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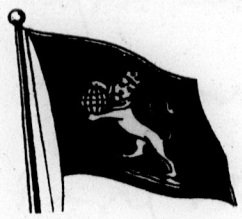
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CUNARD LINE



R.M.S. .....

My dear Mrs. Lee:

Since Alice Murphy is going directly to Boston and to Beacon Street, I will send a little note to you -

I have been travelling thru Europe with Alice Huggins, Marjorie Lunn, Alice Murphy and Anne Kelly - We have had a very delightful time,

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with many thrills, since it
was the first visit to Europe
for all of us.

I want to thank you for
your letter of last autumn
when you so kindly sent me
a copy of the Ye-Ching
Committee minutes. I truely
appreciated all your kindness
to me last year and I hope
that sometime during this
year or home, I may have
the pleasure of meeting
you face to face.

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I was so sorry that I
was unable to send a teacher
of music to Wen Shan. I
have visited that school and
have known many students from
there. In a few years, we
may be able to provide
Middle Schools with teachers
of music from Yen Ching.
You will remember that the
year Mrs. Frame spent in
America, we were forced
to close the music department.
This last year, Miss Veghte

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*and I devoted full time to the music department and the results were most gratifying. I do not believe that I ever enjoyed a year in China so much. Now we have more advanced students than we had formerly and we have been able to raise the Music Department to the same standard as other departments, so that students may major in music. Our first graduates will

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CUNARD LINE

R.M.S.....

to in 1932. We have two freshmen girls who selected music as their major subject. They are splendid material too

Since leaving Yenching in June, I have had very meagre news, but the news I have had was most distressing. I am so sorry that Mrs. Frame

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has been subjected to such a harrowing ex-
perience this summer.
I hope that I will
have more pleasant
news when I reach
home. Student problems
in China are extremely
difficult.

I hope that you
are well and that

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you have had a
good summer.

Very sincerely yours,
Ruth Stahl.

226 W. Columbia St.
Alliance,
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August 29, 1930

Miss Ruth Stahl
226 W. Columbia Street
Alliance, Ohio.

Dear Miss Stahl:

I was so glad to receive your letter which Alice Murphy gave me yesterday. She has been in Boston a few days and is busy seeing a great many friends in this vicinity. She has told me something of the very interesting journey through Europe which your party had. I should like to talk with you about that and especially about Yenching affairs.

The paragraph in your letter relating to a distressing happening in Yenching since you left I do not at all understand. From the brief word you say I judge there has been some sort of student strike and that Mrs. Frame in particular may have been under criticism. Could you share with me what information you have about it? No doubt letters from the field will be coming soon.

Please also write me your plans for your furlough year. Are you planning to study, and if so, where?

I had a letter from Margaret Speer and am hoping that I can see her in New York some time this fall. I should particularly like to talk with you as well as with her; so I would like to know your plans as they take shape.

I am sure you are enjoying being with your family, and they are so glad to have you. I trust you are well.

Most cordially yours,

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.

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Ans. Sept. 23 1930

My dear Mrs. Lee:

Thank you for your letter of August 29th. I do hope that I may have a visit with you sometime during the year.

We have our General Executive meeting in Springfield, Mass. during the same week that you are having Board meeting in Madison. I am planning to go to Boston after our meeting, for I have a sister living there. In case that you return to Boston soon after your meeting, I may have the opportunity of seeing you at that time.

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No doubt Mrs Frame has written you of the unreasonable demands of the students during the summer. I have had no recent news. I hope that all is well by this time. There is a small group of communistic students who try to keep things in a turmoil. In this instance, there had been a girl who is mentally unbalanced. Mrs. Frame tried to send her home, but the family refused to take any responsibility in the matter. It was most distressing having the girl on the campus, who did not attend classes and had frequent spells of hysterics. Even the Chancellor

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could do nothing. Altho the students in the Women's College understood the situation, still it gave the radical students an opportunity for an attack on Mrs. Frame, & during the Summer they sent her letters and put up posters demanding her resignation. They charged her with cruelty to a poor, orphan girl. It was most unreasonable and does not represent the attitude of the students toward Mrs. Frame at all. During this performance, the students were most friendly and sympathetic with Mrs. Frame. They realize that it

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is the work of the Communists. Horror. I am sure it must have been very harrowing for Mrs. Frame and I wish she might have been spared the experience.

Hoping that I may see you when I am in Boston,

very sincerely yours.

Ruth Stadt.

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September 23, 1950

Miss Ruth Stahl
226 West Columbia St.
Alliance, Ohio

Dear Miss Stahl:

I am so glad to have your letter of September 20, and particularly glad to know there is a prospect of your being in Boston soon.

Our meeting in Madison closes about noon on Friday, October 24, any my expectation is to take a train for Boston immediately thereafter. If you are still to be here on Monday, October 27, I would be gradtly pleased to have you take luncheon with me that day. We have a brief prayer service from 12:20 to 12:30 each day here in the Board rooms. If you should care to come in in time for that, we could immediately after go out for luncheon. If for any reason the 27th is not a convenient day for you, I would be free any day that week so far as I know now. I certainly want to see you and have a good visit.

As you know the Board meeting of the Yenching College Committee is held regularly early in November. We have not as yet been able to fix the exact date of this year's meeting, but Tuesday, November 11 has been suggested. If you should be in east as late as that, I would be exceedingly glad to have you go with me to New York for that meeting. I do not however think that your being there is of sufficient importance to justify your up-setting other plans for the sake of this.

I do thank you for writing me of the trouble on the college campus this summer. I trust it is a thing of the past long before this, but as you say it was, I am sure, hard for Mrs. Frame.

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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SEP 29 1930
Ans.

Alliance, O.
September 27, '30

My dear Mrs. Lee:

Thank you for your letter and invitation to luncheon. Our General Executive meeting continues thru October 28, so that I will not go to Boston until Wednesday, the 29th. Perhaps I had better call you by phone after I reach Boston. I do hope that we may be able to have a visit that week.

