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Mr. B. A. Garstide,  
University of Nanking,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Garstide:

I have ready for illustration a very interesting biographical account of Dr. Wu of Ginling College. I very much need pictures, either original photographs or half-tones, which I could send with the manuscript to our illustrator so that our illustrations will be authentic. If you will instruct me with the photographs I'll see that they are safely returned. I am enclosing a copy of the short biography so that you may see the kind of picture we want.

Sincerely,

*Alfred D. Moore*

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## The Story of Dr. Wu

By Frank S. Mead.

## I.

Picture of young Chinese girl in sedan chair, in old Chinese street --  
 Going past temples, etc.  
 Men with pigtaails, women with bound feet, etc. (Or a picture of old Chinese family seated in old walled courtyard, studying or, reading).

In the China of 1893, little girls were not wanted; only men-children could worship the ancestors! Only boys went to school; only boys could become leaders of Chinese life.

But little Wu Yi-fang, born that year, had other ideas. She came of a family of scholars who encouraged her to study the new ideas of reform in education and government and science. She was sent away to a girl's school in 1907, to Hangchow; she made the eleven-day trip in sedan chair, houseboat and river steamer. Those who clung to the old ideas about girls in China didn't like that; they called her a little rebel, and they thought she was immodest and presumptuous.

## II.

Picture of Dr. Wu in teachers robe and cap, teaching science in a lab -- or as President of Ginling College -- or being handed diploma or degree at a college commencement.

Yi-fang was a star pupil; she graduated with honors, went on to other schools and finally graduated with the first class at Ginling College. She then taught English in a Peking High School, and, to learn more of Western methods and science, came to study at the University of Michigan; she went home with a Ph.D.

In 1928 she was elected President of Ginling -- the first woman college president in all China. Hundreds of young Chinese women sat at her feet in the classroom, reaping the benefits of that father's wisdom who had sent her off, in spite of the old ideas, to study at Hangchow. His far-sightedness was helping build a new China.

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Dramatic picture of Western  
 trek of college students to  
 Chungking -- perhaps with  
 Japanese bombers overhead--  
 They carried books, school  
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 some died along way--

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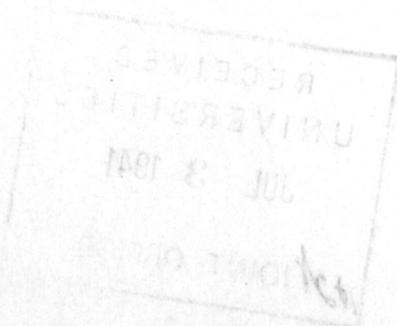
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## IV.

Wu addressing great  
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during bombardment-or receiving  
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Dear Mr. Moore:

I am replying to your letter addressed to Mr. B. A. Garside, asking for Ginling College illustrations to be used with a short picture biography. I regret that we are unable to fill your specifications in every detail. We have no picture at all in our files that would fit your first description, since our photographs emphasize mainly the life at Ginling and the work carried on there.

Perhaps your second requirement may be filled by the picture of Dr. Wu which is enclosed herewith.

For the third picture you need, I am enclosing an envelope of photographs marked "Ginling Trek" and also a yellow folder - a publicity piece which was used by Ginling this past year. We have cuts for any of the pictures shown on this folder, but since these cuts are so valuable to us, we do not like to send them out unless we are sure they are needed. If time is not an important factor in getting out your picture biography and you wish to borrow any of the cuts from this yellow folder, please let us know which ones.

As for the fourth required illustration, we again do not have just what you want. I am sending an envelope of pictures marked "West China" from which I am hoping you will be able to choose something suitable.

We are glad to have this opportunity of helping you and we know the pictures we have enclosed will be returned safely and promptly. If there is anything further we can do to help, please let us know.

Since we keep a file of all material published about Ginling College, we should appreciate having a copy or two of whatever is published in connection with these pictures.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Alfred Foster,  
Secretary, Ginling College Office

Mr. Alfred D. Moore  
The Classmate  
810 Broadway  
Nashville Tennessee

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Pictures Lent to Mr. Alfred D. Moore

(for illustrating a short picture biography in The Classmate)

President Wu-Yi-fang

1. Full-length picture of Dr. Wu.

Ginling Trek

1. Ginling teachers and students hold classes on deck of Yangtze steamer.
2. Helping in a Red Cross go-down in Hankow while waiting for reservations on boat up Yangtze. (Girl on ladder in supply room)
3. Miss Shao, junior, stops to cool her hot and tired feet in a stream.
4. Three girls and a boy carry packages of books, as the small library starts a journey from Shanghai.
5. Books ride in a chair as students walk.
6. Buses used in the journey.
7. Taking shelter from an air raid.
8. Miss Hwang Dzun-mei of Dept. of Chemistry, who had the task of securing passenger accommodations and luggage transportation.
9. Ginling girls on bridge of Empress of Japan.
10. Three faculty and one student wash in Kowloon station.
11. Faculty and students as they reach a fording of a stream in Szechuan.
12. The travellers wait at one point.

West China

1. Students' washroom
2. Athletic class on Chengtu campus. Ettie Chin, instructor.
3. A chartered sampan on the Min River in Szechuan.
4. Catherine Sutherland sugning the inner workings of the piano to dry it out.
5. Door of dugout, with men carrying baskets of records.
6. Rice straw being dried for mattresses.
7. Dormitory at Chengtu.
8. Student on a country journey in West China, eating piece of sugar cane.
9. Five ginling students on rural service.
10. Ginling student helping woman worker with spinning.
11. Geology class in Biology building.
12. Sunshine on ~~the~~ the Chengtu campus.

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Rebecca dear;

Thurs. Nite. [17  
[n.d.]

There — having  
laid out all my shoes to dry  
and being in a state of  
mood at the weather —  
I'll pick on you next.

First: your funds for  
F. G. are stored in the  
Chase National Bank. My  
faith at the moment is  
in bigness, so I picked out  
the Biggest — in U.S.A. What  
part of that bigness will ex-  
pate shortly in Europe?  
I can't say, but undoubt-  
edly a good sized slice.  
Today I read an item stating  
that the Nation about 1877  
declared the country was  
in the hands of devils and  
fools! Isn't 1931 ditto?  
There seems to be about as  
much honesty combined with  
intelligence as the old Man-  
chu regime had, not so  
many decades ago! Is there  
no possible way of getting rid  
of the army of political  
crooks who have the whole public  
in their grip?

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in November — That Eugene Chen had<sup>[27]</sup> spent several months in Japan in 1931. That Chen had had personal conferences with high government officials in Tokyo, with military powers and business men. What took place at said meetings, Mr. Substitute had not found out, but he had his suspicions. While this Pacific Relations meeting was on at Shanghai, a group of delegates had dinner with Eugene Chen's foreign adviser — an informal affair, mostly talk on Manchuria. Chen's spokesman was not at all critical of Japan, argued for a policy of cooperation, etc. Now, was the adviser merely giving his own views, or was he so indiscreet as to give away Chen's scheming? Mr. Substitute is convinced it was the latter.

Poor China! What next? What next?

3. Re Japan's theory of what the open-door policy means so far as Manchuria is concerned — Japan will thru Chinese puppet officials set up law and order in Manchuria, and set out on big scale economic development. Having neither money nor steel for such projects as railroads, she will impress Mr. Stimson with her liberal open-door system by allowing American bankers to finance the enterprises and by placing orders for steel in U.S.A. (even tho Germany or somebody else would supply steel at lower rates). And so endeth China's domain to the northeast!

I do hope you haven't had any new calamities since Monday. much love  
Myrtle.

