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Yenching,----Peiping,---China.

As of October! but actually Nov.2,1930.

Ans. Ask Jan 8

Mrs. Lee

Dear Yenching people,-

Yes, this first of Fortnightlies is late. But----
And now may I begin my chronicle?!!

Of our summer wanderings you will have heard more or less. Never have there been so many staff members away, whether Chinese or foreign. No summer school, you see, and many took their work to the shore or elsewhere. And so many rich brown complexions came back to the campus! Rosamond's was one of the blackest. She had a wonderful time, visiting her room-mate Betty Lou Robinson. I could visit her a little while. The Tungchow School began Sept. 3, (you see I am putting the really important matters first,----- Rosamond's, for instance,) so they all came back early. Rosamond's first letter home mentioned rather urgently the need of a new dress to wear down to dinner: "I am now an upperclassman, mother, and I must be particular!" She is now a Sophomore in High School! She is taller than I, and finds my shoes and stockings a good fit. So you see my wardrobe is in rather a parlous state.

The Preseasonal Conference was pretty good. There was most discussion about outside teaching, which our Chinese faculty are often begged to do in other universities. The present policy here is that only four hours may be given outside, and the remuneration returned to the university, outside of traveling expenses. The Chancellor's report on the reduction of summer rent fees for the students, and the agitation against me for having tried to make a nervously unfit girl go with escort to her uncle's home in Hangchow, ("an imperialistic foreigner trying to force with great cruelty a poor orphan girl, perfectly well physically, to go where she did not want to go",) also were prominent. The new faculty were as great a feature as always. Our new women are not as numerous as we had hoped: Roberta Mohling Ma, Ph.D. of the U. of Southern Texas, in chemistry; Roberta White, Ph.D. Johns Hopkins, in Psychology; Wang Chieh I, M.A. Columbia, in Sociology; Dr. Mary Bigler of the W.F.M.S., lent us for the year by the W.F.M.S.; and Miss Lucy Burtt of London who is not arriving here till about Nov. 20, and who is coming through America, so that I hope a lot of you may have met her. We had hoped to secure a Chinese woman in education but have not been successful so far. Do PLEASE all of you keep your eyes and ears wide open for any good candidates among the fine Chinese young women studying in the States or elsewhere. We need them on our staff terribly, but they have been marrying off at such a rate that our supply seems always exhausted.

Some of us were working hard to find places to find all the new women students a place to sleep, during the first two

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weeks after the doors were officially opened in the dormitories. The efficient Secretary of Admissions in the Registrar's Office had been admitting odd transfers and auditors, thinking they would be allowed to find places for themselves in the village if there was no room in the dormitories. For a while the Practice House was full. But the 229 girls finally got shaken down into the dorms., since a few of them live at home. But it looks as if "Dorm. # 5" must become a reality soon. I asked Ch'en I to let one of her classes take the old Dorm. plans and work them over scientifically, to see where possible improvements could be made without altering the shape or size appreciably. I am sure I have a good many suggestions, and I presume you all have, too, who have lived in them. Won't you send them along? Then when some fairy godmother like Mrs. Gamble tells us we may have a new dormitory, we will be all ready!-----The Finishing Com. is still at work devising the right kind of screens for Miner Hall Reception Hall.

We had to crowd girls into rooms, and even clear out faculty suite # 1, to house the girls. Camilla, Ch'en I and Nancy are a happy family in # 57; Cookie and Doris Cummings are having much fun initiating # 58, the other side of the twin houses, and finishing furnishing it. There were not much more than a table, two chairs and two beds in it when they moved in the first of Sept. Those two house harvested noble crops of peanuts from their yards and presented enormous quantities to their friends, as well as had the ground fertilized with the mines,---which was the primary object.-----#53 has Miss Hancock, Mohling Ma, Roberta White and G. Wood, while Adeline Veghte goes over from #4 for meals. She and Tsengti are a "suite" pair this year, while the other room in M. Wood's suite is in constant use by women guests of faculty and students. Miss Chung at present has a HONOLULU friend with her. Dr. Bigler and Marguerite McGowen are in my house, and Miss Burt will be there for at least the first semester, we think. Miss Chung's engagement to her Tsinghua friend, (who is now at Harvard,) was announced at a grand tea at Miss Bille's in Oct. ---- Miss Chin resigned from here late in the summer, and went to the P.U.M.C. for an operation for uterine tumor. They did another serious operation, which was followed by some complications, but she is now making a good convalescence, and is going down to stay for a while with cousins in Tientsin. She has been considering some very good positions in Peiping, but I believe has not decided finally.-----Sui Wang is on full furlough, but though I hear she has considered going to America, still occupies her cunning little house in Ch'engfu, and is doing some writing. She has leisure for doing a great deal of entertaining, I hear, faculty and students, and seems to be having a very good time. Helen Bei is enjoying the quiet work of librarian in Tongshan College. Huang Yü Jung is at home recuperating. She is not very well.

Anne Hotchkis has returned to Peiping for a year of painting, and has taken Miss Fenton's house. Tex Eubank is living with the Wees in the de Vargas house and attending the Language School daily by wheel. The de Vargases have just left on furlough with rosy, plump little Isabelle.

One piece of bad news is that G. Wood, after a thorough

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overhauling at the P.U.M.C. was discovered to have a slight infection in the ~~lungs~~ of her two lungs. She has no temperature, feels well, and the ~~infection~~ is non-contagious, so Dr. Bigler and Dr. Parsons have let her ~~have~~ bed-cure right at 53, with its nice outdoor porch. She is ~~having~~ good sport about it, and is happy in receiving her ~~many~~ friends. Her classes have been picked up by kind friends, -- M. W. ~~Smith~~ ~~Smith~~, and Dr. Mei. We hope she will be quite recovered by the second semester. She is in good shape physically after a swimming summer at P.T.H., so we hope it will not take long for her to be up again.

Guests!!! Shoals of them, as usual. I thought that now Mr. Stuart had come back, my house would not be such a port-of-call, but after all, it is great fun. The Warbeks of Mount Holyoke were with me for about six weeks, as he fell ill in Peking and came out here to recuperate. "Why, South Hadley must have seemed very tame to you," they remarked naively, after witnessing four big receptions, plus several luncheons and dinners in one week. The Freshman party was great fun. Almost sixty of them, and a fine group.

