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March 13, 1931

Miss Monona Cheney^e
308 North Pinckney St.
Madison, Wis.

Dear Miss Cheney:

I have had a letter to you in mind ever since I knew of your arriving in America on furlough last summer. I am terribly ashamed that my letter has been so slow to take shape on paper.

I hope you are finding your furlough year to be all and more than you have hoped. When I learned that you were to study in the University of Wisconsin I had a heart-sinking thinking that you may have been in Madison when I was there at the time of the American Board meeting last October. Ruth Stahl, however, assured me that your going to Madison was later than that. I should indeed have been sorry to have been in the same city as you and failed to see you.

I am wondering about the remainder of your furlough year. Do your plans include a trip to the east? We are calling the annual meeting of the Yenching College Committee for Tuesday, April 14 at 150 Fifth Ave., New York city. We would be indeed glad if you could be with us that day. If that is out of the question, please let me know whether you have thought of coming ~~afterward~~ at any time. I should very much like to know you personally and to talk with you about matters connected with Yenching. It has been a very great help to us all to have Augusta Wagner and Margaret Speer near enough that we could confer with them this year. I also so much appreciated an opportunity to know Ruth Stahl, and talk with her when she was in Boston this fall.

Yenching College has evidently been going through some difficult experiences during recent months, but on the whole the word that comes seems very encouraging. The whole university is feeling the pinch of the present financial situation. Mrs. Frame insists in resigning as Dean of the Woman's College, and our committee is feeling that we should not further urge her to stay. We are hoping before the April meeting to have a nomination of her successor from the Administrative Committee.

One of the points we will need to try to reach some conclusion on

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is in regard to the immediate building of a fifth dormitory. We recognize the need, but where is the money to come from? If you know of any matters that should come before our committee on April 14, I wish you would let me have them even though you may not be able to be present yourself.

By the way, a letter received yesterday from Mr. Garside said that Dr. Stuart is making a brief trip to America and that he will probably be with us at the annual meeting.

I trust that you are in vigorous health and enjoying your work in every way.

Very cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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Ans. _____

308 N. Puckney St.,
Madison, Wis.

Mar. 19, 1931.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

Thank you much for your letter. You do well to "keep track" of all of us, with all that you have to think of.

I am sorry to have missed you when you were here in the fall. I greatly regretted the fact that your American Board meeting here, and our W. F. M. S. meeting in Springfield came the same week - so that I was traveling East just when I wanted to be here! I greatly regretted also that because of my college work I had to hurry back to Wisconsin, and could not have even one day in Boston!

I am not expecting to be in the East again, unless there should be some change in general plans. I should

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be happy to be at your meeting
on April 14th if I could.

I am sorry Mrs. Frame feels
that she cannot stay at Yenching;
my last letter from there told
of the recent request that she
continue. I know how strongly
she feels about it, though; so I
am not surprised at her insistence
on leaving. Poor lady - she has
had her hardest year for
her last! Miss Hancock writes
that this has been the most
difficult year in the nine
she has known Yenching.

I wonder who will be the
choice for Dean? I do hope
there will be no suggestion
of Ruth Stahl's acting again;
she does it well, but it takes
too much out of her, and I
feel strongly she ought not
to do it. But the Administrative
Committee may have found
someone by this time; I certainly
hope so.

I do not think of other ^{Yenching}
matters now; one soon loses
immediate touch when half

"a" world away, especially when she doesn't carry on a business correspondence.

I am greatly enjoying my year of study; and as my Father and Mother have spent the winter months with me, I have been "killing two birds with one stone" - getting an education and visiting with my family. My chief difficulty is in refusing invitations to talk about China! I love to do it - but it doesn't fit very well with intensive study. And inasmuch as not many missionaries furlough in Wisconsin, those who do have plenty of invitations! I am to spend my spring vacation in a group of the State Teachers' Colleges - and a week, later, in northern Wisconsin; and I've done some speaking here in Madison. Am trying to keep the balance, but it isn't

easy.

Thank - you again for your letter. I do wish my furlough were giving me opportunity to know you - but I cannot see now just how it can.

Very cordially yours,
Mauna L. Cheney.

April 8, 1931

Miss Monona Cheney
308 North Pinckney St.
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Cheney:

I was very glad to have your letter of March 18. Since that was written, you have probably heard of the action of the Administrative Committee in regard to the Yenching Women's College Deanship for next year.