I had a letter from Mrs. Frame this week. They were in the throes of opening school. In the Registrar's office, they had accepted 243 girls, which would more than fill our dormitories, if they all arrived.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth Leach

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CINCINNATI, OHIO
TIMES STAR
MAR 6 - 1931

Spending Sabbatical Year at Conservatory

Teaches in China

Women Are Equal There by Order of Government

MISS RUTH LOUISE STAHL, a member of the faculty of Yenching University, Peking, China, where she was acting dean of women in 1928-29, is spending her sabbatical year at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. She is continuing her studies in music, and has many interesting stories to tell of this great Chinese University.

Miss Stahl, who has been in China since 1917, was a member of the faculty of Yenching College for Women before it was affiliated with Yenching University.

"When we became coeducational some ten years ago it was an experiment," Miss Stahl explained. "But the experiment has been a tremendous success. All doors of the university are open to women. In fact, the equality of women is a government regulation. Incidentally, Yenching is the Chinese word for Peking."

Miss Stahl explained that Yenching University was formed in 1918-20 by the merger of four mission colleges of many years' standing, and is chartered under the regent of the university of the State of New York, and registered with the Ministry of Education of the Chinese government. The co-operating missions are those of Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches, three of these being American and one English. The Rockefeller Foundation, Harvard and Princeton Universities, the University of Missouri and Wellesley College in America have also associated themselves with Yenching.

The affairs of the university are directed jointly by a Chinese chancellor and a president, who is an American. The present chancellor, Wu Lei Chuan, is not only a Hanlin scholar (the highest attainable honor under the old Chinese educational system), but recently held the office of vice minister of education under the present government. The president, Dr. J. Leighton Stuart, was born in China and has been associated with educational affairs in that country for over twenty years.

Miss Stahl whose father, the Rev. J. P. Stahl, was pastor of the Reformed Church and president of the Central Seminary in Dayton, has many friends in Cincinnati and Dayton. Her home was formerly in Alliance, O. Miss Stahl has two sisters who are also in China, Minta Stahl, who is teaching a girls' school at Tientsin, 80 miles from Peking, and Tirza Stahl, who has been in Peking the past five years teaching at a Methodist school for girls.



MISS RUTH L. STAHL

Miss Stahl teaches piano, music appreciation, ear training and harmony at Yenching University. Music there, she stated, is a major subject. She is also an organist of note.

While enrolled this semester at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music she is continuing her piano studies with Marguerite Melville Liszniewska and is studying harmony with Mary Sims Leighton and counterpoint with Peter Froehlich, Jr.

Some one at the conservatory asked Miss Stahl if she ate with chopsticks. "Of course, when I eat with my students, I do," she replied. "It is really very easy to eat with them when you know how."

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March 13, 1931

Miss Ruth Stahl
Alliance, Ohio

Dear miss Stahl:

I am writing primarily to tell you that the annual meeting of the Yenching College Committee is called for Tuesday, April 14, in New York, N.Y.. How I wish it might be possible for you to be with us that day. The University Trustees are to meet on the 15th. I judge you are not contemplating another trip east in the immediate future, but I want you to know the date so as to have it in mind in case you should be making any plan to come to this part of the country. Also if you know of any matter that should come before the Committee on April 14, I wish you would surely let me have word of it before that date.

Important matters will come before us for decision that day. One of them is what response should be made to the call for authorization to begin work immediately on a fifth dormitory. Another will be the nomination of a dean to succeed Mrs. Frame. It has been a great help to us to have miss Speer and Miss Wagner near enough that we could confer with them from time to time. I wish we might also talk things over with you and miss Cheny.

I hope your study is proving to be just what you wanted and that you are thoroughly enjoying it. Also when you write please let me know what word you have from the sister who was ill. I do hope she is making satisfactory progress toward health.

By the way, a letter from Mr. Garside tells me that Dr. Stuart is making a brief trip to America and will probably be with us in the annual meetings of the Yenching College Committee and the Trustees. He comes in the hope of securing funds, not I understand through a general campaign, but through personal conversations with certain individuals. what success he may have we of course do not know.

You perhaps know how urgently the women's College has been calling for a resident physician. Miss Kendrick and others of us have been doing all that we can to find the right person but the candidate who seemed most likely has now decided against going. It has occurred to me that

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possibly Dr. Clara Nutting who used to be in Fenchow, Shansi under the American Board might meet the need in Yenching. As I think you may know Dr. Nutting. I would be very glad to have from you a word as to whether or not she seems to you to be the type of person we need. She is not an administrator nor a surgeon. As these two lines of work are not needed from the college physician at Yenching, and as she is personally attractive and knows China and the Chinese language, also as she is very keen to go back to China and is now taking some graduate work here in Boston with that type of service in mind, I am wondering whether she may not be the right one for Yenching. I shall be very glad to hear from you on this or any other topics.

It was such a satisfaction to me to come to know you personally through your little visit here last fall.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius C. Lee)

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Ans. Mar. 28, 1931

Cincinnati, Ohio
March 25. 31

My dear Mrs. Lee: Received your letter of March 13th, telling me of the World Meeting in New York. I am so sorry that I am such a long distance from New York, for I should enjoy attending the meeting. However, you do not need me with both Miss Speer and Miss Wagner present - I am sorry that you have never had an opportunity for a visit with Miss Cheney. She is splendid and a strong member

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of our faculty group.

If Dr. Stuart is making a special trip to the States, I judge that financial conditions are discouraging. I should think that the present high rate of exchange would be an advantage to our financial committee.

Your proposal to appoint Dr. Clara Rutling to Yenching as our College physician impresses me as a very good one. I have had only slight acquaintance with her, but my impressions were pleasant ones.

Have you heard rumors of Dr. Brown returning to China? Mrs. Frame has mentioned such rumors in letters to me. In case she should arrive in the States

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there might be complications, par-
ticularly if we did not have a
doctor on the campus.

I do hope that the Yen Ching
Committee will see its way clear to
authorize the building of a fifth
dormitory, for it does seem wise
to take advantage of present & change.
As crowded as the dormitories are now,
it will mean even more congestion
when I return and few up another
studio and more practice rooms
for my Students. You know that
the Music Department has occupied
one wing of a dormitory and we

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have no room for expansion.

