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MISS MABEL A. WOOD  
University of Oregon  
Eugene, Oregon

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July 9, 1936

Miss Eliza K. Hendrick,  
E. Midland Rd.  
Wellesley, Mass.

My dear Miss Hendrick,

Miss Ava B. Melins has requested that I write you concerning a position at Yenching College for next year. She was on her way to a meeting and gave me but a few hurried details, so I am not at all sure that I can qualify.

My formal credentials are at Teachers College, Columbia University. They are, however, about six years old, but I shall be glad to have them sent to you if you wish to see them. Perhaps I can give you a brief chronological summary of my training and experience which will be indicative of my post.

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- 1916-21 - teaching in rural grade school. 2  
1925 - B.S. Oregon State College  
1925-29 - Home Demonstration Agent, Univ. of California  
1930 - M.S. Teachers College, Columbia Univ.  
1930-32 - Assistant Professor of Nutrition, Oregon State College  
1932-36 - Head of Home Economics, University of Oregon.

Four years ago, under the reorganization of the state system of higher education in Oregon, I was sent to the University to take charge of a very small department. The University has a most conservative liberal arts faculty and I sensed immediately that Home Economics was not accepted as a worth while course for any girl, but was tolerated as a place to send girls who could not adjust themselves to the more formal academic work. After four years we have seen the department increase in enrollment by 400%; an additional full time instructor has been added; and the attitude on the campus toward home economics has changed to the point where all sociology majors are advised to take as much work in our department as possible. Physical Education majors, both men and women, are advised to take Nutrition. Education majors have

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been given a "norm" in the department, and Business Administration majors are sent to us for a course in Textiles. Several suggestions have been made that some work in our department be made compulsory for all girls.

Let me hasten to add that I do not feel responsible for this entire change. The time element has much to do with attitude and my two assistants have been so very fine and cooperative - willing to fit in wherever and however needed. With so few of us, it has been necessary to be sufficiently adaptable to meet unexpected emergencies in any course. It has been my lot, as well as my privilege, to teach Child Development and Home Management for two years, although my major is in Foods and Nutrition.

Do I understand correctly that one problem at Yonking is that of attitude toward home economics as a distinct subject? I wish I might say that I have no

unfailing remedy for such. Unfortunately I<sup>4</sup>  
am not sure that any one thing has been  
responsible for the change at Oregon. I only  
know the change is most evident. I know  
that we have tried to maintain high  
standards of work. We have often  
sacrificed the amount of memorized subject  
matter to problems of practical application.  
My feeling is that most of us generally memorize  
faster and easier than we think. Therefore  
I prefer to give a class time to think through  
practical applications and adaptations  
than to judge them on the memory of lists  
and outlines which could be so easily  
prepared and which are so soon forgotten.

Miss Melan insists that I send you  
this costly note at once. I have not  
had time to get in touch with our  
president, Dr. Boyer, to determine his  
attitude toward giving me a leave of  
absence. Having been in the Oregon  
State system for the past six years, I  
believe I am technically eligible for a  
sabbatical, but for the past few years,  
such leaves have not been plentiful  
& regular. Miss Melan mentioned

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that you were interested in some one who might stay for two years. whether or not a second year's leave could be arranged would depend upon the policy of the University, which I do not know, and upon the functioning of my departments during the first year's leave.

You will want to know what experience I have had in working with Orientals. While teaching in the rural schools, I had a large number of Japanese children in my classes. At Columbia University, I lived at International House. Lau Chai King and I took our master's degrees in the same year and were in many of the same classes. At Oregon State College, as a student and as an instructor I have had the most pleasant associations with several of the Oriental girls - Hanvok Kim, June Ho, Mae Ding, and Pih Wan Hoh. I truly believe that I have a some reaction

to racial associations.

If you care to consider me as an applicant, I shall be glad to send you references or to have you write to Miss Harriett G. Eddy, State Home Demonstrator Leader, Agricultural Extension Department University of California, Berkeley, California.

Miss Milam has been my dean for the past six years and will be writing you no doubt. The professors at Columbia University who know me best are Dr. Benjamin Andrews, Dr. Grace MacLeod, and Dr. Helen Judy Bond.

May I apologize for this very hasty and disorganized letter (I almost said "note") I have tried to get it written in the midst of duties and interests in connection with the Home Economic Convention.

This Seattle address will reach me until the first of August, after which I shall be at Troutdale, Oregon, R. F. D. #2, Box 306.

Sincerely,

Mabel A. Wood

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Seattle, Wn.

6 Midland Rd.,  
Wellesley, Mass.  
July 11, 1936

Miss Mabel A. Wood,  
University of Oregon,  
Eugene, Ore.

My dear Miss Wood,

Your letter received this morning  
interests me very much.

I think you have learned from Miss Milan  
the essential facts about the Yenching position  
and your letter is helpful in setting forth  
your reactions to the opportunity. It is true  
that the instructions given to me were to find  
a highly trained and experienced American per-  
son who would be willing to come out for a two  
years' appointment. As I understand it the  
preference in general and increasingly is for  
Chinese faculty but at just this moment in the  
development of the Home Economics department they feel that it  
would be an advantage to have the help for a short term of some  
one from outside who would be able to study the whole situation  
and guide the Chinese in their development of a truly Chinese  
scientific approach to the subject, starting from Western ideas  
and adapting them to Chinese conditions. Your letter sounds as  
if you would like to face a problem of that kind.

The time is very short because they want such a person  
for the year beginning this fall. Accordingly I am enclosing  
a blank for you to fill out and send if you think there is a pos-  
sibility of your being interested enough to apply. I am also  
asking Columbia to send me your credentials.

I can not speak absolutely definitely on the subject of  
finances. I understand that the salary will probably be about  
\$2400.00, reckoned not in gold but in Chinese currency, that the  
expenses of travel to the field would be provided and lodging  
on the campus. The cost of food is not included but the prices  
for that are lower than they would be here.

