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OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

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PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION BLANK

Name - Mary Frances Reed

Date - May 1, 1946

Address - Box 843, Blacksburg, Va.

1. Please describe the work you wish to do:

Work preferred: To teach in China in a college to both men and women, courses in child care, especially the preschool level, courses in nursery school techniques, in mental hygiene and family relationships. In order to adequately teach the child development, I might have to teach part-time in a nursery school set-up, also, until teachers were trained and could carry on.

PREPARATION IN THE MAJOR FIELDS OF SOCIAL, RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL WORK

2. Social Work:

3. Religious Work:

<u>Field</u>	<u>Study in this Field</u>	<u>Sem.Hrs.</u>	<u>Experience in this Field</u>
Studies in Records of the Life of Jesus	Camp Minnesing, Canada	-	Courses taught in college as credit, modeled upon this type of teaching. Volunteer group study
	Various camp-sites in New Mexico Mountains	-	

4. Educational Work: (List in order of your preference the subjects you are prepared to teach, with age group or level preferred, and your study and teaching experience in these ssubjects)

<u>Field</u>	<u>Study in this Field</u>		<u>Experience in this Field</u>
Mental Hygiene	Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas	B.S.	Taught 6 yrs, Okla.A.&M. College, Stillwater, Okla.
Child Development or Child Psychology	Merrill-Palmer School Detroit, Mich.	-	
Nursery School Ob- servation and Participation	Ohio University, Athens, Ohio	M.A.	Taught part-time, 2 yrs, U. of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.
Family Life Relation- ships	U. of Illinois, Urbana, Ill. Ph.D. PendelHill, Wallingford, Pa.. 1 summer's work.		Taught past 5 yrs. at V.P.I., Blacksburg, Va.

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ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

- 5. Describe, giving institution and dates, any training and experience you have had in the field of home and family life, including family relationships, child care and guidance, health, nutrition, clothing, etc.

B.S. degree in Home Economics, Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kans. 1928
 1 year training at Merrill-Palmer School, Detroit, in child development and nursery school work, 1928-29
 M.A., Ohio University, Athens, in 1931, in education and child development
 Ph.D., in psychology at U. of Illinois, in 1941.

- 6. Describe any special training you have had for work (1) in a rural community, (2) in the city, or (3) in an industrial environment.

- 7. What study or experience have you had in relating the programs of church, school or social center to the needs and resources of the individuals and communities they would serve? Have you worked in or studied projects that were carrying on such programs?

Past 4 years, chairman of parent education committee of Va. Cooperative Education Assn. (Parent-Teacher group). Have helped to organize child study groups, helping through bibliography, illustrative materials, methods of presentation or program. Have written monthly articles for the Virginia Bulletin designed to help study groups.

- 8. Describe any additional training or experience you have had that would fit you for the work you wish to do.

I plan to study again in an advanced Seminar with Dr. Fritz Kunkel in psychology, and in an advanced group on religion at The Pines in California.

In my work toward my psychology degree, I had much experience in observation of grade-school children and teachers, background for research, and work in counseling.

- 9. What are your present Conference relations?

- 10. Do you have (1) a teaching certificate, (2) any rating as a social worker, or (3) other certification of professional competency? If so, specify.

Ph.D. in psychology, with minor in education. One year work at Merrill-Palmer School, nursery school center; several years teaching experience in 3 colleges.

- 11. To what professional organizations do you belong?

H. Econ. Assn; A.A.U.W.; Coop. Educ. Assn.

What professional journals do you regularly read?

Child Study	Articles as interested in
Mental Hygiene	Journal of Home Economics
The Child	Childhood Education
Annals of Am. Soc. of Pol. and Soc. Sci.	Parent-Teacher Mag.
	Psych. Bul.
	Genet. Psych Monog.
	Psych Abstracts

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EXPERIENCE AS AN EMPLOYED SOCIAL, RELIGIOUS OR EDUCATIONAL WORKER

12. Describe the positions in which you have served as an employed worker, giving nature of the work, name and location of the employing organization, dates, salary, type of community, age group if so divided, your major responsibilities and the most significant aspects of the program you carried on.

	<u>Salary</u>
9/29 - 9/30 Asst. Supt. Home for Girls, Romeo, Mich. Small community Educational-social worker in home supported by public funds. Children 6 to 18 want to local public schools	\$95 per mo. and maintenance
9/31 - 8/37 Asst. Prof. in Home Econ., Okal A. and M. College, Stillwater, Okla. Small middle west community. Teacher in the nursery school, acting director last 2 yrs; teacher of child development to college women; part of the time in charge of Home Management House.	Changing salary, - about \$2800 annually.
9/38 - 5/40 Asst. Prof. Home Econ., U. of Ill, Urbana, Ill. Part-time position. Teacher of child development and mental hygiene to college women.	About \$150 per month.
9/41 - 6/46 Asst. Prof. and Assoc. Prof. (at present) of Home Econ., Va. Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va. Director of Nursery school; teacher of child development; nursery school observation and participation; mental and physical health of the family. Parent education. Speaker on call over the state for topics relating to child development and mental hygiene.	Present \$3650

Signature: Mary Frances Reed

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STATEMENT RE MARY FRANCES REED

Mary Frances Reed was born in Holton, Kansas, October 27, 1906. She is the daughter of a physician and her mother was a nurse.

Type of work: Family life education, training in child development, especially nursery school

She wants to go to China but does not have any preference as to the section.

Dr. Reed is prepared to assume responsibility in the following skills: Counselling individuals; Leading discussions; Teaching a church school class (or other Bible study group); Speaking in public; Writing (feature material, news articles and reporting, human interest articles); Typing.

She also has some proficiency in shorthand, but says she is rusty in this skill.

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 (Pastor)

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(Pastor)

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Miss Caroline Omens, Ann Arbor (Sup't. Chinese Sunday School)

I feel she is qualified in every possible way, spiritually, intellectually and physically. We will hardly know how to get along without

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her here, but my heart being so thoroughly interested in the Chinese there is no place where we would rather have her be, our Chinese scholars and myself.

Miss Ella Bennett, Ann Arbor, (Room-mate)

She is a good solid woman, knows how to attend to her own work, to plan well and execute her plans. She has a great deal of determination and perseverance. Sometimes she becomes nervous, but is able to take hold of herself and command herself. She has just completed a difficult piece of work and received the degree of Ph. D. It has been a good test of her ability. She is far sighted and knows how to plan for the future. She has the excellent faculty of being able to attend to her own affairs without making herself unpleasant. She can speak highly of others' work and say nothing of her own.

Dr. B. G. Smith, Ypsilanti, Michigan (Fellow teacher)

She is very well prepared for the work she proposes to do, in Zoology and Physiology. I can recommend her without reserve.

Miss Jessie Phelps, Ypsilanti, Michigan (Fellow teacher)

Miss Reeves has a strong personality, such always show some peculiarities. Her charming, quick appreciation of a situation and her rare intellectual power more than off-set any of her foibles. She has great endurance and can stand lots of hard work. It seems to me she would be a great addition to your force.

Miss Mary Goddard, Ypsilanti, Michigan (Fellow teacher)

As I have known Miss Reeves I have liked her very much and have admired her character, her patient, persistent, conscientious manner of doing her work, and her marked ability. I believe she is quite an unusual woman. I think she would do strong work in your school. The fact that she has always to teach in China I think means that she is ready to throw her splendid energies into the work there.

Mrs. H. H. Meyer, Cincinnati, Ohio (Classmate and friend)

I think her qualifications unusually fine.

Miss Jessie Phelps, (Continued)

I believe she is a rare woman for the position: few would take her for forty-four. She is very youthful in spirit and appearance and has the health and vigor of most women of thirty, and will be good for many years of service. She has unusual powers of coordinating and bringing into harmony all the various factors in a situation. She has good ability in organizing and putting laboratory work into operation. She knows what is needed for the most up-to-date and practical kind of biology. I believe you would be making a sad mistake if you fail to appoint her.

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All testimonials recommend her appointment, the majority in most hearty terms. All agree that she is a woman of refinement; one says "She has unusual mental ability, but for years made her own way and may not have polish". She is described as attractive, quiet and unassuming in dress, a pleasant person to meet; strong rather than pretty. A strong character, cheerful, energetic, resourceful and with executive ability; tactful and wholesomely appreciative; an independent leader but capable of good team work. Hetic in self-denial. Active in Church work and in Chinese Sunday School.

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Regarding Miss Cora Reeves, Candidate for Ginling College.

Extract from a letter to Miss Hodge from Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe of Washington, non-resident vice-president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, who was asked to interview Miss Cora Reeves, a candidate for Ginling College: Mrs. Radcliffe has good judgment and has performed similar service for the Presbyterians many times.

"Detroit, Michigan,
September 7, 1917.

"I learned from Miss Reeves that she would be in Detroit yesterday, so I had her come to lunch and we had a couple of hours together. I like her immensely and talked very freely and to the point. I feel no hesitation in recommending her. I am inclined to think that the experience of these added years varied as it has been, has tended to make her more, rather than less adaptable. Her interest in the Chinese at Ann Arbor has been practical, and her enthusiasm over the possibilities of her work, both educational and spiritual, is great.

"She has a very agreeable personality, not handsome, rather gaunt and sharply cut features, but steady admirable eyes and a delightful smile, good teeth, etc.: is not 'stylish' but sufficiently well dressed. It is a curious coincidence that she had a summer at Woods Hole on my brother's scholarship some years ago, and has done work with one of his special friends in Ann Arbor. I do hope it can all be settled favorably soon. I wonder what equipment there is at Ginling for her work. She ought to know what to take and plan for, but of course that is not my business! But I do know she will be awfully handicapped if that practical side of things is not settled before departure. As she has done work at the University of Michigan and has friends there whose backing means something, I see possibilities ahead for that branch of the work."

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To the
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
Methodist Episcopal Church

As to the purpose and impulse
which has brought me to consider
work in China the story is a
long one. More than twenty-five
years ago, soon after my ^{conversion}
and the fuller religious experiences
which followed, I dreamt of going
to China. Some of the dreams
were by day light and were
exchanged ^{while} ^{visiting in} the pepper trees
with Miss Jean Loomis who is
now in China, as you know.

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The death of Mrs. Fannie M. Peeres, Treas. of
Northwestern Branch
Rockford District, W. F. M. S. interrupted
my plans of securing an
education and going if accepted
many years ago. After caring for
my grandmother, her mother, I came
to college expecting to join the Volunteers
and go at once. Sickness in mother's
family in part deterred me and
also I found that I loved science
and could so much better
succeed in scientific work that
I yielded to the inward impelling
and found myself to close a
specialist to be especially
useful. At the close of my

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college work, Dr. A. B. Leonard rather discouraged me saying, that, at that time the training in Botany and Zoology which I had had did not fit me for the needs. Quite regardless I have continued specializing because of the inward driving. There has always been the hope that I might use what I was acquiring where it would count for the Kingdom. My foreign study in Germany only intensified the sense of responsibility for the Chinese people and the hope has grown that I might share in their

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advancement in faith and knowledge. A number of past decisions made with most earnest prayer are apparently the steps where God has lead that I might be prepared for the demands of the present.

The deaths of both father and mother when a small child have made my life a varied one, living alternately with the two sides of the family until able to earn. The years of teaching and study you will note includes experience from the primary to the University. I have no failures to leave behind me except the early

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ones by which I learned how to teach.

The church work I have accomplished is too little to consider as compared with what should have been done. Those whose recommendation I should best like to have you secure can now no longer answer to our requests. Our Dr. Lucy Haag of Kwei Kwang and Mrs. Henry H. Martin of Court St. Church, Rockford have most urged my China ambitions or ideals. Would that I might be worthy of their trust and confidence. Our Miss Haasig has been kind enough to say that I am in a measure responsible for her being in the work.

Very sincerely,
Cora D. Reeves

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
of the
Methodist Episcopal Church

Candidate Blank : Application

1. Full name *Cora Daisy Reeves*
2. Permanent address *816 Wolfram St. Chicago*
3. Place and date of birth *Rockford, Ill Aug. 23, 1878*
4. Name, address and occupation of parents (or guardian)
5. Are your parents, or (if deceased) were they, members of a church? *yes*
If yes, of what denomination? *Methodist*
6. Are you a Student Volunteer? *No*
7. (a) Are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a regular attendant upon its services and are you fully in accord with its doctrines as set forth in Paragraphs 1 to 25 of the Discipline of 1912? *yes*
(b) When and where did you unite with the church? *Pomona, Cal., 1887*
(c) Of what church are you now a member? *First Methodist, Ann Arbor, Mich*
8. (a) What is your habit as to Bible study? *Poor*
(b) Have you had special systematic study of the Scriptures? *Some years ago*
(c) Have you made any study of essentials of Christian doctrine?
9. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord? *yes.*
10. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifested in the past? *yes? Personal work in Sunday School and League*
11. (a) Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary?
(b) What reason have you for so believing?
(c) How long have you entertained this conviction?
(Answer questions 8, 9, 10, 11 in detail on a separate sheet)
12. (a) Do you believe that in every form of mission work the paramount duty of a missionary is to make Christ known as Master, Lord and Saviour? *yes.*
(b) Do you purpose to make such effort the chief feature of your missionary career, no matter what other duties may be assigned to you? *yes.*
13. Do you now purpose to enter the foreign missionary work for life, if God will? *For while it seems his will*
14. If, however, you should within five years resign for other than physical or other disqualifications approved by the Society, do you promise to refund such a proportion of the expense incurred on your account as the Society may judge equitable? *yes*

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15. (a) What special field, if any, do you prefer? *China*
 (b) What reasons have you for this preference? *Interest in the Chinese*
 (c) Are you, nevertheless, willing to go wherever the Board may deem it best to send you? *Not to some climates because it would appear*
16. (a) To what extent are you acquainted with the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society? *In general*
 (b) Have you carefully studied its constitution and by-laws and are you willing to be governed by them? *yes*
17. Have you applied to any other Society, and if so with what result? *no other than Gungling Committee*
18. a. Have you any views which would prevent your cordial co-operation with the missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church?
 b. *Or with those of other denominations cooperating in Gungling College, Nanking, China?*
19. Would you be willing to give up any personal habit which might grieve your fellow missionaries and lessen your influence for good? *yes*
20. Have you any scruples against the use of medicine? *no*
21. Are you a total abstainer from all forms of alcoholic beverages, from opium, cocaine and other narcotics? *yes*
22. Does your experience lead to the conclusion that you can cheerfully acquiesce in the decision of a majority? *yes*
 Does this necessity when met produce mental perturbation and discontent? *no*
23. Are responsibilities calmly and cheerfully borne? *yes*
 Do they produce inquietude, care, anxiety, worry and sleepless nights? *not now*
24. Is your temperament such as to lead to the belief that you can easily adapt yourself to the new and strange conditions of life in a foreign field? *yes*
25. What is the condition of your health? *Excellent*
 (Answer questions in Form 2 and procure testimony of a competent physician according to Form 3.)

26. Outline the character and extent of your education.

(a) Full Names of Schools	Periods of Study	Dates of Graduation	Degrees	Specialties
<i>Cal. State Normal Los Angeles</i>	<i>1891-1894</i>	<i>1894</i>	<i>Life Certificate</i>	
<i>University of Michigan</i>	<i>1902-1906</i>	<i>1906</i>	<i>A B</i>	<i>Botany and Zoology</i>
<i>University of Berlin</i>	<i>1910-1911</i>			
<i>" Giessem</i>	<i>1911-1912</i>		<i>Ph D</i>	<i>Zoology Psychology</i>
<i>" Michigan</i>	<i>1913-1917</i>	<i>1917</i>		<i>general Physiology</i>

- (b) Give list of subjects you are prepared to teach. *Zoology, Physiology, Psychology, Botany*
- (c) What languages other than English have you studied, and with what facility do you acquire them? *German French Very difficult*
- (d) Can you play the piano or organ? *no* (e) Can you lead in singing? *yes*
- (f) Have you any knowledge of book-keeping? *Elementary* (g) Stenography? *no*
- (h) What other business training have you had? *Settling on estate*

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27. Have you had practical experience?