Now hold your breath. We had snow, a heavy fall on Oct. 31, and our house was warm. Truly. A furnace has been installed that actually heats the whole house. The amazement on the part of our guests who have known what it was to shiver there during the past four years, is comic.

There are over 800 students in the whole institution this year. The different colleges are trying to get a college spirit in each of the three colleges, and Acting Dean Boring is doing a splendid job in the Natural Science College. -- For four months a little group ^{of students} has been continuing this agitation against me, and now are trying to reinstate the chief ringleader Chao, who was expelled by the C.F.E. in August at a meeting at which I was not present. You know the present state of mind of students well enough to know that I am merely a pawn in a political game which is being waged by factions here, but the effect has been bad, of course, on morale. We keep thinking the matter is over, and then some scurrilous article appears in the "Chou K'an", the college paper. The women students have been wonderful in fighting on the side of law and order, and other groups have come out for not striking. But we are not through yet. The girl whose mental state so troubled us has been allowed to try college work this semester, and the doctor is keeping an eye on her. The trouble-makers have tried to get her into their power, but she has succeeded so far in keeping away from them. We are on very good terms, and she has told me how sorry she was that she allowed herself to be made use of this summer in stirring up trouble for the administration.

We hope you will all write us of your doings. We have heard that Dr. Barlow-Brown is interesting the people of her church in helping her to return here to do medical welfare work in Haitien where there is such a big field. That would be wonderful. Mrs. Learmonth has much more than she can handle, in Chengfu.

But I must stop and go to church. We speak of you all so often. Think of Yenching, and jot down any good ideas you come across that would be valuable here.

Lovingly - A. B. T.

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Mrs. Lucius O. Lee
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

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Ans. Dec 18 1930

My dear Mrs. Lee:

Dr.
Barlow-
Brown

We were very much interested in the copies of the letters between Dr. Barlow-Brown, Mr. Garside, and you. Dr. Stuart had similar copies, and we discussed the matter at once. Mrs. Wolferz, representing the Social Service Committee of the Women's Industrial Workrooms, is very enthusiastic for her coming out, but there are a good many complications, as you surmised in your letter. I mentioned this to you in my letter of October 31. Since then we have had a formal reply from the head of the Department of Sociology, saying that since their practical program of social welfare work is not yet worked out, they wished to wait until they know it more definitely, before they would be able to talk over methods of cooperation, with Dr. Barlow-Brown. I have not yet succeeded in having another talk with Mrs. Wolferz, but I think that as far as the University authorities are concerned, they feel that there is really no practical way in which we can cooperate. I will enclose a copy of my letter to Mr. Garside for your information. (Sent later.)

Women's
College
Physician

In the fact of this, you will be very much surprised to learn that at its last meeting the Women's College faculty, after discussing the immediate emergency with which we are faced in Dr. Bigler's sudden call back to the assistance of her family in the States, voted to have another woman doctor in her place. I have written you before of how much interested we were in Dr. Bigler, and how much the girls appreciate her. We have discussed the matter again, prolonging our efforts to secure a Chinese doctor, but for the present the Chinese staff agree with us that it would be better to try to secure a foreign doctor for the next two or three years, at least. The supply of Chinese women doctors is very, very small. Many women's hospitals, whose foreign doctors have returned to the States, are having to be closed, because of no woman physician to take the supervision. This makes it practically impossible to secure a really good Chinese woman physician of experience, such as we need. Until there is a larger supply, and the needs of the Chinese are met, it would seem that it would be best to secure a foreign woman physician. We now have practically 250 women staff-members and students. The young Chinese women have had very little home or school training in Hygiene and the general formation of health habits. They need, more than western girls, sympathetic and wise medical advice and prophylaxis. Accordingly we passed the

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vote asking me to forward to the Y C C our request that a well-qualified woman doctor, preferably with public health training, might be found and appointed for service here in the Women's College of Yenching. I have talked this over with Dr. Stuart, and though he would from the financial point of view, prefer that we gave support to the physician in the Men's College, and make it more of a unified piece of work, I know that the Women's College staff feel that a woman doctor whose first care is the students of the Women's College, would in the end be more satisfactory. She can cooperate with Dr. Learmonth in every possible way, but the Women's College would be the first claim on her time and energy.

Dr.
Fiske

We had hoped that the Chinese woman doctor who had practically agreed to come in the spring would be here, and so there was only \$1200 L C put in the budget for a physician's salary. Part of this has been paid to the W F M S in return for Dr. Bigler's services. If a physician could be secured at once, to come out possibly in February or March, there would have to be some special grant to meet her salary for the rest of the year, not to mention her travel expenses. I do not know whether this would be possible or not. Mrs. Richard Ritter, who was Emma Lueders of our own Board, recommends highly a friend of hers during her pre-medical work at Boston University, Dr. Madeline Fiske, a Vassar graduate. I believe she is now temporarily helping another woman doctor with her practice in Stamford, Connecticut. Her address is 39 Broad Street, Stamford. Mrs. Ritter said that in seeing her this last year, and talking about Peking and Yenching, that Dr. Fiske apparently became very much interested, though she did not wish to commit herself to considering a long term of service. Mrs. Ritter feels that she has such a fine personality and spirit and good training that even in a year or two she would be abundantly worthwhile. Whether circumstances have arisen to prevent her considering this, since Mrs. Ritter returned to China, we do not know. In any case, she would be a possibility. Mrs. Ritter's long personal acquaintance with her and her warm words of praise are very reassuring. It might be that if she would consider coming, she might pay part of her own travelling expenses or there might be friends who would help. As you have gathered, we would like to have a doctor who could win the friendship and respect of the girls in such an intimate way that they will come to her with many problems, which though small, may be of importance in their after-lives.

