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Name (maiden or married) by which you were known at Ginling Ailie Spencer Gale

1932-1937 at Ginling. Work: School Physician  
also 1939-40

B.A. or B.S. Year 1901 School Colorado College, Colorado Springs

M.A. or <sup>M.D.</sup> M.S. Year 1905 School Cooper Medical College (now Stanford Medical)

Ph.D. Year \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Marriage 1905 Husband's name Francis Clair Gale

Work and Travel (other than at Ginling)

Year(s) 1908-1914 Position Physician Nauchang Hospital, Nauchang, Kiangsi  
Place Nauchang, Kiangsi - China

Year(s) 1915-1923 Position Supt. Nauchang Hospital  
Place Nauchang, Kiangsi

Year(s) 1923-1927 Position Tunbi Hospital  
Place Tunbi, Anhwei

Year(s) 1927-1932 Position School Physician - Shanghai American School  
Place Shanghai -

Year(s) 1938-1940 Position Vaccinations & clinic for under-college group  
Place carried on at Ginling Campus -

You can get in touch with the following people at the addresses indicated:

BERGER, Mrs. R. R.

RUEFF, Frau Gese

GAILEY, Miss Helen

VAIL, Miss

LAUCKS, Miss Blanche

ZIMMERMAN, Frau

MA, Mme. Yu-guiun

Signed: Ailie S. Gale

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40 Hwang Li Hsiang, Nanking, China

Feb. 12th 1937

Dear Friends in the Homeland;—

Since almost every letter from U. S. A. asks some question about the political situation in China, I shall begin this letter with a few statements as the situations seems to be now and leave the correctness of those statements to be decided by time. Recently one of the daily papers printed in Shanghai, had an editorial in which they expressed a desire for the ability of the foreign papers to decide just what the situation in China really is. The editorial begins "One of the pleasures of living in China is to be able to wait for the arrival of the Home papers and magazines to find out what really is happening in this country. The Sian situation, puzzling as it proved to observers in this country caused very little difficulty to observers in other countries reading the telegrams and using their imaginations" A recent article in "Time" is a startling example of an accumulation of statements that could not be called true by any stretch of the imagination. Those of you who have read "My Country and my People" by Lin Yutang, especially the chapters on "Face" and "The Golden Mean" will know that the situation was not so simple as these American papers would imply.

As the facts come in we are astounded at what has taken place. Surely the days of miracles are not past. The God of the nations must have been tremendously interested in the survival of the Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek or he would not have lived. At 4.30 A. M. on the morning of Dec. 12th, the machine guns were turned on the home where he was sleeping, and he had barely time to get away together with one of his body-guard. While the guard was helping him over the wall, he was struck and wounded. The Generalissimo dropped 20 ft. to the ground. Then throwing himself on the ground, he rolled over and over down the length of the hill into a hollow while the machine guns were peppering the hill. Thirty-five out of his 60 guards were killed while the General was hidden in the hollow. Two hours later when things were quieter he was found. He had suffered only a slight fracture of a vertebra which is the cause of his prolonged rest. That he is alive to-day is a 20th century miracle.

On the side of the rebels, there were many causes for discontent with the Government at Nanking. To take Chiang Kai-shek prisoner seemed to them a feasible plan for redress. But it did not work as they had planned it should. When they wanted to talk to the General he said "It is not customary for inferior officers to imprison their superior and I will not talk". When they tried to talk with the Nanking Government they found that the Nanking group had cut all communications. It must have been an embarrassing week when they had their prisoner but had no one to whom they could present their demands.

It is reported there were some of the militarists who wanted Chiang Kai-shek put out of the way and they are supposed to have sent telegrams to Chang Hsueh-liang to that effect. Some of these telegrams were shown to the General and he then learned that some whom he had counted faithful friends were his enemies. As for the Chinese people, there is no question

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in whom they placed their confidence and the gloom was appalling. And the sorrow turned to joy was truly delightful to witness. And being Christmas, the joy of the Christians was doubly great for was it not the answer to their prayers! Perhaps you have read how on Christmas morning his brother-in-law had read for his morning devotions the story of Peter's release from prison and his heart was greatly cheered for he felt it was the Lord's promise to him that the General would be released.

There have been many incidents during the past few weeks that show the Heavenly Father's care of Chiang Kai-shek, and his reliance on that loving care. After his capture all his possessions were taken from him. The first thing he asked for was his Bible. There was a question as to whether it would be safe to let him have it but after consultation, they were assured it could do him no harm and one was secured for him. During the fourteen days of his captivity he spent much time in reading the Bible, prayer and meditation. He was especially helped by the New Testament and the Psalms. He felt he had much in common with the Psalmist and David's prayers echoed the prayers of his own heart. He has talked with some of his friends of the passages that helped him most and there is a longing in his heart to pass that blessing on to others. He has it on his heart to prepare an edition of selected portions in classical Chinese that he may give them to his military and literary friends.

The attitude of the Generalissimo to his captors has been most Christ-like. The address that he gave to the rebel leaders is now being used as a text in ethics in the schools of this province. One paragraph reads "We must always remember that the life of the nation is more important than anything else. We should not care for ourselves, although our personal integrity must be preserved in order that the nation may exist on a firm foundation. Our lives may be sacrificed but the law and discipline of the nation must be upheld. Our bodies may be confined but our spirits must be free. My own responsibility to the country will always be willingly borne as long as I live. That is why I have repeatedly refused to give any orders or sign anything you wanted me to give or sign while under duress. It is because I consider life or death a small matter compared with the upholding of moral principles". The two rebels must have done some deep thinking while those remarks were being addressed to them.

One thing has been made plain by this coup and that is the unity of China. The men who planned this affair did not realize how far unity had permeated the nation. It has been a forceful demonstration not only for China but also for "a certain country" who has had ulterior motives. All announcements over the radio relating to Japan in China are referred to as "a certain country engaged in smuggling" or "a certain countries military forces" That "certain country" has been surprised as much as the Chinese themselves and instead of following out their original policy their minister returns to Japan asking for a change of policy. Whether he can visualize the situation clearly enough to stop the military in their mad career remains to be seen.

But enough of politics and back to Nanking. Our first big snow of the season is falling and the garden is a real fairy land. This morning when we awoke hundreds and hundreds of black crows, rooks and daws

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were sitting in our trees making a marvelous picture in black and white. Yesterday Bishop Hammaker and his wife returned from the north where they have been visiting the different fields of work. They report the schools and churches full and forging ahead in their programs of service and preaching. The Bishop is very enthusiastic about the Church in relation to its world program and if any one can put the church on the map in China, he is the one. While in Tientsin, he held evangelistic services with the students of our schools. The fact that it seemed wise to hold public meetings in the school means a change of attitude for since 1927 many students have resented any religious declaration. Of the 700 students attending one fourth were found to be members of the Church. Another one fourth expressed a desire to join. A third one fourth desired to know more and were decided interested. Only one fourth did not care to know more about religion but the fact that they are attending a church school makes me feel that their hearts may be touched. We must pray for them.

Mr. Gale made a recent trip to the country to visit some of the churches and help to organize a young peoples institute. The young folks were so enthusiastic that it developed into a permanent organization. Mr. Gale returned very enthusiastic over the young people and the churches in that area. Although these people are farmers and their income very small, yet self-support is gradually increasing. One of Nanking churches is self-supporting and the other one is increasing its gifts year by year.

This is Chinese New Year week so the "back-door" clinic is very small. Then too, it is snowing so that it is difficult for the lame or those very ill to come. But one young fellow with an abscess under the arm has been coming storm or no storm, for he is suffering too much to enjoy the celebrations. And one patient is very suspicious of leprosy but so far we have not been able to prove it. The University hospital has very kindly helped by making the necessary tests and keeping the man in the hospital for a couple of weeks. I am very anxious for the diagnosis to be made for he is a rickshaw man in our neighborhood and if it should be leprosy, what a source of infection, he may be." Chinese don't treat lepers as they did in Palestine in Christ's time, so the sick often remain in the family in close contact with others. Recently I have had several patients with badly infected feet, and several more with abdominal pains. Some I refer to the hospital but many can be treated here.