(a) If in Mission or Church work, give time and place. *Panama 1889* *Rockford, Ill 1875-1902*
Los Angeles 189-94 *Manistee 1906-1910*

(b) If a teacher, name the schools and the time in each, the grades and subjects taught.

Rural School 1894-5 Orange Co. Cal.
Substitute Teacher Rockford 1896-98
First grade Blake School 1901-02
Manistee High School Manistee 1906-1910 Botany, Zoology, Physiology
University of Michigan assistant in Zoology 1910-15
Michigan State Normal College Physiology 1915-17, Ypsilanti

(c) If a physician, have you had hospital experience? *no* If yes, where and how long?

Have you had independent practice? *no* If yes, where and how long?

(d) If in business, give name and address of firms.

28. Have you been married? *no* If yes, is your husband living?

Are you engaged to be married? *no*

29. Are you liable for debt? *no*

30. (a) Is any one dependent upon you for support? *no*

(b) Is there now or likely to be in the near future anyone dependent upon you for personal care? *apparently no likelihood.*

Date *Aug 17 1917*

Signed *Coris D Reeves*

703 Pearl St Present address
Ypsilanti, Mich.

On reverse side of this sheet give names and addresses of at least ten persons who are able to give information relative to your Christian usefulness, adaptability to people and circumstances, your executive ability, success in teaching and in the management of finances. The list should include pastors, instructors, women friends and others. State your relationship with the persons named.

Please enclose a photograph of yourself, also a letter outlining your personal and family history and describing your Christian experience and motives for seeking missionary service.

Fill out and send with letter and photograph to

Miss Margaret E. Hodge (Chiman Linking Candidates Com.)
Keene Valley Inn
Keene Valley, New York

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REFERENCES

- ✓ Rev. A. J. Stalker, Ann Arbor, Michigan, pastor
- ✓ Miss Caroline Owen, 402 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, Mich. Supt. Chinese S.S.
- Miss Mella Bennett, 227 S. Thayer St. Ann Arbor Mich. Biology Teacher A.A.H.S. Roommate
- ✓ Dr. B. G. Smith Zoology Michigan State Normal College 122 College Place Ypsilanti
- Jessie Phelps as Professor " " " " Box 02 Marquette Colorado
- Miss Mary Goddard Botany " " " " 308 Ballard St Ypsilanti
- Prof. Jacob Reichard U. of M. 1502 Cambridge Road Ann Arbor } Zoology Department
- O. C. Glaser 501 E. Madison St, Ann Arbor }
- ✓ Rev. Franklin H. Clapp West Side, Second St. M. Church Grand Rapids
Pastor while in Marquette
- ✓ Dr and Mrs. H. H. Meyer, 3521 Clifton Ave Cincinnati Ohio
Classmates in Normal School 1872 - '74
Class friend

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Phelps 5742 Kenwood Ave
Chicago

April, 1917

FORM 4



Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
of the
Methodist Episcopal Church

Candidate Blank: Confidential Letter

Sep. 4 1917

To Miss Mary Goddard

308 Ballard St. Ipsilanti, Mich.

Miss Cora D. Reeves has applied for appointment as a foreign missionary, and we have been referred to you as one whose opinion regarding her qualifications will be of value. We should have full and frank information regarding her, and are dependent for this, in large measure, upon testimonials of personal friends. If you will aid us by answering the following inquiries and by giving us such information as you possess, we shall appreciate your courtesy. If you wish, we shall regard your answer confidential.

We face a grave responsibility in selecting and sending out the women who shall carry on the work of the Church. While we should have the very best in endowment and equipment, we must on the other hand guard against making the impression that the standard set is so high that modest young women may feel themselves debarred from offering to serve when they really are well qualified. We have no source of information concerning applicants on which we depend more fully than upon the personal testimonials of friends and fellow workers. Will you not thus share our responsibility and let us know very freely and for the work's sake all you know, favorable or unfavorable, concerning this applicant's fitness for the work to which she feels called?

Elizabeth R. Bender

~~Corresponding Secretary, Ginkgo College, Committee, Branch~~

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I. General Inquiries

- 1 How long have you known the applicant and under what circumstances? *I think it is three years since she came to Ypsilanti as Science teacher, during which time we have been fellow teachers in the same building.*
- 2 What information can you give regarding her family? *I know some branches of her family for many years, but not her immediate family. They are fine Christlike people, intelligent and refined.*
- 3 Would her appointment be looked upon favorably by her family and the public generally? *I believe it would.*
- 4 Would you recommend her appointment? *Heartily.*
- 5 In what lines of missionary service do you think she would best succeed? *I can not say, tho I think she would succeed beautifully in the teaching, probably do best there.*
- 6 Do you think she has the stamina needed to meet heavy nervous and physical strain? *Yes.*

II. Personality

- 1 Is she a woman of refinement? *Yes.*
- 2 Is she attractive or unattractive? *She is quite an appealing in manner + dress. Has bright + pleasing smile. A pleasant person to meet.*
- 3 Is she cheerful or despondent? *As far as I know, she is very cheerful.*
- 4 Is she energetic or slow? *Energetic*
- 5 Is she a leader or disposed to lean upon others? *I don't believe that she is inclined to lean on others.*
- 6 Would you call hers a strong character? *Yes.*
- 7 Has she power of initiative? *Yes.*
- 8 Has she shown executive ability? *I do not know.*
- 9 Is she constructive and resourceful in plans and methods of work? *I believe she is.*
- 10 Has she ability to bring things to pass? *Yes.*
- 11 Has she tact? *I think she would have tact.*
- 12 Is her attitude toward others appreciative or critical? *I think she is very appreciative.*
- 13 Can she do good "team work"?
- 14 Has she any special accomplishments?
- 15 Do you know of anything in her personality or habits, which in your judgment would disqualify her for a foreign missionary? *No.*

III. Home Habits

- 1 Is she a good home maker? *I judge so.*
- 2 Is she orderly and punctual?
- 3 Is she genial and companionable? *Yes.*
- 4 Is she self-assertive or self-denying? *She seems a little reticent.*

IV. Business Habits

- 1 Have you had any money dealings with her? *No.*
- 2 Do you consider her careful, conscientious and prompt in business matters?
- 3 Is she careful in the use of money?
- 4 Has she been in any business or profession? *In the teaching profession.*
- 5 Was she successful in her work? *She does strong work.*
- 6 Is she practical? *Yes.*
- 7 If she is a physician, nurse or teacher what can you say of her professional equipment? *She has had excellent training for her work as a teacher of Natural Science. She took her doctor's degree from the University of Michigan this last June.*

V. Christian Character and Work

- 1 Has she a sound and well developed Christian character? *As I have known her she seems a woman of very fine character.*
- 2 Can you give any information regarding her prayer habits, Bible study, or personal spiritual life?
- 3 What do you know regarding her Christian work in the Church and community? What active Christian work has she done? Has she ever been a winner of souls?
- 4 ~~Has she any fanatical or other tendencies that are opposed to the spirit of Methodism?~~

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Have you any additional information not covered by the above questions?

Please give your own opinion, unhampered by any question.

Miss Reeves and I have been associated in our teaching, but she has been in Ann Arbor so much when not teaching that I have had little opportunity to know about many of the things you ask. She has been so busy working for her doctor's degree and teaching that she has had little opportunity to mingle with us socially, nor have I had an opportunity to know of her church work. As a consequence I have left many questions unanswered. She ^{was} worked for her degree and taught at the same time during the time she has been in Michigan. I have liked her very much and have admired her character, her patient, persistent, conscientious manner of doing her work, and her marked ability. I believe she is quite an unusual woman. I think she could do strong work in your school. The fact that she has always wanted to teach in China I think means that she is ready to throw her splendid energies into the work there. She is very happy in the thought of doing this work in China and I hope she has the opportunity.

Signature *Mary A. Goddard*
 Address *308 Ballard St.,
 Ypsilanti, Mich.*

Date *Sept. 10, 1917.*

Please mail this certificate directly to

Elizabeth R. Bender
157 Fifth Ave.
New York City

A prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.



Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
of the
Methodist Episcopal Church

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Sep. 5 1917

To Jessie Phelps

5742 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill

Mrs. Cora D. Reeves has applied for appointment as a foreign missionary, ^{teacher in Yenching College, Hankow, China} and we have been referred to you as one whose opinion regarding her qualifications will be of value. We should have full and frank information regarding her, and are dependent for this, in large measure, upon testimonials of personal friends. If you will aid us by answering the following inquiries and by giving us such information as you possess, we will appreciate it and also, if you wish, regard it as confidential.

We face a grave responsibility in selecting and sending out the women who shall carry on the work of the Church. While we should have the very best in endowment and equipment, we must on the other hand guard against making the impression that the standard set is so high that modest young women may feel themselves debarred from offering to serve when they really are well qualified. We have no source of information concerning applicants on which we depend more fully than upon the personal testimonials of friends and fellow workers. Will you not thus share our responsibility and let us know very freely and for the work's sake all you know, favorable or unfavorable, concerning this applicant's fitness for the work to which she feels called ?

Elizabeth R. Bender

~~Corresponding Secretary, Gresham College Committee Branch~~

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I. General Inquiries

- 1 How long have you known the applicant, and under what circumstances? *4 yrs. - as friend & Co. worker.*
- 2 What information can you give regarding her family? *I know only her mother and aunt & cousin.*
- 3 Would her appointment be looked upon favorably by her family and the public generally? *Yes.*
- 4 Would you recommend her appointment? *Yes.*
- 5 In what lines of missionary service do you think she would best succeed? *Teaching & general social service.*

II. Personality

- 1 Is she a woman of refinement? *Yes.*
- 2 Is she attractive or unattractive?
- 3 Is she cheerful or despondent?
- 4 Is she energetic or shy?
- 5 Is she a leader or disposed to lean upon others?
- 6 Would you call hers a strong character? *Yes - very.*
- 7 Has she power of initiative? *"*
- 8 Has she shown executive ability? *"*
- 9 Is she constructive and resourceful in plans and methods of work? *Yes.*
- 10 Has she ability to bring things to pass? *Yes.*
- 11 Has she tact? *Yes I think so, at least under best circumstances.*
- 12 Is her attitude toward others appreciative or critical?
- 13 Would she work well with others? *Yes.*
- 14 Can she do good "team work"?
- 15 Has she any special accomplishments? *Skill in laboratory work.*
- 16 Do you know of anything in her personality or habits, which in your judgment would disqualify her for a foreign missionary? *No.*

III. Home Habits

- 1 Is she a good home maker? *Don't know -*
- 2 Is she orderly and punctual? *Not accord. to best standards.*
- 3 Is she genial and companionable? *Yes.*
- 4 Is she self-assertive or self-denying? *Neither.*

IV. Business Habits

- 1 Have you had any money dealings with her? *Yes.*
- 2 Do you consider her careful, conscientious and prompt in business matters? *Yes.*
- 3 Is she careful in the use of money?
- 4 Has she been in any business or profession? *Teaching.*
- 5 Was she successful in her work? *Greatly.*
- 6 Is she practical? *I think so.*
- 7 If she is a physician, nurse or teacher what can you say of her professional equipment?
Ph. ed - Univ. of Mich. 1914 - Fine training.

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V. Christian Character and Work

- 1 Has she a sound and well developed Christian character? *Yes. -*
- 2 Can you give any information regarding her prayer habits, Bible study, or personal spiritual life? *No.*
- 3 What do you know regarding her Christian work in the Church and community? What active Christian work has she done? Has she ever been a winner of souls?

Sunday School Teacher of Christian Boys in M. E. Church An Arbor, Mich. -

Have you any additional information not covered by the above questions?

No.

Please give your own opinion, unhampered by any question.

Miss Rivers has a strong personality, such always shows her peculiarities. Her charming, quick appreciation of a situation and her rare intellectual power more than offset any of her foibles. - She has great endurance & can stand lots of hard work. It seems to me she would be a great addition to your force.

Signature *Jessie Phelps*
Address *Peppinville, Mich.*
M. S. R. C.

Date *Sept. 11 - 1917*

Please mail this certificate directly to

Elizabeth R. Bender
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

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Sep. 5 1917

To Dr. B. G. Smith

122 College Place, Ypsilanti, Mich.

Mrs. Cora D. Reers has applied for appointment as a foreign missionary, ^{teacher in Ginling College, Nanking, China} and we have been referred to you as one whose opinion regarding her qualifications will be of value. We should have full and frank information regarding her, and are dependent for this, in large measure, upon testimonials of personal friends. If you will aid us by answering the following inquiries and by giving us such information as you possess, we will appreciate it and also, if you wish, regard it as confidential.

We face a grave responsibility in selecting and sending out the women who shall carry on the work of the Church. While we should have the very best in endowment and equipment, we must on the other hand guard against making the impression that the standard set is so high that modest young women may feel themselves debarred from offering to serve when they really are well qualified. We have no source of information concerning applicants on which we depend more fully than upon the personal testimonials of friends and fellow workers. Will you not thus share our responsibility and let us know very freely and for the work's sake all you know, favorable or unfavorable, concerning this applicant's fitness for the work to which she feels called?

Elizabeth R. Bender

~~Corresponding Secretary~~, Ginling College Committee, ~~Branch~~

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I. General Inquiries

- 1 How long have you known the applicant, and under what circumstances? *12 years ago we were members of same class in Univ. of Mich.; for last 2 years we have been associated as teachers.*
- 2 What information can you give regarding her family? *None*
- 3 Would her appointment be looked upon favorably by her family and the public generally?
- 4 Would you recommend her appointment? *Yes*
- 5 In what lines of missionary service do you think she would best succeed? *Teaching.*

II. Personality

- 1 Is she a woman of refinement? *Yes*
- 2 Is she attractive or unattractive? *Strong rather than pretty; not attractive in the usual sense, but enthusiastic in her work; holds the interest of students. Certainly not unattractive.*
- 3 Is she cheerful or despondent? *Cheerful*
- 4 Is she energetic or slow? *Very energetic.*
- 5 Is she a leader or disposed to lean upon others? *A leader*
- 6 Would you call hers a strong character? *Yes*
- 7 Has she power of initiative? *Yes*
- 8 Has she shown executive ability? *Yes*
- 9 Is she constructive and resourceful in plans and methods of work? *Yes*
- 10 Has she ability to bring things to pass? *Yes*
- 11 Has she tact? *Yes*
- 12 Is her attitude toward others appreciative or critical? *Appreciative*
- 13 Would she work well with others? *Yes*
- 14 Can she do good "team work"? *Yes*
- 15 Has she any special accomplishments? *Do not know*
- 16 Do you know of anything in her personality or habits, which in your judgment would disqualify her for a foreign missionary? *No*

III. Home Habits

- 1 Is she a good home maker?
- 2 Is she orderly and punctual?
- 3 Is she genial and companionable? *Yes*
- 4 Is she self-assertive or self-denying?

IV. Business Habits

- 1 Have you had any money dealings with her? *No*
- 2 Do you consider her careful, conscientious and prompt in business matters?
- 3 Is she careful in the use of money?
- 4 Has she been in any business or profession?
- 5 Was she successful in her work?
- 6 Is she practical?
- 7 If she is a physician, nurse or teacher what can you say of her professional equipment?