The matter of a dean to succeed Mrs. Frame is a very serious question. I had so hoped that Miss Nellie Don-hoe of Ann Arbor would be interested. I had a long interview with her during the Christmas holidays. She feels the need at Hankai University is very great and that her first obligation is to that institution. Naturally, we would not want to rob them, especially when she was the one and only Christian woman on the faculty. Moreover, I do not think administration would appeal to her. At Hankow, they have repeatedly asked her to be Dean of Women and she

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prefers to exert her influence
in the capacity of teacher.

From all that I hear, this
past year has been the most
difficult one that Yen Ching has
ever experienced. I do hope that
after the strain of it is all over
that Mrs. Frame will not have
a collapse. She has been such
a mainst of strength and courage.

Thank you for enquiring about
my sister, Clara - She was able
to return home on the 6th of
March. Members of my family who
have seen her, say that she seems

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to be in even better condition than she was last Summer.

I have not heard from Marjette since she reached home. I am sure that she is supremely happy -

Thank you, I am engrossing my study here in the conservatory tremendously. The time is passing only too rapidly.

With best wishes to you, I am

very sincerely yours.

Ruth Stahl.

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Ans. Apr. 1.

Cincinnati, Ohio.
March 27, 31.

My dear Mrs. Lee:

Oh, that I might run into your office on Beacon Street and have a good heart to heart talk with you. I am so burdened since this invitation has come from the Yen Ching Faculty to act as Dean next year. That they should even consider me as a possibility had never entered my mind. Here I have been lost in the Conservatory, sleeping myopically in music when this communication comes like

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a thunderbolt out of a clear sky.

No doubt Mrs. Frame has written you regarding this nomination. Now that there are others with considerable experience in China, I do not understand why they are asking me to do this. In 1928-29, I was quite willing to help out in the emergency, since I was the oldest member of staff and had had some experience on important committees, but I am sure that all realized that it was a temporary arrangement. I do not have the training and qualifications that one should have for such a position.

It seems to me that Miss Speer is the logical person

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at this time. Now that she has had one term of service in China, she should make an excellent Dean - With her sound judgment, poise and dignity, she seems eminently fitted for the position. I had felt that Dr. Gilbert rather expected that Miss Speer would be Mrs. Jones's successor - I have not had any word from Miss Ryfong Wood, but I was under the impression that she thought

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Miss Speer should take this position. I just cannot understand why the faculty has made the nomination that it has. Mrs. Lee, I do need your advice and prayers so much. I am always willing to serve in the place of greatest need and I would not refuse any trust, if I felt it to be the Lords' will. I just cannot see my way clear to accept this responsibility. I will appreciate any help that you can give me -

very sincerely yours.

Ruth Leahl.

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March 28, 1931

Miss Ruth Stahl
Alliance, Ohio

Dear Miss Stahl:

I am very glad to have your letter of March 25.

You may have had the same word that has reached us through a letter dated March 6 from Mrs. Frame enclosing the Minutes of a meeting of the Administrative Committee. If so, you know that because of their earnest desire and purpose to secure a Chinese dean as soon as possible, the members of the Women's College faculty asked Mrs. Frame to allow her name to stand as that of Dean but with the understanding that she should be "on leave", and that an acting dean should be in immediate charge of college affairs. The vote contained the further request that you be acting dean for the coming year. In regard to this matter Mrs. Frame says:

> "I leave the college with the conviction that never has there been a more united and loyal group of faculty and staff. I feel sure that Miss Stahl will find her task easier than it was three years ago. Her nomination as acting dean was approved by the Administrative Committee of the Board of Managers, and I am sending by this same mail their invitation to Miss Stahl. I would be glad if it were possible for her to let you know in time for action by the Yenching College Committee and the Trustees in April. Miss Stahl has twice shown great steadiness and loyalty as acting dean, and she will receive a warm welcome from the members of the faculty. May I say again what I said in my letter of resignation, May 1927, that I have been glad to do what I could toward the re-birth of this college for women on its new site, and that the cooperation and support of the Committee of the College for Women has been one of my greatest inspirations?"

I am hoping very soon to have your own reaction to the action

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taken by the faculty and the Administrative Committee.

Do you know what real prospect there is for securing a Chinese dean in the near future? This is one of the questions I shall hope for an opportunity to talk over with Dr. Stuart if possible in advance of our meeting of April 14. If there is really hope that the right Chinese woman may be ready to take up this responsibility at the end of one or two years, I believe the action of the faculty and Administrative Committee is wise, and my own hope would be that you would accept the position of acting dean for this interim period. I realize that it is asking a great deal of you. I am sure that every member of the Yenching College Committee would heartily agree with the faculty and the Administrative Committee in believing that you would do very excellent work as acting dean. You have twice proved your ability both as an executive, and in getting on well with people. On the other hand, I am truly sorry to have your time taken from your own department which needs you. Also I have the feeling that unless there is really prospect of securing a Chinese dean in the distant future, a more permanent filling of the deanship now would be better for the college and for all concerned. Periods of adjustment and waiting for developments are most difficult, and other things being equal, I think it would be better for a new dean to be appointed for Yenching at once.

You will recognize this as thinking aloud rather than any definite conviction. I should be glad to have your own thoughts in regard to the matter before I go on to New York. Possibly you have not the facts as to the prospect of securing a Chinese dean. That information we can, I think, get from Dr. Stuart, and if I learn anything from him that I think you may not already know, I will be glad to share it with you. If you have definite convictions as to any line of action by the Yenching Committee that would be of help, please write me very frankly.

I am so glad of the good word you can give about your sister Clara and also that you are so thoroughly enjoying your work in the conservatory.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius C. Lee)

P.S. Professor Kendrick and I yesterday afternoon had an interview with Dr. Clara Nutting. No decision has yet been reached, but I think it mi quite possible that she may become the college physician at Yenching. A letter received a day or two ago from Grace Boynton contains this paragraph

> "Dr. Brown writes me that she sailed for China on February 2. She is going out to work in connection with our Haiten church and not as you know in the Women's College."

