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SHANGHAI COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SHANGHAI, CHINA

June 26, 1926.

Miss A. K. Sanderson,  
Baptist Mission Compound,  
Swatow.

Dear Miss Sanderson:

At the recent meeting of our Executive Committee and Board of Directors, it was voted to extend you a most hearty invitation to join our Faculty as Dean of Women for the coming Fall term.

Last year we had about 113 girls registered here and the position of Dean of Women affords a splendid opportunity to do some very real and much-needed work among these young women. We believe that you are in every way fitted to assume this responsibility and we trust that you will find it possible to accept our invitation.

We have just closed a very successful school year, with more than sixty graduates from the College and about one hundred from the Middle School. Throughout the year our students showed a splendid spirit. Even during the tense days that followed the Tsinan incident, our students took a sane, rational attitude and we had no trouble.

We are counting upon your support and hope you will co-operate with us in extending the Kingdom of Christ through Christian Education in China.

Sincerely yours,



Herman C. E. Liu, President.

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SHANGHAI COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SHANGHAI CHINA

July 2, 1928.

Miss A. K. Sanderson,  
Baptist Mission,  
Swatow.

Dear Miss Sanderson:

We trust that you duly received our letter inviting you to join our Faculty at Shanghai College in Fall. We hope that you have given it favorable consideration. We are counting on you to come and hope you will find it possible to be with us in August.

Present indications are that there will be a large enrollment of girls next year. We cannot go on with our work unless we secure the services of a person like yourself to act as our Dean of Women.

Summer School will open on July 5th. We are expecting a large enrollment.

With warm regards, and trusting that we may soon receive a favorable reply from you, I am

Sincerely yours,



Harnen C. E. Liu, President.

Swatow, China  
July 9, 1928

Dr. Herman C.E. Liu,  
Shanghai College,  
Shanghai

Dear Dr. Liu:

Your letter of June 26 inviting me to join your Faculty as Dean of Women for the fall term came as a great surprise. I want to thank you for this honor. As you requested, I have given the matter careful consideration and it is with real regret that I tell you I cannot accept the invitation.

The position in Shanghai College, I am sure, offers a great opportunity for work among the young women. I believe, however, that I can do my best work here in Swatow, for the present, at least.

Let me assure you that you have my earnest good wishes for your success.

Sincerely yours,

校學大江滬  
SHANGHAI COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SHANGHAI, CHINA

July 13, 1928.

Miss A. K. Sanderson,  
Baptist Mission Compound,  
Swatow.

Dear Miss Sanderson:

We have just learned from Mr. Page that you are considering our invitation to come to Shanghai College as our Dean of Women. I am very sorry that by mistake I said "for the coming Fall Term." We really meant beginning with the coming Fall Term. It is not a one-term proposition or a temporary proposition we are offering you. We believe that there will be a permanent place for you on our Faculty.

Let me repeat our great need for your services here. We probably will have about 120 girls next term. A good many of them are from South China. We also want to link up the College more closely with the churches. We have canvassed the whole country and we find that you are the best one for this position. All our colleagues are waiting for you most anxiously. We will support you and co-operate with you in every possible way.

In addition to the Deanship of Women, we are counting on you to do some teaching in the special line you are most interested in.

Our Summer School is in full swing now. We have 230 students registered in the College and an equal number in the Middle School. The students are seriously-minded and are hard at work.

Please cable us your decision in regard to joining us this Fall. We are most anxious to hear from you and trust that you will send us a favorable reply at your earliest convenience.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Herman C. E. Liu, President.

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SHANGHAI COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SHANGHAI CHINA

July 16, 1926.

*Especially for Miss Sanderson.*

Rev. A. H. Page,  
Baptist Mission Compound,  
Swatow.

Dear Mr. Page:

We have just received a letter from Miss Sanderson stating that she does not feel she should leave her work in Swatow to join us this Fall.