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V. Christian Character and Work

- 1 Has she a sound and well developed Christian character? *Yes*
- 2 Can you give any information regarding her prayer habits, Bible study, or personal spiritual life? *No*
- 3 What do you know regarding her Christian work in the Church and community? What active Christian work has she done? Has she ever been a winner of souls?

Have you any additional information not covered by the above questions?

(She is very well prepared for the work she proposes to do, in zoology and physiology.)

Please give your own opinion, unhampered by any question.

I can recommend her without reserve.

Signature *Bertram G. Smith,*
 Address *17th College Place*
Ypsilanti, Michigan

Date.....

Please mail this certificate directly to

Elizabeth R. Bender
150 74th Ave.
New York 45

A prompt reply will be appreciated.

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
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..... Sep. 5 1917

To Miss M. Ella Bennett.....

..... 227 S. Thayer St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

Miss Cora D. Reeves has applied for appointment as a foreign missionary, and we have been referred to you as one whose opinion regarding her qualifications will be of value. We should have full and frank information regarding her, and are dependent for this, in large measure, upon testimonials of personal friends. If you will aid us by answering the following inquiries and by giving us such information as you possess, we shall appreciate your courtesy. If you wish, we shall regard your answer confidential.

We face a grave responsibility in selecting and sending out the women who shall carry on the work of the Church. While we should have the very best in endowment and equipment, we must on the other hand guard against making the impression that the standard set is so high that modest young women may feel themselves debarred from offering to serve when they really are well qualified. We have no source of information concerning applicants on which we depend more fully than upon the personal testimonials of friends and fellow workers. Will you not thus share our responsibility and let us know very freely and for the work's sake all you know, favorable or unfavorable, concerning this applicant's fitness for the work to which she feels called?

Elizabeth R. Bender.....

Corresponding Secretary,.....

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I. General Inquiries

- 1 How long have you known the applicant and under what circumstances? *About fifteen years*
Lived in our home several years.
- 2 What information can you give regarding her family? *She has been an orphan since her childhood - Has no one dependent upon her.*
- 3 Would her appointment be looked upon favorably by her family and the public generally? *Yes*
- 4 Would you recommend her appointment? *Yes, decidedly -*
- 5 In what lines of missionary service do you think she would best succeed? *Educational and Evangelistic*
- 6 Do you think she has the stamina needed to meet heavy nervous and physical strain? *Yes, I believe so.*

II. Personality

- 1 Is she a woman of refinement? *Yes*
- 2 Is she attractive or unattractive? *Has a plain face, and dresses quietly*
- 3 Is she cheerful or despondent? *Cheerful always*
- 4 Is she energetic or slow? *Quite energetic*
- 5 Is she a leader or disposed to lean upon others? *An independent leader*
- 6 Would you call hers a strong character? *Yes*
- 7 Has she power of initiative? *Yes*
- 8 Has she shown executive ability? *Yes*
- 9 Is she constructive and resourceful in plans and methods of work? *Yes. Has been very successful in Epworth League work and elsewhere*
- 10 Has she ability to bring things to pass? *Yes*
- 11 Has she tact? *Yes - does not antagonize -*
- 12 Is her attitude toward others appreciative or critical? *Appreciative*
- 13 Can she do good "team work"? *Very well indeed*
- 14 Has she any special accomplishments? *Can cook well, and sew, cut and fit, sing some -*
- 15 Do you know of anything in her personality or habits, which in your judgment would disqualify her for a foreign missionary? *No. I really think she would make an excellent missionary. She thinks independently and does not interfere with others but aids and encourages them.*

III. Home Habits

- 1 Is she a good home maker? *Yes*
- 2 Is she orderly and punctual? *Endeavors to be but real work sometimes prevents her.*
- 3 Is she genial and companionable? *Yes*
- 4 Is she self-assertive or self-denying? *Always self-denying*

IV. Business Habits

- 1 Have you had any money dealings with her? *Always careful to pay fully for all services*
- 2 Do you consider her careful, conscientious and prompt in business matters? *Yes*
- 3 Is she careful in the use of money? *Very*
- 4 Has she been in any business or profession? *She's taught for about ten years*
- 5 Was she successful in her work? *Yes*
- 6 Is she practical? *Very*
- 7 If she is a physician, nurse or teacher what can you say of her professional equipment? *She has taught in public schools, high school, and for the past three or four years in the State normal, at Ypsilanti, Mich. She holds the degrees of B. B. and P. H. D. from the University of Michigan besides a diploma from a normal college. She is excellently prepared in biology especially -*

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V. Christian Character and Work

- 1 Has she a sound and well developed Christian character? *Very, a devoted Christian with a strong influence for good.*
- 2 Can you give any information regarding her prayer habits, Bible study, or personal spiritual life? *Very devout reserved. ~~knows~~ her Bible.*
- 3 What do you know regarding her Christian work in the Church and community? What active Christian work has she done? Has she ever been a winner of souls? *Has been teaching in Chinese Sunday school, has been a leader in Epworth League in Marquette Mich.*
- 4 Has she any fanatical or other tendencies that are opposed to the spirit of Methodism? *No.*

Have you any additional information not covered by the above questions?

She keeps young people in mind for years and works in various ways to reach them and keep them in the church and doing Christian work.

Please give your own opinion, unhampered by any question.

I am sure that Miss Revere has heart and soul in her work she has longed to do for years. She is a good, solid, woman, knows how to attend to her own work, to plan well and execute her plans. She has a great deal of determination and perseverance. Sometimes she becomes nervous but is able to take hold of herself and command herself. She has just completed a difficult piece of work and received the degree of Ph.D. It has been a good test of her ability. She is far sighted and knows how to plan for the future. She has the excellent faculty of being able to attend to her own affairs without making herself unpleasant. She can speak highly of other's work and say nothing of her own.

Signature *Mary Ella Bennett*
Address *227 S. Thayer St.
Ann Arbor, Mich.*

Date *Sept 12, 1917*

Please mail this certificate directly to

Elizabeth R. Bender
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

a prompt reply will be appreciated

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April, 1917

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
of the
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..... Sep. 5 1917

To..... Miss Caroline Owen.....

..... 402 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

Miss Cora D. Reeves has applied for appointment as a foreign missionary, ^{teacher in Ginko College, Hankow, China} and we have been referred to you as one whose opinion regarding her qualifications will be of value. We should have full and frank information regarding her, and are dependent for this, in large measure, upon testimonials of personal friends. If you will aid us by answering the following inquiries and by giving us such information as you possess, we shall appreciate your courtesy. If you wish, we shall regard your answer confidential.

We face a grave responsibility in selecting and sending out the women who shall carry on the work of the Church. While we should have the very best in endowment and equipment, we must on the other hand guard against making the impression that the standard set is so high that modest young women may feel themselves debarred from offering to serve when they really are well qualified. We have no source of information concerning applicants on which we depend more fully than upon the personal testimonials of friends and fellow workers. Will you not thus share our responsibility and let us know very freely and for the work's sake all you know, favorable or unfavorable, concerning this applicant's fitness for the work to which she feels called?

Elizabeth R. Bender

~~Corresponding Secretary, Ginko College, Hankow, China~~

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I. General Inquiries

- 1 How long have you known the applicant and under what circumstances? *I have known her over ten years in the Chinese Sunday School of our church.*
- 2 What information can you give regarding her family? *Her parents are not living but I have met her Aunt with whom she lived and a cousin, very good people.*
- 3 Would her appointment be looked upon favorably by her family and the public generally? *I am sure it would.*
- 4 Would you recommend her appointment? *I recommend it most heartily.*
- 5 In what lines of missionary service do you think she would best succeed? *She is an excellent student and an unusually good teacher, I am sure she would succeed there.*
- 6 Do you think she has the stamina needed to meet heavy nervous and physical strain? *Yes, she certainly has.*

II. Personality

- 1 Is she a woman of refinement? *She is most decidedly.*
- 2 Is she attractive or unattractive? *Attractive and bright.*
- 3 Is she cheerful or despondent? *Very cheerful.*
- 4 Is she energetic or slow? *Very energetic.*
- 5 Is she a leader or disposed to lean upon others? *A leader by all means.*
- 6 Would you call hers a strong character? *I certainly would.*
- 7 Has she power of initiative? *She has.*
- 8 Has she shown executive ability? *Yes, she has.*
- 9 Is she constructive and resourceful in plans and methods of work? *She is.*
- 10 Has she ability to bring things to pass? *Yes, she has.*
- 11 Has she tact? *Yes.*
- 12 Is her attitude toward others appreciative or critical? *Very appreciative.*
- 13 Can she do good "team work"? *I have never checked this but would say she could.*
- 14 Has she any special accomplishments? *She sings and is a good leader.*
- 15 Do you know of anything in her personality or habits which in your judgment would disqualify her for a foreign missionary? *I do not, I do not think a better one could be found.*

III. Home Habits

- 1 Is she a good home maker? *I should say yes, she and other girls have kept house.*
- 2 Is she orderly and punctual? *Yes.*
- 3 Is she genial and companionable? *Yes - very.*
- 4 Is she self-assertive or self-denying? *She is.*

IV. Business Habits

- 1 Have you had any money dealings with her? *No, I have not.*
- 2 Do you consider her careful, conscientious and prompt in business matters? *I do think her conscientious in everything.*
- 3 Is she careful in the use of money? *Yes, I should judge it had been necessary.*
- 4 Has she been in any business or profession? *A Teacher.*
- 5 Was she successful in her work? *Yes.*
- 6 Is she practical? *Yes.*
- 7 If she is a physician, nurse or teacher what can you say of her professional equipment? *I believe she is thoroughly equipped, having received her P. H. D. and having worked very faithfully for it.*

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V. Christian Character and Work

- 1 Has she a sound and well developed Christian character? *She certainly has*
- 2 Can you give any information regarding her prayer habits, Bible study, or personal spiritual life? *I cannot say definitely, only I believe her most spiritual*
- 3 What do you know regarding her Christian work in the Church and community? What active Christian work has she done? Has she ever been a winner of souls? *She is an active church worker among girls and in Church S.S., always trying to win souls.*
- 4 ~~Has she any fanatical or other tendencies that are opposed to the spirit of Methodism?~~

Have you any additional information not covered by the above questions?

I am so very glad to say anything that I can in favor of Miss Beece, for I feel she is qualified in every possible way, spiritually, intellectually and physically. We will hardly know how to get along without her, but my heart being so thoroughly interested in the Church there is no place where we would rather have her than our Church scholars and myself.

Please give your own opinion, unhampered by any question.

I am sorry this has been delayed, it was on account of continued headache from eye strain.

Signature *Carolyn K. Owens*
 Address *402 East Huron St.
Ann Arbor, Mich*

Date *Sept 10, 1917*

Please mail this certificate directly to

Elizabeth R. Bender
150 71st Ave.
New York City

A prompt reply will be appreciated



Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
of the
Methodist Episcopal Church

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Sep. 5 1917

To Rev. Franklin H. Clapp

West Side Second St. M. E. Church, Grand Rapids Mich.

Miss Cora D. Reeves has applied for appointment as a foreign missionary ^{teacher in Gresham College, Nanking, China} and we have been referred to you as one whose opinion regarding her qualifications will be of value. We should have full and frank information regarding her, and are dependent for this, in large measure, upon testimonials of personal friends. If you will aid us by answering the following inquiries and by giving us such information as you possess, we will appreciate it and also, if you wish, regard it as confidential.

We face a grave responsibility in selecting and sending out the women who shall carry on the work of the Church. While we should have the very best in endowment and equipment, we must on the other hand guard against making the impression that the standard set is so high that modest young women may feel themselves debarred from offering to serve when they really are well qualified. We have no source of information concerning applicants on which we depend more fully than upon the personal testimonials of friends and fellow workers. Will you not thus share our responsibility and let us know very freely and for the work's sake all you know, favorable or unfavorable, concerning this applicant's fitness for the work to which she feels called?

Elizabeth R. Bender

Corresponding Secretary, Gresham College Committee Branch

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I. General Inquiries

- 1 How long have you known the applicant, and under what circumstances? Eight years.
..... was her pastor at Manistee, Michigan.
- 2 What information can you give regarding her family? Do not know them.
- 3 Would her appointment be looked upon favorably by her family and the public generally? Favorably.
- 4 Would you recommend her appointment? Most decidedly yes.
- 5 In what lines of missionary service do you think she would best succeed? Teaching.

II. Personality

- 1 Is she a woman of refinement? Yes.
- 2 Is she attractive or unattractive? Yes.
- 3 Is she cheerful or despondent? Cheerful.
- 4 Is she energetic or slow? Energetic.
- 5 Is she a leader or disposed to lean upon others? A leader.
- 6 Would you call hers a strong character? Very strong.
- 7 Has she power of initiative? Yes.
- 8 Has she shown executive ability? Yes.
- 9 Is she constructive and resourceful in plans and methods of work? Yes.
- 10 Has she ability to bring things to pass? Yes.
- 11 Has she tact? Yes.
- 12 Is her attitude toward others appreciative or critical? Appreciative.
- 13 Would she work well with others? Yes.
- 14 Can she do good "team work"? Yes.
- 15 Has she any special accomplishments? Her teaching ability.
- 16 Do you know of anything in her personality or habits, which in your judgment would disqualify her for a foreign missionary? No.

III. Home Habits

- 1 Is she a good home maker? I do not know.
- 2 Is she orderly and punctual? Yes.
- 3 Is she genial and companionable? Yes.
- 4 Is she self-assertive or self-denying? Self-denying.

IV. Business Habits

- 1 Have you had any money dealings with her? No.
- 2 Do you consider her careful, conscientious and prompt in business matters? Yes.
- 3 Is she careful in the use of money? Yes.
- 4 Has she been in any business or profession? Teaching.
- 5 Was she successful in her work? Very.
- 6 Is she practical? Yes.
- 7 If she is a physician, nurse or teacher what can you say of her professional equipment?
..... Most thoroughly trained and efficient.

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V. Christian Character and Work

- 1 Has she a sound and well developed Christian character? Yes.
- 2 Can you give any information regarding her prayer habits, Bible study, or personal spiritual life? She is of a devout and intense nature.
- 3 What do you know regarding her Christian work in the Church and community? What active Christian work has she done? Has she ever been a winner of souls? She was president of our Epworth League and took a special interest in young girls.

Have you any additional information not covered by the above questions ?

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Please give your own opinion, unhampered by any question.

..... I am delighted to know that Miss Reeves has finally applied to your Society for service. She has been fitting herself for years for a great service in the name of Christ and the Church. (She is most capable and will fill a large place in educational work. Her ideals are the highest and she has the staying qualities that will see any task through. Our Church is most fortunate in having this noble young woman volunteer for foreign service. You will be doing a valuable thing for the Church when you send her to China.

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Signature..... *P. H. Dapp*

Address 600 Turner Ave, N.W.
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Date....September 7th, 1917.....

Please mail this certificate directly to

..... *Elizabeth R. Bender*

..... *150 Fifth Ave., New York City*

A prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

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April, 1917

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
of the
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Sep. 5 1917

To Rev. A. J. Stalker
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Miss Cora D. Reeves, ^{teacher in Ganking College, Nanking, China} has applied for appointment as a foreign missionary, and we have been referred to you as one whose opinion regarding her qualifications will be of value. We should have full and frank information regarding her, and are dependent for this, in large measure, upon testimonials of personal friends. If you will aid us by answering the following inquiries and by giving us such information as you possess, we shall appreciate your courtesy. If you wish, we shall regard your answer ^{as} confidential.