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This is all I know about the matter. The last letter I had from Mrs. Butler of Winnetka indicated that Dr. Brown had given up her plan of going to China. I am somewhat sorry if she has decided to go independently as I cannot but fear possible complications even though she has no official connection with Yenching.

As to the purpose of Dr. Stuart's trip to America, I understand th that he wants to see certain people who may possibly be interested in duplicating the conditional gift from the Rockefeller Foundation for the department in Natural Science.

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April 1, 1931

Miss Ruth Stahl
Alliance, Ohio

Dear Miss Stahl:

I am just back from a hurried trip to New York. I went for a joint meeting of the Finance and Executive Committees of the Yenching Board of Trustees. The meeting was called at the request of Dr. Stuart, who wanted to talk certain matters over with the members of these two subcommittees before the meeting of the Trustees on April 15. Dr. Stuart has been feeling that the time may have come for some rather radical changes in the makeup of the Board of Trustees. The specific problem he was facing, however, and the one in the facing of which he especially asked the help of the Trustees was the problem of securing before June 1932, gifts amounting to $250,000 to match the conditional gift of the Rockefeller Foundation for the College of Natural Sciences. The raising of such a sum of money is not an easy undertaking at any time, and is especially difficult in this time of financial depression and uncertainty. What the Trustees will feel themselves able to do, I do not know. I was sorry to see Dr. Stuart looking rather worn. He is evidently very keenly feeling the financia and other difficulties of the University.

What I set out to write to you was not, however, of these problems of the Trustees. This meeting gave me the opportunity for conferring with Dr. Stuart and also with Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Finley on the question of the deanship of the Women's College. Dr. Stuart was able to shed light on some of the reasons for the action taken by the Administrative Committee. The reason for asking Mrs. Frame to allow her name to stand as Dean, but on leave, was, aside from the hope of finding a Chinese dean, a feeling that the invitation to Mrs. Frame to continue would be evidence to disgruntled students and others, that the University fully upheld her in the troubles of the past year. The loyalty and devotion of the faculty I greatly appreciate, but doubt the validity of this reasoning.

I was interested to find that both Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Finley were inclined to question the wisdom of the action taken by the Adminis-

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trative Committee just as I had been. In the first place, we all feel that it is rather hard on Mrs. Frame to ask that she be recognized as Dean and only twelve or thirteen miles away and still expect that she will be entirely free from college problems and duties. It seems as though it would be inevitable for a good many things to be referred to her. We feel also that this sort of a temporary arrangement might make things rather difficult for the acting Dean. Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Finley also felt, as I did, that your own services are urgently needed in the Music Department. We felt that Yenching should in that department do work such that its graduates will be qualified for directing fairly advanced work in music in secondary schools throughout China.

We considered the possibility of sending a cablegram to the Administrative Committee which would read something like this: "Yenching Committee feels Stahl needed Music Department. Request further consideration. Suggest appointment Speer Dean until Chinese dean available." As we discussed further, however, it seemed to us that communication by cable would be very unsatisfactory in a matter so delicate as this. I want as soon as possible to talk with President Pendleton and Miss Kendrick who are both keenly interested in all Yenching affairs, and who have more immediate experience in the management of a college than have any of the rest of us. Then I will write Mrs. Frame and the Administrative Committee.

The thought of the three of us who talked yesterday afternoon, was to advise you to delay giving a definite answer to the invitation extended to you until we can communicate further with the field. This of course means that no definite action can be taken by the Yenching Committee on April 1st or by the Trustees on the 15th, but as Mrs. Frame will in any case continue as Dean through the present school year, we do not think the delay need make serious complications.

We all greatly appreciate your own fine spirit in the matter and we fully realize that you would carry the work splendidly as you have on two similar occasions. You will understand our reasons for suggesting delay I am sure. If my conference with President Pendleton and Professor Kendrick throws any definite light on the matter, I will write you at once. I hope also that if you feel our suggestion to be unwise, you will write with the utmost frankness.

With affectionate greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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Special Delivery

Conservatory of Music
Cincinnati, Ohio
April 10, '31

My dear Mrs. Lee: Thank you for your letter of April 1st. I am so glad to know that you feel as I do, that a more permanent person should take the Deanship. I have a feeling that it might be some time before we can secure the Dean that we have long hoped for. I am always glad to fill in a gap as an emergency measure, but at this time I think it much better to just as some one who would be willing to fill the position for an indefinite period of time. I think Margaret

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Speer is the ideal person for
the position. I wonder if it
would not be a good plan for
you to tell the Ye Ching Committee
that I am declining to accept
the invitation from the field.
Then at the meeting next week
you can propose Margaret Speer.
Don't you think that if I
definitely declined that you could
cable something like this — "Stahl
feels that she cannot accept this
responsibility. Ye Ching Committee suggests
Miss Speer". While you are
in New York you could confer
with Miss Wagner and Miss Speer.

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In the meantime, I am not writing to the field at all. They will soon get some sort of a reply. In case you should cable, I think it would be well to let them know the trend of our thinking. I will not write until I hear from you.

As to Mrs. Jones continuing as Dean in name, I am not troubled about complications. In the States it would seem impossible but in China it is different.

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I can understand fully why the faculty proposes this. It is an Oriental way of doing things. I do not think that you need worry about that arrangement.

Well, I wish all good things for the Yen-Ching Committee meeting next week. I cannot believe there

"250 000." is a large sum for the Trustees to raise. I will be eager to know whether they will consider it a possibility.

Love to you.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Stahl

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Cincinnati, Ohio
April 18, '31

My dear Leighton:

Was much surprised to receive a note from you written on this side of the Pacific. I know that your visits to this country are not usually joyous ones. I have not heard a report of the meeting of Board of Trustees last week, but I hope that they are supporting you in the things that you asked for - Mrs. Lee told

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me of this large amount of money that must be raised to meet the Rockefeller offer -

Regarding the Deanship of the Women's College, I surely would like to talk it over with you. I do not know what the Teaching Committee did last Tuesday, but I hope that they are persuading Margaret Speer to take the position.

