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June 3, 1931

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

My dear Miss Kendrick:

LOUIS
KIT KING

A couple of days ago I received a cable from you as follows:

"Special gift provides travel support Louis Kit King
one year recommend administration cable invitation"

I reported it immediately to Dr. Galt, Acting President, and to Dr. Jefferson Lamb, Acting Chairman of the Department of Sociology. As I wrote you before, we had had some correspondence with Stewart Burgess and Dr. Leonard Hsu about Miss Louis. I had made some inquiries about her personality and whether or not she was a Christian, but have had no answer. I am glad you were able to settle your mind on these points and have assured yourself she is just the sort of person we want in our Christian faculty. It was this information we were waiting for before doing anything definite about voting her appointment. Dr. Hsu is a very enthusiastic and not a very mature man, and I did not feel enthusiastic about appointing anyone at this distance on the information contained in his letter. Your cable brought us reassurance, as we knew it would be sent only after full inquiries had been made.

The matter of Miss Louis' rank and salary was brought up in the General Faculty Executive. According to the new schedule a person with no teaching experience and only a master's degree would have to start in as assistant. Apparently she has had a little experience in social welfare work, but for how long, no one knows. Therefore the only salary we could vote for her was \$1260 per year, that is, \$105 per month for one year. I am accordingly sending a cable to Mrs. Lee, as follows:

"Please communicate this information to Louis you are appointed assistant academic year salary 1250 letters with full information follows".

The cable ^{code} figure is only \$1250, and it should be \$1260, but I hope this will not make any difference to Miss Louis. The salary will certainly look very small to her, but if on the other hand, she has her travel provided, she is very fortunate, as most Chinese have to pay their travel out. After she has proved herself by one year of service, it is quite possible that she will have an

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increase. I hope she is of the calibre and attitude of mine not to be too discouraged by a small salary.

We are delighted that you or other friends have been able to secure the funds for her travel and salary for one year. We sincerely hope that the giver will continue longer, if Miss Louis fulfills Dr. Hsu's expectations. Weddo desperately need someone in the Department of Social Work.

Would it be in order for you to thank the giver, or givers, of this special fund, for their generosity? It relieves our distress when we read of the vote of the YCC that they would reserve all the surplus from the gold exchange which we of course supposed we would be able to use as the Men's College are able to use theirs.

Dr. Nutting

We were also very glad to learn that Dr. Nutting has been appointed for at least three years. We have had a hard time this year with having to change doctors so often. Just now, Dr. Huff is helping us out, who used to be in the Methodist Mission.

Home Economics

I am also wondering whether you have been able to secure any mature teacher for our Home Economics Department. We have been trying to get the temporary allocation of Miss Mary Katherine Russell for that department for next year, feeling that you would not be able to secure anyone at such short notice. I have not yet heard from the Reference Committee of the W F M S which have it in hand.

Physical Education

Miss McGowen is expecting to have help the first semester in her work from Miss Margoliouth, an Anglican missionary, who is coming up to study methods in Kindergarten work in our model Kindergarten, and she will give part time.

Miss Feng

We are delighted to know that Miss Ruth Feng has accepted our invitation to come here with the understanding that it is for one year only. I hope it will be possible for her to stay on. The Department of Biology is giving half ~~time~~ *the salary* and we are taking half from our Contingent Fund.

Miss Kao

I wrote you that I had written a tentative letter to Miss Kao in New York. We need someone very much in the Department of Education, and she is by far the best available person. We have not heard from her, but this bad news about the surplus makes it likely that we will not be able to use her even if she is willing to come. This is a terrible blow. I am writing Mrs. Lee about it.

Wang Chieh I has been under the weather for three months with a second attack of T B. She is much better, but it is an open question whether she could do work next semester. In any case she is not on our budget. The Sociology Department is delighted that Miss Louis can be on ours.

With kind regards to all our friends,

Mrs. Murray S. Frame

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June 4, 1931

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

Dear Mrs. Frame:

Your letter of May 9 is at hand. This letter makes it evident that we misunderstood the meaning of your cablegram stating that the Administrative Committee had reconsidered the appointment of Miss Stahl as Acting Dean. We took that to mean that the Administrative Committee on reconsidering the question was making other provisions for the deanship. This May 9 letter seems to say that the Administrative Committee after very careful consideration reiterated its position in regard to both the earlier requests, namely, that you allow your name to stand as that of the dean but on leave, and the invitation to Miss Stahl to be Acting Dean for one year.

This letter of explanation has now been copied and sent to all the members of the Yenching College Committee together with a brief covering letter in which I stated my own opinion that there is nothing for us to do but to acquiesce in the judgment of the Administrative body on the field. It is true that when your letter was written you had not yet received the Minutes of the April 14 meeting and therefore did not have before you the suggestion that you be given the title of Honorary Dean (Ming Yu) but I judge from your letter that you will none of you be inclined to give favorable consideration to that suggestion. I do not believe any member of our Committee will feel like insisting on any course which is contrary to the best judgment of the faculty and Administrative Committee.

I have also sent Miss Stahl a copy of your letter. I feel sure that she will be very reluctant to give up the thought of work of her own department and to assume the duties of Acting Dean for the coming year, but I anticipate that she will not definitely refuse to accede to the request of her colleagues.

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Your cablegram in response to ours about Miss Kit-King Louis came yesterday. As we translated it it reads: "PLEASE COMMUNICATE THIS INFORMATION TO LOUIS YOU ARE APPOINTED ASSISTANT ACADEMIC YEAR SALARY \$1250 MEXICAN LETTER WITH FULL INFORMATION FOLLOWS". After talking with Miss Kendrick over the telephone she sent a Night Letter to Miss Kit-King Louis reporting the invitation given through your cablegram. We did not, however, include the amount of the salary nor what you said as to her academic standing (Assistant) because both the standing and the amount of salary you name are somewhat different from those named in a statement Miss Kendrick had, I think from Mr. Hsu, though possibly it was from Dr. Stuart. This statement said that Miss Louis, if added to the Yenching faculty, would have the standing of Instructor. This of course affects the salary. The statement Miss Kendrick ~~reading over the telephone~~ also said that Miss Louis was ~~expected to sail~~ for China June 8. If that plan is carried out, she probably cannot receive before sailing the letter of full information which your cablegram promises. We suggested to her in our Night Letter that she should immediately on reaching China, communicate with you, and said that you would give her full information as to salary and all other details. The only address we have for her is University of Southern California, Los Angeles. Miss Kendrick said she would write Mr. Garside last night to see if he had a more definite address but we included in our message a request for a wired reply as to her acceptance of the Yenching position, so I feel sure that if she should not receive the message because of inadequate address or for any other reason, we shall know the fact at once.

Miss Kendrick will also give you fuller information than I have as to the special gift received for Miss Louis's support. Mr. Garside's letter telling of that gift was to her, not to me, but I am sure he reckoned the salary on a somewhat more liberal basis than the \$1250 you name. You will probably have had word in regard to this matter direct from New York, but if I receive anything more that I think would be of help to you, I will pass it on.

We think of you as just beginning the busy commencement season I hope it will be a happy and profitable time. I do not know how many young men and women are going out with degrees from Yenching this year, but I do feel a very personal and earnest interest in them and hope that they may fill positions of large usefulness during the years to come.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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June 11, 1931

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

Dear Mrs. Frame:

The cablegram which I sent you on June 8 to the effect that Miss Stahl declines the position of Acting Dean of Women's College for health reasons will, I am sure, have come to you, the faculty and the Administrative Committee as a real disappointment, as your letter of May 9 had told us of the invitation to Miss Speer to be head of the English Department and had made us feel that we should

all acquiesce to the judgment of you on the field, that Miss Stahl is the one to be Acting Dean.

I felt clearly, however, and still feel that we should accept Miss Stahl's own judgment as to the limitations of her physical strength. She has probably written you herself, but the paragraph of her letter to me which speaks of her health is as follows:

"Since coming home from Cincinnati, I realize that I do not have my usual amount of physical endurance. My family and closest friends feel that it would be extremely unwise for me to undertake the work of Acting Dean for the coming school year. I am going to have another physical examination soon to be sure that I am in readiness for my return to China. I feel sure that I am quite equal to the teaching of music, but I do not believe that I should undertake the work of the Acting Deanship because of the nervous strain involved. I am writing to Mrs. Frame that I feel I must decline this responsibility."

Miss Stahl then expresses her hope that the Chinese dean may speedily be found and asks me to cable you her decision to decline the invitation to her. She adds that she is expecting to sail by the President Taft August 22.

I trust the cable has certainly reached you in time for the

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proper body to give further consideration to this important question of the Deanship before people scatter for the summer.

Always sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

June 12, 1931

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

My dear Mrs. Lee:

Ans. _____

Miss
Stahl

Your letter of May 18 arrived yesterday a few hours after the cable which you sent reading as follows:

"Stahl declines deanship health reasons"

We were quite mystified on receipt of the cable that Miss Stahl had waited one month before responding to the notification that the Administrative Committee confirmed her nomination. The first paragraph in your letter of May 18 shows that the cable we sent was entirely misunderstood. We cable we sent was as follows:

"Administrative Committee of the Board of Managers have reconsidered the matter and decided appointment Stahl - letter with full information follows."