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Elizabeth R. Bender

Corresponding Secretary, Ganking College, Nanking, China

Ganking College

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I. General Inquiries

- 1 How long have you known the applicant and under what circumstances? *Nine or ten years*
- 2 What information can you give regarding her family? *None*
- 3 Would her appointment be looked upon favorably by her family and the public generally? *see below*
- 4 Would you recommend her appointment? *I would*
- 5 In what lines of missionary service do you think she would best succeed? *teaching*
- 6 Do you think she has the stamina needed to meet heavy nervous and physical strain? *She has stood a great deal in getting her education.*

II. Personality

- 1 Is she a woman of refinement? *She is*
- 2 Is she attractive or unattractive? *I would say "attractive"*
- 3 Is she cheerful or despondent? *Fundamentally, cheerful*
- 4 Is she energetic or slow? *Energetic*
- 5 Is she a leader or disposed to lean upon others? *Does not lean" Opportunities to lead have not been given her.*
- 6 Would you call hers a strong character? *Yes*
- 7 Has she power of initiative? *I judge so*
- 8 Has she shown executive ability? *Do not know*
- 9 Is she constructive and resourceful in plans and methods of work? *Some*
- 10 Has she ability to bring things to pass? *I believe so*
- 11 Has she tact? *She has*
- 12 Is her attitude toward others appreciative or critical? *Wholesomely appreciative*
- 13 Can she do good "team work"? *Certainly can*
- 14 Has she any special accomplishments?
- 15 Do you know of anything in her personality or habits, which in your judgment would disqualify her for a foreign missionary? *I do not*

III. Home Habits

- 1 Is she a good home maker?
- 2 Is she orderly and punctual?
- 3 Is she genial and companionable? *she is*
- 4 Is she self-assertive or self-denying? *she has been twice in self-denial*

IV. Business Habits

- 1 Have you had any money dealings with her? *No*
 - 2 Do you consider her careful, conscientious and prompt in business matters?
 - 3 Is she careful in the use of money?
 - 4 Has she been in any business or profession?
 - 5 Was she successful in her work?
 - 6 Is she practical?
 - 7 If she is a physician, nurse or teacher what can you say of her professional equipment?
- She has been hard working as a student.*

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V. Christian Character and Work

- 1 Has she a sound and well developed Christian character? *She has.*
- 2 Can you give any information regarding her prayer habits, Bible study, or personal spiritual life? *Only in general she has a devout spirit, prayerful, consecrated.*
- 3 What do you know regarding her Christian work in the Church and community? What active Christian work has she done? Has she ever been a winner of souls? *Has taken in sewing her education did not give her time to work much with others.*
- ~~4 Has she any fanatical or other tendencies that are opposed to the spirit of Methodism?~~

Have you any additional information not covered by the above questions?

No.

Please give your own opinion, unhampered by any question.

Dr. Powers has had an unusually hard struggle to secure her education. She has an unusually fine fibred nature. She is thoroughly consecrated in the very best meaning of those words. She looks to serve, to live for others. I believe there is no measure to the sacrifice she would not make for others. Her spirit responds quickly to the highest and best. She has the education necessary to a teacher, and the spiritual gifts of a true Christian.

Signature *Arthur W. Jackson*
 Address *Anna Arbor, Mich.*

Date *Sept 7, '17.*

Please mail this certificate directly to

Miss Elizabeth R. Bender
157 74th Ave., New York City

A prompt reply will be appreciated

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April, 1917

FORM 4



Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
of the
Methodist Episcopal Church

Candidate Blank: Confidential Letter

Sep. 5 1917

To Prof. Jacob Righard
1502 Cambridge Road, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Miss Cora D. Reeves has applied for appointment as a foreign missionary, ^{teacher in Yenching College, Nanking, China} and we have been referred to you as one whose opinion regarding her qualifications will be of value. We should have full and frank information regarding her, and are dependent for this, in large measure, upon testimonials of personal friends. If you will aid us by answering the following inquiries and by giving us such information as you possess, we shall appreciate your courtesy. If you wish, we shall regard your answer confidential.

We face a grave responsibility in selecting and sending out the women who shall carry on the work of the Church. While we should have the very best in endowment and equipment, we must on the other hand guard against making the impression that the standard set is so high that modest young women may feel themselves debarred from offering to serve when they really are well qualified. We have no source of information concerning applicants on which we depend more fully than upon the personal testimonials of friends and fellow workers. Will you not thus share our responsibility and let us know very freely and for the work's sake all you know, favorable or unfavorable, concerning this applicant's fitness for the work to which she feels called?

Elizabeth R. Bender

~~General~~ Secretary, Yenching College Committee, ~~Branch~~

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I. General Inquiries

- 1 How long have you known the applicant and under what circumstances? *Ten years or more. As student & assistant in my laboratory.*
- 2 What information can you give regarding her family? *I have been told that she is an orphan. Of relatives I know only of an aunt & a cousin.*
- 3 Would her appointment be looked upon favorably by her family and the public generally? *I don't know about family, by the public yes.*
- 4 Would you recommend her appointment? *Yes.*
- 5 In what lines of missionary service do you think she would best succeed? *I don't know.*
- 6 Do you think she has the stamina needed to meet heavy nervous and physical strain? *Yes.*

II. Personality

- 1 Is she a woman of refinement? *Yes.*
- 2 Is she attractive or unattractive? *Yes.*
- 3 Is she cheerful or despondent? *Cheerful*
- 4 Is she energetic or slow? *Energetic.*
- 5 Is she a leader or disposed to lean upon others? *Plenty of initiative*
- 6 Would you call hers a strong character? *Yes.*
- 7 Has she power of initiative? *Yes.*
- 8 Has she shown executive ability? *Yes.*
- 9 Is she constructive and resourceful in plans and methods of work? *Yes.*
- 10 Has she ability to bring things to pass? *Yes.*
- 11 Has she tact? *Yes.*
- 12 Is her attitude toward others appreciative or critical? *Appreciative*
- 13 Can she do good "team work"? *I think so.*
- 14 Has she any special accomplishments?
- 15 Do you know of anything in her personality or habits, which in your judgment would disqualify her for a foreign missionary? *Nothing.*

III. Home Habits

- 1 Is she a good home maker? *I have no means of knowing.*
- 2 Is she orderly and punctual? *Punctual & fairly orderly.*
- 3 Is she genial and companionable? *Yes.*
- 4 Is she self-assertive or self-denying? *Self-denying.*

IV. Business Habits

- 1 Have you had any money dealings with her? *None.*
- 2 Do you consider her careful, conscientious and prompt in business matters? *Yes.*
- 3 Is she careful in the use of money? *I believe so.*
- 4 Has she been in any business or profession? *Teacher.*
- 5 Was she successful in her work? *As far as I know of it.*
- 6 Is she practical? *Yes.*
- 7 If she is a physician, nurse or teacher what can you say of her professional equipment? *She has been a successful teacher for a good while, in high schools & in our laboratory as teaching assistant. She is an expert zoologist & has just taken the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Zoology.*

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V. Christian Character and Work

- 1 Has she a sound and well developed Christian character? *Yes.*
- 2 Can you give any information regarding her prayer habits, Bible study, or personal spiritual life? *None*
- 3 What do you know regarding her Christian work in the Church and community? What active Christian work has she done? Has she ever been a winner of souls? *I don't know.*
- 4 ~~Has she any fanatical or other tendencies that are opposed to the spirit of Methodism?~~

Have you any additional information not covered by the above questions?

I have no information on the questions under paragraph V. above

Please give your own opinion, unhampered by any question.

I should say that Miss Reeves is an excellent college teacher of scientific subjects, + can cordially recommend her for anything that she is willing to undertake. I know nothing at first hand of her church work and am scarcely qualified to pass on her ability as a missionary. I have no reason to suppose that she would not make a first rate missionary. If she is willing to do missionary work, I feel sure that she has reason to believe that she will succeed.

Signature *Jacob Reigland*
Address *150 N. Cambridge Road,
Ann Arbor, Mich.*

Date *Sept 15 1909*

Please mail this certificate directly to

*Elizabeth R. Bender
157 74th av.
New York City*

A prompt reply will be greatly appreciated

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
of the
Methodist Episcopal Church

Candidate Blank : Confidential Letter

..... Sep. 5 19 17

To Mrs. H. H. Meyer.....

3521 Clifton av., Cincinnati, Ohio

Miss Cora D. Reeves..... has applied for appointment as a foreign missionary, teacher in Ginling College, Hankow, China, and we have been referred to you as one whose opinion regarding her qualifications will be of value. We should have full and frank information regarding her, and are dependent for this, in large measure, upon testimonials of personal friends. If you will aid us by answering the following inquiries and by giving us such information as you possess, we will appreciate it and also, if you wish, regard it as confidential.

We face a grave responsibility in selecting and sending out the women who shall carry on the work of the Church. While we should have the very best in endowment and equipment, we must on the other hand guard against making the impression that the standard set is so high that modest young women may feel themselves debarred from offering to serve when they really are well qualified. We have no source of information concerning applicants on which we depend more fully than upon the personal testimonials of friends and fellow workers. Will you not thus share our responsibility and let us know very freely and for the work's sake all you know, favorable or unfavorable, concerning this applicant's fitness for the work to which she feels called ?

Elizabeth R. Bender.....

~~Corresponding Secretary, Ginling College, Cincinnati Branch~~

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I. General Inquiries

- 1 How long have you known the applicant, and under what circumstances? *26 years. She was my classmate in the State Normal School at Los Angeles, Cal. also at Berlin University.*
- 2 What information can you give regarding her family? *Her nearest living relatives are two aunts.*
- 3 Would her appointment be looked upon favorably by her family and the public generally? *Her aunts prefer to have her remain in her present position.*
- 4 Would you recommend her appointment? *Most heartily.*
- 5 In what lines of missionary service do you think she would best succeed? *As a teacher, particularly preparing students for medical college.*

II. Personality

- 1 Is she a woman of refinement? *She has unusual mental ability, but for years made her own way, and may not have the polish*
- 2 Is she attractive or unattractive? *attractive*
- 3 Is she cheerful or despondent? *Cheerful*
- 4 Is she energetic or slow? *Energetic but systematic*
- 5 Is she a leader or disposed to lean upon others? *A leader.*
- 6 Would you call hers a strong character? *Unusually strong.*
- 7 Has she power of initiative? *Yes*
- 8 Has she shown executive ability? *Yes.*
- 9 Is she constructive and resourceful in plans and methods of work? *Very much so.*
- 10 Has she ability to bring things to pass? *Yes*
- 11 Has she tact? *In some cases she has shown great tact.*
- 12 Is her attitude toward others appreciative or critical? *Appreciative*
- 13 Would she work well with others? *She has done so. I think she would in this position*
- 14 Can she do good "team work"? *I think so.*
- 15 Has she any special accomplishments? *She is not a musician. She is a good photographer.*
- 16 Do you know of anything in her personality or habits, which in your judgment would disqualify her for a foreign missionary? *I do not.*

III. Home Habits

- 1 Is she a good home maker? *She has never made one. I think she could*
- 2 Is she orderly and punctual? *Yes*
- 3 Is she genial and companionable? *Yes*
- 4 Is she self-assertive or self-denying? *She has had unusual experiences in self-denial.*

IV. Business Habits

- 1 Have you had any money dealings with her? *No*
- 2 Do you consider her careful, conscientious and prompt in business matters? *Yes.*
- 3 Is she careful in the use of money? *Yes.*
- 4 Has she been in any business or profession? *Teacher. Administrator of estate.*
- 5 Was she successful in her work? *Yes.*
- 6 Is she practical? *Yes*
- 7 If she is a physician, nurse or teacher what can you say of her professional equipment?
 - Graduate California State Normal School*
 - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*
 - Student " Berlin Germany*
 - " " Giesen*
 - " Johns Hopkins University*
 - Teacher in High School Marquette, Mich.*
 - " " University of Michigan*
 - " " Upsalwitz Normal School*

V. Christian Character and Work

1 Has she a sound and well developed Christian character? *Yes*

2 Can you give any information regarding her prayer habits, Bible study, or personal spiritual life? *She is conscientious in all these. My associations with her were in Epworth League of Y.W.C.A.*

3 What do you know regarding her Christian work in the Church and community? What active Christian work has she done? Has she ever been a winner of souls? *She has done active personal work in the College Y.W.C.A. She is a "tither". She has until recently taken a very active part in the work of the Epworth League.*

Have you any additional information not covered by the above questions?

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Please give your own opinion, unhampered by any question.

(unusually fine.) I think her qualifications expressed to me the same belief after she had made her acquaintance.

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Signature... *Mrs. Meyer*

Address

Date.....

Please mail this certificate directly to

Elizabeth R. Bender
150 Fifth Ave. New York City

A prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.



Cincinnati Branch
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
Methodist Episcopal Church

3521 Clifton Avenue,
Cincinnati, Ohio.
September 7, 1917.

My dear Miss Bender:

I have filled out the Candidate Blank and enclose same with this letter. If Miss Reeves goes to Ginling College, we shall have to regard her as our missionary, for you remember it was I who first suggested her for this place. I wish Cincinnati Branch might claim her, for our home has so often been hers during her vacations, and she has no other friends to whom she stands in as close relationship.

I did not wish to write on the Blank the statement that I made to you at General Conference regarding Miss Reeves, namely, that there seems to be a taint of hereditary insanity in her family, but I think the committee should know this. It has never taken a violent form. Miss Reeves seemed to be in perfect health when she spent the spring vacation with us. I shall await with great interest the action of the committee.

With all good wishes,

Your friend,

Minnie M. Meyer
(Mrs. Henry H.)

Please give my love to dear Mrs. Cornell. It was you who introduced me to her, you remember, and I shall always be grateful to you.

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
of the
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Candidate Blank : Confidential Letter

Sep. 5 1917

To Prof. O. C. Glaser

501 Madison St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

Miss Cora D. Reeves has applied for appointment as a foreign missionary, and we have been referred to you as one whose opinion regarding her qualifications will be of value. We should have full and frank information regarding her, and are dependent for this, in large measure, upon testimonials of personal friends. If you will aid us by answering the following inquiries and by giving us such information as you possess, we will appreciate it and also, if you wish, regard it as confidential.

We face a grave responsibility in selecting and sending out the women who shall carry on the work of the Church. While we should have the very best in endowment and equipment, we must on the other hand guard against making the impression that the standard set is so high that modest young women may feel themselves debarred from offering to serve when they really are well qualified. We have no source of information concerning applicants on which we depend more fully than upon the personal testimonials of friends and fellow workers. Will you not thus share our responsibility and let us know very freely and for the work's sake all you know, favorable or unfavorable, concerning this applicant's fitness for the work to which she feels called ?

