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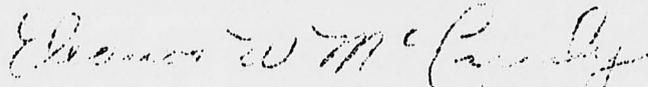
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**UNITED BOARD** for CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION in ASIA  
150 Fifth Avenue New York 11, New York

To Members of the Ginling Sub-committee

From Mary E. Ferguson  
Associate Executive Secretary

The "Summer 1956" Newsletter of the Ginling Association in America has recently been mailed out to Ginling alumni, former students and faculty members in this country; to sister groups in Taiwan and Hong Kong; and to individuals around the world.

We feel sure that you would like to know what the women in the Association are doing and thinking, so we are sending you a copy of this issue.

You may also be interested in the Founders' Day programs - particularly that of the Boston chapter which was dedicated to Dr. Wu - as reported in letter #10.

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Mrs. Frank G. Brooks  
Mrs. Emory Ross  
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Miss Margaret Flory  
Mrs. Charles H. Sears  
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GINLING ASSOCIATION IN AMERICA  
Thurston Memorial Fund Committee

May 20, 1959

A REPORT TO CONTRIBUTORS

Last September, when we of the Boston Chapter accepted the task of organizing the Thurston Memorial Fund drive, we did so with some trepidation, but with the firm belief that such a cause could not fail to win the support of all loyal alumnae and friends of Ginling College, and friends of Ginling's first President. Every contribution, however small, has strengthened this conviction and encouraged our efforts, and we wish to take this opportunity to tell you how greatly we appreciate your share in our endeavor.

The first anniversary of Mrs. Thurston's death, April 18, was also the date by which we hoped to achieve our goal of \$5,000. At the meeting which we held on that day there was, first of all, a brief service of remembrance. As part of the tributes paid to Mrs. Thurston, excerpts were read from letters which some of you sent with your contributions, expressing loyalty and affection for Mrs. Thurston and for "her" College, and interest in the Middle School in Taipei which has been founded by Ginling graduates.

At the business meeting that followed, the treasurer's report showed that \$16,693.51 had been received into the Fund. Of this \$1,258.97 was raised through projects by the Boston, Los Angeles, Chicago and Princeton Chapters. These projects included Chinese dinners and teas, and the sale of candy, embroideries, stationery, etc. Ninety alumnae and former students made personal contributions amounting to \$11,834.54. This included a contribution of \$10,000 from one alumna. Forty-three former faculty members contributed \$1,424. Members of Mrs. Thurston's family gave \$860, and friends (mostly college classmates and other personal friends of Mrs. Thurston) contributed \$1,316. Since April 18, another \$403.50 has been received, making a total of \$17,097.01.

We know that, with us, you will rejoice in the unexpected size the Fund suddenly attained by the gift of \$10,000. This will make it possible for our Memorial to Mrs. Thurston to be a really substantial contribution to the great needs of the Middle School in Taiwan. However, the Committee also feels that all of us who are interested in this cause can take enormous pride in the numbers of people who so gladly and so generously have shared in making it a success.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daisy Yew Wu*  
Mrs. Hsien Wu, Chairman

*Dorothy A. Whittington*  
Mrs. H. B. Whittington, Treasurer

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c/o Miss Edith Haight,  
Overlook,  
Lake Junaluska,  
N.C. U.S.A.  
Sunday August 2nd, 1959.

Dear H.T.,

Thank you very much for your letter of July 30th, and for the enclosure of the Summer Conference Programme at Union Theological Seminary, they have certainly got a very good selection of preachers.

I have been here for almost three weeks, and am having a wonderful opportunity to rest. Edith's porch has a wonderful view over the lake (I am enclosing an order of service for last Sunday with a view on, our house is not very far from the Cross, so that we have much the same view as is shown here), and I can sit there on a very conveniently shaped chair in which I can recline with my leg in the air, which is the correct position if you are suffering from circulatory trouble. Of course, I do not sit there all the time, we go for lovely drives in the mountains, and do other things, but it is an opportunity for a very peaceful time. I have not been to any of the week-end time activities in connection with the various Conferences that are held here, but I have been to several of the Sunday services; and on Friday evening we did go to a rendering of Faure's Requiem, which was given in memory of Bishop Ward, you probably knew him in China, it was followed by a Memorial address and then a Communion service. We have also seen his widow (she was his second wife), who was formerly a W.F.M.S. missionary in Nanking, Katherine Bouie, and his younger daughter, who studied for a year at Ginling in 1934, and has married a Southerner from Spartanburg, S.C. Bishop Ward died in Taibeh, Taiwan in December 1958.

It is very good of the alumnae in New York to be willing to change the date, and I should be very grateful if they could have the Founders' Day celebration on Nov 15th, not Nov 2nd, as they would normally have. I feel so much better, and have and will give myself so much rest (I am here till the end of August), that I am very much hoping to be able to do the speaking that I had originally planned to do in Ohio from about Oct 20th to Nov 14th. I do have it on my mind and heart that since the study for this year is Africa, and since I have had a little experience there, I should like to make use of it if possible. I did feel badly about cutting out the speaking in July, but that was so near to the time of my second attack, and also Conferences themselves are so strenuous, especially in hot weather, that it did seem the path of wisdom to call that off. But this will be much better weather, and also I think it is just meeting small groups, and probably only one talk or group a day, so if I can it would relieve me very much to do so. So that if it were possible to change it, I should be grateful.

I have been in correspondence with my doctor at home, and have also talked to several others here, including Dr Mardie Smythe, with whom I stayed in Lexington, Ky, and there is pretty well agreement that the main treatment is rest, and I really do not think there is much else that can be done about it, but to go rather slow and be cautious in the amount of walking and standing one does. I am trying to reduce my weight while here

I am sorry about what you say about the rift in the Ginling alumnae, it seems to be quite out of the question that we could possibly raise enough for a College, it is not only the initial expense, but the continuing expense. The Soochow University Alumnae started a college in Taiwan, as you doubtless know, and they have found it quite impossible to run, and asked the Methodist Church to take it over, which Bishop Ward did but I don't know how it is doing now, and Ginling was a Union College, and cannot call on any one of the Churches.

I am so sorry that all of this should fall on you at this moment, but I hope you will have quiet and rest. Letters from here seem to take some time, so I am sending one copy of this letter to Blue Ridge,

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Phillips House <sup>507<sup>over</sup></sup>  
Mass. Gen. Hosp.  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dah-tee:

Aug. 6, 1959.

I'm snatching a few moments to  
thank you for your good letters and  
for consenting to be the historian. The  
AAA files which will be at your  
disposal when you come to Boston  
next month. By the way, wouldn't  
the U. B. also have a complete set of  
the minutes which you can make  
use of?

After 8 days at home during  
which new complications developed,  
my husband came back to Phillips  
House last Sat., his third hospitalization  
in six weeks. He has been quite sick  
but I'm happy to report that he  
has shown improvement in the last  
two days. I do hope he will respond

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well to the new treatment which is <sup>523</sup>  
under way.

Yes, Mrs. W. Lee had written + told  
me about the movement to restore  
"Ginling College" in Taiwan. Not knowing  
too much of the background, it seems to  
me any group could start a college  
anywhere and call it any name they  
choose. Just because the Ginling Alumnae  
group in Taiwan chose to start a college  
and name it "Ginling" does not imply  
that GAA here need to have anything to  
do with it. Please enlighten me if I am  
entirely mistaken in my naive viewpoint.

We are expecting Victor to come home for his  
vacation around the 12<sup>th</sup> and Dorothea the first  
week in Sept. I'm here in the hospital about 12 hours  
a day acting as "special nurse" to my husband. My  
heart is heavy and my spirit none too high but  
I'm trying my best to withstand the strain. My  
eye is still bothering me. Remember me in your  
prayers. With love and warmest greetings,  
Yours as ever, Daisy Yen-Wu

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c/o Miss Edith Haight,  
Overlook, Lake Junaluska,  
N.C. Aug 27th, 1959.

To Mrs Hsien Wu.  
President GAA  
Mrs Shui-ying Hsu  
Newsletter Editor GAA  
Mrs H.B. Whittington,  
Recording Secretary GAA  
Mrs Wellington Lee  
Chairman, New York Chapter.  
Mrs W.S. New. ✓

Dear Friends,

I am laying a matter before you to which I have I have given a good deal of thought just recently. I have discussed it in a good deal of detail with Miss Chester, and in rather less detail with Miss Haight, and it has their approval.

I have chosen the five above to send it to for various reasons. In the first place (a purely practical consideration) on this small typewriter five copies are about as many as I can take, and since I wish to keep one for my own records, that makes only five to send out. The first three are active members of the Executive in Boston, who can easily get things together, and discuss how they wish to proceed in the matter. Mrs Lee is the chairman of a big and important chapter, and I am writing to her anyhow on another matter, and it seemed natural to include a copy of this letter. And I am sure that you will all feel that in such a project it is only natural and fitting that a copy should be sent to Mrs New, and her approval and co-operation secured from the very first.

With regard to the immediate procedure, that is more or less up to you. My own feeling was that if the Executive Committee could give the project its general approval, I could go ahead to begin to work on it in more detail with the help and co-operation of others. I realise that even in matters of Prayer, politics come in, and the way in which we word the section on prayer for our Ginling friends on the mainland of China is a matter needing care. Clearly their needs to be a small editorial committee which would not only reduce all material collected to a ~~some~~ somewhat common form (I do not think they have to identical), and would also scan the way everything was worded with a view to removing any stumbling blocks.

Miss Chester and I thought perhaps about 500 copies should be printed and sent to all branches in all parts, and also to as many individual members as possible. With regard to the cost of printing we thought that there might be two approaches. One was simply for she and I to pick out people whom we thought might give, and write to them as individuals, and see how much we should get that way. The other, I suppose, would be for the Executive to undertake it, and make it part of the GAA budget. I think that if we followed the first scheme we might in sending out the Handbook ask people for voluntary gifts toward the expense, so that if we wished in two or three years to print a revised edition, the money so collected could go towards that.

I am giving you a rough outline that Miss Chester and I worked out on another page, there was one other small matter that we did discuss. We thought that at the beginning of the handbook there should perhaps be a short preface to explain its purpose etc, and we thought it might save

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any questions, if questions were raised as to who exactly was responsible etc, if the preface was signed simply by me as an individual. It is not that I have any wish to claim any credit, it just seemed to us both as we thought it over that that might be the simplest way. But it is only a suggestion, and at this stage is not of any importance.

Mrs Whittington has my addresses, and she can communicate with me. If the Boston members of the Executive Cte approve in general, I could perhaps begin working a little on the section I was going to try and start on, and I could give Miss Chester the green light to go ahead on the section she said she would try. I thought perhaps she might catch me in Lancaster, where I shall be from Sept 7th-12th (C/o Miss Mary Lamberton, 817, Columbia Avenue, Lancaster, Pa.) As I might have a little time there, I certainly shall not in Washington. Of course I should understand that any approval given at this time was only general.

With all good wishes to you,

Yours sincerely,

Attached *Wm D. Spicer*

- 1) Letter laying before the scheme
- 2) Brief Outline of Rayer Handbook

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c/o Miss Edith Haight,  
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Aug 27th, 1959.

Dear Friends of Ginling,

As I have been travelling about this country since my arrival on May 12th, and as I have looked forward to the visits in the months ahead, naturally many of my thoughts have been concerned with Ginling. Practically all the people I have seen and stayed with became friends of mine through Ginling. I have already met with four groups (Princeton, Newhaven, Los Angeles and Chicago and the Middle West), and I look forward to meeting with four other groups (Washington, Philadelphia, Boston and New York) in the next three months.

The Fellowship of these meetings has been real and heart-warming, and I am sure that in the first decade of the Ginling Association in America it has done a very good job in helping its members to acclimatize (fu shui tu) to their new life. It has given them a sense of belonging and has encouraged <sup>with</sup> them discussion and advice where they needed it. But naturally situations change. Many of the members are now American citizens, they have regular jobs, they are members of their own communities, and also in many cases of the Churches of their neighbourhood. They cannot and should not be asked to give too much of their time to any special Ginling project, since their contribution of voluntary work should belong mainly to their own on-going communities and churches.

And we who are graduates, former students and former faculty of Ginling are in a different position from those of other Alumnae Associations. The Ginling College which we knew and loved no longer exists. There may be a few new members of the Ginling Association in America coming to us from time to time from Taiwan, Hong Kong or other places; but there is no steady stream of recruits from the yearly graduating classes, which keeps other College Associations alive with youth, and growing from year to year.

It is true that the Ginling Middle School in Taiwan has been established, and serves as a ~~worthy~~ living focus for our giving and interest. We hope it will be a worthy contribution to the cause of girls' and women's education in Taiwan. Any graduate of the Ginling Middle School in Taiwan coming to the States would be warmly welcomed as a member of the GAA. There may be a few who would like to see the school become a college. This, personally, I believe is completely beyond ~~our~~ the financial resources at our disposal. Moreover, I believe it would be a wrong thing to attempt it in view of the considered policy of <sup>the</sup> United Board, of which the old Ginling was a loyal member, that the best way of serving the cause of Higher Christian education in Taiwan was the founding of one new University, related to the needs of the Taiwan situation, and not an effort to revive a number of separate colleges and universities whose history and reasons for existence belonged to a totally different situation on the mainland from anything in Taiwan. Even if it were to become a college, it would still not be our Alma Mater, none of us would ever have been there, and its graduates would not be + graduates of the Ginling we knew.

For, let us be honest, Ginling can never be resurrected, if it is to be resurrected, anywhere but on the mainland of China; and probably never there. We all hope and pray for renewed fellowship and communication

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with the China of the mainland, but we know that whatever the future holds there will have been many permanent changes, and the pattern of education will be different. So that the Ginling Association in America is bound to become a fellowship of those gradually becoming older, and with no large number of new, young members coming in, as in most College associations. I think it would be good that we recognise this, now while we are still strong and healthy and in the full vigour of life. If we recognise this, what would it mean in the way of practical policy? I cannot say in detail, but there are certain general things I would suggest. We should still be concerned to have meetings for fellowship, discussion & prayer; we should still have a responsibility to raise money ~~for the~~and support in every way the Ginling Middle School. But it would mean, I think, that we accepted gladly the fact that our members had many other concerns, and our meetings, and activities should be related to felt needs. Above all that we should <sup>not</sup> ~~try~~ and think of things to do, nor be concerned that fewer people came to meetings than we should like, because we know that in the kind of Association we are this is inevitable and natural.

But there is one thing I believe that we can and should do. ~~But~~ The Ginling Association in America is only one part of the Ginling Fellowship, there are groups in Taiwan, Hong Kung, and Malaya, and scattered members in other places in the Far East, England and Australia. The only activity that can bind us all together is prayer- prayer for each other, prayer for the situations under which our different members live, prayer for the countries in which they live and of the churches of which they are members, and prayer that we may try to live in the Spirit of the Abundant Life of our College motto. Some of us are not Christians, but even if we are not, we can believe that to remember the different groups of the Ginling family in their different situations and try and understand their situation with sympathy and understanding will enlarge our own understanding sympathy, and make us more thoughtful members of our own communities. One of the difficulties of praying is that so many of the topics seem so large and impersonal, but as we pray we shall be thinking of individuals we know and love, and so our prayers will take on new life and reality, and our prayer become effective. Through the scattering of the Ginling family abroad in many places we have become a world-wide fellowship, and through prayer we can enter into that realisation, and live in that spirit.

It would, I think, help us to pray in a regular and concerted way ( or if you cannot accept the conception of prayer- of thought and meditation ), if we had a Prayer Fellowship Booklet with different topics of prayer for each day of the month, so that our prayers on any given day would centre around the same group, the same need. Then if there were some special activity that it was right we should undertake as a group, large or small, I believe that God would make it known to us, and we should be ready to undertake it in a spirit of co-operation. Whenever Ginling groups met, they could use the theme for the day at least, and possibly those of one or two others if they felt that right. So the spirit of service in which Ginling was founded, and the Abundant Life of its motto would find expression in the lives of its members, scattered through the events of history far and wide; sometimes, though not necessarily, through the activities of groups, but more often through the lives of its members, but each individual life would be undergirded and strengthened by the common prayer of its many members throughout the world.