This month I have been asked to help at the city orphanage situated in the Chinese city. Its a government institution but funds are insufficient so some Chinese and foreign women are helping. The head of the group is the Mayor's wife and she has a committee of women to help her. They have 250 babies in the home and more than 300 boarded out in families. Feeding these babies at a reasonable cost was the problem which I was asked to solve. Cows milk and prepared milk are almost prohibitive in price so soy bean milk is the solution. But it will take time to work out the formulas for the different ages. Poor little mites! Not wanted! Out of the 250 all are girls except three and one of those is blind.

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While at the orphanage, I noticed a well dressed Chinese man examining a baby. My first impression was that it was a Chinese doctor called for a special case. Later I was told the story. This man, who is probably about 27 or 28 yrs. of age has been married for some time but has had no sons. His mother has decreed that he shall take a concubine. He loves his wife and does not want to do that so the couple have worked out this plan. The wife is at the Government hospital waiting for "her time" to arrive. The husband is waiting at the orphanage for a boy baby to arrive. Since boys are rarely left and usually only those with some defect, he is having to wait quite a while. But when he finds the right one, he will rush to the hospital with the baby and call his mother to come to see her grandson. I hope they succeed and that the baby will be all they desire.

This letter has grown to unusual lengths. I will try to do better next time. We are well and the news from the family makes our hearts rejoice.

Yours in the Master's service.

Ailie S. Gale

Dr. Gale is College Physician — gets  
much of his news from "George Shepherd"  
adviser to New Life Movement and  
fairly close to the Chiang Kai Shek.

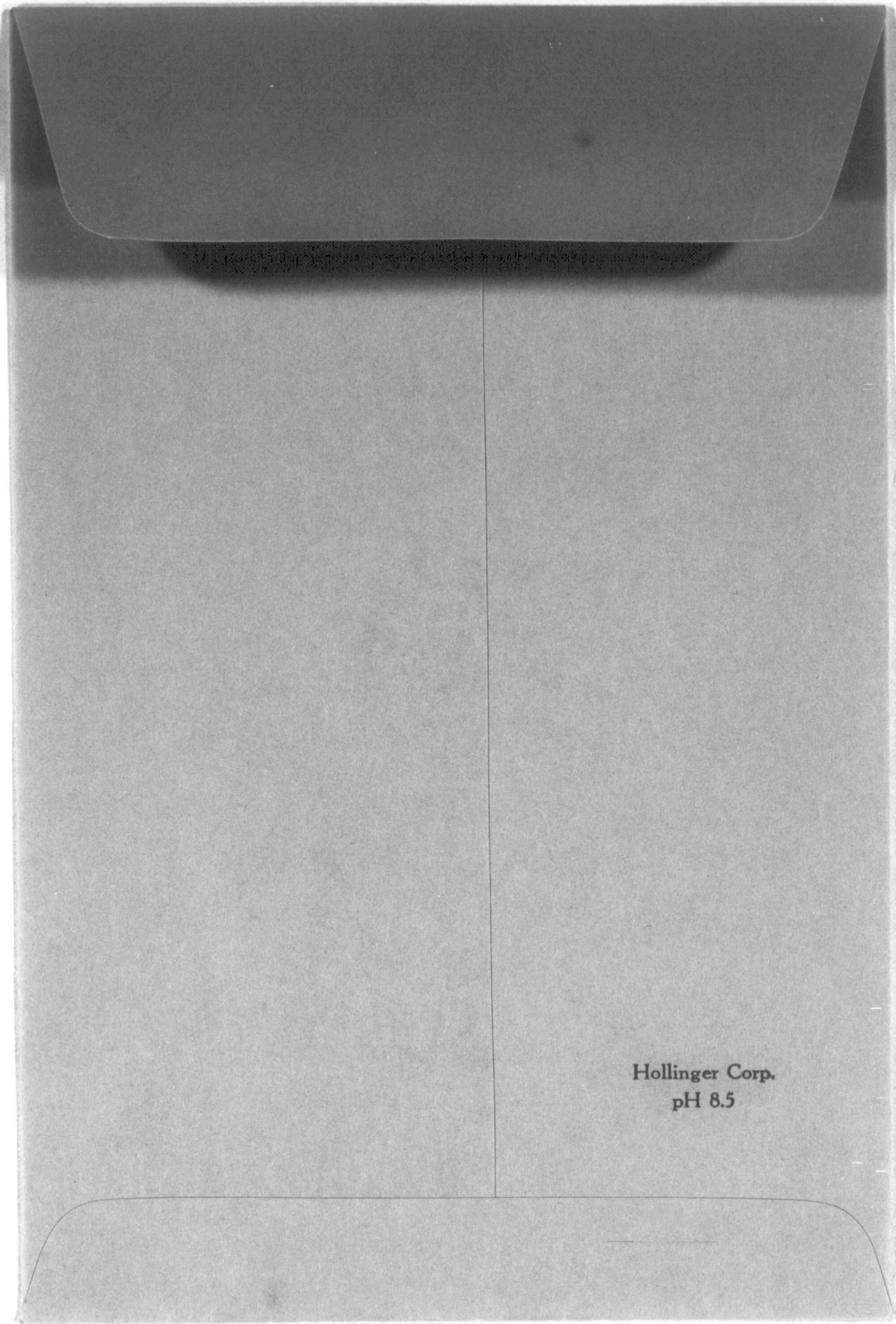
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*Please return*

104 Rue Fontanier,  
Tientsin, China.  
July 8, 1936.

Dr. Mary B. Truedley,  
% Horton House,  
Wellesley College,  
Wellesley, Mass.

Dear Dr. Truedley:

I am sure you still remember me even we did not see each other about eight years. My name is Gao Ren-ying. I am a graduate of 1929. I took economics and sociology with you when you were in college. The subject of my term paper was Pawnshop. My major is sociology and minor is education.

After graduation I was invited by the national Y.W.C.A. to be the industrial secretary at Tientsin Y.W. I worked there altogether for six years. My work was shifted from industrial to educational, to membership, to student, to acting general, and to the associate general.

After service of six years I had one year furlough. I spent first part of my furlough at Yenching university where I took graduate work along sociology and education. Because of the unsettlement of the political condition in the north I left Yenching by the end of 1935. I was asked by Dr. Yi-fang Wu to come over to Ginling to be the acting registrar and also the director of student personnel.

The alumnae of Ginling needs an alumnae executive secretary for a long time. My experience and training at the Y.W.C.A. suit the nature of the alumnae association, so I have been invited by both Dr. Yi-fang Wu and Mrs. W. S. New to take up this new work from 1936-37.

In order to learn more about the methods and the technique of the alumnae work I am earnestly wishing that I could have an opportunity to study abroad or have practical training under a successful alumnae secretary. Here are several things of which I like to have your suggestions:

1. Where can I get the best training for alumnae association work?
2. Is there possible scholarship for training alumnae secretary or sociology major or social worker?
3. Will you please give me names of the <sup>most</sup> successful alumnae secretary in women colleges whom I can correspond with? In other words to learn from others through writing.

If there are scholarships possible for fall of 1937-1938 in Wellesley or other universities, please help me to accomplish my ambition. I will send in my transcript and recommendation letter as soon as I hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

*Gao Ren-ying*

Please address your letter to: Gao Ren-ying  
Ginling college, Nanking China.

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Room 903  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York  
October 26, 1936

My dear Miss Gao:

When you and I knew each other some years ago in China neither of us thought that we would be writing to each other in the interests of Ginling. I think it is splendid that you are the pioneer Alumnae Secretary for Ginling, and I can imagine that you are kept busy every moment. I am now going to add a bit to your present burdens and ask for information which we very much need here.

As you know the Ginling Board of Founders has started a \$300,000 endowment campaign in America. The Ginling film has helped to restimulate the interest of individuals and of Smith College Clubs. The joint result is that we are being besieged for information about the College and about alumnae as we have never been before. For instance, I have a request on my desk asking for pictures of all the Ginling graduates who are medical doctors and life histories of each one. We would appreciate it tremendously if you could send to us as many pictures of alumnae as you can secure and pictures illustrating the work that they are doing. We also need a list of alumnae names and addresses. The list that we have here does not go beyond 1934. We would also like to get out a booklet telling about Ginling alumnae and to have in it personal statements of an interesting nature about the work that each girl is doing. This includes both the married and the unmarried, because from what I hear the married women in the group are doing often as much as those who are not. Family pictures would be very much liked here. Please do not feel that you must wait to send this until you have a complete roster of alumnae pictures and activities. We will be glad to have the information come to us in installments just as you get it.