I leave Cincinnati May 7th. Will be in Ann Arbor the following week, but will be in Allison after that. I hope that I may see you when you pass thru Cleveland -

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth Leach.

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April 23, 1931

Miss Ruth Stahl
Conservatory of Music
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Miss Stahl:

Your letter of April 10 reached the office just too late for me to have it before starting to New York for the Annual meetings of the Yenching College Committee and the Yenching Trustees. Thus I did not see it until my return but as we already understood your attitude in regard to the Deanship, the delay caused no embarrassment.

I can now send you a copy of the Minutesof the Yenching College Committee meeting. As it may be as well for us to say whatis necessary on this difficult question of the Deanship at once, I will first call your attention to votes 482 and 483. The suggestion as to the title that should be given Mrs. Frame was De. Stuart's, but was really the carrying out of President Pendleton's suggestion of Dean Emeritus. Dr. Stuart assured us that the Chinese term is one of respect and does not carry with it the implication of being laid on the shelf which people are inclined to connect with the title Emeritus. I am interested in what you say to the effect that there would be nothing incongruous to the Chinese mind in continuing to call Mrs. Frame Dean even though she should be recognized as having definitely withdrawn from Yenching and having taken up other work. To us, however, it still seems best that she should have a somewhat different title, as the term Dean should indicate responsibility for definite administrative duties. We shall, of course, be very much interested to hear how our suggestion is received by those on the field.

In your letter of April 10, you ask whether I do not think that you should definitely decline the invitation to be Acting Dean. I think it would be entirely right for you to express your earnest hope that the position can be filled by someone else and your desire to give yourself to the work of the Music Department.

Of other matters taken up in the Minutes, I need say very little, I think, Much time went to the discussion of the need to meet the Rockefeller Foundation Conditional Gift. The vote that our Committee should undertake to raise $15,000 with the thought that this, together with the balance of Plant Funds in hand would justify us in authorizing the construction of a fifth dormitory was taken before the need for matching the Rockefeller Gift had been presented. The members of our

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Committee felt very strongly that the latter was a real crisis and that we should give all the help we could to the accomplishment of that great undertaking, even though the building of the dormitory should have had to wait a little longer. Margaret Speer is not without hope that she may be able to secure some gifts for the dormitory. We are all feeling a little burdened over the $40,000 undertaking, but will hope for the best. If you have any leads as to possible prospects do please let us have them. Please also comment freely on any of the actions taken if you so desire, and ask questions.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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Ruth Stahl

April 28, 1931

My dear Ruth:

Your letter reached me duly. I am as anxious to see you as when I wrote from the steamer, but the chances do not seem to be very reassuring at present because of the way in which my time is being filled up. I am sailing from Seattle on May 30th, on the President Lincoln, and want to have a few days in Richmond when Jack graduates, to see him and a few of my closest relatives.

Apparently the Yenching College Committee has hesitated about urging you to reconsider your unwillingness to take the deanship and are urging Margaret Speer to be acting dean. Therefore, there is no practical necessity for my talking over the problem with you, although I had wanted to pass on to you my somewhat different standpoint before you had a chance to refuse! However, I have your letter, and if the chance comes, I shall try to drop in on you. In any case, I shall hope to see you back in China before very long.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Ruth Stahl
Alliance, Ohio

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May 18, 1931

Miss Ruth Stahl
Conservatory of Music
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Miss Stahl:

This note is to tell you that I have a cablegram from Yenching. It was evidently sent soon after the receipt of my letter requesting the Administrative Committee to reconsider the action taken in regard to the Deanship. The message is in code and one word we have been unable to make out. From the context, however, I think there is no doubt that it should be translated "Administrative Committee." If so, the message reads

"Administrative Committee has reconsidered the matter appointment Stahl. Letter full information follows."

This is all we know until the letter containing the full information arrives. I judge, however, that the friends on the field whatever they may have felt in regard to the Deanship for next year, have agreed that you should be allowed to give your time and strength to the work of your own department. I will share the further information the letter gives with you as soon as it comes. It seems hardly worth while to send a general letter to the members of the Yenching Committee or to Miss Speer, Miss Wagner, and Miss Cheney until we have full information.

You will be glad to know that the women members of our Committee made up a little purse for Mrs. Frame as a personal expression of love and appreciation as she severs her direct connection with Yenching. Our hope was that this gift might make it possible for her to have a more complete and restful vacation this summer than she would otherwise feel that she could afford.

I trust your work is going well and that the word this letter carries you will be welcome.

Lovingly yours,

(Mrs. Lucius C.Lee)

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My dear Mrs. Lee:

Just a note to tell you how happy I am that things are working out so well. I will be eager to know just what the Administration Committee has done. I hope that they are inviting Margaret Speer, for I do feel that she is the person for the place.

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Thank you for all you have done for me and for the letters you have written to me.

I am resting just at present - I found that my remedies in Cincinnati were quite a handicap.

That was a lovely gift that the Yi Ching Committee gave Mrs. Hamm. I hope that she may have a happy Summer -

Love to you. Ruth Stahl.

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June 3, 1931

Miss Ruth Stahl
Alliance, Ohio

Dear Miss Stahl:

A letter has just come from Mrs. Frame in answer to mine of April 9 in regard to the Deanship of the Women's College. This letter makes it plain that we did not rightly understand the cablegram a copy of which I sent you on May 18. You will remember that we understood that message to read "Administrative Committee has reconsidered appointment Stahl. Letter full information follows."

So far as I can tell that is the correct reading of the message, but Mrs. Frame's letter just received makes it clear that the reconsideration did not as I assumed, mean that the Administrative Committee had made a new plan for the deanship. Apparently the reconsideration resulted in a unaminous conviction that you are the one to be Acting Dean for the coming year. That you may understand the matter as fully as I do, I enclose a copy of Mrs. Frame's letter.

I am truly sorry that it seems to the faculty and the Administrative Committee necessary to ask you to accept the position of Acting Dean for the coming year. The reasons they give seem potent and I do not see how we at this end can insist on their following a course other than the one that seems best to them. Are you, in the light of what is said in this letter, willing to undertake the work of Acting Dean for the coming school year?