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(3) Last night Mr. E. C. Carter was ill and sent a substitute to Riverside Church to expound on Manchuria. The substitute had his information written down and read it. I gleaned three specks of information - new to my imagination.

1. That during 1919 and 1920 Mr. Lamont of the Morgan firm spent considerable time in Japan haranguing bankers, business men and government officials about Japan's grabbing policy in China, and that he succeeded in persuading or bulldozing the Japs into a number of modifications of their Asian policy, which were later made public at the Washington conference.

Do you suppose that is fact or fiction?

2. Re the <sup>present</sup> attitude of the Eugene Chen clique towards Japan. Mr. Substitute said the following information was known in Shanghai:

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Dear Rebecca:

There, having consumed some more of the good oranges which you contributed to my fruit market, I'll now report a few bits of information.

First. A girl who has been doing part time clerical work in some mission office concerned with plans for the Atlantic City meeting says she has the impression from mail she sent out that the meeting is not open to the public - that the various Boards concerned in will the people wanted. Sounds like a queer stunt. Maybe she is wrong.

Second. The Wellesley girl who helped with phys. ed. at Wells is Margaret P. Jones who is at present living at Whittier. The Wells catalog merely says A. B. Wellesley. Mrs. Roy might know whether there was any possibility of interesting her in fair play.

Third. Miss Baker says she knows the librarian at Constantinople quite well.

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[2] She thinks the woman is  
over about 40; quiet, not much  
interested in social events;  
very systematic and orderly.  
Doesn't know how long she  
has been there. Miss D. said  
the reading room was about  
half as large as the one at  
Barnard. Doesn't know how  
many books. The girls like her,  
so far, as Miss B. knows. Miss  
B. was there both in her student  
days & then teaching English  
after she completed her college  
work at Barnard.

And now that seems to be  
the end of my information,  
at the present writing. My  
sieve-like head can only collect  
a few items without losing  
some.

Had a note from Anna which  
indicates her usual mad rush  
of work. Not a word about her trip  
to Boston. I do hope her mother  
becomes more contented with  
the new house.

I see our energetic Nikolaos  
Mirakolas is engaged in expounding  
religion to the Newman Club.  
And on the same day he pro-  
nounces a solemn benediction  
on Columbia's dead of the year.  
Truly, a marvelous mind is  
he! But still he can't balance  
his budget.

Marian was quite carried away by the <sup>37</sup> stained glass in Riverside church. The chapel windows she liked best. And she loved the organ with its marvelous tones. So that bit of time off from house and husband and wee folk seemed quite a success.

Do you suppose "model" cities like the Nuremberg in the Metropolitan are expensive "projects"? Instead of Ph.D's in bird cages, why not make something really worth while? Peking, for instance. That grand old wall, and temples and palaces - in their proper colors, especially the roofs - now that - would be a real project and just think what the kids would learn! Oh, of course, it might not be self expression -

Time for me to work a bit. The rain continues. Ky. may get a bit eventually.

I hope you are getting a few dozen letters out of the way today - and then get a mile of rest. It was so good to see you, to revel in "the fin on the tin", hear Bro. Delinger's good sense on matters historical, etc. Whatever anyone can do with you in the matter of "clothing the naked, caring for sick", etc, etc, etc, still leaves me like a rat in a maze. Verily, verily, she thinks too much of worthless critters and entirely too little of your own physical machine and its needs. Ain't that so?

With thanks that words can't say,  
Love  
Myrtle.

Best wishes to the Deutsches!!!

Dear Rebecca: <sup>Milk</sup> My dear, you are blaming yourself quite too much for the smashing up of Phoebe. I entirely agree with Miss B's private opinion that P's inability to grapple with the dissertation job did the damage, and furthermore, that only a degree will be the final remedy. Yes, yes, face saving!!! Miss Daniel's remarks hardly fit in with certain other rather self-evident facts in the situation. Nevertheless, the present state of affairs does require money, for it just won't do under any circumstances to send her to a state institution if maybe that she will come back more quickly than the doctor thinks. Rebecca, are you entirely submerged with things that have to be looked after - or could you manage to see Phoebe for yourself? It would be very difficult for you, but you could undoubtedly do her more good in 15 minutes than greenhorns at handling Chinese can do in 15 weeks. You know her throat and throat, and you know how to get a response from Chinese. Miss D. could certainly arrange with Dr. Lambert about you seeing Phoebe.

About faculty and staff for giling - for a secretary, have you ever tried the Collegiate Service, Inc., 11 East 44 St. The person I talked to there seemed to have some sense, and they enroll only college graduates, and specialize in the secretarial employment business. They could do nothing for me, as I couldn't stenoq. How about talking to them on the subject? Or have you already done so?

About library data, - the American Library Association, 526 North Michigan Ave, Chicago. But in the first place, are Murphy's exterior plans - dimensions, windows, doors, etc. available in America, so that you have a wee bit of data to start with, and then you can get more specific "model" plans that will fit in slightly at least with the general scheme of things. If you can get hold of the proposed dimensions, I'd love to figure shelving, stack space, seating space, lighting, picture space on walls, magazine racks, etc. etc. And we can see just what sort of library friend Murphy has up his sleeve. Then maybe it will be possible to show him a few things about the proper kind he must build at Giling. Undoubtedly certain modifications must be made, in order to fit in with Chinese architecture, but one

thing is certain - no such fool arrangement should be accepted as the Venetian one. Libraries are for those who live in them, - which architects do not!

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About finding a librarian - why not see the person in charge of the library school at Drexel? Or at Pratt? Both are small schools and have produced some excellent librarians. Girding has several girls at U. of Michigan where there is a library school and the most famous of university librarians. Could any Girding girl make some inquiries there? There is also a library school at Simmons College. Maybe Mary Simmons specializes in the secretarial field.

As to music and phys. ed. - I'm useless. But since I'm thinking out loud and raving on tonight, here's yet another question. So Columbia closes Dec. 20 for vacation. Is there any possibility of your coming to N.Y. before Dec. 19 to line up things at T.C. before the girls go home for Xmas. You might be able to get some preliminary interviews and any prospective candidates would have a chance to consult families, etc. during vacation. Besides, there may be some one finishing at T.C. the middle of the year. Evidently the sooner some one starts for Girding, the better. By the way, where is the Student Volunteer meeting this year? Isn't that the most likely place to get contacts with people who are thinking of China? Do the various mission boards have no suggestions at all? Certainly the people to be sent to Girding must come from church circles, and church officials ought to know something about material available. If they don't, then what can one expect from "godless" institutions specializing in football and the stock market?

If you can't come to N.Y. before the 21st. - come along, but can't you get here before 11 AM. Dr. Coffin preaches. No, day laborers do not have holidays; they stay right on the job. much love,  
Myrtle.

I shall see Miss B. at frequent intervals, + try to keep informed on affairs, + wish let you have any news.

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Dear Rebecca: While meandering thru Broadway traffic, I cogitated on your load of managing finances for Guling. Would it be possible to arrange for Miss Wu to go to Wheaton in the fall for a half day or a day? Seeing her & talking to her might make a wee dent on faculty and students. The President up there is a clergyman, so he probably has at least heard of Xian work in China! How about the Women's college at Brown - there certainly is some interest in missions there, for Dr. Barbour is well informed.

I still think Guling could get a small slice of Riverside Church budget if the matter was set before them early enough. Now that Harry Emerson has seen Dr. Wu close at hand, that's so much to the good. Mabel Mead <sup>(Smith)</sup> is very active in that Church and very much interested in China. She might be able to help contact the proper male bipeds. A good friend of mine is on the budget committee, so I can fill her up on the subject. But the cultivation ought to begin in the fall, for their budget is planned soon after Jan. 1. And they pay to specific objects - not to a church board.

