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YENCHING College
For Women

January 18, 1937

Miss Margaret B. Speer
Yenching College for Women
Peiping, China

Dear Miss Speer:

Two letters from you have been lying on my desk for
sometime awaiting acknowledgment.

We are glad that Miss Brandt, Miss Wood, and Dr. Jenkins
all arrived safely on the campus, and that they began their new duties in
a satisfactory way. We hope that all three of them are proving valuable
additions to the staff, and that Miss Brandt and Dr. Jenkins may become
permanent additions.

The question of someone to succeed Miss Wood at the end
of this year is one which we should certainly begin exploring without
waiting too long. At a recent meeting, the Yenching College Committee
took action reconstituting the Candidate Committee for this year while
Miss Kendrick is away. Since I have not yet received a copy of these
minutes from Mrs. Parlin, I am not quite certain as to who are the mem-
bers of the Committee. I am, however, writing to Mrs. Parlin and calling
the matter to her attention. I hope that the ladies can soon send you a
concrete report as to possible candidates, for your study there on the field.

I am glad that all the questions of salary arrangements
for the three new members of staff seem to have worked out satisfactorily.
Most of our uncertainties were due to the fact that all these details had
to be cleared by cable - which is both an expensive and an unsatisfactory
way of handling such matters. In future we will try to start earlier and
to avoid such haste at the last minute. We are noting the change in your
regulations with regard to return travel at the close of a short-term ap-
pointment.

We are all delighted that the work at Yenching seems to
have been going forward so well during recent months despite the troubled
political situation in North China. We realize that all of you in positions
of executive responsibility on the campus must be living under an unusually
heavy strain. But we do hope that the remainder of the academic year will
pass without any serious disturbances of the work.

Cordially yours,

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Miss Margaret B. Spear
Yenching College for Women
Peiping, China

My dear Miss Spear:

About a fortnight ago we received your cablegram concerning Dr. Josephine Rathbone reading as follows:- "WELCOME RATHBONE EITHER SEMESTER BUT NO FUNDS AVAILABLE."

We are not quite sure whether, at the time you sent this cable, you had had an opportunity to talk with Dr. Alice Boring, who should have arrived on the Yenching campus a few days before your cable was sent. I understand that Dr. See had a number of discussions with her as to Dr. Rathbone's contemplated trip to India and China in 1937-38 and that he requested Dr. Boring to pass on to you in some detail the various factors which their conferences here brought out.

Since Dr. Boring left America, Dr. Rathbone's plans have progressed to the point where it is definitely settled that she is to spend the first semester of the academic year 1937-38 in India. She would be able to arrive in Peiping in time for the spring semester if her presence there is really desired. But that is the question which bulks largest in our minds here - how much do you really want her on the Yenching campus?

The question of whether funds are available for any specific proposal depends in the final analysis upon its comparative importance. If the specific piece of work is urgent enough, support for it can always be found, even though readjustments must be made at other points. Other proposals which have some merit, but which are not absolutely indispensable, will probably never be carried out because available funds are always exhausted from year to year before we get that far down the list. So the first reaction of the group here in New York to the wording of your cablegram is that the statement that no funds are available probably means that you place Dr. Rathbone's coming rather far down in the scale of comparative importance.

There is also one other factor in the matter concerning which I believe Mrs. Parlin has already written - that is as to the relationship between the Department of Physical Education in the general University and the Department of Physical Education in Yenching College for Women. We all recognize that there

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was a time when there was a certain amount of feeling in the Women's College that the Physical Education Department of the general University was inclined to be a bit dictatorial, and that there was danger lest the work of physical education among the women students might be unfavorably affected by too much domination by the Physical Education Department of the general University. Whether there is any danger of this kind now, or whether any of the old feeling of uneasiness remains, we frankly do not know. But we do not wish to take any actions here which might create embarrassment or cause incompatibility of personalities on the field.

As you probably know, Dr. Wee feels that for Dr. Rathbone to spend a semester on the Yenching campus would be of tremendous value, both directly and indirectly. He considers her not only well qualified in physical education work, but also an invaluable point of contact with the physical education groups here in America whose interest and support he is trying to enlist. I believe that Dr. Rathbone herself is making a substantial personal contribution toward the fellowship of one of the men in the Yenching Department of Physical Education who is planning to be in America next year. Dr. Wee hopes that a semester on the Yenching campus would help to strengthen this interest, and to stimulate the interest and goodwill of the groups here in America who may in future help to support physical education at Yenching. Conversely, he feels that if we do not invite Dr. Rathbone to spend the spring semester at Yenching, that we may alienate not only her own interest and goodwill, but those of other influential friends here in America.

So far as expense is concerned, I understand that Yenching would not be asked to provide anything for travel, and that all that would be needed would be around US\$500 or LC\$1,500 in the form of an honorarium while Dr. Rathbone was on the campus. This might be provided either from Yenching College sources, from general University sources, or from some combination of these two sources. If it were not possible to provide this amount within the general budget resources of the Women's College or of the University, the Yenching College Committee might make a special appropriation of this amount from its reserve fund, or the Yenching Trustees might provide some portion of the amount from some special source.

The crucial question is whether or not Yenching is really anxious to have Dr. Rathbone there for the spring semester, 1938. If so, our invitation should be extended to her as promptly as possible, and funds for the honorarium should be sought either from regular budget sources or from some special appropriation. If Yenching does not care to have her spend the semester there, then we should seek ways and means to avoid giving offense or dispelling the interest and goodwill which Dr. Wee's presence here has built up.

At the time we cabled you last month, Dr. Rathbone was waiting for some indication of the attitude at Yenching before deciding whether she would go to India for the autumn semester 1937 or for the spring semester 1938. She has now found that the situation in India is such as to make it much more desirable that she go there this autumn. She has therefore decided definitely that she will go to India for a period between September 1937 and January 1938. It is not quite so imperative, therefore, that Yenching reach a final decision on its invitation during this first week in March, as we previously thought.

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would be necessary. I am therefore sending this detailed explanation by letter, with the request that as soon as possible after this reaches Yenching you will cable us your wishes. Will you indicate in your cable two things- (1) Does the field really desire Dr. Rathbone's coming, to the point where you feel it justifiable that some special effort be made to provide funds to cover an honorarium for her? (2) Can the field budget - in the Women's College, the general University, or both - provide some portion of the LC\$1,500 which is estimated as necessary, and if so just how much could you find? We will assume that if you really desire her, you would favor having the Yenching College Committee and/or the Yenching Trustees supplement from reserves, and other special sources here, whatever you are able to provide in China, so as to make up the amount necessary for her honorarium.

Very sincerely yours,

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

March 4th, 1937.

Dr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.,
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you for your letter of January 18th. I am glad that you are already considering the question of a successor for Miss Mabel Wood. I had already written to Mrs. Parlin about it, and we have recently heard of a Miss Ruth Douglass of Arizona who sounds quite promising. We are trying to gather more information about her which I will send on at once. A letter in the last mail from Mrs. Parlin brought us the information that Miss Calder is going to take Miss Kendrick's position as Chairman of the Candidate Committee. I hope she will keep you in close touch with all developments.

Your letter about Miss Stimson's gift for House 60 was very welcome. We will see what we can do about an attractive picture of the house. To tell you the confidential truth, it is a hideous box of a house, and it seems a pity when Miss Pendleton loved beautiful things to have such a plain little house designated as a memorial to her, but perhaps the fact that a Wellesley graduate lives there will help to make up for its lack of beauty.

Dr. Stuart and I have been having several consultations on the Hoobler gift. I felt very much distressed at the apparent suggestion that we were telling the Hooblers the money was for a women's dormitory, and yet actually we were putting the money into Natural Science endowment. It seemed to me that it would be a little more straightforward to make one of these three suggestions: 1) that the money should be given directly to Natural Science endowment; 2) that the money should be given for a women's dormitory, thus releasing \$40,000 for Women's College endowment; 3) if ^{we} you want the money to benefit Natural Science, and yet the Hooblers want their money connected with a Women's College dormitory, we might say frankly that in return for the gift to Natural Science we are willing to name one of the Women's College dormitories for Mrs. Hoobler; but I think it should be quite clear that one gift of \$40,000 cannot actually build a Women's College dormitory, and provide endowment for Natural Science at the same time.

A further problem arose when we tried to decide which dormitory might be considered the Hoobler gift, if they should agree to give the money for that purpose. Miss Cookingham has no records in her office here of exactly what funds were used to build each of the four dormitories. In 1926 bronze tablets were put up in the dormitories apparently indicating that funds given by different women's groups in California, Illinois, and New York had been used for erecting these buildings. Perhaps you have

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Dr. E. A. Garside.

the information in your office. I have written to Mrs. Frame to see if she can throw further light on it, but it would appear at first thought that we should not designate one of these buildings as the Hoobler gift unless we can find some other appropriate and honourable place for the bronze tablets that are already there. I hate to have any questions arise which might delay a decision about such a generous gift as the one which the Hooblers are contemplating, but it seems essential to get questions like this cleared up beforehand. I believe Dr. Stuart has written you about all this, and I hope it will be possible soon for the Hooblers to make a gift which will in one way or another benefit the University as a whole.