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I have talked this matter over with Miss Chester and Miss Haight and they both think this would be a good idea. I am willing with the assistance of Miss Chester, and I hope others, to begin work on such a Prayer Fellowship Handbook. But before I do so I shall put the idea before the Executive Committee of the GAA, and see if they give their general approval to such an idea, and also suggest certain details, that will be perhaps give them a more definite idea of the scheme I have in mind, and the way it might be carried out. But it is one which I wish to commend to all members of the Ginning family throughout the world.

Yours most sincerely,

*John D. Spicer*

*P.S. This letter has gone so far as to  
five names in covering letter*

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Outline Scheme for Ginling Fellowship Handbook of Prayer.

The general idea would be that there would be a topic for each day, where the topic was a somewhat general one both sides of the pages facing each other would be used. But where the topic was smaller and more personal, the second page would be left a blank, so that the individual using the Prayer Handbook could fill in the names of individuals that they knew in that place or that group, and also fill in special petitions known to them.

Since the subjects vary a good deal in kind, it does not seem necessary to have one definite scheme throughout. But it seems likely that a good many of them would contain:-

1. A suitable Bible reference, if short the whole would be printed, if longer only the reference might be given, but perhaps a key verse printed.
2. In sections which demanded it, a brief statement of the conditions there might be given, so that people could pray with intelligence and understanding. eg in the case of the group in Malaya and Singapore a brief reference to the lately achieved independence within the British Commonwealth, the importance of the Chinese Community, many problems of multi-racial society. etc
3. Definite prayer petitions, only briefly worded.
4. A brief prayer to help one's own prayer.

I am accustomed to use the Prayer Handbook put out by the Congregational Church in England, and that is more or less this pattern, but with a good deal of variation. They have a topic on one side, and a country on the other.

As I have already said in the letter to the Executive it would be necessary to have an Editor, or better a small editorial committee to reduce the different sections to somekind of common form, at least so that they can be used in approximately the same way. Below I give a very tentative outline of how the topics might be divided between the 31 days.

Section I. Our Common Heritage in Ginling.

1. Thanksgiving & Dedication (The sub-headings are extremely tentative)
2. The Faith in Which Ginling was Founded
3. Our Faith To-Day
4. The Continuing Fellowship-Meaning of Prayer.

Section II Ginling Friends in Mainland China

5. General Background of Life on the Mainland ?
6. Leaders of the Government and the People ?
7. Christian Leaders and the Christian Church
8. Ginling Friends in Ginling Nanking
9. Ginling Friends throughout the Mainland.

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Section III. Taiwan

- 10 The Government and People. The General Situation. Christian Church
- 11. Ginling Group in Taiwan. The problems and needs.
- 12. Ginling Middle School. Its Board, Principal & Staff & Students.
- 13. Tung Hai University. Its continuation of Christian Higher Education Institutions and Traditions from the Mainland of which ~~China~~ Ginling was one. Its needs and Problems.

Section IV Hong Kong.

- 14. General Conditions. Refugee Problem Christian Church
- 15. Ginling Group. Their needs and work.
- 16. Chang Chi University. Continuing traditions of Christian Higher Education.

Section V. Malaya and Singapore

- 17. General Conditions. The Chinese Community and Church.
- 18. Ginling Group.

Section VI. The Far East.

- <sup>19</sup> Ginling friends in Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Borneo Conditions and Needs.

Section VI. Ginling in North America( & Western World)

<sup>20</sup>(Here it is suggested that perhaps prayer is best for the most part under topics rather than localities.)

- 20. New Citizens. Problems as to what to do about citizenship. Responsibilities as a Citizen. What <sup>we</sup> must give, what one receives.
- 21. Problem of Livelihood. ~~the~~ By what means one earns one living. What contributions one can make through one's profession. Prayer for those who find living hard etc.
- 22. Problems of Family Life. How to maintain Chinese Culture for children in a foreign environment. Prayers for good family relationships. Methods of ~~seeing~~ solving problems etc.
- 23. G.A.A. Brief review of all that it has done. Thanksgiving for its past.
- 24. GAA Prayer for Future Policy and Direction Prayer for Executive Committee in its responsibilities.
- 25. Contributions that Ginling groups and Individuals can make to their communities in America, prayer that they may take their full share.
- 26. Prayer for your own Chapter, and for individuals known to you who are not members of any chapter. ,--~~it~~
- 27. Prayer for all members of Ginling family in other parts of world
- 28. Prayer for United Board. For the work it has undertaken, for its financial needs.

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Section VII. Present Realisation- Future Hope.

28<sup>1</sup> Hope that as <sup>we</sup> Pray together we may realise the ~~real~~- fact of our world Fellowship. Ginling has taken on a new form. If we are to live as true members of Ginling and of a world family, ~~must~~ seek to translate this spirit into fact. Must Pray for two things essential to making this spirit of world fellowship a fact.

29.30 Prayer for Unity of Church

31 Prayer for World Peace.

As I have said before these are only very tentative suggestions. If the general idea receives the consent of the Executive Committee, Miss Chester has said she would begin a more detailed scheme for Section I Our Common Heritage in Ginling, I thought I would just begin tentative work on Ginling in Mainland China, and if I have your approval, I thought perhaps Mrs Meyer might begin work on the Taiwan section. I am sure that Mrs New can help us in several of the section, whether she would prefer to ~~make~~ make the original draft, ~~or to~~ of one section, or to contribute suggestions and ideas for all through, I do not know. I know that at the moment she is working on the history of the first years of the GAA, anyway I shall be writing her.

All suggestions will of course be welcomed, and if the Executive Cte approves, they could perhaps nominate a small editorial committee to begin a more detailed planning.

I shall be in Boston Sept 18th-Oct 2nd, and later as well, and can consult with them then.

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c/o Miss Edith Haight,  
Overlook,  
Lake Junaluska,  
N.C.  
Aug 27th, 1959

Dear Mrs New and Shan-gu,

I am writing the first part of this letter to you jointly. I have recently had letters from both of you bearing on the same subject, and as some of what I have to say refers to you both, I thought I could save time by doing the first part in duplicate, then I can add a personal word at the end.

To Mrs New I have to say thank you for two letters, and two postcards, and an enclosure from Daisy Wu, which I am enclosing, and to Shan-gu one letter, and two copies of her own letters, which I am also returning.

The situation does indeed seem to be a rather distressing one, and it is ~~hard~~ to understand why people cannot take in more clearly what is said to them, I have long ago given up ~~people-t~~ expecting people to read what is sent them, or even given them, though it is most frustrating and annoying for those who send out the notices. But I quite see what Shan-gu means. and it is infuriating for those who have kept them supplied with information when they turn round and say "Why didn't we know?", when it is only their own silly faults that they didn't!

Mrs New enclosed two sheets from a Ginling Newsletter which she says deals with the Ginling revival idea, but as far as I can see they do not refer to the College, but only to the Middle School. I do know Harriet Meyer fairly well, , and I do not think she has anything to do with the idea of the middle school becoming a college. I had written to her after getting Mrs New's first letter of July 30th, and she answered me. The following are some quotations from her letter:— *but before the 2<sup>nd</sup> a Shan-gu*

*Quot*  
No- there had never been a mention or a whisper of talk of pushing the objective to a college. Swen Deh-fang and others in Taipei fought ~~and die~~ *bled* over that question in 1955-56, & I suppose occasionally Deh-fang echoes her original dreams because she is a persistent and irrepressible dreamer, but in the Washington alumnae group the question of middle school or college never came up. I missed one or two committees but at all I did attend, we ~~wrestled~~ *wrestled* with almost entirely with the problem of registering the committee in order to launch a drive for money."

*Quot*  
Of course, Harriet left Washington at the end of May, and is no longer on the committee, but she refers to a good friend of hers who has gone on to the ~~CC~~, a Mrs Lowry, a Mt Holyoke graduate, and she said "She stopped by with us for lunch last week (that would have been in mid-August) on her way to their summerplace in New Hampshire, and told me there is some material being circulated for criticism and approval on the Fund drive, a sort of brochure to be printed. Again she said nothing of any talk of the middle school growing into a college. "

So I think it is perfectly clear that ~~since~~ since the early days in 1955-56, Harriet Meyer knows nothing of any talk of a college, and that if there has been talk among the Washington group, ~~it~~ *it* looks as though it had been informally and not at any of the official meetings.

I am quite sure that Harriet Meyer has never supported the idea of it being a College, I think she was fairly close to Deh-fang, and did expect more enthusiasm for the idea of the ~~Midd~~ *Midd* Ginling Middle School

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than she found when she came over here, but that is an entirely different thing from wanting the middle school to become a College, and I am sure that she was never, at least not for the last three years, in favour of that.

(to whom Shan-gu refers

So it all remains rather a mystery from where the Mrs T.T.Ma from Taipei got her idea that we are all ready for the launching of a campaign for funds for a college. I do not think that the Washington group can have done anything officially to promote that idea, whatever they have done privately, but that does not really bind anyone.

I shared all your letters with Ruth Chester who was here at the time, we had already given the matter a little thought and prayer when others were here, among them Abigail Hoffsommer, who as you know works for the United Board.

as chairman

I had unfortunately, in spite of all the rest I have given it, another flare up in my leg a week ago. Fortunately Edith Haight's friend and my co-hostess is a doctor, and she had thoughtfully provided herself with penicillin, so I was able to get treatment at once, but I was in bed for three days, and resting pretty completely for two more, and I had some time for thought. As a result I talked the matter over with Ruth Chester, and she approved the idea of my writing simply as an individual to say that I had heard that there was this idea of trying to develop the Middle School into a college, and why I thought there was no hope of any adequate financial backing from the Ginling Group in this country. I did not have written such a letter to Swen Deh-fang, and have sent copies to other alumnae that I know, and whom I think are members of the Board of the Ginling Middle School, though I am not sure in every case. The ones I have sent copies to are Mrs Chao (Chang Siao-sung), Mrs Hu (Yang Ching-chang) Mrs Ma (Lan Chian-bih) and Tsu Siu ying as principal of the middle school. The only names I have mentioned are those of Miss Chester, and she saw the draft of the letter, and Mrs Meyer, and I simply said that when I had the suggestion I had asked her what she knew about it, and she said it had not been discussed in the Washington City while she was there. I said that I had not mention of the school becoming a college in any of the groups I had already visited, so that the matter had certainly not been given wide publicity. I said that for the raising of funds on such a scale paid help would be needed, and that they would spend most of their efforts paying for the help. I decided that it would be better to write first and tell you afterwards. I am not involved, cannot be, in the Ginling programme in America, and I simply wrote to them to tell them how as a long time friend of Ginling it looked to me. I also mentioned that the United Board was the legal body responsible for the Ginling funds, and that they had decided, and personally I agreed with them, that the right way to carry on the service of the United Boards in China was not to try and revive all thirteen colleges and universities but to establish one new Christian University. I did not say much about the name, I may be like Mrs Wu a little naive, but I do not quite see how if they insist upon going ahead without any financial support they can be prevented from using the name Ginling, though I should regret it as much as anyone, but after all there is no copyright on the name, so far as I know. Of course it won't do them any good as far as the legal position is concerned.

Since it was you two who had given me this information, I then I thought I owed it to you to tell you what I had done. But personally I would just as soon you did not tell anyone else. It was a purely private action taken without consulting anyone except Miss Chester, and I should prefer it remained so. I think as I go about the alumnae groups it is

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It was a purely private action taken without consulting anyone except Miss Chester, and personally I prefer that it should remain so, I think it is better as I got among the alumnae groups I should prefer it was not known. I am not in the least ashamed, but if I am to help in any way, it seems as though there is no point in knowing the action I have taken on such (apparently) controversial an issue. I shall, of course, express my opinion on the impossibility of the idea, and I will try to find out what the group in Washington are thinking. Of course it is quite possible that the Taiwan group will tell some people that it is O.K. I do not know that it will do any good at all, but since it seemed the only possible thing I could do to help the Taiwan group realise the financial situation, it seemed right to do it. I said I was dealing only with the financial aspect as it effected this country, that I did not know their plans etc, but that I thought surely they would be looking for their main financial support from here, and how I saw that situation.

During my time of lying fallow I had another idea, one which is concerned with something more creative I hope. I have written a letter to three members of the Executive Committee, and am also sending a copy to the two of you. This also I discussed fully with Ruth Chester, and also a little with Edith Haight.

I am hoping that when I go up to Boston in the latter part of September I shall be able to discuss the matter with them, and perhaps you could let either one of them, or me know what your re-action is. I leave here on Monday, and shall be two days en route. Sept 2-4th I am staying with :-

Miss Mildred Walker,  
4428, Volta Place N.W.  
Washington 7, D.C.

Sept 4-7 at the Y.W.---Strong  
Y.W. Hostel, Strong Residence,  
1011- 17th Street.N.W.  
Washington 6.

Sept 7-12 c/o Miss Mary Lamberton, 817, Columbia Avenue, Lancaster Pa.  
Sept 12-14 c/o Mrs Peter Kuo, 32, Dartmouth Road, cynwyd, Pa.  
Sept 14-15 c/o Dr Edith Williams, 90, Prospect Avenue, Hackensack.N.J  
Sept 15-18 c/o Dr Helen Downes, R.R.Nol, Box 161, Yorktown Heights, N.Y.  
Sept 18-Oct 2 c/o Mrs H.B.Whittington, 15 1/2 Shepard Street, Cambridge 38, Mass.

If there is anything you want to let me know about the Middle School College issue, you can let me know. The Washington group is have a meeting on Sunday Sept 6th, and the Philadelphia group on Saturday Sept 12th.

Dr Williams, my present doctor, suffers from a somewhat similia infection in the arm, and she says that so far as she can see it doesnt make much difference what you do or what your don't do. So I am going ahead with my original plans, most of these short journeys Miss Haight is taking me by car, and I shall try to keep my leg up as much as possible. I may be changing my plans for Ohio a little(Oct 20th-Nov 14th) but I cannot say about that yet.

I have put down the date of Nov 15th, and shall look forward to being with the New York group then.

With love and all good wishes,

*Yours  
Don Spencer*

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From Mrs. W.S. New  
September 10, 1959

Memoranda 1: in reply to Eva Spicer's first document on Ginling Fellowship Prayer Book as suggested fully in her note to the Executive Cte.(GAA) in Boston, Mrs. W. Lee and Mrs. W.S. New Aug.27,1959

Let this be my personal response and thoughts after 2nd and 3rd reading, Sept. 10, 1959

General Remark: My very first reading of Miss Spicer's full length note, brot me so much feeling, a mixture of laughter and tears.--laughter of joyful gratitude in seeing such an expression proclaimed by our prophetic Prof. of religion and philosophy, guiding all of us like strayed sheep for a decade, scattering everywhere the globe without a central and universal thought to direct us whose philosophy could not transcend the pinching pressure of security, survival and belonging. How it grieved me to be aware of this immediate existentialism, sometimes of negative cynicism, and individualism. I questioned: how long could the spirit of Ginling last in mere cloaks of materialism without the motivating force of spiritual creativity which challenged our founders, faculty and early Alumni and supporters. That spirit must not be overrun by weeds which do not belong there.

The presence of Eva Spicer and Ruth Chester at Lake Junaluska giving thought to our beloved Alma Mater and her immortality, wakes up up to follow their clarion call. In my heart, I responded wholeheartedly, theirs is a true voice, the same torch light that got its first lit from the very source of our Ginling Life, Faith of our Fathers in 'the Heavenly Father of Mankind'. This is our Father's world -- how could Ginling ever exist outside of that realm, and behave sometimes like infidels?