Raymond Fosdick's newly acquired wife is a Smith graduate, who worked for the Rockefeller Foundation for 18 years. of course, she may not have

the slightest interest in anything <sup>[2]</sup> remotely connected with mission work. However, it might be wise to find out, as she might be in a position to help a bit.

In my dreams - from too many nice fat calories - I thought of a Presbyterian missionary family in Peiping named Gleyster or Glyster or something similar. The oldest daughter went to Smith, I think. Her name is Alice. In the spring of '27 when the mother & children were shipped out, my hazy memory is that they went to Philadelphia to stay with relatives. So the Presbytery Bd. ought to know or be able to find out whether said Alice has a job. I recall hearing a year ago that she was with her family in Peiping, had no job & had during the year 1934/35 been teaching in the little Amer. school for teaching youngsters. If she is still floating about, and if her Smith College record is any good, she could certainly teach elementary English at Ginkung. And very elementary English seems to be the present need. My memory is that as a youngster she had a good head. And she has religious background & good Chinese understanding.

In view of gouling finances and <sup>(2)</sup> of the terror of military Japan, it might be an advantage to take a person already out there. Civil wars have been bad enough, but to have the madness of Japan run wild over the country is appalling.

All the Americans who have any thing to do with schools in China say that there is less and less and less English, except in the Canton region. The emphasis goes on Mandarin. The more recent Chinese students in these parts certainly have decidedly less English than 10 years ago. Obviously the ones at home in general have considerably less and want it so. Perhaps part of it is due to govt pressure on Chinese language & civilization. Last year when Mr. Kellogg went back to Hukien Xian, Mr. Kellogg wrote that there was an astonishing decline in English - during the 3 or 4 years they had been home. He said the bulk of the teaching was done in Mandarin. He had only a couple students in advanced biology, because they could neither read nor understand enough English to do the work - with an English-speaking instructor.

So, there is evidently no point in sending <sup>to gouling</sup> a woman prepared to teach college literature. Perhaps a person with some training in teaching English to foreigners would fit the present needs best - especially to do ABC work in the practical school. The job needs an expert in teaching, rather than a specialist in English. Nicht-wahr?

It seems to me that Dr. Wu and her <sup>[4]</sup> Chinese advisers ought to look ahead the length of their noses about music instructors. Are there any Guling graduates with piano talent who could be given a year or two of special work and who could then carry some responsibility for teaching piano in China? Why continue such a temporary system of importing teachers and then not liking what they do?

About Xmas. time Carol wrote that her brother (who has been at Wuhan several years) was trying to arrange to come to America next fall to do his Ph. D. His wife was trained in music in America at a Methodist college - which one I can't remember. Now if the husband is coming to U.S., there might be a possibility of his wife making herself useful in China. I know they are hard pressed financially, and poor Carol's subsistence wage at Hwa Nan certainly isn't enough to provide for an idle sister-in-law. You know the Bingham's, of course. Last year Brewster married Frances Beach of an American Bd. family of Fukien. Frances was very fine in music. The last I heard Brewster & Frances were still in language school in Piping and then were to go to Foochow. Frances has two sisters - both at Oberlin, I think. And it seems to me the one was to graduate this year. In case she

has done music, there might be <sup>(3)</sup>  
some chance of getting her now <sup>(5)</sup>  
or later. Frances was a very fine  
person with lots of sense. People  
from Foochow speak in highest  
terms of the Beach family. Why  
not inquire a bit from the A.B.C.  
about the two younger girls. One  
of the A.B.C. secretaries is an  
Uncle of Frances Beach Bingham.

You remember that John D. Jr.  
is no longer contributing to the  
general fund of the Baptist Bd.  
Is there any way of getting Jimling  
work specifically set before him  
or his family? He probably  
is contributing just as much  
as formerly he gave to the Board.

Do you know anything about the John  
L. Motts at International House? The  
Chinese students seem to like them.  
By virtue of their job, they have wide  
contacts with people interested in  
world affairs. If Mrs. M. has any inter-  
est in foreign missions, maybe she  
could be friendly to Jimling. The Motts  
came to I. H. last September.

Good night and sweet dreams and do  
please take a day off to rest - before you  
are dead. Just now the recent remarks  
of a policeman must fit your feelings  
- "I'll have to be dead 6 or 7 years before  
I get rested." It was such a real

vacation to see you and have a chat  
not to mention the fun of Jane<sup>67</sup>  
Coul and gobos too many calories!  
I still feel just like a stuffed goose!  
Many, many thanks for all your  
kindness.

By all means, do be sure to go to  
London before the Chinese Art exhibit  
is broken up. You need to see it, for  
your jingling work - for there is  
so much of the best of Cathay down  
there the ages.

Much love  
Myrtle

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Dear Rebecca:

I hope you are having a few hours of peace and quiet.

The teacher at The Masters school whose name I couldn't remember the other night is Helen Nichol. She is a good friend of some of the girls at Union and I think studied there. She teaches Bible. I'm sure she has been in China. When I get hold of Lydia Miller, I'll get straight information.

Patty still has a bad throat and isn't allowed to talk. The heat has been wild in the house at 400 and she took on a heavy cold the day she moved in. Of course the attack of India bugs was partly to blame. So I got no data on Riverside for you.

But here's hoping.

There are three Lingnan girls here and one at Penn State. Do you remember the Chars of two years ago? They are at Lingnan now. Mr. Char is registrar & doing student work. The latter was what he wanted when he was here. A Honolulu friend of the

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Oh yes, if and where  
Quilting ever gets any  
services for a person  
in Education, and  
if Mrs. T. is not at  
Quilting, perhaps Carol  
could be given a  
chance to accomplish  
something. I hear  
she is simply unable  
to do an atom of  
anything at Hwa Nan.  
What an awful waste  
and in a land where  
teachers well trained  
are so much needed.  
If Carol isn't already  
ruined, she will be in  
a few more years.

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Dear Rebecca: <sup>well</sup> Anybody offering a prize for laziness can dispose of it right here. Really I'm too worthless for words.

About the money-raising for endowment at Union —

1. Dr. Coffin, a few of the faculty, a few of the trustees, and a handful of "successful" graduates did the work.
  2. Small sums came in from the alumni. Others made contacts with people who might be persuaded.
  3. Nearly all was comparatively large gifts.
  4. The whole plan was personal appeal. No ballyhoo of any sort.
- The full amount needed was not all obtained yet ten days ago when Dr. C. was in town. But they had done amazingly well.

There are a couple items in the Riverside Church Monthly that may indirectly help out about ginning. There is a note about the committee on budget whose job is to investigate and recommend the pieces of work that the church will help finance. And there is a bit by Everett Stowe on music in the Flowery Kingdom. I suspect it is Yuching propaganda, for

Bess Wiant - was trying to raise money there last spring. However, there is some worth in the article in showing Xian contribution in the field of music. Perhaps some music groups could be interested in helping provide music instruction at Girding. For instance, there is a choral group down at First Presbyterian - made up of Business and professional women, I think. Very probably whatever support Girding can get will have to come from church women.

Wasn't Moon's passing a shock? Several Chinese men - poor huts - who were doing dissertations with him are left in a nice predicament. A couple students who were working under Shepherd have simply been stranded. The history dept. seems to care not an atom what becomes of their students.

Dean Wicks expounded on "Being Called" this morning at Riverside. Lauded like the bac-calaureate for the Holyoke girls and the Princeton boys. But it was a good sermon, even so.

Can you imagine the Oxfordites and Farley collaborating on a campaign platform? Some things are a little funny.