Elyabeth R. Beuder

Corresponding Secretary, Givling College Committee Branch

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I. General Inquiries

- 1 How long have you known the applicant, and under what circumstances? *Since 1905 as student of Zoology under me and the other members of our department*
- 2 What information can you give regarding her family? *None - except that the family has interfered with her progress very much.*
- 3 Would her appointment be looked upon favorably by her family and the public generally? *By the public yes. Family can't tell.*
- 4 Would you recommend her appointment? *Yes*
- 5 In what lines of missionary service do you think she would best succeed? *Scientific enlightenment also propaganda of our ideas and ideas of social & governmental.*

II. Personality

- 1 Is she a woman of refinement? *Yes*
- 2 Is she attractive or unattractive? *Yes but not in conventional ways.*
- 3 Is she cheerful or despondent? *cheerful*
- 4 Is she energetic or slow? *energetic*
- 5 Is she a leader or disposed to lean upon others? *leader*
- 6 Would you call hers a strong character? *Strong - especially so*
- 7 Has she power of initiative? *yes*
- 8 Has she shown executive ability? *yes*
- 9 Is she constructive and resourceful in plans and methods of work? *yes*
- 10 Has she ability to bring things to pass? *yes*
- 11 Has she tact? *Yes. Goes about business in the face of opposition.*
- 12 Is her attitude toward others appreciative or critical? *Both*
- 13 Would she work well with others? *Yes - as well as most persons who have minds of their own.*
- 14 Can she do good "team work"? *See 13*
- 15 Has she any special accomplishments? *Don't know. Good speaker in her field.*
- 16 Do you know of anything in her personality or habits, which in your judgment would disqualify her for a foreign missionary? *No.*

III. Home Habits

- 1 Is she a good home maker? *Believe so.*
- 2 Is she orderly and punctual? *Yes*
- 3 Is she genial and companionable? *Yes*
- 4 Is she self-assertive or self-denying? *Mixture.*

IV. Business Habits

- 1 Have you had any money dealings with her? *No*
- 2 Do you consider her careful, conscientious and prompt in business matters? *Yes*
- 3 Is she careful in the use of money? *Believe so*
- 4 Has she been in any business or profession? *Teaching*
- 5 Was she successful in her work? *Yes*
- 6 Is she practical? *Yes*
- 7 If she is a physician, nurse or teacher what can you say of her professional equipment? *As a teacher and investigator in Zoology she is splendidly equipped both by nature and training.*

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V. Christian Character and Work

- 1 Has she a sound and well developed Christian character? *I believe so.*
- 2 Can you give any information regarding her prayer habits, Bible study, or personal spiritual life? *Is religious and has been teaching Chinese students.*
- 3 What do you know regarding her Christian work in the Church and community? What active Christian work has she done? Has she ever been a winner of souls? *See 2.*

Have you any additional information not covered by the above questions?

Has published creditable scientific papers. Is mature and thoroughly capable to get into difficulties of a social nature.

Please give your own opinion, unhampered by any question.

I do not believe you would regret her affair because she is not sentimental in any way that I know of; has always impressed me as thorough, serious and a very good type. She has fine of the so-called feminine character but dresses in good taste and is presentable on all occasions. She has a broad vocabulary and I feel quite certain that she will make good. She has excellent health and great powers of endurance.

Signature... *W. C. ...*
Address *1019 Baldwin Ave.*
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Date... *Sept 24th / 17*

Please mail this certificate directly to

Elizabeth R. Bender
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

A prompt reply will be greatly appreciated

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Please return to M.E. Hodge

Sept., 1915

FORM 3



Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
of the
Methodist Episcopal Church

Missionary Blank : Report of Medical Examiner
(Confidential)

In the case of Cora Daisy Reems Age 44

Questions to be answered by Examining Physician.

NOTE.—Foreign missionaries often live and work in trying climates, amid unsanitary surroundings, exposed to malignant diseases, and under a nervous strain incident to loneliness and expatriation. Because of these conditions only women of sound constitution and vigorous health should be recommended for appointment. It is therefore expected that the Medical Examiner will make the examination thorough and circumstantial, and that he will feel the responsibility of his office, bearing in mind that upon his statements great reliance will be placed by the Society. Every question should be answered, as omission will necessitate correspondence as to the reasons.

I. GENERAL

- A. Have you had previous acquaintance with the applicant? Yes ~~No~~
If yes, how long? 12 yrs -
- B. Have you treated her professionally? Yes ~~No~~
For what? Slight indisposition about 3 times in the 12 yrs -
- C. The general appearance indicates Vigorous, ~~medium~~, delicate health.
- D. (1) Weight 115 lbs.
(2) Height 5 ft. 6 in.
- E. Is there any deformity or malformation? Yes No
- F. Are the feet flat? Yes No
Moderately marked, right, left, both.
- G. Temperament Normal, nervous, phlegmatic.
- H. Temperature of the body °F 98.
(If over 98.8 by mouth try another day)

II. THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

- A. Are the respiratory murmur and percussion note clear and distinct over all parts of both lungs? Yes ~~No~~
- B. Is the respiration full, easy and regular? Yes ~~No~~
- C. Respirations per minute 18
- D. Is there any cough or expectoration? Yes No
- E. Is there difficulty in breathing? Yes No
- F. Does physical examination reveal anything whatever abnormal in the condition of the respiratory organs? Yes No
If yes, explain fully and state your opinion as to its significance
- G. Has the applicant ever suffered from any disease or functional derangement of the respiratory system? Yes No
If yes, state particulars

H. Measurements

- (1) Chest circumference
At usual inspiration 31 1/4 in At full inspiration 33 1/4 in
At usual expiration 29 in At full expiration 28 1/4 in
- (2) Waist circumference 28 in

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III. CIRCULATORY SYSTEM

- A. The heart's action.....Uniform, ~~regular, irregular,~~ normal, overacting, weak
- B. Its sounds and rhythm Are, ~~are not,~~ regular and normal
- C. Pulse rate 78 readily compressible, ~~full,~~ small
(If the rate is above 88 or below 54, re-examine on another day)
- D. Artery walls are Soft hard
- E. Blood pressure 120 Systolic, diastolic, (Ausculatory method)
- F. Does physical examination reveal anything whatever abnormal in the condition of the heart or blood-vessels? Yes No
If yes, what ?
- G. Are there hemorrhoids ? Yes No
- H. Are there varicose veins ? Yes No
- I. Has the applicant ever suffered from any disease of the circulatory system? Yes No
If yes, describe.....
- J. Haemoglobin..... 100 o/o, which is normal, ~~below normal~~
- K. Red cell count... 5,000,000 which is normal, ~~below normal~~
- L. White cell count 8,000 which is normal, ~~below normal~~

IV. THE NERVOUS SYSTEM

- A. Is there, or has there ever been any disease or functional derangement of the brain or other part of the nervous system? Yes No
If yes, state particulars
- B. Has the applicant ever had a nervous break-down ? Yes No
If yes, state particulars
- C. Are there, or have there ever been any hysterical manifestations? Yes No
If yes, state them

V. THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

- A. Has the applicant any disease or functional derangement of the
 - (1) Stomach ? Yes No
 - (2) Intestines ? Yes No
 - (3) Liver ? Yes No
 - (4) Spleen ? Yes No
 - (5) Pancreas ? Yes No
- B. Is there, or has there ever been any tendency to
 - (1) Constipation ? Yes No
 - (2) Diarrhoea ? Yes No
- C. Has the applicant ever had any of the organic diseases of the digestive system ? Yes No
If yes, describe.....
- D. What is the condition of the teeth ? Well taken care of.

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VI. THE GENITO-URINARY SYSTEM

A. Urine

- (1) Specific gravity 1.028
- (2) Is any albumen present ? ~~Yes~~ No Heat and acid or ~~Heller's~~ test
- (3) Is any sugar present ? ~~Yes~~ No Fehling's test
- (4) Microscopic analysis shows Uric acid ~~Casts, leucocytes, red blood cells, epithelial cells, crystals~~

B. Is there any derangement of the

- (1) Bladder ? ~~Yes~~ No
- (2) Kidneys ? ~~Yes~~ No

VII. Is the applicant now suffering, or has she ever suffered from uterine or menstrual disorder ? ~~Yes~~ No

N.B. — The climate of our mission fields bears heavily on those thus affected. It is desirable that a thorough examination be made.

VIII. THE CUTANEOUS SYSTEM

Is there, or has there ever been, any disease or functional derangement of this system ? ~~Yes~~ No

N.B. — The Examiner will please ask questions calculated to bring out the various symptoms pointing to the several diseases under each head, fully state any injurious effect of previous illness or injury, and give an opinion as to the probability of its recurrence in the less favorable environment of a foreign country.

IX. THE ORGANS OF SENSE

A. The sight. Does the condition of the eyes indicate that they should be examined by a specialist ? ~~Yes~~ No None of usages - tested to date

B. The hearing

- (1) Right ear Normal Subnormal
- (2) Left ear Normal Subnormal
- (3) Right drum Normal Subnormal
- (4) Left drum Normal Subnormal

C. The sense of smell Normal Subnormal

X. Has the applicant ever had

A. Malaria ? ~~Yes~~ No

B. Other fever ? ~~Yes~~ No

If yes, what ?

C. If applicant has never had typhoid fever, has she been vaccinated against it? ~~Yes~~ No

If yes, when ?

Has she been vaccinated against typhus ? ~~Yes~~ No

If yes, when ?

When was applicant vaccinated against small pox ? Feb. 1917

Was it successful ? ~~Yes~~ No

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XI. Has the applicant noticed any recent marked

- A. Falling-off in flesh? Yes No
Cause?
- B. Gain in flesh? Yes No
Cause?

XII. HEREDITY

- A. Have there been any cases among the parents, grandparents, brothers or sisters, uncles or aunts of the applicant of
 - (1) Consumption? Yes No
If yes, state them
 - (2) Insanity? Yes No
If yes, state them *Maternal Grandmother - Father some trouble following injury.*
 - (3) Mental unsoundness or suicide? Yes No
If yes, state them
- B. Has the applicant any predisposition, hereditary or acquired, to any particular disease? Yes No
If yes, what?
- C. Is there, or has there ever been, any predisposition or hereditary tendency to rheumatism? Yes No
If yes, state whether chronic or acute

XIII. I would recommend the applicant to a reputable Life Insurance Co. as a First class risk, average, poor.
If no, please state fully your reasons for this decision

XIV. Is there any well defined reason why applicant may not work in a hot climate? Yes No
If yes, state particulars

XV. Are there any facts known to you, or discovered by you, not brought out in the above questions, affecting or likely to affect the health of the applicant? Yes No
If yes, state them

XVI. Is there, in general, a soundness of constitution and a vigor of health which give reasonable probability that the applicant can endure the physical and mental strain of foreign missionary life? Yes No

Signature of Medical Examiner *J. B. E. Scholz Sr.* *Jeanne B. Lohs*
Gen. Mich. 1892
M. D.

Address *413 E. Liberty St. Ann Arbor Michigan.*

Date *Sept 3 - 1917*

Note—The Medical Examiner is requested to give School from which degree has been received and date of graduation. This certificate filled out and signed, should be mailed directly to

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Please return to M. E. Hodge

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FORM 2



Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church

Candidate Blank: Physical Report (Confidential)

Personal Questions to be answered by the Applicant

1. What is your age? 44 Weight? 128-114 Height? 5' 6"
2. Is your health now good? yes
Has it always been good? yes
3. Are you accustomed to take regular exercise?
In what form? my work requires walking and activity in the laboratory
4. How many hours were you accustomed to spend in study each day during your education? 10-12
How many hours are you able to spend in study each day now without over-weariness? 5-10 depending on material and concentration
5. To what extent have your powers of endurance been tested? By continuous heavy work.
Have you ever been subjected to severe ~~physical~~ or nervous strain? yes. No limit to physical endurance
How affected? tended toward being sleepless.
How much time was required for recuperation? Two years
6. Does brain-work in the evening prevent sleep at night? It did but does not now.
Have you ever had any difficulty in sleeping at night? yes.
Do you now have any difficulty in sleeping at night? Not unless disturbed by noise.
7. Have you ever applied for a life insurance policy? No
If so, was your application granted, and by what company?
8. Have you ever been under the professional care of a physician? Not because ill but to prevent
If so, state when. The sleeplessness and only for one or two consultations
For what disease or diseases?
Give address of physician, if living. Dr. Jean Polis, Ann Arbor, Mich
9. Are you specially sensitive to the heat of summer? Yes.
10. Have you ever suffered from No

Fits	Dizziness	Pleurisy	Palpitation of the Heart
Insanity	Fainting	Pneumonia	Shortness of Breath
Sunstroke	Convulsions	Consumption	Spitting of Blood
Piles	Apoplexy	Habitual Cough	Colic of any kind
Gout	Paralysis	Chronic Catarrh	Urinary or Bladder Trouble
Dropsy	Varicose Veins	Pain in the Back	Tumors or Swellings
Rupture	Neuralgia	Chronic Constipation	Discharge from the Ear
Malaria	Diarrhea	Bad Headaches	Dyspepsia or any Disease of
Asthma	Rheumatism	Nervous Exhaustion	the Digestive Organs

If Yes, give particulars in each case and state present condition. There being no limit to physical endurance I over-worked for some (over) time and had to recuperate a nervous system which is probably about average.

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11. Are you now suffering from, or subject to, any disease, malformation or weakness? *no*
 Have you had any severe disease (except the usual diseases of children) other than those stated in the above answers? *no*

Have you received any injury or undergone any surgical operation? *no*

When? For what?

12. Have you any defect of eyesight? *no. wear glasses for close work.*

Have you any defect of hearing? *no.*

13. As far as you know, are the following organs in a healthy state: *S. far as I know.*

Brain

Nervous System

Muscular System

Heart

Lungs

Abdominal Organs

14. Do you pursue your usual duties at the menstrual period? *yes*

15. Have you been successfully vaccinated? *yes*

When last? *1917*

Have you been inoculated for typhoid fever? *no*

When last?

Have you been inoculated for typhus fever? *no*

When last?

16. State as far as you know, what was the age at death, cause of death, and duration of final illness of each of the following persons, if deceased. What is the age and present state of health of each of them, if now living? If you do not know, please inquire and report. Please be as explicit as possible. (Remember especially to make reference to Tuberculosis, Deafness, Epilepsy, or Heart-disease, from which near relatives may have suffered.)

	Age if living	State of Health	Age at Death	Cause of Death
Father			<i>89</i>	<i>Softening of brain</i>
Mother			<i>43</i>	<i>Cancer</i>
Brothers <i>none</i>				
Sisters				
Father's Father			<i>89</i>	<i>Old age</i>
Father's Mother			<i>83</i>	<i>" "</i>
Mother's Father			<i>87</i>	<i>" "</i>
Mother's Mother			<i>89</i>	<i>lived many years</i>

An injury to the spine may have been cause

Is there anything, or has there been anything, in your physical condition, family or personal history or habits, tending to shorten your life or to impair your usefulness, which is not distinctly set forth above?

Cora D. Revere
 Signature of applicant

Date *Aug 15* 1917

When filled to be forwarded to

Miss Margaret E. Hodge (Chairman Giving Candidates Com.)
Keene Valley Inn, Keene Valley, N.Y.

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Please return. M. E. Hodge

703 Pearl St., Ypsilanti

Aug 8, 1918.

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My dear Miss Hodge,-

Your letter concerning work in
Gingling received and am wondering
whether it would at all suit

The people concerned for me
to offer to go for one year ^{\$}600,
to pay my own expenses back
it at the close of one year

I wish to return; to also furnish
my own outfit and fare to
San Francisco. In other words
I would be there for one year
for \$600 + passage San Francisco
to Hanking and then if it fit the

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situation, I would like the
 a year for the years following.
 That however, would not prevent my
 going. I have written concerning
 this possible change in my plans
 to the woman whose position
 I am now filling. She is away on
 leave of absence while studying
 medicine. A short time ago when
 I wrote ^{to her} suggesting that I wished
 to do other work she was willing
 to rearrange plans accordingly.
 It may be that I shall wish for
 the three year contract when
 all of our interests are adjusted
 but am wishing to know whether
 the year's absence here could be
 arranged and not be asking too
 much of a concession from the field to
 allow my return of conditions were not such as to make it best
 Indeed I might be ready to promise to

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return the fare spent for
my outward passage in case
of my wishing to return.

