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MRS. MURRAY S. FRAME, B.A., B.D., *Dean of the College*
PEKING, CHINA

January 3, 1929.

My dear Mr. Jenney:

Your letter concerning plans for a period of follow-up work here in Chicago after the campaign, came to me just before Christmas. It was impossible to get Mrs. Williamson and Miss Clark in conference just at that busy time. I did have conversations with them over the phone and learned that both had had this same letter and were thinking about the matter. Miss Clark has written you of her plans to leave early for California. Mrs. Williamson, I think, would be ready to cooperate in any way possible, at the time you

mention, namely about January 20th and two weeks following that time. I will be in the city at that time, but will be away during the preceding week and would be unable therefore, to give any time to make arrangements, etc. Perhaps you are not counting on us for much in the way of preparing for the luncheon or dinner meetings of the various groups mentioned.

I was very sorry indeed to miss seeing you when you were in Chicago some time ago. I made an effort to get in touch with you and Mrs. Williamson at the time appointed for our meeting to say that I was ill and could not come. I understood from Mrs. Williamson when I talked with her afterward, that you had gotten in touch with Mrs. Bush by phone and had made an appointment to meet her. I was hoping that you had realized something from your interview with her. I have not had any reply to the letter I wrote her some time before that. Mrs. Williamson doubtless told you of our effort to get a contribution from her.

I am certainly happy over the result of the campaign and think that your plan to follow up with the sort of program that you have outlined will be a very fine thing. I shall be glad to cooperate in any way I can to make this a successful venture.

Very cordially yours,

Mr. Chester E. Jenney,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Alpha C. Avann

February 6, 1929

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Avann:

I have been to New York twice within ten days which is the main reason why your letter of January 21st has lain unanswered until now. The first trip to New York was, as you doubtless know, through letters from Mr. Garside, for the purpose of meeting with the special committee appointed to study plans for the new gymnasium. Mrs. Frame was also present as was Mr. Higgins, a member of Mr. Murphy's firm of architects. After we had all spent a good deal of time over the plans and reached certain decisions as to many points, Mr. Higgins took the blueprints home with him and the committee came together again the next morning to go over the plans as he had redrawn them.

I think this work of planning the gymnasium is coming forward very satisfactorily, thanks chiefly to Mrs. Frame's intimate knowledge of the location and the needs of the students. We are proceeding on the understanding that the building can be completed with the movable equipment for \$80,000. Mr. Garside says that McBrier Hall was actually erected within the amount specified for that building, and he hopes that we can have the same experience in connection with the gymnasium. We are naming \$80,000 with the thought that we should reserve about \$5,000 for unforeseen expenses and the other \$5,000 for equipment. A cablegram was sent to the field authorizing the purchase of certain materials before the China New Year, though the plans were not at that time complete.

Now as to the questions you raise about the membership of our Committee. I have been going over the list and feel that we as a Committee have been careless in regard to the time when the term of individual members should expire. As I understand it, the American Board is entitled to three representatives, the W.F.M.S. to two, the Presbyterian Board to two, and Wellesley College to one. All women Trustees are ex-officio members of the Woman's College Committee. You report that Mrs. Boyd has been made a Trustee so that at present the members of the Yenching College Committee made such through their Trusteeship are yourself, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs.

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Boyd, Mrs. Henkins, and I, together with Mr. Warner, Chairman of the Trustees, Mr. Garside, Secretary and Dr. Schell, the third Trustees appointed by that body.

The American Board representatives are Miss Kendall, Mrs. Baldwin and Miss Kendrick when we so elect her. Miss Gouldy is the single W.F.M.S. representative, Mrs. Finley and Mrs. Roys the representatives of the Presbyterian Board, President Pendleton the representative of Wellesley College, and Miss Alice Clark is the only coopted member. In addition to these Mrs. Parlin was in the meeting of November 1926 elected as the special representative of the ~~Wellesley~~ Alumnae.

Of the Trustees you come in the class of 1930, Mrs. Williamson in the class of 1931, Mrs. Boyd I judge in the class of 1932 as she has just been elected (please let me know if this is correct), and I in the class of 1930 as my present election is to fill out Mrs. Clark's term. Mrs. Jenkins belongs to the class of 1929 of the Trustees, so she will, I suppose, have to be reelected at the coming Annual Meeting if she continues as a Trustee. Mr. Warner has just been reappointed by the American Board as one of its Trustees so belongs to the class of 1932. Dr. Schell writes that he must resign, but the appointment of someone in his place pertains to the Trustees and not to our Committee. Mr. Garside continues as long as he is Secretary of the Trustees, I suppose.

Our Woman's College Committee By-laws, Article II, Section 2, provide that members representing mission boards should be chosen for a term of three years. Can you tell me the date of Miss Gouldy's election as one of the W.F.M.S. representatives? Apparently she first sat with the Committee in the November meeting 1926. If it is necessary for her to be reappointed by the W.F.M.S., will you attend to that before the date of the April meeting or at such time as seems to you best? I am writing Mrs. Roys to ask when she and Mrs. Finley were elected as representatives of the Presbyterian Board.

Is it your understanding that President Pendleton continues as the representative of Wellesley College as long as she is President of the College, or should some action be taken in regard to her? If so, by whom? Mrs. Parlin was, as I remember, elected by the Yenching Committee itself to work with the Committee as special representative of Wellesley Alumnae. She also first sat with the Committee at the November 1926 meeting, so I think that our Committee should reappoint her at the April meeting.

At present our only coopted member is Miss Alice Clark who was elected in November 1927 for a term of three years. The Yenching Committee should, as I understand it, coopt one more member at the coming meeting, and I hope that the W.F.M.S. can also before our April meeting have appointed its additional representative. If these two things are done, our membership will be complete, will it not?

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I have written Mrs. A. J. Boynton of Winnetka in regard to her appointment to the Board of Trustees of the Industrial School in Foochow.

Thank you for your little personal note. I hope you are not working too hard.

Always yours with love,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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MRS. MURRAY S. FRAME, B.A., B.D., *Dean of the College*
PEKING, CHINA

February 9, 1929.

Dear Mrs. Lee:

I thank you for the copy of Miss Stahl's letter and also for your own letter. Miss Stahl's letter is full of interest about many things, and of course as you say that part of it which deals with the question of Mrs. Frame's return as Dean of the school is of very special interest to us. I have recently had personal letters from staff members telling me that they were taking this action and hoping very much that Mrs. Finley would be willing to come. I saw Mrs. Frame in Detroit who intimated that Mrs. Frame would probably receive an invitation to continue in her present position permanently. I can see some reasons why Mrs.

Frame might wish to stay here, at least for a while, but I hope the great need of the college for her help for a few years will make its appeal to her and overbalance any other considerations. I think we will certainly want to take action at our April meeting in regard to it.

I am glad that plans for the gymnasium are going forward. I note that you quote \$80,000 as the figure decided upon as the maximum cost of building minus the equipment. I note that the minutes of the Finance and Property Committee quoted the figure a little lower and I think it is well to hold it to \$77,500. They are so likely to run over. It is encouraging to hear that one building was actually erected at a cost not to exceed the amount specified for it.

Just a word in reply to all that you have said concerning the membership of our committee. Yes the numbers you quote as representing boards are correct, and these are appointed for a term of three years. I suppose we as a committee have nothing to do with their reappointment beyond possibly reminding boards that their terms are expiring. So far as our own board is concerned, we review annually our appointments on these college and university committees and in fact we name them annually. Miss Gouldy was elected by our Society in the fall of 1925 and re-elected last fall, so her term will hold until 1931 unless we should have some occasion for making a change. I am sorry that we will probably be unable to name our second member of the committee before our meeting in April. Our Mid-year meeting is not held until May and I would rather have the appointment made at a meeting than by a correspondence vote. Mrs. Boyd was made a Trustee last fall so she would be in the 1931 class. In speaking of your own

American Board representatives, you say nothing about Mrs. Lyman. Has her resignation been acted upon? I presume she has or you would have mentioned her. Miss Kendrick is to be put in her place, I judge.