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Dear Rebecca: <sup>WPK</sup> To continue our hectic  
telephone conversation of last week -  
Grace Patton is employed by the  
Baptist-Pub. Society to write Sunday-  
school lessons. She picked up anemic  
dysentery in India from which  
she still suffers a great deal. At-  
tacks come on very suddenly and  
simply wreck her for several  
weeks. At present she is in that  
state - but seems to be slowly re-  
cuperating. Her address now is  
400 West 118 St. (apt. 32). Patty is  
devoted to mission work and equally  
devoted to Riverside Church where  
she has considerable influence on  
several influential people. Last Sun-  
day she was so disappointed that she  
had to be in bed instead of hearing  
Miss Wu.

Next - It probably can't be  
remedied, but it does seem unfor-  
tunate that Chinese speakers can't  
vary their subject matter more.  
For instance, Miss Wu's remarks on  
the Women's Bank in Shanghai is a  
bit stale around here. I have heard  
it three times in public speeches by  
Chinese within a year. Of course

there were other people who hadn't heard it at all. However, on my way out of the church last Sunday, I did hear a group of women talking and one remarked on the fact that she heard the same story every time she went to a meeting on China. Well, maybe she is the exception. I'm not finding fault about Miss Wu, but I thought you might like to know that there does seem to be unnecessary repetition of illustrations. Surely there isn't such a scarcity of material, if anybody had a chance to use it properly.

Any news from the young man at George School?

We are simply snowed under with work. Even my fingers are weary.

Love  
M. P. C.

Oct. 1937

Rebecca dear: Here are <sup>[1]</sup>  
some odds and ends of <sup>over</sup>  
events that may be of  
interest to you. In  
planning your annual  
visit to New York, don't  
you want to hear Mr.  
Porter's remarks on the  
Far East? A letter today  
from Florence Pierce (Trent)  
tells of Jap tactics there  
and that foreign consuls,  
etc. feel very certain  
there will be no let up  
until Japan has Trent  
and so can control  
completely the R.R. to the  
north. Is it any wonder  
the Chinese are wild? T.Z.  
Koo's amazing spirit toward  
the enemy is the only glim.

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of sanity one sees in this  
mad world. Just what  
does His Majesty's government  
think ~~will~~ force will do to  
a nation setting already with  
hatred for the ruler?

Don't you like his discovery  
of "the steady decline of the  
practice of good manners  
on the part of the students?"

Efforts are being made  
to ~~turn~~ turn the students  
into dormitories!!!  
Is it to improve the man-  
ners or to keep the exchequer?

Please be sure to plan  
for a long vacation in  
N.Y.

Love  
M.

Feb. 1932

Dec 17/13/36

Dear Rebecca:

just a couple lines

[December 13, 1936]

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I forgot yesterday -

Would it be worth while to write to the Association of University Professors at Washington to get their recommendations, etc. on tenure? So long as Americans are on the governing faculty - not as fully appointed Board missionaries, but also their teachers, - there had better be the best possible management of dismissals, both for the good of the future of the women dismissed, if cases continue to be bungled, there may occur a real explosion that will have worse ramifications than this one has had. I remember seeing in the Bulletin of the Assoc. of Univ. Prof. that one of their great grievances against College Presidents has been the late hour of notifying the person dismissed. Maybe a printed code of proper procedure put out by a national organization might perchance sink into the heads of a few people. At any rate, they could no longer plead ignorance. The present system at Jining obviously needs some careful thought. If the Chinese manage their own faculty on the lib- and miss

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plan, very well. But it isn't a square  
deal to people who have to find a new  
job in another part of the world. [2]

SEP About music teachers for  
giving in the future - is anything being  
done about preparing any Chinese  
for music work? Can't they do  
music as well as Biology and Chemistry?  
Certainly properly qualified Chinese to  
teach music is the solution of the  
problem. The University of Shanghai  
has had two ~~to~~ girls at Juilliard  
in recent years. The note that Hu  
Shih spoke at International House this  
fall, a Chinese girl provided the music.  
And it was the best Chinese music  
I ever heard in this country. She  
was introduced as a student at  
Peabody Conservatory. She was  
very, very attractive and knew how  
to perform in public. None of the  
students I know had any informa-  
tion about her.

Oh yes, I always forget to tell you that  
Carol's brother is at U. of Chicago this year,  
starting on a Ph.D. His wife and baby  
are camping with his parents in Fochow.  
Carol said the wife was helping some at  
Hwa Nan. I wonder if Carol's wages have  
to cover the whole household.

If Y. Y. should become head of St. Jo, there  
will probably be a new program there in  
short order. Has the Episcopal Church pro-  
vided a new bishop for the Shanghai diocese?  
Love,  
Myrtle

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Dear Rebecca: The Am. Assoc of  
 Univ. Profs. is at 744 Jackson  
 Place, Washington, D.C. The  
 general secretary is R. E. Hinshelwood.  
 I hope you can get some infor-  
 mation out of them.

Yes, the China mess is just  
 beyond words. The thing I can't  
 understand is why Chiang  
 fell into this trap. The Jap scheme  
 is perfectly plain. Ye gods, if  
 China hasn't had enough experience  
 with them to know their antics  
 by this time, then it is just  
 too bad. However, the Japs may  
 hang themselves yet.

Is there anyone in your office  
 who can pick out a good second-  
 hand typewriter? Miss Yuen, the  
 ex-judging girl who is at T.C., hopes  
 to buy such a machine about  
 New Years. I don't know anybody  
 up here who would tell the truth  
 about one. Certainly it wouldn't  
 be the second hand stores. The Meth.  
 Bd. bot Carol's and the Pres. Bd.

got one for Gwan. What this girl needs is competent advice on what is worth buying. If you know anybody, please let me know sometime. There is no hurry.

Have you heard the gossip that David gave the jewels of Queen Alexandra to Mrs. S? The man must have several screws <sup>loose</sup> in his head.

Please do get some sleep.

Love  
Myrtle.

American Utility Machine Co.  
23rd St.

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Sunday Evening

Dear Rebecca;

I think you will enjoy this bit of Powell's comment on Passon's latest - scandal sheets. Did you have any work with Powell here? He is a very smart prof. and was brilliant in interpreting constitutional law. He offered more money and he moved on.

Had a letter from Carol this week. She is very weak and promises herself that if she can get thru the rest of this year, she will never again take on such a load of responsibilities. But that is easier said than done.

A foolish girl here has reports that Carol's brother at Chicago U. has developed T.B. Evidently Carol didn't know about it when she wrote. I hope he is having proper care. Chinese students are certainly in a sad situation when their families have limited funds.

Did you have an interesting session at Wellesley? I hope Mary didn't complicate matters. Perhaps she will sometime recover, but it seems to be a very slow process.

A couple weeks ago Riverside Church had a dinner for the foreign women students. More Chinese than any other group. A University of Shanghai girl, now at Juilliard, played the piano beautifully. She told me that her Shanghai teacher, a Miss Bungee (if I understood straight) is now in Furlough in this country. Do you suppose she might

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be of any help in suggesting a  
music person for Girdling? She  
may have contacts with music  
institutions or have friends in  
the profession.

Do you know if Liu Shu-yin is going  
to be married soon? A young man  
who had a great case of her when  
she was here got his Ph.D. last spring  
and went home. One of his friends  
says he will marry a Girdling teacher  
soon. I'm wondering if Miss Liu  
is the girl. He is a fine person &  
has a good head for Physics. But  
how awful is his English!

Are you still working day and night  
at 150? How is the need secretary  
getting along? Are Girdling finances  
improving any?