I notice that Mrs. Frame asks us to cable any "further action of the Yenching College Committee or of the Executive Committee". I am sending a copy of her letter to the members of our committee with the remark that in my own judgment there is no course left open to us other than to acquiesce in the action taken by the Administrative Committee. You are of course not under compulsion to accept the position they are asking you to assume,

You already know that any hesitation the Yenching College Committee has felt in approving your appointment to the position of Acting Dean has not been because of any doubt as to your ability to carry the work. We know that you will do that admirably as you have done before. May I hear from you soon as to whether under all the circumstandes you are willing to assume the responsibility of the Deanship for another year?

You may already have learned that two American trained Chinese young women are being added to the Yenching faculty this fall. Miss Feng, who has studied in the University of ~~Chicago~~ Ohio to the Chemistry Department, and Miss Kit-King Louis, of the University of Southern California to the Sociology Department. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson have both seen and talked with Miss Feng and with friends in Columbus who have known her well. They believe that she will be a great addition to the faculty of the Women's College and that there is very good reason to hope that she may within a year or two prove to be the right one for the Deanship.

How I wish we were nearer together and could talk this whole matter over! I am sure this letter will come as a disappointment to you, but I hope you will not feel that the work you have doen during your furlough year in preparation for future work in the Music Department has been wasted.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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Alliance, Ohio
June 5, '31

My dear Mrs. Lee: You may
guess my astonishment when I
received your letter. The explanation
of the cable was so different
from our interpretation. Thanks
for for sending a copy of
Mrs. Francis letter. It makes it
quite clear why they have not
asked Margaret Speer to be the
Dean of the Women's College. If
she accepts the Chairmanship

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of the English Department, that is a heavy responsibility indeed.

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 getting Ben 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

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Chorus. 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 Acting Deanship because of the nervous strain involved. I am writing to Mrs. France that I feel I must decline this responsibility.

I shall hope to see Miss Jeng. She must be splendid.

I do hope that we may find

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our Chinese Rep ...

I presume that my decision should be called so that the faculty may make plans before all have gone away for Summer Vacations.

I am planning to sail on the "Pres. Taft" - Aug. 22. and will arrive in time for class work.

Thanking you for everything, I am
Yours - with love - Ruth Stahl.

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June 6, 1931

Miss Ruth Stahl
Alliance, Ohio

Dear Miss Stahl:

I am this morning in receipt of two or three letters in response to mine ~~of~~ the Yenching College Committee enclosing a copy of Mrs. Frame's letter of ~~March 6.~~ May 9 As I think it may help you in your thinking on the whole problem, I am quoting for you here two paragraphs from Mrs. Avann's letter.

"In view of the fact that Miss Speer has been invited to take the Chairmanship of the English Department of the University, I certainly think we can do nothing else but accede to their insistance that Ruth Stahl serve for one year. It seems the only thing to do though I still think that it is asking a great deal of her and more perhaps than she should be asked to do.

I shall be very interested to hear what reaction you get from the group over there to the title of Honorary Dean for Mrs. Frame. I do not blame her nor them for not wishing to consider having her made Dean Emeritus."

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O) Lee)

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June 11, 1931

Miss Ruth Stahl
Alliance, Ohio

Dear Miss Stahl:

Your letter of June 5 came promptly. I will confess that yourrdecision that you should not for health reasons accept the position of Acting Dean for next year came to me as something of a disappointment. Mrs. Frame's letter as well as earlier letters have made it quite clear that your colleagues in Yenching considered you the one best fitted for that important position. On the other hand, I am sure you are right in feeling that it is of first importance for you to keep your health. I shall hope ere long to hear from you as to the results of your second physical examination. I do hope the doctors found nothing more serious than weariness the matter with you, also that you can now relax and get rested

In view of your own clear feeling that you should not accept the Deanship, I at once sent a cablegram to Mrs. Frame reading simply:

"STAHL DECLINES DEANSHIP HEALTH REASONS."

This message they will have had in time to give further consideration to the question of who should be elected to the position of Acting Dean for the coming year before they scatter for the summer. Dr. Stuart will also be back on the field by this time and as he has talked with us freely on the subject, he will, I am sure be of help to Mrs. Frame and the Administrative Committee as they try to solve the problem.

Did I tell you that we had a nice little visit from Margaret Speer and Augusta Wagner over the weekend of May 31? They went to Wellesley also and Miss Kendrick arranged for them to meet the Service Council and other college groups. It is of course important for us to keep good contacts between Yenching and Wellesley as vital as possible. I wish you too might visit Wellesley before you return. I am glad you are not sailing early in August as I believe you should have a little longer time for rest and recuperation.

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Do you know when Miss Cheney goes? I think Miss Speer and Miss Wagner are sailing early in August, perhaps the fifth.

Please do not let this question of the deanship weigh on you unduly. I am sure the problem can be solved in due time. Let me know what the doctors say about your physical condition.

Yours with love,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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June 12, 1931

Miss Ruth Stahl
Alliance, Ohio

Dear Miss Stahl:

I really dread writing you this letter, but the cablegram which I think you have probably received this morning has doubtless prepared you for an additional word from me. I too have had a coblegram this morning, which, when translated, reads: "ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AND FACULTY CABLING STAHL STRONGLY URGE ACCEPTANCE ACTING DEAN STRONGLY URGE YOU TO ASSIST ALL YOU CAN."

I do not feel that I can conscientiously do just what they ask me to and strongly urge you to accept this position for this next year. On the contrary, I feel that if you are convinced that you are not physically and nervously equal to the strain of this work, you should stand by your position. I do not know just what the college could do, but with all the able people they have, I do believe that some other arrangement could be made.

Have you had the physical examination of which you speak? If not, I would have that as soon as possible. Your final answer should, I think be based on what the examining physician tells you of his judgment as to your general condition and on your own best judgment as to what you can endure. It is evident that the friends on the field feel strongly that you are the best one for the Deanship. Presumably they feel unwilling or unable to change the acceptance taken in regard to Margaret Speer's being head of the English department and that if she carries that responsibility she could not also accept the Deanship. I have wondered whether some rather strong feeling on the part of the Chinese members of the staff may lie behind the apparent unwillingness to ask Miss Speer to be Dean. This may, of course, not be true.