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What we meant to make entirely clear was that in response to your urgent letter we had had a meeting of the Administrative Committee and had entirely reconsidered the whole matter. The upshot was that we decided, as before, to invite Miss Stahl to become acting dean for one year. Hence the cable and the letter which followed it. Apparently the second word of the cable must have been mutilated, for your letter of May 18 reveals the fact that you only read it as "have reconsidered the matter" and omitted the rest of the word "and decided!" Our letters to you and Miss Stahl when they reached you of course revealed the misunderstanding, but we are afraid that Miss Stahl has misunderstood, and had doubts of the ~~of the~~ eager hopes of the faculty group that she act as dean for the next year. The faculty meeting last night sent a cable as follows:

"Ruth Stahl, Alliance, Ohio -Administrative Committee and faculty still want Stahl dean - work lightened to safeguard health - cable immediately."

The Administrative Committee sent a cable today as follows:

"Administrative Committee and faculty cabled Stahl strongly urge acceptance acting dean strongly urge you to assist all you can."

This time I hope that no mutilation could possibly affect the meaning of the two cables. It is really very urgent that Miss Stahl, if it is at all possible, considering the state of her health, (for her to) accept this nomination. There are many reasons why another nomination would involve the person in many difficulties. It is not necessary to go into all the reasons, but just to indicate one element with which we on the field are familiar, is the fact that all the very unpleasant student agitation last summer and fall about Miss Chang, whose obsession for Miss Speer was the root of her mental derangement, may or may not start up again. We do not know whether or not Miss Chang will be here on the campus next year, even though she is graduating in June. It is a very delicate situation. Some of our Chinese faculty feel that the little group of trouble-makers are only waiting for Miss Speer to come, and will make trouble even if Miss Chang is gone. Of this no one can be absolutely certain, but many are apprehensive. This is one of the reasons why people are afraid of subjecting Miss Speer to such an experience unless it is absolutely necessary. You can understand why we are very anxious ~~that~~ Miss Stahl will feel able to undertake this work, if people cooperate in such a way by serving on committees and lifting the burden in various respects, so that the whole burden does not rest on her too heavily. I am sure that everyone will cooperate to their utmost.

Miss
Feng

I am so glad that you and Miss Kendrick had an opportunity to see Dr. and Mrs. Wilson and to talk about Yenching matters. I am glad that you have heard so much in favor of Miss Feng. I cannot imagine how she would have gotten the idea that she ~~was~~ in line for the deanship. I had mentioned it to nobody in America but you, and at that time I did not know she was not a Christian. I am sure that the authoritative bodies would feel that that would be an essential matter.

I am sorry that the work of the Yenta Christian Fellowship has not been reported more clearly. I will ask Miss Cummings to send you some literature which I think will explain some matters to you. It is in a sense a church which baptizes and receives members, but its basis is a little broader than most of the orthodox churches. Only today has come your letter of May 13 which must have been on a slower boat. I will write a special letter to the friends who are so very kind.

Dr.
Nutting

I have written a letter to Dr. Nutting welcoming her to our staff, and urging her to come early enough to get settled and get prepared for heavy work of physical examinations during the first days of the autumn term. During the last ten days things have been particularly difficult, since Dr. Todd had to leave suddenly because of the severe illness of her second child, and we had to get a new doctor, Dr. Huff, formerly a member of the Methodist Mission, who has not much ~~experience~~ ^{experience in China} and is a little abrupt in her manner. Our former nurse was also called to Hankow by

her family and the new nurse fell ill with a bad ear infection, and we had to get still a third. Meanwhile two girls have come down with scarlet fever and one with diphtheria, and there are a few other rather serious illnesses. As Dr. Huff can come only three times a week, we have had to call on good-natured Dr. Dickson, the substitute for Dr. and Mrs. Learmonth. I only mention these points so that you can see the complications. It will be a great relief to have a competent resident physician who can manipulate nurses, patients, infectious wards, and other illnesses in our present daily lives. Miss Burtt has been of great assistance. She had a good deal of experience nursing during the war and in the shifts from one nurse to another and in the rounding up of students to see the doctor, has been a great help.

Dr. Barlow-Brown I believe the latest decision about Dr. Barlow-Brown is that she will not come back. She has changed her mind three or four times within the last few months. She sent for all of her goods and chattels and then cancelled the order by cable. We do not know what she intends to do with them, but she has written Miss Boynton she thinks she has work to do in America.

Miss Russell I had hoped to be able to report to you that Miss Mary Katherine Russell had been allocated to Yenching with half time for Language study, and half time in the Home Economics Department for 1931-32. The W F M S Committee on Reference have voted by majority vote to grant this permission to her and to us, but I have not yet heard the final word from Bishop Wang Chih P'ing. If she cannot come I think we shall have to cable for some help, because Miss Ch'en feels utterly unable to carry on the work of the department alone.

Miss Cookingham is now fully ensconced as associate treasurer in treasurer's office in Bashford. Her work is very heavy especially during the sixth and seventh months. I have not dared to ask her just how she enjoys it or whether she will care to continue it. She was asked to accept it tentatively for one year. I think that she was a little disturbed at having been asked two years ago to come out to be assistant treasurer for the Women's College and to work also in the registrar's office, then to have her work in the Women's College more or less taken away from her, and asked to go full time into the registrar's office. She was later asked to give full time in the treasurer's office, and she feels she has been rather "knocked about." I do not know whether she feels she will wish to stay longer in this position, or whether there will be a place for her here. I am sure that Dr. Galt and Mr. T'sai in the treasurer's office feel that her work is very valuable and that someone of her judgment and steady supervision of details is very much needed. She has had to change so much that I hope that during the year an opportunity for more or less permanent work at the University may reveal itself. Otherwise I am sure she will wish to return to the States.

I have just received word from Augusta Wagner that Miss Kao has

Miss been asked by her mother to return to her own home, and so will not
Kao be able to accept any position in Peking unless her family moves
 hither. I do not know just how to get hold of her now, as she is
 travelling in Europe, but she sounds to me as if she would be a very
 good candidate. I am going to write to find an address by which I
 can get in touch with her.

Miss We are very much intrigued by the cable we had about Miss Kit
Louis King Louis. It is wonderful that friends have been found who would
 pay her travel and first year's salary. We do not yet know how much
 salary was promised her, but you can see from my cable to Miss Kendrick
 how she was ranked on the field, and what salary was voted her.

 I hope that Dr. Nutting's contract has not been overlooked.
Miss Cummings also has had no contract.

Sincerely yours,

Alice B. Frame

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
Dean

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

June 18, 1931

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FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

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

JUL 15 1931

My dear Mrs. Lee: ~~Ans.~~

I am enclosing a copy of the full minutes of the Administrative Committee meeting held on June 12. On that same day I wrote you quite fully about our feelings on the urgency of Miss Stahl's RUTH STAHL accepting the nomination. Last night we received a cable as follows:

"Health Prevents Acceptance"

This has been a serious blow. The staff members as a whole and individually are personally of very high calibre, but in the case of many there are also individual reasons, either because of lack of Chinese, or experience, which militate against her taking office at this particular juncture. We are having a faculty meeting this afternoon for serious consideration of this problem, and I will report their action later.

MISS FENG - We have also received the cable about Miss Feng, as follows: "Feng has won scholarship European study can college give release now assurance position fall thirty-two," to which I replied as follows: "(Chemistry)" "Lee Feng Department we recommend you to accept scholarship position for next year must be applied to department later in the year."

I have written Miss Feng elucidating it to the effect that we all feel that she should under no conditions let such an opportunity to study in Europe go by. At the same time, the Chemistry Department does not feel that at so early a date it can absolutely and finally invite her for 1932. We are asking her, however, to apply in the autumn for a position at Yenching for 1932-33, if she cares to do so. Yenching hopes to keep in touch with her next year while she is in Europe. I have just received a letter from Mrs. Wilson in which she said she had a very frank talk with her. Miss Feng apparently asked her frankly about the deanship at Yenching and was answered in like manner. It may possibly be that my friends, the McPherson's of the State University, who knew that I was resigning in favor of a possible Chinese dean, may have spoken to her about this. I cannot imagine the college electing a non-Christian Chinese dean at present.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - With regard to the minutes of the Administrative Committee, we are all disturbed at the action of the Y C C reserving the right to disburse the gain of surplus on exchange. We hope that possibly the Finance Committee will take different action when they will have received word of the items which we had hoped would be taken from this \$9,000 L C. I will write more about this to Mr. Garside. I do not feel that the Y C C need feel apprehensive about increasing our budget since the main reason for its being so high this year is the fact that there are a large number of furloughs which must be included for the next academic year. Possibly the Finance Committee will be willing to let us use the surplus on exchange for these furloughs, which will not be a regularly recurring item, as are many of the others.

FIFTH DORMITORY - The vote on the Fifth Dormitory will, I am sure, encourage you very much. Those of us on the field are deeply impressed with the need for another dormitory or a music building, and the dormitory would seem to be a little more possible at the present writing. Mrs. Wu, who is one of our alumnae, herself suggested that it might be possible to form a committee of Chinese ladies who would do their best to raise the money for the dormitory. If they cannot raise the total amount, it might be possible that the Y C C would be willing to supplement that with such money as they might be able to secure in the States. In any case they are willing to go ahead to interest important ladies. Someone will be able to report to you more about this later. I am sure you appreciate the ~~possible~~ ^{public} value if we were able to get at least a large part of the Fifth Dormitory in China, in spite of the very difficult civil conditions at present.