We are hoping every day to receive a cable from Japan telling us of the time that Miss Burtt will arrive at Tientsin, early next week. Mr. Ritter, Miss M. Wood, and I have each been carrying all of her classes since Dr. DeVargas left, and we will be glad to see her, in more senses than one! We are waiting eagerly to hear your impressions of Miss Burtt, and to learn of what she saw while she was in the States.

Is there any chance of any additional salaries of the Women's College next year? We have heard of a Ruth Feng who is getting a Ph.D. in Chemistry at Ohio State University, whom it might be possible

to secure if Dr. Ma is invited to join the Biology Department. We are still hoping to get a full-time Chinese young woman teacher in Education. Mrs. Huang is teaching half-time, and is helping most loyally in committee meetings and other academic lines, but we would like to have someone for full time. There is also a very fine Chinese woman, Nettie Soohoo, in whom we are much interested, although we have not yet gotten in touch with her. If we could secure these three we would have only Dr. Sui Wang's and my full salaries and Mrs. Huang's half salary in the present budget. There is also Kung Lan-Chen who is studying Home Economics in New York, but who will probably not be able to come until 1932. There is a Miss Chang now in Shanghai who promised to join the Sociology Department, but asked for one year of absence. Perhaps we can persuade the Sociology Department to take on her salary.

Surplus I have not yet officially reported to Mr. Garside and Mr. Evans, the exact status of our surplus funds. House #58 is not yet completely equipped, and the bill for the heating apparatus installed in my house has just arrived. We hope to clear up these outstanding bills before turning over the funds to New York.

I hope you have had long and satisfactory talks with Miss Stahl, Miss Speer, even if not with Miss Cheney, who must be now at work at the University of Wisconsin.

Sincerely yours,

Alice B. Frame

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
Dean

- P.S. (1) I should add that we are trying to make temporary arrangements for Mrs. Dal Leamonth to add our students to her cars. She has a large dispensary in Ch'engfu & a daily clinic. She goes on furlough in March -
- (2) The student trouble is still with us. It is only a small group of malcontents but they are determined to keep the expelled boy, Chou, here. Hence the more vivid hurled at me, the merrier! The majority of the students are loyal & steady. The Council will discuss the matter on Monday.

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Office of The Dean

November 18, 1930

YENCHING COLLEGE
FOR WOMEN

Mr. B. A. Garside
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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My dear Mr. Garside:

I appreciate very much your referring to Dr. Stuart and me the correspondence initiated by Dr. Barlow-Brown relative to her coming back to work in Haitien and with an official connection with the University. You have yourself lived on the field, and realize that there are often complications in any question of a return to a given work, which are not obvious at the home end.

Dr. Barlow-Brown has in many respects unusual qualifications for such work as she has in mind. She has a strong personality, maturity of experience, broad training, and great enthusiasm, for just such work as she is contemplating. There is a large field in any Chinese community for just such medical and preventive work among women. Mrs. Learmonth, herself a physician of wide experience, has by years of self-denying work, built up a far-reaching clinic for poor people in a dispensary right on the edge of the campus and the boundary of Haitien. She has a wonderful reputation among the country people far and wide for her kindness and skill, and she is devoted to this work. It is practically supported by friends whom she has interested in it. The Social Work Department of the Department of Sociology of the University has cooperated with Dr. Learmonth and has done a great deal of social welfare work in the community adjacent to our campus. Our Christian student members of the Christian Fellowship have also organized relief work, and are doing a good deal of case work, visiting in Haitien and Chengfu, which lie so close to our campus. These facts will show you what a great opportunity there is for just such work.

When your letters came, Dr. Stuart and I asked for the opinion of the members of the Department of Sociology, as to whether it would be feasible for Dr. Barlow-Brown to be officially associated with them in her proposed work, as that department would seem to be practically the only logical place where this contemplated work could be officially connected with the University. Yenching is an academic institution, and outside of its medical officers, the Department of Sociology and Social Work would seem to be the one place where an official connection could be arranged. Dr. Hsü, Chairman of the Department, lately wrote us officially to the effect

that after consultation with the members of his department, the consensus of opinion was that their practical program in Ch'ing Ho and other surrounding towns was not yet well worked out. When they know more definitely of their own program and the program proposed by Dr. Brown, they will be glad to talk over concrete ways and means of cooperating.

Since the Department of Sociology and Social Work has thus gone on record as not being quite prepared to offer a concrete program for cooperation with Dr. Brown's proposed work, it would seem as if there were for the present no practical way in which the University Administration could officially be linked up with Dr. Brown's work. Mrs. Wolferz, who is on the Social Service Committee of the Yenching Faculty Women's Association, is deeply interested in securing Dr. Brown's services in behalf of the women and girls employed in the three or four industrial workshops managed by the Association. I have told her of the reply of the Department of Sociology, and I believe she is going to consult with her Social Work Committee to see whether they can offer some means of cooperation with Dr. Brown which would meet with the conditions apparently laid down by her church.

I presume that Dr. Stuart has already written you along these lines. I fear it will be a great disappointment to Dr. Brown that the University Administration seems baffled in trying to find a definite method of official connection with the work in which she is so deeply interested. I would be sorry if Dr. Brown were to feel that we were not sympathetic, or that we do not appreciate her disinterested desire to be of service to the needy women in the vicinity. Possibly some other way can be evolved.

Sincerely yours,

Alma B. Frame

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
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Ans. _____

November 18, 1930

Miss Eliza H. Kendrick
6 Midland Road
Wellesley, Mass.

My dear Miss Kendrick:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter to Mrs. Lee about our latest emergencies.

I. Gertrude Wood - You will have heard of Gertrude Wood's illness, and that for this semester at least all her classes must be carried by volunteers. This makes a pretty heavy schedule for them, for the English Department was already badly hit by the absences on furlough of Miss Speer and Mr. Shadick. It makes one wish again that we were financially able to supply the places of those who go on furlough, but this is not the policy of an institution which is squeaking through on a small budget. Next year Grace Boynton and Miss Cochran will be on furlough, but I hope that Mr. Shadick will be back, and that Gertrude Wood will be able to carry full work.