You know how eagerly I shall look forward to another word from you and how glad I would be to help if I can in any way.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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P. S. As I read this over I am wondering if my position is too negative. If I felt that it would not be asking of you more than you have strength for, I would surely join in "strongly urging" you to accept the position for I believe your acceptance would be the best thing for the College.

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Alliance, Ohio
June 17, '31

My dear Mrs. Lee:

I appreciated your letter of June 6th, quoting from Mrs. Abramis letter, altho I had already made my decision.

A cable came to me directly from the field as follows: "Administration Committee and Faculty still want Stahl Dean would lightened to safe guard health. Cable immediately." After I received this message on Saturday last week, I felt that I should send them a cable accepting, but

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before I called. I went to the Hospital and had another blood test. I do have anaemia and the Doctor is not sure whether it is pernicious or secondary. At any rate, he said that while it is all right to do regular work, it would be most unwise to undertake any responsibility with nervous strain, for worry aggravates that disease. I am beginning a strict liver diet again - It was most discouraging to receive such a report, for it

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did seem as if I should fly to meet this emergency call as best I could. I sent a cable: "Health prevents acceptance". Now, I am wondering just what they will do.

Today I received letters from Mrs. Frame and Mrs. Fanning Wood. They seemed to be depending so much upon my acceptance of this trust. It makes me feel quite ill, not to be able to help them out at this critical time, but I have no choice in the matter. I must obey doctor's

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orders.

I am sure that you must have enjoyed the visit with Margaret and Augusta. I am sure, too, that their visit to Wellesley must have made Yenching seem a little more real to the students - there.

I do not know when Miss Chen plans to sail. I, myself, will not sail until August 22nd. That will give me plenty of time for rest -

Much love to you.

Ruth Leach.

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June 19, 1931

Miss Ruth Stahl
Alliance, Ohio

Dear Miss Stahl:

I am so glad to have your letter of June 17. I am glad you cabled Yenching as you did. I have no idea where they will turn to find an Acting Dean for next year, but I feel sure they can handle the situation and that you should not under the circumstances, do anything that would mean heavy nervous strain. On the contrary, we should all do everything we can to lighten your burdens and help you to over come the anaemia which is at best difficult to handle. I am truly sorry to think of your having to go on a very limited diet, especially as the hot weather comes on. I do believe, however, that by observing the restrictions the doctors have indicated you will get the better of the trouble. Do try to sleep as many hours out of the twenty-four as you possible can.

I wrote Mr. Garside of the cable that came to you and me urging you to accept the Deanship and you may be interested in his reply which came this morning. He says: "I quite agree as to the undesirability of urging Miss Stahl too strongly to accept this position, for while I have the warmest admiration for Miss Stahl's fine qualifications, and am sure she could handle the deanship very well indeed if the condition of her health and the number of other obligations permitted her to do justice to the undertaking, yet it would be unfortunate to push her into such a position if she feels that it could not be handled effectively without injuring her health or compelling her to neglect other important duties for which she must be responsible. We will be interested in learning the final outcome of the matter."

Did I tell you that Miss Feng wrote Miss Kendrick that she had received the offer of a fellowship entitling her to a year of study in Europe? She said she wanted to be entirely honorable ~~with~~ in her dealings with Yenching but that she would be glad to ac-

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cept the fellowship and have the additional year of sutdy if the college could spare her. She also asked whether she might expect a position in Yenching in the fall of 1932. We passed on these questions to Mrs. Frame by cable but have had nothing in reply as yet. I feel June is bringing many difficult problems for Mrs. Frame to handle just before she leaves Yenching.

I will share anything further I have either as to the deanship or as to miss Feng's plans. Don't try to write me often but I hope that I may hear from you occasionally to know how you are getting on.

Yours with love,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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P.S. Since the foregoing was dictated, a cablegram has come from Yenching. It is in code but being translated reads:

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS FENG ACCEPT SCHOLARSHIP THINK OFFER VERY REASONABLE POSITION FOR NEXT YEAR MUST BE APPLIED FOR TO THE DEPARTMENT LATER IN THE YEAR."

I have telephoned this message to Miss Kendrick and she said she would pass it on at once to Miss Feng. I hope she will take advantage of the chance for European study as a year abroad will give her additional valuable background for her work in Yenching. This may mean postponing the finding of a Chinese dean for two years instead of one as I judge it will be considered desirable for any Chinese woman who is thought of as dean material to have had at least one year as a member of the faculty.

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Alliance, Ohio
August 12, 31

Ans.

My dear Mrs. Lee:

Our W. F. M. S.

is asking me to wait for another six months before returning to China. I hope that I may be able to return in time for the second semester. This decision of our Board Officers came as a great shock to me for I was planning to leave Alliance on Friday of this week. I knew that they were concerned about

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the report of my blood count which I sent earlier in the Summer. They asked me to go to the Hospital again last week to see if I had improved any. The report was not satisfactory, so here I am at home for a while longer.

I cannot tell you what a disappointment it is to me not to be starting for China, for I am so eager to be at work again. Since Miss Cheney is not returning for

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some months, I felt I would
needed more than ever. It is all
so disappointing.

I have not heard a word
from the field since I called
in June that I would be ready
to act as Dean. I am so anxious
to know how they are getting
along and how they are meeting
the situation. I do so long
to be there.

I have written letters telling
them that I am delayed. I did

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not send a cable for I thought the letters would reach them before class work begins -

I hope that you have had a pleasant Summer -

With love to you.

Ruth Stahl

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September 8, 1931.

Miss Ruth Stahl
Alliance
Ohio

Dear Miss Stahl:

I am just this morning back from my month's vacation and thus it happens that I have just read your letter of August 12. I do want you to know that my whole heart goes out to you in sympathy over the disappointment you have experienced in not being able to return to your work in Yenching as promptly as you had hoped. Inasmuch as your health is still so far from what we could wish I am sure the decision for you to delay your return to China is wise. I am even wondering whether you should not be in a hospital or sanitorium where you could have most careful case of a doctor and nurse, with due attention to special diet and all the troublesome details that mean so much in establishing health. If you are not making as satisfactory progress as you and all of us could wish I hope you will very frankly write to the W.F.M.S. saying that you believe some weeks in a sanitorium or hospital would enable you to get well faster. I am sure the dear women of the W.F.M.S. would much rather spend the money than to have you fail to regain your health or even to have the regaining a slower process than it might be under other circumstances.