Concerning the co-opted members, we have in addition to Miss Clark, Mr. Bowman. I do not remember just which year it was that Mr. Bowman was elected, but you have the records and can tell. Unless he resigns I would suppose that he would continue at least until the expiration of his term of three years. We have been remiss, I think, in the matter of re-electing our co-opted members, which means that we have omitted this formality in the case of Mr. Bowman only.

My judgment would be that we have nothing to do with the appointment or election of the representative from Wellesley, and that so long as they name Miss Pendleton, we would simply accept her as a member of the committee.

Miriam Parlin is ^{not} a member of the committee, but was asked to be the Wellesley Alumnae representative. It was understood that she would sit with us and we have always had her name as you recall, on our stationery. You remember the discussion, I am sure, that we had about that. Mrs. Boyd, I think it was, rather than Miriam, saying that it would be difficult for her to do anything if she did not have this recognition of her standing with the committee.

I am very sorry, indeed, to hear that Dr. Schell is having to resign as a trustee and as a member of our committee. I have always felt that he was a valuable member and the sort that we were glad to have.

Summarizing all of this you see, we have little to do really with the membership of our committee, our only elections being those of the co-opted members. We accept members of our committee from the boards and the ex-officio members from the Board of Trustees. It seems to me it would be well if we could find someone for co-opted membership at this time. Because of our experience of last year, in making a suggestion to the Nominating Committee, that it give consideration to the matter of a co-opted member, I am a bit leary about asking a committee to do that, and perhaps it isn't a legitimate part of a Nominating Committee's business. At least it would be only at the committee's request that a Nominating Committee would bring forward a nomination for a co-opted member. What is your thought about asking a Nominating Committee to do this, or shall the officers of the committee give the matter some serious thought and make some suggestion. Perhaps you have in mind someone that you think would be desirable and valuable on the committee. While my attention is called to the fact that we have a co-opted member from each of the Presbyterian and Congregational Boards, I do not think it follows that this nomination should be from the Methodist board unless we should happen to find just the person that we want among our Methodist men or women. I think we want the person who is best qualified for membership on the committee irrespective of denominational affiliation.

Mrs. Williamson and I are going to meet Mr. Bowman next Wednesday and have a talk with him. It seems to be Mr. Bowman's idea that our contingent fund should be kept here. It has set me to thinking and while I am not making it as a suggestion at all, I am not sure that it might not be a feasible thing to have a treasurer of our committee for the purpose of handling just our contingent fund. Anyway I think we might give the matter some thought. If you have any opinion about it, I would be glad to have you express it before we see Mr. Bowman next Wednesday, if that is possible. Our appointment is in the afternoon. Possibly I could get a letter from you if written immediately on receipt of this by Wednesday noon.

With love,

Always sincerely yours,

Opsha C. Aram

Mrs. L. O. Lee,
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PEKING, CHINA

February 14, 1929.

Dear Mrs. Lee:

Mrs. Williamson and I had a conference with Mr. Bowman yesterday. I think that he will now turn over to the New York office all of the accounts with the exception of the Contingent Fund and \$3000 which the College asked him to invest over here. I suggested to him that he write to Miss Boynton and find out what is their wish with regard to this \$3000 which is invested. I have also suggested to Mrs. Williamson that when she is writing to Miss Boynton that she mention it too, so that we shall surely have a reply when we meet in our annual meeting in case Mr. Bowman should not be able to get his letter off promptly.

We three are quite favorable to the idea of having a committee treasurer for the purpose of handling our contingent fund. That will not be turned over now and we will bring the matter up for consideration and for action one way or the other.

Mr. Bowman did not seem to have any notification of the meeting in April and therefore I surmise that you are not considering him as a member of the committee. However, I think we must consider that he still is a member of the committee. He was co-opted and has not resigned. I do not know when his term expires, but I think we should assume that he is still a member and that he should be notified of the meeting. It is perfectly evident that he still considers himself a member of the committee and I think when you send the notice to him it would be well not to intimate that you had any other idea.

I will be in New York next week and will talk with Mr. Garside about this matter of holding the contingent fund in the committee.

Affectionately yours,

Ophele C. Avann

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

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April 23, 1929

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Avann:

I have been thinking a little of what Dr. Jenny said about the two promised gifts toward endowment for Yenching Woman's College. As I remember he indicated that the mother and daughter conditioned their promise of \$10,000 each on a total of \$100,000 for endowment being raised. Do you think that we of the Woman's College Committee should take this up actively with Dr. Jenny or in any other way? With the \$10,000 received earlier from Mrs. Gamble and these two sums of like amount, we have a good beginning whether or not it proves to be true that Mrs. Gamble left something further to the Woman's College in her will.

I should feel very sorry for the gifts reported by Dr. Jenny to be jeopardized in any way by lack of cooperation on the part of the Woman's College Committee. I am this morning asking him to give me the name and address of the two ladies.

Ever yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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April 25, 1929

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Avann:

You or Mrs. Williamson may have received a copy of the enclosed documents in regard to the unmet obligations of Yenching Women's College in the construction work. I found this letter here when I returned from New York. I wrote Mr. Garside a few days ago asking him what steps he thought should be taken in regard to the settlement of our obligations. I this morning have a letter from him which says in part:

"We have received Dr. Galt's letter of March 7 giving in detail the state of the Construction Bureau accounts with the Women's College. In addition to the deficit in Women's College funds on the field as revealed by Dr. Galt's statement, you will remember that there is also a deficit on our New York records amounting to approximately Gold \$18,000. which has been standing for something more than a year. It seems to me that the only thing we can do is to await the arrival of the Women's College accounts, and to make a careful and detailed study of your funds for report to the Finance Committee, and possibly also to either the full Committee of the Yenching College for Women or at least to the officers of your Committee. The Women's Committee plant deficit on the field and here in New York is a serious handicap to the building operations of the University because there is in all a shortage of about Gold \$35,000.00, so we should take action as soon as a careful analysis of the situation is made and everyone is agreed upon the policy we should pursue. I know, however, that the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees in general will all be very anxious not to take any actions affecting the Women's College funds until all the ladies are assured that the action taken is in order and is acceptable to the Women's College."

Do you see any reason why the Women's College Committee should not meet these obligations? As far as I can discover, they are just charges and we have understood for some time that there

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would be obligations which we must meet from our balance of Building Fund money.

Will you and Mrs. Williamson as you have opportunity go over these lists and let me know your thought in regard to ~~this~~ procedure? Please return Miss Stahl's letter and the enclosures to me that we may surely have them for file.

Another letter this morning from Mr. Garside says he has not yet received the books from Mr. Bowman and that he has had no direct word from him as to the date at which he may expect to receive them. Would it be in place for you to telephone Mr. Bowman asking whether he has sent on the books and the money?

Please also let me know whether you agree with me in thinking that the costs of the recent meeting of our Committee should be paid before the permanent fund is set up. Mr. Garside writes that he is holding in suspense the various expense accounts and other items that must eventually be a charge against the Women's College Committee.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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MRS. MURRAY S. FRAME, B.A., B.D., *Dean of the College*
PEKING, CHINA

April 26, 1929.

Dear Mrs. Lee:

I received your letter accompanying the minutes of our meeting some days ago. Aside from the omissions which you since written about, I see no errors in them. I am enclosing a copy of the sub-committees as Mrs. Boyd and I worked them out. We spent one whole evening on that work which also included the appointment of members from our committee on the Trustee committees.

I also have your letter indicating that your attention had been called to the fact that no alternates had been appointed for these members of our on these Trustee committees. I will see to it that alternates are chosen and will notify Mr. Garside.

Yes I think all of our bills will now go to Mr. Garside. I am forwarding mine to him.

I too have been thinking about the gifts made toward an endowment for the Woman's College as presented by Dr. Jenney at our meeting. I do think that our committee should, through our Promotion Committee, take this matter up with Dr. Jenney. I will communicate with Mrs. Williamson about that. I should think surely the \$10,000 which we received from Mrs. Gamble and which was counted in our campaign fund might be counted on this \$100,000 endowment fund on which the two Pittsburgh gifts were conditioned and that will be a good beginning for something I think we might definitely aim to secure now.

I was not in very good shape for our meeting over in Detroit on Friday for I found myself not very well and exceedingly tired. You will be glad to know, however, that we had a fine meeting with a big rally of young people on Friday night and that I stayed over with my husband's daughter, who lives in Detroit, until Saturday night and had a perfectly lovely, restful day with her and her husband.