This sounds as if I had not
planned all my life to
spend my days in China
in precise by the sort of
position offered. However I
realize that now I am an
older woman and I surely
do not want to stand in
the way of someone who
could get the language
more readily and be more
useful. On the other hand

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The experience and study
of the years ought to
make my judgement and
fitness better, for starting
a large program of
usefulness for the department,
than that of one with less of
such equipment.

I could have been ready
to leave Aug 30 if your
letter had arrived Friday
instead of Monday.

Very sincerely

Cora D. Reeves

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Miss Bender about Miss Reeves.

Aug. 8/25/17 and Miss Reeves' personal letter, Form 1 and Form 2 sent to her to collect the papers.

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36 N. 6th St., Chambersburg, Pa.,
August 15, 1917.

My dear Miss Hodge:

Your letters of August 8th, 10th and 11th are before me for answer. The first one came a few days ago, but I have not had opportunity before this to reply to it.

With you, I concur in the vote of the majority as to the salaries of short term workers, though, as I said in my letter to you, it seems to me that \$650 would be all right.

Immediately after receiving your letter of August 8th I sent you a card saying that I did not have biographical information about Lydia Brown, and so felt that I could hardly send out the letters to the committee. I am waiting a reply from you in regard to this.

Under the circumstances, I am very glad that Miss Shipley has agreed to go and it seems to me the arrangement which has been made with your Board is a very satisfactory one. I quite approve of all the plans that have been made for her. I think she has shown a very good spirit in giving up her own plans for the coming year and going to China on such short notice. I believe that she will be a great help to Mrs. Thurston.

I think I mentioned in my last letter that Ruth Chester's medical certificate was received, but in case I did not I will send this information at this time. I assume that it should be returned to you and will send it later. This raises the question as to the place candidate papers should be kept. Do you not think that they should be in your office? If so, shall I send the papers of Miss Rivenburg and her contract, which are on file in my office?

As for Miss Bagg, I was uncertain as to whether she was the right one to send or not and quite concur with Mrs. Peabody in her estimate of the case. I do not think it will be a disappointment to Miss Bagg, for a recent letter as well as her first one seemed to carry a note of reluctance to go, especially at this time.

I was glad to see Miss Reeves' letter. I confess that the form of her first sentence made a decidedly unfavorable impression on me. That style may be all right for taking hasty notes, but I do not quite approve of it in a formal letter. However, it may not be fair to judge her on that. Her handwriting did not make a very good impression, but that too is too uncertain on which to form a conclusive judgment. In your letter of August 10th you asked me to send you a set of our blanks in case I approved of their being sent to Miss Reeves. In another letter I find that you have already sent them to her. I have no blanks with me, but am writing our office in New York asking them to send you a couple of sets as it may be convenient for you to have them on hand.

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There has come to me, since first writing you about Miss Reeves, an indistinct recollection of having heard something about a relative of hers having become insane. This is so vague that I hesitate to mention it and yet feel that I ought to do so. If such is the case it will come out in her medical examination, but I do not recall that there is a question in the first two blanks which would bring it out. How do you think this would affect the case? I think we should hesitate to send one who had a clear case of insanity in the history of her family. Even if she has a clear record in this matter, it seems to me that it would be best to send her on a one year contract, and ~~it seems to me~~ this could be done since she is ready to pay part of her expenses. In her letter she speaks of staying longer than a year if at the end of that time she wishes to do so, but it seems to me that it should be left in such a way that there would be absolute freedom both on her part and that of the College. For this reason I should approve of a clear, straight, one year contract, with the future entirely indefinite as far as any agreement on either side is concerned.

I have written Miss Merrill asking her if it would be possible for her to go to Ypsalanti to see Miss Reeves in case we desire her to do so. She is at Flint, Mich., but I have no idea how far apart these places are and have no atlas at hand. In case she can go we can telegraph her if we wish her to do so. I would be glad to have her judgment in the case, but at the same time I think that one of our committee ought to see her. I do not know what to say in answer to your question as to whether Mrs. Atwater's judgment would be satisfactory. I would much rather have your judgment or Mrs. Peabody's, but a trip for that purpose alone would probably be too expensive. I do not at this moment think of any of our women in that vicinity in whose judgment I would have sufficient confidence. Are there none of your Board on whom we could depend?

I think it would be well to have a meeting of our committee in September if possible, and I am writing Dr. Speer and the other members of the committee to ask if we can meet on one of the dates that you suggest.

Miss Merrill planned to be in New York during the month of September, but a later date will be more convenient for some of the things that she has planned and whether she has made a change or not I do not know. In case she is in the city during that month I am sure it will be a great help to have her at our meeting.

Returning again to Miss Reeves' case, I wish to emphasize what I think I have said before, that we ought to be very sure that she is the right woman even for a one year contract. She is, however, so far away that it creates a very serious problem. I think we all feel it would be better to leave that place unsupplied for a year rather than send the wrong one. If it is decided to proceed with her case I shall be glad to do what I can to help in making the summary of her papers and sending it out.

As to her affiliations with our society, we would expect this in the way that it has been outlined. I do not recall just what Mrs. Myers said about the Branch affiliation. Mrs. Myers is now in Cincinnati and I am not quite sure whether she was there when she wrote that letter or not. If there is any reason why Miss Reeves should belong to the Cincinnati Branch it might be that that Branch would be willing to assume her support. In the regular order of things she would belong to the Northwestern Branch and I doubt if we could expect her support from Northwestern.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Bender

There has just come the suggestion of another candidate of your Board, who I think could

be loaned to Lansing for a year. I do not know much about her and my notes are in

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acknowledged 8/25/17 M. E. B.

703 Pearl St., Ypsilanti, Mich.
Aug 22, 1917.

My dear Miss Hodge,-

An auto trip planned before your first letter interfered with prompt response. There are no further plans which will need modifying in case the Committee decide that I may teach in China. I do not forget that others may be better fitted than I for that work.

Form 3 seems to have been omitted. Twice I have attempted to see my physician for a bill of health thinking that a general statement might precede the more specific information. I have failed and so hasten to send this.

The note to The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will scarcely be intelligible except to the older workers in the Northwestern Branch, as those to whom I refer were known to them.

Very truly,
Cornelia B. Keener

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Please return - M.E.O.B.

Dear Miss Wadley,

Aug 29
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Miss Reeves seems
a better risk than Miss Lantry
& fear her heredity & her
age combined make her
physical condition a risk.
She seems splendidly fitted
and if temperamentally all
right I would vote for
the one year appointment
suggested by Miss Beuder.
This if we must have
the Biology teacher this year.
If we can avoid expense I

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deficit of \$4000 + seems

dangerous to me. We

are sending three fine

women - Can they not

manage a class in

Botany among them.

It is not very high

grade. Perhaps Miss

Rosenberg could take it

since she is not to

be troubled with much

Bible work - I will for

one year of Miss Reeves

if you + Miss Bender

feel it imperative + all

the falls use of available -

I am engaged the 20 + morning
to 21 - in day. Can our meeting be the 19 -

Miss as ever A.M.F. I would like to see Miss Reeves - Can you
Miss Alvin + Miss [?]

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Please return

703 Pearl St., Ypsilanti, Michigan

August 30, 1917.

Dear Miss Bender,-

You will have received a telegram requesting that if there was little likelihood of my going to Guilford you send such information to Miss Jessie Phelps. I was sorry to make such a request of a busy secretary but found that there were many things for next years plans which needed that information. Miss Phelps is the teacher whose work in Michigan State Normal College I have been doing. She will continue her medical work in Chicago University.

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if I am to remain here
Ypsilanti. She chances to be in Chicago and needs to
arrange matters there.

As to my going, - when I think
of it, at times my own unfitness
and unworthiness over whelms me,
but the ardent fire of desire then
comes upon me and I realize that
I am capable of more emotion than
I had imagined possible for a
staid scientist.

Very sincerely yours for service
in China or America,
Lora D. Reeves.

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From what Miss Thurston writes of
the need of relating science to the life
of the Chinese, I fancy she would be
pleased with Miss Rivers' thoughts.

over
703 Pearl St., Ypsilanti
Aug. 31, 1917.

My dear Miss Bender,

From the extract sent me from
the catalogue of Ginling I noted that
under Biology there were scheduled two
courses one Botany and one Zoology.
I was feeling sorry that it might be
necessary to follow that program which
is the one which has been very
generally followed in our colleges
and universities until recently
but which is being given up for
a course of more general scope
which is more truly Bio (life)logy.
Last night even before your
letter came I sat down and
summarized a course in Biology
for Ginling. I tried to imagine the

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problems in Biology of a Chinese

household and tried to plan accordingly. Mr. Harvey Royce of Nanking College is here in Ann Arbor so I have ^{discussed} ^{some} idea of conditions. It seems to me that the Biology

taught ought to aid in the justification of education for women in China.

Problems of race betterment, control of disease, increased food production, and food conservation must be vital there as here. I judge

from your letter that if I may go I may be allowed to give the things found necessary for our girls so long as the standard of work does not fall

below that required in the colleges ^{or universities} in this country. I shall be glad ^{for the chance} to think out a plan of work if it is

not presented. You see that I am a thorough

Biologist both from training and

sympathy. There will be need for suitable equipment and that must be thought of in advance.

The medical blank has not arrived. I will see to it promptly when here: no doctor has been named to whom I should go.

Yours very sincerely ^{to do this will}
C. D. Reeves

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Miss Frederica Mead, Forest Lodge, Adirondack League Club
Forestport, N.Y.

My dear Miss Mead,-

From a letter received from Miss Hodge I learn that you can answer questions concerning Gungling College. In case of my going to China I wish to know the outfit suitable for the environment into which I should come. First furnishings; Should one provide bedding, bed, table, book case how much and what ^{for bed and table} furniture, and silver, towels, etc, should these be taken? How much and what? Pictures?

Second - clothing What social demands must one provide for and how elaborately? Is there opportunity for walking and tramping about so that field clothes would be useful to the science ^{teaching} teacher? What weight of clothing is required?

Thin scientific equipment

Of course I know that all sorts of professional equipment should be taken to the field. Does the college possess a compound microscope? What is the equipment which they have? Bottles, staining jars, microtome, lantern, hand lenses etc. have there been provided, also chemicals as alcohol, formalin, etc. I am sorry to take time for these questions from one off on fur long but they seem necessary

Very Cordially

Cora D. Peeres
703 Pearl St
Ypsilante
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708 Pearl St., Ypsilanti, Mich.
Sept 27 1917.

Dear Miss Hodge, -

The news of my going has brought joy and sorrow. It has seemingly brought most joy to the friends who are most unselfish so that seems to me to be assurance that it is the line of true service. Of course I am in the midst of packing I shall expect to leave Ypsilanti Saturday and to be five days in Chicago before going to the coast.

My Chicago address

816 Wolfram St. Chicago.

The conversations I have had with Dr. Ruthven, ^{Director} of the Museum Univ. of Mich. have let me know how much I may expect in the way of assistance.

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from them. There is a certain minimum of apparatus which I feel sure should be on hand at my arrival. Of course I do not know from my own experience but Mrs Roy of the Nanking College has gone over the list of needs which I am sending and claims that while I can secure the things included in Shanghai they are better taken from here.

Slides 3 gross

Cover glasses No 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches 3 gross

" " " 1 " 2 gross

1 pencil sharpener

1 cork borer

Test tubes 8 inch 1 gross

Vials shell without shoulder 4 dram

100 charge mouthed bottles + cork for these

6 to 10 bottles 100 cc

20 " 250 cc

10 to 20 " 500 "

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3 Florence flasks 19179 00 cc or larger [3]
100 cc

5 graduates

3 U tubes

2 bell jars about 15-18 inches high by about 16

1 bottle of same size with a stopper
hole at the bottom as well as top

hens paper 2 packages

filter paper package of large sheets

3 Thermometers, -10° to 200°

Rubber tubing 5ft 20ft 10ft
3 sizes 4 6 8 mm bores

1 paper pump.

3 microscopes compound
as marked. These might be
secured from Edward Penrock
Philadelphia second hand if in
fine condition. I do not care that
they be Spencer but find the Spencer
people hard to deal with. The

scopes can be ¹⁹¹⁷ without boxes or ^[4]over
lens cases and a discount is given.
The three dissecting should be instead
one for each student and are
very important.

816 Wolfram St., Chicago

Oct. 1, 1917.

This list was put down as a minimum
when the letter from Mr. Carter reached
me. I shall probably take one thermometer
some glass tubing, and rubber tubing,
some corks and trust to getting bottles
in Shanghai further than that I am at
- a loss to know what is more important
than something else.

It has seemed as if I might as well
be in Timbuctoo as Peking so far as teaching
Biology without a microscope. Of course
I remember that you have said I might
borrow from Hanking. The pass port
has not arrived.

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I have written and telegraphed Mr. Carter
 my Chicago address. I shall go down
 to-day to make sure with that train I can
 leave here on and be in ample time
 for the boat. I hope there will be no
 delay on account of passport

Very sincerely,

Cora D. Peeres

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Ans. 9/5/17 will write again to Mr. Carter

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Wrote to Mr. Carter 9/9/17

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703 Pearl St, Ypsilanti

Sept 3, 1917.

Dear Miss Hodge,-

The third blank has been received and will be forwarded to-morrow in all probability. If it should chance that the problem of When the one who is to go out, shall sail, is settled before the question of Who shall go, might I be informed. This secondary question is just now more vital for some of my friends than the question of

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"Who shall go?" I believe in an earlier letter I told you that I had been doing the work of a royal friend. I should like to have make it, so that she could ^{have} the first quarter at Chicago University if the congestion of transportation should make passage so difficult to secure that I should have to wait until after Xmas, in any case.

Of course I realize that the ^{girls} ~~girl~~ who finish in 1920 will have not more than a taste of the splendid concepts and practical helpfulness of Biology; therefore, I am not asking for any delay that can be avoided.

Who secures equipment for the laboratory? Certain things would be necessary for the first day's work. I cannot help planning the course of study though someone else

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may have the joy of that ⁽³⁷⁾
service of presenting these
"Glorious mysteries" which make
up in part the Order of the
Universe.

Yours to strive earnestly
to do the good Will of God

Cora Daisy Ware

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Miss Bender 9/14/17 Quoting from Mrs. Meyer about Miss Reeves' health.

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September 14, 1917.

Please return

My dear Miss Hodge:-

You leave to-day for Philadelphia. I hope that you have had a good vacation in spite of the strenuous work of the summer connected with Ginling. Following the habit of the last few weeks, I am sending you a letter which will reach you on your arrival at the office.

The testimonials for Miss Reeves have nearly all come in and they are excellent. It seems too bad to lose such a woman, if we may judge of her ability and spirit from the testimonials that have come. It is a great relief to know that Mrs. Radcliffe has seen her. The Committee will feel full confidence in her judgment. I have had no word from Miss Merrill as yet concerning Miss Reeves, except the expression of her willingness to go and see her, so I judge she has not had an opportunity for an interview. I find myself quite uncertain in my own mind. Mrs. Meyer, who knows her very well, is the one who spoke to me about the insanity in the family. You will remember that I had told you that I had heard something of it, but it was very hazy in my mind. She accompanies her Confidential Letter with a personal note in which she says, "I did not wish to write on the blank what I told you regarding Miss Reeves, namely, that there seems to be a taint of inherited insanity in her family, but I think the Committee should know this. It has never taken a violent form. Miss Reeves seemed to be in perfect health when she spent the spring vacation with us." We know that the strain on the women in the field is severe, but I fancy it is less on a teacher in Ginling than on the average missionary, due to the conditions under which she lives and works. At the same time, Miss Reeves is probably facing the critical time in a woman's life and I have always felt, on general principles, it was not safe to send one to the foreign field at that time. Miss Reeves' health certificate has not yet come, so all that we have directly bearing on the case is what she gave in Form 2, saying that her father died of softening of the brain. Whether there is anything more than this or not I do not know. I have just written Miss Reeves a letter which I meant as a preparation in case the Committee decides that it is not wise to accept her. I told her that the testimonials were good but that there were considerations which made it impossible for me to forecast with any certainty whether she would be accepted or not. I further told her that her name was proposed about a year ago and there was a clear and definite conviction that it was not wise to accept one of her age. I thought it kind to write this to her before her health certificate comes, so that she may know that what it may reveal is not the only consideration.