As we explained to you in a letter a few days ago, we did not invite Miss Sanderson to come to us just for one term. We want her to start the work this Fall and hold the position of Dean of Women as long as it is satisfactory to all parties concerned. Of course, it is possible that sometime in the future we may be able to secure a Chinese Dean of Women, but in that event, Miss Sanderson would have a permanent place on our faculty as a teacher. We would not ask her to give up her work in Swatow for a temporary place here. The position we offer her presents a great field for service among our young women, and we hope you will persuade her to change her mind. If you can persuade her to come, please send us a cablegram, as we are waiting most anxiously for her decision. Our work will be greatly handicapped if she does not join us.

With warmest regards, and thanking you for all your efforts in our behalf, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Herman C. B. Liu, President.

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SHANGHAI CHINA

July 16, 1928.

Miss A. G. Sanderson,  
Baptist Mission Compound,  
Swatow.

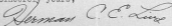
Dear Miss Sanderson:

We have just received your letter of July 9th. Probably our last letter explaining that we want you to have a permanent place on our faculty has not yet reached you.

I wish to repeat our earnest, sincere desire and cordial invitation to you to come to Shanghai College as Dean of Women and teacher. We would not ask you to give up your work in Swatow for just one term. There is a great work to be done here among our girls and we feel that as Dean of Women you will have a great field of service, and as a teacher a permanent place in the College. We would ask you to reconsider the matter in this light and we are still hoping that you will give us a favorable reply.

With warm regards. I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Herman C. H. Liu, President.

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Swatow, China  
July 17, 1928

Dr. Herman C.E. Liu,  
Shanghai College,  
Shanghai

Dear Dr. Liu;

Your express letter of July 15 has just reached me this morning. I have sent the following cable:

"President Shanghai College cannot accept Sanderson."

Before this time you will have received my letter of July 9 and you will know how I feel about the matter. Even had your letter said definitely that the position was possibly a permanent one, my answer would still have been the same.

Again let me tell you my appreciation of the honor you have done me. As I said before, my reason for not accepting is that I feel my place, for the present, at least, is here in Swatow.

Sincerely yours,



校學大江滬  
SHANGHAI COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SHANGHAI CHINA  
July 25, 1928.

Miss Abbie G. Sanderson,  
Baptist Mission,  
Swatow.

Dear Miss Sanderson:

We were very sorry to learn from your cable and your letter of July 17th that you feel you cannot accept our invitation to become our Dean of Women.

We have been wondering whether, if you do not care to take over the responsibilities of Dean, you would care to join our faculty as a teacher of English. We are greatly in need of English teachers for the next term and would be very happy to secure your services in this connection. As we stated before, as a teacher you would have a permanent place with us.

With warm regards and hoping that you may still join our faculty, I am

Sincerely yours,



Herman C. E. Liu, President

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

SHANGHAI, CHINA

July 26, 1928.

Rev. A. H. Page,  
Baptist Mission Compound,  
Swatow.

Dear Mr. Page:

Thank you for your letter of July 17th. We are very sorry indeed that Miss Sanderson will not join us as Dean of Women. Will you not try to persuade her again? If she absolutely refuses to become our Dean of Women, do you think you could persuade her to join our faculty as a teacher of English. We are greatly in need of teachers in this department. We are counting on you to do your best for us.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Herman C. B. Liu, President

Suatow, China  
July 30, 1928

Dr. H.C.E. Liu,  
Shanghai College,  
Shanghai.

Dear Dr. Liu;

Your letter of July 25th reached me yesterday, just after my return from a week's trip to one of our inland stations.

Again I find myself confronted with the difficult task of saying "no". I can only thank you once more for the repeated invitation to join the Shanghai College faculty, and tell you that I still feel I must decline this honor. There are many reasons why I cannot accept your invitation; I am in love with my work here in South China, and more than that, I feel it would really not be right for me to leave Suatow at this time to accept a position elsewhere.

With warm good wishes,

Sincerely yours,