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The Three Ginling Alumnae, and Mr. Djao, studying at Greeley, visit Miss Ruth Parker and Mrs. Leavens at Colorado Springs, April 16 - 18, 1937.

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*Illustrated
Mrs. Leavens*

How tongues did fly, partly in English, partly in Chinese, from the moment Miss Parker and I met our guests at the bus from Denver Friday noon until they departed for Greeley Sunday noon! The time was not half long enough for all that we wanted to ask and to learn. Although we had scarcely known ~~of~~ one another before, we felt like old friends in a few minutes because of our common interest in China, and had the jolliest weekend imaginable.

After Miss Chen and Miss Chiu had settled at Miss Parker's and Miss Djang and Mr. Djao at the Leavenses' and all had been fed we had a grand scramble collecting ^{properties} for the play. Miss Parker and I had been busy most of the week arranging what we guessed would fit the scenes as outlined by Miss Djang's letter, but we were not sure of the action in some places so we had not been sure of certain needs, until the actors had arrived.

*to be given
last evening.*

Mr. Lieu, a student at Colorado College, met the group at the Y.W.C.A. at 3.15 for a rehearsal. Like most dress rehearsals, this one was very ragged, giggles appeared at the most solemn moments, and the action was slow. The girls had made the costumes themselves, but had been delayed by full schedules, difficulties of finding appropriate cloth, etc., so that they had stitches still to take after sitting up until 12:00 Thursday night, and having to leave Greeley at 8:00 Friday morning. Necessary work was finished however in time for the performance that evening at 7.30, following a dinner at the Y.W.C.A., where about 80 women and several men and children sat at the tables and had a chance to meet the Chinese guests.

These people, with about twenty more, formed the audience for the little play, "The Home Education of Mencius" given in the large living room downstairs. Mr. Djao gave a pleasing introduction and explained the action of the ^{various} first scenes, ^{the first one} which showed little Mencius watching the ceremonies performed by a widow at her husband's grave, and his mother's ^{consternation} when she found her son imitating what he had observed. The next scene showed a butcher's shop near the home to which Mencius and his mother had moved to be away from grave-land. Young Mencius watches with interest the butcher, as he kills a pig, and in the next scene, in his home, he horrifies his mother by carrying out the actions of the butcher, on a make-believe pig. Again the home is moved. The next scene shows a school near this home. The pupils are reading aloud and practicing writing, and reciting. Mencius comes with his mother and is left by her to begin his education. The last scene is in their home, where the mother is weaving cloth at a hand-loom, while Mencius studies his book. At intervals the mother hears his lesson, but finds his memory growing worse with each attempt, until finally, in desperation, she cuts across the cloth in the loom with a knife, and, at the child's consternation, explains that it symbolizes the sad interruption of his education when he does not put his mind on his studies. Repentance and promise to reform close this final scene. Chinese songs by Mr. Djao and Mr. Lieu, with a trio by the girls, added further interest to the program. Introductions, explanations, and comments as to the actors or background of the play were given by Mr. Djao, Miss Ruth Parker, and Mrs. Leavens.

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text - bad.*

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A snowstorm on Saturday ruined plans for an all-day picnic in the mountains, but we spent the morning happily, reading and discussing news from Nanking, visiting an exceptional exhibit of Chinese paintings at the Fine Arts Center, (a loan from Kansas City for a month), where Dr. Carroll Malone gave us the benefit of his comments.

Mr. Djao had offered to prepare some five-flavored fish for us for the noon meal, and each guest was to add her specialty, but we decided not to give the needed time to that, as we were having a Chinese meal at a restaurant in the evening. My guests had insisted on washing the breakfast dishes and making their beds, but my part-time maid relieved us of any effort for the noon meal, when all of us, including Miss Parker's guests, and George Lieu, ate together here.