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BRYANT WALKER
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DETROIT

From Mrs. Radcliff's brother to her,

Sept. 14/17.

Dear Jessie:-

Ruthven was in last night and I talked over Miss Reeve with him. He has no hesitation in regard to her scientific qualifications or her ability as a teacher.

It seems that when she went to Ypsilanti she was given the instruction of those who were qualifying for the grade schools and not the high schools and she came over to Ann Arbor to consult with him as to the best methods to adopt in working with that lower grade of teachers. Between them they work out a scheme in what may be called practical natural history dealing with the life histories, habits and general knowledge of the common animals, birds &c. He says that she seems thoroughly imbued with the idea of teaching natural history of the old fashioned kind i.e., systematic zoology, rather than the fadish and really impracticable and useless biology as it is taught in our modern high schools. If our present method of teaching biology in our high schools is absurd as I believe it to be, how much more so would it be to attempt to introduce it into a school such as she will undoubtedly have in China. If she can teach her scholars to know and become interested in the actual living creatures about them, she will do all that she should try to do and that would be more than most of our modern high schools or college do in this country.

The only thing that he seemed to hesitate about was her

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HINTON E. SPALDING

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ability to adapt herself to other teachers. She had no difficulty at all in regard to the other assistants in the Laboratory, but she did not hit it off with Reighard. But from what Ruthven told me of the situation I must say that I do not blame her at all for getting "fussed" with him. Through his negligence and inattention she was delayed a whole year in getting her doctorate, although she was quite ready to come up before the Committee and would have undoubtedly have passed. Exactly, the trouble was this, theses have to be put in at a certain time, say May 1st., although the examination does not occur until a month later. She sent her thesis to Reighard in due time, but he forgot to put it in within the time limited and consequently the Com. refused to consider her case at all and she had to wait for a whole year.

He said that Mrs. Gaige, who is one of his assistants in the museum would know more about her personal adaptability than he did, but unfortunately she was away this week, but would return on Monday, so I arranged with him to interview her as soon as she returned and to write himself directly to you as I would not be here. So you may expect to hear from him a little later in the week.

From what he told me about her ability as a collector I certainly hope that she will get the place.

I expect to get away tomorrow night. It looks now as though Fred Robbins might go with me. He happened in a day or two ago and I asked him to go along and he quite took to the idea. Emily is very anxious to have him go and I should

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I know you will be interested
in this. Do not return it.
My bother is my impatience
of some of the modern "facts" in
teaching, letting green students
at hunting germs & c where
they don't know a bivalve
from a univalve !!
I think neglected Nature
Study will be a wonderful
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Sep. 15, 1917

My dear Miss Hodge -

I could not get a letter written to you to-day in the office, so I will write a few lines to-night and you will receive it Monday morning.

Enclosed you will find the Summary for Miss Reeves and her health certificate. By the way, can you read the examiner's name? I wanted to put it on the Summary, but did not dare to venture! As far as I can judge, the report shows her to be in good physical condition. As I have thought it over, I have come to the conclusion that I dare not vote one way or the other in this insanity matter. It seems to me that it is a case for the judgment of a specialist and I should like to have it referred to such a person. Could you consult your Dr. Everett? She might be able to advise.

In making out the Summary I wanted to enter some extracts from Miss Reeves' letters concerning her call to China, but I found ^{that} I had none of her first letters. Will you bring them with you next Wednesday?

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To-day I sent out Miss Reeves' Summary to all the members of our Givings Callers Committee and I hope they will study them well. It just now occurs to me that I did not send one to Miss Mead. I will do so on Monday. I telephoned the Presbyterian Building yesterday to ask Mr. Steer's advice about inviting Miss Mead to our meeting. He was absent - not expected until Monday - and I talked to Mr. Carter about it. He thought it would be well to have her with us, and I wrote inviting her to come. I fear it may be rather late notice, but I hope she can be present. I think you will approve.

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday,

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth R. Bender

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Blood count corrected Rever
703 Pearl St., Ypsilanti, Mich. ^{over}
Sept. 16, 1917.

My dear Miss Bender,-
Your letter asking as to whether
I should be able to go I have delayed
to answer for the sake of conferring
with Miss Phelps. She at personal cost says
"Yes count yourself available". But I feel
that by Sept. 21 I shall have to give
her my final decision as to the work of
the first quarter at least.
Very truly
(over) Conrad D. Rees

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As to the red blood corpuscle count on the medical blank I wondered if it was rightly recorded. The figure should have been five million plus but I was not sure after leaving the office whether the discussion of the topic which Dr. Solis and I had engaged in, had not confused the record. Probably the doctor looked over the sheet to check it.

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703 Pearl St., Ypsilanti, Mich.
Sept 16, 1917.

My dear Miss Hodge,-

Your letter of Sept. 8 came in due time. Meeting your representative was such a pleasure. What a place this world would be with many thousand of Chinese and American women of the type of Mrs Radcliffe! For this coming week I shall be so busy writing that I shall scarcely think of the future but shall

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Much appreciate being able to let
other people know what to expect.
It seems entirely unfair to the friend
whose work I was planning to do to
not be definite in the plans by
Sept. 21.

Very truly yours

Cora D. Peere

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Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
319 S. 41st. Street,
W. Phila.

My dear Miss Hodge:-

In ordinary circumstances I should consider it unwise to appoint to foreign missionary service a candidate with Miss Reeves' history. However, in view of the working conditions at Ginling College, the short term appointments possible there, and the financial arrangement which can be made with Miss Reeves, it would seem to me safe.

Should the committee think best to have her come East, she could be examined by Dr. Potter in Germantown, the official examiner for the Methodist Board and one in whose judgment I should have entire confidence, or I should be glad to see her myself if for any reason this seems desirable.

If she does not come on to meet the committee, I would suggest Dr. Mary G. Haskins of Detroit as a competent examiner. Should any question regarding the nervous system require the opinion of specialist in that line of work, Dr. Haskins would know to whom to refer her.

If possible, I will be at the meeting tomorrow, as my regular college-hospital appointments do not begin until after Wednesday, but it seemed better for you to have my opinion and suggestions in writing.

And please do not hesitate to ask me about anything concerning which you think I can help. It is not a trouble and I'm glad to do it.

Sincerely yours,

September 17, 1917.

Ella B. Corbett

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Sept. 18, 1917.

Please return - W. E. Hodge

Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe,
1200 K St.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear madam:

Dr. Walker has asked me to write you a frank opinion as to the qualifications of Dr. Cora Reeves for a position in a college in China.

In regard to Dr. Reeves' ability as a zoologist and as a teacher of zoology, there can be no question. She has had years of training, both in this country and abroad, and has taught in high schools, normal schools and in the University of Michigan has acted as teaching assistant. I have been familiar with Dr. Reeves' work for a number of years and I consider her zoological work very good indeed. Furthermore I have never heard a criticism of her teaching.

Dr. Reeves is one of the few zoologists that I would unqualifiedly recommend for the position that you are interested in filling, for she apparently combines age and experience with an ability to adapt herself to conditions. I realize that one can never be sure how a person will react to a new environment and for that reason I am always reluctant to recommend candidates

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for a position. In this case, however, I have little hesitancy for I have noted, and other men in the Department agree with me, in this, that Dr. Reeves is unusually adaptive and has shown good judgment in determining the needs of the different departments in which she has worked and has been very willing to adopt new methods when these are desirable. Finally she is personally an agreeable associate.

I believe that I am not exaggerating when I say that I know of no one who would probably more satisfactorily fill the position.

Yours truly

HBS

Alexander G. Ruthven

*I will very gladly furnish any further information that you desire
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Don't retreace - JWR

Yours truly

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for a position in this case however I have little personal

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Ypsilanti, Michigan,
September 18, 1917.

Miss Elizabeth Bender,
150 Fifth avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Bender:

After sending off my report on Miss Reeves, and after hearing more from her concerning the details of her possible appointment, I wish to add an item or two to my statements. I do this in the hope that the Committee may view as favorably as possible her application, for I most sincerely believe that she is a rare woman for the position, and that you will be making a sad mistake if you fail to appoint her on account of her age or because of her request for a short term.

In the first place few would take her for forty-four. She is very youthful in spirit and appearance, and has the health and vigor of most women of thirty. She will be good for many years of service. Then of course her age gives her the experience and judgment few younger women could possibly have.

As to the possibilities of her staying only the first year: even if she wished to leave at the end of 12 months I am sure she would have been well worth the money expended, for she has unusual powers of coordinating and bringing into harmony all the various factors in a situation. She sees relations and would be very helpful in suggesting ways of socializing the different departments. She also has good ability in organizing and putting laboratory work into operation. She knows what is needed for the most up-to-date and practical kind of biology. Besides all this she has a very wide acquaintance with scientific men in this country who will be interested in helping her get together the right equipment. I believe there is little doubt of her staying on indefinitely, but may I suggest the value of a change at short terms any way? You would be fortunate if you had her just to install your work. I should like also to say that I believe her powers to pick up a spoken language are very good. She would I am sure do as well as most younger women. I write not only because I admire Miss Reeves, but because I believe in your work.

(Signed) Jessie Phelps

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703 Pearl St, Ypsilanti.
Sept. 19, 1917.

Dear Miss Hodge -

The telegraph office was closed when I went to send an answer on receipt of your kindly message. Of course I can make the sailing date you mention but could use to the advantage of the work a few more days or two weeks. I very much fear that securing some things for the laboratory in Shanghai will be at a disadvantage. The unanimous report is that the Japanese goods are inferior. I do not

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want a great many things which
 laboratories are wont to
 contain but there are a
 few articles of glass ware and a
 superior microscope which
 I do wish I might be assured
 of. I am hoping to do something
 in regard to the microscope
 but some chemicals and glass ware
 should be of the sort to be
 depended upon and on hand
 for the first weeks of work.

I shall know in a few days
 about securing just what I want
 and where to get it most advantageously
 as to passage, - I shall doubtless have
 the full 300 lbs of baggage

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Is it necessary to secure the rail ticket in connection with the steamer passage in order to take advantage of the extra baggage allowed on transpacific lines? If so could you secure from here with stop-over in Chicago and I will forward the price to San Francisco or Vancouver.

I should expect to be ready to leave here in ^{eight to} ten days

Very truly
Cora D. Peeres

I am writing for passports

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Reeves

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
September 19, 1917.

Miss Cora D. Reeves,
703 Pearl street,
Ypsilanti, Michigan.

My dear Miss Reeves:

I have just sent you a day-letter which I hope you will receive this evening, saying that the Ginling Committee at its meeting this morning heartily approved of your appointment, and offers you a one year contract on your terms: i. e., that you pay your own expense to the Pacific Coast and provide your outfit, we to pay all travel expense from there to Ginling and a salary of \$600 for the first year. If the plan proves satisfactory to both parties we will hope to make a more permanent arrangement; if not you agree to come home at the end of the year at your own expense.

Just one more matter must be attended to before I send you the formal contract to sign. Our Boards all have the rule that their candidates must have a final physical examination by their own official physician. Your examination has been approved by the Presbyterian medical examiner who considers you an excellent risk for a life insurance company. But because of your grandmother's health the Committee decided it would be wise to have you consult a nerve specialist rather than a Board general examiner, and have a formal statement on the hereditary question. We thought Dr. Solis would surely know someone at Ann Arbor whom she would recommend. We feel so sure that the report will be favorable that Mr. Carter, our treasurer is taking steps to engage passage for you on the "Empress of Japan" sailing from Vancouver October 11th. If that is too much of a rush for you your reply to my telegram will indicate this. But you have proved such a prompt lady that I fully expect you to say you can go. That line takes only two weeks across the Pacific instead of three as the San Francisco boats do, and the vessels are better.

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Now having written about business I want to tell you how grateful we are to you for your willingness to go and for your generous financial offer. The College has not a great deal of money, and you are making a real contribution of money as well as of yourself. We are counting much on what you will bring to those girls with your high Christian ideals and your professional training and experience, and I am sure the prestige of your Ph.D. will mean much for the College.

I am glad you and Mrs. Radcliffe liked each other; we Presbyterians love her and are proud of her.

I almost forgot to tell you that the new minister to Siam, Mr. Ingersoll, sails on the Empress of Japan with his wife and daughter.

I sent the telegram from New York as our meeting was there and I asked you to reply there so as to be sure as soon as possible about the passage.

Sincerely yours,

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DR. JEANNE SOLIS

403 LIBERTY ST. E.

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

Sept. 24. 17

Miss M. Hodge.

Philadelphia - Pa.

Dear Miss Hodge = Miss Eva Perry
who has received an appointment
from your committee to teach
in the Girard College at Newark,
inform me you have suggested
she see an alienist because of
the history of her maternal grand mother.
Naturally, you would not know that
I am a specialist in Mental &
Nervous Diseases, having taught
those subjects in the University of
Michigan for fifteen years.

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I have known ² Miss Keens
very well for over thirty
years and feel she is no
more like than any one to
develop any mental trouble.
In consequence I feel
I could recommend her
physically and mentally as
I did —

Very truly
Yours
James L. Davis.

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403 Liberty Street, E.
Ann Arbor, Michigan.
September, 1917.

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Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Hodge:

Miss Cora Reeves, who has received an appointment from your Committee to teach in the Ginling College, at Nanking, informs me that you have suggested she see an alienist because of the history of her maternal grandmother.

Naturally, you will not know that I am a specialist in mental and nervous diseases, having taught those subjects in the University of Michigan for 15 years.

I have known Miss Reeves for over twelve years and feel she is no more liable than anyone to develop any mental trouble. In consequence I felt I could recommend her physically and mentally as I did.

Very truly,

Jeanne C. Solis, M. D.

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Very truly,

Jeanne C. Solis, M. D.

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Phila.

My dear Miss Hodge:-

In view of the information contained in Doctor Solis's letter to you, a copy of which you sent me, I think it entirely safe to waive examination by another physician in the case of Miss Cora Reeves.

Sincerely yours,

Ella Burnett

September 28, 1917.

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My dear Miss Hodge -

I am spending a few days at home on ~~work~~ which it is impossible for me to do at the office where there are constant interruptions. Miss Mead and I discovered yesterday that we are living side by side, and she was with me this evening talking over Ginhig matters. She is a beautiful girl and I wish she might soon be in Ginhig again - for the sake of Mrs. Thurston and the Chinese girls. It is 10 o'clock now, but I'll mail this to-night hoping that you will get it to-morrow.

I'll telephone Mr. Carter to-morrow and find out what day will be most convenient for him. Miss Nourse writes that she can come any day next week.

I quite approve of Dr. Revers taking a small equipment with her. Mr. Carter telephoned me about it the day I received your letter and I suppose that is the reason I did not

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reply to your letter at once. I told him I approved and he said he would send Dr. Reers a check for this purpose.