I shall be glad to have this correspondence continued  
and would welcome the return of this application blank.

Sincerely yours,

OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE  
SCHOOL OF HOME ECONOMICS  
CORVALLIS, OREGON

August 6, 1936

YENCHING COLLEGE  
FOR WOMEN

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Mr. B. A. Garside  
Yenching University  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Garside:

On Saturday night I sent you a night message advising that I considered 2400 silver and transportation out to Yenching a fair offer and a satisfactory offer to Miss Wood. I hope sincerely that that arrangement can be made, for it seems to me a fair one for Yenching as well as for the administrator on leave of absence.

U. of Ore already is able to give Miss Wood some consideration because of her several years work there but not as much as I had hoped. They will release her for the year if Yenching makes the appointment, and I think both Yenching and Miss Wood will feel it a splendid investment. This arrangement, it seems to me, should not make it too difficult for Yenching for subsequent years, and I believe the plan I propose is one which would bring splendid returns to the University and give them the influence and inspiration of a number of different institutions and leaders.

Naturally I shall be eager to hear Yenching's decision at the earliest possible date. Be sure that I shall be glad to help you.

Very sincerely yours,

*Ava B. Milam*

Ava B. Milam, Dean and  
Director of Home Economics

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MISS MABEL A. WOOD  
University of Oregon  
Eugene, Oregon

August 9, 1936

Mr. G. A. Garside,  
150- Fifth Ave  
New York City.

YENCHING COLLEGE  
FOR WOMEN

My dear Mr. Garside,

I delayed writing until your letter of August 7 arrived, knowing that it would contain details which I would need to know.

First of all, I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity. I trust that I may be of such service to Yenching that you will never feel that the appointment was a mistake.

And now for assurance - My passport is being made out in San Francisco and I am assured that it will be here by the end of this week. Such <sup>such</sup> orders are taken care of by wire from Washington D.C., but the passport itself is made out in San Francisco. Visa will be obtained in Portland next week.

As to the ticket - Since my appointment is for one year, and I would no doubt be

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leaving China before August 22, 1937, I had  
thought I would get a round trip  
ticket. Would it be possible to get that  
through your office? If so, the tentative  
reservation is fully satisfactory to me.  
If you can not for some reason provide  
the round trip on similar terms to the  
one you suggested, will you complete the  
arrangements you suggest. It will be  
easier for me to sail from Victoria  
than Vancouver - I believe this doesn't  
affect the ticket, but it might affect message.  
Also, will the ticket be at the Express  
line office in Seattle or Victoria - just where  
and when will I get it?

Miss Milam has suggested necessary  
clothing and books to take with me. However,  
I am wondering to what extent I might need  
to take bedding and household linen - I  
am taking two steamer bags, both had hoped  
I would not have to take more bedding.

I am sure the financial end of  
things will be taken care of satisfactorily. Right  
now the difficulty of getting oriented to two  
currencies has me a bit dozed. The board  
has not met to decide whether or not I

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am to have a substantial leave or just a plain leave. My dean has recommended the substantial and assures me that it will be granted.

I appreciate your interest in the blood pressure and pulse rate situation. I believe the rapid pulse is somewhat explained by excitement and anticipation of a year abroad plus the natural imbalance that a health examination is likely to give. I have checked with several doctors on the blood pressure and each one has said the same thing - as long as there is no organic disturbance of heart and kidney or infection there is little to be done. It would be tempting to guarantee perfect health. But I can assure you that in the past I have had a minimum of health difficulties compared to the average of teachers.

Yesterday I had a revaccination for smallpox and the first typhoid-paratyphoid immunization. Because of the short time before sailing, it seems I can take only two

Treatment and Dr. Hunt suggests that I have  
the last treatment on the boat. He is  
giving me the vaccine with the necessary  
instructions to the ship's doctor or nurse.

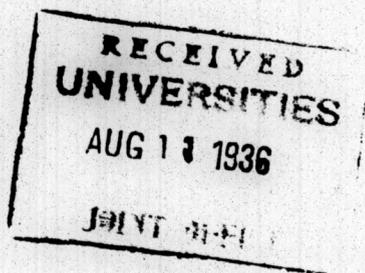
According to plans at the present, I  
shall be here in Eugene until Saturday  
August 15. From then until August 20, I  
shall be at my parents' home - P. F. D#2 Box 306  
Troutdale, Oreg. Telephone Gresham 5491.

Wires sent to Troutdale office are phoned to  
us. This may be unnecessary detail, but  
I am sending it in case of an emergency.

Again let me assure you of my  
eagerness for this opportunity and my full  
recognition of the responsibility which it involves.  
When the Empress of Canada leaves Victoria  
and everything is settled, I'm sure the  
pulses and blood pressure will drop considerably.

Very sincerely yours,

Thobias A. Hood



MISS MABEL A. WOOD  
University of Oregon  
Eugene, Oregon

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August 18, 1936

Mr. C.A. Evans  
150 Fifth Ave.  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you so much for your very cordial and friendly letters of August 11 and 13. I am sorry not to have acknowledged them sooner, but I plead one of the unforeseen emergencies. One of my staff discovered an unsuspected case of tuberculosis and I have been rather busy reassuring her and also finding some one to take her place for the year. I believe everything is arranged now and I can return to my own plans.

The ticket and baggage tags arrived safely and I have collected the necessary visas. All seems to be in readiness for the 22nd, and I am looking forward to a most delightful year.

I regret having to disillusion you concerning "Foulds". No doubt, originally

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Eugene, Oregon

the name was an honest one, but at the present the only fish we catch here is the smelt. Troutdale is located about 14 miles from Portland on the Sandy river about one mile from where it empties into the Columbia. You may have seen news-reels of the more or less famous smelt runs in the Sandy.