Affectionately yours,

Ophele Avann

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

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May 1, 1929

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Avann:

You will remember that the Yenching Committee at its recent meeting authorized the Candidate Committee to seek and, on condition that her papers were approved, engage a secretary to the Dean. Miss Kendrick is in touch with a young woman who seems to her and to me to be just the right one for this position. Her name is Doris Cummings and she has had considerable experience as a teacher and as a secretary. She is also quite musical. Mrs. Frame has met her and likes her. Her testimonials are also exceedingly good. The papers have now gone on to Mrs. Finley for her approval as she is the third member of the Candidate Committee. Miss Kendrick may by this time have them back and in any case, she will have them soon. I feel quite hopeful that she will approve of Miss Cummings as do the rest of us who have met her.

Miss Kendrick has raised with the question of the contract she should sign in case her papers are approved. The necessity of speedy action on Miss Cummings' case has impressed upon me the desirability of our getting the revision of the contract made at as early a date as possible.

There are only two major points that should be considered as I see it. First is the question of salary. I understand that your Board has increased its North China salary for single women to \$900 Gold. Our Board has done the same, and I think there is reason in the feeling of the Yenching faculty in general that short-term teachers should not have less. I believe the University has already approved of such an increase and has indicated its judgment that the change should apply to women teachers as well as to men. The figures provided for in the Budget authorized on April 10th are still, however, the old ones, which means a salary of \$840 Gold for the Women going under the Yenching College Committee.

Do you think the Committee can and should increase the salary to \$900 and accept responsibility for finding the difference of \$60. Gold per teacher for the coming school year? I very much wish we might do so. Miss Cummings is declining a very attractive position here in America that she may go to China. She is, I believe,

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actuated by a true missionary motive and it seems as though we should be able to offer a woman who is willing to make such a sacrifice a salary that will be somewhat adequate in this day of increased costs.

The other question raised by Miss Kendrick in the contract as it now stands is the provision for travel. She feels, and I agree with her, that we can hardly ask a teacher who has contracted for three years of work and fulfills her contract to pay a part of her own return travel when the Mission Boards pay round trip travel in full for three years of service.

As I have gone over the contract as it now stands, it seems to me that it would be much wiser for us as a Committee to have one form of contract for teachers who go for a term of three years or less and another for those who go for a longer term. In the second type of contract we could then deal with the furlough question.

I am enclosing a copy of the contract as it now stands and a copy of the contract embodying the changes I would suggest. Will you kindly study this matter as soon as you conveniently can and let me know what changes you think should be made? I have told Miss Cummings that a Committee was appointed to revise the contract and that we would have it ready for her as soon as possible.

Miss Veghte signed the contract as it now stands, though she too questioned the fairness of the provision in regard to travel and seemed somewhat dubious about the salary. Am I right in thinking that if the \$900 Gold salary is agreed upon, it should begin with the new school year be given to all the teachers directly under the Yenching College Committee? In other words, the increase in salary should not be confined to those who sign a contract later than our April meeting.

You may wish to talk this question over with Mrs. Williamson as she is now Chairman of the Promotion Committee, and as I am writing her on another subject, I will send her a copy of each form of the contract and of this letter.

Always affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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May 1, 1929

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Avann:

A letter has just come from Miss Stahl about the faculty house the Women's College wishes to build in exchange for House #30. I am enclosing a copy of her letter. A copy has also gone to Mr. Garside. If you have any wisdom or suggestions in regard to this matter, please let us have them.

You will remember that the action taken by the Finance Committee on February 1st, 1929 and reported to us by Mr. Garside was as follows:-

"F-2459 VOTED that the Finance Committee give general approval to the proposal of the Committee of Yenching College for Women in regard to the purchase of Residence No.30 by the Men's College at the cost price of Mex.\$17,394.62, and refers with power to a sub-committee consisting of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Treasurer, and the Secretary, the matter of financing this exchange, with the understanding that at present any payments made will not exceed Gold \$6,000.00."

His comment is as follows:-

"It is clear from this action that the Committee intends ultimately to pay over to the Women's College the full amount of Mex. \$17,394.62. At the present time our plant funds are about all expended so I am not sure whether the Committee will find it possible to at once pay over the balance required to complete this transaction which would amount to something over Gold \$2,000. Of course, if it is possible for us to receive from the Women's College in the near future the deficit of Gold \$18,000.00, which we are now carrying on our books, it would greatly simplify our plant funds situation and make it possible to complete this payment, and also to care for a number of other urgent needs."

Cordially yours,

L:ehs

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

May 20, 1929

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Avann:

I am glad to have your telegram saying that you approve of the proposed changes in the form of contract with teachers or other members of the Yenching staff who go under the Committee rather than under the mission board.

Since I wrote you I have had another talk with Miss Cummings and one with Miss Kendrick. Miss Cummings very much wishes that the Committee would agree to pay travel one way and expect only that the appointee would pay her own return travel in case she wished to withdraw at the end of one or two years. In other words, she objects to my suggestion that if she stays only one year, the Committee should pay one-third of the round trip travel and she herself the other two-thirds. This seems to her rather unjust and even Miss Kendrick seems to feel that it would be better psychology for us to pay the outbound travel for anyone who seems to us a sufficiently good candidate to send. I think, however, that Miss Cummings will agree to the terms suggested if we think this is the right form. Please let me know definitely whether you think the basis suggested is the right basis or whether we should make some change. I will wait a few days longer before asking Miss Cummings to sign the contract. It will be better all around, however, for us to get the matter settled as soon as we rightly can.

She seems to be well qualified for the work and to be very much interested in Yenching. I think too she has the spirit of service and to a degree at least the real missionary spirit. At the same time she hesitates to give up an opportunity in this country which would bring her a much better salary, as she is entirely dependent upon herself. These financial questions have caused her to hesitate and to vacillate between going and not going until both Miss Kendrick and I have wondered a little whether she might be vacillating in her work on the field. I put that question quite frankly to her and she said that she thought that she would not be, that she has through hard experience learned the necessity of thinking things through carefully before she reaches a decision, but that the decision once made, she drops the questions from her mind and gives herself whole-heartedly to her work.

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Do you by any chance know or know of a Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair of Chicago? She is interested in Yenching and has given toward the new plant, though I do not know just what part of it. It seems that she is a friend of Miss Cummings, and when she learned that Miss Cummings was considering work in Yenching, she herself immediately revived a thought she had entertained but had abandoned, that she might go out to the dedication. I today had them both to luncheon with me and I think Mrs. Blair will almost certainly go, probably making the outward journey with Miss Cummings but joining the party of visitors for the return trip. I do not know Mrs. Blair's church connection. From something she said, I judge she lives on the south side.

I hope you are not too tired out with all your meetings.

Because it relates to a number of questions to which we need to find an answer as soon as we can, I am enclosing for you a copy of a recent letter from Mr. Garside. A later letter expresses the hope that I can certainly come to New York for the next Finance Committee meeting, and I have suggested if possible it be held either on May 27th or June 4th or 5th, as I could then go to or return from our National Council meetings in Detroit by way of New York, and thus be present at the Finance Committee meeting at a much reduced expense. If you have wisdom on any of the points raised, please let me have it. Do you see any reason why the Women's College Committee should not pay its obligations on construction account without further delay? These obligations will apparently take a large slice out of the small amount we still have in our Building Fund, but we must pay the debt sometime, must we not? Is there any advantage in further delay?

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius C. Lee)

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May 31, 1929.

Dear Mrs. Lee:

Mr. Garside's letter to you, Mrs. Williamson and myself is before me. I am so glad that this study of our accounts as kept by Mr. Bowman, Dr. Galt and the New York office has finally been made. I am afraid that I did not write you after Mrs. Williamson and I went over the accounts together late in April as per your request. It was just the day before our Mid-year meeting began and though I intended to write, I am quite sure I did not get the letter off. Doubtless Mrs. Williamson wrote you that we were certain that there was but one item of approximately \$18,000 gold due from our committee. This study has disclosed the fact that that is true. I have written Mrs. Williamson that I am quite satisfied now that this statement of our account is correct and unless she thinks it is necessary for us to get together and go over the figures that I give my consent to have the account closed. Mrs. Williamson is doubtless going to be very busy and I am just simply overwhelmed with things at this time.

