

**Collection:** The Frederic Schiller Lee fonds**Names:** Lee, Frederic Schiller, 1859-1939**Description:** Frederic Schiller Lee was a noted physiologist. Brief biographical information is available at <http://www.the-aps.org/about/pres/introfsl.htm> The Frederic Schiller Lee collection consists mainly of letters written to Dr. Lee (1859-1939) by a number of fellow physiologists. They cover the period from 1898 to 1930. There are approximately 60 items in the collection. Letters are listed alphabetically by correspondent.

These papers were acquired from Hugh M. Sinclair.

**Dates:** 1898-1930**Location:** Misc box, Memorial Room Rare Cabinet 27**Items:** 2 cm of textual records**Inventory:**

1. Oct. 16, 1929  
To Professor Frederic S. Lee, College of Physicians and Surgeons, 630 West 168 Street, New York City. From Nicholas Murray Butler (1862-1947), Columbia University in the City of New York. Congratulations on the success of the International Physiological Congress.  
1p., typed, signed.
2. Feb. 18, 1926  
To "Dear Lee". From Walter Bradford Cannon (1871-1945) from Cambridge, Mass. and Franklin, N.H.  
A.L.S. 2p.
3. July 10, 1929  
To "Dear Lee". From Walter Bradford Cannon (1871-1945) from Cambridge, Mass. and Franklin, N.H.  
A.L.S. 1p.
4. Feb. 25, 1919  
To Dear "Dr. Lee". From Alexis Carrel (1873-1955), The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, 66th Street and Avenue A, New York. Thanks Lee for copy of *The Human Machine and Industrial Efficiency*.  
1p., typed, signed.

5. Dec. 4, 1929  
To "Dear Lee". From Henry Drysdale Dakin (1880-1952), Edgehill, Scarborough-on-Hudson, N.Y. Thanks Lee for thinking "of me in connection with the Academy, and I gratefully resign myself to your kind offer".  
A.L.S. 1p.
6. Sept. 25, 1914  
To "My dear Professor Lee". From Louis I. Dublin, Statistician, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., New York City. Discusses rate of increase in diseases of the arteries as shown in reports computed from Census Board figures for 1900 and 1910.  
1p. typed, signed.
7. July 15, 1912  
To "Dear Dr. Lee". From Joseph Erlanger (1874-1965), Physiological Department, Washington University Medical School, 1806 Locust Street, St. Louis. Accepts invitation to lecture to Harvey Society.  
A.L.S. 1p.
8. Oct. 10, 1930  
To "Dear Dr. Lee". From Sir Charles Lovatt Evans (1884- ), Department of Physiology and Biochemistry, University of London, University College, Gower Street, London, W.C.1. Discusses his work on decerebrate rigidity and the sale of his book *Recent Advances in Physiology* in the United States.  
1p. typed signed.
9. (n.d.?)  
To "My dear Lee". From Walter Holbrook Gaskell (1847-1914), The Uplands, Great Shelford, Cambridge. Discusses need for close relationships between various scientific disciplines in medical schools and the value of close proximity of hospitals to provide clinical teaching facilities.  
A.L.S. 4p.
10. July 10, 1929  
To "Dear Lee". From William Henry Howell (1860-1945), Director's Office, The John Hopkins University, School of Hygiene and Public Health, 615 North Wolfe Street, Baltimore, Md. Discusses success of Lee's work in raising funds for the forthcoming International Congress of Physiology in Boston.  
A.L.S. 1p.
11. Oct. 1, 1913  
To "Dear Mr. Fackenthal". From Frederic S. Lee. Sending a short sketch of the life of John Green Curtis.  
1p. typed (copy).

12. Feb. 15, 1926

Annotated typescript of address given by Frederic S. Lee at a dinner in honour of Graham Lusk (1866-1932) on the occasion of his birthday.