Last week I was at the Smith Alumnae Weekend and I am enclosing for you the program and materials prepared for each alumna and guest. I wrote to Miss Snow asking her to put you on her mailing list and she responded that she is already in correspondence with you.

There is an amazing amount of interest in Ginling in this country and the most information that we can give people about both undergraduate activities and alumnae service, the easier it will be for us to give the financial help to the College which it so greatly needs.

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The present Ginling film is being of great service in this country and is considered not only more interesting than other films which have come from the Orient but it is even considered better than many of the college films in this country. We are anxious that before too long we should have a sequel to this film and we would like to have it in story form depicting alumnae activities. We realize that this will be a very much harder thing to do than the original film but we wish you would give the matter serious thought, possibly talking it over with Mrs. New, and also with Miss Spicer, who was so successful with the first film, might help in working out a plan for securing such a film. We can, I feel sure, again supply the negatives from America. The length of the present film is excellent. It is, as you know, in three reels and takes about 45 minutes for projection.

With best wishes to you in this new work, I am

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca W. Griest

Miss Gao-Ren-ying  
Ginling College  
Nanking, China

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FOREIGN DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS  
 OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
 600 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

- Scholarship Training Application Blank -

The individual making application should have an educational background which meets the recognized educational requirements of her country and have demonstrated in some capacity qualities of individual and group leadership. She should have an interest in all types and classes of young women and a belief in the purpose, aims and methods of the Association and a desire to work for it. Above all she should be a woman of Christian convictions and committed to spiritual ideals. A letter in which the individual states her reasons for her desire for training should accompany this blank.

Date Dec. 7, 1936

Name <sup>(Mrs.)</sup> (Miss) Kao Jen-yung. It is spelt Kao Ren-yung in Ginling Age 31

Present address Ginling College, Nanking, China.

Permanent home or family address 104 Rue Fontaine, French Con. Tientsin, China.

To what branch of the Christian church do you belong? Christian Church of Nanking branch.

To what branch of the Christian church do your parents belong? none

EDUCATION:

Give schools, dates attended and rank of school (high school, normal school, college or university.)

Names and addresses of schools

Christian Girls' Middle School, Nanking, China 1919-1924.  
Ginling College, Nanking, China. 1925-1929.  
 This name was changed to Chung Hwa Girls' Middle School  
since 1927.

Additional study: Subjects, dates and where taken --

<u>Subject studied</u>	<u>Name and address of school</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Advanced study of Sociology</u>	<u>Yenching University, Peiping China</u>	<u>1935 Autumn.</u>

What opportunity for travel have you had? I will have opportunity to travel south and central China soon.

Have you attended any international conferences? No Which \_\_\_\_\_

LANGUAGES:

What is your native language Chinese What other languages do you speak English  
 Do you speak English fluently? Yes Do you understand English? Yes  
 Do you speak French fluently? No Do you understand French? No

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EXPERIENCE:

List employed experience you have had, as teacher, in the Y.W.C.A., or any other form of work, giving dates.

Kind of experience	Dates
Industrial secretary of Y. W. C. A.	1929-1930
Educational " " " " " "	1930-1931
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" " accountant " " " "	1932-1933
acting general secretary " " " "	1933-1934
associate " " " " " "	1934-1935
Registrar and student director of Ginling College	1936 Spring
Alumnae Secretary of Ginling College	1936-1937

List experience you have had as a volunteer.

Kind of experience	Dates
4. co. president of Christian Girls' middle school	1923-1924
President of students' Self government of Ginling College	1928-1929
Adviser of students' Christian Fellowship	1933-1934
Treasurer of Chinese Ass. of University Women	1935 Spring
Vice president of Alumnae Ass. of Christian Girls' School	1936-1937

What positions did you hold in school or college organizations?

Alumnae Secretary of Ginling College.

TRAINING DESIRED:

What kind of study and Association observation training do you feel you need?

Study includes social psychology, case work, children and women's problem.  
Ass. observation includes Administration, finance + membership campaigns.

REFERENCES:

Give below the names of at least three individuals, not family connections, who know you and your work to whom we may write for references. Include in these either some member of the faculty of the school or college where you studied; or someone connected with another organization in which you have been employed. Two or these references should be persons who are actively connected with the Y.W.C.A.

Names	Addresses
1. Miss Lily K. Haass	600 Lexington Avenue, N.Y.
2. Miss Lydia Johnson	National Y.W.C.A. Shanghai, China.
3. Dr. Yi-fang Wu - President of	Ginling College, Nanjing China.

A medical examination should be taken according to the form furnished by the Foreign Division, and should be attached to this blank.

Application should be sent to -

Mrs. Elizabeth Boies Cotton  
Foreign Division, Y.W.C.A.  
600 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

or to

Miss M. Marianne Mills  
World's Council, Y.W.C.A.  
2 rue Daniel Colladon  
Geneva, Switzerland

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GINLING COLLEGE

NANKING, CHINA

Dec. 9, 1936.

My dear Miss Griest :

Your letter and the printed material from Smith College were received with many thanks. I shared your letter with Dr. Wu and Mrs. W.S. New we realized that your suggestions are valuable and will work them out as soon as possible. I sent out a kind of investigation for each alumnae on which the picture and the work are required. I will send the above to you as soon as I collect some. We are now working on the alumnae addresses. The complete list will be in soon.

I am greatly honored to be the first secretary of Ginling, as far as my work is concerned I visited the alumnae at Peiping, Tientsin, Shanghai and Nanking. I met one hundred sixty four graduates out of three hundred fifty three. The alumnae room was furnished this term.

Our annual meeting for the alumnae association was held on Nov. 8th about eighty came. Three class reunions met on the same day. They celebrated their fifteenth, tenth, and fifth anniversaries of which three points were decided:

1. Taking a class picture.
2. Electing permanent officers.
3. Giving a gift for Ginling.

Probably you have heard about the dedication of the infirmary which is the first gift from our alumnae. The alumnae are now raising money for the college. Our goal is 30,000 dollars. Already eighty people pledged 11,795 and 9036 was actually received. The result sounds very encouraging.

I have decided to travel the southern part of China soon. The trip covers Kwangchow, Hongkong, Swatow, Amoy and Foochow. The purpose of this is to organize branch association, to know the work and the condition of each alumnae, to find work for those who need and to make contact between our alma mater and alumnae.

I have been communicating with the alumnae secretaries of Pomona and Smith colleges. We exchange materials and ideas. I find it very helpful. I will write you more about my trip later. Hoping to hear from you often.

I am sincerely yours,

*Gao Ren-ying*  
Gao Ren-ying.

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GINLING COLLEGEREPORT OF ALUMNAE SECRETARY (Miss Kao Ren-ying)

The work for the Alumnae Association was started in June 1936. My report today will be given under two headings: (1) The Contribution of the Alumnae and (2) My Trip to the South.

The Contribution of the Alumnae. Because of the shortage in the college finances for last and this year, the Promotion Committee decided that the Alumnae should raise \$30,000 to meet the immediate needs. We have altogether three hundred and forty-one graduates. If each takes a share of \$100.00 then the deficit will be cleared. We started the campaign in June. Up to now one hundred and nine Alumnae have made pledges. The total receipts to date are \$13,770.00, out of which \$9,790.00 has actually been received and \$1,475.00 was pledged when the Alumnae in the South were made homesick for Ginling by learning more of the present condition of the College through their contact with someone so recently from the College as myself.

Through my conversation with Ginling groups and individuals, I really feel that the majority of our Alumnae are anxious to support the College, but only regret that on account of low salaries in the missionary institutions, they cannot give what they would like. I remember one Alumnae came to me and said: "I want very much to do some work during the summer vacation, so I can give the extra payment I receive to Ginling." This sounds very simple, but it really shows her loyal spirit to her alma mater.

My Trip to the South. In the second part of this report, I will try to give you a few points about my trip of five weeks in which I visited Hongkong, Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Changchow, Chuanchow, and Foochow.