However, I do know any number of excellent trout haunts, and if you are ever in our Northwest, I think I can guarantee you good fishing and good fish.

Thanking you again for your courtesy and the opportunity which you have given me,

Sincerely yours,

Mabel A. Wood.

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January 7, 1930.

Mr. E. M. McBrier,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. McBrier:

I venture to write to you directly about a matter which concerns the use of the "McBrier Foundation for Biblical Instruction". Before leaving Yenching Dr. Stuart met with the faculty of the School of Religion for a conference on various matters, and I learned of your gracious gift from which grants might be obtained for definite religious purposes.

I am writing now with the full approval of Dean Chao and my colleagues in the School of Religion to ask that a grant be made for the purchase of pictures for use in my work in the Department of Religious Education.

I have been in China since 1908 and have done both country and city work, always interested especially in the combination of evangelistic and educational work. This means that I have come to the subject of Religious Education from the angle of practical experience.

This is only my second year at Yenching and so far I have been feeling my way in various directions and teaching general courses. Within the last month, however, my thoughts have crystallised, and after several conferences with Dr. T. T. Lew and Mrs. G.B. Barbour, (my colleagues in the Department of Religious Education), a scheme of work was drawn up and submitted to the Faculty of the School of Religion. They passed it unanimously and it is now being prepared as a bulletin of the department of Religious Education. By this scheme beginning with our next academic year, I am to offer to college graduates a one year special training in Religious Education, with the idea of preparing those who plan to act as Sunday School superintendents, or as supervisors of religious work in any educational institution.

My need of pictures grows out of three convictions:

a) Chinese Christians are starved of the wealth of pictorial representations that are our heritage. I never realized until I tried to teach illiterate country women how much more readily an

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idea can be conveyed through "eye-gate" than through "ear-gate". I would like to steep the students who come to me with the representations of Biblical incidents and truths so that they might really see them and thus be the better able to teach them afterwards.

b) College students are too prone to make the intellectual approach to Christianity, and to use that approach to others. I want material so that I can show them how to make a pictorial approach to children and adults afterwards.

c) Our School of Religion building is too unattractive and silent a witness for our Lord. I believe pictures on its walls would preach sermons time and time again to the students who pass along our corridors.

I do not want to bore you with too long a letter now, but I shall be ever so glad to write further and to answer any questions you may care to ask me.

My hope is for an annual grant which will enable me to build up a collection (which of course will be named for you) of three kinds of pictures:

- a) Large special reproductions to be framed and hung here;
- b) Medium sized to be mounted and kept in portfolios for students' use;
- c) Small reproductions to be used by students in their practical work during training (i.g. in village Sunday Schools and in Daily Vacation Bible Schools)

I have named no figure. I can use gladly, and I believe well any sum up to \$200 a year for the next five years.

The inclosed is a preliminary list of the kind of pictures I have in mind. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Scott in case you may not yet have arrived in New York. If you and the committee feel that this request is a legitimate use of the fund I can assure that it will be of the greatest assistance to our work in the School of Religion and especially to the practical side of the religious education work in which I am engaged. We have no other funds in sight that could be used for this purpose.

Very sincerely yours,

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Lerolle	The Arrival of the Shepherds
Millais	Christ in the House of His Parents
Hofmann	Christ and the Doctors
Andrea del Sarto	John the Baptist
Zimmermann	Christ and the Fishermen
Soord	The Lost Sheep
Hofmann	Christ healing the Sick
Von Uhde	Suffer the little Children to come unto Me
Watts	For he had great Possessions.
Flandrin	Christ mourns over the City
Titian	Tribute Money
Da Vinci	The Last Supper
Ford Madox Brown	Christ Washing Peter's Feet
Ciseri	Ecce Homo
Burnand	Peter and John
Girardet	The Walk to Emmaus

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YENCHING

February 11, 1930

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Dear Miss Wood:

I have just received your note to me of January 7, enclosing copy of your letter of the same date to Mr. E. M. McBrier requesting a grant from the McBrier Foundation for religious work in Yenching University which grant you would like to use for the purchase of pictures for use in the Department of Religious Education. While I happen to be Chairman of the Committee of the Trustees with special relationship to the Foundation, the correspondence relating to the Foundation is handled by Mr. B. A. Garside, Secretary of the Trustees, across the Street at 150 Fifth Avenue; consequently, I am forwarding your letter to Mr. Garside who will no doubt present your request for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting.

With best wishes for the highest success of all of your work in religious education at Yenching, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Myfanwy Wood,  
Yenching University,  
Peiping West,  
China.

George T. Scott.

(copy for Mrs. Lee)

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September 22, 1931

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Tseng Pao Swen  
1 Kung Ho Li, Kuang Jen Road  
Chefoo, Shantung  
China

My dear Miss Tseng:

As chairman of the Administrative Committee of Yenching College for Women, I take great pleasure in writing to you in regard to an important matter concerning the Women's College. We are at this moment faced with the urgent need of a head to carry on the work that Mrs. Frame started some years ago, and I am therefore now writing to ask you if you would consider giving us your invaluable assistance in this matter. At recent meetings, both of the "omen's College Faculty and the Administrative Committee, it was unanimously voted that you be most cordially and urgently invited to come to us in the capacity of Acting Dean, and I now hereby express the earnest desire of us all that you consider our request favorably.

I imagine that during your stay in Yenching this summer you will have learnt from Dr. Chao and Dr. Stuart something of the conditions in which the Women's College finds itself. You will most probably know that Mrs. Frame, having served as Dean of the Women's College for ten years, retired from Yenching on June 30th, retaining for the present academic year (1931-32) the title of "Dean on Leave"; this at the urgent vote of the Women's College Faculty and the Administrative Committee of the Yenching College for Women.

An Ad-interim Committee functioned for the holiday months and for the opening of term until the Women's Faculty had all arrived, when a meeting was convened for the purpose of initiating action which would make provision for all the functions pertaining to the Office of the Dean of the "omen's College.