II. Doctor - In presenting our request for a foreign woman doctor, I have tried to give the reasons in my letter to Mrs. Lee. I wish very much that you might talk over these problems with Miss Speer, Miss Wagner, Miss Stahl, and Miss Cheney, all of whom can give you many lights on the situation, which would be difficult to send in a letter. Mrs. Ritter feels that probably Dr. Fiske would be very glad to come for a short and tentative stay. If she enjoyed the work she might be able to stay longer. This, of course, raises the question of the cost of travel. It is not in our budget, and whether it could be raised outside by friends, or whether it could be taken from our surplus, would be an open question. As I said in my letter to Mrs. Lee, the Learmonths are expecting to go on furlough in March. It would be wonderful if Dr. Fiske were situated so that she could come out at once and get into the work before the Learmonths leave. Miss Boring suggests the name of Marian Josephi, M.D., Cornell 1927; A.B. Wellesley 1923, as a possible candidate. She was anxious to come to China at one time, and sounds well qualified.

III. Thelma Jen - Do you see much of Thelma Jen? What is she planning to do after graduation from Wellesley? Is she material that we would welcome on our staff or not? She was so young and unformed when she left us that it was hard to tell. Are there any others among the Chinese girls who have studied at Wellesley whom

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you could recommend for out staff?

Please remember me very warmly to President Pendleton, Miss Thompson, Miss Miller, and other friends.

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
Dean

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November 24, 1930

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
Yenching University
Peiping West, Peiping
China

Dear Mrs. Frame:

I have three interesting letters from you to acknowledge under dates of September 23 and 30, and October 31. The two earlier letters were received on October 20 in ample time for me to have the information contained therein copied and sent to the members of the Yenching College Committee in advance of our November 18 meeting. The October 31 letter arrived the day after my return from New York.

The business points raised in this last letter in regard to American Board annual grants and salaries I cannot as yet answer. I will confer with Mr. Belcher and others as may be necessary and write you soon on those points.

I am exceedingly sorry that Gertrude Wood is so far from well. Being put to bed for a period of three months will be a hard experience for her, and the caring for her work in the college means extra burdens which I know she as well as we are sorry to have put upon others. I hope and believe that since her trouble has been discovered early and taken in hand in this radical way, she will make a complete and speedy recovery.

The paragraph in regard to Mrs. Avann's visit to the college I have had copied and am giving to the members of the Yenching College Committee with the Minutes of the November 18 meeting which are just now going out. The paragraph about Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown, I am sharing with Mr. Garside.

Now as to the Minutes, very little comment is called for. We were exceedingly glad to have Margaret Speer and Augusta Wagner with us. Mrs. Williamson and I had invited them to dine with us the evening of Monday, November 17, and thus had an opportunity for informal conference on many matters related to the life of the college. Among other things we ~~could~~

got their view on Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown's proposition.

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It is possible that Mr. Garside himself will have sent you a copy of the Treasurer's Report, but as I think you will surely like to see it in detail, I am enclosing a copy.

votes 459 and 460 are self-explanatory. You will notice that vote 461 has placed upon Mr. Garside and myself responsibility for further consideration of the uses to which the surplus on the field should be put. We will be glad to have suggestions from you on this matter at as early a date as may be possible. As Mr. Garside has questions regarding the votes so much more fully in mind than I have, he will probably be the one to correspond with you on this matter. The question referred to in vote 463 is as to whether a so-called self-insurance fund should be maintained for the Woman's College, or whether the cost of insurance should be provided as one of the regular recurring current expenses, and the money now held under that designation become a part of the endowment fund of the Woman's College. On this question also, Mr. Garside will doubtless be writing you.

The discussion in regard to the success of the Promotion Committee grew out of the question of the relation of our Committee to the general Promotion work of the University, as it is now obviously undesirable for the Woman's College to undertake anything in the nature of active campaigning. The sphere of activity of our Woman's College Promotion Committee is naturally much limited. The two activities which might still be included under the general head of Promotion, are the keeping in touch with the "Yenching Sisters" and the further promotion of this relationship, and the publishing of a Yenching News Letter from time to time. The fact that the Secretary receives more in the way of general information about the college than does any other member of the Yenching College Committee, makes it almost inevitable that the News Letter should be prepared here. This leaves for the Promotion Committee the work with the "Sisters of Yenching." We have not yet succeeded in getting from Mrs. Boyd the names she had. She has repeatedly said that she was ready to give over the list, but her prolonged and frequent absences from home have made it very difficult for her to go into the details of this work. As Mrs. Williamson is now living in Philadelphia, it seemed possible for her and Mrs. Boyd to sit down together and get the list in shape. The thought is that as soon as it is ready to turn over, Miss Clark will divide the names among the members of the Promotion Committee and that each will be responsible for keeping up a friendly touch with the friends who are on her list. I believe that Miss Clark will do this work very satisfactory. She is deeply interested and is good at detail.

The final action, vote 465, was taken after a good deal of time had been given to the question of whether or not Yenching Woman's College is now in a position to begin immediate work on the fifth dormitory. We at one time had before us a motion that authorization be given for immediate construction of a fifth dormitory on the understanding that approximately one-third of the cost could be made from the surplus on the field. The corresponding plans to building funds in this country is approximately \$28,000. You give \$29,000 as the present approximate cost of the erection of another dormitory with approximately \$1200 additional needed for equipment. It seemed to the Committee that we should count on not less than \$32,000 as the probable final cost of building and equipment. It is a question whether we have that amount available now for use, and thus the further question whether we would be justified in using up every penny we had. Also some

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doubt was expressed as to whether the number of students would continue to increase or even continue at the present figure. You say that the unusually large number was received partly as a result of a mistake in the Registrar's office. There is the further question whether the College may not find it advisable to receive a smaller number of students, preferring to select its student body more carefully. Because of all these considerations the action finally taken was the appointment of a subcommittee that might correspond with you as to the urgency of the need, and ~~studying~~ possibility of securing additional building funds.

We all rejoice that the new members of the faculty and staff are proving so acceptable; that the new Gymnasium is practically completed and is both beautiful and usable; that the college has been able to secure Dr. Sigler's services at least temporarily; and that students are eager to enter Yenching.