I was so delighted to find the names of Mr. and Mrs. Williamson among those who are planning to attend the formal opening of the University, and am so glad that Mr. Williamson could make all arrangements to go.

With love, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Ophelia C. Avann

Mrs. L. O. Lee,
14 Beacon St.,
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June 5, 1929

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Avann:

On getting back to my desk this morning after my trip to Detroit I found two letters from you both bearing date of May 31st. One relates to the Yenching Women's College building account and tells of the study you and Mrs. Williamson made of the accounts as submitted from Peking and New York.

You say that you and Mrs. Williamson are both convinced that the total amount of the indebtedness of the Women's College to the Trustees is approximately \$18,000 Gold. Since writing that letter you have doubtless had Mr. Garside's letter of May 29th addressed to you, Mrs. Williamson and me in which he encloses a summary of the standing of the Women's College building account and gives our total indebtedness as \$19,007.28 Gold. If you have not already written Mr. Garside as to whether or not you are willing to accept that figure, will you please telegraph him so that he may receive the word sometime Friday, June 7th. As you know, a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Trustees is called for Friday afternoon and I am planning to go to New York for that meeting. I would be very glad if we could at that time report that the Women's College had settled its outstanding debt on construction account. The summary Mr. Garside gives seems to me to be accurate so far as I can tell.

Your other letter of May 31st was in response to mine about the further needs of the Union Women's Industrial Institute in Foochow. My thought in writing you was not that your Board could probably make an additional appropriation of \$750, but that you might know of some individual or individuals who would be willing to make a special gift of that amount for the sake of getting the work started. Your own suggestion that something might be done as a memorial to Miss Jean Adams seems to me particularly good. You will know better than I whether this idea can be pushed. I surely hope it might.

As to Mr. and Mrs. Williamson's going to Yenching, I am wondering if there is a development that I do not know about. Mrs. Williamson wrote me that although he had hoped that she might go, they

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found that it was too expensive and that they had given up the thought entirely. They were hoping that Mrs. Williamson and Ruth might go to Europe next year. It certainly is extremely fine if Mr. and Mrs. Williamson have discovered that they can after all make the trip to Peking.

By the way, you have not, I think, told me who the two women who are to serve on the committee preparing for the dedication are. I would be very glad to know.

Ever affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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PEKING, CHINA

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Dear Mrs. Lee:

I am forwarding my vote on settling our indebtedness on account of construction immediately. I am very glad to have this all straightened out, though I am glad that we did not settle it some time ago when Mr. Garside was asking us to pay this amount to the Trustees and also a like amount to the field. I think I did write you, however, that Mrs. Williamson and I gave a good deal of time to the accounts and the letters which accompanied them from Mr. Garside and Dr. Galt and others and were convinced that only one item of \$19,000 Gold was due.

I believe there is nothing else in your letters requiring a reply.

Affectionately yours,

Orphal Avann

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

Are you getting protests against the swimming pool from the field? I am.

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PEKING, CHINA

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June 24, 1929.

Dear Mrs. Lee:

Dean Franklin's address is Boston University. I hope you will write her and make use of her wherever possible.

I am afraid we are in a slightly awkward position regarding Miriam as a member of the committee. She could not be made a member of the committee. There was no place in the list for her except it would have been in the co-opted list which I am sure was not done. I recall that we talked of making provision for a second member from Wellesley College and of course had her in mind. In fact I think it was really done to accommodate her. On general principles I think that is a bad policy but it may be a good thing to have a second member from Wellesley even though we could not always have Miriam.

I think we shall have to appoint someone else than Mrs. Boyd to work on the by-laws. Certainly if we want them done within the year. The Boyds are planning to be gone a long time and as you say are going so soon that there will not be time for Mrs. Boyd to do anything. She writes me that she is having a lot of company and a great deal to do getting ready. I think you would be the best one of the members to act on such a committee with Mr. Garside. Could you do it? If not I wonder if we could ask Mrs. Williamson to do it. Let me hear from you.

Yes, I do think that a digest of candidate papers should be sent to each member of the committee before the candidate is accepted just as I think that before a candidate is accepted she should be presented to the committee in session when that is possible. I have been thinking that we must have an understanding with Miss Kendrick about this very point. I am glad that Miss McGowen is so satisfactory and I am delighted to hear that the Presbyterian Board has assumed the support of Miss Veghte.

I am off to Winona in a few minutes for a week's conference with Branch officers. My plans for vacation are for the month of August.

Perhaps I should be a little more explicit in answering

your query concerning Miriam's name on the stationery. In order to conform with the status of her position on the committee it would seem to me necessary to make no change on the stationery so far as her name is concerned. When she becomes a regular member the change may be made and that will have to wait for a change in by-laws and another action by the committee.

Affectionately yours,

Alpha C. Avann

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

YENCHING COLLEGE COMMITTEE

June 27, 1929

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Avann:

I am this morning in receipt of a letter from Miss Gouldy saying that she is planning to go to Peiping for the Formal Opening in the fall, and that in view of the cost of her own trip and of her many other outstanding obligations, it will not be possible for her to meet any part of the traveling expenses of the new Physical Education Director. This is a disappointment. However, I have just been looking over the budget and find that an item of \$19,028 Mex. has been included in the budget expenditures under the heading of "Contingent Fund." As our Woman's College guarantees its appropriations at the rate of two to one and as exchange in China is at present favorable, there will probably be a considerable credit to the account of the College for year from gain in exchange. Do you not think that we are justified in expecting the budget to meet the travel of a new Physical Director from the Contingent Fund, together with the gain on exchange?

As the salary appropriation for Miss Ch'en, who was at the time of our meeting in April expected to continue, was only \$1440 Mex. and as Miss McGowen's salary will naturally be at the American salary rate, the Committee will have to provide also for a balance on account of salary.

One other question that comes to me in connection with Miss Gouldy's statement that she has decided to go to Peiping is the question whether the Yenching College Committee should make her a formal representative of that body. In response to a request from Mr. McBrier, the American Board is giving an official statement bearing the seal of the Board to those who are to be its representatives at the Opening. I understand that other Mission Boards are doing the same thing. I wrote President Pendleton a few days ago, asking whether Wellesley College had appointed anyone as its representative, and she replies that the College will be glad to ask Mrs. D. Y. Lin of the class of 1913 to act in that capacity. I have just written her requesting her to send Mrs. Lin an official letter, and I am reporting her as Wellesley's representative to Mr. McBrier. Please let me know whether you think our Committee should do something of the kind in the case of Miss Gouldy.

Ever affectionately yours,

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PEKING, CHINA

June 29, 1929.

Dear Mrs. Lee:

I have been at Winona Lake this week in a conference with our Branch officers. I find your several letters here on my return. They present problems that are rather difficult to decide in this way, I mean by correspondence. However, we cannot always anticipate problems and provide beforehand for a way of solution.

I do think, however, that we should have a contract for appointees under the Yenching College Committee who are to be permanent members of the staff and not contract workers. I remember having that thought when we were working on the contract for short term workers but let it pass thinking that when we had a case in point it would be time enough to take care of it. As a matter of fact Miss Wagner's case is only different from the contract workers in that she has agreed to stay a year beyond her three year contract. If the time were not so short and but for the reason that Miss Stahl speaks of, viz., that the number on furlough in 1930-31 would be increased and evidently is already large, I should quite favor her staying another year and then coming on regular furlough. The case then would be analagous to those who have gone out under boards on a regular missionary basis. Have you consulted Mrs. Frame about this? If Mrs. Frame thinks she should come now and have her year of furlough for study, and then return, I am willing to make some arrangement on that basis. I do think as you suggest that she should sign a contract for a term of service after her year of study. As to the amount of furlough allowance I hardly know that to say. You say the American Board furlough salary is \$1000. Our Methodist home salary is \$850. I do not know what the Presbyterian Board pays. Perhaps you might find out and agree to pay something between \$850 and \$1000 which probably are the extremes of that paid by the three. I am quite sure that ours is not adequate and we do allow \$200 in addition to this in the form of an educational grant to those who are studying. Rather it is \$100 a semester. They get \$200 if they study two semesters. In view of what I have just stated, I would be quite willing to make the grant \$1000.