Yenching matters have been very much in my mind and the minds of some of the rest of us in this region. A rather urgent call for a joint meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees of the Board of Trustees on March 31 reached me and after some hesitation I decided to go to New York. My being there gave me an opportunity to talk with Dr. Stuart and also with Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Finley of our Women's College Committee. Since then I have also talked with some length with Professor Kendrick of Wellesley. All of these women have felt just as I did to question the wisdom of asking Mrs. Frame to allow her name to stand as Dean and also the wisdom of taking Ruth Stahl from the Music Department which so urgently needs her, and putting executive duties upon her. As to Mrs. Frame, we felt her continuing to be recognized as dean while only a few miles away from Peking would most certainly result in college problems being brought to her.

We have considered a cablegram to the Administrative Committee but have hesitated to try to discuss a matter so delicate as this by cable. Our present thought is that we should not try to take action in regard to the deanship at the April 14 meeting of our Committee, but should wait for further correspondence with the field. Just what the outcome will be I do not know.

I have written Ruth Stahl since my return from New York but have not yet had her reply. We have rather assumed that Margaret Speer would be asked either to accept the Deanship or to be Acting Dean, and this still seems to me the best course under all the circumstances. We are,

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however, reluctant to do anything that is against the best judgment of the faculty of the Administrative Committee, and we are feeling rather puzzled just now. If you have any light on the whole situation that might be of help to you, I hope you will surely write frankly.

I was most delighted to receive yesterday a letter from Mrs. Avann saying that she would after all be present at the April 14 meeting of our Committee. She has so long been one of the mainstays of our work for and with Yenching that we were very reluctant to think of her not being with us, especially this year when she has just been at Yenching.

With the best of personal greetings to you, I am

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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December 17, 1931.

Miss Monona Cheney
308 No. Pinckney St.
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Cheney:

I am in receipt of a cablegram from Yenching College which is in code, but being translated reads:

Strongly urge W.F.M.S. send without delay, Stahl, Cheney, if health satisfactory. Signed Wood.

I understand this to mean that Yenching College is eager to have you and Miss Stahl return as soon as possible unless there is some imperative health reason for delay. Will you let me know your own thought as to when you would return to your work in Yenching? It is quite possible that letters may be on the way telling of some turn of events that has made your early return more urgent than it had seemed. You may yourself have had communications which throw light on the sending of the cablegram. You are in close touch I am sure with the W.F.M.S. officers.

I am today writing Mrs. Avann of the cablegram, but I should like to have a word from you also, giving your own thought as to when you should return to China. Mrs. Avann told me of your father's ill health. I trust he is better by this time. I know how hard it is to determine the right course when duties seem to conflict.

With very kind greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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Dec. 25, 1931

Barrow, Wis.

Dec. 22, 1931.

My dear Mrs. Lee:-

Your letter, forwarded from Madison, has just come, and I hasten to reply, as far as I can on the minute - which will be a history up-to-date!

As Mrs. Auman wrote you, I stayed over last summer because of mother's uncertain health, leaving open then the question of when I should return. Early in the fall I wrote Miss Wood and Mr. Ritter - who is acting in my place as Chairman of the History Department - asking their answers to one question: Seeing I could not return for the first semester, and that therefore my college courses for the second would be few, if any, did they feel that Yenching needed me badly enough to

warrant my leaving the college
speaking which the W. F. M. S.
wished me to do - in case my
mother's health warranted it?
The answers I am enclosing
(I would appreciate their return) -
and as you may guess, they
pulled hard. All thro' late
November and early December
I was trying to decide what
was best to do. Mother is
considerably better than in
the spring (how much my
staying over has had to do
with it, of course no one can
say), but I am told by
friends who have been near
her, that the spring is always
the testing time for her. In
the face of everything, it
seemed to me that perhaps
I could come nearer to
meeting both needs if I
planned to return early in
May, to be there to help carry
on through the summer. I

wrote Miss Wood to this effect
two weeks ago.

I wish we knew what is
back of the cable. Ruth Stahl
wrote me some time ago that
she might be held here because
of finances. My guess is that
Miss Wood feels that the W. F. M. S.
^{may be} holding her for that reason,
and me for speaking, not
realizing how greatly they
need reinforcements; and
that the cable has been sent
to emphasize the fact that
nothing but health should
keep us. You could guess better
at the accuracy of this
interpretation if you knew
whether or not Miss Stahl
wrote them as she did me.