Tears of doubts and fear, whether this call of Eva Spicer, so sincere and noble, will receive consent from so wide and extensive areas of Ginling representation. In local chapters, there are signs of indifference, superficial understanding of what GAA stands for, limited scope of concepts about the role of citizenship, not to speak of their care for the perpetuation of Ginling spirit. Can we expect them to cooperate and not to disappoint our leaders? Could we rid ourselves of petty thoughts, unhappy complaints about some of the misunderstandings or over-aggressiveness or apathy of individual members in the past and start a new look into the future of "Life Abundant" including and heightening its spiritual longevity despite the realism of our being deprived of a campus, and no more addition of graduating classes?

It seems that this Ginling Fellowship Handbook can be instrumental in bringing into focus all lines of our communications with all of our sister Alumni, all of our former faculty and students, all of our former sponsors, board members and institutions which made our Alma Mater possible and gave her life on this earth. Our next period is one of interpretation, of insight and of creativity, opportunities for our talented daughters to express and witness their findings in the "life abundant" so lived. We cannot limit our selves to Ginling only, because our lives are molded by multitudinous factors, however, we can use this prayer book to enlarge, deepen and heighten our spiritual 'self', by looking into the mirror that reflects us in the broad daylight of faith, hope and love.

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To:

Mrs. Hsien Wu, and Executive Cte. of GAA

I would like to propose to the Executive Cte of GAA and President Daisy Yen Wu to call a special meeting to consider the importance of this proposal from Miss Ruth Chester, Miss Spicer, giving them support and suggestion and promise of how we should all cooperate with them; not to dump to a few who are willing, but to rally as ~~xx~~ many groups as possible, seeking local editors, too, in doing their own local group pages on their own spiritual thinking, so to make it a real Fellowship Handbook.

Could this meeting be called before Miss Spicer leaves U.S.A.? Could her trip back also be postponed until we have given time fully, not in too hasty a way so that eventually there will be better responses, and more willing spirit on this part of U.S. Group which (now matter how) ~~We~~ are in a stronger position than the others.

I would plea that we in U.S.A. give stronger support in a real sense and be responsible for what we promise to do.

The younger members should also be representatives, and become more effective. Just depend upon a few older generation means lack of freshness and vitality. There is a tendency of leaning upon the older generation which is very backward thinking as far as Fellowship is concerned.

I want to raise a question on the concept "prayer"-- We Protestants and Catholics -- in the Christian discipleship accept the ~~xxxx~~ terms very easily, tho in many definitions and feelings too. But we also have a non-christian group and a few professed humanists, tho graduated from Christian institutions would not accept the missionary concept of Prayer -- in evangelistic way, their prejudice has already been formed -- yet they are also our influential alumni, I know quite a ~~few~~ few of them. They are very effective in their profession, and their scientific contribution, but their emotional makeup and their search for realities and dynamism do not go along they way of Christian Prayer form. We do not want to lose them, in what way, could we effect a work ~~that~~ that means the same to both Christians and non-Christians -- the humanists, scientists, existentialists, cynics, opportunists. Don't we want to include them and hope that this fellowship book will also cultivate and orient their valuable meditation towards the general basis spiritual longings especially for our nation to be free from human bondage, towards World Peace and human unity?

Some of them may have even a stronger feeling than us so-called superficial Christians, because by their deeds I saw the authenticity of their care for the living spirit of truth, goodness and beauty. They are also the salt of their community, the activitating force of their good works, and the strength of GAA. There should be some discussion of the word "Prayer" and its connotation to ~~xxxx~~ those people. I wish to hear some reaction on my question. For me, who is born to that heritage, and I choose to follow that religion all my life, it may be easier and there is no qualm about acceptance, but for them who are not of that religious background but from humanism, will they accept and contribute to the book as well? ~~xxx~~ I do want them to have a share in writing of their philosophy on Peace, on Truth, and on World Unity be it world government or world faith.

There will be questions on Fund, structure and mechanics which will be disussed by those more skillful than us oldtimers. I am the least equipped to do so.

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c/o Miss Mary Lamberton,  
817, Columbia Avenue,  
Lancaster, Pa.  
Sept 11th, 1959

To Mrs Hsien Wu,  
President GAA  
Mrs Shui-ying Hsu  
Newsletter Editor GAA  
Mrs H.B. Whittington,  
Recording Secretary GAA  
Mrs Wellington Lee,  
Chairman, New York Chapter  
Mrs W.S. New  
Senior Alumnae in the States  
Miss Ruth Chester.  
Co-sponsor of Fellowship Handbook.

Dear Friends,

Since I wrote to you on August 27th, I have had a letter with a ~~memoran~~ memorandum from Mrs New, which I understand she has sent to you also, and also a letter from Mrs Whittington saying that the ones in Boston to whom I have written give the idea their general approval, but that any discussion of details is being left until I get there at the end of next week.

Mrs New's letter~~and~~ and memorandum go into considerably more detail, and I wish to make some comments on her suggestions, so that if possible we can know more of her thinking during my stay in Cambridge and the Boston area.

Comments on Mrs New's memorandum on the Proposals Miss Chester and I made for a Ginling Fellowship Handbook.

I would like first to say how grateful I am for the appreciation that Mrs New expresses of the idea of a Ginling Fellowship Handbook, and I hope under God that it will be enabled to do something of what she hopes for it.

Procedure.

Personally I think that the procedure she suggests, though admirable from many points of view and frankly more democratic than what I am going to suggest, is rather too long, and involves more meetings than are easily possible.

As I have been round to several of the Ginling groups (Princeton, Newhaven, Los Angeles, Chicago & Washington) I have the feeling that meetings are pretty hard to hold, and that to hold meetings for the discussion of a project, which they might not fully understand, would not be easy, and might defeat the very purpose that ~~I have in mind in~~ we have in mind, that of deepening and making more real the Ginling fellowship without always resorting to meetings.

I believe that this first edition of the Ginling Fellowship Handbook had perhaps better be the work of a relatively small group of the more interested, who would try to get it out fairly quickly, consulting as many people as is conveniently possible, but not necessarily asking all the Local Chapters to meet and discuss it, but leaving that to their own wish in the matter.

Then when it has been prepared, printed and distributed, groups could use it as seemed best at their Group meetings, and if they so wished meet to discuss it when it had been in use for some time, and suggest revisions for later editions. ~~Then they would be discussing something that they had in their hands,~~ and which some of them, at least, would have used.

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In order to achieve this I would suggest:-

1. That the Boston members of the GAA Executive Committee meet while I am there, and that Mrs New, as the Senior Alumnae ( if it is possible for her) and I attend in an Advisory Capacity.
2. That ~~at~~ at the meeting the following actions might be taken:-
  - a. General approval be given to the idea of the Fellowship Handbook, without it necessarily coming out officially as their work.
  - b. An Editorial Committee be appointed, and given freedom to go ahead.
  - c. That the outline drawn up by Miss Chester and myself be discussed in general, and recommendations as to additions, alterations, order etc be handed on to the Editorial Committee for their consideration.
  - d. That the names of people be suggested for the consideration of the Editorial Committee who might be suitable to prepare preliminary drafts of different sections of the Handbook.
  - e. That a letter be drafted to be sent to the President, Secretaries & Treasurers of the Local Chapters, outlining the project of a Ginling Fellowship Handbook, and asking them for their re-actions, possibly a brief questionnaire could be prepared and sent to them to fill out and return.
  - f. That consideration be given to the contents of a Preface to the Handbook suggesting that it can be used either in the attitude of meditation- in remembrance of the past, sympathetic projection into the conditions of the present, and a forward look into the future, or as basis for prayer in the Name and Spirit of Christ , depending upon the individual's belief and attitude.

I think that such a preface could be made to meet the questions that Mrs New so rightly raises in view of the fact that some of the members of the GAA are not Christians in their personal faith.

I am inclined to think that just because of that it might be ~~just~~ as well if the Preface were to be signed by ~~just~~ a few individuals, who would say that while the Executive Committee( or such members of it as were easily available) had given the idea its general approval, the initiative and general carrying through had been the responsibility of a few individuals, who hoped in this way to deepen and carry on something of the spirit of the Founders of Ginling under the new conditions that face us to-day. For although many of the members of the GAA are not Christian, they did all come(voluntarily) to a Christian College; the founders of that College were most definitely Christian, and therefore it seems to me that if it is individuals who are carrying out the project it is natural that they should do it as Christians in the spirit of the Founders. If prayers and Bible passages are included, they can or cannot be used by the individual users of the Handbook, and after all the using of it at all is entirely voluntary.

#### Raising of Funds.

Miss Chester has made some enquiries, and it looks as though it ought not cost more than about \$ 150.00 dollars, (though this is very approximate). I believe that it would be possible to raise this by private subscription, and I would suggest that it be done this way, so as to emphasize the fact that the GAA is not in any way officially involved.

Question for Discussion. I think the question should be discussed as to whether the draft letter(see suggestion 2 e) and possibly questionnaire — should be sent only to the Local Chapters Officials in this country, or whether such letters should also go to representative alumnae in other parts eg Taiwan, Hong Kong, I think there is a good deal to be said on both sides.

I fully realise that these are only personal suggestions, but if they met with the approval of most of you, it might be possible to go ahead a little during the time I am in Boston. I take it that a full meeting of the Executive Committee, which Mrs New suggests, would mean trying to get as many of the Presidents of the Local Chapters as possible, which would almost certainly take some time, even if it were possible for them to come at all at this very busy time of the year. What I am suggesting is something rather less ambitious than that, but not as fully correct.

However, if those of you who are not resident in the Boston area could send me your re-~~actions~~ reactions to my suggestions, it would mean that if ~~there~~ most of you ~~the~~ did approve, I could discuss the matter with the Boston members of the GAA Executive Committee, and possibly we could begin to take action.

I am going to be in the Boston area from Sept 18th to Oct 2nd staying with Mrs H.B. Whittington at:-

15 1/2 Shepard Street,  
Cambridge, Mass,

so if you could write to me there as soon as possible, we should be able to talk things over. I am going away elsewhere in New England for the next few days, but I shall be back with Mrs Whittington in Cambridge at least from Oct 12-14, and possibly a little longer, in which case it would be before Oct 12, not afterwards.

Mrs New very kindly makes the suggestion that I might, if necessary, stay on. I am booked at the moment to sail in the Queen Elizabeth sailing from New York on Dec 2nd. If anything very vital were to be gained I might possibly, though I do not wish to do so, postpone my sailing until the next boat of the Cunard line, which goes, I think, December 10th. But I could not possibly postpone it any longer. I must be back for a variety of reasons with my family before Christmas. I do not think that this very brief postponement, especially at that time of the year, would accomplish very much, so I do not think it is a necessary question to discuss, but since Mrs New raised the matter, I thought I would just say that much.

Owing the fact that I had another flare up in my leg on Aug 20th, even after a a long period of very restful living at Junaluska, ~~but~~ <sup>it had</sup> decided to restrict my speaking engagements in Ohio in the fall, though I am still planning to go out there for a short time. But I shall probably arrive in New York for the last weeks of my stay on Nov 9th rather than Nov 14th.

<sup>from there</sup>  
Hoping to hear of you who do not live in the Boston area fairly soon,

Yours with every good wish,  
Yours very sincerely,

*Edw D. Speer*

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529 Highland Ave.  
Greensboro, N.C.  
Sept. 16, 1959.

To the Boston members of the executive committee of GAA  
✓ To Mrs. New  
To Mrs. Wellington Lee.

Dear Friends:

Miss Spicer has sent me Mrs. New's comments on the idea of a Circling Fellowship handbook and I am glad to know that the general idea seems to be favorably looked upon by several of you.

As I think you have all seen Mrs. New's suggestions, I will save time by commenting on them directly. I am not clear just how large the executive committee is nor how difficult it is to get them together. If it can be done easily of course it would be very helpful, but I suspect it is not really feasible. Since we are not thinking necessarily of an official thing, it can be done without formal action, if enough of you approve of it to make it seem worth doing.

I am not sure just what Mrs. New means by "local editors" nor how much she was thinking of asking them to do. But I think it will be difficult to make really clear to very many people what sort of thing we have in mind, and if too many work on it there will be no unity about it and we won't be able to fit it together. I believe it would be better if some consultation with a wider group is desired, just to ask people to send in any suggestions they have, and then we can incorporate those that fit into the general scheme.

I think the question Mrs. New raises about "prayer" is an important one. While I think it is right to make it definitely a prayer fellowship for those who can enter into it that way - and this is one of the important reasons for considering it as a private venture - we also want others to share in it to whatever degree they can. I think what is needed is a very carefully thought out preface which would point out the value of a prayer handbook, but frankly recognize that not everyone will see it that way, and suggest other ways of using it. This will need real thought, but I think it can be done.

Miss Spicer's suggestions about procedure seem to me good and quite practical, at any rate as a beginning, and we can modify it later if it seems best.

I am sorry I am so far away from you all, but I am interested and willing to help in any way I can from this distance.

Since you are all good friends I will add a little personal word to say that I am nicely settled here, and classes begin tomorrow. It seems good to be in a college again and I think I am going to enjoy this year very much.

With best wishes to you all, Sincerely,

*Walter M. O'Keefe*

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529 Highland Ave.  
Greensboro, N.C.  
Sept. 16, 1959.

Dear Y. T.:

Indeed I'm very happy to be back  
journal in addressing each other.

I'm so sorry you have been feeling  
so poorly & hope the cooler weather  
may help you to progress more  
rapidly. I hope you will gradually  
feel settled in your mind whether to  
return to Charentais, or stay in the East.  
I find I must live a few months at a  
time & not try to decide everything at  
once!

With love,  
Dull.

To Mrs W.S.New,  
Mrs Wellington Lee.  
Miss Ruth Chester.

c/o Mrs H.B.Whittington,  
15½ Sheppard Street,  
Cambridge 38, Mass.  
Sept 29th, 1959

Dear Friends,

Since I have heard from all of you on the Ginling Fellowship Handbook, and owe you all letters. I thought I would write one letter to you together, and then add the necessary personal words separately.

I got to Boston, or rather Cambridge, on Friday Sept 18th, and on Saturday Sept 19th Dorothy Whittington and I had dinner (very good Chinese food) with Daisy Hsien Wu and Hu Siu Ying, Mrs Robert Yaan (Chen I) was also there, and Clara Chao had been expected, but because of her work could not come.

After dinner we spent the rest of the time discussing the Handbook project. They were willing to give their approval to my going ahead with it, and the letter that is being sent out to the Chairmen of the Local Chapters, and some individuals, is being signed by me, but having a brief introductory word of commendation signed by Mrs Hsien Wu.

They approved the appointment of a small editorial Committee, which would have power to co-opt the ones appointed at the moment were myself, to act as Chairman as long as I was in this country, Miss Chester, and if she consents Mrs Meyer, I have not yet written to her. Several Chinese names were mentioned, but it was thought that probably they could help better in the matter of preparing material.

The following people were suggested for preparing material.

Section I Our Common Heritage in Ginling Miss Chester (already approached)

Section II Ginling Friends in Mainland China Miss Spicer

Section III Taiwan Mrs Meyer (not yet approached)

Section IV Hong Kong & the Far East Mrs Whittington was taking notes,

and does not seem to have made a note of the name suggested, but possibly Miss Chester might consider it, as she has been fairly recently in Hong Kong.

Section V. Malaya, Singapore and Far East. Same as for Hong Kong, I might begin on it, and Miss Chester might revise it, or others be asked.

Section VI Ginling in North America

Days 20-22. Mrs P.T. Sie (Wei Djen-dji). I shall hope to see her in Hartford and talk the matter over with her.

23-28 At anyrate the part connected with work and activities of GAA Mrs W.S. New. This letter is part of the approaching, and I will write a personal letter as well.

Day 28. United Board. Miss Abigail Hoffsommer.

Section VII Present Realisation and Future Hope. To be left for the future. Will depend rather upon how the rest takes shape.

Mrs Liu's name (Wen Tung-geng) was mentioned as being highly suitable to prepare material, but it was agreed that she was too busy to be asked to take sole responsibility, after some of the material had been prepared, might be submitted to her for suggestion.