As I have already written to Mrs. Parlin, I hope to be coming home for furlough this summer, and I hope very much that you will make any plans that seem desirable to you for ways in which I can be useful to the Yenching office. If possible I should like to keep the second semester free for study, but I shall be available the first semester for any kind of promotion work in which I might be useful.

Cordially yours,

Margaret Bailey Spurr

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Mrs. C. C. Parlin
28 DePeyster Avenue
Tenafly, New Jersey

Dear Miriam:

Since writing you last week the Faculty Executive Committee has approved the budget. We have not yet had an opportunity to present the proposed Women's College budget to the Board of Managers, and its sub-committee of the Women's College, but I feel sure there are not likely to be any questions raised since it is in such an extremely tentative form. I am sending you under separate cover six copies of the budget, and I shall send a copy of this letter to Mr. Garside.

You will observe that the first four pages show the settled items in the budget, with only those changes which are practically automatic - some small increases in salary, furlough and travel adjustments. We have a slightly higher figure for income from tuition since next year there will be three classes paying our new increased tuition rate, and only one class, the Senior Class, on the old basis. When these changes have been made there is a balance for reserve amounting to LC\$6,797, an amount insufficient to meet the proposed additions which we have listed on a separate page, and which altogether amount to US\$830., and LC\$10,050. I think possibly we should make a further addition to this list of LC\$500. to be added to our item for wages, as the cost of living has increased markedly in Peiping in the last year or two, and I believe that it is only just to increase the wages of all our servants and employees. If all of these items should be included we would then have a deficit of G\$830, and LC\$3,753. It will be sometime before we can be sure about all of these proposed additions. We have already found a good assistant for the Mathematics Department; an assistant in Music is an absolute necessity if Miss Stahl is to have increased responsibility for Women's College administration next year. It is quite possible that the University may find a good man for Education, in which case we would not need to include the Education lecturer in the Women's College budget. I think it extremely likely that we shall need to pay part, if not all, of Miss Kung Lan-chen's salary. We must have somebody for Home Economics, though perhaps we will not need the whole of the Assistant Professor's salary we have put down here.

I hesitate extremely to present again to the Yenching College Committee and the Trustees a budget showing a deficit for the Women's College, but I think we must face realistically the problem which confronts us. It is imperative that we build up a strong Chinese faculty, yet the only way that the Women's College budget can conceivably be cut is by cutting salaries. Either we must let some of our present staff go, or we must not engage any new Chinese. Originally it was assumed that the women members of the faculty would be one-third of the total, but at present the women constitute only about one-fifth of the ranking faculty. Moreover, in the University as a whole the ratio of Chinese to foreigners is something like 2:1, whereas in the Women's College it is about 1:5 if we count those above the rank of assistant. Some changes come so gradually in the University that we do not realize they are taking place. The total numbers of University faculty have certainly not decreased in the last ten years (I am not sure what the actual increase is.) In the Women's College however the numbers of people supported by Mission Boards has been cut in half.

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Mrs. C. C. Parlin

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It is interesting to compare the figures for 1931 and for the present year.

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From the American Board we used to have Mrs. Frame, Miss Boynton, Gertrude Wood, and two quota vacancies. Now the last quota vacancy has been taken from the Women's College and used for Mrs. deVargas, leaving only Miss Boynton. Under the Presbyterian Board there were formerly Miss Veghte, Miss Cochran and myself. Miss Cochran now receives a salary from the Women's College, and the Board supports only Miss Veghte and me. Under the Methodist Mission we used to have Miss Stahl, Miss Mills, and Miss Cheney. Now we have only Miss Stahl. We still have Miss Wood under the London Mission, but they are not under any obligation to provide a woman, so that when Miss Wood leaves there will be no one to take her place. Miss Burt under the Friends can be considered as taking the place of the person who used to be contributed by the Y.W.C.A. In view of this, when we compare our present budget with the budget of former years, we should bear in mind that the actual salaries paid by the Women's College do not give the full picture, and that we now not only have less money from quota vacancies which can be used for Chinese salaries, but we also have fewer members of staff supported by the Mission Boards. We all realize that these cuts were made only when they were absolutely necessary. In the case of the American Board for example, there is no doubt that Dr. deVargas is one of the most valuable members of the University, and that Mrs. deVargas is a great addition to the Campus, and since they could not have returned to Yenching unless the Board had made the adjustment which it did, we are glad that it was possible somehow to have them return; but we have to realize that it is the cumulative effect of these adjustments for the past years that makes it necessary for us now to present a budget which can only be balanced by drawing on reserve.

This long letter is enough about budgets, I am sure.

With cordial greetings,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ MARGARET BAILEY SPEER

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

April 3rd, 1937.

Clare Gil

Dr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.,
U.S.A.

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Dear Dr. Garside:

Your letter of March 3rd came a few days ago, and we sent at once the following cable in reply: "IN ANSWER TO YOUR LETTER MARCH 3rd REFER TO OUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 18th PARLIN. VERY ANXIOUS TO HAVE RATHBONE IF FUNDS ARE PROVIDED BY YOU."

I think most of the points you raised had already been answered in my letter of February 18th to Mrs. Parlin. It is extraordinary how difficult it is to word a cable so that there will be no possibility of misunderstanding at the other end. We had felt that the cable sent in February: "Welcome Rathbone either semester but no funds available" would convey the impression that we wanted to have her. In the letter which K. A. Wee had sent at that time there had been no indication as to whether Yenching would be expected to pay Miss Rathbone a salary, or whether she was on leave with salary from Columbia, and would be able to pay all her own expenses. Moreover, Miss Boring who had just come back from America, had no information on that point. President Stuart was quite definite that the money could not be taken from the University budget. As you know, the Women's College budget is very small, and therefore comparatively inelastic. The only way to provide for Miss Rathbone out of our field budget would be to discharge someone who is already making a useful contribution on our staff, or else to add to the deficit. By this time you have had our proposed budget for next year, and will have seen that some sort of deficit will be inevitable. We would be glad if the Yenching College Committee would agree to appropriate an additional sum from reserve for Miss Rathbone, or better still, if it can be taken from any special gifts secured for Physical Education by K.A.We.

We had no intention of giving you the impression that we did not really want Miss Rathbone. We all feel she will have a great contribution to make to the work both for men and women, but she is, comparatively speaking, a luxury, while the other salaries on the Women's College budget are all necessities. The University Appointments Committee

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at a meeting yesterday agreed that Miss Rathbone would have the title of Visiting Assistant Professor. That is following the precedent of Miss Mabel Wood's case, and several others, of taking whatever rank such a visitor has in his own University, and adding the prefix "Visiting". It was also agreed that an honorarium of \$250 L.C. a month for six months would seem proper.

You and Mrs. Parlin have both raised the question of friction between the Department of Physical Education for Women, and the Department of Physical Education for Men. I do not feel that there is any ground for you to worry on that score. There have in the past been occasional minor misunderstandings between individuals. The question of whether there should be one department or two is an open one which involved a good many factors, and there is much to be said on both sides, but there is certainly no need to feel that Miss Rathbone's coming would "create embarrassment" in this matter.

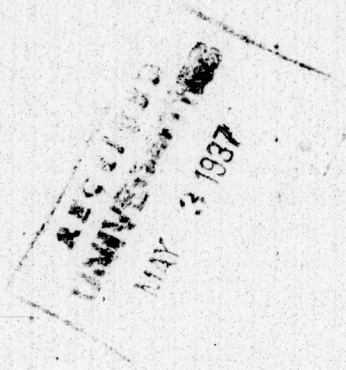
It is fine to know that K.A. Wee has done so much to arouse interest in and support for the work in Physical Education at Yenching, and I hope very much that it will be possible for you to make arrangements for Miss Rathbone's visit to Yenching, so that she can help him in putting some of his plans into effect. Miss Brandt and Mr. Chao are both eager to have the stimulus and encouragement that Miss Rathbone's presence would bring.

Probably you will have settled the matter long before this letter reaches you, but I want to send it any way to amplify the necessarily brief cable.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Spurr

I am sending a copy of this to Mr. Parlin



(Original letter sent to Miss Calder by ordinary mail.)

May 26, 1937

Miss Helen B. Calder
27 Summit Road
Wellesley, Mass.