Mrs. Gleysteen is going on furlough this summer. She will not be reaching her home in Germantown until Christmas. She is one of our most experienced members on the Administrative Committee, and we have asked her to be ready to accept an invitation of the Y C C to be present at some one of their meetings, and to give you further information about our needs. Miss Boynton will also be home next year, and Miss Cochran, but I am sure that Mrs. Gleysteen would give a very good presentation of our needs, if you care to invite her to some one of your meetings. Her address is: Mrs. William H. Gleysteen, care of Mrs. Culver, 201 Greenwood Avenue, Jenkintown, Pa. The fact that we have to have pianos in the Gymnasium and in the Fourth Dormitory is a source of dreadful distraction to those of us who must suffer from the confused noise which issues at all hours, early and late. The Men's College also suffers very much because of the large space in Ninde Hall which has to be given to Mr. Wiant and his pupils. The Music Building would have to be a joint affair for men and women students. The question has been raised whether it could be placed in the first story of the chapel building as it is going to be built at Ginling. There are arguments both for and against.

ANNE COCHRAN - With regard to Anne Cochran you may remember that there was a good deal of correspondence a year ago. Miss Cochran has been living this year in one of the Women's College houses, and has been in closer touch with the staff and students of the Women's College. She has cooperated much better than in the years past. Mr. Breece, who has been head of the English Department, speaks very highly of her work, skill, and faithfulness, and is very anxious to have her return after furlough. She has now had a good deal of experience and testing in her department, and would be much more valuable, other things being equal, than a new person. She is a very pleasant and attractive young woman. She has a large group of non-missionary friends in Peking with whom she plays about a good deal, but that probably will grow less rather than more, as the years pass by, if she returns. I am writing to the secretary of the mission in Peking, asking what steps should be taken if she is invited to come back to join the English Department. I have not yet received word. I presume the matter will have to be taken up with the China Council of the Presbyterian Church in Shanghai. Probably you know that she is on a special grant from the Presbyterian Board. Whether they would be willing to send her back as one of their quota or not, would have to be decided upon discussion.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Murray S. Frame

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Dean

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June 22, 1931

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

Dear Mrs. Frame:

Miss Kendrick has been in this morning and shared with me two letters she has just received from Yenching, one from Miss Baring the other from Miss Boynton. These letters, both written in the most kindly spirit, have thrown considerable light on the reasons why it did not seem best to the faculty and the Administrative Committee to ask Miss Speer to be Acting Dean the coming year. The consideration that perhaps weighed most heavily appears to be the fact that the somewhat unbalanced girl who has been largely responsible for the past year's trouble is very likely to be in Yenching again next year. We have no thought but to accept the judgment of the Administrative Committee and the faculty. We are only sorry that so many difficulties have faced us all as we tried to make adequate provision for the college.

I am sure you will be interested in the enclosed picture which appeared in yesterday's (Sunday) Boston Herald. Is it not a good likeness and aren't you proud of him? I am wondering whether you are really going to be able to get away from Peiping by July 1? I wish we might more effectively lighten your burdens and problems.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

YENCHING UNIVERSITY

PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

June 27, 1931

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The Members of the Committee of the
Yenching College for Women:

Dear Friends:

Ans. _____

Not long ago I was much touched to receive a letter from Mrs. Lee, secretary of the Committee, enclosing a check which she said was your gift to me as I leave Yenching. I am very grateful indeed for this interest in my having a longer vacation before I started in with my new work. I *want all* do not know the different friends who took part in this *to know* but I would like to say that I appreciate very deeply this evidence of your interest in Yenching and all who are working here.

I wish I could tell you precisely how I shall have the pleasure of using your gift. Rosamond is already at Peitaiho, and I hope to join her for a while. We had planned on going later into the mountains in Shansi, but there are stirrings of a war in the direction of Shansi and Honan, and when the time comes it may not be wise to go. I hope, however, to do something very special in your honor, and perhaps later we can write and tell you about it.

We do thank you very much.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Murray S. Frame

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
Dean

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PEIPING, CHINA.

June 27, 1931

Office of the Dean

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

JUL 27 1931

My dear Mrs. Lee:

Ans. Ans.

We have been having strenuous occupations during the last week of the term. The Baccalaureate service and Commencement service went off well. Camilla Mill's wedding on Wednesday was a very lovely one, and the young couple went to the Hills for two days before starting for America on Monday. A large group of the faculty with their children left for Peitaiho in a special third class car yesterday. Another large group are starting in a special third class car via Siberia on Monday - Grace Boynton and Nancy Cochran being among them. For my own private occupation I have been enjoying the over-generous hospitality of my friends in Peking and T'ungchow, and have hardly had a meal at my own table for weeks. ~~Not a cause of this~~, but perhaps because I was a little tired, I had a few days' bout with a germ, and on the day of the wedding was unfortunate enough to slip and sprain my wrist. These two physical disabilities, each one slight in itself, have very much slackened the speed of my packing and other preparations for a speedy departure on the long vacation which you are all so anxious for me to take! I had hoped to go to Shanghai for a Religious Education Conference, but my lame arm makes me so helpless I fear I must give it up. Your letter of May 29 came a day or two ago. In this you speak of a special gift of \$600 Gold for Miss Kit King Louis, which will provide for her support for one year and possibly her travel out. We are a little apprehensive lest you and Miss Kendrick know no more about her than we do, and although she is nominally engaged for one year, I presume she expects to stay longer. I hope that she is a Christian, or at least sympathetic with our problems, and that she will be a fine cooperative member of the faculty.

I am sorry that Dr. Nutting was not sent out under the American Board, as she is one of the old missionaries.

MARY KATHERINE RUSSELL - Bishop Wang of the North China Methodist Episcopal Conference has not yet told us the final vote as to Miss Russell, though we were informed by the Reference Committee that the answer was favorable on their vote at least a month ago. It is quite essential that we have some help, or otherwise I fear that Miss Ch'en I would be quite unwilling to continue on the staff. We have learned that Miss Milam is sailing from San Francisco July

17, so that she will give at least part of her year in China to Yenching. That will be of great inspiration and assistance in counsel, but will not take care of the regular classes for which we are responsible to the students majoring in Home Economics. We still feel that if there is an experienced and fine young foreign woman, who is well-equipped to teach in Home Economics work that it would be a good thing for both Ch'en I and Miss Kung if she could come out for at least a short period. Was anything discovered about Gertrude Skow?

HIGHER EDUCATIONAL FUND GRANT - It is very good news to learn that the Prudential Committee voted the customary grant of \$1,000 to the Y C C from the Higher Educational Endowment Fund. In the uncertainties of the present year, this is very welcome news.

ACTING DEAN - ^{copy} We have been having a very difficult time about making arrangements for carrying on the administrative duties of this office. (It was very unfortunate that the cablegram sent after the May 9th meeting of the Administrative Committee was sufficiently mutilated to cause misunderstanding.) The final cable from Miss Stahl herself seemed sufficiently decided so that we felt some other steps must be taken. Finally Mrs. Huang Ch'en K'e Ming received a unanimous invitation from us all to come either as acting dean or as chairman of a small committee. She was urged on all sides to accept, as she is in many respects admirably fitted, and she knew she could appoint various duties to various members of the faculty in such a way as to leave her time for her family duties. Last Tuesday, however, she told me that she feared it would be in the end impossible, and as it is now so late, I am appointing a small committee of three for three months as an ad-interim committee until the old and new members are here from the States. I hope there may be fresh light after the summer rest and change. The girl student who was the root of the trouble last summer is still staying on two or three weeks, and cannot be urged to go under the circumstances, though she has supposedly accepted a position in Huchow in Chekiang for September. Until she goes Miss Speer would not be comfortable or happy on the campus, after all that has been said and done.

These are very warm days in which to pack up and try to arrange matters for the summer, but it must be done. Probably the days in Boston are quite as long and hot.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
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Dean

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(copy for Mrs. Lee)

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FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

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July 7, 1931

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

Ans. _____

My dear Miss Kendrick:

Your full official letter of June 1 was forwarded to me at the Western Hills where I had had to retreat with a sprained wrist. I did this on Camilla Mills' wedding day, and consequently had to give up all thought of finishing my packing and getting away within a day or two, as I had anticipated.

I am so glad that Marnie and Augusta were able to go to Wellesley and make such a fine impression on the committee. It ought to help with the campaign next year. I hope you succeeded in impressing Augusta with the necessity of writing some of her delightfully spicy letters to the Wellesley News next year when she gets back. She has a very gifted pen, and I know it will help the Wellesley girls to feel that they know the Yenching girls if they have frequent letters from her.

HOME ECONOMICS - I am delighted to get the impression that you are still trying to get an experienced and well-trained person in Home Economics who will be willing to come out for three years presumably under the W F M S. Either Ch'en I or Miss Kung I am sure would be very glad of the assistance of some such person. There do not seem to be any adequately-trained Chinese people for this department. Miss Milam is not planning to settle down to do any teaching next year so far as I know. She will give a great deal of advice and some lectures I know. We are still hoping to secure Miss Russell for this year, but there is some queer little mix-up with Bishop Wang, from whom we have not been able to get final permission or approval. He has gone to Shanghai to attend his daughter's wedding, and it may be he is too absorbed in domestic joy to be able to attend to this duty. We are still hoping that everything will be all right.