It was the general feeling that not too many people should be asked to work on it in this initial stage. The Boston members of the Executive Committee also approved the preparation of a draft letter to be sent to all

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President Chairman of Local Chapters, together with the proposed outline of the Handbook, and a brief questionnaire, which the Chairmen should be asked to answer on the basis of collected opinions and send in to me.

This letter was prepared and presented for criticism and approval to the meeting of the Boston Chapter on Sunday Sept 27th. Of course ~~the~~ it is not the responsibility of the whole Boston Chapter, but those members who are also members of the GAA Executive Committee, but it was easier to present it to the whole group, after I had spoken about the idea, and the draft prepared was approved. We are getting copies of that mimeographed, also the outline and questionnaire. I am hoping to write a brief personal word to all the local Chairmen, asking them to take it really seriously. We are sending them extra copies, which they can send round to the members they think are most likely to have helpful ideas, and we suggest, as you will see, that they can perhaps contact them by telephone. I shall also send the letter and outline to various individuals.

~~As-dar~~ There was some discussion on the matter of contribution, and it was felt that the Chapters should ~~give~~ be given a chance to make a contribution of money to the cost, so we have asked them to say approximately how much they might give, but not to send it yet.

I shall not send this off to you until we can also enclose the mimeographed material, so I think you will really be pretty well up to date. I am leaving for New Hampshire on Friday, and I am not sure whether the material will have arrived before that or not. If it hasn't I will send this off anyway, and ask Dorothy to send the other on to you.

I shall be just two nights with Rebecca in New Hampshire, and shall then be staying with Alpha Beatrice Buse in Vermont, and also with friends of my niece's, but shall be back here from Oct 12-14th, and then go for two nights to Emily Case Mills, and from Oct 16-24th with Mrs Paul Meyer, (Harriet Cogswell) Tolland Green, Tolland, Conn. I go to Cleveland (D.V. and leg permitting) on Oct 24th, but I shall only be one week-end in Cleveland with Helen Smith, and then from Oct 26th to Nov 7th I shall be based on Dayton, and staying with Loh Zung-nyi. The week-end of Nov 7-9 I shall be in Cynwyd (Philadelphia) with Nancy Kuo, and then go back to New York, central abiding place c/o Bates.

I think this will give you the main items in action up to date, I think any suggestions of names to be added to people already asked & to editorial Committee is all in place, and nothing was final, just a shove off.

With all good wishes,  
Yours

*Wm D. Shiver*

*P.S. I am doing this because of your letter just received*

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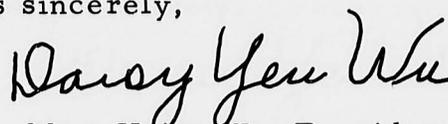
To Chairmen of Local Chapters,  
Ginling Association in America.

Dear Friends:

I am writing this brief introduction to a letter from Miss Spicer, laying before you a plan to which she and Miss Chester have given some thought. It does not seem possible to call an extra meeting of the full Executive Committee of the GAA, but the Boston members have met and discussed the plan, and given it their approval and sympathy. I should be grateful if you would send in your reactions to Miss Spicer as soon as possible.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Hsien Wu, President, GAA.

Dear Friends:

Since I have been in this country I have enjoyed to the full the fellowship of Ginling, with individuals, and in groups. I have already met with groups at Princeton, New Haven, Los Angeles, Chicago, Washington and Boston, and I hope to meet with those in Philadelphia and New York.

No one can doubt the very real fellowship that continues between us, and I am sure that the GAA has done much during its first ten years to help people become acclimatized and happy in their new surroundings. We also now have a worthy object of our joint endeavors in the Ginling Middle School in Taiwan, which will need all the help we can give now and in the future.

But it is also clear that many members are finding it increasingly hard to find time for many meetings or activities connected with GAA. They are becoming increasingly absorbed in the life of their families, professions, communities and Churches, especially perhaps the younger members. And this is as it should be; we should rejoice that the daughters of Ginling are making worth-while contributions in many fields.

It is also true that our Association is different from most other College associations. There is no continuing flow of new members from yearly graduating classes to keep our membership steady, if not increasing, and equally balanced between old, middle-aged and young. It is inevitable, and I think it is wise to face it before it really begins to happen, that our membership will gradually grow older and smaller.

But we do have certain assets. We have a heritage of real value from the past, which we should be seeking to live out in the present. We have also become, through the events of history, an almost world-wide fellowship; and if we

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can make this fact a reality to ourselves in our thinking and living, we can perhaps make a real contribution to world peace. These assets can be made truly available, it seems to me, only through the activity of prayer or meditation. This is possible for all of us, whether as individuals or groups, and can deepen and strengthen our fellowship, without a multiplication of meetings.

Miss Chester and I spent some weeks together this summer, and as we talked the matter over, it seemed that it would help us in this activity of prayer or meditation, if we could prepare and use a Ginling Fellowship Handbook with a special topic for each day of the month. Thus we could keep in touch with one another in the many different situations and places in which we live; seek to enter sympathetically into the problems facing others, and enlarge our own understanding of the complex world in which we live.

The preparation of such a Handbook has met with the general approval of the Boston members of the Executive Committee and of one or two others who have been approached by letter. A small editorial board has been appointed to start work as soon as possible (I am acting as chairman as long as I am in this country), and the names of people have been suggested who might help prepare the material, and one or two have started thinking.

Before going any further we are now writing to the Chairmen of the local chapters to ask for their re-actions. Enclosed with this letter, you will find a brief outline of the proposed Handbook, and a questionnaire which I will be grateful if you will answer and return to me as soon as possible. I know it will probably not be possible for you to hold a chapter meeting for discussion, though if you could have even a small group meet, it would be good. But I am enclosing extra copies of the letter and outline which you can send to others who might be particularly interested, and then perhaps telephone them later to find out what they think.

Since this has been initiated privately, we think that no official funds should be used to print the Handbook, and we hope we can collect enough money from those interested. If you or any of your group would be willing to give something towards it, we should be glad if you would so indicate on the questionnaire. As yet we have no estimate on cost, but we think \$200 might cover it. Perhaps the local chapters could contribute approximately half; then I think the rest could be collected from individual faculty members. If the Handbook proves to be of value, we might in a year or two have a revised edition and a definite subscription. It is our hope this time to print about 500 copies to be sent to all Ginling friends who are free to receive it in this country and elsewhere.

Until October 23, replies can be sent to me in care of Mrs. Paul Meyer, Tolland Green, Tolland, Conn., and up to Nov. 6, in care of Miss Z. N. Loh, Apt. 64, 255 North Main St., Dayton 2, Ohio. For either address, please mark "To await arrival".

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Yours sincerely,

*Eva D. Spicer*  
Eva D. Spicer



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Abstract from Miss Spicer's letter of Oct. 16, 1959 to Mrs. S.J. Mills  
to Mrs. Wu. Route 2, 69, Pine Crest Road  
Orange, Conn.

If you feel that the matter can be reconsidered at the next meeting of the Boston Chapter (and indeed I do not quite know when it has been discussed by the Boston Chapter as such), I would like to suggest when it has been given consideration be given to the following suggestions:

1. That the interest on the sum on deposit for six months be sent as soon as possible.
2. That those responsible for the Middle School in Taiwan (Board of Governors and Principal) be written to and their opinion asked as to their greatest needs in light of the present situation after typhoon damage etc.
3. That if their reply is in general satisfactory and business like that a sum up to, but not more than \$ 15,000 be sent to them either at once, if the Boston Chapter feel they are competent to act, or as soon as the suggestion has been ratified by the bi-annual meeting of the GAA in Spring, 1960.
4. That the remainder of the sum collected (which would be about \$ 7000) be invested, and the interest sent out regularly to the Middle School, either once a year or every six months. It seems to me that the use of this sum, which will not be very large should be left to the people on the spot, but made - if rather more control from this end is desired, suggestions should be made and a report asked for. But in the last resort it is extremely difficult to control the use of money at this end.
5. That in some suitable place in the school a plaque be placed commemorating the aid given to the school in memory of Mrs. Thurston.
6. That any changes recommended in the use of the money, which may be made at a meeting of the Boston Chapter be mimeographed and sent out to the membership of the GAA with a slip attached asking them to vote in favour or against the recommendations now made. If there is a large majority in favour, I think perhaps you might take action before the bi-annual meeting of the GAA Next Spring, but if not you will have material before you that can be discussed at that meeting.

Find some person in Taiwan known to us who could perhaps take some responsibility for seeing that the money is spent in the way it is intended that it should be sent. It is desirable that Boston Chapter should be in direct contact with the responsible people in Taiwan, and find out what their thinking on their needs is. Circulate these different recommendations from News letter No. 18 summer, 1959. To make for good feeling we should be in touch with them, and know what they are thinking, but making it very clear that all the funds were raised for the Middle school, and being sure that letters go not only to the Chairman of the Board, but to other responsible people as well. Dr. Djang might be written to in a special way.

Take into account opinion in Taiwan, and feeling here.  
The present recommendation is hardly fair to the immediate needs of the Middle School.

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Letter from Mrs Lucy Lin (sen Tung-geng 1940). Oct 17th, 1959

Dear Miss Spicer,

I have read through your letters, the general one several times and have come to thoughts quite different from that which I had when I first read them the day I got them. At that time my thought was: What's the use, so many Ginqingers don't pray or even meditate. But now I think it can be done. My suggestion is to use this as the theme for our bi-annual reunion next Spring and that both you & Dr Chester should attend & make this thing come alive. Somehow it brings back to one's mind the "old Ginqing spirit". I think many of us miss it. It will be a very comforting thing to have something to base on when we think and pray, especially something that is bigger than oneself and one's own family or one's career. But without someone making it alive & presenting it in a meaningful & inspiring way, why this thing won't work.

Now let's come to the content. I think it covers an awful lot, but I would not want to ~~leave~~ cut any section out. Maybe if we give each section a little more time, say a week each, and 2 weeks for the Ginqingers in North America and the Western World (since that is of more personal concern & there are more of us here), the first ~~day~~ and the last days for a summary review and meditation on that section as a whole - as introduction and conclusion after we have prayed and meditated on it in a more detailed way. It might be monotonous to just routinely go through the thing following the calendar of the year.

Another question that I want to raise is that I miss the prayers or action in almost all parts. It seems to me that the triangle of God-fellowmen & self is not balanced. I always have that feeling whenever I hear a prayer for people of other lands, for instance, as if I could just bring them up to God & leave them there. Somehow I like to put in a theme for meditation on what God wants me to do in relation to them with what resources He~~d~~ had given me to make use of. This is only my personal feelings. What do you think?

I also think there should be some descriptions of each different location, maybe by the group of that locality, their situations - good and bad, problems, undertakings (successful and hoped for results)

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(successful and hoped for results etc) and what they want the others to meditate on especially (and this may change from time to time) so that the others will have something intelligible to meditate on. Will we have time to write to ask the people in Formosa, Hongkong, South East Asia etc for theirs?. Then also the group from the west coast and east coast here as well as England will write theirs too?. We don't want to make it long, but on 4 or two paragraphs for each <sup>with</sup> district, say, will be a great help. What do you think?. In this <sup>with</sup> handbook will really be Ginzingers, for so many will participate.

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Miss A.M. Loh,  
Apt 54, 255, N. Main Street,  
Dayton 2, Ohio.  
Oct 27, 1959.

Dear Tung-geng,

Thank you very much indeed for your very thoughtful and helpful letter of Oct 17th, which was posted, I think, a little later than that. I appreciate very much all the thought you have put into the matter, and I will answer or suggest an answer to some of the questions you raise.

1. Using it as a theme for the Bi-annual re-union, and my stopping over.

I think it might very well be used as a theme for that re-union, and I will make the suggestion, which is all that I can do, but I am afraid it is not possible for me to stop over for that. I have already lived the life of a visitor for ~~about~~ six months, and by the time I leave it will be about seven, I have enjoyed it immensely and no one could have been kinder than my various hostesses and hosts, but I <sup>am</sup> beginning to be ready to get home and settle down to a more regular way of life, and find some regular work to do. Also my family is expecting me, and I have not only a desire to see them, but a sense of obligation too. It is true that the currency restrictions have been removed, and I could get more money out from home, but ~~money goes~~ English money goes very little way in the States, because of the rage of the exchange, and I have already spent quite as much as I think I should on this trip, so that I am afraid that is not a possibility.

I do not know whether at that time of year Miss Chester would be able to come, it is certainly worth asking her, and I think Mrs Meyer, who is living very near Boston at Tolland Green, Tolland would be able to help you, and you yourself and others. I have already spoken a little about it to the Boston group, and I shall have a chance to speak to the group at Philadelphia and New York in November, and I hope that all that will help. But what will help most will be if a small group who really believe in it, and see what it might mean, will put themselves behind it in prayer.

2. Suggestion of lengthening the Sections.

I think there is a good deal in what you say, and some sections might with profit be longer, but there is one objection to that, a purely practical one, and that is that if it is much longer it will be twice as expensive, and I think this time we have to take the cost factor into the matter. If it goes well we might be able to enlarge if we do ever get out a second edition. If we made it the length you suggest it would come to 36 days, instead of 31. ~~On the other~~ I do not know whether you have ever used a Prayer Handbook which ~~follows~~ follows a monthly sequence, I do not really think it is too monotonous to follow the same topics once a month. They do not come round too often, and yet you get a certain sense of familiarity. But there is nothing sacred about the present division, and it might be that we should enlarge some of the sections. I am sending your suggestions on to those people who are working on the various sections, and if it seems desirable to expand some without shortening others, there is no reason why it cannot be done. But I do think, if possible the ~~sections~~ topics should be worked out so that they fit into a year, and that each person is praying for the same topic on the same day. I think we want to try to get that feeling that we are doing this "together", wherever we are.

3. Prayers for Actions.

I absolutely agree with this point, and I think we certainly should include that point. I think possibly I had been thinking of that a little in No 4 under General Form, but I certainly had not put it that way. It may at times seem hard to think of things we can do, but I think there is always something, however, small, even if it is only a change in our own attitude. Thank you very much for bringing out this point so clearly.

4. Description of Each Location.

I entirely agree with you on the need for this, and thought that I had covered the necessity for it in Point 2 under General Form. I realise that I only said some sections, but I had in mind that we should need such a paragraph or information in Sections 2,3,4, 5 and 6, possibly more than in Section VI. With regard to writing to people, I am hoping to get off letters to one or two people in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaya, and ask them to send in suggestions, I am not sure that we can go further afield than this, but I will see if I can get any addresses of people in the Philippines etc.

Could you or anybody else to whom I send a copy of this letter give me as soon as possible the addresses of any Chinese person living in the Far East, or indeed anywhere, whom you think would give really thoughtful consideration to this matter. The people I thought of writing to myself were Liu Bao-yin, Liu Bao-ying(1928) who is working in Malaya, Ma Shui-shia, who is in Singapore, and Lu Chin-wai (that is not her married name) who is in Hong Kong. I know I should have written before this.

With regard to the people in this country, we have organised it mainly on the basis of areas of life ( say 20- 22) rather than on geographical areas, as we thought that there was not perhaps enough difference in the different localities to make it significant, in the same way as situations differ so much between Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and other areas of the Far East. I am not certain that this part is very satisfactory, and if you have any suggestions as to how to improve Section VI that would be excellent. I have asked Mrs P.T.Sie (Georgiana Sie) to work on Days 20-22, and if you could get in touch with her that would be excellent. You do not live so very far apart (Newhaven and Hartford) and if you could meet and talk things over that would be excellent. I have asked Mrs New to begin working on Sections 23-24, 25-26. I don't quite know how we can organise Day 28, it is really up to each chapter to get out a little statement, and just mineograph it for their own group. Further thought will have to be given to this. There are so few in England, I only at the moment can think of two, but there may be more, and one that I know of in Vienna, so that I hardly think it is worth having very such information about them. But as I say I know this section needs more thought, and possibly a good deal of change.