The Faculty passed three resolutions, as follows:

1. To have a committee for one semester.
2. To nominate Miss M. Wood, chairman, Miss Ch'en I, and Miss M. B. Speer as this Acting Committee for one semester.
3. To nominate Miss Tseng Pao Swen to the Administrative Committee as Acting Dean of the Women's College for one year, the year to begin as soon as it would be possible for Miss Tseng to come, and that a very warm and cordial invitation be extended to her to this effect.

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These resolutions were submitted to the members of the Administrative Committee of the Women's College which met last Saturday, September 19, 1931, and they, in turn, passed the following resolutions:

1. To accept the nomination from the women's College Faculty of a committee consisting of Miss Myfanwy Wood, chairman, Miss Ch'en I, and Miss Margaret Speer to serve in place of an Acting Dean for one semester.
2. (Unanimous) That the Administrative Committee send an urgent invitation at once to Miss Tseng asking her to become Acting Dean of the Women's College for the remainder of this year and that this letter be followed as soon as possible by an official deputation to press the request; and that notice of this action be sent to the Yenching College Committee (New York) for ratification.

Since we have a "Dean on Leave" it is not within our power at the present moment to take action looking beyond the present academic year, but it is the hope of the Faculty and Administrative Committee that our present action may be followed up next spring by one leading to a permanent appointment.

I know that you will give this request your full consideration. No words can express the earnestness of spirit and the joy of eager anticipation, in which the resolutions have been passed by our Women's College Faculty and the Administrative Committee. While regretting for your sake all that has happened to your beloved I-Fang School, we rejoice that circumstances make it possible for you now to consider this call to Yenching.

It is not easy in a letter to lay before you all the many reasons which seem to us to make imperative your acceptance of our request; but we would urge that you consider especially the fact of the challenge of our situation. The spirit of Yenching is expressed in the words of our motto: "Freedom, Truth, Service"; and in every phase of our University life, experiments throbbing with vital interest are being conducted.

The Women's College offers a magnificent opportunity for such experiments; we have a great history as an independent institution behind us. We are now an integral part of Yenching University, a Christian coeducational institution. How can we best express in the trust and fullest cooperation between men and women, so that our students shall go forth from such experiences in Yenching fitted to meet the problems of adult life shoulder to shoulder, the best of each being poured out in service for the good of all.

Dr. Stuart and Miss Ch'en I expect to be in Shanghai in the latter part of October and will wait upon you to press further our hopes and desires for your leadership in our Women's College.

From Dr. Chao and Dr. Stuart we have heard of your personal desire for a few months rest. We would respect that desire, and have therefore made provision for an Acting Committee to function for this semester, but nothing would give us greater joy than to have you come as soon as you can to live in our midst, resting in our beautiful surroundings and coming to know us before assuming the office to which we so warmly welcome you.

With a deep trust and prayer that you may be guided of God in your decision, I am

Sincerely yours,

Myfanwy Wood  
Chairman of the Administrative  
Committee

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
PEIPING, CHINA.

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September 24, 1931

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

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

My dear Mrs. Lee:

I am sure you have been very puzzled by the long silence, for you have had no official communication from the Women's College since Mrs. Frame left at the beginning of July. Looking back over the weeks, I find myself regretting that I did not send you at least a brief note of friendly greeting, but I knew that you had been informed of the existence of the "Adinterim Committee", and at the time, my own presence in office seemed so impermanent, and, moreover, owed its existence seemingly exclusively to the need for attention to duties on the campus, that no communication with you was called for.

Now, however, I have been asked to write this letter

- I. To introduce to you our Acting Committee
- II. To ask for your ratification of the Action of the Administrative Committee with regard to an Acting Dean for this year, and
- III. To ask you to take up the question of financial arrangements with Dr. Roberta White.

I. You will know of the delay in Miss Cheney's and in Miss Stahl's return, and you can imagine the sorrow that these delays have caused us. We had counted so much on their presence with ACTING COMMITTEE us, as we faced our first year together after Mrs. Frame's retirement. As it was, we had to meet without them. We rejoiced in the return of Miss Speer and Miss Wagner, and welcomed our six new members on September 8. At that meeting we took the following action "VOTED - to have a committee for one semester"; and proceeded to make nominations of various members to serve on this committee. These were all passed on to a small committee for careful examination and arrangement, and the faculty met again on September 11 to vote upon the membership of our proposed Acting Committee. The resulting action was the nomination passed on to the Administrative Committee, and contained in the minutes of that committee sent herewith to you. We three have met and divided between us the duties of the Dean. We share the membership of various committees; Miss Caroline Chen takes responsibility for kitchen and boarding arrangements within the Dormitories; I have the office duties and correspondence in China, and Miss Speer

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will carry all the correspondence with you. We shall of course meet very frequently for conference.

II. The enclosed letter to Miss Tseng will explain itself. The faculty unanimously nominated her to the Administrative Committee for acting Dean for this year, and the Administrative Committee acted unanimously in favor of it. You may recall that in the spring of 1927 Miss Tseng was invited by the Administrative Committee to come to Yenching as Dean of the Women's College, but in July of that year, she was able to return to her own school in Changsha, and negotiations with us had to be broken off. It has just now transpired, however, that her school no longer exists, and we therefore hope that she may be able to consider coming to us now. We all sincerely hope that she will be able to do so.

III. We are very sorry to have to state the medical condition of Dr. Roberta White, which the enclosed statement from Dr. Hall will indicate. Miss White was not really well all last year, and her condition shows no improvement, even after a summer of rest with her family, which the doctor advised. America seems to be the only solution. Miss White has already left for Shanghai, where she will be with her parents for a little while before sailing for America, where she will probably go to a sanitorium in California, for thorough examination and proper treatment. We are very sorry to have her go, for her work in her department is very valuable, and she is a very delightful person. Her fiance is at Yenching this year.