Spirit of Alumnae. In almost every school and institution where I went, people told me that Ginling Alumnae are loyal, responsible and cooperative. Our Alumnae mentioned again and again that we must keep up this spirit for our younger generations. Almost all of those whom I met are in active service except a few who cannot work because of family burdens or ill-health.

Appointments. First, there is a demand for Ginling graduates. Then there are Alumnae who would like to have a change of position. According to the decision made by the Alumnae Association, I will refer this matter to Miss Minnie Vautrin and will cooperate with her.

Alumnae Organization. Ginling Alumnae at Canton and Amoy have had organized Branch Associations for some time. There are nine graduates in Foochow. They used to have informal meetings on special occasions but were not organized. They formally organized during my visit. Miss Chen Gin-o (1924) was elected president, and Miss Chen Yung-kwan (1928) secretary. There are three graduates at each of the following places, Swatow and Hongkong. As the minimum requirement for the organization of a Branch is four members, there are not enough in those two places, but they have responsible

persons appointed to make contacts for them with the College.

Special Visits to High School Principals. In order to know what kind of graduates the high school principals expect us to provide and what their opinions are concerning our entrance examinations, special arrangements were made for me to call on them. Here I shall summarize my interviews under the following points:

- A. Quality of graduates
  - 1. Strengthen major and minor courses
  - 2. Pay attention to teaching methods
  - 3. Emphasize religious life
- B. Entrance examinations
  - 1. Announce the results of entrance examinations not later than one month after they are taken, so that students may make their decisions earlier.
  - 2. It is hoped that certain standards of work for college entrance can be made, so that students who have good records may be exempted from all entrance examinations. If this might be done, it will save seniors much time and energy.
  - 3. Special attention should be paid to the letters of recommendation from principals or deans, because knowledge and conduct should be equally emphasized.

Talks for High School Seniors. I gave several talks to 102 seniors at True Light, Pei Tao, Wen Shan, Yueh Deh, and Pei Ying Schools, and also showed them Ginling pictures and bulletins. All kinds of publicity concerning entrance examinations were distributed.

Ginling Movie. The Ginling Movie was shown five times at four different places. Those who have close connection with Ginling Alumnae were most enthusiastic about it. About 250 saw the movie.

Suggestions from Alumnae to Ginling.

- Finance - 1. In order to lessen the financial burden, a person must be found to support each faculty member.
- 2. If possible, we must have fewer professors on the staff, but each must be well paid.
- 3. We must soon raise money for endowment funds but not for current expenditure.
- Professors - 1. Professors must have good qualifications and we must emphasize quality not quantity.
- 2. We need more men professors.
- Courses - 1. After graduation Chinese is largely used, so more Chinese textbooks should be used.
- 2. Ginling should specialize in certain subjects and make a real contribution in those fields.
- College Life . 1. Religious life should be specially emphasized in a Christian College.
- 2. Adviser system should be renewed, as the former students were greatly benefited because of personal advisers.

In conclusion I should say this is my very first visit to Alumnae, and I was deeply impressed with their hospitality in different places. With their help I made more friends for Ginling and let people know more about Ginling. This trip helped me especially to realize the importance of Ginling groups outside of the College and of understanding each individual.

National Committee,  
Y. W. C. A. China.  
June 17, 1939.

Dear Mrs. MacMillan;

Your letter addressed to Mrs. J. H. Sun about the possibility of my study at Great Boston next year was shown to me by our general secretary, Miss Tsai Kwei.

I am so grateful that you are arranging such wonderful opportunities for me. Mrs. W. S. New is here in Shanghai. She was my adviser when I was the executive alumnae secretary of Ginling. I told her about your letter she is glad to know it.

I am planning to leave for the Amsterdam and the Y. W. leaders conferences on June 20th, after that I will visit Geneva and England. I will sail for New York on Sept. 13 on Queen Mary.

I hope both you and Mrs. Cotton will be there by that time so we can talk things over.

Love to Miss Grist.

Sincerely yours,

Go Ren-yung.

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July 14, 1939

Mrs. T.D. Macmillan  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

You will be glad to know that we have had word from Shanghai that Gao Ren Ying sailed with the Amsterdam group; that she will spend a month in England and in Geneva following the conference; that she sails on the "Queen Mary" September 13.

We will meet her in New York and bring her to National Headquarters for a few days and will send her on to Boston in time for her registration. You have reserved a room for her at the dormitory, have you not?

Could you let me know, if it is not too much trouble, the date of registration for Boston University? The last catalogue doesn't give the date.

Sincerely yours,

*Elizabeth Boies Cotton*

Elizabeth Boies Cotton  
Foreign Division

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY  
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Office of the Dean  
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July 18, 1939

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan  
Associated Board for Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mrs. Macmillan,

We received your letter of June 30 concerning Miss Gao. We have just had a meeting of our Committee on Admission, which is the reason for our delay in replying.

Professor Morris, chairman of the department of Sociology, and the Committee on Admission, feel that Miss Gao is qualified to do graduate work in Sociology. We are, therefore, willing to admit her as a graduate student and a possible candidate for the degree of Master of Arts on the usual requirements of thirty semester hours of graduate work and an acceptable thesis.

Will you please have Miss Gao fill out the enclosed application form for admission, so that our records may be complete?

We are reserving a trustees Scholarship for Miss Gao.

If we can be of further service, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Howard M. LeSourd  
Dean

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August 19th, 1939

Mrs T D Macmillan  
Ginling College  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mrs Macmillan:

Your letter of July 22nd telling us that Gao Ren Ying has been granted scholarship aid at Boston University this autumn has just been received and we hasten to tell you how very very glad it makes us. From the moment when Boston University was first mentioned we hoped that it might be possible, but that could not be unless there were scholarship aid. We do deeply appreciate what you have done in securing that aid for her.

You may have heard that Miss Gao is at present in Europe where she has attended the Amsterdam Conference. It has been reported to us that the trip to Europe meant much seasickness for our delegates. We hope that by the time Miss Gao gets to America she will have picked up again.

Dr Wu I-fang is in town and we are having a tea for her tomorrow. Miss Chester has also arrived and I believe they are all planning to start for West China soon. One of our new secretaries who is to work in Szechuan is traveling up with the Ginling students. There is so much travel back and forth these days that it almost makes us dizzy.

Very sincerely yours,

*Lily K Haass*

Lily K. Haass  
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BOSTON UNIVERSITY  
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84 EXETER STREET

September 14, 1939

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan  
Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Macmillen,

On my return from Maine, I find your letter of  
September 9 awaiting me.

I am very glad to confirm the final admission  
of Miss Gao into the Graduate School as a candidate for  
the degree of Master of Arts.

We were very glad to have had a chance to  
see you this summer and hope that next year it may be  
possible to have a real visit.

With kindest regards, in which Mrs. LeSourd  
joins, I am

Very cordially yours,

*Howard M. LeSourd*

Howard M. LeSourd, Dean

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600 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y. TELEPHONE: PLAZA 3-4700 CABLE ADDRESS: EMISSARIUS, NEW YORK

Sept. 18, 39.

Dear Mrs. MacMillan;

I am very grateful and happy that you help me to make the plans possible to study in Boston University which is far better than the State University, Columbus Ohio.

After graduation I worked about ten years, I am afraid that I can't concentrate well, but I will do my best and study hard.

My picture taken at Delar Studio didn't look like me, so I give you this. If you want to have a larger one or to compare, you may telephone to Mrs. Williams (Mrs. Cotton's secretary)

I will write you again in detail as soon as the registration

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And the other arrangements are settled. Please don't worry for me, if you don't get words from me between Sept. 19-22.

Thank you again for your help and letting Miss Ewing to go with me to the station.

Yours sincerely,  
Gao Ren-ying.

P.S. Mrs. Cotton came back to New York. I talked with her on Sunday.

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GAO Ren-Ying

The migration of large masses of Chinese people from the coastal regions to the more isolated and less developed areas of the interior has given China new problems in reconstruction and an atmosphere that resembles the pioneer days of a new country.

Thousands of students have followed the removal of their universities and middle schools to Kuming and Kweiyang; countless families are trekking inland where they are starting new lives and new industries. Towns are filling so rapidly that lack of homes and adequate shelter are found to be one of the gravest problems of the times, according to Gao Ren-Ying of Shanghai, who arrived in New York the first week of September.