Dear Miss Calder:

Recently we received the following cable from the New York office: "Dean Justin highly endorses Professor Kramer, Kansas State College, with Columbia Ph.D. Available for one year. No candidate now for longer appointment." To which we replied on May 21st as follows: "Need all round home economist rather than nutrition specialist. Will accept your judgment regarding Kramer, but favor type of Schumaker, Douglass. Acquiesce one year appointment."

I should like to explain to you and Mr. Garside what was in our mind in sending this reply. There seemed to be three points involved on which we should try to give you our opinion as soon as possible: Do we approve of Miss Kramer as a candidate? Are we willing to accept somebody for a one year appointment? What type of person is most desirable? During the course of the last few months we have had very frequent letters from Miss Milam, and Miss Wood has been in communication with various people, but your cable was the first word we had had about Professor Kramer. We looked up her name in the Directory of American Men of Science and discovered that she has a B.S. from Chicago, a Ph.D. from Columbia, is now a professor at Kansas State College, and her speciality is food economics and nutrition. Her thorough scientific training is a very important point in her favour; the fact that her speciality is food economics and nutrition is rather a drawback. Our nutrition work here with an emphasis on metabolism is carried quite adequately by Dr. Adolph and Miss Kung. The fact that they are both in the Chemistry Department, and do the work for Home Economics as a courtesy may not be ideal, but they are both excellent people in their field; the University would be loth to lose either one of them, and there is hardly need in a University of Yenching's size for three experts in the nutrition field. Food economics, if I understand it correctly, is a subject in which there could be little transfer from American conditions to Chinese conditions. Now that does not mean that Miss Kramer is necessarily undesirable for our situation, but it does mean that if her only interest is in food economics and nutrition, a rather difficult situation might be created when she arrived. However, if she had other interests, or were willing to help out in other phases of our Home Economics programme, she would be a most desirable addition to the Department. Since none of us know her, or how willing she would be to adjust to conditions here, we do not feel that we could say an unqualified "yes" or "no", but felt that we should make clear that what we need is an all-round Home Economist rather than a complete specialist in nutrition or any one line. We felt that with this information before you we could trust your judgment.

Miss Chen and Miss Wood have both hoped that there would be some possibility that either Miss Schumaker at Cornell, or Miss Douglass at Arizona would be able to come. I was sure that you had canvassed the ground completely before sending your cable, but we mentioned their names in our reply for two reasons: the first to indicate the general type of person that seems needed as an addition to our staff, and

second as a sort of indirect inquiry as to whether either of them would consider coming for a one year term.

It is with a good deal of reluctance that we accept the idea of another one year appointment, but both from your cable, and from the correspondence with Miss Milam we gathered that there is no hope for any other arrangement. It is quite true that each person who comes for one year can make a real contribution. Miss Wood has been very valuable indeed this year, but as a permanent policy for the Department it is not a good thing. However, if Miss Kramer or someone else comes for one year now, perhaps with Miss Wood and me both in America next year we can somewhere discover someone who can come in 1938 for a longer term. The really fundamental problem in finding staff for the department is the difficulty of striking a balance between a specialist and an all-round person. For the prestige of the Department in the University and in the College of Natural Sciences it is essential that we should have someone who has done well enough in her own field to command respect. On the other hand, with a small staff we cannot afford to have people who are such complete specialists in any one line that they cannot pitch in and help in other fields also; for example, courses which we should most like the newcomer to teach are food preparation, child care, and household technology - three courses in three different fields. It is not absolutely essential that she should be able to teach all three, as we might be able to make other adjustments for any one of the three, but these are the three most important courses that are not adequately cared for by our present staff. We did not put this in the cable because we were afraid that an insistence on these three totally different courses would frighten any candidate, and I can well imagine that an American might say that she could not handle food preparation in China. Miss Wood has found, however, that with a laboratory assistant to take care of the technicalities she has been able to do a good deal in giving instruction in principles of food preparation that are applicable to both western and Chinese Foods.

I hope this gives you the information that you need for making a decision. No doubt when you have reached a decision there will be details to be arranged regarding salary and travel. We have put in our budget for the coming year an item covering travel one way, and the salary of an assistant professor. I hardly see how we could pay round trip travel for a one year appointment. I am afraid it still further narrows the field, for it means that no one can come who could not pay at least part of the travel herself.

I am sorry this is such a difficult matter. I know what a task it must have been at your end to find any good candidates at all, and to try to decide on these candidates in the light of our necessarily inadequate cables must be exceedingly hard, but please be assured that we trust your judgment, and will welcome anyone whom you decide upon.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
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PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

June 28th, 1937.

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Dr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.,
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am leaving to-night via Siberia, and expect to get to America early in September, but before I go I want to say in reply to the recent cable from the Trustees and the Associated Board, that I shall of course be glad to put myself at your disposal, and to fit in in any way I can to the promotional work that has been planned for the Women's College or the University for next year. The cable referred to "previous correspondence." The most recent letter we have had from the New York office was Mrs. Farlin's letter written right after the May meeting, and also the minutes of the various May meetings. I do not know whether later letters have been sent which have not yet arrived, but whatever your plans are I shall be glad to adapt my own to fit the programme of the promotional committee.

*Noted
R.G.* { If you will have letters waiting for me at Lakeville, Connecticut, I shall have them as soon as I arrive on September 6th, or if you should wish to get in touch with me any earlier, ~~my~~ family can reach me in England.

I hope you will have a good summer and some vacation.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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from England
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Yenching

July 27, 1937

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart and
Dean of Women
Yenching University
Peiping, China

Dear Friends:

We cabled you this morning that Dr. Martha Kramer would be sailing on August 14th from Seattle, Washington, on the President Grant to take up the work of home economics at Yenching College for a year.

The Candidate Committee did not find a permanent applicant suitable for the position, and as the suggestion had come from China that Dr. Kramer might be tried, one who is sailing around the world within the next year and a half, the committee finally selected her as the best one available. As you undoubtedly know, Dr. Kramer is from the Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science, Manhattan, Kansas. The papers are in the hands of the Candidate Committee and are not available, but I am sure there is ample data on the field.

Dr. Kramer has had considerable difficulty in arranging for sailing on August 14th, but we have urged her to proceed pending any definite word from Yenching which would delay her sailing. Aside from this, she has been anxious to take a trip across Japan and through Korea which probably will have to be omitted because of the military activities in North China. In her last communication she has stated that everything is working out so that there will be no difficulty in making the boat.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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September 2, 1937

Miss Margaret Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Miss Speers

We enclose herewith a preliminary announcement of plans for a China Colleges retreat which is to be held in Poughkeepsie on the evening of September 10th and the morning of September 11th.

When this retreat was first proposed last spring, every one recognized the importance of our coming together at the beginning of the autumn to give earnest and unhurried study to the larger aspects of the work we are trying to do on behalf of the Christian Colleges in China. Everything that has happened in China during these recent weeks only emphasizes the importance of such a conference at this time.

All the group are particularly eager to have you with us if that can possibly be arranged. You can bring us a fresh message direct from the field, and at the same time can participate helpfully in our discussion of the general outlines of our activities for the coming year.

We feel very apologetic about suggesting that you attend any kind of a meeting so soon after your arrival in the United States, for we know how eager you and your father and mother will be to have at least a few uninterrupted days together. But since we are very anxious to have both Dr. and Mrs. Speer as well as yourself present at this retreat, we hope that it may be possible for all three of you to be present without breaking too deeply into your plans for being together.

Very sincerely yours,

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Encl.

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September 2, 1937

Miss Margaret B. Speer,
Lakewood, Conn.

Dear Miss Speer,

I have awaited the time of your arrival in America to acknowledge the letters you wrote just before you left Peiping. At the same time, let me extend a cordial welcome back to Mei-kuo. All of us are looking forward eagerly to seeing you and talking over many Yenching matters which are very much on our minds these days.

The tragic things which have happened in China since you left Peiping are quite beyond our comprehension. Of course we have long feared that this crisis was inevitable, but we continued to hope that in some way it might be averted. Now that it has come, it seems a cause for rejoicing that China has demonstrated strength and unity and courage far beyond which many of us thought possible under the circumstances. While we continue to have a faint hope that some miracle may bring about a speedy termination of hostilities, every indication now seems to point toward a prolonged and terribly destructive conflict. We can only hope and pray that out of it will grow a stronger and more unified China and a more enduring foundation for peace in the Pacific.

All these larger issues have, of course, a very direct bearing on our activities on behalf of Yenching during the coming year. These things we will hope to have an opportunity to discuss with you in the near future. Meantime it is comforting to know that up to the present there seems to be have been no serious molestation of Yenching University. Cables from Dr. Stuart indicate that they are still hoping to open this month, though such plans are of course always subject to radical modification at any time.