Concerning the swimming pool and the matter of reducing the cost of the gymnasium so as to conserve part of the money for maintenance, I really do think that that is ~~a part of~~ our business rather than a faculty matter. I think that we do need Mrs. Frame's counsel and advice, and also that of the faculty, but

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the decision and what is involved in it does rest with us. I feel that Mrs. Frame's advice was adequate for us and that the decision we have reached should be final. The comments I have had from the field are with regard to the difficulty of keeping the men out of our women's gymnasium pool. It seems to me that that matter could certainly be taken care of. I do not think that Miss Stahl's analogy of a family bath tub is a true one, and in any case I think that the matter of ~~the~~ swimming pool in the gymnasium is certainly a closed one. This answers your question as to whether the extract from Miss Stahl's letter should have further publicity. I certainly think not.

It is rather surprising to learn that Miss Boynton is to stay on the field for service in the Language School. If Miss Cookingham is going, and I too understand that she is, Miss Boynton's going will not seriously affect the work at the College.

I hope that sufficient funds for the building of the Practice House for the Kindergarten-Primary School may be available from some source.

There is one other matter that I should speak of in this letter though I am probably too late to help you any. It is the question of the amount of salary to be written into the contract for Miss Cummings, and also for Miss McGowen. I trust that this letter reached Mrs. Williamson in time to allow her to get some word back to you before you needed to close the contract. Whatever you have done I will accept. A \$900 salary would be about what our women supported by boards are getting, but I realize that they have some benefits because they are out under boards. They have a constituency that is remembering them in various ways often. I will be interested to know what you did about the salary.

I am glad they have secured a Chinese doctor. It will be interesting to find how she gets along. I hope it will prove a successful experiment.

Affectionately yours,

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Mrs. L. O. Lee,
14 Beacon St.,
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January 29, 1930.

Dear Mrs. Lee:

For some weeks I have been on the point of writing you concerning the subject on which you wrote under date of January 21st. I had copies made of Miss Lambert's letter which came to me about the middle of this month to share with you and a few others, but the break in the routine of office work caused by the Foreign Missions Conference and other meetings has delayed my getting this off. Since Miss Lambert has sent a copy of the letter to you that need not be included. You have also had a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Managers so I need not send that.

It is very gratifying to know that the departments of the school are getting organized and the work going forward. It is encouraging too that the C.M.S. have made this loan of buildings to the school and that there is some hope that eventually they may become the property of the school.

The plan that seems to be evolving, intentionally or otherwise, I think is not a bad one, i.e. that each of the boards assume responsibility and support for certain departments of the school. I am thinking that this department of Domestic Science and Child Welfare which they hope our Society will get under, is one in which our women would be much interested. There are certain things that make me rather hopeful that we can and will do this. I am not sure what the attitude of our women will be toward the definite proposition that is made concerning the memorial to Miss Adams. There seems to be something rather fitting in designating the income from the property given to us by Miss Adams to the support of the school as a memorial to her. Whether that is done or not, I am still hoping that we can find some person for the department suggested and assume the support of such a worker.

I think it is quite impractical to try to call a meeting of the Board of Trustees at this time and in fact I doubt very much that the proposition they want our Society to consider would be especially strengthened by having the action on it by the Board of Trustees. I have written to Miss Lambert and also to Dr. Lewis that the matter will be presented to our board when we meet in May, but that I think we will not try to call a meeting of the trustees. I do think when Miss Hurlbut gets back it would be helpful if we could have a meeting when she could bring to us first hand information about the work of the school and some inspiration for meeting its needs. I would think she would be a very valuable member on the board, but that is a matter for your board to consider, is it not?

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We shall need to be planning before very long for our meeting in April. The dropping out of the meeting of the China

Medical Board is going to make some difference I suppose, in the plans for these annual meetings. I am wondering whether our British representatives will be over for the Yenching board meeting. You may know that the meeting of the Board of Governors of Shantung University is to be held in London this year. At least an attempt is being made to have the meeting there. In that case I doubt very much that these men will be over for the Yenching meetings, but I presume the annual meetings of Yenching University and College Committee and probably a meeting of the American Section of Shantung will be meeting the same week. I have asked for more adequate time than we usually have had for the meeting of the Woman's Medical Committee in connection with the Shantung Governors meeting and preceding it. We will want to ask that our Yenching College Committee has its meeting prior to the Board of Trustees meeting.

I have not heard just when the Boyds are expecting to be at home but doubt that it will be in time for these meetings. I wish they might be with us. I have not heard from Mrs. Boyd since Christmas time.

There are other matters concerning the college which I might write, but nothing that must have attention at this time.

I have a very small amount to contribute toward the campaign fund and Mrs. Williamson writes me that she has a little, but only a little. I am anxious to hear from other members of the Promotion Committee.

With love,

Sincerely yours,

Osphal C. Brown

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

March 6, 1930

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Avann:

I have from Miss Cummings, Mrs. Frame's new secretary, an article on "Yenching Alumnae, copy of which I enclose. Miss Cummings says that Miss Grace Boynton has prepared this for publicity purposes and that she is sending a copy also to Mr. Wannamaker.

I wrote Mr. Wannamaker asking him what use he was proposing to make of this article and saying that if it did not interfere with anything the Publicity Department of the Trustees was planning, I thought the Yenching College Committee might use this material as a news letter. Won't you read it and let me know whether you think that would be a wise and desirable thing to do? It would naturally have a little introductory word and we might be able to find an attractive picture of some one of the graduates. I am asking Mrs. Williamson also for her thought on this matter. It seems to me rather desirable for us to get out a news letter in the fairly early spring. Do you not think so?

I want to write you before long on some questions relating to our April 23d meeting but will leave that for another day. It seems a long time since I have heard from you.

Always affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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April 7, 1930

Mrs. J. M. Avann
Mrs. O. R. Williamson

Dear Friends:

You know the name of Miss Roberta White as one of the candidates whose papers will come before our Committee on April 22. She is an especially strong, fine young woman and is just now completing her work on her Doctor's Degree at John's Hopkins. In writing her a short time ago I spoke of our meeting and expressed the hope that she could come to New York that day to meet the members of the Committee. I suggested especially her being with us during the noon hour when there would be some chance for social acquaintance.

I have a reply from Miss White in which she expresses appreciation of the invitation and her sense of the value of meeting the members of our Committee. She says that although she is very busy with work on her dissertation, she thinks she could manage one day's absence, but she hesitates to take even this short trip on account of the expense. She says that she has had to save every penny to complete her work and that Mr. Garside has warned her not take a debt to China.

Do you think our Committee could pay the expense of her coming to New York for that day? Please let me know as soon as you can what you think about this.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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Our April 22d meeting is to be held in Room 300.

May 10, 1930

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Avann:

I have received from Mrs. Frame copy of a letter that she wrote Mr. Evans on April 5th. It deals, as you will see, with the question of how the Woman's College accounting work on the field should be handled. I have as yet had nothing from Mr. Evans in regard to this letter but as I think he may write asking as to the attitude of the Yenching College Committee on this question, I have had a few copies made and am herewith enclosing one.

I would like to know what you, Mrs. Williamson and President Pendleton think on this question before I attempt to express the opinion of our Committee to Mr. Evans. Of course he may not write me at all, but in any case, I would be very glad to know what you think should be our attitude.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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September 12, 1930

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Avann:

A letter from Mrs. Williamson a few days ago tells me that you are about to start on another trip to the far east. As I understand ~~your~~ Foreign mission Board has appointed a commission to ^{study} the Korean work in particular, but I think that without doubt you will go on from Korea to China and perhaps to other fields before you return to America.

I am glad for you to have the great privilege of renewing your first hand acquaintance with the work on the field, and I hope that the work of your commission will not be so difficult and so strenuous as to preclude any rest and refreshment. We shall be sorry enough not to have you with us at the November meeting of our Yenching College Committee. Some time please let me know the approximate date of your return and something of the plans for your months abroad. I will not ask you to send me even a brief line during the busy days before you start, but possibly you can get in a little note while on the steamer.