While her country is going through this transitional stage of moving itself into safer areas and finding a freer atmosphere, Miss Gao, like many of her contemporaries who are actively interested in their country's social future, is taking this opportunity for advanced study in the United States. She will enter Boston University this month, attending the graduate school of sociology and paralleling this program with observation of social work methods among New England organizations. After spending a year or more here she expects to return to her work with the National Y.W.C.A. of China where she is assistant to the general secretary.

In Kuming, which has become a refuge from political domination for the large universities of North China, and Kweiyang, which has absorbed universities, middle schools and a medical college from the coastal region, two new Y.W.C.A.'s have sprung up to meet emergency needs of young women students, Miss Gao reports.

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Their most immediate work has been to help take care of the housing needs of the many young women students who descended upon these unprepared communities. After acquiring one building in Kweiyang as a residence in which 40 or 50 girls are being cared for, the association has continued its search for another, without success, since buildings for business purposes and housing projects are at a premium. Private homes are not available for the care of students, Miss Gao points out, since families are busy taking care of many relatives and friends who have helped swell the population.

"Since bombings are frequent and the fear of losses hangs over our heads every day it is not wise to try to erect special buildings. We just do what we can," she adds philosophically.

Sian in Shensi province is the scene of great activity, much of its basic war work such as the care of wounded soldiers, supervision of families whose fathers have been lost or ~~wounded~~ wounded in the war and the establishing of schools for the children of soldiers. Miss Gao pays high tribute to the women of her country who have been largely responsible for organizing and carrying on this work. The mass education idea, pursued unceasingly, is one of the largest contributions which is being made toward China's future, Miss Gao firmly believes. The teaching of 1,000 Chinese characters to scores of children, to rural women, to industrial girl workers and to many mothers, most of whom do not know how to read and write, is the first objective of China's mass education movement. Under this plan of teaching, she explains, a third new Y.W.C.A. recently established in Sian, is teaching both children and adults from textbooks which have 1,000 practical, everyday words. These books are covered in about three months and at the end of the period most of the pupils can read very simple newspaper articles and write simple letters. New groups are formed and the process repeated.

Miss Gao is full of praise for the fine leadership of Mme. Chiaag Kai-Shek whose example has influenced hundreds of educated women to take up disagreeable and difficult tasks to save Chinese integrity and to provide her with a future integrated

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into modern standards. Money is being raised for refugees, schools for war orphans are being organized and wounded soldiers are getting all kinds of care and aid.

A graduate of Ginling college, Miss Gao worked in the Tientsin Y.W.C.A. first for six years and then became the first alumni secretary of her school. In the spring of 1938 she became associated with the National Y.W.C.A. at its headquarters in Shanghai, working largely on problems of general administration. Her family home is in Tientsin. When she left China the latter part of June, Miss Gao first went to Amsterdam, Holland, where she was one of the 1,500 delegates to the World Conference of Christian Youth, and later visited at the World's Y.W.C.A. headquarters in Geneva and went sight-seeing in Paris and London. She came across the Atlantic on the S.S. Manhattan in the first feverish days of the war when American migration homeward was at its height and the ocean voyage accompanied by war fears, an atmosphere which was quite reminiscent of her life on the other side of the world.

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November 30, 1939

Dear Sir:

It gives me much pleasure to write you a letter of recommendation for Miss Gao Ren-Ying, who is applying for a scholarship from your University.

Miss Gao graduated from Ginling College in 1929 with a major in Sociology. She was a very good student, maintaining a high academic record, active in student organizations and earnest in preparation for future service.

Since graduation she was a secretary of the Y.W.C.A. in Tientsin until she was invited by the College to become the Executive Secretary of the Alumnae Association in the spring of 1936. In this new office and in the pioneer work of membership and financial campaign she has given splendid service, and shown her ability. She had her plans for the second year well made, when the war broke out and made work of that kind impossible. When the National Committee of the Y.W.C.A. found they needed additional experienced people for their increasing amount of work, she was called back to their staff.

Miss Gao has discussed with me her plans for graduate study abroad, of which I entirely approve, and both the Y.W.C.A. and Ginling College would like to secure her services upon her return. I know that she is worthy of any help you are in a position to grant her, and is capable of making the most of any opportunity she may have.

I recommend her for your kind consideration without any reservation.

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu  
President  
Ginling College  
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GINLING COLLEGE

This is to certify that

Miss Gao Ren-ying has satisfactorily completed four years' work in  
Ginling College leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts, during  
the period 1925-1929 including satisfactory courses as follows:

Date	Courses	Catalog Numbers	Weeks A Year	Periods Week	Min. Period	A Credit Hours	Grade
1925-26	Chinese	11	36	5	50	8	A-
	English	11	36	5	50	6	C
	History	11	36	4	50	8	C
	Mathematics	11	36	4	50	8	B
	Religion	11&12	36	3	50	6	C-
	Physical Education		36	4	50	1	C
*1926-27	Biology	21	18	8	50	4	C
	English	21	18	2	50	2	C
	English	23	36	3	50	6	C-
	History	21	18	4	50	4	C
	Hygiene	21	18	2	50	2	C
	Psychology	21	36	3	50	6	B-
	Physical Education		36	4	50	1	C
	Political Science		6	6	50	2	B
*Work completed in emergency summer session.							
1927-28	Chinese	31	36	4	50	8	C
	Education	31&32	36	4	50	8	C
	English	31	36	2	50	4	C-
	Sociology	21	36	4	50	8	B-
	Sociology	31&32	36	4	50	8	C
	Physical Education		36	4	50	1	C
Emergency Summer Session--1928							
	Biology	21				3	C
	Chinese Letter Writing					2	B
	ΔHygiene	21				1½	B
ΔCompleted 1928-29							
1928-29	Education	41&42	36	4	50	8	B
	History	43&44	36	4	50	8	B-
	Physical Education	41&42	36	4	50	8	B
	Religion	33	18	2	50	2	B
	Sociology	45&46	36	4	50	8	B-
	Physical Education		36	4	50	1	B
	†Biology	12	18	1	50	1	B
	Hygiene (comp.)	21				½	B

† This with Biology 21, 7 credits completes science requirement.

Signed... *M. C. Wang* .....  
Wang Ming Chen  
Acting Registrar  
Temporary Shanghai Unit of  
Ginling College

Date: April 21, 1938

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Sept. 24, '39.  
Evening.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan;

I am awfully sorry that I didn't meet Wu Man-i. Because I was invited by Mrs. Avery to spend the week end at her home. When I saw your cable it was already 8:30 P.M. I hope she didn't have any difficulty to find her school.

The Chinese Student Association will give a welcome party for all new students of the Greater Boston <sup>on Sat.</sup> I am sure I will see her there. Mean time I will write a letter of apology to her.

I just had two classes last week. The University <sup>life</sup> is so far so good. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,  
Ren-ying Gao

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146 Common Wealth Ave.  
Boston.  
Sept. 20, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan;

I arrived Back Bay station promptly at 3:00 O'clock and was met by Miss Nicholas, dean Franklin's assistant. As soon as I reached the dormitory, I went up stairs to call on Dean Franklin. She is a very nice and considerate person. After unpacking I was invited by the directors of the Fox Hall to meet a group of Freshmen + Mrs. Meyer who is Dr. Cora Reeves' very best friend.

The registration took place on Sept. 19-20. I registered under Professor Morris and take fifteen credits including Social Psychology, the individual child, individual psychology, Social problem, foundation of social life, Community organization and Administration of social agency.

My tuition is \$187.50. The trustee's Scholarship is fifty dollar this semester, so I went to see the dean's secretary + reported her the amount. She said "Just tell the burser the rest will be taken care of by the dean" so I did. This is the final result of tuition arrangement. If you hadn't written ahead, things would not come out as smoothly as this. I am very grateful to you.

My roommate, Miss Liu, came on Sept. 19. Mrs. Avery is her god mother. So far I haven't met her yet. The woman's Council will meet on Sept. 25. They invite us to go + meet the council members. I think they just want to know what kind of girls they have helped. I have no class on that afternoon, so I plan to meet these grand people + hope to give them a good impression.

Our bed room is quite big with two little closets attached. If we pay fifty cents per week, we can prepare our breakfast in the kitchen. There are twelve graduate students in this building. Most of them worked + study again. The Chinese students are planning to give a welcome party to new students on next Saturday night. I hope I can meet you + them. Hope to hear from you often.