In the earnest hope that your home-coming will be a thoroughly happy one in every way, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

September 7, 1937

Dear Mr. Casside,

My boat docked yesterday morning
and I came directly up here to Lakeville.
If it had not been a holiday I should
certainly have gone at once to your
office to see you and to find out
all the most recent news you have had
from Yenching. I found your letter
waiting for me here and was glad to
learn of the retreat to be held at
Poughkeepsie This week-end. I am afraid
it will not be possible for me to
be at the first session on Friday evening.
Friday is Father's seventieth birthday, and
having come all this way from China, I want

to be here for the whole day. But I shall surely come over for the morning meeting on Saturday and stay for lunch. It is probable that both Father and Mother will come too.

I have had a delightful vacation in England and feel quite ready for work again, but the news from China is so appalling that one can scarcely bear to be safe and comfortable here, instead of sharing fully in the anxieties of life there. There have been so few direct letters from Peking, one feels sure there must be interference with the mails.

It will be a great pleasure to see you and the other China college friends on Saturday.

Sincerely yours.

Margaret Bailey Spear

Excerpt from letter written by Dr. Stuart to Miss Speer:-

"Foreigners will be more than ever needed these next few years - and pathetically wanted. The only pleasing feature of these recent weeks has been the touching proof of this."

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

September 22, 1937

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

I left a few pictures of myself in your office on Monday afternoon. If you think none of them are satisfactory for publicity material, let me know, and I'll try to get some others taken.

I'll be in New York again next Monday before starting for Cleveland and could come in again to see you, if you have any final advice or words of wisdom to impart.

A note has just come from Elinor Hayes saying she has promised

to write an article for the Wellesley -
Christian Association about fencing and
asking for some material as soon as
possible. Could you see that any
of the printed leaflets that are pertinent
are sent to her c/o Miss Ledsich.

4 Hurlbut Street
Cambridge, Mass.

No doubt countless copies of fencing
leaflets have been sent to Wellesley
students - before, but of course with
a college community the same things
have to be said all over again
every year.

Whenever you hear from Miss
McAfee about the dates that
would be most convenient for them
to have me at Wellesley, I shall
be glad to know. Bryan Mawr is

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Having its Alumnae Week-end on
October 15-18 and I should be glad
to go to that. If Wally did not
want me there until later, but it
isn't in the least important for I
can easily arrange to go to Bryn
Mawr at any other time.

A letter came through from Lighton
Street yesterday via Siberia. It was
good to get direct word at last.
I sent it on to Augusta Wagner
and asked her to pass on the chief
items of news to Mr. Fairbridge if he
had not already heard them.

The people at Ginkgo are especially

in one's mind these days, as one
waits for the latest news of the
Japanese bombardment there.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Spurr

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Lakeville, Conn.
September 28, 1937

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

Since writing to you last evening I have had a very cordial letter from Miss McAfee saying that they will welcome me at Wellesley any time after the first of October. My last engagement at Cleveland is on October 4. I would like to stop in Philadelphia overnight on my way back. Taking a day in New York and another day at Lakeville to pick up my belongings, I could get to Wellesley by October 7 or 8. An alternative would be to take some time in New York first and put off going to Wellesley until after the Bryn Mawr week-end, October 16 and 17, and my Utica engagement on October 19. That might however be a little late for the Wellesley Service Fund drive, the date of which Miss McAfee did not mention. Or a third plan would be to fix a date somewhere between these two, about October 14, for going to Wellesley. I should be glad to have your advice about these dates, in the light of any other plans you may have made, before I write to Miss McAfee.

Also, is it too early for you to say now how much, if at all, you think my services will be needed by Yenching during the second semester. I am getting a few requests from missionary societies that want me to speak in the spring. Do you feel that I can continue to be useful to the China Colleges promotion work during the spring, or can I be spared all the time or part of the time to do some studying in academic seclusion?

I am glad that Mr. Johnson has come back to the Nanking Embassy. I was certain Miss Vautrin and Miss Sutherland would never leave Ginling.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer

150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

29 September 1937.

Dear Miss Speer:

On receipt of Dr. Crile's note this afternoon, it seemed best to wire you. I believe you already know that he has been on the Yenching Advisory Council since 1933. None of us here feels any confidence as to the amount of Yenching information which he has absorbed, and probably your first task would be purely instructional. His signature is such a gem that I am not sending on the note to you. It reads:

Thank you very much
for writing me that Miss Margaret Speer,
Dean of the Yenching Women's College,
will be in Cleveland this week.

I shall be very
happy to see Miss Speer and to have
first-hand information regarding her
work in China.

If he were to give you an opportunity to make any statement as to what he could do for Yenching, your own instinct would be the best guide. We should especially appreciate his willingness to help Yenching representatives in Cleveland (in the future) with notes of introduction. He would need real conviction to be willing to do that.

Is there something in the way of the health service of Yenching which might appeal to him? After some conversation with him, you will have an idea as to whether he would incline to this or that - health, social service, and whether in the University as a whole or in the Women's College.

To-day Mr. McBrier and I have been going over Yenching cards. We have found two of which we should be glad to have you informed, in case you run into them or find time hanging heavy on your hands.

Mrs. J. C. Beardislee, 2560 Stratford Road, Cleveland Heights, used to give \$100 annually, and has dropped to \$25. She is said to be a member of the Calvary Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Francis F. Prentiss, 3503 Mayfield Road, has the same history. Gave \$100 beginning with 1924, and last year gave \$25. She was a Severance, and both the Prentiss family and the Severances have in recent years been obliged to cut down their gifts. Perhaps things are better now.

Miss Maifee writes that she is suggesting the 10th for your arrival in Wellealey. If you could come on ~~the~~ to Boston one or two days ahead of your Wellealey arrival, and spend some time with me in planning, I would appreciate it. - Miss Maifee is happy to have you work in other appointments beginning with the 22nd.

I hope you are enjoying Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Margaret B. Spear
Care of Mrs. A. J. Gahr
2384 Euclid Heights
Cleveland Ohio

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October 18 1937

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Garside:

I am enclosing a check for \$100, which was given to me last week by my friend, Mrs. Horace C. Coleman of 1326 De Kalb Street, Norristown, Pa. I believe that Mrs. Coleman's husband, who died last year, had made occasional gifts to Yenching in the past. Mrs. Coleman wishes this money to go to the Women's College. I do not think it matters whether it goes to Endowment or to the current budget.

I am having a very pleasant time here at Wellesley, but feel I have done nothing to deserve such luxurious and leisurely days. I do not know yet when Mrs. Macmillen thinks that I can be most useful in New York, but some time in November or December I hope to have some uninterrupted days there, when I can be in the office and can talk with you and Mr. Evans about a number of matters which are important, even if they are not pressing.

It has been good to get the letters from Yenching this week. Apparently the Japanese are making life pretty unpleasant for the student class.

Very sincerely yours,

Margaret B. Speer

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address until November 1.

*To Mrs. G. G. Ewing
Crawford House
Wellesley College
Wellesley, Mass.*

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*EVS -
for your records.
I have the original*
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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
150 Fifth Ave.
New York

*OR
JAC 5/6/38*

October 18, 1937

*Will copy for
out of Cleveland
for JAC
since JAC is
sending it
you*
Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Hotel Bellevue
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I want to put down in writing some of my gleanings about possible friends of the China Colleges, old and new, in Cleveland. As I told you, the afternoon with Miss Case and the officers of the Wellesley Club seems to show that they have a real feeling of friendship for Yenching, and would be glad at some time to have a Yenching meeting as part of the program of the Wellesley Club.

The two most promising people there, were Mrs. Richard Stifel and Mrs. John French Wilson. Mrs. Stifel was Loretta Davis of the Class of '25 at Wellesley. She is the present president of the Cleveland Wellesley Club. Her address is 2700 Southington Road, Shaker Heights, Cleveland. I have not Mrs. Wilson's address, but I have asked Miss Case to send it to me.

you
My visit with Dr. George W. Crile was very pleasant. He was friendly and interested, though naturally he could not take much time out of a busy morning of professional appointments. His interest in the China colleges seems to be greater than his information about them. He asked a number of questions, which showed his interest but revealed considerable ignorance of actual conditions in China. He says he will be glad to help the colleges in any way he can, but added cautiously that his many responsibilities in Cleveland are growing greater every year. He apparently hopes some day to go to China and see the medical work there at first hand.

Cheeloo-
As you know, Mr. Klahr and Mr. Bird both feel very cordial to China interests. I should think that Mr. Bird in his church could profitably stress the work at Cheeloo. Dr. Theodore Greene is supported by that church and has made a great impression on the whole congregation in his visits to Cleveland. They would be particularly ready to do anything which would help to advance his work.

you?
I was not able to glean very much information about Mr. Ernst except that he is now Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, was at one time Chairman of the Presbyterian Union in Cleveland, and that his wife is fairly active in her church missionary society.

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My hostess in Cleveland was Miss Ruth Ely Williamson at 12349 Cedar Road, Cleveland Heights. Miss Williamson's brother is the President of the New York Central Railroad. She is very active in the Church of the Covenant, and would, I am sure, be a friend of the China colleges if she should be approached at the time of a campaign in Cleveland.