After lunch we chatted for a while, then crowded into our Ford and took Mr. Djao to see the Baptist minister, Mr. Skeen, with whom he talked for over half an hour. We then drove out to the Garden of the Gods despite the snow which enhanced the beauty of the scenery as it stuck to every twig, giving the appearance of white plum or pear blossoms to all the shrubs, and contrasting with the red rock formations. The Peak and distant mountains remained hidden however until Sunday which was a gorgeous clear day. Miss Djang visited with the Parkers, while Mr. Djao and Mr. Lieu stopped at the college library before dinner. *That Saturday* evening the Malones, Mrs. Gile, who had visited Ginling in 1921, Miss Mabel Parker (Miss Ruth was in bed with a back strain), the Chinese, Mr. Leavens and I were guests of Mr. Lieu at a delicious Chinese meal prepared by Cantonese. We were served later than most people were dining, but I hope that we did not disturb late comers by our laughter as we exchanged experiences and taught Mrs. Gile, at 82, to use chopsticks.

Sunday morning Mr. Lieu, eager for every moment possible with the guests who had helped overcome his homesickness as the only Chinese student in Colorado Springs, arrived before our breakfast (he had had his) and went with us later to the First Congregational Church, where we met a number of people before the service. We had to leave early to catch the bus for Denver and Greeley. Miss Chiu and Miss Chen had become so engrossed in making a pig from a board in Mr. Parker's workshop that they spent the time before the meeting the others at the bus on this "property" for any future portrayal of Mencius's boyhood.

We said goodbye with great reluctance, but rejoicing that we had become better acquainted with these fine young people.

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The Home Education of Mencius (30)

After a few minutes the mother calls the child to her, has him "back his book" and recite what he has learned. He is never able to start without prompting and requires constant hints to go on at all. As he goes back, at her suggestion, his mind is clearly wandering, and as his mother's back is turned he pulls out some cloth and a stick and makes believe slaughter a pig. As his mother looks at him again he studies in a half-hearted way, speaking the words aloud. When the child has tried in vain to recite several times the mother becomes impatient and throws the book on the floor. After another attempt fails she takes a long knife and slashes the cloth on the loom, all the way across. The child rushes to her asking why she has ruined her precious cloth on which she has spent so much time. She explains that it is just what he is doing with his education, cutting it off so that it is of no use. Tears are shed, as the mother explains further the value of an education, and Mencius is very repentant and says that he will follow his mother's desire and study hard.

She says that perhaps he is tired & gives him some tea

The action, as you can see, is simple. Its charm was in the way the Chinese carried it out, and in the costumes and Chinese background.

The clothes, appropriate to the time of Mencius in the 4th century B.C., were along the lines of kimones,; Mencius wore a two piece suit, red jacket, green trousers (I think) and long light-colored trousers below the others were gathered in at the ankle. Headwear was of the turban variety, in general. The school-teacher had a draped blue turban with a higher part made stiff with cardboard, and there was a tassel at an end which hung down, or back. Mencius wore nothing on his head, but had his hair parted down the back of his head and his hair pulled to the side above his ears and twisted into small knobs, tied with red cord so that they stood out somewhat. Mencius' mother wore a white head drape much like the Near Eastern ones with a turban and a loose hanging piece falling down at the back of the head.

All the language used was Chinese, so the action had to be thoroughly explained before each scene, and occasional words of interpretation were thrown out, whenever necessary, during the play.

mimeographed

We had programs printed and pasted on the back of sheets of Chinese writing paper on which were colored scenes or designs. These were much appreciated.

The Chinese sang solos, or a trio, before and after the play. While the scenes were being shifted one of us gave the translation of the scrolls used in the scenes, rich in meaning.

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Cast of Characters (April 16, 1937)

Scene I. Ceremony at the grave.

Mencius.....Miss Chiu Li-ying Chen Yü-djen
 Widow.....Miss Djang Hsiang-lan
 Servant.....Mr. Lieu Nyau-Hsiao
 Mencius's mother.. Miss Chiu Li-ying

Scene II.