PHYSICIAN - I am sorry it was so difficult for Dr. Nutting to plan to get away in time for the first week of college, but as appreciated, that is a vital time. We are hoping everything from quiet efficiency.

EDUCATION - Miss Kao has told Miss Wagner that she will be unable to leave her mother in Shanghai. That leaves everything very 1

CHEMISTRY - You will have heard that Miss Feng has asked to take a European scholarship for 1931-32. We

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are congratulating her and asking her to apply again for a position in the fall if she wishes to come in 1932.

SOCIOLOGY - We have not yet heard directly from Miss Louis. Letters are being sent to her Canton address.

MUSIC - Miss Stahl has written that she is physically unable to take the acting deanship and will presumably devote herself to her department. She and Miss Veghte will find their hands full. Miss Veghte is due to go back to America in 1932, but she may be willing to stay on for another year or two. I have not yet raised the question with her.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Miss McGowen is planning definitely to leave at the end of the school year 1931-32. She will be open to an invitation to return. This invitation will have to come from the people who are here next year. She may or may not receive this invitation, and even if she did, she may not be willing to return of her family to have her. Would it not be a good idea to be getting in touch with other people who would be interested in the position?

This will be the last letter I shall be writing you officially, and as a matter of fact I am an ex-dean, but thought it might clear up matters if I just answered your letter informally. People have been very lovely about my leaving, and I do appreciate their kindness in every way. You must be looking forward to your vacation in Italy. Could you not extend your journey to China and make Yenching a visit? They would love to have you.

I was very much touched by the very generous gift of some of the friends on the Y C C to help me to have a real vacation this summer. It is a little complicated to plan an itinerary as Rosamond and my ideas do not entirely coincide, but we shall have a good time somewhere. I am planning to start for Peitaiho in a day or two, where she has been for the last two or three weeks since her school closed, visiting friends.

With affectionate regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
Dean

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July 15, 1931

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

Dear Mrs. Frame:

Your letter of June 18 has just come. I hope you are long before this away from Peiping but I freely admit that your withdrawal from Yenching leaves us with a feeling that the wires between the institution and us have been cut. I hope we will know soon the decision finally arrived at as to an Acting Dean for next year. You had, at the time your letter was written, just received Miss Stahl's cablegram reading "Health prevents acceptance." We realize that you were all faced with a very difficult situation.

The next paragraph of your letter relates to Miss Feng. I have heard nothing from her or about her since the word came that she would accept the fellowship and study in Europe next year. I think the Yenching College Committee would feel as you do that one who is not a Christian should not be made Dean. I wish Miss Feng might, without the aid of outside pressure, definitely declare herself a Christian before her return to China.

I do not quite understand your remarks as to the feeling of the Administrative Committee in regard to the Yenching College Committee action about the surplus on the field. You say you are writing Mr. Garside more fully on this point. He will probably share your letter with me and also his reply. If further action by the Yenching College Committee seems necessary the matter can have further consideration.

What you write on the subject of the fifth dormitory seems to indicate that the Administrative Committee is inaugurating a movement to secure money for the building of the dormitory on the field. This is indeed very encouraging. I think there is no doubt that the Yenching College Committee will be willing to supplement what is done in China if the amount raised there is not quite enough to build a dormitory. Our Committee has still a balance of plant funds, though as you know, not enough to meet the cost of a new dormitory. It is very true as you say that the effort to

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raise money among the alumnae and interested friends will mean very desirable publicity for the college, aside from the value of the actual money.

You suggest our inviting Mr. Gleysteen to a meeting of the Yenching College Committee while she is in America. This we will be glad to do. I will see that she has an invitation to attend the November meeting of our Committee and assuredly hope that it will be feasible for her to accept.

I am glad to have your testimony that Miss Cochran has done good work and would be acceptable if again assigned by the Presbyterian Board of Missions to work in Yenching. It takes it there is nothing for the Yenching College Committee to do in this matter except to try to meet Miss Cochran while she is at home.

You enclose a copy of your letter of June 3 to Miss Kendrick. You doubtless know before this that Miss Kendrick is sailing on July 24 for Europe. She and President Pendleton are to travel together during the summer after which Miss Kendrick goes on to the Near East expecting to spend a little time in Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey. She is especially interested in seeing the institutions in which a number of her former Wellesley students are working. Some time in the late fall she will return to Italy and settle down there for the winter. She is to study Italian. You know, I think, that she retires from her active work in Wellesley this summer. She was given many expressions of love and appreciation during the Commencement season. It was really an ovation and well earned as you know. As Miss Kendrick will not be back in America until sometime in the summer of 1932, the Yenching College Committee will need to ask someone to act as her substitute in the Yenching Candidate work. People are so scattered now that I am not attempting to get the vacancy filled but am doing what seems to be needed in the line of candidate work during the summer.

We were asked as you probably know by the Harvard-Yenching Institute to find a secretary for the work of that department, and after I had started correspondence with two young women either of whom seemed quite promising, word came that arrangements had been made on the field for Miss Hageto carry the work and that a new secretary would not be needed.

I am bringing such pressure as I can to bear upon the WFMS in the matter of a teacher for the household economics work. Nothing is sure yet, but we are not without hope.

As you will probably not be in Peiping at the time this letter arrives, and as it may be well for the new Acting Dean to see it, I am sending a copy to Miss Myfanwy Wood but saying that she is quite free to consider it purely personal if she so desires.

The Minutes of the North China Promotional Board meeting have just reached the office together with a number of letters covering actions at that meeting. I do hope you will feel that you can have a sufficient amount of time for rest and recuperation before you begin your new duties.

Ever sincerely yours,

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(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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July 29, 1931

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
c/o American Board Mission
Tientsin, China

Dear Mrs. Frame:

I have letters from you under dates of June 12 and June 27. The matters covered in the earlier letter have all I think been adequately taken care of. The June 27 letter told of Camilla Mill's wedding, of your own illness, and the spraining of your wrist, for both of which I am exceedingly sorry, of your hope that Miss Russell would be assigned for part-time work in the Home Economic Department the coming year, and of the action that had finally been taken in regard to the Deanship. This letter also enclosed the letter for the members of the Yenching College Committee. Copies of this letter and of the paragraph in regard to the Deanship are today going to the members of the Yenching College Committee.

In your letter of acknowledgement you say that you do not know the different friends who shared in the gift to you. I thought my letter made that clear. The suggestion ^{that such a gift be made} went only to the women members of the Committee and those who had been members long enough that they would feel some personal acquaintance with you. This means that all those whose names are on the letter-head shared in the gift except the new members and Mrs. Slade and Mrs. Jenkins. The last named is too ill to be seeing correspondence and Mrs. Slade was so new a member that it did not seem best to present the matter to her. You understand, I am sure, that the gift was a personal expression of love and gratitude and that no Yenching money went into it at all. I am venturing to change a word or two in your letter leaving out only your remark as to not knowing the individual friends who shared in the gift.

I hope you have been in Peitaiho for some time now and are beginning to get rested. Also that the trouble with your wrist has not proved too serious. Shall you be able to prolong your vacation somewhat into September? I am hoping myself to get away for a little rest in August. If Mr. Lee continues about as he is now, I think I can leave him for ten days or two weeks, but shall have the rest of my vacation at home.

Ever with love,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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August 3, 1931

Mrs. Murray S. Frame
c/o American Board Mission
Tientsin, China

Dear Mrs. Frame:

I am today writing to the Administrative Committee of the Yenching College for women as you will see from the enclosed copy. I assuredly do not want to follow you up with college problems, but you are probably the one who will be best able to answer this question as to whether there is a discrepancy between the understanding of the Yenching College Committee in America and the Administration of the College in China as to the method of procedure in the appointment of a Dean. If changes in Bylaws are needed at this end or that, we should know it in ample time, for it seems to take a good while to effect changes in bylaws.

It was a pleasure to have Grace Boynton walk in this morning. She landed in New York yesterday and came right on to Boston. She is this afternoon in Cambridge looking into details of her work in Radcliff next fall, and she hopes to join her father and other members of her family in Maine tomorrow.

Ever affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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October 29, 1931.

Dear Mrs. Frame:

I wish you could know how very much I have appreciated your confidential letters of August 11 and September 15. I am sorry to have been so slow in replying. I had my vacation late this summer, not getting back into the office until September 6 and it has seemed to put me behind all fall. Of course the fall weeks are busy ones anyhow and this year we have had even more than the customary number of committee meetings preceding the meeting of the full Prudential Committee which occurred on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The main feature of the October meeting of the Prudential Committee, one of the two meetings at which the whole thirty-six members are expected to be present is the making of appropriations. This work was preceded by a great deal of work on the part of the Committee of Seven which was charged with a study of the work of the various missions and of various types of work, also a study of sources of income and all methods of administration at the home end. These studies gave the Prudential Committee fairly definite convictions on several points; the practical certainty that the Board's income will decrease further before it begins to go us, and that the work of the Board must be reduced. It was felt distinctly that paring a little here and there would not do what was necessary and that we should study the possibility of closing out some one or more of the American Board missions. A vote was finally passed to close the mission in Bulgaria, with the exception of the work centering in the Community House, by the end of 1933. It falls to me to frame a letter telling the mission of this drastic action, and you can imagine that it is not an easy letter to write. All this is, however, but an introductory word to what I meant to say in response to your letters.