The question of our financial responsibilities towards Dr. White came up at the General Faculty Executive, and Miss Ch'en I, Miss Cookingham, and I, were appointed a subcommittee to consider the matter. At a subsequent meeting of the G F E the following action was taken:

1. Since Miss White is not resigning, her case is not covered by her contract; neither is there any precedent for it. Therefore it was resolved that the matter be taken up with New York.
2. If Miss White should resign, we would recommend that her passage be paid to California, and that she be given two months salary.
3. Meanwhile we recommend that the treasurer be instructed to advance her according to her need, adjustments to be made later with New York.

The Administrative Committee meets again on October 3rd to consider the question raised in your letter of August 3, and also the question of procedure with regard to women members of the Faculty

appointed on the field. We hope very much that we may have a full attendance at this meeting, so that these important matters may be carefully considered, and the minutes be sent to you in time for the November meeting of the Yenching College Committee.

I thank you for the letters which you have sent me during the summer. I have the most happy memories of my stay in your country, and especially of my visits with the members of the Yenching College Committee, and I hope, through Miss Speer, whom so many of you know so well, the ties that bind you at home with us on the field, may be strengthened, so that our actions, while taken separately, may be one in spirit, and work together for the upbuilding of the women of Yenching.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Myfanwy Wood*

(Miss) Myfanwy Wood  
Chairman of Acting Committee

October 21, 1931

Miss Myfanwy Wood  
Yenching University  
Peiping, China.

Dear Miss Wood:

You can hardly realize how glad I am to have your letter of September 24th with its enclosures. We have felt so out of touch with Yenching and its problems since Mrs. Frame left.

I have had two or three good visits with Grace Boynton and of course these have given much valuable light on many matters. I have also seen Camilla Mills Biggerstaff twice since she and her husband reached Cambridge. Still the news these friends could give was only of things that happened before the close of the last academic year. Your letter brings us up to date in at least several matters.

I believe that the action of the Administrative Committee in placing responsibility for the conduct of the college work upon an acting committee during the first semester is very wise. The membership of the committee is able and I feel sure that the work will go on successfully.

The news you give that Miss Tseng may be available for the deanship and may consider the invitation favorably is indeed most welcome. I am sorry for the events that have made it necessary for the school in Changsha, of which Miss Tseng has been principal, to be closed; but what I know of her seems to indicate that she is one of the comparatively few Chinese women who are preeminently fitted for a position of responsibility such as the Yenching deanship. Dr. Lucius Porter came in the afternoon of the day your letter was received and I told him of the invitation the college was extending to Miss Tseng. He expressed a very ardent hope that she would accept the invitation and said that he considered her exceedingly well qualified for the position.

The third point in your letter relates to Dr. Roberta White's health. I am exceedingly sorry that Miss White is in so poor a physical condition. Just what the obligation of the Yenching College Committee is in such a case as this, I do not see clearly. I am glad your letter has come just when it has, as the November meeting of our committee is called for the third. We will take this question up then and I will report to you as promptly as possible. I surely hope that Miss White may be able to get the care and rest she needs in California and that her

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health may be speedily restored.

I very much hope that the minutes of the October third meeting of the Administrative Committee may reach us by November third, so that the Yenching College Committee may have full information as to questions that should come up for consideration at that time.

I know that other members of the Yenching College Committee would wish to join with me in best greetings to the members of the Administrative Committee and also to all members of the Women's College faculty.

Very cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee).

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN  
YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

December 14, 1931

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OFFICE DEPARTMENT

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

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My dear Mrs. Lee:

It is not perfectly clear as to whom this letter should be written. The question as to the allocation of the Gold \$1000 gift from the Educational Fund for Higher Education given to Yenching Women's College by the American Board Mission has been raised in a letter from Mr. McCann to Miss Cookingham.

In our Women's College files there are copies of correspondence between Mrs. Frame and you on the subject, in past years. It therefore seems a possible method for me to send the information for this year to you and for Miss Cookingham to send a copy of the letter to Mr. McCann.

We are indeed grateful for this generous gift this year from the American Board. We understand that the gift must not be regarded as an annual grant, but must be used rather for items of special expenditure, and with this thought in mind, after consultation with Miss Cookingham, our "Dean's Committee" has applied the money to the following items:

- L C \$1,925 to the cost of Dr. Clara Nutting's travel from America
- 200 towards the use of records and material for the Music Department
- 150 towards magazines and other periodicals for the use of women students in our Sage Reading Room
- 450 granted to the Home Economics Department for supplies
- 500 granted to the Physical Education Department for special expenses in reconditioning outside volleyball, basket-ball, and tennis courts.
- 260 granted to the Kindergarten Training Department for general supplies.

L C \$ 3,485.

Gold \$1,000 at 3.485 realized L C \$ 3,485.

Please convey to the committee in charge of this grant our deep appreciation of this gift, and the assurance that should they see their way to granting it to us again this year, we can make very <sup>good</sup> uses of it.

Sincerely yours,

*Myranwy Wood*

(Miss) Myranwy Wood  
Chairman Dean's Acting Committee

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January 14, 1932.

Miss Myfanwy Wood  
Yenching University  
Peiping, China

Dear Miss Wood:

It was a pleasure to receive two or three days ago your letter of December 14 telling of the use that is being made of the 1931-32 grant from the Higher Education Fund to Yenching Woman's College. A special sub-committee appointed by the Prudential Committee makes recommendations as to the use of the income of this fund each year and it is of real importance for the members of that Committee to have definite information as a guide to ~~future~~ action. The foreign secretaries, as the ones who best know conditions on the various fields are members of this sub-committee. It is therefore quite right for you to report to me on this matter.