It thinks the yearly meeting of the  
friends ought to give some special  
attention to the conscience of J.  
Russell Smith. He is giving a course  
in advanced economic geography,  
so-called. Every meeting of the clubs  
thru for this semester, he has given  
the entire time to reading chapters  
from two ordinary geography books,  
one costing \$2.50 and the other \$4.50.  
Each student is paying \$37.50 for J.  
Russell's course. Isn't that a racket?

Do get forty winks of sleep. And a few  
amounts of sunshine. Any sit-down  
strikes in Lancaster yet?

With love  
Myrtle

In 1895, Prof. Green's father wrote home -  
"Japan, or at least the Samurai, have  
a vision which dazzles them and  
makes them oblivious of the plain  
dictates of common sense."

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Dear Rebecca: My information on  
Miss Yuen is scant but eventually  
I may get some more. When she ar-  
rived in Sept., she wanted to take li-  
brary courses, so Chiu Li-lai (Yuen-ting)  
trotted her over to me. The Library  
School would not admit her (due to  
their new regulations) because she  
had no college degree. The outcome of  
our talk was that since she was  
interested in education, she had  
better get some work at T.C., and  
then as a T.C. student, enroll for a  
couple library courses. This she  
did, taking 12 points in all. My im-  
pression is that she had been teaching  
in China. She is most interested  
in library work for children - which  
she says is badly needed in her  
country. She has been visiting schools  
and exploring their libraries one day  
a week, under T.C.'s direction. It is  
my notion that she may learn  
more that way than by taking  
a lot of these worthless library courses.

She was at Guilin two years, and according to her own statement, did very poorly. The dates I don't know but it was before Dr. Wu was there. Her English is still bad, so it must have been awful there.

This is her name - Yuen Pau-Tsu. Her home is at Wusih. She is living at 514 West 122 St., a T.C. apt. house. Does her own cooking. She is an attractive person and shows good sense.

Apparently I didn't make myself clear about the typewriter. Miss Yuen has no claim on anyone for a discount. She asked me where to buy a second-hand machine and how much it should cost. So I warned her not to buy one without having someone examine it for her. And she said, Who can do it?

So I shall pass on Mr. Evans name and address to her. As I think she is expecting money from home about next year, she probably won't do anything before that. If her money hadis left China before last week, I wonder if any will ever come. Todights paper looks bad. ~~However~~, things are everlastingly looking bad in old Cathay, yet she still goes on. ~~Met~~ Mettinks that old Mr.

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Saturday Night

Rebecca dear: Now maybe I can get a few items on paper that I intended to tell you when I saw you.

Beaver College

That institution called Beaver College poses as a true-blue Presbyterian outfit, with plenty of clergymen as trustees. One is the new man at St. Nicholas Reformed at 48 St., Dr. Sizoo. The place makes quite a point of its Xian influence. The academic standards are very low and the faculty wages even lower. But the school seems to draw from church families and there might be some possibility of interesting them in Guling. There seems to be considerable money among the students.

Riverside

Riverside Budget will be presented to the church people early in April. I shall ask Patty to get me a copy thereof. Harry Emerson preached a strong sermon on Xian Missions recently and it will go into the church monthly in June.

Lin Yutang behaved very well last night, some students reported this evening. The missionary who first taught him English at Amoy was at

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the dinner. Perhaps his Chinese courtesy required him to keep still on worthless missionaries.

Pembroke Dean

Do you suppose the new head of the AAUW, the Pembroke dean, might be a worthwhile person to get on Guling's side? She looks intelligent.

About the Y. W. and the question of a scholarship for Cora —. Fay Crow (Charles's classmate at Hiram) is chairman of a Y. committee that has some say about expending certain funds. Several of the China people, (Lilly) faase in particular, had recommended Cora —. There were various and sundry objections. In addition, some of the Y people in this country were somewhat peeved over the fact that Tsai Hwei, who had used the same scholarship, had neglected to say one word of thanks to the proper authorities, etc., etc. Well, that is a petty attitude for anybody to take. However, this isn't the first case that has rubbed people the wrong way and it is decidedly unfortunate for other Chinese girls who ask for aid. Somebody at Guling ought to get the idea drilled into the heads of those girls that "Thank you" has some use, even in crude America.

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Tues. Morning. My worthless bones seem to belong to the I. W. W. — hence nothing gets done. Will try to report news better in the future. Love, M. M. M.

Dear Rebecca:

When you get thoroughly fed up on office stupidity, take a day off and read Geo. Macaulay Trevelyan's life of Sir Edward Grey. It is so refreshing - and so skillfully done. He quotes letters generously. In one Grey says "There is something spiritually antiseptic in good Quakerism". And what a grand time Grey had with the birds. And what a ghastly struggle with the politicians.

not only to Christ Summer

I suppose you know that Stephen Duggan is going to China in June to look over educational affairs and negotiate about exchange scholarships, etc. It might be just as well for him to be made aware of the existence of Guling before he departs. Otherwise, he may be totally devoted to male birds of various sizes!!!

Nett thinks Mrs. Chiang drove a good bargain when she got \$5000 from the Times for a few pages of news, none of which was really new. Now, why doesn't the Times get Chang's side of the story!

Love  
Myrtle

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150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York  
September 9, 1937

Dear Myrtle:

Your letter giving your new address and telephone number certainly reached us in the nick of time. I have heard since from Ya-lan that en route to you she received a telegram telling her that the tutor had been arranged for at Wellesley. I know when she brought the question up at the lunch table that you were the one who could put her in touch with just what was best here in New York.

I am ashamed not to have called you up, but when you hear my schedule you may understand. I left for noon on Friday for my nephew's wedding; drove home with my nieces Saturday night; entertained them on Sunday; and returned to New York on Monday in time to meet Lincoln, who arrived from Camp that day; had Emily Griest with me over night Monday night as well as the boy, finished up Emily's college chopping for her Tuesday and Lincoln's school preparations yesterday and shipped him this morning to Cape May. I go home on Friday to get Emily packed and started off to Western College on Sunday. Then Lincoln must be gotten into school on the 21st, and after that I will have nothing but Ginling to do until Christmas time.

I hope I will have a chance to see you before September closes.

With love to you,

Miss Myrtle Cline  
601 West 115th Street  
New York, New York

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601 West 115 St.  
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Dear Rebecca:

The and moving are not on good terms. Not a thing fits anywhere — not even the pictures on the wall! Besides, steamed-dumpling atmosphere doesn't help the fat woman.

Do you venture any prophecies as to the next stage of world suicide in the Pacific? Verily, verily, human nature behaves like the beasts of the jungle. How long, O Lord, how long.

Last evening at International House cafeteria a group of foreign girls and women of many racial varieties came in together. One was a Chinese woman, mature in appearance, with a very fine face. Some one told the group was Y.W. Certainly they were not people in the House. I began wondering if the Chinese might be Cora Deng. I haven't seen Fay Crow for a

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long time, but she was hoping for  
winning the U. W. scholarship to  
Cora for this year. I thought you  
might like to know, in case the  
person might be finding.

If you are in Tammamytown Sept. 12,  
Reiney Niebuhr is to preach at Riverside.  
He was very much on the scene at the  
Oxford Conference and is likely to  
hit on the subject at first opportunity.

Wasn't Andy Mellon a bright boy  
in looking after the notorious  
political hay grabbers? That has  
been my one cause to chuckle in  
several weeks. Anybody that can  
get ahead of Jim Farley and his  
cohorts should have a medal.

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Myrtle

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Dear Rebecca: <sup>over</sup>  
Thanks muchly  
for the copy of Dr. Wain's  
letter. Poor soul, what  
worry and agony she  
is going through —  
all to please the whims  
of mad men. The  
ghastly savagery grows  
worse and worse and  
worse in every way.  
I keep wondering if Rufus  
Jones knows any way  
of overcoming such  
a jungle beast.