A letter from her this
morning says she also is
asking to go in the spring.

As I say, this is history.
Whether I ought to change my
decision in the face of the
cable, I feel just now very un-

certain. I am not sharing your letter with my parents, lest it add anxiety to their Christmas; but you may be sure I shall be giving it thought and prayer. It is hard to know what is the right thing to do; I'd like to be twice!

If you have any further light on the situation, I shall be glad to have it. And if I feel that I should change my decision, I will let you know immediately.

With every good wish for your Christmas, I am

Very cordially yours,

Monona L. Cheney.

P.S. I have been having a most enjoyable experience this fall in speaking in colleges in Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin—state colleges as well as those of all denominations.

December 28, 1931.

Miss Monona Cheney
308 North Pinckney St.
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Cheney:

Your letter with enclosures was handed me just as we were going into our Christmas party the afternoon before Christmas, and I did not have time to read the enclosures until this morning. I have now gone through all these letters carefully and can only say that I wish I was surer as to what the right course for you is. I certainly agree with what Miss Wood and the others write as to the value of your early return to Yenching. I believe she is right in feeling that having a full time head for the history department would mean a good deal in influencing more students to take those courses. Moreover I feel that history is of rather unusual importance for young China just now. The students need to understand as thoroughly as they can the processes of development in other countries during this crucial time in their own history. What you could do in the social and religious life of the institution is however, even more valuable I believe than the teaching. On the whole I think we can only leave the decision to yourself. If you feel that your mother needs you, the work will wait, if, on the other hand there are others to care for her and to give her needed companionship and love, and she is herself willing to let you respond to the call of your work in China, I should be glad if you could start very soon. Your inclination to plan to go in the spring may be right. I feel pretty sure that the medical advisor of our Board would hesitate to have any one plan to reach Peiping just at the beginning of the hot season, especially with the thought of spending the summer in the city, or even on the Yenching campus. If you are to reach Peiping in time to organize the work and help in the busy closing weeks, I should think it desirable for you if possible to be there by May 1.

However, we can but abide by your own decision. I think your associates in China are absolutely right in feeling that the promotional work you can do in this country should not be considered of sufficient importance to delay your return to China.

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Please be assured that I do sympathize with you in this difficult experience of having to decide a question of this kind. It was fine and generous of you not to talk the matter over with your parents just before Christmas, but I hope you will feel that you can do so now. I am sure you and they will reach the right decision. I have not yet heard from Ruth Stahl. What Mrs. Avann tells me of her makes me doubt whether she is yet physically fit to return. No doubt I will hear very soon.

Please let me know what your decision is. May the new year bring you and yours rich blessings wherever you are.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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~~January 9, 1932~~

Barron, Wis.,
Jan. 4. 1932.

Dear Mrs. Lee,

Thank you very much for the letter which came last week - and the return of those which I had sent you.

I heard from Mrs. Avann shortly after your first letter came; and I answered her much as I had answered you. My interpretation of the sending of the cable^{-if correct-} and the wording of the message itself - would not seem to indicate that there were any new developments since the writing of the letters which I had when I made my decision not to return until spring; so I have not felt that I ought to change that decision. This does not mean

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that I am thinking lightly of the serious need for more of us at Yenching (it is the realization of it that has made the decision to stay so difficult); but that in spite of it, this does not seem the right time to leave home. It is hard to explain on paper - for there have been so many elements in the situation intangible and uncertain even to me, that have made decisions much more difficult than if there were more tangible leading.

If you shall in the next couple of weeks receive letters regarding the cable which indicate new developments, I am ready to re-think the question; but I very much doubt if there are any, until the leaving of Miss Wood and Miss Hancock for furlough - which is one of my reasons for returning in May.

I fully appreciate the reasons why the doctors of yours or any Board would not advise their missionaries to return in the spring - and I am quite in sympathy. I have grave doubts as to the wisdom of Ruth Stahl's returning before fall. Nor should I think myself an exception to the rule, were I not in the best of health. North China summers have never been particularly hard on me; I have never had a heat affection of any kind; and two physical examinations ^{during February} have failed to indicate any difficulty of any kind. So I have no hesitation in returning at that time - but I shall try not to be foolish when I get there!