D. 3p.

13. Aug. 17, 1912

To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, Camp Comfort. Discusses Rubner's steam sterilization technique and his Carpenter and Herter Lectures. Finds Rubner delightful, "quiet and not assertive as I had imagined him from his writings".

A.L.S. 3p.

14. July 4, 1918

To "Dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, The Briars, Syosset, Long Island. Suggests discontinuance of the Harvey Society until "after the war, It would be a pity to have it only half a success".

A.L.S. 1p.

15. Jan. 20, 1921

To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, Cornell University Medical College, Department of Physiology, First Avenue and 28<sup>th</sup> Street, New York. Discusses donation from the Biochemical Society (for?) and Stanley Benedict's opposition to its continuance. Personal news. Death of (Samuel James) Meltzer. Has just finished writing a History of Metabolism and plans another paper and some work.

2p. typed, signed.

16. Mar. 1, 1926

To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, Cornell University Medical College (etc.). Has written to Pearce (Richard Mills, 1874-1930) about raising money for the projected International Congress of Physiology, and quotes Pearce's rather negative reply.

1p. typed, signed.

17. Mar. 15, 1926

To the Members of the Committee on The International Physiological Congress of 1929. From Frederic S. Lee and Graham Lusk. Discusses means of travel for delegates attending the Congress and the possibility of assisting with travel expenses. Pearce's letter quoted.

2p. typed (copy).

Note: Appended a memorandum on further discussions of travel and 2 brief notes on the same subject from Lusk to Lee. (2p.)

18. Apr. 19, 1926  
To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, Cornell University Medical College (etc.). Sends two rough drafts of material: one to be sent to members "of the Federation" and the other to the Commonwealth Fund asking for funds to assist in proposed Physiological Congress to be held in the eastern United States in 1929. 1p. typed, signed and 5p. annotated typescript of drafts.
19. Jan. 1, 1928  
To "My dear Frederick". From Graham Lusk, 1030 Fifth Avenue. More discussion of the Physiological Congress. A medal to be discussed with Mr. Kuntz of Tiffanys. Money coming from Meltzer Medical Brotherhood. A.L.S. 2p.
20. Jan. 3, 1928  
Memorandum concerning disposition of moneys received for the International Physiological Congress Fund. 1p. typed.
21. May 12, 1928  
To "Dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, 1030 Fifth Avenue. Thanks Lee for cheques received from Frederic and Albert Straus. Suggest approaching Paul and Felix Marburg for money. A.L.S. 2p.
22. May 22, 1928  
To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, Cornell University Medical College (etc.). More ideas about sources of money. 1p, typed, signed.
23. May 29, 1928  
To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, The Briars, Syosset, Long Island. Sorry to hear that Lee, who had been ill, was not yet fully recovered. More discussion about funds. Suggests that Paul Marburg might help pay transportation expenses of Otto Kestner (formerly Cohnheim) and group from Hamburg hospital. "I received a peremptory order from Forbes in Boston to transmit to Messers. Kidder Peabody and Co. the money I have in my possession for the Congress Fund." Feels that it would simplify matters if he retired (as treasurer) and that Forbes might become National Treasurer. A.L.S. 4p.
24. Aug. 27, 1928  
To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, The Briars, Syosset, Long Island. More money received for the Congress fund and suggestions of other sources to be tried. "I hope you are well and strong again. We are none of us growing younger." A.L.S. 2p.

25. Sept. 29, 1928

To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, The Briars, Syosset, Long Island. More on Congress funds. "I think it would be wise to write to Forbes asking him how much he has raised for the Congress in Boston."

A.L.S. 3p.

26. Dec. 4, 1928

To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, Cornell University Medical College (etc.). Lists names of institutions which might contribute to Congress funds. "I hope you will soon tackle the de Forest brothers, beginning with Henry, as Rob will inevitably feel desperately poor in view of the fact that he was not an executor of two recently deceased millionaires,"

1p. typed, signed.