How are you? Have  
you disposed of all your  
problems in this part  
of the world, so that

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you have only old Cathay  
to agonize over nite and  
day?

We have the hordes on top of  
us - in very large numbers.  
They just break one to a  
frizzle.

The Chinese students who were  
ready to go home - some of them  
even started after the storm  
broke - are most pathetic.  
And they haven't heard a  
word from their homes  
since June letters. No wonder  
there is a vacant stare in  
their eyes.

Is Phoe's bride a Cornell girl?  
Who is the "Emily" you mentioned  
as going out to Western? You  
have a hot iron in the fire  
to kill two or three people, my  
dear.

Much love  
Myrtle

601 West 115 St.

Suite 903  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York  
September 28, 1937

My dear Myrtle:

We are feeling the need of having on hand a list of speakers on China. Would you be willing to send me the names of Chinese students you know in Columbia or Union who would be effective speakers, and who would be able to speak without too great exaggeration, although I myself cannot blame any Chinese for running amuck on the platform under the present conditions. Also, I should be glad to have the names of Americans whom you think of, who you believe can and will be willing to speak. We are being asked here for suggestions and feel that it is a wise thing to have a list on hand. Of course, we shall probably have to consult these people and get their permission after we get their names.

Bill's bride is an Ithaca girl, apparently a nice child, although you can imagine the enthusiasm of the family over a marriage when he has not yet finished his architectural course.

The Emily is the oldest daughter of my cousin, Ellwood Griest, who is with the Consumer's Union. He is the uncle of Lincoln, the boy from Virginia. Both Lincoln and Emily are now in school so that job is over for the present.

We have you on our mailing list and will send you any news we get. Our latest is a cable from Japan, from Miss Shipman and Miss Whitmer, who were stopped in Japan on their way to Ginling. The cable states, "Ginling writes wait." This was apparently sent on the 24th. Of course we do not know how long it took that letter to reach Japan.

With best wishes to you among the hordes at Columbia,

I am

Yours with love,

Miss Myrtle Cline  
601 West 116th Street  
New York, New York

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Oct 4, 1937.

Friday 10 P.M.

Rebecca dear:

There are entirely too many Chosen People in this corner of the world!

Re speakers on China — We have very few Chinese students. Practically none of recent months. The old ones are in most cases almost frantic. So far as I know, not one has heard from home since June mail.

At Union there is Peter Shih, who springs from Nanking & who studied at Hartford Seminary last year. Blanche B. says he seems to have done quite a bit of speaking last year & during the summer. He swears Chinese garb.

There are some half dozen American families at Union — home from China. Only

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one, the Carvers from U. of Shanghai, seem to have been connected with any college. (Outside the Trailers & your office of course has data on them).

The first of July, Grace M. T. Tan arrived from Shanghai. Her family are Xian but Grace did not attend any of the mission colleges. She studied law. Is a very brilliant youngster & very charming. Good English. She is a student attaché at the Consulate & probably would not do any speaking without permission. She is worried sick about her family. Her father was a close friend of Sun Yat-sen.

Mrs. Chik was in a very wrought up emotional condition two weeks ago. She had had no news from home since June. She is probably working out today. I questioned whether she should be asked to do any speaking.

Sunday I'll try to write you more sensibly.

Love  
Myra

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In Geographical Review, Oct. 1937, p. 678-9.

"Further Developments in the Field of Geography in China" by Liu En-lan.

[I'd say this girl has same standing with the geography journals. No other woman can get into them.]

Here's Dr. Coffin's latest on himself [not for publication, needless to say]

Early in the week he met his class for the first lecture. Without preliminaries, he launched forth on the course. About the middle of the hour, a student began waving his hand in the air. If the learned theolog ceased his lecture to find out what was wrong. Says the boy, "But, doctor, doctor, you are giving the wrong course. This is the fall semester and the catalog says ---"

Dr. C. thinks he will probably hear about this exhibit of absentmindedness the rest of his life.

Sunday P.M.

Rebecca dear: I know no more about prospects for China speakers than last week. What's worse - I can't remember what I wrote you the other nite. Wouldn't it be better to talk? I'm sending a

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note to Wai-King Chik to find out  
if she is up on the hill at lunch  
time Saturday & if she is, I want  
to see her. Will you be in Tammany  
bairwick Saturday Oct. 9 and if  
you haven't more than 57 inches  
in the fire, could you come up  
for lunch? Then we might be  
able to collect some information  
by hit or miss.

Love  
Myrtle

I shall telephone her that you want to see  
her on Saturday. So that right? QS

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Dear Rebecca:

If Jim Farley can keep up with your locations, he must do very well indeed! No wonder Pierce-Arrow wants to employ him!

Yesterday noon Wai-King Chick and I ate bean sprouts and talked China. She has not heard anything from her family. A few Lingnan men got out early and arrived in U.S. for study. She does not know of any Chinese women from that-area.

But there are a considerable number of new students here - some arrived last week, including <sup>Chin</sup> Mr. Wang from Peking University who had a fellowship from Union. The seminary had given him up and were much surprised when he walked in.

<sup>Shih Pao Chen</sup> The Y.W. student secretary ~~whose~~ a couple girls tell me, is Gouling and lives at Whittier is studying at T.C. I haven't seen her and couldn't get her name - Chinese can never spell a name and I can't read a character, so I'll try locating her at Whittier as soon as my days decrease in working hours.

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The "double-ten" celebration Friday night would never have suggested to a visitor from another planet that China was in ghastly agony and in the hands of a deadly enemy. I hesitated to go to the meeting, as there seemed to be nothing to celebrate. Not so the Chinese. They were out in full force and just as cheerful as people can be. No indeed, they can't be conquered - not by savagery, at any rate.

I haven't made any progress yet in locating possible speakers but I'm certain there are plenty to be found - judging by the crowd present Friday night. With Hu Shih, T. Z. Kao, Francis Wei and Leonard Hsü touring the country, the Japs are likely to present a sorry picture - even to their so-called friends.

Love  
Myrtle.

Did you see Oswald Villard's letter to Viscount Ishii in Saturday's Herald-Tribune? I'd love to see Ishii's reply.

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See her letter - copy 10/30/37 letter -  
To be returned to her

Jack

Thursday Morning

Rebecca dear:

Last night I read four installments of M's story. So fascinating that I couldn't stop to sleep. But the ghastliness of existence.

The reason for this time just now - on a point - absolutely none of my business - but I'm so very distrustful of every Japanese that - there seems to me to be too many of M's best lines that - dare not be published anywhere while the Japanese continue insane. They force on to anything imaginable as an excuse for terrorizing individuals and institutions.

As things are at present, M. is the chief prof for Guling to lean on. Do the very least they know about her, the better. Also, practically all names of persons would have to be deleted provided the American ones are still in China, and on the Chinese list, as protection. There certainly are a fair number of Guling people, beginning with Dr. Wu, who are not acceptable to J. idiots and who should keep as far as possible out of their clutches.

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The J. students up here have been  
thoroly ransacking every item in  
China in the library. I think all  
Nankai publications have been  
gone over with a fine-toothed comb.

When a J. waiter in a restaurant  
takes it upon himself to break in  
on a conversation of Amer. diners  
and tell them that what they were  
saying about C. is not true, it  
seems to me that every J. is  
an agent for his honorable  
army! I fear they report  
everything they get by eye  
or ear.

More later,  
Love  
Myrtle

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Sunday P.M.

Dear Rebecca:

1. Dr. Coffin is scheduled for the first Sunday in February at the Chapel. If you are still tied to this awful town, please plan to come up that morning.