I appreciated your writing so fully as to the attitude of the Yenching faculty in regard to the deanship. I had had one long and confidential talk with Grace Boynton and she had told me of many of the things about which you write. I am sure that under all the circumstances the decision to put the administration of the College into the hands of an Interim Committee temporarily was the right decision. Your September 15th letter gives the good word of the hope that Miss Tseng may be secured for the deanship. Your letter was the first to give us that word, but a few days after its arrival a letter came from Miss Wood enclosing minutes of

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the Administrative Committee at which it was voted to extend the invitation. I have been hoping that word of Miss Tseng's reply might reach me any day now. The November meeting of the Yenching College Committee is called for November 3 and the meeting of the Trustees for November 4. I would be so glad if we could have the information as to Miss Tseng's acceptance before I start for New York. We are asking Grace Boynton to go on for the meetings and I think Dr. Porter is also to be present.

You perhaps know that the Four C's is recommending merging the Board of Trustees of the various Christian Colleges in China into one. This question will I suppose be a major question at the coming meetings. With such knowledge of the thought as I have, at the present, my feeling is that the colleges should, as soon as financial conditions in the country warrant, undertake a united campaign, but that the separate Boards of Trustees should be maintained for the administration of the Colleges. We will see what evolves from the discussion.

But to go back to the points in your letters. I am very much interested in what you say of the way Rosamond is developing an ability to do independent thinking on her own account. We can none of us wonder that she is proving to be a young lady of strength of character. I am sorry that it did not seem feasible for you to have a more complete and restful vacation. But under all the circumstances, I do not see how you could do anything other than what you did. Perhaps next summer will be different or you may wish to keep some part of your money toward the expenses of some time in Europe on your way home to America in the summer of 1933. You see, I am assuming that you will be able to keep fit. If you should unfortunately find yourself to be very much fatigued, and in need of rest and change, I do hope you will try to find a way to get off somewhere for a few weeks during the year. It would be a great mistake for you to push yourself when you are really worn out.

I was interested in your remarks about Miss Cochrane. I have not yet met her, but surely will find a way for doing so very soon. I understand that she is to live with Mrs. Williams in Auburndale this winter. Perhaps she is already settled there. I will talk with Dr. Scott when in New York next week and if possible learn the attitude of the Presbyterian Board in regard to her return to China and her assignment to work in Yenching. I am interested too in your remarks about the new women who have joined the Yenching Staff this fall. You are mistaken in thinking that Miss Waller was secured entirely by the men. When the need for a Librarian became known, Mr. Garside at once wrote to Miss Kendrick and she was the one who conducted the correspondence with Miss Waller. It is a fact that Mr. Garside was the one to interview her, as she was in New York and Miss Kendrick and I were in Boston. Our impression of Miss Waller was distinctly favorable. She seems not only to be an excellent librarian, with an unusual experience because of her work in the Missions Library in New York, but a woman of fine Christian character. I do hope we will not be disappointed in her.

Mrs. A.B.F.--3.

I know nothing of the Miss Waddell whom you mention, but I understand she was found on the field. I think we do understand the great desirability of securing a woman of strong Christian character for Yenching and you may rest assured that we will keep this in mind in any candidate work that comes to us. I am not clear from what you say whether Miss Kit King, Louis has finally joined the Yenching Faculty or not. As to Miss Kung Lan-Chen, I am hoping to see her next week in New York and also hope that she may be able to be present for at least a part of the Yenching Committee meeting.

I wonder if you know that Miss Kendrick some weeks ago had a slight stroke in Constantinople. She and President Pendleton spent the latter part of the summer in Europe and then Miss Kendrick went on to see the American Board work in Greece, Bulgaria and parts of Turkey. She had a very delightful time in both Greece and Bulgaria and wrote an exceedingly interesting letter about her impressions of the work which her sister-in-law in Newton was good enough to share with some of us. On leaving Constantinople she went to the Gedik Pasha School and I understand that it was there that she suffered the stroke. She was taken to the American Hospital and is reported to have made great progress toward recovery. A friend has gone to Constantinople to escort her home if she is able to come, as we think she will be. I do not yet know when they will start or whether Miss Kendrick will be able to take up any part of her work when she gets back. Her house in Wellesley has been rented for the year so there may be a complication as to where she will live. I do so hope she will be well enough to carry the Yenching candidate correspondence. As we did not think there would be a great amount of such correspondence during the summer months, and as Miss Kendrick left all her files of papers with me, the simplest thing seemed to be for me to do what was needed in the early part of Miss Kendrick's absence, and have someone appointed to the Candidate Committee work at our November meeting. Mrs. Finley is the only one I can see who could be expected to carry it and I am not at all sure that she will feel she has any time or strength for it. I wish we could know by next week more of Miss Kendrick's condition.

You see how natural it is for me to discuss Yenching problems in an intimate way with you. I have written to Miss Wood and will continue to do so, but I hope you will not fail to give us sidelights on any matter wherever you think it would be of help. You refer to the Tucker incident. It has certainly made a tremendous amount of correspondence at this end. You will have a copy of the action taken by the Prudential Committee on Monday of this week and of the letters to the Tientsin American Association and the North China Mission.

Of course I am deeply interested in the new work you are developing in and out from Tunghsien. There is, I am sure, a great field opening before you and I do not doubt that your problem is already to keep up with the opportunities you see. Do please, try to be as careful as you can not to overdo. I echo your hope that you may not need to be away from home too much of the time. I love to think of the little home you and Rosamond have together and I trust that these two precious years will be among the happiest of your life.

Mrs. A.B.F.--4.

You ask about my husband and our household arrangements. Miss McClaren and Katharine left us the first of last August. Frissell did not feel that she could do any night work and I simply could not afford to continue having a day nurse and a night nurse. You can understand also that while Katharine is a lovely child and well behaved, there were complications in having a child in a family where there is an invalid and a limited amount of room. Moreover, I was sure that our work was not sufficient to demand two women. Our first experiences with a practical nurse did not prove to be entirely happy, but the household machinery is now running very smoothly. This is due largely to the fact that my sister, Mrs. Sargent (Connie's mother) has come to spend the fall and winter with us. She has taken general oversight of the household arrangements and the woman we have helps as she can. Mr. Lee is up in a wheel-chair for a part of each day and is on the whole a little stronger I think than he was in the summer. He needs constant care however and fortunately the woman we have is very good indeed with him.

What a long letter this has grown into. I am making up for lost time you see.

With love to you and Rosamond and the hope that you will write as often as you can, I am, as ever,

Affectionately yours,

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Tungshien, near Peiping,
CHINA

Jan. 8, 1952.

Dear girls,-

Several of you have written me lately, asking what it is that I am doing, precisely? Which of course tempts me to present you at once with a tale of a whole day's doings, just for fun. But it would be a long letter that would do justice to even one day, as you know yourselves. Nor do two days ever have the same color or atmosphere, or add up to the same sum in the end,--if you are interested in sums. ----But all the same,---- I think I'll take you on! What do I do? Don't tremble,--I'll spare you an exact diary. Just an index, say,--short headings,--sub-headings,--how horribly academic! But I must lay a thread of something in your hand, as an easily-followed clue to the doings of a day,--or you might lose your way.

I remember that when Yenching College was housed in a wonderful old Manchu palace in Peking, and the science laboratories happened to be grouped around/certain grassy old courtyard,--yes, and the kitchen too!--- I used to invite guests, as I opened each door, and whiffs of chlorine or formaldehyde or sesame oil or whatever, greeted our inquiring noses, what department that room served. One's olfactory nerves are dependable guides to a lot of facts! And it occurs to me now that it might be rather entertaining to you to follow your ears instead of your noses on a daily round with me. Are you game? It won't be a scientific analysis or complete, or logical, or exciting; but let's try it for what it's worth.

So,--"lend me your ears", over here in Tungshien. And that means you are here too.-----I hope you are not apt to wake up before day-break, but if you did, you might be mystified, not to say alarmed, by a sort of perambulatory stage-cough at intervals beneath your window. That is the night-watchman. All the best families (and campuses and villages) have them. A gray ghost, he shuffles about all night, and ours has chosen this gentle method of assuring us of his beneficent and protective presence. But it is a funny noise! That eerie hollow sound that comes so regularly from a little distance,--like a mammoth woodpecker,--is the wooden rattle that all other watchmen use. It is so comforting, both for us and the bandits, (we do have them, you know,) to know precisely where he is. So do go to sleep again.-----

Not for long,--that long-drawn-out engine whistle will arouse you with the dreamy feeling that it must be the train for Springfield or New York,--where is your suitcase? No,--it is a joke of a little unheated third-class (literally) train that trundles back and forth to Peking three times a day, chiefly for the benefit of hundreds of across-the-river farmer folk, and incidentally for us city dwellers. It is more crowded now, because every blue-clad farmer is an inch or two bigger all the way round because of the thick cotton wadding of his winter garments, not to mention the huge bulgy saddle-bags he carries on his shoulder. But we often have to squeeze in too, for it takes me, alas! to many committee meetings and conferences. A big interdenominational group of us are just now in the thick of plans for an important all-North-China conference for training workers in religious education for children and the home, in city and rural districts; and another

group is planning for leadership conferences for lay-workers in various lines of religious education, in different places.---I suppose I have been at the beck of the train-whistle more this fall than of the squeak of the springless two-wheeled country cart I have traveled so much in. They both get you there,---if you are patient!