It remains for me to say a word on a far less agreeable subject. I refer to the very difficult and trying experience you have been going through lately on account of the attitude of some of the students. This was not referred to at all in the sessions of the meeting as those of us who knew of it felt that you would prefer that as little publicity as possible be given the matter, and as we could see no way in which we could be of any help. Miss Speer was naturally able to throw valuable light on these happenings. She and Miss Wagner both emphasized what we of course know, that you are personally held in the highest regard and affection by faculty and student body, and that it is only a small group that is making the trouble. They also felt that the fact that the attack was made upon you was in some sense incidental. Had the circumstances been a little different anyone else might have been the victim. Something of the trouble had reached the office in New York, and I had shared Miss Boynton's letter with some members of the Committee. I am sure it would give you renewed heart if you could fully realize not only that we here sympathize with you in this hard experience but that we all have the deepest appreciation of the spirit with which you have met it.

With kind greetings to your co-workers as well as to you, I am

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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November 25, 1930

TRANSFER

Mr. B. A. Garside
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Garside:

Miss Mary J. Parkin, secretary to the Commission on Missions of the National Council of the Congregational Churches, whose office is 1315 193 La Salle Street, Chicago, has been referred to us for answer. Miss Frances Patterson had asked for copies of the Yenching College News Letter. These letters have been published from time to time by the Yenching College Committee through its secretary, Mrs. L. O. Lee, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. I have not heard of any being published lately, but there may have been.

In the case of any literature issued about the Women's College Mrs. Lee would be the person from whom to make inquiries, in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Alicia B. Frame

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
Dean

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Mrs. L. O. Lee
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Ans. Dec. 18, 1930

My dear Mrs. Lee:

It seemed to bring you all quite near to have Miss Burt arrive and tell us about her happy though short visits in Boston and Wellesley. She enjoyed every moment of it, and cannot say enough of the generous hospitality with which she was received. She particularly appreciated the way in which the Wellesley girls talked so frankly with her of the various problems in which they are interested.

I do not need to tell you that we are delighted with her and feel that she will give us splendid help in our teaching work, and in the contacts with the girls, for which we had been hoping. She caught a terrible cold at Kobe, and when she reached here Saturday night could not speak above a whisper. We put her to bed for a day and a half, and now she is quite able to make herself heard. There is only about a month left before the midyear examinations, and it is going to be hard for her to pick up the fragments of the courses which other people have been carrying for her, but I am sure she will be able to handle the situation. She is temporarily living at the Dean's Residence.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter just sent to Mr. Garside. I did not realize that it had been so long since a News Letter was issued. I have asked Grace Boynton to prepare something which you may find useful in issuing another such letter. Throughout the territories of our three old Women's Boards, at least, there is a large constituency which is still interested in the Women's College, and I think that it would be worthwhile to send them out to our churches. Isn't it curious that Mr. Garside should have sent Miss Parkin's letter out to Dr. Stuart in order to have it answered? I am afraid that even yet the past history of the Yenching College Committee, in their promotional activities, is extremely vague in his mind.

We had heard that the W F M S was sending out a new woman doctor who might come out to Yenching to help us out while she was studying the language, while Dr. Bigler went to work in the

Sleeper-Davis Hospital. Now that Dr. Bigler has had to go, I suppose there is no chance of the Methodist woman doctor's coming to Yenching, and it is so imperative that we have a doctor as soon as possible that if I get no word from Shanghai soon, I may send you a cable. I have written to Miss Frame to inquire whether in any possible nook or corner there might be a woman doctor who might be temporarily obliged to leave her station, and might be able to come to our rescue.

Last Monday and Tuesday the University Council had two long sessions, at which another letter from the Representative Council of the student organization was fully considered. They authorized the Chancellor to send out another answer. Today colored and anonymous posters have again appeared, saying they were not satisfied with this answer. The party of malcontents is small, but apparently they wish to keep us mindful of their opinions!

On Saturday we expect to take over formally the Gymnasium from the contractors. It is extraordinary how one delay after another has delayed us. Miss McGowen will be delighted indeed to have the use of the splendid big exercise-floor, even if the showers and lockers are not yet ready.

Sincerely yours,

Alicia B. Frame

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
Dean

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(copy for Mrs. Lee)

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December 3, 1930

Ans. _____

Mrs. J. M. Avann
Union Methodist
Woman's Bible Training School
Seoul, Korea

My dear Mrs. Avann:

I am sorry that you took the time and strength to write me that very LONG letter from Seoul, but we were glad to hear of your doings. The work of the Committee must be extremely strenuous and very important, so that it makes heavy demands on your time and strength. I only hope that it will not be too hard for all of you. Have you any idea as to when you will be returning to the States?

I am glad you liked the tapestry picture and the photograph. They were just mere trifles which I thought would not take up too much room in your baggage, and recall your visit to Yenching.

We were all so sad to think that the one day you were able to spend at the college was such a disagreeable one. Since then we have had a succession of beautiful days, and it would have been wonderful if you could have seen us in our ordinarily good weather.

Last Saturday the Grounds and Buildings Committee took over formally the Boyd Gymnasium, and Miss McGowen is tremendously busy supervising the placing of furniture, the unpacking of boxes of lockers, apparatus, etc. Already classes are being held, although the building is of course not complete as to its equipment. I am sure that the Boyds would be simply delighted if they could see what a good-looking and entirely useful building it is. We are planning at present to use the unfinished swimming-pool for a drying-room for the bath towels.

Do you think that the Yenching College Committee would be inclined to vote to use the remainder of the invested building fund which is now, I believe, about \$19,368 Gold, and borrow from the investments enough more money to start another dormitory as soon as the ground is soft enough, in February? Since there is no Music Building available, you know how hard it is to get in all the girls and the pianos, as we need them. Exchange is

now so good, and building prices are steadily rising, and it seems to me that it would be a distinct advantage and saving of money in the end if the Fifth Dormitory could be put up next summer.

The student trouble seems to have subsided more than before, but the insurgents are, I believe, very unwilling to give in finally. I think the whole affair has hit the Chancellor very much, and he and Dr. Stuart are very anxious to come to a satisfactory ending. Most of them think that it is not really ended yet, although it seems to have subsided so much.