2. The very lovely Guling calendar arrived. It really is too pretty to be exposed to the grime in this town. I've just got up and examined the calendar ~~part~~ - why couldn't those be changed to 1939 pads and try to sell them next fall? It seems such a scandalous waste just to give away those expensive things. Even people not interested in Guling would surely buy the attractive picture. I suppose you are sick to death of the whole business and want to get them out of the way. And the feature seems to be only big question marks.

3. Nikolaos Mirakolas told an interesting yarn at a meeting recently. I got it second-hand but this is what I got. Six years ago, a Japanese in official position (whose name I can't get) at home to having some connection with the Carnegie Endowment wrote to Nick, desiring to visit him on important business which could not be exposed to the mails. Some months thereafter the head of the Car. Endow. to inform him that his honorable govt at home had decided definitely on a long-term program of expansion, conquering and Japanese rule of the Orient, extending as far as Australia, and all the western interests and westerners in said part of the world were to be disposed of. Japan would be self-sufficient & wanted no dealings with whites.

Whether or not the old boy is overwork-  
ing his imagination I don't know. He  
said he tried to point out the nonsense  
of such an idea to the Jap but only got  
the reply, "I'm speaking for my gov't."  
Nick says that the Japs have been the big-  
gest liars he has had any dealings with  
in any part of the world. A few years  
ago they even re-wrote one of his Carnegie  
speeches before publishing it in Japan.  
Isn't that just like them?

4. Poor Mrs. New must be finding tragedy  
on top of tragedy. Is her family in Shanghai?  
Is Dr. New's brother still living? She is  
fortunate not to have a house full of child-  
ren to face existence in such a savage  
regime. One of the burdens on Wai-king  
Chih's heart is the slavery or worse for  
her nieces.

5. I hope Dr. Wu is having a bit of rest and  
quiet at Chengtu. Does your mail from  
Chengtu come via Hankow and Hongkong?  
Last fall one of the Methodist missionaries  
wrote about the new road finished to  
the south, by which route they could  
drive to a railroad in four days and  
so come home via the Indian Ocean  
and Suez. But I've heard nothing of any  
mail in that direction. Perhaps that  
will be the only route by which one can  
write to a Chinese soon. The dumb Japs  
must find jobs for their unemployed  
reading the mail for China.

6. The piano from the Xian Girls School,  
in Hanking is probably decorating a  
petty officer's headquarters. How useful  
it must be, considering the musical talent  
of the Japs in general. Poor Chen Hui-ken  
if she is alive and in Hanking must be mad  
enough to poison all the Japs in the world. She  
had only one American at the school last  
year, I think, so the place is probably "on  
her body" for any care of anything.  
I hope Miss Sharp is able to work. And  
that you are getting some sleep. With love  
Myrtle.

Thurs. 7th

Rebecca dear: Here is a bit of information. I find that Nick's directory this year contains no entries of previous degrees held by students, so that limits my information decidedly. I'm giving you what I can remember.

How about trying the C. S. C. A. office on Madison Ave? Mr. Hsia seems to be a nice person and he ought to know what colleges the C. S. C. A. members come from. If he can give you definite names of graduates of the colleges in your list, then I can dig some data out of the Registrar's office. But I can't go thru the whole file in order to get the ones we want. If you don't get what you need, maybe I can get some leads at Int. House. You see there are a lot of students in these parts who don't go to Columbia. Both Nankai & St. Johns are in favor of work at N. Y. U.

Blanche Britton says there are a couple Chinese down at Biblical <sup>new year</sup> - on scholarships! One is trying to come to Union, but needs funds. And his English is bad!

Have you any contacts at Yale? There are usually very capable Chinese at Yale and sometimes at Hartford.

My fickle memory has lost the name of the Univ of Shanghai girl now at Juilliard. She is attractive and plays well. The Baptist Bd. probably has her name.

Mary Sing-gim Carleton (a perfectly good Chinese) principal of the Hwa Nan Middle School is at T. C. Graduate of the Goucher, 25 years ago. Very able woman. Has done a lot of speaking for W. F. M. S. A Hwa-Nan friend of Carol's is getting a Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins this spring.

Love,  
Myrtle.

These cards are for you. Please don't leave them in the office for public use.

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Saturday Night

Rebecca dear: Since the total  
of my ambition is to be  
flat in bed and not  
even wiggle a toe, I'd  
say many thanks in  
few words for your  
thoughtfulness for telling  
about the opera ticket.  
Usually I would love  
to go to the opera but  
recently I've felt too  
wretched to do anything.  
If only one could get  
away from this awful  
climate. But perhaps  
one needn't worry about  
such a small item as  
climate, for the mad  
Hitlers will probably  
end everything soon.  
We can't even build a  
nice big Chinese wall  
to keep out such savages.

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Tomorrow I'll try to  
send on your card to  
Retta. She knows my  
snail's pace, so won't be  
too badly disturbed over  
the delay. Retta "took on"  
an architect-husband  
last year who seems to  
have won all sorts of  
awards in his drawing  
but who can't make any  
money "architecting"; so  
Retta keeps on teaching  
art and having much  
faith in hubby's future.  
Her name now is  
Mrs. J. Martin Frissel  
East Lansing  
Michigan

I'm so sorry you had to  
miss the opera. I go speak-  
ing. When getting to opera  
callide, one has no choice  
these days. How long, O  
Lord, how long.  
Much love  
Myrtle.

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File #1-17

Rebecca dear! Chui

Here's  
 Bishop Moore's little  
 comment on the  
 savagery in old Cathay  
 just to make the  
 matter clear about  
 Grace Yuan and the  
 J. girl at Hartford -  
 that episode took  
 place in December.  
 The matter was evi-  
 dently known among  
 the whole China group.  
 The Americans wanted  
 to report the facts to  
 the Seminary admin-  
 istration, and ask  
 for keys for their  
 rooms. Grace ob-

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jected to the matter.<sup>[2]</sup>  
being made public,  
on the ground that  
it might bring more  
trouble at home for  
her family. So the  
Americans, at least  
some of them, got keys  
and all articles that  
Grace wanted to keep  
private were given  
to Americans to take  
care of. This procedure  
was still being fol-  
lowed two weeks ago.

About a month ago  
Shih Pao-chen, an Amer-  
ican home from Korea  
and a couple others  
were having Chinese  
food. Pao-chen and the  
Korean person talked  
Y.W. affairs and the  
New Haven meeting  
came up. The Korean

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American specifically asked about statements made by Miss Yin at one session and whether or not any J. were present. Pao-chen said, "Yes, two J. were present, but so far we feel we can trust those two. One other J. girl was at the New Haven meeting but she did not hear Miss Yin's talk. She is not one we trust at all. We know things she has done."

No more was said but in my own mind I concluded the Hartford girl was the one preferred to, and that her reputation had spread among the Chinese.

There is no question<sup>[4]</sup> that some of the Chinese students here are very much worried about their fate if they attempt to go home. A few of the

J. still go to the Chinese restaurants. Isn't that just like idiots?

When one appears, every Chinese at once shuts up like a clam. Not a word is spoken.

I have noticed at the library that the appearance of a J. is the signal for any Chinese to depart at once, even if he is asking for a book which he needs for an assignment.

The J. continue to borrow our material

on boycotts. What use<sup>357</sup>  
they make of it - is be-  
yond me. Never be-  
fore this year have I  
known any J. student  
to go in for detailed  
investigation of our  
material on China.  
Well, no doubt "there's  
a reason."