There go the bugle-notes! Not from the soldiers' encampment on the other side of the city, but from the wide athletic field of our Jefferson Academy, with its five or six hundred students. By six o'clock these dark winter mornings out turns a big group of the boys, in their gay cotton military uniforms, drilling and marching and practicing under a very strict instructor, to be ready to fight the Japanese. O, these poor desperate young patriots! Betrayed by their so-called political leaders, betrayed by the war-lords and their perpetual civil wars, betrayed by the League of Nations, too, shall we say,---and doing mad impractical senseless things in their fury of pain and disgust at their own national weakness. Yet we have all observed how large student groups as a whole have been more willing than ever before to confess national culpability, and a measure of responsibility for the disastrous events of the past few weeks. Betrayed,--- before they are mature enough to understand or to help avert the complications that seem to them to have pulled the sun out of the sky for them, and left them in blackness. Do you wonder that they have lost their heads, and strike out blindly? Here in Tunghsien we have been thankful that our students here managed to control their rage and disappointment so remarkably well.-----

If the bugle and the train-whistle truly did wake you up, you won't mind the cheerful sounds in our little living-dining-study-room downstairs. Even those fiendish whacks and bangs merely signify that our little black stove is shaking itself down to give you a glowing welcome when you come down to breakfast chat and the percolator's hum. But it won't be for long, for there begin the bells, iron, brass and bronze. How can I ever straighten them out for you?

That loudest one is from the east end of our campus, in the square tower of Jefferson Academy, where I must shortly go to meet a class of sturdy young men who have come for a three years' course of preparation for lay-preaching. Wide awake they are, too. Only yesterday a group of them who have offered to spend their whole winter three-weeks' holiday off in a little village, came over to talk about the best and newest material to use in modern religious education for the red-cheeked village children who are never so new-dressed and jolly and approachable as at the universal good time at Chinese New Year's. You'd like to meet those young men.----- Well, we did some planning together, for songs and games and some interesting meetings that would fit right into the festival time,---oh, very interesting!and they went off chuckling.

That mellow bell, from quite nearby, hangs in the yard of the Goodrich Girls' School, and was proudly presented by a graduating class not so long ago. Such a splendid school it is, bubbling with energy and good spirits and ideas, just like Miss Huggins herself. Perhaps you may have bought some of the exquisite grass-linen guest-towels they make by the hundreds in their self-help department? For most of them come from the country and need to help themselves along. The group I meet over there each week is also preparing to use some of their vacation time to give their young village neighbors something big and different to think about and work out.

Another group are working with me now over in our Congregational church Sunday mornings with a children's class. What fun we had, draping and coiffing miniature shepherds and wise men and even a little slant-eyed Mary, for their brief pageant at the Christmas party which Goodrich gave to two hundred outside school-children!

That brass gong quite near means that Rosamond must stop "listening in" while we talk, and snatch up her books and dash across to High School. (I do hope she finished her Virgil.).....There is a fine group of some sixty-odd American children over there trying to get ready for college in America.-- Do you remember how we hated Latin prose drill? ~~MMMMMMMMMM~~!

Would you like to follow your ear with me and go over to Fu Hsing village not far away, to our new Rural Welfare Center? A big dinner-bell summons my class of some of the Farmers' Short Course that is being held for two months of their winter semi-leisure. My group is interested not only in learning more about bee-keeping and modern poultry breeding, but some practical concrete inviting ways of teaching Christ's way of life to the children and young people in their remote rural districts. We are working out some new material together.---If we only had time to let them tell you about their homes,--and their happenings! Surprisingly dramatic, some of them.

Your ear would need a sort of radio-receptivity to hear another bell that calls together a big group of women to meet me, over in the low gray brick buildings of the Women's School. They too have a session of two months, and I call mine a training-squad. They are trying to learn how, when they soon return to their often drab, bare village homes, they can start the simplest sort of a mothers' club: just when they are all sitting cross-legged together on the kang (brick platform stove,) drinking endless cups of tea in the Chinese New Year's playtime, the only leisure most of them have in the whole year.---And working in with me on this is one of my old students at Goodrich School, who will carry this on later.--

They are learning songs and stories for children's clubs, too. And games. Speaking of sounds--you would never imagine that that sedate set of middle-aged women and some girls, could have been the source of the wildly hilarious shrieks of joy that filled their big courtyard the first day I taught them some games for the club-meetings. Most of them had never played any games in their lives before. So of course they forgot bound feet and portly wadded garments and dignity and all that, and had a good romp.---

Your ears will be so keen by this time that I shall not be able to get you past the weird sounds of the Chinese band that is escorting the scarlet wedding-chair with its trembling little bride inside, or the various peddlers of thread and cloth and toys and goodies, each with his own call or rattle, melodious and otherwise. We could spend hours at it. But I must go back to evoke some very prosaic sounds,---on my Underwood. I do it very often. For in each of our Kung Li Hui (Congregational) seven stations is a corresponding member of our head Religious Education Committee, and I write to them much oftener than I do to you! And I send them samples of new discussion or lesson material, or songs, pageants, books.---You'll hear my typewriter a good deal, if you stay with me long.

But I can't pretend that all my day is strung on a thread of sound. There are plans for further work a-brewing as I sit very still, pencil in hand, beside the squat vases of Chinese lilies, shining white and gold and fragrant in our sunny south window; and various sorts of material I am compiling and adapting and making up as I go along. And getting ready for the meetings I am asked to lead here and there. (My Chinese is becoming quite supple once more.)

So our funny little sound-clue will not carry us quite through to the end, even though we have left many out. But perhaps the different notes you've been hearing will have fallen into a chord of their own, by the close of day,--very different from those familiar sounds on Fifth Avenue or even Washington Street,----but with a sequence all their own, and not unmusical. I hope you liked it,--for you see, this is what I do!

Your friend,

ALICE BROWNE FRAME.

T'UNGHSIEN, NEAR PEIPING

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March 3, 1932.

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Dear Mrs. Lee,

May 24, 1932
I believe I do not actually owe you an official letter, but perhaps you can spare the time to read a page of chat?

I came back last week from another two weeks in the country. The Stelles, and I think others, hope that I will be able to give more and more time to this work, since M.A. Smith will of course never be able to return, and our whole mission is desperate for women workers to supervise and stimulate the country evangelistic work for women. Mrs. Stelle goes out in the villages a great deal with her husband, and plans the work of the four (four! we ought to have twenty, even to cover the field superficially,) Bible-women. She is a host in herself, and has tremendous influence with the preachers and Bible-women, but, if I may say so, rather in the old-fashioned way of doing it herself, and not planning and organizing so that others may carry on. My judgement of the evangelistic work in our Peiping-Tungchou field is that it is distinctly behind that of Paotingfu, say, but I may be unfair. Certainly it has advanced very little beyond what was in existence eighteen years ago, when Mr. Frame and I used to go out together, before the babies came.

This is, naturally, strictly confidential. But it has some bearing on the future trend of my work. Shall I turn more and more into localized evangelistic work, when there is such evident need for it? And, to my father's daughter, I confess it has a strong appeal. On the other hand, already this year our Religious Education Committee for the mission has started some things, and I would hope that next year we would make real progress along several lines. BUT it needs constant supervision and stimulation; actual visitation would be most valuable of all, but this year I have had little time for that, and no money in the budget. As vice-president for North China of the national Religious Education Committee, and chairman of a com. preparing for an all-North-China religious education conference in April, and two leadership conferences, I have had to give much time to that. I am also trying to get some material ready for printing. So I am still turning it over in my mind, as to whether it would help the whole cause more in the end to concentrate on our needy local field; or to swing the major part of my time to the larger field. Mr. Lobenstine has not given up hope, I judge, of my accepting the N.C.C. position, but I do feel that the actual contact with conditions in the field that I have been getting this year, is even more valuable than I thought. And as things have turned out, I could have done very little in the churches in central China, with this Japanese trouble, this year. And if I go on furlough in June 1933, would it not be better to work away at this end for one more year, and not try to take on a new job for such a short period as a year?

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You can see that I am more or less thinking aloud, for I dare to think you are interested.

About a month ago Dr. Nutting came down for a visit and gave me my annual physical examination. Of course she knew nothing about my background, but she told me that she would recommend to Dr. Ward that I be allowed to stay on another year, if I kept up my present state of health. As always, the doctors agree that my body has an excellent constitution: nothing is the matter but a deep fatigue, which causes sub-normal temperature, blood-pressure, and metabolism. I certainly feel much better, on the whole, than six months ago. Our more regular life here, (even with the cold and general wear-and-tear of country touring,) and absence of the general strain of administrative work under Dr. Stuart, has taken some of the wrinkles out of my forehead, I am told! But even yet I do not feel as vigorous as I could. My head still tires easily, and one or two other symptoms show that I am not back to my normal state of vitality. I have not been working up to the limit these months, because I felt so thoroughly depleted, but I do feel ever so much better.

Dr. Nutting, you must have heard, seems to be meeting with approval on all sides at Yenching. She said to me that Miss M. Wood had asked her why she did not apply for permanent appointment to the American Board. Perhaps she has. Though perhaps another year of experientn on both sides might be wise.