I hope you can visit Yenching while in China. I fear Mrs. Frame has not been very happy over the way a good many things are going, and I hope you may be able to have a heart to heart talk with her. If you do, I hope you will also write me confidentially if you wish, as to your impressions. You doubtless do know that the Woman's College faculty was greatly surprised, almost dismayed, at the action of our committee and the trustees making the Woman's College Executive Staff responsible for the housing of all women members of the faculty. Apparently they thought the action taken placed additional financial responsibility upon the Woman's College. I have explained to Mrs. Frame and to Dr. Galt that we took it for granted that the department having the use of a secretary, clerk or helper of any kind would meet the cost involved in housing her. I also explained that feeling was that if the Woman's College Committee

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were obliged to approve every candidate sent for any position, secretarial and clerical as well as teaching, we hoped to be able to lessen, even eliminate the misfits. One of the difficulties as I understand, has been that young women going for clerical or secretarial positions have felt no responsibility for the social and religious life of the students. They work from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. and then feel that they are entirely free to do as they please. The result is that they lead rather a gay life and their influence over the students is often not what is desirable. Miss Kendrick and I feel that we can do a great deal to prevent this state of affairs by explaining to every possible candidate the missionary character of the institution and our feeling that every staff member ~~no matter~~ what her type of work, should carry her share of responsibility for the moral and social well-being of the student body.

I have not yet heard from Peiping in reply to these letters. I told Mrs. Frame that if, after they had better understood our thought and had again talked conditions over, the Woman's College faculty still felt that our action placed on them an almost impossible burden, she should say so frankly and request reconsideration of our action at the November meeting of the committee. Possibly we will all have reached a satisfactory understanding on this matter before you get to Peiping, but I felt that you should know of the correspondence that has passed.

You will doubtless also visit Foochow will you not? Dr. Lena G. Myer, our American physician in our women's hospital in Foochow, has just reached America for a furlough year. She was in Boston with us yesterday, and we had some talk on problems connected with the development of the proposed Union Hospital. So far as I can tell some of the lions in the way of that development are disappearing. If, as you study the situation, you have suggestions of any kind, I would greatly value having them. I know how very busy any Board Secretary is as she visits mission stations, so do not expect you to write long letters.

Here's hoping you not only a comfortable and restful trip, but great joy and success in your work.

Ever lovingly yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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letters months ago from which I had hoped to hear long before this. Have you heard any thing lately?

I am sorry they misunderstood her on the matter of housing all women members of Yenching staff. He certainly thought it all for the good of all concerned and that there would be no additional burden financially. If I go north I shall hope to hear from Mrs. Frame their exact state of mind concerning the matter. Let me know if there is anything in particular you wish me to inquire into. You can address me for the next two months at Seoul Korea, care of the Meth. Episcopal Mission and after that care of our Shanghai office 23 Yuen Ming Yuen Road. Please tell Mrs. Williamson that I meant to write her

I left home early enough to stop & see an old friend in C.P.

The doctor me all the way to Seattle and I want me

It was the most beautiful dream of education

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Monday Sept. 29/30
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To miss the
Nov. meeting
Sincerely
Ophelia Brown

Dear Mrs. Lee I meant to send you a note to tell you that I was making this trip but after I finally decided I could come I was so very busy getting matters in shape to leave and myself ready to come.

I have been very lazy since we started and have had a fine rest. We are only five days from Japan now, so I must be getting some letters off. We have had an unusually good voyage

two or three weeks in Japan. I hope to go to China - just how far into that country I can go is doubtful. If I have time, I shall go north and hope to get up the river to see our work in Central China. and of course I am going to Foochow unless it is closed to visitors. I shall be most happy to send you any information I can of course - and I'd be glad to have you visit me at the hospital. Messrs. Any thing from your point of view that would be helpful. Also any thing you have to say re the Industrial Arts - school. It has been a long time since I have had any thing from any one about that. Thank you I write a number of

so. The Capt. tells me, and it certainly is the quietest I have ever had. However I am a perfectly good sailor and it doesn't matter much to me personally. ^{that the water} The commission of which I am a member, is one to work out the details of plans to unite the Meth. Churches in Korea. - the Meth. Episc. & the W. E. S. There is a com. from the S. Church, and there will be ^{Roman} representatives from both churches. It is a great and interesting look ahead of us. As Miss R. has told you I will be in Korea ⁱⁿ the middle of Dec or later. I am stopping

February 5, 1931

Mrs. J.M. Avann
4949 Indiana Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Avann:

Your very welcome letter of September 29 last reached me in due time, but I have made no attempt to reach you at any point on your journey around the world. I knew that your time would be very full and your strength needed for the work you had in hand.

We have had from Yenching references to your brief visit there. I have not heard anything of your having been in Foochow, but I certainly hope you could spend some time in that city. Questions relating to the Union Hospital in Foochow are at present occupying quite a bit of our time and attention. I am also particularly anxious to have from you any impressions you were able to gather of the work that the Women's Industrial Institute is doing and of what we should do about that work.

I do not know just when you are to be in Chicago. It may be some time before you get this letter, but I trust you will surely be back in this country in time to share in the April meeting of our Yenching Committee. The date has not as yet been set, but it will doubtless be in the week of April 12 or 19. I know how many things will crowd in upon you during your first days at home, so I will not write at greater length now. I hope that we can surely plan to have time enough in New York in April for ~~looking~~ ^{dealing} over the different matters about which we should think unitedly, so please keep this in mind in planning your trip to New York.

I trust you have kept well throughout your journeying, and will reach home not too tired.

Always lovingly yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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March 9, 1931.

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Ans. _____

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

My dear Mrs. Lee:

Your notice of the meeting of Yenching College Committee has been received in Mrs. Avann's office. She has not yet returned to Chicago, and I hardly think she will be here before the first of April. Because of the demands on her time in committee and board meetings here in Chicago during April, as well as her teaching, I am afraid it will not be possible for her to go to New York for the committee meetings during the week of April 13th. The mid-year meeting of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society opens on April 30th, and you can readily understand how crowded her days will be all during April.

Very sincerely yours,

Ladie M. Robinson

Secretary to Mrs. Avann.

March 17, 1931

Miss Sadie M. Robinson
4949 Indiana Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Miss Robinson:

I write to thank you for your letter of March 9. I am very much disappointed that Mrs. Avann will probably not be able to be in New York for the meetings of the Yenching College Committee and the Yenching Trustees. She is one of whose wisdom and experience we always feel the need in these meetings, and we will be sorry not to have her with us this year because she has just been to China and seen not only Yenching, but other parts of the country, and must have received first-hand impressions we should like to have her share with us.

I judge she is to land in New York and go directly from there to Chicago. I know you will tell her of the meetings, and if there is any way for her to change her plans so as to be with us in New York on the 14th and 15th of April, we shall be very glad. If it is not feasible, we will know that she has the best of reasons for deciding as she does.

Cordially yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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April 7, 1931

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Avann:

What good news it is that your letter of April 4 brings this morning! I am so glad we may count on your being with us for the Yenching meetings next week.

My understanding is that several sub-committees are to meet on Monday the 13th. The special Building Committee at 2 p.m., the Promotion Committee at 4 p.m., the Budget Committee at 7:30 p.m. I take it that any member of the Yen-ching Committee who can be present will be welcomed at the meetings of the Building Committee and the Promotion Committee. The Budget Committee will presumably do its work quite satisfactorily with only its own members present.

My present plan is to go to my brother's in Maplewood, New Jersey for Sunday evening and night, and to get into New York to the Prince George Hotel by 10 a.m. Monday morning. I think it would be a very good thing for you to plan to arrive not later than Monday noon if you conveniently can even though there may be no Cheloo meetings on that day. I am so delighted that you are coming. You will have in mind also the reception Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. Finley's.

Yours with love,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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PEKING, CHINA

JUN 6 1931

Ans. _____

June 4, 1931.

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

Dear Mrs. Lee:

I have your two communications,
one concerning Dr. Nutting and one concerning
the Acting Deanship of the college.

I am glad that Dr. Nutting is
going to the college and I would vote in favor
of making her a grant of \$150. for outfit.
We already have the precedent and I think in
this case it is a worthy thing to do.

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 the 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 re-
action you get from the group over there ~~to the~~ 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.)