27. Jan. 7, 1929

To "Dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, 1030 Fifth Avenue. More about money.

A.L.S. 1p.

28. Jan. 7, 1929

To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, Cornell University Medical College (etc.). Congress fund has now reached original objective of \$50,000.00. More Europeans seem to be coming to the Congress than were expected. "Cannon thinks further contributions should not be refused..." Robert de Forest has offered hospitality from Metropolitan Museum to visitors.

1p. typed, signed.

29. Apr. 29, 1929

To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, Cornell University Medical College (etc.). "Copy of letter sent to finance committee."

1p. typed, signed.

30. May 9, 1929

To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, Cornell University Medical College (etc.). Notes monies received. Discusses means of raising funds at local levels "in order that the support of the International Physiological Congress should become more national in character than it appears to be at present".

1p, typed, signed.

31. May 16, 1929

From Graham Lusk, Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Department of Physiology. List of monies received.

1p. typed, signed.

32. June 10, 1929  
Receipt for cheques sent by Lee to Lusk as Treasurer of the Congress Fund.  
1p. typed, signed.
33. June 24, 1929  
Acknowledges two cheques received through F.S. Lee,  
1p. typed, signed.
34. June 24, 1929  
To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, Cornell University Medical College (etc.). Details of arrangements concerning the Congress fund of which he is still National Treasurer. Attached a note of cheques received and news of further contributions.  
2p. typed, signed.
35. June 26, 1929  
To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, Cornell University Medical College (etc.). List of funds contributed to the Congress arranged by cities. Lee will be carrying on in his absence and Lusk tells him of arrangements made for this.  
2p. typed, signed.
36. Aug. 3 or 4, 1929?  
To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, S.S. Olympic. "Hill writes that as many are coming over as ever attended a European Congress, thanks to American generosity." Personal comment.  
A.L.S. 2p,
37. Aug. 30, 1929  
Acknowledgement of cheques received from F.S. Lee for Congress Fund.  
1p. typed, signed.
38. Sept. 7, 1929  
To "Dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, Syosset, Long Island, N.Y. Suggests investing any surplus from Congress funds in U.S. Government notes until it is decided what use to make of the surplus.  
A.L.S. 1p.
39. Sept. 13, 1929  
To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, The Briars, Syosset, Long Island. No disposition yet made of surplus Congress funds and final total not yet known. "Cohn's idea that an endowment fund be set up to pay a secretary to maintain the list of living physiologists for the use of the next Congress, and to retain all surplus funds for that purpose, also appeals to me."  
A.L.S. 3p.

40. Oct. 31, (1928 or 9?)  
To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, 1030 Fifth Avenue. Discussion of transportation expenses and accommodation for overseas visitors to Congress.  
Note: This letter may be out of sequence.  
A.L.S. 4p.
41. Nov. 27, 1929  
To "My dear Frederic". From Graham Lusk, Cornell University Medical College (etc. ) . Report to Lee of accounts handled by him as Treasurer of the Congress, also of expenditures on transportation and accommodation of foreign delegates. Mentions many expressions of appreciation from the members of the latter group, for many of whom it was their first trip to America.  
2p. typed, signed.
42. Feb. 28, 1930  
Financial statement, International Physiological Congress Fund, June 1, 1927 - February 28, 1930. "Copy for Dr. Lee of official report to Dr. M..."  
1p. typed, signed.
43. Mar. 5, 1930  
To "Dear Dr. Lee". From Graham Lusk, Cornell University Medical College (etc.). Asking for membership of Finance Committee of Physiological Congress to vote on two "Propositions" (not appended to our copy).  
1p. typed, signed.
44. Jan. 12 (no year)  
To "Dear Lee". From Lafayette Benedict Mendel (1872-1935), 18 Trumbull Street, New Haven, Connecticut. Bibliographical reference to an article on muscle.  
A.L.S. 1p.
45. June 24, 1919  
To "Dear Dr. Lee". From John R. Murlin, Department of Physiology, The University of Rochester, Rochester, New York. Discusses possibility of proceeding with a study of diet in relation to industrial efficiency.  
1p. typed, signed.
46. Nov. 11, 1918  
To "Dear Dr. Lee". From Charles Samuel Myers (1873-1946), Cambridge. Myers is a member of Sherrington's Committee on Industrial Fatigue and would be glad if Lee could come "for a chat and for luncheon".