I was asked by the N.C.C. to consider a formal invitation to be on the committee that was to meet the Appraisal Commission in Hongkong. But because of the war in Shanghai, no one went, and I have heard that they will come north here very soon, for a ~~two~~ weeks' stay.----There is no use commenting on the Japanese tactics. You read the news in the daily paper. But it is sickening.

You will be seeing the Welchers soon. They were most delightful and receptive guests. They ought to be great attractions as speakers. Miss Alice took some very good moving-pictures.

The Yenching basket-ball team is coming down on Sat. to play the American school. I am asking them all to tea after the game. The next day I take a couple of the Goodrich School girls out to a country station, where we will spend the day together, doing what we can for the children and mothers, and giving them ~~some~~ ^{some} experience.

Our Promotional Board meeting comes April 24, in Techow. Our big Wo Fo Szu conference on religious education comes April 7-17, and local rallies the week before that. I hope to go on to Lintsing after the P.B. meetings. And that disposes of April! I hope to assist at the Summer School here and also in Fenchow, in which case I can take Rosamond along and see Shansi after all, as we did not succeed in doing last summer.

I did not mean to write so long a letter,--and quite unnecessary! But you have been much in my mind these last days.

With true affection,

Oliver B. Frame

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Dear girls,-

Do you catch a faint talking sound? That comes from meetings, meetings, meetings, --over here in China,--big ones and little ones,--April full of them, May full of them,--meetings simmering and bubbling every where I go.

Perhaps it is spring that sets us all a-quiver with such fresh energy and zest for planning that we simply must get together and talk it over! Even you Americans enjoy them.---The other day a professor from Oberlin went with me to a meeting, listened to arguments accompanied with sweeping vigorous gestures, and confessed he thought that Chinese was quite a transparent language; he could get the drift of an argument before it was translated to him. But I am going to invite you to only one meeting this time, and you will just have to be sorry for yourselves about missing the rest.

You would love the place where we held it, this meeting on religious education. It lies some ten miles of a winding road from the great west gate of the gray battlemented wall of Peking, past the golden yellow roofs of the Summer Palace beside its shimmering blue lake,---past the Jade Fountain pagodas, to a dusky avenue of gnarled cypress trees that lead upward to the gay green and yellow porcelain-tiled archway, the entrance to the old Temple of the Sleeping Buddha, "Wo Fo Szu". When Chien Lung or the Empress Dowager rode out from Peking in their imperial yellow satin sedan-chairs, over this same curving road up to the red walls of Wo Fo Szu, the road was swept and then sprinkled with yellow earth in their honor. Not for us!

But we Christian men and women, Chinese and Westerners, who came to Wo Fo Szu this April, gave little thought to the famous emperors and empresses who had been there before us. Perhaps few even realized that our main meetings were held in the imperial Journeying Palace, a high-ceilinged suite of rooms to the west of the main series of temples, beside the Empress Dowager's marble swimming-pool. We were all too intent on the purpose which had brought us from distracted Manchuria, from Shansi, Shantung and Hopei provinces, to spend ten precious spring days together, with secretaries from the National Christian Council and other leaders. And that purpose was to pool our experiences, our materials, our opinions, our special abilities, so that we could move forward together along the line of the most vital way of teaching that religion that is life, to little children and their fathers and mothers. There we were, men and women from the mountains of Shansi and the flatness of Shantung, from villages and cities,---stout and serious Chinese pastors, energetic Bible-women, young teachers, and secretaries and divinity students, laymen and lay-women, --alive to the sober fact that our churches were too empty of boys and girls, young men and women. And what were we going to do about it?

We prayed about it, first of all. Separately, in some quiet spot under the tilted roof of a tiny pavillion, or under a juniper tree upon the hillside, with the early morning sun just touching the golden temple roofs below.---Together, too, in brief and beautiful worship services, morning and night, which each delegate could reproduce in his bare little home church.

We studied it, from different angles. We grouped ourselves in morning study-classes. One discussed, with intense earnestness not untouched with humor, how to train ourselves and our neighbors to be Christian parents "in grace and in truth", to understand and to cooperate with our children in building a Christian home on the ancient Chinese family foundation. At another hour we asked questions of the wise and gracious leaders who opened up new ways of teaching religion to little children in the home, and at still another hour each day, those of us who realized

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that each little Christian group of men and women, anywhere, however meager its acquaintance with learning or theology, must not forget, its corporate responsibility for the wide-awake boys and girls in its midst, met with a bright-eyed, keen young American woman. She had been living for some months out in a remote village, helping just such an untutored, simple Christian group to work out how they could best help a big group of children, who came to church each Sunday to learn how to live the Christian life, to live it out through the week as they worked in the kaoliang fields, or trotted with their fathers to the fair, or watched Little Fifth One toddle about the courtyard.---She passed her experience on to us, and we to her,---and how enthusiastically determined we did get! We looked up books in the little library, we spent hours prowling about in the spacious exhibit rooms that was full of wall-pictures, hand-work, children's note-books, and other things just bursting with possibilities.

But we did not meet our problem only by study and discussion. We met it with games,---rollicking home games, children's games, that we learned together in the largest of the Empress Dowager's stately pavilions. For few Chinese homes know what fun it is to have games that we can all play together, grown-ups and all. I am sure the Empress would have given a tiny imperial chuckle if she could have seen the astonished pleasure with which pastors of a dignity and a portliness skipped joyously about with red and purple bean-bags.

And then each day we hailed our problem with songs,---children's songs, home songs, play songs, ---songs with which children could say "Good-morning" and "Thank you" to God, as one child said. A few melodies you might have recognized, but most of them were Chinese,---quaint, haunting folk-songs, the chorus of a ballad, or a flute-air. We were just a big family singing together, gathered around a grotesque old rockery in the Travel Palace court, with the spring sun shining on the tender little new leaves over our heads. We had a pageant, too, and improvised and acted playlets. For life has many sides.

Every day, too, men and women who had made outstanding contributions towards solving some of the economic, social or religious difficulties of the Chinese family of today, met groups of eager questioners. The rural district nurse who had quietly revolutionized a whole community along modern lines of public health, while the complacent, conservative old Village Elder thought it was all his own idea; the American woman who had evolved the idea of suggesting to a poverty-stricken farming community that they might supplement their cotton clothing, and income as well, by learning how to card, spin and weave the wool from their sheep's backs and weave it on simple footlooms, and was passing on to them the most modern ideas and methods of dying and cleaning the wool; the woman (an M.A. from a leading university, by the way, who had introduced into the meager lives of a group of mountain villages the philosophy of play. She didn't call it that. She had simply showed group after group of work-driven women how they could cut out of coarse homespun cloth, dolls,---and bears---and tigers,---stuff them with millet-bran, and give the toys to their children, and play games with them. And the fathers and mothers wondered at the difference it made in the whole attitude of their boys and girls, who had never had a plaything before. Some of the fathers started to experiment with making clumsy wooden toys in the leisure of the winter months. Gradually a new understanding of child-life, a new sympathy with its hunger, came groupingly to life in those villages. Many and many a "mothers' club" had wide-awake discussions on pre-natal care, diet for little children, or discipline, that affected a whole village. But each "club" only knew they met each day for an hour or so on Mrs. Wang's big warm kang, to make cloth dolls with arms and legs that moved, for the eager children at home, and incidentally talked about the things most interesting to them with that friendly foreign woman with strange (but good, very good,) ideas

But I must not longer take your time, though I can't bear not to have you know about some of these unassuming people who are actually meeting elemental needs so simply, so quietly, ---so splendidly! Varied as were our lines of work,---songs or

games, quaint pictures of the ideal Chinese family or portable sand-tables, almond-eyed Chinese dolls or courses of study, each was a line of approach to our central aim, of opening the doors of a full, abundant life to every home and to every child. You can realize, then, why there throbbed a strong determination under the quiet words that were spoken by each of us at the last meeting together. A pledge to each other and to the children, the homes, we all knew.

And in that spirit we set out once more from under the green and gold arch, leaving the sleeping red-gold Buddha stretched out in his red-walled temple, leaving the grave priests intoning their mysterious chants so faithfully in the dark incense-fragrant shrines, and going back to their sleep again. Asleep, all of them, asleep in this strange new world, this cruel, heart-breaking, beautiful new world that we are handing on to our children, yours and mine, the Chinese and Japanese children. And if we give it to them without any God in it, without teaching them how to work together to make it the glorious thing it can be we are less worthy of the gift of life than those sleepers.

For our meeting under the curved old roofs was our promise to the world that is to be.

Yours faithfully,

Alice B. Franz.

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May 24, 1932.

Mrs. Alice Brown Frame
T'unghsien, near Peiping
China

Dear Mrs. Frame:

In going through a pile of letters which I laid aside during the busy weeks when we were spending practically all our time on the great problem of how to reduce the Board's budget I have come upon your letter of March 3. This letter I very much appreciated at the time and I meant to reply to it at once. I do not feel that I am qualified to answer your question as to whether the right thing for you will probably be to turn more and more into localized evangelistic work, or to give most of your time and strength to the training of others for this type of service. It is quite easy to see that anything in the line of training workers will need constant supervising and stimulation and that you would yourself be prevented from spending any considerable time in actual work in the country field. My own judgment, based, I will admit, on very partial knowledge and understanding is that it will in the end mean more for you to have given your time chiefly to the training work. At least that is the theory which has in general commended itself to the American Board. It is the theory on which a number of the decisions we reached in regard to the types of work to be cut was based. I do however, hope that you can get out into the country fields some times.