I am sending copies of your letter, and copies of my reply to the following people:- Miss Chester, who is working on Section I, and giving a little thought to one or two other sections. Mrs P.T.Sie, who is working on Days 20-22 (Hartford Theological Seminary) Mrs Paul Meyer, Tolland Green, Tolland, Conn, who is working on Section III (I think she may be writing to people in Taiwan. Mrs P.T.New whom I have asked to work on Days 23-26, and possibly some others.

I have received the following suggestions. From Chicago via Alice Sih-yun Gan Sei, who has been in touch with 3 members of the Chapter. "We would like to suggest that Item 9, (Part II) and first part of Item 10 (Section III) be omitted altogether. It would displease either side to imply recognition of the other. We would be wise to maintain an impartial attitude, politically, and to keep our position as an educational and social organisation. From Washington. "Can you somehow make a note for us to have a special prayer on our Founders Day and Mrs Thurston's birthday"? Via Mrs F.L.Huang. *Dju Mei-sai* I have heard in some way or other from all Chapters except Los Angeles and Philadelphia, but I shall be seeing Philadelphia (NY and leg permitting) on Nov 8th. Washington has made a definite offer of \$ 20.00 dollars, Chicago says they will discuss it at their Founders' Day meeting, as will also Princeton.

This last part is really in the nature of a brief report to the people who are working on it, so I haven't included the last items.

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c/o Min g. W. Loh, [17]  
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Apt 64, 255, W. Main St,  
Dayton 2, Ohio  
Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1959

Dear Mrs T,

Thank you very much for your letter of Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. I was glad to hear that you had got the various materials I sent you.

I do not know whether it was you who was responsible for sending me copies of 4 of the United Board Prayer Handbooks - if so I am most grateful.

I have had a very interesting letter from Lucy Lin (Wen Tung Yang) to whom I wrote rather specially - as her name had been suggested by several people as one who could help. She did <sup>not</sup> feel in view of her very heavy commitments that she could undertake initial work - but I think she will be glad to help in making suggestions - & she has already

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given the matter much thought.  
I enclose a copy of her letter,  
& also a copy of my answer which  
also gives some report on other  
or actions.

I do not think you have told  
me whether you would be willing  
to do initial work on Days 23-25 -  
at least, but I hope you feel you  
can do so.

I arrived here on Sunday evening,  
after just one night with Helen in Cleveland -  
as she had to be in Cincinnati by Monday  
at 3pm - so it was better to break  
the journey at Dayton for her & it  
suited me well to settle down here earlier.  
I have not had a heavy speaking  
schedule - so shall be able to get a lot  
of my other things done.

I have had a letter from Dying Xiao-sung  
in answer to mine - when I sent her a copy  
of my letter to Sven Deh-fang, & he  
advised me that there is no more a  
foot to start a college.

I hope we are feeling better & more  
rested. I look forward to seeing you in  
New York. Please remember me to Grace.  
With all good wishes  
Yrs affectionately  
Ron Speer.

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Tsinan Road, Sec. II  
Taipei, Taiwan  
Nov. 23, 1959

Dear Mrs. Lee:

We haven't seen one another for a quite long time. How have you been? We wish you could enjoy a prosperous life in the coming years.

So happy we were to hear of that you have been elected as the chairman of Ginling Alumnae Association in New York Chapter. We extend our warm congratulations to you wishing your success in carrying out this job.

The working members of Ginling Alumnae Association on Taiwan has also been changed for the year 1959-1960. The whole group includes seven members with their names shown as below:

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| President-----                          | Mrs. Suh Siao Chen     |
| Vice president & English secretary----- | Mrs. Hwei-lin Loo Siao |
| Chinese secretary-----                  | Mrs. Chen Tsao Chow    |
| Treasurer-----                          | Mrs. Y. Y. Yang Cgiang |
|   | Mrs. Grace King Wang   |
|   | Mrs. C. Y. Chao Chow   |
|   | Mrs. Siao-hwa Lin Liu  |

On last Aug. 16, we, Ginling Alumnae, had a general meeting. This meeting was not entirely business like. Before discussions began, we held a tea party with some guests joined in. Perhaps, you would like to know who those guests were. One was Miss Jane Young, the consul of American Embassy. She is an alumna of Smith College. She has been chosen as a board member of Ginling Middle School and she has always showed great interest in helping us to carry out the project. The other guest was Mr. Sin-yeh Ma, whose wife, Tsu-wen Koo Ma, is one of our Ginling sisters. Mr. Ma has been assigned as the Chinese ambassador to Panama. He, accompanied by his wife, took the post there at the end of that month.

Following the tea party we made several discussions on business. One of the resolutions we adopted was that the Ginling Alumnae Association on Taiwan should send a banner of purple color, bearing the Alma Mater Motto "厚生", to those alumnae associations scattered on the different parts of the world. The banner is given merely as a remembrance of us.

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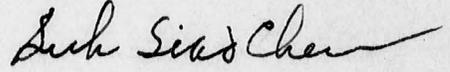


We had those banners prepared already and they were put into mail on Nov. 14. We should report this earlier to you, but it was postponed because your address was just received lately. Anyway, we wish the banner could reach your place before Christmas.

With our best wishes, we are

Sincerely yours

Ginling Alumnae on Taiwan



(President) Suh Siao Chen

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Dear Ruth,  
I shall be seeing you on Wednesday c/o Dr Frank & Essie Price,  
49, Claremont Avenue,  
New York 27, N.Y.  
Monday Nov 23rd, 1959  
I thought I would send this  
already in hopes of you getting it a little earlier - love Rex

Dear Ruth, I am first of all going to try to answer some of the questions you raise about the Fellowship Handbook, which are of a general nature, so that I can send copies of it to some others who are working on other parts.

I must (to be honest) first of all confess that I have not myself begun working in detail on my section, though up till the time I arrived in New York I did continue to do a certain amount of correspondence on it. I had hoped that while in Dayton, when my hostess was out the whole time, I would get ahead a bit, but what with preparations for my four discussions groups, various others letters etc, I only just kept up with myself, and since I came to New York, I simply have not sat down and devoted myself to thought or correspondence as I should have done. There are a good many people and things to be seen, and it seems sensible and right to do the things and see the people that I can do no where else rather than stay indoors writing. However, I do realize very forcibly that I did begin this thing, and it is up to me to do as much as I can before I leave, though of course I realize that I shall be writing a lot of letters after I get to England. I did spend the best part of one evening going over things with Abigail.

Ruth's Questions (or some of them)

1. What about length?

The first day that Ruth sent was about 500 words, and that is about right if the day is a double day, that is has writing on both sides of the page, and not as in some cases, only one page of writing, and then the other side left blank for people to fill in their own names and ideas, then it would have to be only 250 words or a little over (as it could just spill over for a two or three lines). We are working on the size of my little Congregational Handbook as that seems about the right size, and we cannot have it too long for the sake of the expense (Abigail is going into that a little, and I will also take up the matter of Hong Kong with Yin Shan-gu again, but I am a little doubtful because of the possible leakage). Anyway we know we cannot spend too much, and if it is too long no one will read it.

2. "In finding suitable quotations and prayers I keep wondering just how definitely Christian it should be----- It is a question whether to weaken it for those who are Christians in trying to make it more palatable for those who are not". (Ruth had rather more in her question in special relation to her own days, but this is the jist of the question)

Abigail and I discussed this point, and thought that perhaps it would meet the situation if at least the first part of the day could be used by anyone, and then have the more Christian part at the end. For instance in Ruth's tentative suggestions for the first day she started with a suggestion that we think of the things which meant most to us at Ginling- of the friends we made etc- with reference to the Abundant life. That part it seemed to us could be entered into by anyone- the Abundant life is not exclusively a Christian conception, even though we who are Christians believe that it can only find its highest fulfillment in Christ. But I am inclined to think in light of some of the re-actions that it is mainly the ones who are Christian who will use it, and that being the case I think we should give them help, and not weaken it too much, provided- in fact not weaken it at all, but make sure that there is some part of every day that could form the basis of a meditation for those who are not Christian. This may not always be possible, but where we can we very definitely should

3. "In this kind of privately circulated thing can we use prayers and other materials from copyrighted materials".

I had written to the editor of my Congregational Handbook, and asked her that question (in London), and Abigail and I also discussed it. We have a feeling that we should probably not get into trouble if we used the prayers, but that it would be better to be courteous and write to the people or publishers

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concerned and ask their permission, which Miss Toms (the editor I wrote to in London) was sure we should be granted. I imagine the copyright on the Common Book of Prayer has run out!

4. "In anycase do you favour using quoted prayers, or writing them especially for this booklet? Or some of both?"

I would definitely favour both. I think in some cases it would be difficult to find a suitable prayer, but in others might one find just the one that was right ~~it~~ by someone more practised in prayer than many of us are, who had just the insight we might not have had ourselves, and we should avail ourselves of their help.

From a purely practical point of view it might be better not to quote from too many people, and that would make the ~~work~~ work of writing to get permission easier, but that of course should not be the main consideration. If anyone wanted to quote the verse of a hymn, it would depend on the hymn whether it was still copyrighted or not. I think perhaps Abigail might be willing to check up on that.

Mrs Wellington Lee had done a good job on getting the New York chapter to sign up for contributions, and we have already collected over 100 dollars from them, and more to come in. At the moment with one or two subscriptions from individuals we have 152 dollars, the other Chapters from which I have definite promises (three in number) amount to only 40 dollars in pledges, and there are four chapters who have not yet given any definite pledge, I have about 40 more promised in individual pledges, and many more (I hope who may) so I think we should get 300 without too much difficulty, and I think Abigail thinks that is the minimum, but we might be able to get more if pressed. In any case we are all set to go.

I want to have something to send off it several of you, so I will stop now, I shall probably be writing to some of you again quite soon.

With all good wishes,  
Yours affectionately,  
*Ron Stover*

- Copies to Mrs Paul Meyer, Tolland Green Tolland, Connecticut.
- Mrs P.T. Sie, 224, Oxford Street, Hartford Conn.
- Mrs W.S. New, 545 West 111th Street, New York 25, N.Y.
- Miss Abigail Hoffsommer 194, Claremont Avenue, New York 27.

P.S. Abigail has consented to receive the money, so if you know of anyone who would like to send, tell them to send to her.

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P.S. If it seemed easy could you ask Grace for her pledge of \$5.00 - I'll get with you on Wednesday. Thank you so much for your generous gift - Looking forward to seeing you  
*Ron*

Abigail Hoffsommer



c/o Mrs W.P.Mills,  
435, West 119th Street,  
New York 27, N.Y.

Nov 29th, 1959.

Dear Y.T,

In reading through the outline or draft that you have given me on Day 24 the GAA- Brief Review of what it has done etc, it seemed to me that ~~in reading through~~ what you have written, it has many suggestive thoughts, but that perhaps it needs to begin a little more concretely with a brief statement of the actual beginning of the Ginling Association in America, and ~~aw~~ a few of the things that it has done for which we can give thanks. This day does deal not with Ginling College as a whole, but with the GAA in America since its foundation in 1951. I think we can well confess what we have not done, and certainly some of what you say could be used there, and you do lead us on in thought to the future. I really think you have enough here for two days, especially if we pray definitely on the second day for the Executive Committee of the GAA whoever they may be, and for guidance as to the future.

I am not sure that this much is very helpful, but my time at this stage is rather limited. I will send you Ruth Chester's draft for Day 1 when I get it back, and I do hope to work more ~~on~~ my own section on the boat and when I get home, and will send you the results of my thinking. I am not sure how possible it is within the compass of this kind of handbook to bring in an illustration like that of Dr McCracken's use of Dr Schweitzer's decision, it is a very telling illustration if you know about Dr Schweizer, and perhaps most people do. But I do not myself think it is the best place to begin- but others might not agree. I think you have a very good point in the two basic evils of our time indifference and apathy (though they seem almost one), and that could well be used in a section on confession.

I apologise for not writing more, but I know that for the next ~~few~~ days I am going to be very busy, and this is the kind of thing that needs careful thought. So I am just writing this for what it is worth at the moment, but am very aware of its shortcomings.

With love and all good wishes,

Yours

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c/o Dr M.Searle Bates,  
99, Claremont Avenue,  
New York City 27, N.Y.  
Dec 1st, 1959

Dear Shuh-yin,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of Nov 22nd, and for the photos which I was very glad to have, and I am grateful to your husband for doing them. I think by now you will have received the letter I wrote earlier in my stay in New York thanking you for your response over the Handbook Matter, and asking for the Washington contribution to be sent, at your convenience to Abigail Hoffsommer. We are going ahead with the handbook, and hope it may be ready by Easter, but it is hard to say. I am afraid it cannot possibly give as much inspiration as that of Dr Weatherhed's, but I hope it may do something to draw us together, and be more aware of the spiritual fellowship.

I have had a very good time since I left Washington, and have seen a great many people, especially during these last weeks in New York, and now I am just on the eve of departure, as I sail to-morrow.

There was one matter on which I would like to ask you a question, and make- very tentatively-a suggestion. At the New York meeting on Nov 15th we were given the leaflet you got out asking for funds towards the Ginling Middle School in Taiwan, I have read it with interest, and am sending a small contribution to the assigned address. But it does seem to me that ~~it~~ it would be good if we could be given the names of those who are in charge of affairs in Taiwan, the Chairman, secretary, treasurer and members of the Board of Governors - and the name of the Principal. Many of the Ginling alumnae will not know the names of those in charge of affairs in Washington, but many people heard Mrs Chao (Djang Siao-sun) when she was here, and it would help to know that she was a member of the Board. Do you, or does anyone else in Washington have such a list- it does seem to me that for people in this country, who may be rather out of touch with things in Taiwan, it would help if they could have the list of those Ginling people, and of course others, who are actually working in the school, or taking responsibility for it as members of the Board of Governors etc.

If you do have any such list I wish you would send it to:-

Mrs H.B. Whittington,  
15 $\frac{1}{2}$  Shepard Street, Cambridge 38, Mass.

She is treasurer of the Thurston Memorial Fund and they are trying to get into touch with the people in Taiwan, and find out their needs etc, so if you could let her have the names of responsible people, it would be a help. I shall tell her that I have written to you.

I had a very pleasant Thanksgiving with the Bates, and other Nanking friends.

Excuse me at the moment, I have still a good deal to do before I leave.

Love and good wishes to you, your husband and your family,  
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January 4, 1960

Mrs. Way-sung New  
Apartment 9J  
545 West 111 Street  
New York 25, New York

Dear Mrs. New:

Most of the material you wish to quote from THE HYMNBOOK in the prayers and meditations you are preparing is not under copyright, and none of it belongs to us.

For the excerpt from the prayer altered from THE BOOK OF COMMON ORDER you will need the permission of the Church of Scotland, whose book it is. This you obtain through:

Gerard Gosselin, Esq.  
Oxford University Press  
Amen House, Warwick Square  
London, E.C. 4, England

The portions you have used are not adapted but abridged from pages 25 and 26 of THE BOOK OF COMMON ORDER, and we have no rights in them.

The quotation "Help us, we beseech Thee; to live in Thy light and walk in Thy ways" was written by Henry van Dyke for the first THE BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP, published in 1906. It was altered slightly for the revision of the book, published in 1932. You do not need permission for such a brief quotation; if you have some way of indicating that Henry van Dyke wrote it, well and good.

The quotation "Renew a right spirit within us" is, of course, Psalm 51:10b, made plural, that is, "within me" is changed to "within us." You do not need to give us credit for this very minor change, which probably didn't originate with us anyway.

The quotation beginning "Give us that due sense of all thy mercies" is, as you have noted, by Richard Reynolds, who lived from 1674 to 1743.

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Mrs. Way-sung New

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January 4, 1960

The original prayer is certainly noncopyright, and if the form in our book has been altered, it was not done by our committee. In fact, I found it, with one slight change, in a book published in 1864. You are, therefore, free to use the quotation.