Your letter also enclosed a copy of the letter received from Miss Tseng. I am exceedingly sorry that Miss Tseng has not been able to join the Yenching College faculty even though she did so with no definite conviction as to later assuming any responsibility for the deanship. She names illness as the reason why she was finally unable to come to Yenching and says that her doctors say they think she should have a year of complete rest. Are you in touch with her, and do you think there is any hope that she will overcome this weakness so that by the fall of 1932 or even somewhat later she may again undertake responsible work? What is the prospect as to the reopening of her school in Central China? In case Miss Tseng should finally and definitely be out of the picture for Yenching have you anyone else in mind?

As I was writing Miss Speer a few days ago I told her what Miss Cheney and Miss Stahl have written me as to the time of their return. I am sorry it did not seem feasible for either one of them to go immediately. You will naturally keep in touch with them. I hope that Miss Cheney may certainly be able to sail for Yenching early in May if not before that, but I am by no means sure that it would not be better for Miss Stahl to take the whole of this year for recuperation and plan to be back only in time for the opening of the school next September. I am right, am I not, in thinking that your own furlough is due to begin this coming summer? I do so wish we might have the new dean in line for her work before you leave for furlough.

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You may hear from other sources of a very pleasant little occasion last Sunday in the shape of a reception in the new dormitory of the Physical Education Department of Boston University at which Grace Boynton was the speaker. It was Mrs. Franklin, the Dean of Women who planned this reception, largely because she wanted to interest the students in this school in some overseas work. Just what if anything in the line of a permanent relationship will come out of this we do not yet know.

Please be assured that we think of you all very very often and would be so glad to lift some of your burdens if that were possible.

With kind personal regard and affectionate greetings to your fellow-workers, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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February 8, 1932

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Miss Pao Swen Tseng  
The Shanghai Orthopedic Hospital  
Shanghai

Ans.

My dear Miss Tseng:

At the meeting of the Administrative Committee of Yenching College for Women held February 5th your letter of November 24th was conveyed to us by Miss Wood stating your inability to accept our invitation to be the Acting Dean of the Yenching College for Women, owing to ill health. It was with the greatest regret and reluctance that we accept the fact. Although we sympathize with you and understand the situation perfectly, we cannot help but feel disappointed that you are unable to be with us now, during this time of great need of leadership among the Chinese women. We sincerely hope that you will regain your health soon for your own sake, and also that we might benefit by your personality, and your service here in Yenching in the near future.

With best regards and wishes for a speedy recovery,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) *Frederica Chiang Li*

Secretary Administrative Committee

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RECEIVED February 11, 1932  
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

Miss Kung Lan Chen  
500 Riverside Drive  
New York, N.Y.

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My dear Miss Kung:

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the formal invitation to join the Faculty of Yenching University, to begin work this coming September. This invitation has been passed upon by the Department of Home Economics and the Dean of the College of Natural Sciences, and by the responsible committees of the Women's College and the University, and from each and all, it comes to you with the unanimous and keen desire to have you as colleague, that the services which we believe you can render to China may be made in and through the college with which you have already been associated, as a student.

For your academic work you will be a member of the Home Economics Department in the College of Natural Sciences, and Miss Caroline Ch'en, the Chairman of that Department, will arrange your courses in consultation with you. I know she has already written to you.

As regards rank and salary, I think you know that all members of the Faculty of the University, both Chinese and Westerners, both men and women, now work under one common scale which came into operation about a year ago. According to that scale, your rank at the beginning of your service with Yenching will be that of an Instructor, and your salary will depend upon your Ph. D. Degree; if you come to us with it, it will begin at \$140; and if with your Ph. D., then at \$200 per month.

The Women's College is glad indeed to welcome back one of its students as a member of Faculty, for you will be able to share to the full the ideals of the College, and to help work out its plans for the welfare of the present women students.

You will live in one of the Women's College houses, or in one of the Faculty Suites in the Dormitories, just as you prefer, and I shall be glad to pass on to the Housing Committee any special preference you may care to express when you reply to this letter.

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This letter comes to you in days of trial and difficulty for China; we in Yenching have also just lived through the difficulty of planning for a reduced budget because of the financial depression in America; but the days are also days of great challenging opportunity. You will find waiting you in Yenching a band of men and women united in the spirit of Christ for the service of China, and to this service now we invite you.

We shall await your reply with eagerness, and trust that we may not be disappointed. Believe me

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Myfanwy Wood  
Chairman Dean's Acting Committee

March 18, 1932.

Miss Myfanwy Wood  
Yenching College for Women  
Peiping, China

Dear Miss Wood:

This is to thank you for your letter of February 12 enclosing a copy of the Administrative Committee minutes and of the proposed budget for Yenching College for Women for 1932-33. I understand that copies of the budget have been sent direct to President Pendleton as Chairman of the Budget Committee and to the office in New York. President Pendleton and

Mr. Garside have already had some correspondence as to certain items and as you probably know, Mr. Garside thinks that the decrease in income is not so serious as you have understood and that the budget can be adopted on a somewhat more adequate scale. On these matters we will write more fully later. We are very glad to have the budget well in advance of the Annual Meeting of our Committee which is to occur on April 13. The Annual Meeting of the Trustees is to be held on April 14. April 12 and the forenoon of April 13 are to be given to further conference on the Correlated Program for China Colleges. We are hoping that President Stuart will be present at all of these meetings.

The Boston members of our Yenching College Committee are tentatively planning a tea for him, probably on April 9. President Pendleton is to send the invitations and the tea will be at her home in Wellesley. The guests are to be the people living in or near Boston whose names are on our mailing list, and a few others. These plans are still somewhat uncertain as we are awaiting definite word as to Dr. Stuart's engagements. I am enclosing herewith a letter written to Miss Kendrick by Mrs. McPherson of the Ohio State University in Columbus. Professor and Mrs. McPherson have been very much interested in Miss Ruth Feng who has now, I understand, secured her Ph.D. from the University of Ohio. There may be no information in this letter which you do not have but as I think it possible that what Mrs. McPherson says will be of help to you in considering the possibility of inviting Dr. Feng to join the Yen-

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ching staff I am sending you this copy.