Dr. Butterfield met the Cabinet some two weeks ago and we all gave a couple of hours to getting his impression of different parts of our work. He paid very high tribute to the work in Paotingfu. If you are to come on furlough in the summer of 1933 and should feel that some intensive work in the Peiping-Tungchow field would be the most profitable thing for the coming year I ~~say~~ one should be inclined to accept your judgment without question. Beyond this I seem to have no wisdom. Please keep me in touch with your own thinking. I have little doubt that you will eventually be urged to undertake work broader than that for any individual locality and I am inclined to think you should accept, but that can be decided later.

Miss Amy Welcher spent a couple of hours with us one morning not long ago and shared with us her impressions of

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the work in both China and Japan. She is an unusually discriminating observer which is but natural as she had far more specific information and understanding of missions than does the average traveller. She has been invited to accept appointment to the Prudential Committee next October and has consented for which we are all very glad. She will be exceedingly valuable as a member of that body. We have also invited her to become a member of the Yenching College Committee but she has not yet given her answer to that invitation. Miss Elizabeth Hurlbut is trying to interest one or two new Chicago Congregational women in the Yenching Committee and I am not without hope that we will have a nomination to bring to the Prudential Committee at its next meeting.

I am wondering if you went to Tehchow for the North China Council meeting. We should very soon be having letters written after that meeting. It makes my heart ache to think of the difficult questions you will all face there.

You will be sorry to know that Mr. Fairfield is having a touch of his old enemy, hayfever. It bothered him all last week and he is out of the office entirely yesterday and today.

I will not try to go into any discussion of the great international questions that interest us all, but will let this go for what it is worth.

It carries much love to you and Rosamond,

Ever yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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June 24, 1932.

Mrs. E. B. Frame
Tungshien, near Peiping
China

Dear Mrs. Frame:

I have no recent letter from you but as we are feeling the need of advice on one point I keep up my habit of turning to you.

When Dr. Stuart met with the Yenching College Committee last April he asked that we all try insofar as possible to secure for the faculty, people who might be appointed as missionaries of one of the cooperating Boards. He felt this to be wiser for a number of reasons even in the case of short term workers, although I think he had in mind particularly the desirability of securing a larger number of real missionaries for the faculty in the hope that they might be permanent. I am thinking particularly just now about Dr. Clara Nutting. The American Board is, as you know, appropriating \$2700. Gold annually for teachers' salaries in Yenching which are not attached to any person. I am coming to feel that it would be better policy if we could provide this \$2700. as salary of certain missionaries. On the appropriation sheet it reads at present "three Yenching ladies." As a matter of fact, \$2700 would just about provide full support for two missionaries. In these days when every appropriation is being scanned with the greatest care I think it very doubtful whether the American Board will be willing to consider this \$2700. for unnamed teachers. One of the specific questions in my mind is, would it be wise for us at this time to recommend Dr. Nutting's appointment as a full missionary of the Board on the understanding that approximately half of this undesignated \$2700. would go for her support? You of course are not now in the College, but I think you must know whether Dr. Nutting's work is proving satisfactory in every way and also whether she is happy in it and would like to enter into a more permanent relation with the American Board and the College. As to the remainder of the amount I have thought that if Miss Kendrick succeeds in securing the physical education director for whom she is now looking and if she is really missionary material, the American Board might take her support. This would give us four regular members on the Woman's College faculty instead of the two we now have plus the "three Yenching ladies." The actual amount of money might appear less on the appropriation sheet, but when travel, outfit grants and furloughs are taken into consideration I am sure the expenditure on the part of the American Board would not be less than it is at present.

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Won't you let me know your own thought as to the advisability of bringing about such a change as well as your impression of Dr. Nutting and her work? I will not step to write of other things today as I want to get this started.

I hope you are surely to have some real vacation.

Always cordially yours,

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Excerpt ^{from} of a letter from a Yenching alumna who is pluckily trying to run a school on her own in these troublous times in China.

My dear Dean Frame:

Your letter of May 12th was received this morning. I read it over and over several times with much pleasure and satisfaction, that in such a disquiet situation as the present time Yenching can still stand without change; she is really worthy to be congratulated. We have heard all kinds of news about Peking so we all are anxious to know something about our mother college. We heard that Ch'i Lu University in Shantung was closed and that Dean Miner had returned home. Is this true? We are anxious to know the truth.

My dear Dean, we are like an apple floating in the black sea, engulfed by terror and worry, driven up and down, we never have a peaceful time. Yet however, there is life and spirit inside of it. As I lift my head to look around the world I cannot help drawing back. As I look inwardly at myself my depressed heart again stirs up. Your students here feel as if the world were against them in their effort to maintain their Yenching ideals.

A month ago we had very serious attacks. Our school was just like a target; the cold arrows came one after another to quicken our death. Because of our firm stand we were strongly opposed. Our success also made people envious. The Women's Union and the "Shih Tang Pu" all wished to get rid of our school, but they had no opportunity to do it. They could not find any guilt in us except that we were influenced by the Imperialistic education to forbid the students to join the mass movement. On these points our students gave them very reasonable explanations, therefore they tried to blame us in other ways. We never dreamed that in such a dangerous circumstance we would have the Chief Justice of the High Judicial Court, who is now the President of Court of Appeal to help us register under the education board of the Reds. But in less than three days the Reds ran eastward, those who were in power all fled away. Ah, this is the Revolutionary Army who fight for The Principle! These are the soldiers who do not retreat, Ah, Shame!

In fact we could take this opportunity for revenge, but we are Jesus's soldiers, it is the time for us to show our love. When six of the faculty members of the Fourth Middle School were imprisoned we tried our best to rescue them, and now by our help five of them are set free. It is a pity that The Fourth Middle School and three primary schools which were opened for less than two weeks were destroyed. After that I stiffened my will to maintain our educational work independent of political circles. If we had moved our will just a little, would we not have sacrificed our school?

Now the Political Department of the ----- Army is still urging us to organize a Women's Union, but the our independent attitude is impossible to be changed. We are not drawing ourselves away from the revolution, but we are real revolutionists, because we want to reform from the foundation. I always oppose ignorant students who join all kinds of mass movements. I think this kind of movement is not only interfering with their work but also makes them have a violent spirit. A true patriot ought to begin by correcting his own behavior, and the true reformer must also reform himself first. Look over those young men who call themselves revolutionists, - grafting, violating the law, irresponsible, all their actions are harmful to the peace of society. It is pitiful that the great work of revolution is led by those ignorant radicals. What they get at the end is only the grumbling and noise of the people. My attitude toward my pupils is like a director.

Whatever problem they have, I never solve it for them; I direct them to do it by themselves, in order to develop their power of judgment. Therefore, now all the business with outside parties is done by the students themselves, but I dare to say that all my students are careful and quiet. They ~~all~~ love their teachers with a hundred and twenty per cent love. Such good students I have never seen before; Miss ----- agrees with me in this.

Our work for this year is nearly finished now. The income and outgo are just about equal. For school equipment we spent sixteen hundred dollars; for teachers' salaries one thousand dollars. The largest salary is only thirty dollars a month. Miss ----- only takes one hundred dollars for each semester. You see how much they sacrifice! I am sure even if it were less than that, they would not be discontented, either. When I asked them to come I told them everything concerning the uncertainty of the salary distribution, so when they came, each of them brought a sufficient amount of money for her expenses. As for myself, from May 30, of last year, the day I left Peking, till now, I have only drawn out one hundred and eight dollars, including board. Although this small amount is only enough to pay my board, yet I am always free from economic trouble, because my friends are always continually supporting me. Therefore my happiness and my comfort exceed that of those who earn one or two hundred a month. You don't know how much I am grateful to the Creator through my wonderful experiences! When I was eight years old my father blessed me at his death bed and said: "She will be like a tree planted near the water- fruitful, and everlastingly green. Whatever she does will be successful."

After that, I lost my home and was adopted by a woman who was full of love and kindness. I met more than ten friends who were really angels of the human world. Their sincerity, and their love surprised me a great deal. Especially was there one person among them, my teacher, who from the time I was eleven years old took care of me a great deal like a mother. When I was studying in college she gave up nearly her all to support me, and even now she is still helping me from time to time. Ah, her life has nearly been sacrificed for me. This time the person who gave us the school building was her sister. When I left Peking last year I was like Abraham starting from his home. Who could believe that within one year there would be much difficulty? Ah, God is Lord. Whoever believeth truth, He will fight for him.

After the Moon Festival, Miss----- will not be able to come back and Miss----- will also perhaps not come any more. If the school can continue, Miss----- former Dean of ----- will come as the Chairman of our committee, because we have decided to change into the committee system. Both her knowledge and experience are very rich. Perhaps a well trained kindergarten teacher will come over with her. My brother, a graduate from -----Theological School, will come to teach science. Besides, there is another lady Miss----- my former companion, who is an editor, a very prominent woman of society, will perhaps come too. I am earnestly expecting their coming, but I cannot believe in my good fortune until I see them arriving here.

Our foundation shifts from time to time, and we are always worrying about the change. Our work is not at all completed. I know it is not right to tell people about incomplete work, but you are my teacher just like my mother; I am sure you are thinking of us, so I have told you everything frankly.