Miss Cummings sent you a copy of my Dean's Report, and I hope that it will give you the material that you needed for your report. You know of course that there are 229 girls enrolled this year.

Don't work too hard, and if you can possibly get time to come back and make us a real visit, we would love to have you.

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
Dean

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Mrs. L. O. Lee
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

DEC 29 1930

My dear Mrs. Lee:

Ans. Jan 8, 1931

I am enclosing a copy of a letter to Mrs. Avann chiefly, for the sake of the paragraph about the possibility of securing enough gold to let us start a Fifth Dormitory as early as possible in 1931.

As you know, we have the plans, though we would wish to do some rearranging of the interior, be-

FIFTH DORMITORY cause of the experience of living in these four dormitories for more than four years. I should think that it would be quite simple to put up such a building, as we have the plans and the site, and part of the equipment, which we had to secure this autumn, in order to accomodate the unusually large number of students who are now crowded into our four dormitories. As I wrote you before, one reason for the congestion is that in the absence of a Music Building we have to have practice rooms in the south wing of one of the dormitories, and this takes up space which might otherwise be used for students. The exchange is now so much in our favor, and the building costs are rising so steadily, that it would be a distinct saving for the Y C C if they could see their way to securing the money needed for starting the dormitory at once. We could estimate the cost quite accurately, if we had any guarantee as to the desire and authorization of the Y C C to proceed with building immediately after China New Year. We are awaiting word from the November meeting with great interest.

My letter of November 14 will have reached you next week and I am planning to send a cable to urge speed in securing a Women's College physician. I asked Miss Frame to inquire of all the mission boards whose headquarters are in the Mission Building in Shanghai whether they would have any woman physician who was temporarily absent from her station, who could come here to help us in our emergency. She telegraphed back that there was no one available. Mrs. Learmonth is very kind, but she has enough for one woman to do in her Chengfu Dispensary, which is her pride and joy.

A private letter from Dr. Barlow-Brown to Mrs. Wolferz reveals the fact that she is very eager to return, and is inclined to do so without waiting to raise her salary or the expenses for her work!

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This would certainly be most unfortunate, because if she could not secure the funds she desires now, when she is in Winnetka, she certainly cannot do it at this distance! If she comes out with no support, this will mean that the University, officially or unofficially, will have to be responsible for her. At this particular juncture, with Dr. Bigler away and the new physician not here, you will see how the situation will be more awkward than under ordinary circumstances. Dr. Brown is very impulsive, and one of our difficulties in the past has been that she has this tendency to take important steps without considering the consequences.

Miss Wood has been having a new diet which seems to have cleared her head of the dizziness which baffled the P U M C physicians.

The item of \$500 Mex which you put into the budget for the use of a Chinese teacher, if we could secure her, has not yet been used. Would you like this to be used for the travelling expenses of a doctor when she come this current fiscal year?

Sincerely yours,

Ellie B. Frame
Mrs. Murray S. Frame
Dean

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The ~~new~~ gym is a joy!

Dec. 8, 1930

Excerpts from the Minutes of the Community Service Committee
of the Yenching Faculty Ladies' Association.

Members present: Mrs. Huang Hsien-ju, Chairman, Mrs. Galt, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. S.J. Ch'uan, Mrs. Learmonth, Mrs. Henry Chou, Mrs. Mead, Mrs. Wolfers.

1. Voted that once more we re-affirm our invitation to Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown to return to Yenching, if the arrangements we have made, or can make, meet the requirements of those in U.S.A. who hold themselves responsible for the financial support of herself and her work.
2. Voted that we invite Dr. Brown for a period of three years, after which period new arrangements can be made according to the status of the various Kung Ch'angs with which her work is connected and according to her own state of health and willingness to remain.
3. Voted we ask Mrs. Wolfers to consult with Dr. Leonard Hsu, head of the Dept. of Sociology in the University, asking that this Department act as sponsor for Dr. Brown, it being understood that this committee will take entire responsibility for the direction and oversight of Dr. Brown's work, while Dr. Brown will herself assume all financial responsibility.
4. Voted that we ask Dr. Brown to center her work in the Hai Tien church and in the various Kung Ch'angs established by this Committee.
5. Voted that a cable be immediately sent to Dr. Brown which will convey to her the assurance that we wish her return but that we suggest she postpone her sailing until hearing from us by letter, giving her more definite information concerning our plans for her. "Wanted, await letters" was proposed. The expense of this cable shall be divided between the two Kung Ch'angs, Craftworks No. 1 and No. 2.
6. Voted that we approve Mrs. Porter's suggestion that there shall be the sum of \$800. Gold kept in the bank, by her supporters in U.S.A., as an emergency fund for Dr. Brown and that when Dr. Brown returns she hold herself responsible to the Community Service Committee of the Faculty Women's Association, presenting for the approval of this Committee plans for her work and reporting to them at intervals.

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Mrs. L. O. Lee
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

JAN 3 1931

My dear Mrs. Lee:

Ans. Jan. 8 1931

I am writing just a note to send with a copy of the minutes of the Social Welfare Committee of the Faculty Women's Association. I think in a covering letter to Dr. Barlow-Brown they have made it quite clear that she must be absolutely financially independent, but they will be glad to have her advice and direction. It is very important for her to secure all her funds for her work, as well as her salary, before she comes out.

I am sending a cable as follows: "Strongly urge that physician be sent at once. Sending full details by letter." I hope very much that the Committee will be able to secure either Dr. Physician Fiske or Dr. Josephi. Perhaps some of the friends who helped with the salary of Dr. Brown would be glad to help again. As I mentioned before, there is a sum of \$500 Mex in the budget for a new Chinese salary which we have not used and which would be available toward her travel.

We are hoping every day for reports of the November meeting.

Gertrude Wood is feeling steadily better, and we hope is soon going to make a complete recovery.

