Americans and other foreigners already in China are clearly stated in the Entrance Information Bulletin for Foreign Students, revised copies of which we are sending to you under separate cover, as some of the information there set out will be useful to students planning to come to us from America.

We are also sending copies of the current Announcement of Courses and a detailed list of the Courses now offered in English. You will see that the range of choice for a student coming from America is not a wide one.

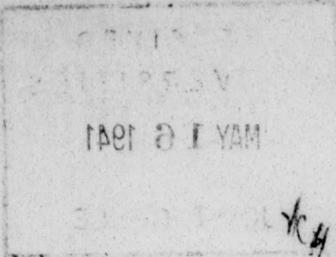
If the present conditions of political tension continue it is unlikely that there will be any applications this year from students in America, but should there be any, I feel sure that Miss Boynton, Mr. Wolferz or Mr. E. O. Wilson or Mr. Porter would be glad to interview any applicants living in their respective neighborhoods. We should be glad if in making arrangements for any such interview you would be kind enough to send on to the Yenching interviewer a copy of the enclosed document, which represents a point of view somewhat different from that held last year, while those members of Faculty were in Yenching.

I hope that my talk with Mr. Garside last July and these present documents have answered most of the questions which were being raised in your office, but please let me know if there is any point now on which you wish further information.

Yours very sincerely,

Lucy M. Burt

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April 18th 1941

To
Wright Babcock
30 Wayne Avenue
White Plains. N.Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Mr Babcock

Your application for admission to Yenching University has been handed to me as Adviser to the foreign students here and I am writing to tell you that we have sent to Mr Parker of The Yenching Office 150 Fifth Avenue New York detailed instructions about our admissions procedure. It will be simpler for you to correspond direct with him rather than with me at this great distance.

As you have not returned the preliminary application blank I am sending a copy under separate cover not because it is essential that you should return it to me at this late stage, but rather to call your attention to some aspects of the student life in Yenching which you will be sharing if you gain admission to the University. Do you realise that you will be sharing a room with one or more Chinese boys and will eat Chinese food with them in their refectories. Also that as the great majority of the courses here are given in the Chinese language it will be difficult for you to find sufficient courses in English to occupy more than your freshman or at most Sophomore years here so that it will be essential for you to return to America to complete the last two or three years of your undergraduate work. All this may sound rather discouraging for you but it has to be faced. If you are willing to face it and can pass the College Board Entrance examinations at a sufficiently high standard to gain admission here there is no doubt that you will have a very interesting experience in international life. Our students both men and women are vigorous, lively and very attractive people and of the few foreigners whom we do admit to the University each year including Russians, Jews as well as Anglo Saxons, the majority thoroughly enjoy their life here and clearly benefit very much from it though adjustments in the first few months are not always very easy.

I will not attempt to add more details but will leave you to correspond with Mr Parker. If you do gain admission and are able to make the journey to the East this summer you will find a warm welcome awaiting you here. It is important that you should be here by September 1st or at the very latest by September 8th the day when class work begins.

Yours very sincerely

Lucy Y. Burt

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Office of the Adviser
to Foreign students

April 19, 1941

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

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Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter concerning Wright Babcock has been handed to me as Adviser to the foreign students here and I hasten to reply to your questions, as the time is short now before the boy may be sailing for the East.

You have no doubt already pointed out to him the many reasons why it is undesirable for a young American to come out to Yenching for his freshman year the most important one being the language difficulty which makes it practically impossible for him to spend more than one year here. That is especially the case for students in the Colleges of Arts or Public Affairs and I gather from Mr. Babcock's school record that it is most unlikely that he will be able to satisfy the entrance requirements in Mathematics for the College of Natural Sciences. He will therefore have all the trouble of the trip out here only to return again to America in 1942 or at the latest in 1943 to complete his work in an American institution where he will have to make fresh adjustments.

If in spite of that difficulty he still wishes to apply for admission here we are quite willing to consider his case. As the time is now so short the detailed discussion and final decision will have to be left to your office but we offer the following observations for your guidance:

1. On the personal side we are prepared to consider very favourably a boy well recommended by the Principal of Putney School. We should like you to secure a confidential report from at least one of the members of Faculty at the School.- He suggests the names of four; Dr. Werner Heider Dr. Schnitzer Mr. Daniel Morris Mr. Warren Leonard.- If he is within easy reach of any of the Yenching people who are on furlough it might be useful for him and for us to arrange a personal interview but we do not insist on it. None of the people at present on furlough have any technical knowledge of the details of admission procedure but their advice on the personal side may be useful.
2. With regard to the entrance examination there is no way in which he can escape from the necessity of taking the