Mrs. M. F. Gates, of 1666 East 93rd Street, Cleveland, asked to have her name put on the China Colleges list. She is Secretary for Literature at the Old Stone Church, and would be glad to receive any printed matter that our office sends out. At one of the tea meetings an elderly lady told me that she has always been interested in Yenching, and is a great friend of Mr. K. Y. Ma, who is head of the business office at Yenching. She said when Mr. Ma was a student in this country, he used to go to her house regularly for Sunday dinner. I think she would be glad to receive Yenching literature and appeals. She is Mrs. H. F. Lyman, 1740 Page Avenue, Cleveland.

I wonder whether on our China Colleges lists you have the name of the Rev. Edwin McNeill Poteat, Jr., who has recently gone to Cleveland as the Pastor of the enormous Euclid Avenue Baptist Church. He spent over fifteen years in China, most of the time in Kaifeng, but was for a short time at the University of Shanghai. He speaks impeccable Mandarin, and appears to cherish his China connections. He has one of the flourishing Cleveland churches, and his interest should be helpful.

I had hoped while I was there to be able to see Mrs. Grasselli, who is an old friend of Mother's, but unfortunately she is an Episcopalian, and my whole time was occupied with Presbyterians. Whenever there should be a campaign in Cleveland, however, I would be glad to provide a letter of introduction to Mrs. Grasselli. She is a woman of great means and could give largely, if she were interested. Her address is Mrs. E. R. Grasselli, 10801 East Boulevard.

The day I was in Akron, I was taken to call on Mrs. Seiberling. Her husband has just retired as President of the Seiberling Rubber Company. He was one of the founders of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, and is evidently quite a personage in Akron. Mrs. Seiberling is a plain, friendly little person, quite interested in the Presbyterian Church, and apparently on the verge of interest in the Oxford group. I wish we might do something to stir her interest in China. Her address is Stanhywet Hall, North Portage Path, Akron.

The other evening at dinner in New York, I sat next to Dr. Barclay Acheson of the Near East Relief. His brother is owner of the Readers' Digest, and Dr. Acheson, who is tremendously stirred up over the Far Eastern situation, told me that the Readers' Digest would like to publish a rousing article on what America can do to stop Japan. I gathered that he wanted an original article, rather than a digest or reprint of anything that had already appeared, in another magazine. I gave him the address of two or three people who might supply him with some of the information he wanted. If he is not already on our list, I think it would be a good thing to send him any of the news bulletins that go out from our office this winter. His address is care of the Readers' Digest, 2 West 46th Street, New York.

I hope that out of this long list of names, you will find that one or two of these people will turn out to be real friends of the China Colleges.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Margaret Bailey Speer

Hotel Bellevue
Boston

19 October 1937

Dear Miss Speer:

Your letter of October 18th, with its detailed report of your interviews to date, is a beautiful piece of promotional recording.

Mr. Marshall has told me by telephone that he expected to have a first outline in the hands of the panel members early this week, and a fuller outline later. Certainly he has the thing in mind, and I feel sure the end result will be good. In any case, you should not worry about it.

The most important thing I have to say at the moment, is that the May School has just written asking whether you could possibly bring a Chinese girl with you for the half hour assembly period this Friday morning. This is a supplementary request, their first response asking only for you as the one they most desired from the list of those available. I am now writing to Miss Eleanor Wilson, the secretary, telling her that I have passed on the request about a Chinese girl but that I am not at all certain it will be possible to grant this request. In order that you may know exactly what I said, probably I should enclose a carbon copy of my note to Miss Wilson.

At the May School they are very accommodating, and have repeated their offer to change the hour of the assembly if a somewhat later one would be more convenient for you. Let me know as soon as you can. The usual hour is 8:45, the address of the School is 270 Beacon St., Boston, and the student body is of preparatory school age and of fine quality.

Another school event which has now become attached to your schedule, is the assembly hour at the Beaver Country Day School, at 2:30 on Friday, October 20th. This is one of the most conspicuous of the progressive private schools in America; the headmaster is Eugene R. Smith. Here also, they are particularly anxious to have the assembly hour shared by a Chinese student, and I have told them we would do our best to find someone who could come with you.

Miss Speer

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I am very keen to present to these Boston schools no Chinese student who is merely ornamental and who has no ideas which will command the respect of the alert boys and girls of Boston. Miss Elliott telephoned me last week of the serious thought which the faculty at Wellesley are having to give to this matter of demands upon the time of the Chinese students. Since just at this time I imagine you have more opportunity than I to stir about, not only among the Chinese students at Wellesley but perhaps a bit in Cambridge, may I leave both of these programs in your hands?

The assembly hour at Beaver is more generous in time, extending from 2:30 until 3:30. This also, is a college preparatory school, so that it is quite possible to direct one's remarks to the boys and girls of high school age. Beaver is co-educational, but the May School is for girls only.

I hope that your visit in New York State was a very happy one.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. T. D. Macmillan)

Miss Margaret B. Speer
C/o Dean Mary C. Ewing
Wellesley College
Wellesley, Mass.

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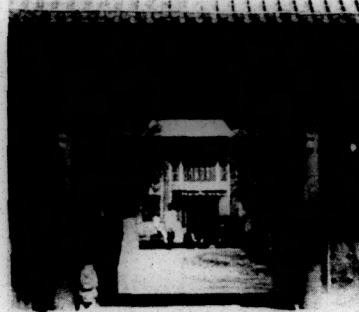
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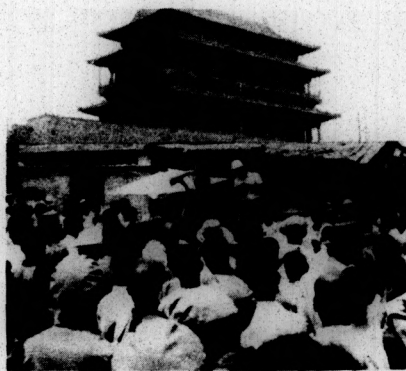
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YENCHING BEHIND THE JAPANESE LINES

"The cloistered quiet of a college campus" -- the phrase has probably been used hundreds of times this fall in opening addresses at colleges and universities up and down America. But in China it must have a hollow ring in every one of the thirteen Christian colleges, even in those far removed from actual fighting and battle lines. Each one of these colleges has had to face unprecedented conditions this fall - Hua Chung running on a double schedule at government request, Ginling with



A Girl Student Talks
on Patriotism to a
Group of Villagers

separate units in Wuchang and Shanghai, West China acting as host to the medical and dental colleges from Central University. Some have been threatened with the destruction of campus and buildings; the University of Shanghai has had to move to emergency quarters, Cheeloo may at any moment be on the fighting line. Of them all Yenching University in Peiping is the only one that finds itself to-day in the strange position of having its outward peace secured by the alien military force now in complete control of the Peiping area. But there can be little inward peace for a body of faculty and students determined to carry on under these conditions, determined to possess their own souls under the shadow of a foreign rule.

The complete domination of that military rule is, of course, a new thing - the result of the sudden determination of Japanese militarists this summer to delay no longer in extending their political and economic control over the five Northern Provinces; but for the last six years, ever since the Mukden Incident of September 18, 1931, Peiping has felt with gradually increasing intensity, the force of the Japanese desire for a larger and larger control of this region. For spirited college students, filled with a burning loyalty and love for their own country and people, Japanese penetration has grown steadily harder to bear. When, in the fall of 1935, Japan endeavored to instigate a movement for the autonomy of the five Northern Provinces, thousands of students in Peiping, including those of all the government universities and Yenching, rose up spontaneously to declare by demonstrations, which were heralded all over China, that autonomy for North China was not the desire of the people.

Although the large-scale smuggling of Japanese imports, apparently encouraged, certainly winked at, by the Japanese authorities, continued to be a source

of tension throughout the area, the year 1936-37 brought no political interruptions to university life. Having begun the year with a full enrollment, and having had to turn away more candidates for admission (1,268) than ever before, Yenching celebrated in June its tenth commencement on the new campus. The spirit of national unity and solidarity, the sense of all parts of the country being joined in loyalty to the Nanking government, gave promise of even more successful years ahead.