Dr. Solis' letter does introduce a difficulty, but I think your plan is good and I am willing to take my share of the responsibility in going contrary to the vote of the committee. It would be exceedingly difficult, under the circumstances, to insist upon a second examination, and I believe the committee would agree with us if they knew the circumstances. It seems to me that considering the fact that Dr. Solis is a specialist in nervous diseases and ~~that~~ in addition to this she has known Dr. Reers for so many years, we may consider her judgment safe.

I quite agree with you that Mrs. Thurston should know the whole case, but that no one else should. Mrs. Thurston has a right to know and in justice to the committee we should state the case clearly, but Dr. Reers' case should not be prejudiced in the beginning by having any publicity given to it.

I will try to put our Finance Committee on Wednesday next, and will write you as soon as it is decided.

Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth R. Beards

A copy of Miss Phelps' letter was not enclosed.

E.R.B.

The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
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156 Fifth Avenue

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New York September 28th, 1917.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Miss Hodge,

I entirely agree with you that in view of the letter
from Dr. Solis and Dr. Everitt's judgment, we should waive further
examination of Miss Reeves and approve of her going forward without
delay to Ginling.

Very cordially yours,

Robert C. Speer,

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5138 WAYNE AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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My dear Miss Hodge :-

I am in receipt of your letter and enclosures in regard to Miss Reeves.

As I have had the misfortune to certify to the mental health of at least one missionary who within two years had to be returned from India because of insanity, I may be a trifle more conservative than some and it would seem wise to me to have Miss Reeves submit to an examination on the part of another alienist.

If I were the doctor making the original examination I should welcome this additional test even though I were

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a specialist in the given line.

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With a history of two cases of mental disorder in her line; with a history of insomnia and a nervous break down from which it took two years to recover I should want to be very careful before subjecting her to the risks of the conditions which might be met on the field.

I have within the last few months been helping one missionary to recover from insomnia and I realize how hard the task can be.

Thanks you for writing me -

Sincerely

Ellen C Potter

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Oct. 2/17

My dear Miss Hodge -
 Dr. Patten's opinion has been rather dis-
 turbing, but you had thought the situation out very
 carefully, which made it the easier for me. As
 soon as your letter came I tried to get in touch
 with Mr. Sheer, but he was not in the office - would
 not be in until to-day. I was sorry to delay 24
 hours, but I concluded that it would be best. I
 conferred with both Miss Dread and Dr. Sheer. The former
 feels, I think as you and I do - that is, my
 opinion agrees with yours. Since "doctors disagree"
 I think it best to have a confirmatory examination,
 and if my vote is to be the deciding one, should
 it would be. However, I wanted to know how Dr.
 Sheer feels, and so telephoned him. He said that
 if Mrs. Reeves were a Presbyterian candidate, he
 would be quite ready to send her without any
 further examination, but if you and I thought

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best to have it, be approved. Of course, it would have meant a great deal for our committee to have Dr. Speer's backing in case we did not ask for a second examination, but if I were to act on my own judgment it would be as I stated. So I sent the telegram, signing your name. Dr. Speer thought that if one was to be sent the first was the better. I wrote it just as you framed it, except that I introduced ~~the~~ word "chiefly". The following is what I sent: - "Committee appreciates letter from Dr. Solis, but because of strange conditions of living and chiefly for protection of physician, yourself and committee wishes you to consult another specialist." I introduced the word "chiefly" for the reason that it seemed to me to carry the assurance of our confidence in the case; at least, it expresses what is in my mind, and I think in yours.

I am very sorry for the inconvenience that this will cause Dr. Reers. She probably starts for the Coast in a few days and can ill afford the time this will take. You will write her as soon as possible, I am sure.

You may not go to your office before coming to New York, but I will send this to "501" any way.

Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth R. Bender

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DR. PETER BASSOE
30 N. MICHIGAN BOULEVARD
CHICAGO

October 4, 1917.

Miss Margaret Hodge,
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Miss Hidge:-

Today Miss Cora D. Reeves presented herself to me for examination, stating that she had been told that she should be examined by a neurologist before departing for China.

She told me her family history, which seems to have impressed her as being rather unfavorable, but I elicited nothing of importance in her personal life history. She does not complain of anything at the present time and on examination I could not find any evidence of nervous disease. Of course, there may be facts which she did not communicate to me and I told her that I would write you. If you are in possession of any facts regarding her previous conduct which have led you to suspect any form of nervous or mental disease, kindly let me know. Meanwhile, you may wire her to delay her departure until she has seen me again. However, I presume that if there have been any unfavorable symptoms in the past you would have had the matter look into long ago.

Very truly yours,

Peter Bassoe

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501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
October 6, 1917.

My dear Miss Reeves,

Your letter and mine have crossed, as they have done so often recently. I am so glad to know that you actually have the passport. I learned from Mr. Carter it had gone to Ypsilanti. I am thinking of you as starting to-day for your trip across the continent and I hope it will be very delightful and that you will arrive in Vancouver in plenty of time.

Thank you very much for going so promptly to see Dr. Bassoe. I have had a favorable report from him which I fully expected, but I know that the Committee will all feel much better having had Dr. Solis' report confirmed.

I have also had a letter which made me delighted because I find that you are to have a microscope and a full collecting outfit given you by some of your friends at Ann Arbor. I am sure that will be a great joy to you. You must write us when you get out very fully about what you actually need in addition to these things which you are taking with you. The letter I wrote you from New York was so full of business that I neglected to put in anything more, but I do want to assure you of our great interest, not only in the business part of it but in all your plans for the spiritual part of your work. One of the joys in sending you is the certainty that you realize that part is just as important as the other, and we are depending very much on you for fine work in both lines. We are cabling to Mrs. Thurston that you are sailing on this vessel and I know you will receive a very warm welcome.

With best wishes not only from me but from the other members of the Committee, and with the hope that I will hear from you occasionally, believe me

Cordially yours,

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501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
October 6, 1917.

Mrs. Lawrence Thurston,
Ginling College,
Nanking, China.

Dear Mrs. Thurston:

You probably are receiving about this time a cable from Mr. Carter stating that Miss Reeves is sailing October 11th on the Empress *Japan*. I expect that same boat to carry this letter to you. I want to acknowledge the letter you wrote me August 27th, and thank you for it very much. Miss Bender and Mrs. Peabody have both seen it and I will answer you in detail as soon as I can. Just now I will write only about Miss Reeves.

In the summer I gave you a general idea about Miss Reeves and that she was a possibility. I now enclose a summary of her testimonials, and hope that you will approve of our having appointed someone as old as she. She pays her own travel to the coast, and in case she proves to be a misfit promises to pay all expenses of her return. Since she is so well qualified and has such excellent testimonials, the Candidate Committee, Miss Mead and the Ginling College Committee all approved of our sending her. She wants to stay but realizes that it is an experiment, so I feel that we are sending you a permanent addition to the faculty. If you know Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe, you know that she is a very discriminating woman and has high ideals of what a missionary should be, and so we depended entirely upon her for the personal interview. I have liked Miss Reeves' spirit very much in all her correspondence with us. She has been most prompt and businesslike, and seems to be truly spiritual as well. Mrs. Radcliffe's brother has worked with her and Professor Ruthven at Ann Arbor is a personal friend of his, so I feel that we have a number of side lights.

I want to allude in general to your letter. We have followed every clue we could find in regard to the various members of the faculty and have not investigated just one person at a time. We still have a few who are on our list but I fear that we will not be able to send out many new members next year because of the state of the treasury, and we also realize that sending four this year makes a very serious problem of adjustment on the field, for no matter how fine and willing they may be, they do not know China or the Chinese.

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We in America agree very fully with you that the choice of Chinese members of the faculty should be made on the field, and in all our correspondence with Miss C. T. Wang that point was made very clear. We were merely inquiring and referring everything to the field. No steps have been taken so far in regard to Miss C. C. Wang, though we have asked Miss Mead to open correspondence with her and see if she would think favorably of such a proposition if made by you. We thought that it would be a pity to lose such a brilliant woman if there were any possibility of securing her. I think every member of the Committee feels as I do, that we agree fully with you as to the need of emphasizing spirituality quite as much as professional ability. We do not want to establish a college that is merely for higher education. We want it as distinctly Christian as educational, so you can count upon us for the heartiest cooperation in those lines. I think we all realize the grave situation that is created for the Chinese girls who study in this country, the danger of being denationalized, out of sympathy with their own people and assuming an attitude of criticism towards foreigners who are working in China, and at the same time we think it would be a very wise thing to have Chinese as well as foreigners on the faculty.

I was most grateful for the full statement in your letter, and as I said before we will study it carefully and I will answer as soon as I can. I have sympathized deeply with you, as have the other members of the Committee, during these months of suspense, and I do hope you will not have to pass such another summer.

We had a meeting of the Finance Committee this week and Miss Hourse met with us and was able to clear up a number of questions. One thing that had worried us a good deal was the deficit in the printed report of May, 1916, and we were relieved to find that it was more on paper than in reality. A number of the cooperating Boards have already paid in full and we hope the others soon will. We also took up the question of the loss in exchange and as soon as anything definite is decided Miss Bender will write you. We want to do everything possible to relieve the situation.

Cordially yours,

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501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
October 6, 1917.

Mrs. Lawrence Thurston,
Ginling College,
Nanking, China.

My dear Mrs. Thurston:

This letter is for you only. Miss Bender and I thought that you should know all the facts in the case about Miss Reeves' physical examination. Her mother had cancer, her father had an injury which affected his mind and he died at the age of 39, and her mother's mother was insane, though not violently so, for a number of years. Miss Reeves makes this statement about herself: "There being no limit to physical endurance I over-worked for some time and had to recuperate a nervous system which is probably about average." She had a tendency towards sleeplessness and took two years for thorough recuperation, but during that time she consulted a physician only once or twice. The physician who examined her is a nerve specialist, a graduate of the University of Michigan, and passed her without question. I quote her letter:

"Miss Cora Reeves, who has received an appointment from your Committee to teach in Ginling College, at Nanking, informs me that you have suggested she see an alienist because of the history of her maternal grandmother. Naturally, you will not know that I am a specialist in mental and nervous diseases, having taught those subjects in the University of Michigan for 15 years. I have known Miss Reeves for over twelve years and feel she is no more liable than anyone to develop any mental trouble. In consequence I felt I could recommend her physically and mentally as I did."

Dr. Ella Evertt, the examining physician of our Presbyterian Board who is exceedingly strict, saw Miss Reeves' own medical blank and the report of the physician and wrote me: "I think it entirely safe to waive examination by another physician in the case of Miss Reeves."

Since Miss Reeves is a Methodist I decided it was only fair to consult the Methodist examining physician who wrote as follows:

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"As I have had the misfortune to certify to the mental health of at least one missionary who within two years had to be returned from India because of insanity, I may be a trifle more conservative than some and it would seem wise to me to have Miss Reeves submit to an examination on the part of another alienist. If I were the doctor making the original examination I should welcome this additional test even though I were a specialist in the given line. With a history of two cases of mental disorder in her line; with a history of insomnia and a nervous breakdown from which it took two years to recover I should want to be very careful before subjecting her to the risk of the conditions which might be met on the field. I have within the last few months been helping one missionary to recover from insomnia and I realise how hard the task can be."

In view of this recommendation the Committee requested Miss Reeves to have another examination, which was made by Dr. Peter Bassoe of Chicago, who is a neurologist. He writes:

"She told me her family history, which seems to have impressed her as being rather unfavorable, but I elicited nothing of importance in her personal life history. She does not complain of anything at the present time and on examination I could not find any evidence of nervous disease."

As a result of all this we decided it was safe to let her go, especially as she promises to pay all the expenses of her return within a year if necessary. We thought that it was not fair to you to withhold any of these facts, but that it is not fair to Miss Reeves to prejudice her by letting anyone else know, and so we are sending this to you in confidence. I imagine all our Boards have had sad experiences in these lines and so we have tried to take every necessary precaution.

Cordially yours,

Chairman, Candidate Committee,
Ginling College.

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Enroute Oct. 7, 1917.

Dear Miss Hodge,

Though the contract had not reached me I set out from Chicago feeling quite sure that you would telegraph me so that I could receive word at Vancouver. I went to the office and through Mrs. Clark arranged for examination through the Presbyterian Hospital by Dr. Peter Barsoe. He was recommended to me while at Johns Hopkins by

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Dr. Mayer when I made
inquiry thinking that I
should like to know someone
whom I could advise
in case I ever had opportunity
to counsel my Aunt as to a
physician for my cousin.

Of course the Hopkins men
- and women, ^{at least, those I know,} I swear by Dr. Meyer
as an alienist. There is no
doubt that the insanity in my
family is hereditary, but the
time for it to have developed
in myself is passed. I have
learned very well the limits
of my nervous strength

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niche but if it all fits
as well as it appears
that it may there is no
reason why I may not
serve for Twenty years
or more if the work is
better in my hands than in
those of another. As to the
Chinese language the first
class I must instruct in
English if they are to get
their science. Upon the program
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much I can give the girls
and upon that will depend
my study of Chinese for
the first semester.

I believe in the effectiveness
of teaching science in large
amounts so that if others
of the faculty agreed I can
in the next two years give
a relatively large amount
of biology to the students. It
is not sure but probable
that I could return to
Ypsilanti for the year
following - and during
that year gather an

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adequate equipment, both
in apparatus and information
for that particular field.
Then I could return for
two year more and
by that time a younger
woman who could speak
chinese might be
available and my remaining
would depend upon
whether the work would
warrant it. You understand
that these are the suggestions
of a program which seems
feasible at a distance

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It would be wiser for me
to wait until in China
before writing it to you.
The unusual ^{likely still} feature is
that I could arrange to
take the work for Miss Phelps
for one or two years
while she finishes her
medical work for her MD.
but sometime during this
year, ^{the sooner the better} it would be well to
have the possibility of that
arrangement settled.

This letter is in lead pencil
and designed for the waste basket
not for filing. Its facts you may
keep in mind Very truly
your
C. W. R.

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501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
October 10, 1917.

Mr. Russel Carter,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Carter:

You must have left the Ginling Committee meeting when I asked whether we should send a cable to Mrs. Thurston. I know some of the members had left, but it was decided that it would be right to send it. I cannot think of any shorter way of wording than to say "Reeves Empress Japan". I wrote Mrs. Thurston very fully in August about Miss Reeves as a possibility and have written her two other letters since, and Miss Mead has also written her, so I think it is safe to omit the word "Biology". Miss Reeves wrote me also stating that her passport had arrived, and I have heard from the second examining physician that everything is right in that line. I hope she is arriving at Vancouver to-day and will sail tomorrow.

You will be interested to know that through friends at Ann Arbor Miss Reeves is to have a microscope and a full collecting outfit and a good collection of literature.

Sincerely yours,

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October 10, 1917.

Dr. Ellen C. Potter,
5138 Wayne avenue,
Germantown, Pa.

Dear Dr. Potter:

Thank you for your advice in regard to Miss Cora D. Reeves. We acted upon it and she consulted Dr. Peter Bassoe of Chicago, who has passed favorably on her case. I am sure that the Committee feels much more comfortable to have the opinion of the examining physician confirmed by a neurologist, and that if anything does happen to Miss Reeves it will be a protection to her own physician as well as to our Committee.

With thanks for your interest
believe me

Sincerely yours,

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501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
October 10, 1917.

Dr. Peter Bassoe,
30 N. Michigan Boulevard,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Bassoe:

Thank you for your letter of October 4th in regard to Miss Cora D. Reeves. We have no information beyond what we have received from Miss Reeves about her personal history. We asked her to consult you largely as a precaution for the examining physician and for the Mission Boards sending her to China. Thank you for your statement that you consider her a safe risk, and for your courtesy in attending to the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, Candidate Committee,
Ginling College.

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