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Office of the Adviser
to Foreign students

College Board examinations. Our own entrance examinations for foreign students are held here on May 9th and 10th long before he can arrive in China and you will see from the document which I sent to Mr. Garside on Nov. 25th that we now require freshmen applicants in America to take the College Board examination. The subjects suggested by his Faculty are satisfactory to us if he reaches a sufficiently high standard but we should like to add as a requirement the Intelligence test given by the College Board authorities. He must realize also that without Mathematics it will be impossible for him to enter the College of Natural Sciences. We shall be grateful if you will give directions for the examination results to be sent to your office and we must leave to you the final decision to be based upon them. In general we should be prepared to accept any student who on the basis of College Board examination results is qualified for admission to Princeton or Yale.

At the moment it looks very unlikely that anyone will be coming out to us from America next fall but if the situation does clear I hope that these suggestions have answered your questions and will make it possible for your office to complete the admissions procedure for Mr. Babcock without too much trouble. If there are still problems on which you wish our advice or questions for our decision it will be necessary to cable to us as it is essential that permission to enter the University should have been given to him before he sails for the east. There is no way of persuading us here to admit him to the Freshman course if he has not reached a satisfactory standard in his College Board examinations.

I am not sending additional copies of our entrance documents and announcement of courses as we have already sent a considerable number to Mr. Garside and Mrs. Macmillan so there must be a supply in the office. A copy of my letter to Mr. Babcock is enclosed.

Yours very sincerely

Lucy M. Burt

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Office of the Registrar
Foreign Affairs

College Board examinations. Our own entrance examinations for foreign students are held on May 15th and 16th before you arrive in China and you will see from the document which I sent to Mr. Gause on Nov. 23rd that we now require foreign students to pass the College Board examinations. The suggestion made by Mr. Gause is that we should like to have a registration test given by the College Board authorities. He said that this test without preparation it will be impossible for him to enter the College of Natural Sciences. We shall be grateful if you will give directions for the examination results to be sent to your office and we must leave you the final decision to be passed upon them. In general we should be prepared to accept any student who on the basis of College Board examination results is qualified for admission to Princeton or Yale.

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Yours very sincerely

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March 28th 1941
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Dear Mr Evans,

Miss Cookingham suggests that I should write to ask if you would be kind enough to send on the enclosed papers to England by Air Mail for me. It is important that this report on my finances for the current year and some suggestions and questions about next year's plans should reach The Friends Service Council safely and as quickly as possible so I am sending them in duplicate one set through your office by air. They should be addressed to John Hargreaves. F.S.C. Offices. Jordans Hostel, Beaconsfield, Bucks. England. *4/20/41*

You hear from Dr Stuart details of our attempts to continue work normally here. It isn't easy but it is not so hard as the Battle for the Atlantic or for England both of which we are watching now with absorbed interest not only with all the personal interest of westerners but realising also that our own fate here is so closely associated with the outcome of the western struggle.

Yours very sincerely

Lucy M. Barrett.

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Yours very sincerely

John M. Ball

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April 30, 1941

Miss Lucy K. Burtt
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Miss Burtt:

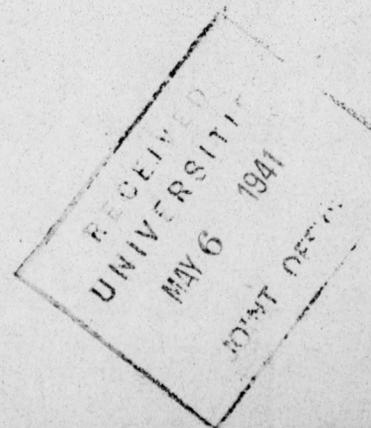
Your letter of March 28th is at hand and we have forwarded the enclosures to Mr. John Hargrave as requested. We trust same will reach him without delay. The letter is going by air mail.

Yes, we have heard from Dr. Stuart, and I trust you will convey to him our sincere thanks for these communications. It has not been possible for us to reply, but I am sure he understands the reasons. Somehow or other we will get in direct touch with him later on, but until then please assure him of our gratitude.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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August 1, 1941

Miss Lucy Bartt
Yenching University
Peking, China

Dear Miss Bartt:

I have waited to answer your letter of April 19, regarding Mr. Wright Babcock, until I could find out definitely what his plans were. We now have a letter from him, stating that conditions are such that it is impossible for him to get to China this Fall, and we, therefore, need not pursue the matter farther at the present time. He tells us that he still has hopes of getting to China next year and that he would hope to enter the University at that time.