It has of course, been most unfortunate, that the

W. F. M. S. part of the Yenching-
force should have been so
depleted this year; and I do
not wonder if some of the
faculty should think it
looked like carelessness ~~of~~
the part of the Society. But
it has not been their fault
at all - unless it be that
Ruth Stahl's ill-health
should have had care much
earlier. I have to assume
full responsibility for my own
decision to remain, and though
I have regretted ^{the necessity} ~~it~~ more than
words can express, it does not
seem to me that it was a
mistake. I shall be deeply
grateful if home conditions
allow me to start back in
the spring, and stay through
another six years of service;
it would be impossibly hard
to leave Yenching and China.

Very cordially yours,
Mona L. Cheney.

January 9, 1932.

Miss Monona L. Cheney
Barrow
Wisconsin

Dear Miss Cheney:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 4 which came yesterday. I have no disposition to question the rightness of the decision you have reached as to the time of your return to Yenching. I do very earnestly hope that your mother may improve and that family conditions may be such as to warrant your going in the spring. I know they will welcome you eagerly in Yenching whenever you can come. I incline to agree with you also in feeling that it would be better for Ruth Stahl to wait until summer. In this and other matters I am sure she and the other W.F.M.S. officers with whom she confers will be able to reach the right decision.

I am glad that you had yourself written to Yenching explaining fully your attitude in the matter. You are of course in touch with the friends there constantly. I too have written to Miss Speer.

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With very kind personal greetings, I

Faithfully yours,

(Mrs. Lucius C. Lee.)

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Baccalaureate - June 19th
class day June 20th
Tues - June 21st

Barron, Wis.

Apr. 3, 1932.

American Office,
Yenching University.
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

If you have this year's
calendar for Yenching
University, may I ask you to
send ~~the~~ me as soon as
possible the date for this
year's Commencement Day?
I am on the faculty of the
College for Women, and wish
to return in time for Com-
mencement; but do not happen
to have this information.

Very sincerely yours,
Marion S. Cheney.

部女學大京燕
YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of The Dean

July 4th, 1932.

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

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Ans. _____

Dear Mrs. Lee,

I have permission to send my letter with Miss Speer's as a sort of addendum regarding two matters.

The first concerns the last action in the Minutes of the Women's College Faculty meeting for June 2nd. You will note that the statement is that of the 17 votes cast, 11 were in favour of Miss Speer as Dean. I had not yet returned when this meeting was held, but my understanding of this action is not that the other six were opposed to Miss Speer, but that they felt that the English Department's need of her was greater than the Women's College need.

The other matter is simply to tell you that Miss Editha Stone, who has spent the past three years in Tokyo, is definitely coming to us for this one year as our physical director. We understand that Miss Kendrick has other candidates in mind, and I have discovered on looking over the files that you have had no final word that Miss Stone has been definitely engaged.

I personally feel that I owe you an apology for not having written you before I left home, but Mrs. Avann told me that she had told you I was carrying out my plan of sailing in May. I reached Yenching on June 6th, and am carrying on in the office during the summer while other people take their vacations. Word from home of Mother's illness since I left makes me wonder a little about the wisdom of my decision to come now, but it seemed the right thing to do, and I am not spending time in regrets. It is good to be back at Yenching.

Cordially yours,

Monona L. Cheney.

(Monona Cheney)

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S.S. EMPRESS OF ASIA. Nov. 16, 1932

~~NOV 29 1932~~

My dear Mrs. Lee,

Yesterday I mailed to you here on the boat a letter from Miss Lee-tu, which she was eager to have reach you by the fastest mail. And I'm wanting also to write you myself, to explain why I'm here, and about one or two other matters.

I think I wrote you in the summer that my mother had a "stroke" just at the time I was sailing from Seattle in May-

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but did not let me know,
lest she interfere with
my return to China. Since
then she has been bed-
fast most of the time;
but up until the first
of September, all my
letters said she was
improving, and that I
need not think of coming
home. During September
she had a severe in-
testinal attack of some
kind, but my last
letter said she was
"back to where she was
before the attack". Im-
mediately on the heels
of that letter, came a
cable on the 20th of
October from Mrs.
Aram, saying her health

was "improved somewhat", but that my relatives wished me to return as soon as possible, return was approved by my Board - and asking me to cable when they might expect me. All of which indicated some new development during October, the nature of which I shall only know when mail meets me at Victoria.