Sincerely yours,

Ren-ying Gao

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Oct. 12. '39. <sup>[17]</sup> <sup>one</sup>

Dear Mrs. MacMillan:

Thanks for your letters. I am very glad to know that the Smith group will meet on Nov. 15 + 17. We are sister colleges surely I will manage to go with you if we don't have mid-term exams. I like to attend the meeting on Sunday (15th) if Mau-i prefers the same date. I can go on 17th. We will talk it over and let you know later.

Is there any thing definite you want me to do for this group? If so you must let me know ahead, so that I will find time to prepare.

I met Mau-i last week, visited her dormitory and had luncheon together at Wang Yao-yin's (1927) home. It's so nice to meet Gimbhing folks every where I go.

Two weeks ago I was asked

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by Dean Franklin to fill up two application blanks for the additional funds for my tuition besides the trustee scholarship. My budget for 1939-40 is as follows:

Receipts		Expenditure	
From Chinese y.w.	450	Tuition	400
" N.Y. y.w.	500	board	365
	<u>950</u>	Room	380
		Travel	500
		books	20
		Incidental	65
		<u>Total</u>	<u>1730</u>

I didn't say a word about my own money because the secretary of the training department in China hasn't sent me any money and I guess it would be very little according to the exchange rate of the present U.S. currency. Since I am so uncertain on the amount, I think I better not mention. After all there

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are always extra necessities come up during the year. Besides the room provided by the Council members and the trustee ship, I really need three hundred more for the tuition.

Last Monday I got a 200 dollar check and a nice letter from the Mass. Society for education of University women. The dean's secretary said the <sup>(one hundred more)</sup> balance of my year budget will be made up from other sources very soon.

This semester I carry thirteen credits and plus thesis. It takes a tremendous amount of time to collect materials and do field work in Boston Y. W. C. A. I think its wise to start my thesis now and leave four credits to be made up during the summer session. My major adviser, Professor Morris, approves my plan. I haven't said any thing <sup>official</sup> to Shanghai about my stay for the summer session yet. When time comes I will.

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I am now telling you every thing  
in my mind. frankly speaking I  
feel more freely to talk to you than  
any secretaries in Shanghai.

I appreciate your suggestion  
of history courses. When I was in  
Ginling I took 18 credits on history.  
There are many courses offered in B.U.  
history department but they don't fit  
in my study plan very well, so  
I didn't take. I have to wait and  
see the chance for my second semes-  
ter. I believe you will understand  
me if I couldn't arrange it.

If you have any suggestions re-  
garding my budget or course, please  
let me know. I am looking  
forward to see you in November.

Sincerely yours,

Ren-yieng Gao

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Oct. 26.

Dear Mrs. MacMillan;

Thanks for your letter.  
Last week Wednesday I went to call on you at 40 Common Wealth Ave. the maid said you <sup>had</sup> left already. I imagined you must be very very busy.

As I wrote in my last letter, if I don't have Middle term exams, I will attend the Providence Smith Club meeting. Otherwise I wouldn't go.

I have another engagement arranged by Dean Franklin on Nov. 18 afternoon, so I don't think I can stay over night for the private school in Providence. After all I have to attend a morning class <sup>(Nov. 18)</sup> promptly from 9-11. Will you please write to them,  <sup>tactfully</sup> and tell them my difficulties in arranging the time?

I received a very encouraging letter from Mrs. W. S. New. She is well. Miss Conins <sup>would be a special student and</sup> came to see me yesterday. I wish I <sup>wouldn't</sup> work for credits, so I could have much time to meet people and attend all sorts of meetings.

Sincerely yours,  
Ren-yueq Gao

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January 10, 1940

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I was so glad that you and your mother could come to the tea for Miss Gao and Miss Deng.

I have had an answer from our National Committee in China regarding your inquiry as to whether Miss Gao should remain a second year. It is Miss Gao's hope that she will be able to complete her degree in the academic year or at least by staying on through the summer. Probably the results of the first semester examinations will indicate whether she is undertaking too much or will be able to accomplish it. My guess is that we will find her a triple-A student even though a new person arriving is handicapped somewhat in the first semester.

Our China National Committee writes that they are counting very much upon her being back for the fall, but would not want to keep her from getting her degree. I will quote from the letter:

"Our understanding with Miss Gao was leave of absence for one year only. We would not however wish to insist upon her return if it meant unhappiness on her part, specifically if it is not possible to get a degree within the year. We know how important that is to her. It would be imperative that we know in plenty of time so that we could continue arrangements made with the present incumbent of the general administration position."

Have you had any contacts with the professors and with the Dean so as to know their opinion of her? We are scheduling her for attendance at our National Convention which comes April 10 - 16. Though this will mean losing classes, I think she can make up the work. This is an educational experience for her that she can't afford to lose. Other than that we are trying to protect her from demands.

Sincerely yours,

*Elizabeth Boies Cotton*

Mrs. Elizabeth Boies Cotton  
Foreign Division

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11 January 1940

Dear Mrs. Cotton:

Thank you for your note about Miss Gao which confirms my understanding of her responsibilities to the work in China. The information which I gathered when I was in Boston in early December indicated that Miss Gao needed next summer in order to complete her work for her degree but had a good chance of being able to qualify with that additional time. It is not now certain that I shall be in Boston soon again, but I will make an immediate inquiry of Dean LeSourd by mail.

May I make one comment which is drawn forth by your remark about protecting Miss Gao from demands? I have been extremely impatient of the program on behalf of China in Greater Boston because of the lavish use they have made of Chinese students in that community. There is a multiplicity of programs, and it is the path of least resistance to expect the Chinese students to be available for each one of the many affairs. The whole program in that area needs a master hand, and there appears to be no one to give it. Moreover, the actual returns to China are lessened by the fact that the American citizens in New England evade primary responsibility by adorning the scene with the Chinese men and women and thereby not making clear their own leadership in the formation of public opinion and the gathering of funds. You will be quite justified in any influence you exert upon Miss Gao to restrict her cooperation to requests which come officially from 600 Lexington or from the Ginling office. ~~That~~ one time this autumn, I felt that the Y.W. authorities in Boston were demanding too much of her in asking her to speak to small groups here and there within motoring distance. Ginling very much needs her for one or two important meetings, but have so far been unable to find her able to accept an invitation. It will be her loss as well as ours if the year does not include her acquaintance either with Smith College or with some one of the larger groups of the alumnae. We stand ready to arrange for her to go to Northampton under suitable auspices if she can look forward to such a visit. She has shown a fine conscientiousness all along, but has not seen her way to close her ears to appeals for her help which were made in the name of her native country.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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*Special Agent*

150 Fifth Avenue  
New York New York  
9 February 1940

Dear Mrs. Cotton:

I enclose herewith a copy of the letter to Professor Albert Morris to which I referred yesterday. Although the advice we are asking from Professor Morris will not be by any means the last word, I suggested to Miss Gao that his judgment as her adviser might be taken into account in her plans. In fact, my promise to write this letter was, in my mind, a vigorous reminder to Miss Gao of the many elements in the situation other than her own desire to prolong residence in an American university.

When Miss Gao told me that she had been asked to speak at the Smith College assembly, and that (I understood) May 1st had been set as the date, she stated her unwillingness to be definitely committed - a fact which you mentioned yesterday in our telephone conversation. Will it be possible for you to reach with her very soon a decision which is dependable? You will remember our disappointment and embarrassment that Miss Gao did not at the last moment carry through with her appointment in Providence, and of course nothing like that must develop in relation to the Smith assembly. A very important element in this situation is that Margaret Cook Thomson, whom you know well as a Smith alumna who has been for more than 20 years in China, has only recently arrived in this country, and that she very logically is available for the first opportunity of speaking on China at Smith this spring.