In July the campus was not deserted, as an American campus would be during summer vacation. Of the student body of 800, about forty women and eighty men were



Peace or War Will Find
Yenching Women Ready to Do
Their Part as Dieticians

in residence, seniors gathering material for their senior theses, students from Honolulu, Canton, and the South Seas, staying for summer school classes, and, in addition, a group of middle school teachers taking a summer "refresher" course in Methods of English Teaching, sponsored by the Ministry of Education and organized by the Yenching Department of English in collaboration with the new and flourishing Orthological Institute of Peiping. All these students were quietly at work, the university authorities were busily preparing for the strenuous task of examining more than 1,000 candidates of whom less than one-tenth could be admitted, when suddenly the sparks struck at Wanping and

Lukouchiao, only a few miles from the Yenching campus, resulted in the conflagration that has since spread to half the provinces of China. Newspapers have kept us informed of troop movements and government actions and of all the details of undeclared warfare in Shanghai and the North, but with cable messages delayed and interfered with, and mail almost entirely cut off, we have only the most meagre reports of what has happened at Yenching. But with these reports supplemented and interpreted by members of the faculty who came to this country on leave before the outbreak of hostilities, we can picture the difficulties of these three months.

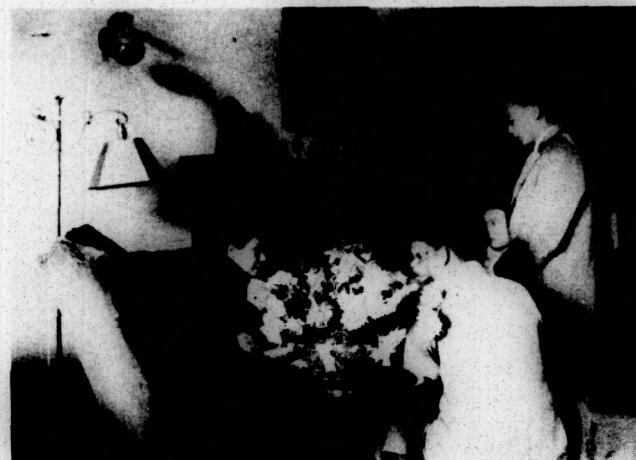
The week in July when entrance examinations should have been held was the week of greatest tension in Peiping and, with railroad communication disrupted, it was impossible for students to come from Tientsin and the other surrounding cities, even if any one had been in the state of mind to sit down with examination questions while the city was under martial law and threatened with immediate attack. Later in August, however, examinations were held, and after some delay the university

opened on September 22nd with 379 students, 111 women and 268 men, about half the usual number. When one considers that normally little more than a quarter of the student body comes from the Peiping area and that now Peiping is virtually cut off from the rest of China, with front line trenches extending across the provinces of Shantung and Hopei to the south, it is astonishing that the enrollment should be so large. The slight delay in opening need not be wondered at when one considers that during August the university buildings were filled with refugees from the surrounding villages, 1,500 of them at the peak, and that even after the Japanese military had taken over the city, all lines of communication were disorganized. The university campus is five miles outside the walled city. During most of the summer the city gates were



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kept shut and the telephone lines were cut, so that the university was completely isolated from the Peiping community. The difficulty of travel to be overcome by students coming from elsewhere can be illustrated by the experience of four members of the faculty who were spending their vacation on the mountainside of Kuantsoling. The journey from Kuantsoling to Yenching ordinarily requires less than a day -- a few hours across the plain by donkey, and then two hours by train to Peiping. When fighting cut off the direct route by train, the only alternative was to make a large swing to the south and east, but troop movements interfered with this and the detour grew longer and longer until the travelers were forced to go through Hankow to Hongkong and thence by boat to the North, a total journey of several thousand miles, instead of sixty miles.



In a Yenching Living Room,
Madame Chiang Confers with Students
of the Yenching Department of Journalism

As American friends think of Yenching during the Japanese occupation, they will remember the constant strain of uncertainty and isolation. Staff and students will be under the continual necessity of exercising self-control in meeting unconfirmed and disturbing rumors. In a world normally knit by post, telegraph, and radio, they may be for long periods of time deprived of all of these. Faced with new and difficult conditions, they will have to decide what courses are best for Yenching, for China, and the cause of Christ. They will doubly appreciate every evidence of sympathy and loyal support as they carry on their training.

New York
October 21, 1937

Margaret Bailey Speer
Margaret Bailey Speer, Dean
Yenching College for Women



October 25, 1937

Miss Margaret B. Speer
c/o Mrs. G. J. Ewing
Crawford House
Wellesley College
Wellesley, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Speer:

I should have acknowledged before this your letter of October 18th with which you enclosed Mrs. Coleman's check for \$100. This has been applied toward the current budget of the Women's Colleges, since that has been considered the most urgent immediate need, and the Committee on Promotion has instructed us to apply gifts there for the present unless some other designation is indicated.

I shared your letter with Mrs. Macmillan who has since gone on to Boston. No doubt you have seen her, and have discussed with her the plans for your coming to New York in a month or so. We will certainly welcome having you in the office with us for a while for there are many things we would like to talk over with you.

We have been greatly encouraged during recent weeks by the demonstration of sympathetic interest and of desire to help on the part of all the old friends of the China Colleges, and many new ones. Our biggest problem now is that of how to utilize this great reservoir of friendly interest in China. To utilize it to the utmost would require more organization than we have time and funds to carry through. On the other hand, to rush ahead hastily and with inadequate preparation may cause us to lose a large percentage of the results which might be obtained with greater care and better organization. We are trying to steer a middle course, and are hoping that some very substantial results will be forthcoming during the weeks just ahead.

The news coming from China these days is both heartening and distressing. We all admire the courageous way in which the whole Chinese nation has rallied to the crisis. On the other hand the slaughter going on day by day is appalling. It seems inevitable that both sides in the struggle would reach the point of

exhaustion before many months elapse if the present pace is maintained.

With all good wishes for your weeks in Wellesley, I am

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP

Wainford House
Walsby, Weymouth
November 2. 1901

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Dear Mr. Justice.

Thank you very much for the
immagnificent letter from the
Gardens. I think Miss Hay's letter is
magnificent and deserves to be distributed
widely.

I am expecting to end my
holidays visit on Thursday of this week,
and shall hope to be able to drop in
at the Gardens Office sometime on
Friday before going up to Exeter. You
will have no trouble Miss Wainford if
necessary.
Sincerely yours,
Margaret Bailey

REPORT ON VISIT TO BOSTON AND WELLESLEY - M.B.SPEER

October 9-November 11, 1937

Speeches

The May School, 270 Beacon St., Boston. Assembly

Panel Discussion, China Colleges Dinner, Hotel
Commander, Cambridge

History Club Dinner, Wellesley College

Liberal Arts College, Boston University. Assembly

xSargent School of Physical Education, Cambridge. Assembly

Beaver Country Day School, Brookline. Assembly

Morning Chapel, Wellesley College

Dana Hall and Pine Manor, International Relations Club

Service Fund Group, Wellesley College

The Monday Club, Needham (A Mrs. Johnson arranged this meeting over the telephone and I never did find out her name and address. Mrs. George Davis was there and could give further information, but I don't believe anyone there would be likely to give large sums.)

Wellesley College Faculty, Reception at the President's House

Pembroke College, Providence, R.I. Assembly

Informal Talks

The Student Forum, Wellesley College

The students of Munger Hall, the graduate students, and the village freshmen, Wellesley

I also made a speech at Abbot Academy at a memorial service for Miss Chickering. Needless to say this had nothing to do with Yenching.

People who entertained M.B. Speer at one or more meals:

Wellesley

President McAfee
Dean Mary Lowell Coolidge
Mrs. G.J. Ewing
Mrs. Martha H. Wheelwright, Tower Court - Mrs. W. J. [unclear]
Mrs. Carolyn N. Britton, Severance Hall
Miss Sophie A. Roche, Little House
Mrs. J.W. Brown, Eliot House
Miss Helen I. Davis, Botany Department
Mrs. Katherine Fowler Lunn, Geology Department
Mrs. H.P. Alexander, Munger Hall
Miss Elizabeth Donnan, Economics Department
Miss Violet Snyder, Olive Davis Hall
Miss Louise McDowell, Physics Department
Miss Barnette Miller, History Department
Miss Lilian H. Lincoln, Cazenove Hall
Mrs. W.M. Raymond, Pomeroy Hall
Miss Harriet C. Waterman, Department of Zoology
Miss Katy Boyd George, Department of Biblical History
Miss Mary Finch, Secretary of the Christian Association
Miss Grace G. Crocker, Executive Secretary of the College
Dr. Edward E. Curtis, Department of History

Outside of Wellesley College

Miss Alice Thorp and Miss Anne Thorp, 115 Brattle St.
Cambridge
Miss Ellen Faulkner, Milton Academy, Milton
Miss Vida D. Scudder and Miss Florence Converse, 93 [unclear]
Leighton Road, Wellesley
Miss Mary Carpenter, Abbot Academy, Andover
Dean Margaret Shove Morriss, Pembroke College,
Providence, R.I.
Miss Helen Cook, Dana Hall, Wellesley
Mrs. Henry O. Marcy, 140 Sargent Street, Newton
Mrs. F.S. Kershaw, Merrywood, Marlboro, N.H.
Mrs. Charles A. Proctor, 297 Commonwealth Ave, Boston
Mrs. John Bordman, 86 Monument St. Concord, Mass

Wellesley Students who were particularly interested in China

Edith Iglauer, Claflin Hall
Edar Fleming, Severance Hall
Virginia Locke, Severance Hall
Gretchen Heald, Munger Hall
Elizabeth Hapgood, Munger Hall

Among the people I met at dinner at Mrs. Proctor's were several who seemed particularly interested in the China Colleges: Mr and Mrs Daniel C. Stanwood, 61 Windsor Road, Wellesley. Mr. Stanwood has recently retired from the faculty at Bowdoin. Mrs. Stanwood's nephew is at present at Yale in China.