I was fortunate in being able to arrange for my work - and I packed up and came away on the

second of November. We reach Vancouver on the 21st - and I shall go directly home.

It just occurs to me that you may know more about all this than I do, since my cable was sent from New York on the day Mrs. Avann must have been there for the Yenching College Committee. If so, she has perhaps told you more than I know yet as to what it probably means for my return to Yenching. So far as I can see now, it is all

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in the dark. Unless a miracle should happen, and Mother became really well again, I do not see how I can ever leave again while she lives. If this cable means that that cannot be long, there is still my Father, altho' if he keeps as well as he is at present, it is not impossible that plans might be made by which I could return. It has been very hard to leave Yenching, as you would know - and it would be still harder

not to be able to return.
The cost - and the joy - of
missionary service is
that forever one's heart
is on two sides of the
world! But I am resting
in the confidence of
God's leading for "the
next step" when it
comes.

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~~There~~ other matter
I wanted especially to
write you about - Lucy
Brett's ^{future} connection with
the college ~~for~~ It would be
impossible for me to
put into words my ap-
preciation of the contri-
bution she is making,
and will make, to
Yenching. As a teacher

she is splendidly trained and keenly alert and interested; as a Friend she has already begun a unique contribution to ~~the~~ religious life and worship in the University; as a worker with students she is alive to all that concerns their interests; and as a radiant Christian personality she is dynamic. Since her work is in the history department, we had many opportunities to talk over her plans for the future; and I am very happy that she feels she would be glad

to remain a permanent part of Yenching
(and I do not need to say to you the
need of the College for Women for
continuity of faculty). Of course her
contract will end with this school
year, and she would prefer to
take her year at home next year,
then return for a five- or six-year
term; but when I left she felt
that my leaving might make
some difference with that. However
that may be, the History Depart-
ment is asking the University that



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she be returned to us.
She and Mr. Stuart
think there may be
a possibility of English
or American Friends
taking her support;
but in case they do
not, I want to regis-
ter with you, both as
ex-Chairman of the
History Department, and
as one keenly interested
in the life of the
Women's College, my
strong conviction that
the Yenching College
Committee will find
her one of the best

investments it can possibly make, as she has already proved herself.

Copple¹⁰ want also to tell you how very happy we are over the way in which Nettie Sew-tu has begun her work. She is so fine in all her attitudes, so interested in the life of the girls and of the faculty, so splendidly Christian—that, as Marnie Spur said in introducing her to the girls at the beginning of the year, "we are already wondering how we ever got along without her."

To Her

I cannot at this juncture know either what my future relation to the W. F. M. S. is to be, or whether I shall be at all free to do field work at home. But I want you to know that if I can at any time be of assistance to you in throwing light on problems (like a new infirmity!), I shall be more than glad to do it. And if I should be free to help at the home end for a while, I should be very glad to do it.

Very cordially yours,
Mansua L. Cheney.

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November 29, 1932.

Miss Monona Cheney
Barrow
Wisconsin

Dear Miss Cheney:

I wish you could know how much I appreciate the fine letter you wrote me on November 16 and also your prompt mailing of Miss Ssu-Tu's letter. It is a keen disappointment to us all that you are finding it necessary to leave Yenching just now. As you well know, the College has none too many permanent women of the real missionary spirit on its staff and we can ill afford to lose one of that type. On the other hand, we can but sympathize with you in your desire to help your parents in this time of trouble and I am sure you have done just the right thing in coming home. Mrs. Avann did tell me when we were in New York together at the end of October that they had found it necessary to cable you to come. I hope you have found your mother as comfortable as possible and I am sure that your coming has meant great strengthening and comfort to her as well as to your father. Indeed I can understand how very hard it was for you to leave Yenching and I know how heartbroken your fellow teachers and the students were to have you go.

I am very grateful to you for writing as you have about Miss Lucy Burt. All that I saw of her and all that letters have told me since she went to China confirms your high opinion of her and strengthens our desire to keep her for Yenching if that is possible. She wrote me about September 1st, primarily to report Mrs. Frame's progress toward health, but incidentally told something of her own impressions of life and work in China. In replying to her letters I tentatively raised the question of her having a longer term of service in Yenching. I am this morning writing to Mr. Garside to know whether he thinks we might approach friends either in America or in England about their continuing to contribute to Yenching in the shape of providing her salary in whole or in part or whether it will be better for that phase of the question to be taken up by Dr. Stuart. I do not think that Miss Burt's

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continuance in the College need depend on contributions from either England or American friends. I am sure that the Yenching College Committee would be glad to provide her support if that were best but it is of course desirable to have the cooperation of interested friends if we can.