I had understood that you and I were to confer on Miss Gao's program (in relation to the Atlantic City meetings and possible service to the Smith-Ginling program) before she herself was approached in relation to any spring appointments outside of her college work. Because of our understanding in regard to this conference, I did not emphasize in our telephone conversation the extreme importance of having all talks by Ginling alumnae to Smith audiences arranged from the New York office. The fact of the matter is that we are continually at a loss to supply Ginling programs before very important groups, and since most of our available speakers are busy people like Miss Gao it takes all our ingenuity to give them the best possible opportunities and to serve the interests of Ginling and of

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Mrs. T. L. Cotton

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China without undue pressure upon them. For this reason I was counting on my conference with you to make it possible for us to use Miss Gao two or three times during the spring in carefully spaced meetings, and I was postponing the proposal until you and I could be face to face and talk it over. I am now frankly half hoping that you and Miss Gao will decide to abandon the Smith assembly date and give us a chance to ask Mrs. Scales to invite Margaret Cook to speak at one of the required assemblies before the spring is over.

Mrs. Thomson has stood stalwartly by Ginling ever since her arrival in China in 1918 as the wife of a professor in the neighboring institution of the University of Hanking. She is a member of the Ginling Board of Directors in China and she sees the problems of the College clearly. Until she sailed for America just before Christmas she was at the heart of these problems, and knows intimately the full story of the way in which Ginling is weathering the present crisis. The outbreak of the war caught her and her family at Kuling, and she went through very strenuous experiences during 1937-38, behind the lines. She is, therefore, in many ways prepared to give to Smith College much more vital news than Miss Gao is in possession of. Moreover, a Ginling alumna, Miss Djang Hsiang-lan, and a faculty member, Miss Catharine Sutherland, have already had a hearing at Smith this year, and we have not in the past expected more than one Smith assembly hour each year for Ginling.

I do not want to be over serious about this matter, but the news from the campus in Northampton this year is very like that from other campuses, in that overseas projects are not rousing the response that one could wish and I feel that we need to be very careful indeed to use to the best possible advantage every minute which can be secured at Smith for news from our sister college.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Mrs. Thomas Lucius Cotton  
National Y.W.C.A., Foreign Division  
600 Lexington Avenue  
New York New York

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~~Memorandum~~  
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REN YING GAO

Feb. 15. Evening.

Dear Mrs. Mac Millan:

I am <sup>very</sup> thankful that you  
could spare some time for me while  
you are here. Will you please

Mr. Morris and I talked things  
over. He thinks one more semester will  
help me both - thesis and requirements.

Having sent my letter to Mrs. Cat-  
ton, she answered and wanted me to  
finish all my work before Christmas.  
In my second letter I mentioned at  
least one semester + am now waiting  
for the final decision.

My room-mate has decided to  
stay on for one more year. Because of her  
credits from Wesleyan and last year  
summer school, she can have her de-  
gree some time this fall. Did you  
hear from Dean Franklin and Mr.

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REN-YING GAO

Morris?

Words just came from Miss Sara  
Comins asking me to attend a Swiss  
Meeting on March 2nd. Will you please  
send me some recent information about  
Geneva and its Alumnae?

We have snow about 42 inches  
high + have no school + no communica-  
tion. It is an unusual experience.  
How is the situation in N. Y. C.? Hoping  
to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,  
Gao Ren-ying.

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE  
BOYLSTON AND EXETER STREETS  
BOSTON

February 17, 1940

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Miss Gao Ren-ying has impressed me most favorably with her excellent qualities and I hope that she may have additional time in which to finish the difficult task that she has so creditably begun. I think it unlikely that she can complete the requirements for her Master's Degree by the end of the 1940 Summer Session and I believe that it would place an unfortunate burden upon her were she to feel that she should make the effort to do so.

The extension of her furlough to June 1941 would allow her to reduce the number of courses taken in any one semester and enable her to gain proportionately greater advantages from them and from her correlated thesis work. If it is not possible for her to enjoy two years of graduate study she might, with somewhat less advantage to herself, complete the formal degree requirements by the close of the first semester of the school year 1940-41.

You will understand, I am sure, that it is not uncommon for American students to spend more than one year in the Master's Degree course and that the need for additional time on the part of Miss Gao Ren-ying is in no way a reflection upon her intellect nor her application to her task.

Sincerely yours,

*Albert Morris*

Albert Morris  
Professor of Sociology

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan  
American Office,  
Ginling College,  
New York City.

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Prof. Young

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Sept. 1. [1940]

My dear Mrs. MacMillan:

It was awfully nice of you to have called me up when I was at Camp Claire. If I had not promised the campers to talk on China for boat riding, I would come over to meet you and Miss Spicer.

After a week at the camp I went to Meriden, Conn. to visit my friend. She and her family have a big farm and forty cows. It is very interesting to watch the process of taking the milk and sending it to the hospital. The farm life is very simple. Every thing for meals is large and fresh.

I came to the Juniper Lodge of Ski Club on Aug. 31. It was originally owned by Mr. and Mrs. Rey-

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holds and was willed to Smith  
after their death. Both were  
graduates of Smith and Yale. So  
graduates and faculty of Smith  
and woman students of Yale  
can have privilege to stay.

The lodge is facing the White  
Mountain and the Silver Lake.  
It is a beautiful place. We are  
now having one hostess and  
ten girls. Every morning after the  
breakfast we help the house  
cleaning. My job is to take care  
of the living room, so I have  
a wonderful chance to look  
at each decorative object closely.  
The owners visited Japan and  
China therefore every room  
has Chinese antiques and  
Japanese pictures. It is a very  
quiet and restful place for  
vacation. Hwei lan and I will

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leave for Boston on <sup>SEP 1</sup> the seventh. She will stay with me for a week, then goes back to Chicago for further study.

I have finished all the requirements except the writing of thesis. The National Y.W.C.A. in China granted my leave of absence for six months. I try to finish the thesis before Christmas or earlier if possible, then visit associations at other places on my way back

home. <sup>next semester</sup> I don't have to pay tuition, but I am required to pay for three credits for thesis writing. Since the amount is not big, I don't think I want to renew my scholarship. The members of the Women's Council have not given us any official word for the residential scholarship, but they announced before the presence

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of the audience of the garden party which I reported to you when we had the Chinese dinner party. Miss Liu (my room-mate) and I took for granted that they will give us the same arrangement as they did last year.

One can never tell, probably they will change their mind.

Did you have a good time with your mother at Maine?

Have you got any news from Keelung College at Cheungtu? How is Miss Vautrin these days? Hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,  
Gao Ren-ying.

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27 September 1940

Dear Miss Gao:

Your letter of September first was very pleasant news of your summer, and I am now very eager to find out just how your work for the next year has begun. Have you finished entirely with your course work?

You probably know of the new arrivals in this country so far as Ginling alumnae are concerned. We have been informed that Li Mei-yun is already settled in work at Rochester, New York, and I confidently expect that Dju Gieh-fang is now in Chicago. Yesterday Lo Ai-djen turned up in New York, and plunged into class ten minutes after she entered the Biblical Seminary. She is very eager and responsive to everything she finds here in the way of opportunity and I feel certain that she will get a good deal out of her time in this country. I am only concerned about her health, which seems to be all right at the moment, but she told me she had bad tonsils and is afraid of colds. The presence in New York of her very good friends, the A. J. Fishers of the Presbyterian Mission, is a comfort to me, and I will try to get Mrs. Fisher on the track of any problems of health that may exist.

If you know of any other Ginling alumnae who have arrived in the United States recently, will you not drop me a card giving their names and addresses?

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Miss Gao Ren-ying  
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Boston Massachusetts

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28 October 1940

Dear Ren-ying:

You have already received the news of the meeting which the Founders have planned for Sunday, December first. There is a very special reason for our asking you to look forward to coming to New York at that time, namely, that on Saturday, the thirtieth of November, we hope to have a group of people, including Mrs. Morrow, make a studio recording of a Ginling record in which we wish you to take part. The script of this so-called China-wide broadcast of Ginling service is now in preliminary draft and we will be sending it forward to you for criticism before very long. We believe that it will be a pleasant as well as a very valuable service on your part to arrange your work so that you can make this New York trip and join in these special plans. Of course the expenses will all be borne from the Founders' budget.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Miss Gao Ren-ying  
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7 November 1940

Dear Ren-ying:

You have had our preliminary announcement for the plans for December first here in New York. These have progressed a little farther now, and you will be interested in the skeleton program which is enclosed herewith.