Hymn 337, "Far Off I See the Goal," was written by Robert Rowland Roberts, and Mrs. Roberts, his widow, gave us permission to quote it. Her address was:

Grey Friars  
Penylan Hill  
Cardiff, Wales

However, there is some question in my mind as to whether Mrs. Roberts is still living. Since time is of the essence to you, I suggest that you ask Mr. Gosselin about this hymn when you write to him about the prayer from THE BOOK OF COMMON ORDER. I understand that Mr. Roberts wrote the hymn for THE CHURCH HYMNARY, Revised, which is an Oxford University Press publication. If Mrs. Roberts is living, I think she would be glad to have you quote the hymn; her reply to our request was most gracious.

The other three hymns you mention are all out of copyright:

Hymn 361, "Once to Every Man and Nation"  
Hymn 18, "We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing"  
Hymn 331, "Lead, Kindly Light"

I'm sorry that my reply had to be delayed, and sorry also that we are not in a position to permit you to quote the prayer from THE BOOK OF COMMON ORDER and Mr. Roberts' hymn. You will find Mr. Gosselin very co-operative, I'm sure.

Sincerely yours,

*Jean Woodward Steele*

(Miss) Jean Woodward Steele  
For John Ribble, Publishing Agent  
THE HYMNBOOK

*I've known of Linking College for many years, probably through fellow students at Wilsons College who were daughters of missionaries to China.*

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Mrs Waysung New  
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New York, USA

13 January 1960

Dear Madam

In reply to your letter dated 8 January we have no objection to the inclusion (in a Geirling College Fellowship Book to be distributed among College Alumni during your assignments) of the prayer abridged by the Hymn Book of the Westminster Press, "We thank thee for Thy guiding hand ....". No doubt the Westminster Press are willing for you to use this prayer as they abridged it from the Book of Common Order. In that case, they will probably suggest a credit line suitable to the occasion. Possibly "Abridged and adapted by permission, from The Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland, by permission" would meet the case.

With regard to the stanza of "Far off I see the goal". We do not know if Mrs Robert R Roberts is still living at Penylan Hill, Dardiff, or indeed if she is even still alive. After careful consideration we have come to the conclusion that, rather than write to her ourselves on your behalf, it would be quicker in the end for you to write to her (by Air Letter). If your application is returned to you marked either 'gone away' or 'deceased' we think you could safely print the stanza with the credit line "Copyright, but present owner untraceable". We are sorry we have no jurisdiction over these words; otherwise we would have been able to help you a little more in the matter.

Yours faithfully  
for JOHN BROWN

Gerard Gosselin  
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The Board of Directors of the Ginling Girls' Middle School

NO. 2, LANE 400, PEI AN ROAD, TAIPEI  
TAIWAN, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

March 4, 1960

Mrs. Wellington Lee,  
Chairman, New York Chapter Ginling Alumnae Association,  
101 Overlook Road,  
Hasting-on-Hudson, New York.

Dear Mrs. Lee:

Our work here for Ginling has been going steadily forward and we want to tell you about it. I have always had the feeling that we should write our alumnae chapters more often and keep you in close touch with what we are doing. I suppose you have received our Ginling Bulletin. It gives you some idea what we are doing in our school, and what it looks like.

How we want to thank all of you for the funds you raised for Ginling Girls Middle School. We do so much appreciate your efforts for Ginling, and wish to thank all of you for your personal donations.

The first term of our Board here was up in December, 1959, and everyone resigned. The Alumnae Association elected new alumnae members and the Board was set up again, in accordance with the Constitution, with seven alumnae members, four community leaders and four American members. Lin Shiau-hua offered to be our treasurer and works full time for the Board for merely cab and horse fee. We have kept a good spirit, and everything is Dutch Treat. No expenditure is allowed except for the school, or specially voted. The self-sacrifice and voluntary service for this educational project of ours have won a reputation among many. We are proud of ourselves, and you should have every reason to be proud of us, too.

You may be interested to see a complete list of the new Board:

- Mary Chen (1921)
- Chang Mei-deh (1924) (Mrs. K.T.Huo)
- Dr. Chang Shiau-sung (1926) (Mrs. Chao Lian-fang)
- Yang Wei-fang (1931) (Mrs. Chiang Wei-lan)
- Soong Chin-shong (1935) (Mrs. Lee Kuo-ding)
- Yang Chin-chung (1941) (Mrs. Hu Shih-kang)
- Swen Dehfang (1945) (Mrs. Lai Ming-tang)

- Mrs. Huang Chao-chin
- Dr. Lin Tsai-hsia
- Mrs. Koo Djen-fu
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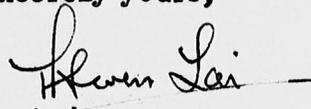
Mrs. Ray Cline, (graduate of Radcliff College, wife of  
Director of NACC)  
Mrs. Hugh Lee Grundy (wife of General Manager of CAT)  
Mrs. Wesley E. Haraldson (graduate of Watertown College,  
wife of Director of ICA)  
Mrs. John G. Johnson (graduate of Vassar College, wife  
of Signal Officer, MAAG)

The school is developing steadily. Whenever we see the fresh faces of our young generation we are convinced: This is the future of our country. Where are we going to lead them? This is not the time to bury ourselves in past memories of Ginling. How can we keep the Ginling spirit alive? How can we make this musical name live on and on, remembering not only the name, but benefiting by what she teaches? Let us make this school of ours the center of our greatest efforts, our hopes and our ideals.

We are now working on a permanent building plan. The buildings on the campus had been used for refugees, and many of the buildings are older than the guarantee period for which they were intended, and they are not worth repairing. Our plan should be an ideal and permanent one which can last for fifty or a hundred years. We hope to have an Abundant Life Hall for administration and teaching, a Reeve's Science Hall, an Arts Hall, and a girls dormitory, at the very least. Ginling represents a high standard. We are having architects work on the plans accordingly. We hope to have something ready soon in the way of blueprints.

We will keep you informed of our progress here. We are working our heads off and are only too willing to do this, but we need money to work with, and do thank you for what you have done to help us.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Deh-fang Swen Lai  
Chairman

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80 La Salle Street  
New York 21, N.Y.  
March 22, 1960

Mrs. Deh-fang Swen Lai  
Chair, The Board of Directors of  
Ginling Girls' Middle School  
No. 2 Lane 400 Pei An Road  
Taipei, Taiwan  
The Republic of China

Dear Mrs. Lai:

Your letter of March 4 to Mrs. Lee has been forwarded to me for reply. We send our heartiest congratulations to the new Board of Directors of the Ginling Girls' Middle School. With such dynamic, farsighted and self-sacrificing members in charge of the school we are sure it will carry on not only the name of Ginling but also her spirit and mission of Abundant Life. We wish you all success.

The Bulletins you sent us through Mrs. Lee were received with appreciation. We have already mailed a copy to each the members of the New York Chapter. It is really amazing that so much has been accomplished in so short a time. Our hats off to you!

The New York Chapter met last November for Founders' Day celebration. The new officers elected at the meeting for the ensuing year are as follows:

Chairman: Yu Hsien-tsal 1944 (Mrs. Helena Chen)  
Secretary and Treasurer: Ssetu Dju 1935 (Mrs. Z.T. Ing)

Please address your future correspondence to  
Yu Hsien-tsal  
884 West End Avenue  
Apt. 81  
New York 25, N.Y.

Sincerely Yours,

Ssetu Dju

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80 La Salle Street  
New York 27, N. Y.  
April 5, 1960

Mr. Dominick Lamacchia  
The Riverside Church  
490 Riverside Drive  
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lamacchia:

I have been directed to write you in behalf of the New York Chapter of the Ginling College Alumnae Association in America.

The Ginling College was a Christian Women's College in Nanking, China, before the Communist occupation. About four times a year the members and their families of the New York Chapter meet for fellow<sup>ship</sup> and meditation.

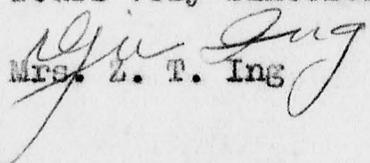
We are planning to hold our next meeting on Sunday, after service, April 24, 1960, from 2:00 to 4:00 P. M. Quite a few of us are members of the Riverside Church. We would like to show off our beautiful new South Wing.

I shall be obliged to you if you will kindly give me the following information:

1. Whether we may hold our next meeting in one of the meeting rooms of the Church, with a capacity for thirty people, and
2. Whether we may all dine in the Church Cafeteria.

I thank you.

Yours very sincerely,

  
Mrs. Z. T. Ing

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80 La Salle Street  
New York 27, N.Y.  
April 15, 1960

Dear Fellow Members:

The New York Chapter of Ginling Alumae Association will hold its Spring Meeting on Sunday, April 24, 1960 at 12:30 P.M., in the Riverside Church, Riverside Drive & 122nd Street.

We shall have lunch together in the beautiful new Cafeteria of the Church, and then have our meeting in Room 311, South Wing.

WE GUARANTEE YOU:

1. A good time, - fellowship with your friends;
2. A delicious and substantial meal, - \$1.00 - \$1.50 per person; (Absolutely no cooking, no cleaning up; no dish-washing!)
3. Parking space, - in the Church Garage, at 120 Street between Riverside Drive and Claremont Avenue; (25 cent 1st hour)
4. A relaxing afternoon, - in the elegant South Wing of the Riverside Church.

IF YOU:

1. Attend service with your family at the Riverside Church. After the service wait at the Information Desk, Cloister level. OR
2. Come with your family to the Claremont Avenue Entrance of the Riverside Church (91 Claremont Avenue), at 12:30 P.M.

Some one will be at the Information Desk to greet you.

Sincerely yours,

Dju S. Ing  
Secretary

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April 23, 1960

Dear Mrs. New:

Your letter to the five of us was received several weeks ago. I passed it on to each of them and also passed on your idea concerning the need of improvement to those having to do with keeping accounts and making financial statements.

I was glad to know that you and Mr. Angell met who passed on to you news concerning Ginling Middle School. He was very kind to my husband who stopped in Honolulu for a few days on his way home from the United States where he travelled for four months visiting legislatures, science organizations, agricultural institutions<sup>etc.</sup> The Angells were so hospitable as to put him up for the first night. We thought Mr. Angell would come to Taipei in April or May, which would give us an opportunity to return part of the hospitality, but we were disappointed to learn from his last letter that he would not come until this fall. We look forward to his next visit here, not matter in what month it will be.

How is your health now? I hope that it is better than last winter. I myself am well as usual, keeping my weight constant. It is only too much work that bothers me. My days are so full that I am always the first to rise in the family and the last to retire, wishing that there were forty eight hours in the day. There are so many letters unanswered piled up that I can't help feeling guilty and frustrated. The only way out is to pound on the typewriter a few lines each day to some friend before he or she changes the address. I enjoy chatting on paper, but there is simply no time for more.

Ginling Middle School is doing fine, but the old buildings bought from the ARCI are getting dilapidated. Besides, the prov-

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incial commission of education and the ministry of education are doing a lot for the teachers of schools established by the provincial and municipal governments. With no building to look like a good-quality school and with lesser welfare for teachers, Ginling Middle School will lose out in the competition among schools, no matter what fine spirit it started with. Sometimes I get worried at the thought that people will say that the Ginling people 有始無終. Now our every effort will be on the construction of a stronger school building. We are happy that from the principal to the tiniest pupil, everyone in the school is showing a wonderful spirit. Only if we could have the material side to match!

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Siao-sung

*Siao-sung*

Siao-sung Cheng  
No. 6 Lane 16, Sec. 3  
Hsin-seng South Road  
Taipei, Taiwan, China

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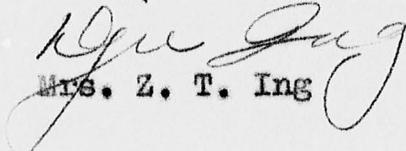
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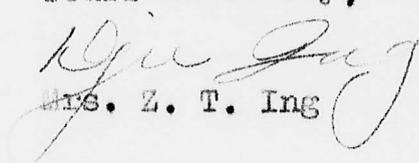
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To Mrs Daisy Yen Hsien Wu.  
(President, Ginling Association  
in America)

93, Hatherley Court, Hatherley Grove, [17]  
London.W.2. England. May 12th, 1960

copies to Mrs Siu-ying Hsu, Mrs Robert Yuan, Mrs H.B. Whittington

Dear Members of the Ginling Association in America,

I do not know how many of you will have been able to get as far east or as far north as Boston at this time of the Biennial Meeting and your Tenth Anniversary, but I want to send my warmest greetings to all of you who are assembled, and through you to all the others scattered over the North American continent. I have very happy memories of my stay in Boston, and indeed of my visits to all of the Ginling Chapters.

It was just a year ago to-day that I landed in New York, and was given a warm welcome by Mrs H.R. Wei, Mrs Wellington Lee, Miss Chester and the weather. I had a wonderful visit in the States, and ~~was~~ rejoiced to see so many of you, though not by any means all that I would like to have seen. I shall have to live on the memory of that day trip for sometime, as it will be several years before I can start out on another trip to U.S.A, even if the currency regulations have been removed!

But in addition to memories, I hope to have some letters, and also to see some of you. On New Year's Day while I was staying with my sister Bertha I had the pleasure of entertaining Lin Pei-hsin (Mrs T.H. Wu), her husband and two daughters on their way from Oslo back to East Lansing, Michigan, and Mrs Yang (Yao Choh-ying of 1933), who is over here from Taiwan for a year's study and practical work in Hospital Social work. I am afraid Pei-hsin and her family did not see London under very propitious circumstances as the weather was far from good, however, they flew into London and out of it without too much interference from fog, which is something to be thankful <sup>for</sup> at that time of year.

Now I am in my own flat, quite a small one - two rooms, kitchen and bath-room - but there is a bed in the living room, so I hope to be able to entertain guests. I am getting more settled, but still there is ~~still~~ <sup>still</sup> so a good deal to be done. Last Saturday evening Yao Choh-ying came and cooked a Chinese meal for me, so the flat has been given a little Chinese flavour. The meal tasted good, but unfortunately it could not be served in proper Chinese style, as all my Chinese dishes are still sitting in Nanking, but I have a few things from China to show I have been there.

I have had mimeographed a general letter mimeographed, and almost all the ones to my Chinese friends in American are <sup>in</sup> the post, but of course by surface so you will not get them for a little, <sup>write</sup> and I am afraid the ones to my American friends are not even addressed, that <sup>letter</sup> when it arrives will tell you a little about my doings. I did spend quite a lot of time, especially in January on the Ginling Fellowship Handbook, and I am by no means the only person who was spent time, but these things always take longer than is expected, and it is not yet ready. But progress is being made, most of the material is in, and you should get it in the course of the summer. I do hope that when you get it, you will really give it a chance and use it.

I do hope in course of time I shall see many of you here, and I am hoping next month to see Dorothy and Harry Whittington as they are due over here this summer. With love and every good wish for your meeting

from *Don Sheer*

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*524 E 20th St  
New York, N.Y.*

Mrs Daisy Helen Wu,  
28, Adams Street,  
Brookline 48,  
Mass.  
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Miss Eva D. Spicer,  
.95, Hatherley Court,  
Hatherley Grove,  
London W.8, England.

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Dear Mrs Wu,

I have not seen in the Ginling News any change of address for you, so I am sending this to the house that I had the pleasure of visiting.

I do hope that your plans are gradually taking satisfactory shape, and that you will find the right place to settle.

I also hope that the right settlement of the affairs of the Ginling Association in America will be found. I know how much you have given to it, but it is not easy to find people to carry on, and an Association of this kind must have a declining importance in the life of its members. That, I think, is inevitable, and no one should feel too badly if that becomes manifest.

I hope your family are well.

I expect I shall get all your news from Dorothy Whittington when she is over here. Thank you so much for sending me the Memorial Book about your husband, I am very glad indeed to have it.