We have just had a brief visit from Deaconess Clark, who has been the responsible head of St. Hilda's School in Wuchang, one of the oldest and finest girls middle schools in China. Their students are gradually choosing to come to Yenching! Miss Hotchkiss and Miss Mulliken, two quite well-known artists, who gave an exhibition lately, are the guests of honor at a luncheon I am giving for them this noon. Two British missionaries will be out here for the weekend, and I am also entertaining for two ladies interested in History, who came with letters from Professor Shotwell. You can see that the guest-rooms at the Dean's Residence do have a good deal of use!

I spent a couple of days in Tung Chou with Rosamond. We are having great fun planning where we will live next year. It is going to be splendid to get back into the work again. Probably you will have seen Miss Huggins and heard her plans for the Goodrich School.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

* as well as to Ginkup.
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Alvin B. Frame
Mrs. Murray S. Frame, Dean

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December 17, 1930

Mrs

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
Yenching University
Peiping West, Peiping
China

Dear Mrs. Frame:

Your letter of November 14 with enclosures arrived yesterday. Your cablegram presenting the immediate need for a physician for the Woman's College had come four days earlier.

As you yourself have recognized, the question of securing a doctor for the Woman's College is to a considerable extent a financial question. I have this morning written Miss

Kendrick saying that I hoped she would get in touch with Dr. Madeline Fiske, and at least learn whether she would consider going to China, and if so on what terms.

Another possibility has occurred to me. What would you think of Dr. Clara Nutting for the Yenching position? She is very anxious to return to North China, and if possible under the American Board. You must know something of her work in China so far. Her record has been somewhat erratic perhaps, but it is also undoubtedly true that Dr. Nutting has some fine qualities. She is not a surgeon, neither is she an administrator, and for these reasons I think she has been looking toward something in the line of public health work if she could find such an opening. She is just now visiting her mother who teaches in a southern school, but my understanding is that she has received appointment to an internship, or at least to some position in the New England Women's and Children's Hospital for six months beginning with January, 1931. Her thought may be to specialize in obstetrics, as nothing in public health lines has appeared, and as her best work has hitherto been in that line, but I am sure that she would consider any possibility for service, and might adjust her study to the needs of any position she was accepting. I am not sure that her professional and personal qualifications are such as to fit her for the position in Yenching, but neither am I sure they are not. I think she might be much happier and better satisfied in work of this kind than in regular hospital work. At any rate, please turn the suggestion over in your mind and let me know whether it seems to you in any way good. In the meantime, I will try to learn a little more as to Dr. Nutting's own preferences and desires in the matter of her future

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work.

There is still another young doctor, a very fine young woman now working in the University of California Hospital with whom I will put Miss Kendrick in touch. I doubt however whether she would feel like giving up her present position, although she has for a number of years had an interest in Missions and especially in China.

You speak of how eagerly you are all looking forward to Miss Burt's arrival. I trust she has been with you a month or so now, and that you are all liking her as thoroughly as we did. She was a delightful guest while here, so interested in everything and so quick to get the spirit of the places she visited. President Pendleton and Miss Kendrick were especially fine in giving her many opportunities for meeting the student body and members of the faculty in Wellesley. President Pendleton invited Miss Kendrick and me with two of the younger faculty people to dinner with Miss Burt the Sunday she was here, and Monday Miss Kendall drove out to Wellesley, got Miss Burt and took her to Cambridge where she saw something of the Harvard buildings, and then the two of them and Dean Franklin had lunch in the College Club before Miss Burt took her train for New York.

You ask whether there is any chance of additional salaries in the Woman's College for next year, and speak of several Chinese women who might be desirable additions to the faculty. I can only say that I see no prospect for additional salaries unless the endowment funds of the college can be increased, or special funds can be secured to cover them. Still I am sure it is wise for you to learn what you can of Chinese women who may possibly be fitted to meet your needs, and if there is urgent need, we can study the possibilities as to salaries.

I am so sorry that you are obliged to add that the student trouble is still with you. Is the poor unbalanced girl also still on the campus?

I am glad you wrote Mr. Garside as you did on the subject of Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown. Margaret Speer, Augusta Wagner, Mrs. Williamson and I discussed this as well as many other things when we were together in New York.

We will think of you all on Christmas day. I hope it may be a happy season and not bring too many heavy demands upon your time and strength. May the new year be full of rich blessings for you and for the work we love.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius C. Lee)

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December 23, 1930

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FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

JAN 14 1931

Ans. _____

My dear Mrs. Lee:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of November 24 accompanying the copies of the minutes.

AMERICAN BOARD GRANTS - I am awaiting your answer in regard to the American Board annual grants and salaries. It is very confusing to know just how much our annual appropriation has been reduced, whether by \$800 Gold plus the 10% decrease or not.

GERTRUDE WOOD - Gertrude Wood seems to be much better. Very soon I hope to have her go in to the P U M C for another thorough physical examination. I will then send you a detailed report.

Apropos of this, I might remark that on ~~the~~ recent visit to Tung Hsien I had my annual examination with Dr. Parsons. He found that my physical condition ~~was~~ good, though below par, owing to fatigue. He wants me to go out more to the hills, on weekends. The strain of the last few months has of course been somewhat heavy. ^{He} He will write Dr. Ward that it will not be necessary for me to take the furlough which Dr. Ward insisted I must take after two years on the field, because of carrying full responsibility during the year I was in the United States. Probably I can go on for another couple of years, ^{at least,} without furlough.

I am very glad you had a chance to talk quite fully with Margaret Speer and Augusta Wagner about Dr. Brown and other elements on the present situation.

Thank you for sending me copies of the Treasurer's Report.

NEWS LETTER - I think I wrote you before that I have asked Miss Boynton to send you some material for a News Letter. This you may pass on to Miss Clark since she has kindly consented to have charge of this piece of work. I did not realize that Miss Clark had the gift of happy expression with the pen, but of course she did write a very interesting book on her experiences in Turkey. The situation this fall has been so unpleasant that it has rather cut the nerve of any of us who should have sent you publicity material.

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FINANCES - On page 2 of the report in the third paragraph there is a statement that plant funds amount to about \$38,000 Gold. In your letter you give it as \$28,000 Gold. As nearly as we can calculate, the figure in the report is the correct one.