With warm personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Ophe C. Avann

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with you summer
please - soon.*

June 13, 1931

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Avann:

I am writing again on the subject of Ruth Stahl and the position of Acting Dean in Yenching College next year. I had hoped that the cablegram saying that Miss Stahl felt it necessary to decline the position for health reasons would be all that was needed and that the Administrative bodies on the field would make some other plan for the Deanship. Yesterday morning, however, I received another cable from Peiping which

reads "ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AND FACULTY CABLEING STAHL
STRONGLY URGE ACCEPTANCE ACTING DEAN
STRONGLY URGE YOU TO ASSIST ALL YOU CAN."

No doubt Miss Stahl also had the cable spoken of in the message to me. I at once wrote her saying that I could not conscientiously "strongly urge" her to accept the position if she and her physician still felt that the responsibility would be too much for her. At the same time, I recognized the fact that the insistence of the faculty and Administrative Committee that she is the one for the position, is something to which we should give due recognition.

I am not today sending this new cable to the members of our committee as it seems better to wait, at least until I have heard from Miss Stahl again. I am writing you as I feel sure Miss Stahl will be glad of any help and advise you can give as she faces this reiterated request.

Thank you for your kind wish as to my summer. August is to be my vacation month this year. My present thought is to spend it mostly at home, if Mr. Lee is well enough for me to leave him, I may get away perhaps to the mountains in Vermont for a week or so. I hope you yourself are to have a real vacation.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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PEIPING, CHINA

June 17, 1931.

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Ans. *June 20*

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

Dear Mrs. Lee:

Your letter has just come. I really am sorry that the Administrative Committee and the faculty are insisting that Miss Stahl take the Acting Deanship. My niece, Miss Cheney, has just been here. We talked about this matter. She feels very keenly that Miss Stahl should not be asked to serve at this time. I have also just now had an opportunity to talk with one of our North China missionaries who visited in Miss Stahl's home very recently. She tells me that Miss Stahl is not looking well at all and she felt very much relieved over what she thought was the last word concerning this matter and felt certain that it would be unwise for Miss Stahl to be put under that strain at this time.

It is unfortunate that they cannot look to Margaret Speer to take the Acting Deanship, and I suppose if she were only teaching in the English Department she could do it. I wonder if it would be impossible for her to do that as well as head up the English Department. I am sure I have no other suggestion, but I believe that Miss Stahl should not be urged by any of us to accept.

Affectionately yours,

Ophelia C. Avann

July 3, 1931

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Avann:

Miss Kendrick is, as you may know, about starting for Europe with the expectation of spending the summer there and then going on to the Near East. She plans to be absent from America for a year, spending a considerable part of her time in Italy. She has handed over to me such parts of her Yenching College Committee correspondence as are unfinished.

I write to ask whether the WFMS has any definite hope of securing a successor to Miss Camilla Mills who can go to Yenching this summer. A note from Miss Milam addressed to Miss Kendrick under date of June 17 speaks of a Mary Lewis who she thinks is interested and a suitable candidate. I am anxious to know how the correspondence with Miss Lewis is progressing, and whether you think we are likely to secure her or someone else for the coming year.

As Miss Kendrick is to be away a year, I think we should at our November meeting appoint someone to act in her place as Chairman of the candidate committee until the time of her return, but anyone, especially one without experience in this kind of work, will find it difficult to take up correspondence mid-stream. My own thought is that we can perhaps wait about such appointment until the November meeting. Do you think this is right?

Ever affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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

Dear Mrs. Lee:

Your letter to Mrs. Avann
has come in her absence from the city.
She is having her vacation at this
time and will not return until early
in August.

Before leaving the city Mrs.
Avann had a letter from Miss Milam con-
cerning Miss Lewis, and a copy of a letter
which she had written to Miss Lewis telling
her of the need at Yenching, and asking her
to get in touch with Mrs. Avann about it
if she was interested. We have had no word
from her, and I take it she is either out
of the city, and possibly has not received
the letter, or she is not interested.

The W.F.M.S. has no other prospective candi-
date in view, I am sorry to say. However, there is a possi-
bility that our new missionary, Miss Mary Katherine Russell,
who has been in Peking for the past year, may be willing to
help out at Yenching temporarily. A recent letter from Mrs.
Frame said that they had approached Miss Russell, but we have
not heard her decision. Miss Russell does not wish to do
school work, but as I have said, she may be willing to help
out in this emergency.

I will send your letter on to Mrs. Avann
and if she has any suggestion to make concerning the work of
the Candidate Committee you will hear again from us.

Very sincerely yours,

Sadie M. Robinson

Secretary to Mrs. Avann.

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July 22, 1931

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Avann:

I write again on the subject of the household economics teacher for Yenching. At Miss Kendrick's suggestion I wrote again to Miss Milam asking for a report of progress. A letter has just come from Miss A. Grace Johnson, Head of Household Administration and Acting Dean at Oregon State Agricultural College in which she says that the Miss Mary Lewis who was being considered, had decided that it was best for her "not to go to Yenching next year."

A brief word also comes to me this morning from Miss Kendrick as she is about to sail. Her letter encloses a postcard she had just received from Mrs. Frame which reads as follows: "The name of the possible Home Economics teacher I wanted to send you was, Miss Gertrude Skow. If you could get her address from Miss Milam and get in touch with her, it would be fine." You may already know this Miss Skow. I however send the name on to you in case you care to follow up the possibility.

Am I right in understanding that Miss Mary Catherine Russell, a new WFMS missionary in Peiping is to give part-time work to the Home Economics Department of Yenching during the coming year? Does that mean definitely only a loan of Miss Russell's services during the period she is studying in China? Yenching will be grateful for so much, but I judge temporary help of that kind would not justify any of us in relinquishing our effort to find a more permanent person for the household economics department of the College.

I am sorry to follow you up with business letters while you are on vacation. You need not bother to reply to me, but I do want you to have the help of any information that comes to me.

Affectionately yours,

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(Mrs. L.O. Lee)

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JUL 27 1931

Ans. _____

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

Dear Mrs. Lee:

Mrs. Avann is still out of the city, but I will send this line of acknowledgement of your letter of the 22nd.

Concerning Mary Katherine Russell, she is to give part time to helping in the Home Economics Department at Yenching during the coming year. Miss Russell has been in Peiping during the past year attending the language school. Of course this is only temporary help, and it is to be hoped that someone may be found to enter the work permanently.

Mrs. Avann will be returning early in August and you will doubtless hear from her.

Very sincerely yours,

Ladie M. Robinson

Secretary to Mrs. Avann.

September 29, 1931.

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Avann:

I am in correspondence with Mr. Garside as to a date for the November meeting of our Yenching College Committee. I understand that a meeting of the Trustees is to be called and the natural plan will be for our Committee to meet one day and the Trustees the next. November 3 and 4 are suggested dates, but the final word has not come from Mr. Garside. As soon as it does I will write the members of our Committee.

The purpose of this letter is to ask what progress if any has been made by the W.F.M.S. in securing a teacher of household economics for Yenching. I have had a letter from a Miss Miriam F. Clarke, 49 Daniel Avenue, Rutherford, New Jersey. She is a Methodist, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and has had some graduate study in Yale. She was an assistant in Physiology in Mount Holyoke, 1924-26, and instructor in Physiology at Western Reserve University, 1926-29, and a student at Yale in Physical Chemistry, 1923-24 and 1929-32. She will be ready to go to the field in the summer of 1932. She is prepared to teach Home Economics, especially nutrition, etc., physiological chemistry, and thinks she is prepared to be the head of a department. She gives her purpose in wanting foreign service as her "desire for a unique opportunity to teach in an institution of high purpose and standing."

I remember that you or one of the W.F.M.S. secretaries was in correspondence with a Miss Eckert. If that appointment is going through you will probably not be interested in Miss Clarke, but I felt that you should at least know of this possibility. We should of course, need to learn more about Miss Clarke, especially perhaps her Christian experience and purpose, but she seems to have had very good training and also to be deeply interested. I am right, am I not, in my understanding that the W.F.M.S. has assigned Miss Mary Katherine Russell to at least part time work in Yenching this year? That is fine, but I do hope we can get a permanent person for the Household Economics work not later than next summer.

Mrs. J.M.A.--2.

If this information about Miss Clarke should go to some other one of your secretaries will you kindly pass it on?