With very kind personal greetings to you and to the  
other members of your staff, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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May 13, 1932.

Miss Myfanwy Wood  
Yenching University  
Peiping, China

Dear Miss Wood:

There are two matters calling for a word from me at the present time. I am remembering also that the School year is rapidly drawing toward a close and that by the time this letter reaches you the date of your starting for England will be near at hand. You will be so busy with preparations for commencement and all the duties connected with the close of a college year, not to mention preparations for a journey, that you will hardly have had time to think much of your furlough. But I do want first of all to wish you a very happy and restful year at home. The years in China have been strenuous. They always are, but these last years have perhaps been more so than some, and I am sure you must be tired. I hope you can leave all concerns about the work behind you as you at length turn your face toward England and have a little time of real rest before you begin to speak.

The two special matters about which I am writing today are, first the grant of the American Board from the income of its Higher Education Endowment Fund for the academic year 1932-33. You will not be surprised to know that we are unable to make as large grants from this fund at present as we had been in some past years. We have for a number of years given Yenching College for Women \$1,000. The best we could do this year seemed to be to make a grant of \$500. As the field has the benefit on exchange from grants of this fund we are hoping that the amount may after all not seem to you to be quite so much less than formerly as it appears. The sub-committee in charge of this Fund usually meets early in April and recommends grants for the academic year beginning the following July. Will you, therefore, ask Miss Speer or some one of your faculty to be sure that we have, by April 1, 1933 a statement as to the uses made of the 1932-33 grant and of the need for which you would like a similar amount another year.

The other matter on my mind is to tell you that so

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far as I am able to learn, there is no chance that Yen-ching may secure Miss Ssh Hu for the coming year. I have not heard directly from her or from President Stuart. Through Mrs. Wolferz and the office in New York, however, I have the word that she has promised definitely to return to Nankai. Every one seems to speak of her in very high terms and I am sorry that Yen-ching is not to have her. You will however have opportunities to keep in touch with her after her return and there may be hope for another year if not for the present.

With very kind greetings to your all, I am,

Very cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius C. Lee.)

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P.S.. The amount of this grant will be available on application to the Treasurer of the American Board's north China Mission after September, 1932.

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN  
YENCHING UNIVERSITY  
PEIPING, CHINA.

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June 13, 1932

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

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

My dear Mrs. Lee:

This will probably be my last communication to you this year. My sister and I leave Yenching on June 22. The School of Religion has emphasized its need for me, and so in all probability I shall return to them in the fall of 1933.

We all had the great joy of welcoming Miss Cheney a week ago. She has come back renewed in every way, and has amazed me with the ease with which she has slipped back into personal relationships and her use of the Chinese language.

Our Administrative Committee meets next Saturday, and we hoping before then to have received a cable from you with regard to Miss Soohoo. Miss Speer will be writing you fully after that meeting.

I am enclosing a copy of my report for the year.

With all good wishes to you

Sincerely yours,

*Myfanwy Wood*

(Miss) Myfanwy Wood  
Chairman Acting Dean's Committee

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ONE HUNDRED EIGHT FIRST STREET  
HINSDALE, ILLINOIS

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Dear Mrs. Lee,  
June 29, 1932.

To answer your  
questions of June 19th.  
I certainly do think it worth  
while to arrange for evidence  
before members of the KKK  
College Expansion & members of the  
American Board. For a long  
time I have felt that the  
affiliation was far from being  
close enough to promote the great-  
est good of the KKK.

If I think it worth my while  
I will cooperate to have a represent-  
ative on the Public Security and  
Committee appointed & check the report  
of the Commission on Education.

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mention in Japan. I would  
suggest Dr. Matthews is that  
man.

Yes, Portman and her  
husband he still live in  
Cambridge at number three  
Jefferson Avenue. Mrs. Portman  
Noyes is the name. At present  
she is visiting at home but  
will return to the front of the  
mount. I have not been home  
to see her since and I was unable  
to see you at that time. I am  
sure she is well. Will you  
ask Mr. Sanfords about Capt. Phelps  
at Cambridge and that fall of I  
decide to come out to the American  
Board Meeting. Yours very sincerely  
Hazel J. Perkins

July 19, 1932

Miss Myfanwy Wood

London, England

Dear Miss Wood:

Your letter of June 13 with the copy of the Dean's annual report came a few days ago. I was much pleased over what you said of the ease with which Miss Cheney had slipped back into her own place in the University and into her use of the Chinese language.

I am sure that before you left Peiping you had received the cable saying that Miss Soo-Hoo had accepted Yenching's invitation to become Dean. I am sorry that it has not been possible for any of us to meet her personally. Her letters indicate a young woman of fine ability and character. I believe she has a better use of English than any Chinese with whom I have come in contact. Of course, that is not strange as she grew up mostly in this country. She writes that she feels the need of some real study of Chinese although it has always been the language of her home life as her mother never learned English. I am sending a letter to the members of our Yenching College Committee telling them something of Miss Soo-Hoo, her training and experience and also giving some of the most interesting information bits from your annual report.

I notice the statement in your personal letter to me that the School of Religion has emphasized its need for you and that you will in all probability be assigned to work in that Department in the fall of 1933. I am sorry to think of your not continuing to belong to the Woman's College faculty, but am quite ready to accept your own judgment and that of your friends as to the department where your service will count most. So far as all social relationships are concerned you will continue to belong to the Woman's College group, will you not? We should indeed be reluctant to lose your personal touch with these young women of ours.

I trust you may have a very happy and profitable furlough year. You will probably be too busy to write letters often, but I hope that

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I may hear from you at least semi-occasionally.

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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*Mary Wood*

School of Religion  
Yenching University  
Peiping West  
North China  
January 30th, 1935

Dear Friends,

At the request of Dean Chao I am writing a letter to follow his of last Autumn to give you some news of the School of Religion of Yenching University.