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

*Eva D. Spicer*

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彩韻學姊：本通訊于本月廿三日  
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四月廿五日

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TAIWAN, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Mrs. Hsien Wu  
President of GAA  
28 Adams Street,  
Brookline, Massachusetts

May 12, 1960

Dear Mrs. Wu:

I believe the time is drawing near for the annual meeting of all the chapters of the Ginling Association in America. Since none of us can get there to visit with the sisters, we would like to send a message to them through you. Would you please read it to the assemblage?

We have just put into the mail a box of Jasmine Tea, hoping it will reach you on time and will bring a touch of China to all of you at the meeting. Mrs. John G. Johnson, a member of our Board of Directors, has mailed it by air through the A.P.O. and we hope it reaches you in time.

Sincerely yours,

*Deh-fang Swen Lai*

Chairman  
Board of Directors, GGMS

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**The Board of Directors of the Ginling Girls' Middle School**NO. 2, LANE 400, PEI AN ROAD, TAIPEI  
TAIWAN, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINAAn Open Letter from the Sisters in  
Taiwan to the Sisters in America

How much we would like to be with you today for a visit. But since that is not possible, we have asked Mrs. Wu to read this to you.

First of all, we (Sisters in Taiwan) want to express our appreciation for all you've done for us. We remember the help and encouragement you offered us when we were getting started. With great difficulty you have raised money for Ginling, and we know what effort and sacrifice that required. There are so many demands made upon you in the communities where you live that it is hard to find time or resources for any more. Sisters write us of the hours of knitting and handcraft work that go into making things to sell to raise money. Special words of thanks must go to the members of the Thurston Memorial Fund Committee and the Ginling Fund Committee, for their untiring activity on our behalf.

We do so appreciate all you have done and know that it has been done out of the goodness of your hearts, and we are not asking you to put on another campaign to raise money for us. When we receive funds from the money you have currently on hand we will put it to good use and make it go as far as possible toward taking care of our requirements. We feel we have a good school and are willing to work hard

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to keep it that way. A number of prizes and awards have been made to us by the Government because ours is a well-run school, has high academic accomplishments and more than fulfills the standards set by the government. So we are justly proud of ourselves, but we are not willing to rest on past performance.

We have made plans for the future, so as to be ready when money becomes available. These plans concern three basic needs and these have been outlined in detail in letters to Mrs. Wu Hsien and to Mrs. Yuan, among others, including copies of the architect's plans. The first of these three items is the need to build the ABUNDANT LIFE HALL, which could be a memorial to Mrs. Thurston, and which will contain sufficient classroom space, including the two additional rooms so badly needed now, and also the administrative offices. This ABUNDANT LIFE HALL as conceived by the architect is functional and efficient in design, yet at the same time distinctly Chinese, reminding us somewhat of our House with a Hundred Rooms in Nanking.

Item number two for the future: We hope to build the REEVES SCIENCE HALL, with laboratory facilities for the natural sciences and also for our very important Home Economics Department. We hope the Reeves Fund Committee will help us to secure this fund so we can build the REEVES SCIENCE HALL.

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The third basic need is to establish a Teachers' Welfare Fund. We are in competition with the government schools for the services of the best teachers, and we must be able to offer them some of the same fringe benefits. We need a fund with which to make sick leave and emergency loans, to pay bonuses for teachers who have unusual burden of responsibility and longer hours, and those specialists in fields where good teachers are scarce.

There are two ways each of you can help us here at Ginling, and all it will cost is a little time and thought.

For one thing, we would like very much to get some backing from church or civic groups or individuals who are interested in furthering education in Free China. If you can make contact with any such persons or groups, tell them about the importance of Taiwan in the Free World, about the wonderful progress the Chinese are making here. The late John Foster Dulles recommended to President Eisenhower that he read the book What We Must Know About Communism by Harry and Bonaro Overstreet. Suggest to your friends that they also read it, so they will better understand why Red China must NOT be recognized in the United Nations and why our Government here on Taiwan must continue to be supported in its fight against Communism. Help them to understand that the hopes for an eventual free China on the mainland lie here in Taiwan now, and that these Chinese Christian institutions we have here must be helped and encouraged now, not at some vague time in the future, if Free

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China is to survive. Then tell them about our Christian high school for Chinese girls.

And furthermore, if you find anyone who is especially interested in the school, who would like more information on it, let us know about them. Personal letters are written at once to anyone we learn of who might be interested in helping us. No possibility that comes to our attention is overlooked. It is especially important for us to keep in touch with the Chapter Chairmen who are concerned with the Reeves Fund Committee, the Thurston Memorial Fund Committee and the Washington Fund Committee; the final disposition of these funds has not been decided and we are most anxious to keep informed of the situation in regard to them. Write to the Board Chairman, Mrs. Deh-fang Swen Lai (No. 2, Lane 400, Pei An Road, Taipei, Taiwan) who is the clearing-house for such information. Or, write to any of the Alumnae here if you prefer.

The second way you can help is to keep in touch with the Alumnae Association here, keep us informed of the activities of your separate chapters, and especially of the change of officers when you have new elections. We are eager to include news of our sisters all over the world in our Ginling Bulletins, so please let us know from time to time of your activities, so that we may put it in our future bulletins. Keep in touch with the Alumnae Association through the Editor of the Ginling Bulletin, Mrs. Yuan-Hwei Hsu Tsay, No. 4, Lane 297, Shu Lan Street, Taipei, Taiwan. Many copies of our April Ginling Bulletin have

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been sent to all Chapter Chairmen and we hope you have had a chance to read one.

We want to tell you that we are so proud of you, Sisters of Ginling and we think of you often. You are good representatives of our country, with your exceptional achievements in the various fields in which you work. You bring credit upon all of us. We think of you as ambassadors of good will from China to America.

Along with a can of China tea for your luncheon, we sent you all our best wishes for a happy reunion.

Sincerely yours,

*Siao Suh Chue*  
President of GAA in Taiwan

*Deh-fang Suen Lai*  
Chairman of the Board of GGMS.

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80 La Salle Street  
New York 27, N.Y.  
September 4, 1960

Dear Fellow Members:

It has been five months since we the New York Ginlingers last met. We would like to see each and everyone of you and your family and hear all about your delightful vacations, etc.

Let us get together for a real visit and compare notes. Yin Shan-gu has just come back from Taiwan. We may be able to persuade her to tell us about the Ginling High School, the latest styles, or the most popular recipes over there.

Our capable chairman, Helena Chen, has arranged the meeting to be held on Sunday, September 18th at 1 P.M., in Greater Shanghai Restaurant, 2685 Broadway, near 102nd Street. We shall have the spacious Inner Dining Room all to ourselves. The meal will be \$2.00 per person, children under 12, half price.

Helena's telephone number is MO3-7037. She will be home in the evenings waiting to hear from you. Please let her know how many of you will be able to come.

Would you call her this evening?

Sincerely yours,

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45<sup>th</sup> FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION  
NOVEMBER 6, 1960

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## GINLING ASSOCIATION IN AMERICA

Date: October 10, 1960

To: President of local chapter

From: Mrs T. H. Wu ( Pei-Hsing Lin , 1946)--- Corresponding Secretary

Subject: The Executive Committee of our association met in Chicago on Oct. 2.  
We would like to call your attention to the following items:

- 1) Founder's Day celebration : The Committee has designated Nov. 6th as the day to celebrate our 45th Founder's Day. It is our hope that every local chapter could celebrate this occasion on the same date so that we may be together spiritually.
- 2) All the correspondents and news of your chapter are advised to be sent to our Newsletter Editor , Mrs Frank Chen ( Djou Gi-hsing , 1939), before Christmas. Her address is : 8912 South University Ave., Chicago 19, Illinois
- 3) Our next newsletter bulletin will be devoted to honoring Miss Whitmer. The Chicago Chapter celebrated her 75th birthday on July 17, 1960. Quite a few pictures were taken on this occasion, Friends colleagues, and students of Miss Whitmer will be asked to write accounts of her life, service, and achievements, past and present.
- 4) Every member of the GAA is urged to express her opinion and to make suggestions to the committee regarding our program and planning of the next two fiscal years.
- 5) The ~~Ann~~ Biennial Meeting of 1962 was discussed. No date nor place has been set. Following places have been considered: the East Coast, Chicago, ~~and~~ and the Family Camp at Syracuse, Indiana. The following periods have been suggested : latter part of May, early part of June, and Mid-June.
- 6) Will all the names of the officers of each chapter be sent to the National President: Mrs Alice Bihyin Wei, 1763 West Sunnyside Ave. , Chicago 40, Illinois. We like to have them as soon as possible so that they can be included in our next Newsletter.
- 7) Members attending the Executive Meeting, Oct. 2, Chicago:

Mrs Chao-dhi Wei (Alice Gan Bi-hyin ) --National President of GAA  
Miss Harriet M. Whitmer -- Recording Secretary  
Mrs Frank Chen (Djou Gi-hsing) -- Newsletter Editor  
Mrs Chung-kao Liao ( Lu Min-djeng) --president of Chicago chapter  
Miss Fun-Tung Liu -- Secretary of Chicago chapter

May all goes well with you and members of your chapter !

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80 La Salle Street  
New York 27, N.Y.  
October 15, 1960

Dear Fellow Member,

A resolution was adopted at our last meeting that we invite thirty members of the New York Chapter of Smith Alumnae to celebrate our Founders Day with us, to reciprocate their hospitality and to strengthen our friendship. It was also decided that each of us be responsible to one of the Simth's.

The Founders Day will be held in China Institute, 125 East 65th Street, on Sunday November 6th, at 1:00 P.M. It will be a luncheon party, and the price will be one dollar per person.

The invitations to the Smith Alumnae have been sent already. We need you to be one of the gracious hostesses. And there is a lot more to be done in order to make the party a success. We know we can count on you.

Do call up our chairman, Helena, (MO3-7037) to tell her that you will or will not be present.

See you!

Sincerely yours,

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Acceptances for Nov. 6, 1960 Founders' Day party

~~DR. T. S. MA  
CONSULTING CHEMIST  
500 TUCKAHOE ROAD  
YONKERS, N. Y.~~

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Mrs. Samuel R. Peale - President  
Mrs. Merrell Clark - Liaison  
Mrs. Robert Tangeman - "  
Mrs. Howard A. Acheson - Board  
Mrs. Carlton G. Champe - Board  
Mrs. Edwin Cox  
Mrs. Edward Menden  
Mrs. Clifford Miller  
Miss Denise Musnik  
Mrs. Horace B.B. Robinson  
Mrs. Henry Harfield "

Mrs. Selden Bacon - 1898  
Miss Mary Coggeshall - 1901  
Miss Amy Ferris - 1901 ?  
Miss Elizabeth x Seeber  
Mrs. Arthur Richardson  
Miss Ruth Williams *Cancelled last invite*  
Miss Grace Spofford  
Miss Elizabeth W. Baker  
Miss Genieve N. Gildersleeve  
Mrs. Rudolph Zinsser  
Mrs. Cecil H. Goldbeck - *Secretary of Smith College Club*

Miss Chester  
Ellie Chen - Mrs. Hong

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Mrs. Merrell Clark  
840 Park Avenue  
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Ma:

I accept with pleasure  
your kind invitation to luncheon  
on Nov. 6th at the China Insti-  
tute and I am looking for-  
ward to it very much.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Clark.

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# ALLERTON HOUSE

130 EAST 57TH STREET  
NEW YORK 22, N.Y.

October 21, 1960

Dear Mrs. Ma: It is with great  
pleasure that I accept the  
invitation to attend the luncheon on  
November 6<sup>th</sup>. This gesture for  
continued understanding between  
our sister colleges is much  
appreciated.

Very sincerely,

Jane Spofford

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October 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dear Mrs. Twa,

It is lovely of  
the New York Chapter  
of the Quinby Alumnae  
Association to have this  
party for us, and I  
accept with the  
greatest of pleasure.

I look forward  
to seeing you and  
all our Quinby

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Mends on November  
sixth. Thank you  
ever so much.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Pease

Mrs. Samuel Randolph Pease

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320 East 42nd St  
New York 17, N.Y. -  
Memo to: Oct 24, 1960

Mrs T. S. Man

I shall be happy  
to accept the kind  
invitation of Mrs Chew  
Chairman, New York Chapter,  
Ginling Alumnae Association  
for Sunday, November 6,  
at 1:00 P.M. - a luncheon  
party & commemorate  
Founders Day.

Cordially yours

*Genieve N. Gildersleeve*  
from GENIEVE N. GILDERSLEEVE

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Miss Elizabeth W. Baker

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accepts with  
pleasure the  
kind invitation of  
the Guling Alumni  
Association in America  
for November sixth,  
at 1 P.M. - at China  
Institute, 125 East  
65<sup>th</sup> Street

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Menden

14 EAST SEVENTY-FIFTH STREET

NEW YORK CITY 21

Dear Mrs. Ma — October 22<sup>nd</sup>

How nice of the giving  
alumnae to invite so many  
of us from the Smith Club  
to lunch on the 6<sup>th</sup> of  
November —!

I am looking forward to coming

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and the only reason I might  
not be able to would be my  
health, which has been most  
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me accept with this condition —  
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Many thanks — sincerely,  
(Mrs Edward) Marjorie Menden

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120 EAST END AVENUE, APT. 9B  
NEW YORK 28, NEW YORK

Dear Mrs. Ma:

Thank you so much for the invitation to lunch  
with Ginling Alumnae on November 6th. I will  
be delighted to come and look forward to seeing  
you and other friends there.

Best wishes,

*Clara K. Saperman*

October 19, 1960

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Mrs. Carlton G. Champe

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Oct. 20, 1960

Dear Mrs. Lee:

Many thanks for including  
me in the delightful invitation  
for November 6<sup>th</sup>. Miss Chen's  
letter suggested that the answer  
go to you, so I accept  
with pleasure.

Gratefully,

Wang L. Chang

Gracie Sprou  
New York

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335 East 88th St.

Dear Mrs. Tea:

It is very kind  
of the Yenching Alumnae  
in New York to invite  
our Smith College group  
to your Founders Day  
luncheon at China  
Institute on November

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6<sup>th</sup> - I am happy to  
accept, and look forward  
to the pleasure of  
meeting you -

Sincerely yours

Barbara Th. Miller

(Mrs. Clifford H. Miller)

October 21<sup>st</sup>

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Dear Mrs. Ma -

Thank you very much  
for your kind invitation to  
lunch on November 6<sup>th</sup>. I  
should be delighted to  
come and am looking forward  
to it.

However there is a slight

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Miss Denise Musnik

chance that I may have to  
go out of town that week-  
end. If I do, I shall cer-  
tainly let you know as  
soon as I am sure. I  
hope you will forgive  
this odd way of accepting  
your invitation!

Sincerely,

Denise Musnik

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Mrs. Selden Bacon  
of Mrs. John Bagg Griggs  
Meadow Lane  
Watch Hill, Rhode Island

Dear Mrs. Ma:—

It will give me great  
pleasure to attend the luncheon at  
the China Institute on November 6th  
at one o'clock.

I have greatly enjoyed  
some beautiful slides at the Institute  
and shall enjoy hearing news from  
your alumnae association again.

Yours sincerely,

Josephine Dastham Bacon  
Smith College, '95

Oct. 19, '60

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Dear Mrs. Ma,

I am very sorry that  
I will be unable to  
accept to kind invita-  
tion of the New York  
Chapter of Benning  
Alumnae Association  
in America to  
the luncheon party  
to commemorate  
Founder's Day.

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It sounds like a  
delightful occasion  
and it was so  
nice of you to  
invite the people  
from the Smith  
Club of New York.

Sincerely,  
Beth B. Brown

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Dear Mrs. Ma :

Thank you  
so much for  
your kind in-  
vitation for  
Sunday, November  
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unhappily I am  
not able to  
accept.  
With regret  
and all best  
wishes -  
sincerely -  
Sunday Helen R. Moore

Miss Helen Ruth Moore

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Miss Eleanor Hatch

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Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mrs. Ma,

I regret very much that  
an engagement of long standing  
with guests from out of  
town will make it  
impossible for me to attend  
the luncheon on Sunday.

Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.

I certainly appreciate  
the invitation and I am  
sure it will be a delight-  
ful party.

With warm good wishes

Cordially yours,  
Eleana Hatch

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Dear Mrs. Thea -

It is with regret  
that I find I am unable to  
accept for my charming  
invitation for luncheon on Sunday,  
November 6<sup>th</sup> because my  
husband and I have accepted  
several weeks ago a similar  
invitation.

I am sorry not to have the  
pleasure of meeting you and the  
Mrs. Lee for our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Sincerely -

Thursday -  
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Marjorie G. Lewis -

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17 EAST 89TH STREET  
NEW YORK 28, NEW YORK

Dear Mrs. Ma,

It is so kind of you  
to have included me in  
luncheon party to  
commemorate the Founders  
day of finishing, but I  
must defer this lovely

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invitation to be with  
you on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Moon and I will be  
out of town that week-end,  
visiting our son at Amherst  
College.

Thank you very much  
for inviting me.

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Most sincerely,  
Julius Moon

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FROM THE DESK OF

Ruth M. Williams

October 15, 1960

Dear Mrs. Ma,

Thank you fo much for the kind invitation to luncheon on Sunday, November 6. I will be delighted to come and am looking forward to the occasion with great pleasure.

Sincerely,

Ruth Williams



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SUNNY ACRES  
OWLS HEAD, MAINE

New York  
address  
1035 Park Ave.

My dear Mrs. Ma:

I shall  
be very happy to accept  
the kind invitation of  
the Grading Alumnae  
Association for  
luncheon at the  
China Institute on  
November sixth.

Cordially yours  
(Mrs. Arthur) Anna Richardson

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MARY COGGESHALL

10 MITCHELL PLACE

NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

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My dear Mrs Ma,

Amy Ferris and Elizabeth  
Seaber asked me to send their  
acceptance with mine to your  
most generous invitation for  
one o'clock, Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>  
at the China Institute

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Sincerely,  
Mary D. Coggeshall

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Dear Mrs. ma  
Thank you very  
much for the kind  
invitation for Sun.  
Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 o'clock.  
I accept with great  
pleasure and look  
forward to seeing  
you then!

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1165 Fifth Avenue

Mrs. Horace Brooks Blackwell Robinson

Sincerely,

Henrietta T. Robinson

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30 SUTTON PLACE

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My dear Mrs. Ma,

I am sorry to be  
so long in replying to the  
kind invitation from Miss Chen  
for luncheon on Sunday,  
Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at one o'clock,  
at China Institute. I now  
find I can accept, and do  
so with pleasure - Thank you!

Sincerely yours  
Dorothy D. Zinner  
(Mrs. Ruddle Zinner)

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Miss Amy Ferris

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Dear Miss Chen,

I am looking  
my forward to meeting  
the Guilford Alumnae  
at the China Institute  
on Sunday November  
11th at one o'clock.

Sincerely,

Amy Harris  
657 Lexington Ave

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Mrs. Edwin Cox

accepts with pleasure  
for Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
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930 Park Avenue

My dear Mrs. Ma. -

Please do forgive my  
tardy reply to your most  
kind invitation for Sunday  
at one P.M. I have not known

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sooner than I could accept.  
I am happy to say that it  
will give me great pleasure  
to join you at the luncheon  
party.

Most sincerely,  
Miriam F. Acheson  
(Mrs. Howard A.)

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558 East Eighty-seventh Street  
New York 28, N. Y.

November 2, 1960

Dear Mrs. Ma

I hope it is not too  
late for us to ac-  
cept with great pleasure  
the Quaker ~~alumni~~  
Association's kind

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see yourselves both.  
Sincerely yours  
Blairie Herfield

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on Sunday next. I  
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swering sooner. We have  
been out of New York  
and have just re-  
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only now received

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the invitation,

I am looking forward to meeting you and the other ladies on November 6th.

Sincerely yours  
Warren Worfield

<sup>2</sup> invitation to luncheon  
on Sunday next.  
apologize for not answering sooner. We have been out of New York and have just returned, so I have only now received

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121 EAST SEVENTY-EIGHTH STREET  
NEW YORK 21, NEW YORK

Dear Mrs. Ma - I have received  
a most gracious invitation from  
Miss Chen to the Sun Sing party  
on November the sixth - It is  
very kind of you to ask me -  
and I am extremely sorry that  
I cannot accept - Or that

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Day I expect a visit from  
some of my family who live  
away from New York, so I must  
stay at home to receive them -

With many thanks, not only for  
this invitation, but the pleasant times  
I have had at other Gin Ling parties  
in the past, I am, very sincerely,  
Yours

Amanda B. Kaine  
(Mrs. R. K. Kaine)

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Dear Mrs. Ma -

I am very sorry  
indeed to be unable to  
accept the invitation of the  
Quilling Columnar to the  
Lecture on Education etc.  
But unfortunately I will  
be away for the present.

I have been here to  
China myself, but my  
brother taught several years  
at St. John's in Shanghai.  
My mother has been there, and  
my husband was there with  
General Sherman during the  
war. They all love your  
country and extol its  
beauties and the fine  
qualities of its people. I

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Mrs. Max Abramovitz

Would have really enjoyed  
seeing your pictures -  
and seeing your wonderful  
face!

Sincerely yours,  
Cecilia Abramovitz

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NATHALIE HOWE  
1140 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Ma,

I thank you so much  
for your invitation  
to celebrate your  
Founder's Day and  
I would love to be with  
you and taste the  
Chinese food, but  
I have to go to Boston  
on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and  
do not know the  
date of my return.

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NATHALIE HOWE  
1140 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

Tucked into this note  
are my best & good  
wishes and again  
thank you for the  
luncheon invitation -  
my real regrets that  
I cannot be with you.

Sincerely yours  
Nathalie Howe

October 27, 1960

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Dear Mrs. Ma,  
It is with real

Mrs. Harry Emerson Fosdick

regret that I have to  
write that I cannot accept  
your delightful invitation

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to the Guiliny party on  
November sixth. It is  
seldom that I get to  
the city now for social  
engagements, and I want  
you and your group to know  
how disappointed I am  
not to meet your group of  
alumnae and see your  
pictures. Thirty-five or  
more years ago, my husband  
and I spent part of a day  
en route to Pekin, in Hankow,  
and we had our one glimpse  
of Guiliny College, in which I  
have been long interested in, since  
my own college days at Smith.

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November 4

Dear Mrs. Ma:

When I returned to New York from a vacation I found your note of October 12th.

It is a great disappointment to me that I cannot be with you on November 6th at your Founders Day Luncheon.

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I deeply appreciate - being  
asked and only wish I could  
accept. Once again I shall be  
out of town on that day.

Very sincerely yours,  
- Esther G. Heveman

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=MRS T S MA =

90 LA SALLE ST NYK :

=VERY SORRY NOT TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND LUNCHEON AT CHINA  
INSTITUTE =TOMORROW THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME =  
HELEN A READ =

=NTO PPC. =

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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**DOMINICK & DOMINICK**

MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

14 WALL STREET  
NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

October 27, 1960

Mrs. T.S. Ma  
90 LaSalle Street  
New York 27, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Ma:

Please know how flattered I was to be invited to your luncheon on November 6th at 1 P.M. in the China Institute.

I so wish that I could come but because of the date and my obligations at home it is absolutely impossible.

I want to send you my warmest greetings and thank you for your kindness.

Most sincerely,

*Florence Weston Bliss*

Florence W. Bliss

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333 East 68th Street  
New York 21, New York

November the First

Dear Mrs Ma -

Thank you for  
your kind invitation  
to the Founders Day  
luncheon.

I have been slow  
to write as my plans  
were uncertain - They  
hinged on those of our  
guests whom we are ex-  
pecting for the weekend.  
They come from a distance  
and sometimes go to  
another friend's early  
Sunday. But, alas, only  
today word has come that  
they will remain with us

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through luncheon. So I  
shall be unable to attend  
your exciting affair at  
the China Institute.

Thank you for thinking  
of me. It is always a great  
pleasure for "Smithies"  
and "Ginlingies" to get  
together. And I hope there  
will be another occasion  
soon.

Sincerely

Barbara Johnson Dry  
(Mrs. M. S. Dry)

November the First

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MRS. EMMONS BRYANT  
107 EAST 91 STREET  
NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

October 17, 1960.

Dear Mrs. Ma -

I am really sorry  
to have to refuse your  
invitation for November  
6th. I hope that  
the occasion will be  
a great success, and  
thank you for inviting  
me.

Sincerely

Mary S. Bryant

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510 EAST EIGHTY-FOURTH STREET

Dear Mrs. Ma,

Thank you so much for  
your kind invitation for  
November 6<sup>th</sup>. I am so  
sorry that it will not  
be possible for us to attend.

Best wishes for a very  
pleasant day.

Sincerely yours,

Marjorie W. Semmes

Sunday, October the twenty-third

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Miss Eleanor Coit  
129 East 10th Street  
New York, New York

Mr. T. S. Ma

90 Fulton St.

New York 27, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Ma:

I very much  
regret that I  
cannot be present  
in November 6<sup>th</sup>

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Miss Eleanor Coit  
129 East 10th Street  
New York, New York

I appreciate  
having you with  
to the lumber.

Very truly yours,  
Eleanor Coit

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635 PARK AVENUE

Mrs. Harold L. Pratt  
regrets that she is unable  
to attend the  
Founders Day Reunion Party  
on Sunday, November sixth

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Mrs. George Roberts

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139 East 79th Street, New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Chen -

- Thank you for  
your kind invitation to the  
luncheon to commemorate  
Founders' Day of Linling College.  
I am sorry but will be  
out of town on November 6<sup>th</sup>  
as we vote at our country  
residence. With best wishes

Sincerely yours  
Grace M. Roberts

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BUTTERFIELD 8-2890

MRS. SETH MILLIKEN  
131 EAST 69<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK 21, NEW YORK

October 24, 1960

Dear Mrs. Ma:

Mrs. Milliken asked me to advise you  
that she will be unable to attend the luncheon party  
November 6th at 125 East 65th, and she thanks you  
for your kind invitation.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary A. Kelly*  
(Secretary to Mrs. Milliken)

Mrs. T. S. Ma,  
90 LaSalle Street,  
New York 27, N.Y.

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that I cannot come  
because of being out  
of town that weekend  
for a football game.

Thank you again  
for asking me.

Sincerely yours.

Felicia Andrade  
(Mrs. Eduardo Andrade)

October 24, 1960

Dear Mrs. Ma.

I want to thank  
you for asking me  
to a luncheon on Sun-  
day, November sixth,  
to commemorate the  
Founder's Day of Jim-  
ming College.

I am so sorry-

161 East 79<sup>th</sup> Street

Dear Mrs. Ma - I am so  
sorry I will not be  
able to come to lunch  
with you at the

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China Institute on  
Nov. 6. I am sure  
I am going to miss  
a most interesting  
time but it is  
alumni weekend at  
my husband's college  
in Maine and I  
had promised to go  
there with him.

I hope I will  
have other opportunities  
to meet the Ginkling  
alumni.

Sincerely  
Katherine Skates

TWO EAST SIXTY-FIRST STREET

OCTOBER 26, 1960

MY DEAR MRS. MA,

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR VERY KIND INVITATION TO MEET AT THE CHINA INSTITUTE ON DECEMBER 6TH AT ONE O'CLOCK. I REGRET EXCEEDINGLY THAT I WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND AS I WILL BE OUT OF TOWN.

I THINK BACK WITH GREAT PLEASURE TO MY ASSOCIATION WITH OUR SISTER COLLEGE.

BEST OF LUCK, AND MY GREETINGS.

SINCERELY,

*Esther M. Hirsch*

MRS. WALTER A. HIRSCH

MRS. T. S. MA  
90 LA SALLE STREET  
NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

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Dear Mrs. Ma:

Thank you so much for your kind  
invitation to join your luncheon party  
commemorating the Founders Day of  
Yenting College. Unfortunately I  
will be out of town that week end.

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so shall be unable to attend.

Sincerely yours

Ueno T. Truman

Tuesday  
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Dear Miss Chen

Thank you so very  
much for asking me to join  
you at the luncheon party to  
commemorate the Founders

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Day of your alma mater. I  
have been out of town a great  
deal recently fund raising for  
Smith and was uncertain of  
my schedule for this weekend.

I am sorry to say that  
I will be out of town on

Sunday also. I regret it very  
much as I know that I  
would enjoy the Chinese  
food and the opportunity  
of hearing about the  
good old days in China and  
seeing the films.

Thank you very much

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for including me.

Sincerely yours,

Cecily K. Roseberry

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Mrs. Joseph Maloney

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October 17.

Dear Mrs. Ma,

Thank you for your kind invitation to Luncheon on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, we will be out of town at that time so I will be unable to attend.

I do appreciate your invitation and I hope we may have the pleasure of meeting at some future time.

Sincerely, Jo Maloney.

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6 RIVERVIEW TERRACE  
NEW YORK 22, NEW YORK

October 16

Dear Mrs. Ma,

I am so sorry  
not to be able to  
accept the very kind  
invitation to the luncheon  
party to commemorate Founder's  
Day on November 6, but we  
are to be in Virginia, for  
the month of November.

Thank you for asking me.

Sincerely,  
Loring S. Wheeler

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MRS. Todd Gaulocher  
Regrets that she cannot  
accept the kind invitation  
of the Girdling Alumnae  
Association for luncheon  
on November 6, 1960

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October 1960

Dear Mrs. M.

Thank you so much  
for the invitation to  
Lunch —

I regret very much  
that I shall not  
be able to attend

Sincerely

Eda H. Kubin  
(Mrs. Charles Kubin)

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MISS SUSAN E. LYMAN

114 EAST 90TH STREET

NEW YORK 28, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Ma,

I am truly sorry that I am  
unable to accept your gracious  
invitation for November 6<sup>th</sup>, for  
I would like to come so much  
if I could. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Lyman

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Dec. 9, 1963

Dear Miss Hoffmann =

The Holiday Season are here again! May I wish you and your family a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a most HAPPY NEW YEAR.

As your new chairman, I would like to call your attention to some things which the Executive Committee plan to carry out during this coming year.

1. The property damage of the Taiwan Middle School needs urgent relief. The Committee decided to appeal and to plead for help to each member of this Chapter, including faculty and friends, either by writing or by telephoning. May I again humbly appeal to you for help? Please send your donation to me or to our treasurer, Chu Chi Fang. Donors' names will be printed in a notice for the next meeting.
2. Delegates should be sent to the bi-annual meeting in Los Angeles from July 2 to July 5, 1964. A detailed program and a questionnaire will be sent to you in the near future.
3. Two general meetings are scheduled for the coming year. One will be in the Spring (possibly a picnic), and the other in the Fall (Founder's Day Celebration). If there is need of any emergency gathering, you will be notified by telephone.
4. Here is the list for your Christmas mailing. But in case you have found errors and/or omissions in the list, please contact me.
5. Our organization needs improvement, especially in the matter of participation and collecting dues. (National membership dues is \$3.00 and N.Y. Chapter membership dues is \$2.00). Therefore, your suggestions and advice, together with your criticisms on improvement, are most welcome and appreciated.

May I take this opportunity to formally thank our former secretary, Loretta Pan, for her great assistance in making this new list and also the former members of the Executive Committee for their inspiration and encouragement. I am sure this will be a great year for all of us!!

Best Wishes,  
*Stella C. Lee*  
Stella C. Lee (Chairman)  
325 Riverside Dr., Apt. 103  
New York, N. Y. (10025)

The present Executive Committee of GAA New York Chapter are:

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- Mrs. Fen-ching Ong - Co-Chairman
- Mrs. John D. Brockdorff - Co-Chairman
- Mrs. C. P. Liu - Co-Chairman
- Mrs. Tsun-chun Fang - Treasurer
- Miss Joan Chao - Secretary



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Dec 1963

Members of the GAA New York Chapter

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