I am looking forward to seeing you in November,

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.

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October 3, 1931.

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

OCT 5 1931

Dear Mrs. Lee:

It was very nice to have a letter from you again. I think it will not make much difference to me what days early in November are chosen for the trustee and committee meetings. The 3rd and 4th will be all right if they are the days decided upon. I have plans here in Chicago that will occupy most of the time after the first week in November. I probably could get away, but it would not be very convenient for me to do so.

Concerning a home economics teacher for Yenching from our Society, we have not gotten very far, I am sorry to say. Of course Mary Katherine Russell has been loaned for the year. As far as I am concerned, I would be more than happy to have her continue longer if she wishes to do so, and if the college is satisfied with what she can do. She has always told me that she does not wish to teach. She has had no training for it and no experience in it, and all this was laid before Mrs. Frame personally by Miss Russell, and in spite of it all Mrs. Frame felt that it would be a great help to have her at the college this year, and she was willing to go. I have always had another type of work in mind for her and I believe that we can find someone else for the home economics work who will be better qualified than she is.

I do not know anything about Miss Clarke, but all that you say about her preparation sounds very good. I will put her in touch with the proper secretary who will at least investigate her a bit finding out just what is her purpose and her Christian experience.

I do not recognize the name of Miss Eckert, and I am wondering if you do not mean Miss Eikworth. Miss Milam wrote that she had decided that she did not wish to go at this time. She will be working toward her M.A. degree this year and a little later may wish to go. Miss Milam wrote me quite hopefully about a Miss Lewis who was studying here in Chicago. However, Miss Lewis sent word that she had decided that she did not wish to carry the matter any further. Recently I have had a bit of correspondence with our secretary out in Columbia River Branch to whom the names of two young women had been referred as possible candidates. However these women are both very young and have had no experience. They are just out of school and I feel quite sure that they are not

just what we want and in any case Columbia River Branch did not feel at all disposed to consider them favorably. Perhaps this Miss Clarke is the one who will fill the bill and can be sent. If she lives in New Jersey she belongs to New York Branch and that is more hopeful.

It will be nice to be together again in November.

Affectionately yours,

Ophe C. Aram

October 10, 1931

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Avann:

Thank you for your letter of October 3rd in response to mine about a Home Economics teacher for Yenching. Very likely the young woman I named Eckert is the Miss Eikworth of whom you write. About the time I wrote you I wrote also to Camilla Mills Biggerstaff who is now in Cambridge, telling her what I knew of Miss Miriam F. Clarke. In reply she writes as follows:

"She has had very excellent scientific preparation apparently but as I see it we need someone there who is prepared to teach the more general phases of Home Economics - Child Care and Development, Household Management, applied art work, etc. This is particularly true if Ch'en I does not remain longer than this year - and if Lan-chen Kung, who is working for her Ph. D. in Nutrition at Columbia, goes back this next summer as the plan has been to have her. Lan-chen is primarily interested in Nutrition and the allied subject matter so that she and Miss Clarke would be interested in precisely the same thing."

This may help you or any of your W.F.M.S. secretaries who are trying to fill the position. I do not know Lan-chen Kung, but if as I understand the facts she is a student in Columbia, we can perhaps get in touch with her when we are in New York.

It has been nice to see Camilla once or twice. She looks blooming and should be a real help to us all in our attempt to find the right Home Economics teacher for Yenching. I am suggesting to Mrs. Williamson that we invite Grace Boynton who is now doing graduate work at Radcliffe to attend our committee meeting in New York. Do you think it would be worth while for us to have Camilla go also? We would, I suppose, need to pay traveling expenses and perhaps that is unnecessary for two.

I am hoping daily to have word from Mr. Garside as to the dates that are available for our committee meetings. It will be good to see you again and I hop we can have time for a real visit.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee)

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December 7, 1931.

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Avann:

Your have of course, had the notice from Mr. Gar- side of the conference of all of the Boards of Trustees for the various China Colleges which is to be held in New York on December 15 and 16. As you are a member of several of the Boards I am hoping you will be coming to New York for the meeting.

Just what will be feasible in the way of a conference by members of our Yenching College Committee preceding the general conference will, of course, depend in part on the hour at which the larger conference is to begin. If only an afternoon session is involved for Tuesday we can probably have some time together Thesday morning. Even if the conference is to begin at ten or ten thirty, we could perhaps have an hour or so. If you will let me know whether you are planning to come, and if so the hour of your arrival, it will help me in planning.

Ever affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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

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Dear Mrs. Lee:

Yes, I had the notice from Mr. Garside and have written him that I will be on for the meeting next Tuesday and Wednesday.

I think it is desirable that we should get a quorum of our committee together if that is possible and get action on this matter if we can. I was expecting to arrive in New York on Monday evening. Perhaps the rest of you are not planning to get there until Tuesday morning. The meeting will probably not be until ten o'clock, so that we could easily have an hour together at the hotel before we go down.

Expecting to see you next week,
I am,

Affectionately yours,

Orpha C. Avann

December 11, 1931.

Mrs. J. M. Avann
Fifth Avenue and 28th St.
New York City

Dear Mrs. Avann:

Thank you for your note received this morning. I am not yet quite sure whether I shall take the night train to New York Monday or go so as to arrive by ten o'clock that evening. If I finally decide on the latter plan I hope those of us who are at the Prince George can breakfast together. As it may be late when I arrive, I will not telephone you that evening but will by half past seven Tuesday morning if I am there. On the whole I incline to leave any attempt to get the members of our Yenching College Committee together until some interval in the program. Mr. Garside says that the plans for the meeting definitely include time for different groups to meet, and I feel that we would have further light on the problem before this if we could wait until we had tested somewhat the temper of the meeting. Still as I said, I hope those of us who are available can get together a little in advance of the ten o'clock meeting, perhaps at breakfast.

Affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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December 17, 1931.

Mrs. J. M. Avann
4949 Indiana Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Avann:

As you no doubt discovered, I finally started to the Grand Central Station last night without waiting to hear from you. I found myself to be quite tired, and thought it well to get undressed and in bed as soon as I could.

I thought has just come to me in regard to the cablegram which I shared with you last evening. I am inclined to think it should read:

"Strongly urge W.F.M.S. send without delay Stahl, Cheney if health permits." In other words, I judge the word translated Cheng should be Cheney, and the desire of Yenching College is that Ruth Stahl and Monona Cheney should return without delay. Probably letters explaining whatever urgency lies behind the cablegram are on the way. I am writing to Ruth Stahl today asking for a report as to the progress she is making in getting back her health, and am writing also to Miss Cheney reporting the cablegram and asking whether she feels that she could go soon. You will know with what officers of the W.F.M.S. these questions should be taken up. I would suggest to both young ladies that they keep in close touch with their Board of officers, although I judge they are doing this in any case.

I hope you are not too tired as you get back home.

Ever affectionately yours,

(Mrs. Lucius O. Lee.)

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

Dear Mrs. Lee:

Ans. Jan. 5, 1931

Yes, I discovered when I got back to the hotel from my dinner engagement that you had gone. I was later getting back than I expected to be and though I was sorry not to see you again, I was really glad that you had not waited up for me.

I think doubtless the name Cheng should have been Cheney. I have had a letter from my niece speaking of the letter she had received from you concerning the cable. Doubt-

less she has written you her interpretation of the cable. If her interpretation is correct, they have misinterpreted our attitude toward Miss Cheney's return. We had no thought of detaining her for speaking. After she decided that she could not return in the late summer on account of her mother's condition, we asked her to do this college visitation which she was very glad to do. If she still thinks that it is better for her to wait until May to return we shall, of course, use her, but would not think of detaining her if the way were clear for her to go.

I trust Cincinnati Branch will not detain Ruth Stahl on account of the lack of funds to send her back. If she is physically fit to return I sincerely trust that Cincinnati Branch will be able to meet the expense of her return. I shall write to her secretary this morning urging it.

I have felt that our meeting in New York in the interests of the colleges in China was really very worth while. I suppose I shall be going to Atlantic City for the Foreign Missions Conference. I am planning that way though I am sorry to make another trip and to be away from home and my office for another period. I shall look forward to seeing you there.

Lovingly yours,

Opha C. Avann

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