I rejoice as I know do all the members of our Yenching Committee in the fine reports that reach us of Miss Ssu-Tu's work. She is evidently just the person for whom we have been seeking all these years. A letter written soon after our October meeting which must have reached Peiping by this time explained quite fully our thought as to the infirmary. Evidently the plans Miss Ssu-Tu and Dr. Nutting and others of the Yenching Faculty have in mind are in line with what ~~what~~ we feel to be the right thing. I hope the materials can surely be purchased at China New Year time and the building go up as soon thereafter as is feasible.

I hope you can find time to let me know how your mother is. Should anything bring you East I surely want to see you. In the meantime, I will be most grateful for suggestions or information of any kind which you may care to pass on.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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Did anyone see?
Miss Cheney
For CL
Dr. S sent
her & talked with
Mr. I think I was
not with him
at the house 6/15/32

November 30, 1932

Memorandum to Mr. Hedrick.

I have just received from Dr. Stuart a letter
dated October 31st, in which the following paragraph occurs:

"I regret to report that Miss Monona Cheney has
been called to America by the illness of her mother.
It may be that she will have to stay not only months,
but years, for this purpose. She would, however, be
able to help somewhat in financial promotion, especially
for such matters as the Women's College Endowment. She
can be reached best through Mrs. Avann of our Board of
Trustees."

It would be well for us to keep this in mind in
making plans for contacts with people in the neighborhood of
Miss Cheney's home.

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Monona L. Cheney
Barron, Wisconsin

Jan. 21, 1940.

Miss Elvina Van Liew
Yenching College for Women,
60 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Van Liew:-

It is more than a month
since your letter came, asking
if I were free to help raise
the Women's College Endowment
Fund; and I am only now
answering - though I did not
forget. I much appreciated
your sending me the address
of my English Yenching
friends; thank-you so much.

I wish I were free to really
help. I'd love to. I'm fairly free
so far as home is concerned;
but I'm teaching school -
which limits my peregrinations.
I do once in a while talk
to clubs and P.T.A. and church
groups; but the people are
mostly those who are barely

making a living - or, at best, those for whom endowment contributions would be taken out of regular church and benevolence offerings; and only a few of them to whom college education means a great deal, even in America - to say nothing of China. I would not know where to turn; but if your Committee knows of any place within my geographical reach where I can be used, I'll be happy to help.

Are the Yenching lantern slides available except for purposes of raising endowment? I could use them with local young people's groups. What is the charge if available?

Sincerely yours,
Monroe L. Cheney

Barron, Wis.,
Sept. 5, 1948.

Yenching University,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

A bulletin from the Methodist Board of Missions brings word of the second voyage of the Kripsholm and the list of Methodist missionaries returning. Since I am also much concerned about the other Yenching personnel, may I trouble you for the answer to three questions?

1. Are all the Yenching folks, who were interned in the South Compound and later at Wei-hsin, being allowed to return?

2. What about Lucy Burtt, Ethel Hancock, and other Britishers?

3. Is Mr. Stuart released? What is the most recent word of his condition? (This will be kept confidential if so desired).

I should be very grateful
the information.

Very sincerely,
Monona L. Cheney.

September 9, 1943

Dear Miss Cheney:

Your letter of September 5th asks several questions regarding the Yenching staff interned in North China. Within a week, all of the older American staff will be on a Japanese boat leaving Shanghai for Goa, India, but it does not include Dr. Stuart, Dr. Henry Houghton or Mr. Bowen of the P.U.M.C. The present status of Dr. Stuart is that he is held as a political prisoner and having been apprehended in the very beginning on this basis, he is still held, presumably on the assumption that the Japanese cannot find a good reason for separating the three. The latest reports we had were that they were in good spirits and securing sufficient food, although the monthly allowance has been greatly decreased.

There are no Britishers included in this sailing as it is for Americans only.

As the lists have not been published, the State Department has asked us to keep same confidential. In spite of this warning, one denominational paper disregarded this request and published the list of their denominational missionaries. It is quite possible that when the boats have cleared Goa, the State Department will release these restrictions.

Very sincerely yours,

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