As to things in Yenching it is over a month since I have had any word. Before Mrs. Frame left she on the vote of the Administrative Committee, appointed a sub-committee of three to carry the executive work of the Dean. I am not able to give you the names of the three members of that Committee, but I know Miss Myfanwy Wood is one.

I had a call early in August from Grace Boynton just after her arrival in America. She told me frankly that they all felt that it would be unwise, if not impossible, for Margaret Speere to assume the duties of the Deanship so long as the girl who was the innocent cause of so much trouble last year was on the campus. It seems this girl had received appointment as a teacher in some school in central China but was still lingering in Yenching and they were not sure that she would go even the first of September. The appointment of this sub-committee was for a period of four months so the administrative committee will be facing the proglem of a more permanent

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arrangement soon.

I have as yet read only a very few letters on the top of the pile on my desk and if I find something more recent from Yenching as I read on I will write you again. I am so sorry that my absence has thus delayed my reply to your letter, for you have had too many experiences of having to wait. Please believe that I think of you very lovingly with the most sincere hope that everything possible will be done for the establishment of your health.

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. Lucius C. Lee.

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December 18, 1931.

Miss Ruth Stahl
Alliance
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Dear Miss Stahl:

I have finally held this letter, thinking it might be better for me to say an additional word about the means used toward your restoration to health. I saw Mrs. Avann in New York a few days ago and asked her what she knew about you. She said she had not been in close touch with you lately and then added that someone (I am not sure whether it was she or someone else) had raised with you the question of your going to a sanitarium in New York State. Again I am not sure what the name of the sanitarium or the place is, but Mrs. Avann said that a number of people whom she knows well had recently been there and had been greatly benefitted. I understood her to say that Miss Gouldy had indicated her desire that you have a time in this sanitarium and also her thought that she might personally help in meeting the expenses or perhaps meet them entirely. Mrs. Avann's impression was that the proposition had been presented to you rather blindly, and that you may have declined the offer without understanding that Miss Gouldy proposed to help meet the cost. I know so little about the whole proposition that it may be unwise for me to say anything, but I do know Miss Gouldy and how generous she is.

If you feel that a period in this sanitarium would be of real help to you I should not be at all reluctant to write Miss Gouldy frankly, asking whether she could help in giving you a time there. Please think this over and let me know what your own thought is. Miss Gouldy is not only a loyal member of the W.F.M.S., and interested in you from that point of view, but a very loyal member of our Yenching College Committee, and for the sake of Yenching would, I am sure, be glad to do anything she can to get you back to your work at an early date.

Affectionately yours,

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(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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December 17, 1931.

Miss Ruth Stahl
Alliance, Ohio

Dear Miss Stahl:

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

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

The part of this message which relates to yourself is quite clear I think. Miss Myfanwy Wood for the faculty and Administrative Committee of Yenching College is asking that we urge the W.F.M.S. to return you to your work in China just as soon as your health is in a satisfactory condition. The first purpose of this letter is then, to ask whether you are making satisfactory progress toward health, that we may hope that you can return in the near future. I know you are as eager to go as any of us can be to have you, and I have no desire to urge you to start before you yourself and the doctor who is taking care of your case feel that you really should.

The word "Cheng" I do not quite understand. I cannot recall any Miss Cheng who is now studying in America, and looking toward work in Yenching. Do you know of such a Miss Cheng? It occurs to me that perhaps the name is not Cheng but Cheney, and the message is sent to urge us to return Miss Cheney at an early date. On that supposition I am writing Mrs. Avann. In the meantime may I hope to hear from you? When you write, please also let me know very frankly whether you think everything is being done for you that could be. We do want you not only to get well but to get well under such conditions that your recovery may be as rapid as possible. I am sure you know that you may write very frankly.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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DEC 31 1931

Alliance, Ohio.
Dec. 29, 31

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

Thank you for your letters of December 17 and 18. I am sure that cable message was intended for "Cheney" and not "Cheng". I presume that Miss Wood and the Administration Committee is looking forward to the time that Miss Wood's furlough is due in June and I imagine that they

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✓ would like to have Miss Cheney and myself arrive before Miss Wood leaves, so that we can share in the school responsibilities. It surely is a disappointment that Miss Jeang of Changsha did not accept the invitation to come as Dean of the Women's College. We had hoped so much that that long dreamed of Chinese Woman Dean would become a reality. Well, perhaps she will make that decision later.

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3 I think that Miss Cheney is definitely planning to return to China in May, so that she may help in the responsibilities of the Summer, while faculty members take their vacations.

I have asked the W.F.M.S. if I may be permitted to return to China in the Spring. I think that they will give their consent if I feel physically able to do so. Just at present, I do not

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*feel quite ready to do so,
but I am making progress
and I think by April or May
I should be in good condition.

As to the Sanatorium in
New York, Miss Gould spent
a week there in October and
she felt it was such a
fine place that she sent
me a circular and asked
if I were interested. As I
read the pamphlet, I did
not feel that it was just
the right place for my
particular trouble and I

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noticed how expensive it
was, so I wrote Miss
Jordy that I did not think
I should go there. That
surely was kind of Miss
Jordy to think of me.
I really think I am getting
along nicely and that a
Sanatorium is not necessary.
I do thank you all for
your interest in me.
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had its share of excitement with the students anxiety over the Manchurian situation. It is difficult for students to concentrate on studies at such a time.

My sister, Minta is in the Methodist Mission in Tientsin and they have been compelled to evacuate twice. At the time of her last letter, Dec. 5th, she was living in the London Mission.

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I hope that you had
a very merry Christmas.
I had a nice letter from
Marjette Lum recently.

Very sincerely yours,
Ruth Lentz

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