I feel I must first introduce myself, not only because I am unknown to you, (being a citizen not of your honourable country), but because my position on the Faculty of the School of Religion is a mark of one of the outstanding characteristics of the School.

I am a Welsh woman and have been in China since 1908 as a member of the London Missionary Society, a society founded in 1795 on the following basis:- "As the union of Christians of various denominations in carrying on this great work is a most desirable object, it is declared to be a fundamental principle of the Missionary Society that its design is not to send Presbyterianism, Independency, Episcopacy, or any other form of Church Order and Government (about which there may be difference of opinion among serious persons), but the glorious Gospel of the blessed God to the heathen; and that it shall be left (as it ought to be left) to the minds of the persons whom God may call into the Fellowship of His Son from among them to assume for themselves such form of Church Government as to them shall appear most agreeable to the Word of God." I do not know that anyone in this School has ever seen that statement (except myself), but one hundred and forty years after its writing in England, its spirit animates this theological school in North China.

I came to China in the latter days of the Empire, and I have lived through the decades of the breaking up of old traditions and the fearless experimenting with the new. The clamour for liberty is in the air, and to me it is a matter of deep thanksgiving to God that there is in China this School of Religion meeting the surging new life not with any spirit of narrow traditionalism, but with the ringing avowal, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Very real in this School is the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Unity is not an ideal painfully to be striven after, but the simplest and greatest fact of our ordinary lives. Here in this School of Religion we are a Faculty of both sexes, of four nationalities, and of seven denominations, and we are all one in Christ Jesus.

Dean Chao says I must tell you about some of our students, and for this letter I am going to pick out one from each of the three types for whom we offer courses. Will my men readers please forgive if I tell about two women and only one man? The proportion is of course quite wrong, for we have at least five times as many men students as women, but I must trust you to understand my bias. Anyway, let me begin with the man.

He came to us in 1931 with a B.A. from West China Union University, Chengtu, Szechuen, and he left us last June with the degree of B.D. His report for his first semester's work back in Chengtu has just reached us, and I will quote from this very interesting document:- "Yenching has been my second home because of all it has meant in my life. I went to Yenching to seek advanced teachings in the Scripture and deeper contacts with the Student Christian Movement in Peiping, its birth-place ten years ago. I am very happy that I have made this time unforgettable. Talks and conversations with great men and Movement leaders were most helpful. Again, I will never forget the help and teachings of the professors in Yenching, and of student workers in Peiping. These three years' residence not only filled me with bookish knowledge, but my few travels in north and east China widened my outlook on the Church situation, especially that of the Youth Movement. All these experiences have kept me alert to the happenings in the world today. When I recall these experiences, they refresh my mind again and again. Therefore, I would like to thank my beloved teachers and friends in Peiping and the friends in Chengtu and America who encouraged me. ----- Chengtu is a great field for student work in West China, where the Christian forces are very much needed among the thirsty youth who are after a satisfactory life."

He reports having started twenty-five weekly Bible classes with a total of 270 regular attendants. Of these he himself teaches nine. He tells of Prayer Meetings, Sunday services, and rural work, and remarks:- "The students in general lack real information about the Church as a whole. They talk very much about 'service' and 'practical work'. It would be much better if they knew something of what is going on in the Church, and also find out what opportunities the Church offers to them." He closes his report with this paragraph:- "After all what are we trying to do? We are trying to train students to understand and seek a purpose in life. We are helping them to gain an abundant life through the teachings of Jesus Christ our Master. Religion is the end of life. All the different activities are nothing but a means to this end. Only one thing is really necessary. "Mary, moreover, has chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her."

The School offers a course to those who have graduated from an Arts or Science course and who can spend only one year in concentrated study of the Christian religion. To this course in 1931 came a woman student from Canton. She went back in the summer of 1932 to be in charge of religious work in a large girls' high school in Canton. So successful was her work there that the Provincial Synod of the Church of Christ in China invited her to become Supervisor of Religious Education in their field throughout Kwangtung. Feeling the need for more adequate preparation for this position, she returned to us in 1933, and has spent the year since in studies in the fields of Bible and Religious Education. For her practical work in the latter field, she decided that since her previous experience had all been with town life and with high school girls, she would do her supervised work among rural women. She has worked one afternoon a week with a group of non-Christian women in a village six miles from Yenching with fine results, and now is spending three months at a distant country Mission station working with an experienced woman missionary who writes most appreciatively of her work.

She will return here at the end of February and continue her studies until June, after which she departs for her responsible post with the Church in Kwangtung.

Our third type of student is one of generally lower academic standing but of maturer age and wider experience than the others, and comes to us on leave of absence for a one year "refresher" course. For the year 1933-34 there came to this course a woman on leave of absence from a large City Church, and to that Church she returned last summer. Writing during the Autumn, she says: "As soon as I got back from Peiping I came to the Church and began to work. However, no particular work was appointed to me, and no one came to tell me what to do, so I have to seek the work myself. I used to do Girls' work before I left last year, but a substitute was put in my place, and she is doing fine. Of course I like to see her keep on doing Girls' work, and so I will find other things to do." And she proceeds to tell of various kinds of religious work that she has started among the young women in that pleasure-loving city. She asks for prayer for those caught in the sudden unprepared-for temptations of modern life in new China. She says:- "Spiritual help is the one thing needed, and it is the one thing so easily neglected."

Statistics are often dead figures, but here in China the fact that the infant Church members number one out of every thousand of the population, is an ever present live challenge which we of the Yenching School of Religion, by the grace and power of God, are endeavoring to meet by the sending out of the few "ones" trained and inspired to win the other "nine hundred and ninety-nine."

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore-----."

With greetings to all who share in any way with us in the work of the School, I am,

Sincerely yours,

MYFANWY WOOD