On the other important matter which was included in our note of October 28th - the matter of the recording of a broadcast of Ginling alumnae service - we have also made some progress. There is enclosed herewith a copy of a provisional text, on which we should like to have your very stern criticism. You will see that the idea has been to take a typical survey of types of service being rendered by Ginling graduates and to make the choice varied enough to be colorful. We are now sufficiently near to the thirtieth of November so that we must make rapid progress in polishing off this material and timing it accurately, so that it can be successfully reproduced in the studio on Saturday, November 30th. We want you to take at least one of the parts here indicated and possibly two. But first of all, do let us have your criticism and if you can help us to improve the drama by suggesting other speeches than those given here, please do so and write out the speech briefly. We shall be most grateful for your help.

We will let you know what exactly are to be the hours of the recording, so that you can plan to arrive in New York on time. The Board of Founders appreciate very much the good fortune of having you available both to take part in the studio broadcast and to be present on Sunday, December first. We will forward a check for travel expenses well in advance of the day.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Gao Ren-ying Nov. 8, 1940<sup>[1]</sup>

Dear Mrs. MacNield:

The material you sent me was read with great interest. It is a well-rounded, concise and vivid broadcast. I believe you have worked very hard and put a great deal of thought into it.

I made one correction at the bottom of page 11. Mrs. Tseng Huang Yu fu and Tseng Suh are two different persons. Tseng Hsi-bih's mother is Tseng Suh. She is my class-mate & is from Chang Shu. Her daughter passed the P. U. M. C. examination but could not go on due to her weak health. I am positively sure that Tseng Sth is the only one who has a second generation in Guilin. "Tseng" is her maiden name. For unknown reasons she does not want to use her husband's. So is her daughter.

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I am trying to finish my work here <sup>[2]</sup>  
as much as I can, so that I will  
be able to let you know my possibility  
to come to New York. If I come, I will  
be very glad to do whatever I can.

My reservation is on President Coolidge  
sailing on January 24. I will reserve  
a few weeks for visits on my way back  
home. It seems too soon to get ready  
& go home.

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Sincerely yours,  
Gao Ren-yung.

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18 November 1940

Dear Miss Gao:

Behold! Herewith the present improved state of the broadcast text, on which one of your fellow alumnae has done noble service in criticism both destructive and constructive! Will you not arrange to come down to New York in good season on Friday, the 29th, and come directly to the Parkside, 18 Gramercy Park South, where I will await you. Miss Li Gwan-yuen will join us there, and we will rehearse and time our speeches as perfectly as may be before going to the studio. After we arrive at the studio and join Mrs. Morrow, there will be time for only one reading before we "go on the air". I know that this can be very good, and I appreciate your being available to take part. Probably we will want to rearrange the assignment of parts; that which is made on the covering page of the text is merely provisional. Before the 29th, will you not read over this material as frequently as you can, reading it slowly and guarding particularly the clear pronunciation of the final syllables of words.

You already know that all the expenses of this trip to New York will be borne by the Anniversary budget. We will forward a check to cover the railway expenses, and the hotel charges will be put on my account.

I know you will be delighted with what is being planned for the after-luncheon program on December 1. - The last Clipper mail has brought word from Chengtu, Hongkong, and Nanking of their plans for the celebration of this event. The Smith Alumnae Association is sending a cable to China and we will plan to send messages from the December first group, which will reach China in plenty of time, since it is Saturday of that week, December 7, which has been chosen as the special day for China.

Cordially yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Gao Ren-ying  
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Boston Massachusetts

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Nov. 18, 1940

Dear Mrs. MacMillan:

I hope it is not too late to you that I plan to come to New York to attend the twenty-fifth Anniversary of Gueling College.

I shall report to you my work and the travelling plan as soon as I see you.

Please let me know when will the program start on Saturday evening and what is my responsibility.

Sincerely yours,  
Ren-ying Gao.

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Gao Ran-yong

Boston University Woman's Building  
146 Commonwealth Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts

December 13, 1940.

My dear Miss Gao;-

It has been such a joy to have had you with us this past year. You have brought to the lives of the Council members and to the whole University something of the culture and bravery, the philosophy and charm of that far country of yours which has the respect and honor of the whole world.

We are so glad that you have come across the seas to us and as you leave may we tell you what a privilege it has been to have you here and how greatly we have enjoyed the opportunity of knowing you.

May we extend to you our best wishes for your return journey and assure you that the good wishes of the many friends here in Boston go with you across the sea, wishing for you health, prosperity and happiness.

Very cordially yours,

(signed) Mary P. Dunning.

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Jan. 9, 1941

Dear Mrs. MacMillan:

The immigration officer gave me special permission, so I was able to see the Niagara falls from both American and Canadian sides. The train from the falls to Toledo was delayed two hours, therefore I didn't wait very long and didn't call up your brother.

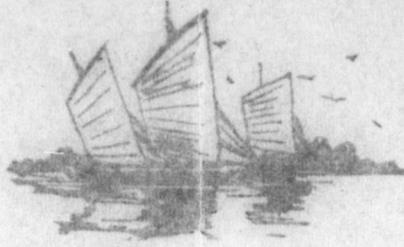
I stayed with Wang Ming-djen for two evenings. Nels Wu of Michigan is going back to China with me on the same boat and in same room. Mrs. Rhead drove us around the campus. I didn't meet Dr. and Mrs. Ruffus because they were not home but I did see the little Chinese moon gate in the front of their lovely house.

Dean Floyd just came back from New York on Jan. 6 late afternoon. Your letter was read by her assistant dean, Mrs. Bacher. She arranged a Chinese dinner party in her home, of which Dean Floyd was invited too. We had a grand time to talk about our vacation, China and Guilin. Dean Floyd took us home. She is quiet but has sense of humor.

I arrived Chicago on Jan. 7 and met a group of industrial girls for the conference. I joined their sight seeing trip which covered <sup>visits to</sup>

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the international house, Hull house, University of Chicago, Negro Section, housing projects and Chinatown. Tonight the Chinese Consulate invites all Chinese students. I got the invitation too.

The evening of the first day I went to call on Kien-ling friends. We had a dinner party at Wei-lau's dormitory, there I met Chiu-fang, Bao Hui-djen and Miss Wang from the boat 4 in China.

Chicago is very dirty, rocks cold and damp. It rains quite often. I am most grateful to what you have assisted and your letter to the dean. I hope the boat will not delay, so I can leave on time.

Sincerely yours,  
Ren-ying Gao

(Lily Ho)

P.S. Mrs. Quon is expecting me to visit her and her family between Jan. 17-21.

Jan. 21-29 address

to Miss Mary L. Cady

Y. W. C. A.

620 Sutter St

San Francisco

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Jan. 20, 1941  
Los Angeles.

Dear Mrs. MacMillan:

I visited Chicago from Jan. 7-12 and met Ong Hwei lan, Sju Chieh fang and Bao Pui-djen. The Chinese Consulate invited all Chinese students at the Hanking restaurant on Jan. 9, so they took me along & we had a grand time.

I was at Denver for three days. The annual stock show was just on, therefore I was invited.

I arrived Los Angeles day before yesterday. Lily Ho and her husband are well. Two children have cold and fever. She is very busy to take care of them and entertain me. I have been to the studios of the motion pictures, the big department stores and the oriental gardens; which are so beautiful and different from the ones in the east.

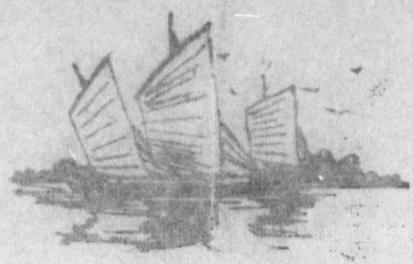
Thank you very much for your gift. Lily has no time to go to shopping with me. I decided to use it to buy a Kap sack & a pair of rubber shoes, these will be used for air raids in the interior. I will re-

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Remember you when I use them.

I will leave for San Francisco to-  
morrow night. S.S. President Coolidge  
will sail at 12:00 a.m. on Jan. 24 as  
scheduled.

It has been a great pleasure to know  
you. I wish to see you again in China when  
war is over.

Sincerely yours,  
Pei-yung Kao

P.S. The letter was written in Los Angeles  
& carried to S. F. Miss Wu of Michigan  
just arrived, so we will travel together.  
Due to the illness of Lily's children  
I didn't meet any of her living friends.  
Isn't that too bad?

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