Mr and Mrs. W. Rupert Maclaurin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mr. Maclaurin is Assistant Professor of Economics. They visited China a couple of years ago and stayed with Hilda Hague at Yenching.

Hotel Bellevue
Boston Mass.

15 November 1937

My dear Mrs. Pfeiffer:

You have, indeed, started an excellent January program for Miss Speer. I was ever so glad to have your note telling of the proposals for a gathering in Mrs. Morrow's home, in which Mrs. Parlin will help, a Bryn Mawr group with Mrs. Slade's leadership, and possibly a meeting in Mrs. Cushman's home, in addition to the one you plan for an evening at your home.

I have no comment to make, except that there will be certain important individuals to whom you will wish to offer an opportunity to have Miss Speer alone in their own homes. Miss Candace Stimson met Miss Speer on the Wellesley campus during the meeting of alumnae officials in October, during which Miss McAfee made it possible for Miss Speer to come into close touch with the three alumnae trustees. Miss Stimson showed very cordial interest in Miss Speer, and, I believe, asked her to come to see her in New York. There will be others who will occur to you, Mrs. Finley, and Mrs. Slade, as being best reached without any fanfare of trumpets, merely quiet hospitality.

Miss Speer is delightful to work with; she takes all kinds of difficulties and demands in her stride with good poise, and carries through to the end in any promotional contact, so that we have dependable records with which to carry on through subsequent steps. I have seen her in all sorts of situations here in Boston, and am filled with admiration for the qualities which she brings to every human relationship. She has developed a fine fifteen-minute annotation of the four hundred feet of colored Yenching motion pictures, and you will have these in mind in making your plans. They are now with me here in Boston, where I may have occasion to use them within the next month, but of course Miss Speer will always have first claim. They are not valuable without a running comment, and the comment which Miss Speer has evolved is, in effect, a short lecture on Yenching which she gives as an audience watches these campus glimpses on the screen. It would be useless to have the pictures shown to a critical audience without expert annotation.

Mrs. Pfeiffer

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Miss Speer has given a certain number of school and college talks here in Greater Boston, and most of these have been worth her while, particularly the one she gave to the Sargent College students, who are already contributing to Yenching, and her chapel talk at the College of Liberal Arts at Boston University, which had a very fine effect on both students and faculty. I do not know how she herself felt about two or three assembly hours when she talked to private school students. Of course, she gave dozens of talks during her month at Wellesley, to small gatherings of students and faculty on the Wellesley campus. I was with her on two of these occasions, once when she showed the film to the students and faculty interested in the Service Fund, and the other time when the freshmen got together in one of their dormitories. On both of these occasions, the film and Miss Speer roused definite enthusiasm.

If I think of any definite suggestions for January, I will let you know promptly. Miss Speer will wish very soon to clear with you certain dates which she has already promised within easy reach of New York.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. T. D. Macmillan)

Mrs. Timothy N. Pfeiffer
Palisade Avenue
New York City

(Copies to Mrs. Finley
and to Miss Van Sciver)

THE
Warwick
65 West 54th St.
New York

November 15, 1937

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

Herewith the proof - a very good job indeed. The photographs have reproduced excellently. A few commas might have been omitted or added, but considering the linotype, I left them as they were. The headings & placing of the cuts seem excellent.

You have Mrs. Proctor on the list for one of these letters. Haven't you? And such people as Wallisley as Miss Ridley & Miss Barlett Miller. I think a bunch might be sent to Miss Waterman, chairman of the Education Committee of the Service Fund (Address: Horton House, Wallisley.)

My times in N.Y. haven't been very satisfactory for getting work done, for I've had to part with an ingested wisdom tooth & in order to connect with my family at all I've had to chase back & forth several times to Lakeville. So many friends have said "Now you must come & spend the night with me" that I haven't taken advantage of your room at the Parkside yet, but I may go there tonight if I don't go back to Lakeville this evening.

Did I tell you that Miss Crocker-

Told me that she had never been at such a
casual dinner as this one at the Commodore -
not a single hitch or flaw in the whole proceedings.

I'll try to write the letter you suggest - either
today in the office or tomorrow at Solville.

What would you think next year of the
China College getting out some Christmas cards for
sale like the Great Mission? If we get on
the job early we could get some exquisite Chinese
ones - either Chinese cut-outs or reproductions of some
of the lovely Chinese madonnas that some of the
Chinese Catholic artists have done. It ought
to make better for publicity & revenue.

I'll try to catch the mail, so you'll get this
tonight.

Sincerely
M.B.S.

November 18, 1937

Dr. John H. Finley
The New York Times
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Finley:

As you know, Dean Margaret B. Speer has recently returned from China. She is in very close touch with higher educational work in China, and has a clear understanding of the part which the forces of higher education are playing in the present Sino-Japanese conflict.

It seems to me that Miss Speer may be well qualified to supply material for an article in the New York Times Magazine bearing on some phase of the place of higher education in the present conflict in China. If you think the suggestion is of sufficient merit, you might wish to have the Editor of the New York Times Magazine get in touch with her. She will probably be in New York tomorrow, Friday, and again next Monday. Our office would be glad to assist in arranging for her to come to the New York Times editorial offices at any time that would be mutually convenient for her and for the editor with whom she might confer.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

November 22. 1887

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

I have just got back to
Lakeville this evening, after four days
in New York and Philadelphia. I had dinner
with Mrs. Morrow and paid a flying visit
to Bryn Mawr.

If it doesn't seem wise
to go to Rochester and Detroit before
Christmas, I shall not mind a bit!
There is lots I can do here, and
in New York and Philadelphia during that
time. But I shall wait for further

word as to ^{whether} ~~whether~~ you think we:

Miss Tolson of your telegram
message about Mrs. Mary's scholarship;
but I am not sure just what
information you wanted. Mrs. Mary
could do one of two things. (1) She could
make an annual contribution to our
Scholarship fund, which desperately needs
to be enlarged, and if she wished
a more personal interest. The Scholarship
committee could designate one of
the students receiving scholarship aid, as
the "Mary Scholar" or something of the sort,
but the "Mary Scholar" would not receive
exactly the same amount that Mrs. Mary
donated. ^{The balance would go into the general fund.} (2) If she would prefer that
all that she gives should go to one
student, a special Mary fund could be

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

set up, and each year one or more students would be assigned special Macy scholarships. This would be rather complicated, for the amount in local currency would fluctuate from year to year according to exchange, and in some years it might be more than the particular student would need, and in other years not enough.

I should much prefer the first alternative. The University needs far more scholarship funds than it has. Anything given to this general fund is used to this fund. All that Mr. Macy would need to do would be to indicate whether she wanted to provide scholarships for men or for women or for both, and

roughly how many. At present this ^{university} gives scholarships of three types: for tuition (8110 L.C. yearly), ^{L.C.} 8200 a year, and ^{L.C.} 8200 a year. If Mr. Masey would give 8200 U.S. a year, it would take care of two of the larger scholarships with something over.

Was that more or less what you wanted to know? Sorry we didn't discuss this more fully when I was in school.

I hope you have a good Thanksgiving with your mother.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Spaulding

Hotel Bellevue
Boston

22 November 1937

Dear Miss Speer:

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Marcy

It was not necessary for me to give to Mrs. Marcy the information about this year's appointment to her scholarship, for which I feared she might ask. She took it for granted that the stipend would be needed during the current year, and is paying it (U.S. \$100) on December first. We have only the briefest information from Mr. Stuart as to the way in which he expects to make appointments to this scholarship, but he does say that he is counting upon you to choose the girl each year, and that I am to keep in touch with Mrs. Marcy in regard to the annual payment.

I spent about twenty-four hours with Mrs. Marcy, beginning Saturday noon, and had a very good talk with her about the history of Yenching and its special distinctions in the college world in China. She seems inclined to make herself really active in spreading Yenching enthusiasm, and says that she herself would like eventually to make a really substantial gift in her father's memory. She mentioned \$25,000. It may be that when her son and daughter become independent of her help (they have both married within the last year, although their student days are not finished), she may carry out at least a part of her generous intent.