47. Mar. 3, 1915  
To "Dear Sir". From Sir Gilbert Parker, 20 Carlton House Terrace, London, S.W., England. Sending copies of official British documents relating to the attitude of Britains during the present war. Appended are an acknowledgement from Lee and a second note from Parker dated Apr. 21, 1915.  
2p. typed, signed (unsigned copy of Lee's letter: 1p. typed; Parker's reply: 1p. typed, signed).
48. Oct. 3, 1913  
To "Dear Lee". From George Havon Putnam, 2, 4 and 6 West 45th Street, New York. Asks for opinion of importance of work being done by (Augustus Désiré) Waller on electrical action of the heart, and the likelihood of a monograph on the subject being worth publishing in North America. Appended is a copy of Lee's reply stressing that Waller's work is important in the diagnosis of heart disease and is being used increasingly. He does not think a published book would reach many readers however.  
1p. typed, signed (+2p. typed).
49. July 21, 1912  
To "My dear Professor Lee". From Max Rubner (1854-1932), Berlin. Rubner will speak on his "steam disinfection" in English. The Carpenter lecture is fixed for Oct. 3 and "the best day for the Harvey lecture would be the 5 October..."  
A.L.S. 1p.
50. July 16, 1929  
To "Dear Dr. Lee". From P.R. Schaub, 66 Meadow St. , South Norwalk, Conn. (Dr. Lusk's secretary) mentions receipt of two cheques which she has acknowledged.  
(Congress fund.)  
1p. typed, signed.
51. Mar. 6, 1919  
To "Dear Lee". From Sir Edward Albert Sharpey-Schafer (1850-1935), University of Edinburgh. Thanks Lee for his book *The Human Machine*. Complains of unwillingness of people to work, of high minimum wage fixed by the government, and of the "dole".  
A.L.S. 3p.
52. Feb. 22, 1899  
To "My dear Lee". From Sir Charles Scott Sherrington, 16 Grove Park, Liverpool S, Introducing "my pupil and friend Mr. Clarke of Liverpool" and asking that Lee provide opportunities for him to see something of student life in American universities,  
A.L.S. 2p.



53. Oct, 19, 1927

To "Dear Lee". From Sir Charles Scott Sherrington, Physiology Dept., Harvard Medical School, Boston. Asks Lee to post a note which he has written to Dr. Charles Dana accepting an invitation to lunch.

A.L.S. 3p.

54. Apr. 8, 1898

To Sehrverehrter Herr College! From Max Verworn (1863-1923), Jena. Speaks of his book and thanks Lee for approving of it and translating it, although others, including Loeb, did not think so much of it. Lee made wider distribution possible. Looking forward to Lee's visit. Interested in Lee's work on muscle fatigue - a subject which he had hoped to work on. Working on hypnosis of animals.

A.L.S. 4p.

55. July 6, 1913

To "Dear Professor Lee". From Augustus Désiré Waller (1856-1922), Weston Lodge, 32 Grove End Road, N.W. Accepts invitation to lecture at the Harvey Society, suggesting Oct. 4 as the only possible time. Proposes to speak on "A short account of the origin and scope of electrocardiography".

A.L.S. 4p.

56. July 13, 1913

To "Dear Professor Lee". From Alice Mary Waller, Weston Lodge, 32 Grove End Road, N.W. Asking about availability of DC in building where her husband would lecture as he proposes to bring apparatus to demonstrate variations of the heart.

A.L.S. 2p.