We have received the results of the College Board Entrance examinations and have them filed here for future reference in case Mr. Babcock does decide to go to China at some future time.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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to - Mary Hoxie Jones

W. C. A. Evans

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Peking
June 5th, 1942

My dear Mary, (Miss Mary Hoxie Jones)

I have just received the welcome and most unexpected news that I can get a letter out to you with the American Diplomats if it can be ready in the next half hour. I tried in January to get permits to go to Shanghai, but then and now none are available. I am not planning to be repatriated if it is anyway possible to avoid it.

Now for more details of my own affairs which I think may be of interest to some members of the AFSC. I was all ready to make the hard trip to join the Sinkins at Chengta during the first week in December but on the 8th was actually teaching when the guards were thrown around Yenching and all our gates were closed. For two days I was cut off from my home in the village and when I did get a pass to go through our gates, it was abundantly clear that I am intended to continue my service in these parts and not with the main body of the Mission. The main issue was as clear as an occupying army could make it, but my trouble was that for several weeks all I could see was the sudden closing of what had seemed such a wide open door. From my village home there were a good many odd jobs which turned up to be done especially at first while so many of our students were still around in the village or coming and going from the city but as they got permits to travel to their homes or elsewhere my existence seemed more and more useless, and I did feel very badly that possibly by some error of judgment in the time just preceding the outbreak of war I had involved myself in an internment where there seemed almost nothing I could do to justify my being kept here by America and British Friends. My almost solitary occupation of my village house without any possibility of entertaining students or house guests was also a matter of considerable concern to me but there seemed nothing much I could do beyond joining in with the admirably organized community life on the South Compound, and waiting patiently for further guidance. That guidance came quite suddenly and with vivid clearness at the beginning of April with the visit of two very dearly beloved friends from the city urging that I should give up my home in Waitien and move into Peking to make my headquarters at the College of Chinese Studies then in process of reorganization under two very fine Japanese Christians, Secretaries of the Japanese Y.M.C.A. The Yenching office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, will be able to give you details of our financial position. I am drawing \$240 a month (local currency. Perhaps about U.S.\$50), as life at the College of Chinese Studies is more expensive than in my old College home. Amounts already sent to Yenching should cover my support till Nov. at least.

Almost at the same moment came the suggestion that my house would be of real use to an Italian married to an American wife with two small children in need of country air. It was not easy when it came to the point of breaking up the home in which I have lived now for nearly ten years, but I had not the slightest doubt it was the right thing to do, and the ease with which I secured permits from the military to make the change of residence was only further confirmation that here was another door being opened very wide before me. By April 21 the move was complete, my possessions divided between the Italian family and my new single room which I now occupy as a student in the College of Chinese and Japanese Studies, and from that evening onwards my life has become more full of interest than perhaps ever before, with opportunities opening before me in many directions for work entirely in line with our service in "Friends Centres" in all parts of the world.

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Even though this is going by hand it may be wiser not to mention names or too many details of our present work, but the broad outlines are clear enough. First, in the College itself a most courageous effort is being made by two Japanese and one American, all active Christians, to set up and maintain an organization where people of all nationalities can still live and work together. The difficulties are immense, the result of their efforts still uncertain, and in any case not able to affect a very large number of people, but even should the scheme break down next week, as I do not think it will, something of real value has been accomplished already in these weeks when Christian Chinese, Americans, and British have found themselves working happily alongside sympathetic, fine Japanese Christians. We have actually living with us two Jews, two Central Europeans and several Russians. Can you imagine a more interesting experiment for Quaker cooperation? All of us involved in the scheme ask most earnestly for your prayers.

In addition to all the interests of this experiment there are opportunities for service across lines of sectarian divisions among the fairly large group of interned foreign Christians and I could write pages about the interest and real creative value of experiments in "union" Bible Study, and worship in the city, with many of which I am very deeply involved. I have several times already been asked to make statements of our Quaker position with regard to both corporate worship and the sacraments, and to war, and what pleases me so much is that such statements have been asked for and made not as isolated items in an academic argument but as an integral part of very healthy and steadily continued experiments in learning to pray together and in facing up to the whole question of what is the will of God for us now here in North China as interned foreign Christians.

My time and paper are coming to an end, but I hope I have written enough to give you some picture of the great hopefulness of our Christian work here in war time so that you can remember us in your prayers.

My very warm greetings, please, to all Friends who know me, and especially to yourself, Joseph Platt, and Mrs. Minter Wright.

Yours affectionately,

(signed) Lucy M. Burt