Yes, the creation of a Christmas card for the China Colleges, using some of the excellent Chefoo cut-outs, is an idea we should carry out. Whether it could be used extensively as an article for sale, is another question. Of course the Grenfell people have built up a good deal of their money-raising plan on the basis of the "Labrador" crafts, and the Christmas cards get on the market through the very fine local organizations equipped to take care of sales. We have, from time to time, wondered whether Chinese crafts could be a help to our work, but we have not even begun to develop a fabric of local helpers which would make it possible for us to use this technizue to increase our income. For many years

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Miss Speer

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several of our colleges have been supplying us with rather large quantities of Christmas cards and calendars, and I have no doubt that they help to keep our program in the minds of some friends, but up to the present we have not offered any of them for sale.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Margaret B. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville, Conn.

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November 26, 1937

Miss Margaret B. Speer
Lakeville
Connecticut

Dear Miss Speer:

On Wednesday afternoon Mr. Arnold Beichman, one of the editors in the Education Department of the New York Times, telephoned to discuss the suggestion we made to Dr. Finley that you might be able to give them material for an article to appear in the New York Times Magazine.

I suggested to him that if you were planning to be in New York City during the next few days it would be worthwhile for the two of you to get together to discuss the matter. He agreed with this suggestion.

We know that you are anxious to have as much uninterrupted time as possible with your father and mother there in Lakeville, and we would not urge you to make a special trip to New York for any conference with the editors of the New York Times. If, however, you are planning to be in New York City anyway within the next week or so, we ought to be able to arrange such a conference at a time that would be mutually convenient.

Will you drop us a note at your convenience as to whether such a trip is in prospect?

We hope that you had a very pleasant Thanksgiving yesterday and that you are enjoying a thoroughly restful stay there in Lakeville.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MP

3.30-4⁰⁰ Friday

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

November 28, 1937

Dear Mr. Garside,

You ask when I could arrange to be in New York to see Mr. Beichman of the New York Times. Since Mrs. Macmillan has decided that she and I do not need to go out to Rochester and Detroit I am feeling delightfully free. The more I have thought about an article for the Times the more inadequate I have felt for the job, but I am perfectly willing to talk to Mr. Beichman.

At present I am planning to come down to New York on Thursday to stay for a few days. Do you think you could arrange an appointment on Friday morning? Very early Thursday afternoon would be all right, but I have another engagement at half past three. Or if necessary I could arrange to be free any time on Friday or Saturday. If you decide on Thursday afternoon you had better telegraph me here, or I can be reached Thursday evening at Mrs. James S. Cushman's 815 Fifth Avenue.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Spear

December 1, 1937

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

The restful air of home is not very conducive to work and I am beginning to feel I would get more done if I had more to do; I am not accomplishing a great deal in these days of leisure.

First of all here is that expense account which you promised to pass on the proper authorities whenever I should give you the chance. I am enclosing it on a separate sheet.

Second, for your information here are some of the engagements I have made for the next two months. Tomorrow I am going down to New York for a big celebration at the National Board of the YWCA. I probably won't come back to Lakeville until after the China Colleges luncheon on Tuesday, December 7. On Monday, December 20, I have to speak at a meeting of the Presbyterian Board in New York. On Wednesday, January 5, another Presbyterian meeting in New York. On Tuesday, January 11, the Lakeville League of Women Voters. On Sunday, January 16, the Vesper service at the Holmquist School in New Hope. On Wednesday, January 19 the Missionary Society in the Englewood Presbyterian Church. You are probably not concerned at the moment about dates further ahead than that, but I have promised to speak in February and March at Scarsdale, Germantown, Chestnut Hill, and Bryn Mawr.

I will try to get the appeal for the tardy givers on the Women's College list done in a day or two and in Miss Sciver's hands by Saturday or Monday.

I am enclosing the report on my Wellesley visit (at last) and also a copy of the statement I sent off to Miss Risley about the early history of the Wellesley Yenching relationship. It is no doubt full of holes and mistakes, which I should be very glad to have corrected. It is good to know that there are at least a few small gifts coming in from Wellesley friends. Probably most of the faculty feel that they have already given to Yenching through the Service Fund.

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On the Boston list do you have the name of
Cathering Boyden, now Mrs. Van de Graaffe ? (Sorry that
I have not been able to discover her husband's first name.)
Her present address is 6 Craigie Circle, Cambridge. She is
a Vassar graduate and a niece of Mrs. Finley's. She did a
year of graduate work at Yenching in comparative religion
with Lucius Porter. As the young wife of a research
physicist she probably hasn't much money to spend, but she
enjoyed her year at Yenching and ought to be able to give
time at least to the work of the Boston Committee.

I hope the results of the Boston campaign are
repaying all your hard work and long hours.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Spear

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PEIPING, CHINA

December 9, 1937

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Last week we sent you a leaflet by Grace Boynton, telling how the Yenching community faced the weeks of suspense in Peiping this summer. Since then China has been torn by all the horrors of war, but Yenching University has been able to carry on, meeting new conditions with the same calmness and courage that fill Miss Boynton's letter. There is an enrolment of 500 men and women instead of the usual 800. Yenching is the only place north of the Yellow River where a large group of students is able to continue the training that is now more necessary than ever. Every letter that comes from Peiping speaks of the way in which the continuation of work at Yenching, when other universities of the area were forced by the political situation to abandon their buildings and move to the interior, has been a steadying and reassuring influence in the whole community.

Yenching is not only going forward, in spite of all odds, in its usual course of providing scholarly and scientific training for Chinese youth, it is doing more. It is taking responsibility for emergency relief in its neighborhood; it is a center of steadfastness and courage and hope; it is a visible example of international cooperation; it is a place where Christianity is lived.

There is probably no one in America today who does not feel, as he goes about his everyday activities, celebrating Thanksgiving Day and preparing for Christmas, an undercurrent of consciousness of the terrible suffering in China. The New Year holiday in China, usually the great occasion for carefree celebration, will be observed there this year with heavy hearts.

Yenching College for Women needs your support more than ever. War conditions have brought increased responsibilities but have reduced income. Will you not fill out the enclosed pledge with a generous amount, contributing to the emergency fund of \$250,000, which will take care of the regular and special needs of the Christian Colleges in China this year? Let us show that in a world where war is raging there are nevertheless men and women of good will, eager to help the cause of peace in such constructive ways as this. Is there any better way of observing Christmas?

Sincerely yours,

Dean of Yenching College for Women

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Lakeville, Conn.
December 12, 1937

Dear Miss Van Sciver,

I am afraid I left Mr. Warren McBride up in the air yesterday. I tried to get him at the Engineers' Club but I was unsuccessful and my meetings at Columbia lasted so long that I did not have time to try again before rushing to the train.

A letter has come from Miss Virginia Sears, 510 Stratford Ave., Syracuse, N.Y., saying that the Wellesley Clubs throughout the country would like more material about Yenching to follow up the article I wrote about Yenching which appeared in the December number of the Wellesley Alumnae Bulletin. I sent her a copy of Grace Boynton's letter and told her we could furnish her with more copies of that. (We should check with Mrs. Macmillan about what Wellesley groups have already received this.) You will probably be hearing from Miss Sears soon, for I gave her your name and asked her to send you any Wellesley names which she wanted added to our mailing list.

Among the people to whom we sent out the appeal on Thursday was Mrs. D.C. Ammidon, Noroton, Conn. When I reached home last evening I found a letter from her enclosing a check for twentyfive dollars. I am sending you the check herewith. I have already acknowledged it, so you can send the receipt on to her directly. She wishes the money to go to Women's College scholarship funds.

I trust our labors of last week bear fruit. Please keep me informed of anyone to whom I should send a personal word of acknowledgement.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer

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Lakeville, Conn.
December 28, 1937

Dear Miss Van Sciver,

Your letter of December 20th has just come. It was postmarked December 27; evidently delayed somehow in the Christmas mails. I was sorry not to get in to see you last week, but my meeting at the Presbyterian Board lasted so long that there was no time.

I have replied to Miss Gunther's invitation that I shall be happy to speak at the A.A.U.W. meeting on January 12. Mrs. Morrow has written about the date for the Englewood meeting, but hasn't yet decided whether it shall be the last Tuesday in January or the first Tuesday in February.

I shall send notes at once to the people who have contributed to the Women's College, enclosing the receipts you sent me. The money isn't exactly rolling in, is it? But I suppose we should be grateful for every dribblet.

It will probably be January 4 that I shall move down to New York. After that I shall be at Johnson Hall, 411 West 116 Street. So far I have made speaking engagements for January 5, 11, 12, 16, 18, 20, and 27, and a few other dates are still under discussion. I'll send you a complete list of times and places later.

What a shame about your infected finger. I hope it is better and did not interfere too much with your pleasure on Christmas.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer

Excuse this messy typing.
I'm trying to master the
Touch system.

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