Sunday morn - you men-  
tioned having such a  
load of extra work on  
hands and the diffi-  
culty of getting help.  
Very decidedly I do not  
approve of you paying  
for clerical help,  
but if that is better  
than having the worry  
of it - hanging over  
you, can't you have  
some kind of jinking

work done away<sup>[67]</sup>  
from the office?  
Is it any business  
of the male bipeds  
what you get done  
when you do the  
paying? If you  
want some work  
done outside the office,  
there is a youngster  
up here hunting part  
time work. She has  
a typewriter, & knows  
shorthand. Does neat  
and careful work  
but has not had  
much experience. She  
doesn't know China  
names, etc. but I could  
supervise her even  
at this end of the line  
to keep that sort of data  
straight. But would this  
be any relief to you?  
Love  
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Dear Rebecca:

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6-6-38

Tonite Pao Chen came into the Chinese restaurant where I was eating, so we had our rice & bean sprouts together and talked liked mad. She is such an interesting person.

Pao Chen says that Stella Graves is planning on getting to Chengtu. I thought you might be interested in knowing that two Methodist girls, born in Chengtu and living there nearly all their lives, have been home this year. Grace Manly & her sister Marion (M.D. and teacher at West China U. Medical) plan to sail from San Francisco, July 15 on the Taft, go to Hongkong, and plan then on the possible route to get inland to Chengtu. If Stella Graves wants companions on that long jaunt inland, she could scarcely find

better ones than the Manly's.  
Grace was at Union this  
winter. I liked her very  
much.

It was Grace's opinion  
that they couldn't count  
on getting to Chengtu  
much before the middle  
of September, because of  
the irregular transporta-  
tion service, the difficulty  
with baggage, etc.

Of course one may not  
be able to get in at all, except  
thru Indo-China. Some of  
the Canadian missionaries  
got in to Szechwan last  
winter by that route.

What has Eu-lan decided for  
next year?

Poor Wai-King Chik is so dis-  
tressed and anxious about family  
and friends in Canton. Of course  
she hears nothing direct from home.  
What turns people into jungle beasts?

6-6-38

With love  
Myrtle

6/7/38. File [1]  
Dear R: Here's a rabid  
letter you may enjoy. It  
is from an Episcopalian  
who had been located  
up in Bishop Root's area.  
This letter is to a Union  
classmate. I must return  
it to the owner on Saturday  
so please stick it in this  
envelope when you finish  
with it.

Since there is no aid from  
NYU for Ya-lan, might  
there be some obtainable  
at T.C. from the International  
Institute? Have you checked  
up on the courses offered  
at N.Y.C. and at T.C. to  
see how the two differ  
or agree? Not that I have  
any love or respect for  
T.C. But Ya-lan could  
doubtless get an Ed. D. over  
there in two years - if she  
wants an advanced  
degree. And she could  
live in Whittier at a  
comparatively reason-  
able rate and have

congenial friends [2] -  
nearly whenever she  
wanted company.  
International House  
is more expensive &  
a very poor place to  
study. But a delight-  
ful place to visit and  
go to meetings and see  
many people, etc., etc.  
Dr. Ruth McMurry is the  
person to consult at T.C.  
about scholarship funds.  
The Chinese girls like  
her.

Commencement day  
Grace came up from  
NYU and talked about  
the situation down there  
for a Chinese girl. She  
thinks she can't live  
down there another year.  
What she is to do I don't  
know, for that is the  
place she has to study.  
She has had almost no  
companionship. No one  
with similar interests  
or tastes. Some classes

consist solely of Hebrews <sup>6/7/34 J.L.</sup>  
And you know the type!  
Grade doesn't even know <sup>[31]</sup>  
of Jew when she sees  
one, but she naively  
describes their behavior.  
And "at home we were  
never allowed to behave  
so." It seems a calamity  
to have a nice refined  
Chinese woman thrown  
into that kind of a  
group for a year.

The madness of the stupid  
Japs becomes more and  
more appalling. That  
savagery must eventu-  
ally bring to Japan a  
frightful revenge.

I do hope you are getting  
something worked out  
about Guling and your  
responsibilities, for you  
must not kill yourself  
working in this town.  
That would just please  
the Japs! Love  
Myrtle.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

My information about Mrs. G. P. Wang is very fragmentary but Rebecca may perhaps remember enough to piece out the story. It is at least eight or nine years since Mrs. Wang came to New York. I cannot at the moment recall her family name, but she is a sister of Mrs. K. C. (?) Li who is a Ginqing graduate. The Li's were in New York a number of years, he doing a doctorate in economics at Columbia. Then the Li's went to Hongkong and later to Shanghai where he had government work. When Mrs. Wang first came to New York, she lived with the Li family and did a Master's degree in economics at Columbia. Mr. W. apparently appeared in the economics department about the same time. At any rate, they were married about the second year of their sojourn here. They have one child who is now in the Horace Mann kindergarten.

Mrs. Wang is a former Ginqing student. As I recall, she was there two years (when she left I do not know). Both she and Mr. W. are graduates of Shanghai University of Science and Technology. They have also been active in U. S. affairs in New York. They have also been active in C. S. C. A. work, Mr. W. being president for a couple years. It would be my humble opinion that it is now a rather late date to begin including Mrs. W. as a former Ginqing girl. I hope these bits of information may help you to decide.

Sincerely,  
Myrtle Cline

Dear Rebecca:

Jim Farley's postal won't hold all my ramblings this time!

Yes, I'll let you know later about Carol's Xmas cards.

Sorry not to have dearle in the Herald Trib. just now, but it certainly ought to be returned soon. Victor Keen must have plenty of cable funds, for the article was almost solid quotations, which I don't think could be cooked up much down here in the office. But I do have here the editorial comment two days later. Just keep it, as I have no way of using it here. Also, here is Rodney's latest point of view! I'll send you the Herald-Trib. clipping as soon as I get it back.

Stella Graves' letter was sent to Mrs. Lyman and other people at Union. One of Stella's classmates came over here to read the epistle & shared it with me. I'm afraid there is small chance of getting hold of it. The sheets (onionskin) looked like carbon copy. I supposed without doubt the printing office had heard from her at the same time. Also nearly as my poor brain recalls, the first part was written between Japan and Hongkong. Seven American women (including the Mauley's girls) and Ya-lan ~~were~~ on the boat were headed for Cherif gtu. The Americans got off the boat while

in fact at Yokohama - went up to Tokio. (2)  
I saw several people she knew & talked  
several hours. Apparently found only  
closed minds. Somebody told her that  
Dearle's reports in Japan in August were  
merely Chinese lies! I judge she got the  
same reaction from talking to Japanese  
that Van Dusen got on a much larger  
scale & wrote to the Seminary.

The boat was in Manila a day or two. Then  
up to Hongkong where English missionaries  
provided a place to stay. After investigation,  
the best procedure seemed to be by French  
Indo-China, so they took a French boat to  
Haiphong & then the little French train  
(one per day) up to Kunning. They had difficulty  
about so much baggage & I understood  
that the baggage had not yet reached  
Kunning some two weeks later. The train  
trip was three days, very crowded. They  
carried their own food. At Kunning,  
English missionaries again took them  
in. The group had intended to go by bus  
but waited & waited, & could get no  
space. Finally, it was getting so late, that  
the women (all 8, I think) decided to go by  
air, & reached Chengtu safely - and at  
airport deep with mud. Ethie Clin met  
them. When they reached the university,  
the first person Stella saw was Dr. Wu  
who looked extremely tired. The

letter was sent out by air, I think (3)  
the same day that the group had ar-  
rived. So far as I know, that is the  
only West China letter that has been  
received on the hill this fall. The China  
Weekly Review the first part of November  
reported tons & tons of mail stacked up  
at Kunning waiting transport facilities.  
Maybe Nelson Johnson will bring along  
a few items via Rangoon!