According to action Y 461 you and Mr. Garside are to continue as a committee on the use of the field surplus. I had hoped long since to have sent you a complete report, but payments on the installation of the furnace in the Dean's Residence have been held up because of certain unsatisfactory relations with the installing firm. It has been necessary also to make certain expenditures from this fund for the furnishing of houses No. 57 and 58. No. 58 was completely bare of furniture in September, and we understood that the policy of the Board Com. is to furnish each house with necessary equipment for living, since so many of our staff come and go at such short intervals. We on the field have discussed various possibilities for the use of the surplus which is left, and we will forward these suggestions to you as soon as we can tell what is the true amount of the surplus.

FIFTH DORMITORY - The most important part of this letter is connected with the copy of the letter to Mr. Garside which I enclose apropos of our necessity for the building of the Fifth Dormitory. We are waiting hopefully for word from you about our much-needed Women's College physician.

This evening we are anticipating a delightful American Board Christmas party at the Tungfu.

Sincerely yours,

Alice B. Frame

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
Dean

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*Thank you so much for your
sympathetic note.*

P.D. Cable is delayed one day -

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Mr. B. A. Garside
China Union Universities
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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TRANSFER

My dear Mr. Garside:

There has been a good deal of consultation this autumn with regard to the crowded condition of the Women's College dormitories.

FIFTH DORMITORY - I wrote Mrs. Lee and asked her to bring up at the November meeting of the Yenching College Committee the feeling on the field that the building of a new dormitory would 1. give added dormitory space, 2. relieve the pressure of the need for piano practice rooms, since we have no music building. We are now obliged to house students in the next room to piano practice rooms with the result that they are unable to stay in their rooms peacefully except between 10 PM and 8 AM. This is very undesirable, and to avoid this strain and the over-crowded condition of our dormitories it would seem the wisest move to put up another dormitory, even though it might not be crowded to capacity the first year. The main reasons, as suggested above, for feeling strongly that it would be wise to erect this dormitory, so that it would be finished by September, are as follows: (73)

1. Continually expanding student body. Having room for many students does not mean necessarily that we would be unwise in the selection of our new students, nor that necessarily it would change the accepted ratio between the men and women students i.e., 250 or 300 women to 800 or so total students in the University. Dr. Stuart, after his experience of the last few years, feels strongly that the women students are the more stable element in the student body. He would therefore be glad of having the maximum number of women students rather than the minimum, from the point of view of University administration.

2. Building costs are advancing steadily at not less than 15% per year. This dormitory would be necessary in 1932, if not in 1931. Exchange is very favorable now, as you know, and no one knows whether it will remain so.

3. It would seem probably that a new Music Building might be a more attractive unit for a prospective giver than a dormitory, and that therefore to use the balance of the plant funds on the dormitory would not seem unwise. The surplus on the field is as follows:

December 1, 1930 Balance brought forward
Surplus funds \$34,716.91 LC
Accumulation on exchange, etc., during 1929-30 14,585.13
Available during the current year 20,131.78

It would seem better not to appropriate from this fund for the possible Fifth Dormitory unless it is absolutely necessary.

A We have not yet finished the uses to which this is being put, as the payments on the Dean's Residence furnace have been held up for administrative purposes, and the equipment of houses No. 57, and 58, is not complete.

We have some suggestions as to the use of this fund, such as investing an amount of, say, \$7,000 L C as a working balance for our annual budget. This at 8 or 10% would be an excellent safety valve. We would also recommend a budget of, say, \$6,000 LC to replace worn-out furniture in the dormitories and faculty residences. About these items I will write more fully a little later.

The Women's College faculty therefore has passed a unanimous motion urging that if possible the dormitory be put up in time to be used in September 1931. Dr. Galt, Dr. Stuart, and I have discussed the matter several times, particularly since Mrs. Lee's letter of November 24 has reported the vote of the Yenching College Committee to delay consideration of this plan, which would mean that such a dormitory would not be available earlier than 1932. I am sending a cable as follows: "Yenta New York, Girls College dormitory cost of building should not exceed \$32,000 Gold at current rate of exchange. Telegraph proposition if accepted. Letters posted today. It is desirable that contract for building be made at earliest date please cable authority. Have you secured for us a woman physician?"

We shall await the decision of the New York authorities with great interest.

Sincerely yours,

Alice B. Frame

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
Dean

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TRANSFER

Yenching University

December 27, 1930

Mrs. Murray S. Frame, Dean
Yenching University,
Peiping, China.

My dear Mrs. Frame:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letters of November 18 and November 25.

Your letter of November 18 deals with the relationship which Yenching University should have with Dr. Barlow Brown in her proposed work among Chinese villages surrounding the Yenching campus. We are very grateful to you for this frank and sympathetic discussion of the issues involved in this proposed undertaking. Your letter, as well as the one we have recently received from Dr. Stuart, bears out the thought in the minds of the Finance Committee at the time they discussed Dr. Barlow Brown's proposal - that it is a very delicate matter for the University to give its official approval to any undertaking, no matter how worthy, that is not really a part of the University and is not under its direction either as regards program or personnel.

We have tried to deal with the proposal in as tactful and sympathetic a manner as possible so as to avoid giving Dr. Barlow Brown offense or conveying the impression that the University is unsympathetic with an undertaking that seems to combine so much unselfish spirit on her part with such great possibilities of genuine service to the villagers near the Yenching campus. I have not heard from Dr. Barlow Brown for several weeks and do not know the latest developments in her plans.

Your letter of November 25 refers to the request received from Miss Mary J. Parkin for copies of the Yenching College News Letter. I am not quite sure how it happened that Miss Parkin's letter was sent out to the field and referred to you for answer because it is quite generally known that Mrs. Lee's office is the place to send for material of this sort. Our New York office always passes along to Mrs. Lee requests of this kind which come to our attention. The Yenching College Committee got out a News Letter in November which would undoubtedly meet Miss Parkin's need.

You do not mention definitely whether you wrote Mrs. Lee in regard to Miss Parkin's request, so I am passing on a copy of your letter of November 25 to her in order to avoid any possibility that Miss Parkin's request may not have come to Mrs. Lee's attention.

Very cordially yours,

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