The Butcher's Shop

Butcher.....Miss Djang
 Pig squealing outside...Mr. Djao Chwan-chia
 Mencius

Scene III: Mencius's Home

Mencius.....Miss Chen
 Mencius's mother.Miss Chiu

Scene IV: Chinese School

School-master....Mr. Djao
 Students.....Miss Djang, Mr. Lieu
 Mencius.....Miss Chen
 Mencius's mother.Miss Chiu

Scene V. Mencius's Home

Mencius.....Miss Chen
 Mencius's Mother.Miss Chiu

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The Home Education of Mencius

1937

Dramatized and given by Djao Chwan-chia,
Djang Hsiang-lan, Chiu Li-ying, Chen Yü-djen, Liéu

Nyau-Hsiao

Scene I. ^{highest} ~~ground~~ ^{Chinese} ~~grave~~ ⁱⁿ ~~burial~~ ^{land}. Evergreen trees. Stones.
Sky background

Mencius is seen playing about the land, kicking a stone and balancing it in the air with his foot.

A widow, dressed in white, or unbleached cotton cloth, comes with her servant, also dressed in white, to mourn at the grave of her husband. The servant carries a two-tiered woven bamboo basket and removes from it four rice-bowls filled with food, two small ^{rice} cups, 2 pair chopsticks, wine-urn, pair of brass candlesticks, 2 red candles, incense-burner and incense, pan for paper money, paper money.

The widow tells the servant to prepare the ceremony. He sets the bowls in front of the grave, lights the candles, incense, etc. The widow sits down with legs crossed and weeps in a rhythmical way, covering her eyes with a large piece of white cloth, and swaying back and forth. (her trunk). She finally rises, wipes her eyes, tells the servant to burn the paper money, and to pack up the things in the basket. They leave the stage.

Little Mencius, who has been watching the ceremony with great interest, at a distance, comes to the front of the stage, and with an amused expression skips about saying, "That is a grand game!" Then he places a round stone and says, "There is the grave"; small stones in front of this, saying, "This is the bowls of food", etc. Then he sits down to weep, like the widow.

"Hao wan!"

His mother comes in, looking for him, and is distressed to find him weeping, and asks the cause. He takes away his cloth, showing dry eyes, and then explains that he has seen the woman doing that. His mother is sad, tells him that that is not children's business, and that he should not do that. At her suggestion he throws away the stones which he had arranged. She then says that they must move to a different neighborhood. The child is jubilant at the thought of something new, and they leave the stage together, the anxious mother and exuberant child.

Scene II: Butcher's shop with a frame from which hangs pieces of meat, and a cleaver. In the center of the stage is a rough table, board (?), and a small tub. The butcher, dressed in an ordinary white shirt, sleeves rolled up, apron, cap on head, is busy about the shop.

He goes outside and comes back with a squealing pig (make-believe) and supposedly kills it with a big knife and brushes it with water in the tub as he cuts it up. (Squeals outside accompanied the first motions). The young Mencius had entered the shop about the time the pig was being killed and was very curious to watch the process, although the butcher tried to send the child away. Later Mencius pulls out a coin from his clothes and says that he wants to buy the pig. The butcher laughs him off with, "One small coin! That is not nearly enough." The child runs out, saying that he will ask his mother to buy it for him.

(make-believe) out

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Scene III: Mencius's home.

Mencius's mother sits sewing. The child comes running in and asks for some money. The mother asks what he wants to buy and he tells of wanting a pig. She is not sympathetic to his desire, but does not understand the background until after he has settled down on a bench, taken a roll of cloth to represent a small pig and a stick for a knife and gone through the motions of killing the pig, while his face showed horror and his hand on his stomach suggested unpleasant emotions. As he mimics pig squeals the mother looks up from her sewing and sees what the child is doing and is much disturbed. She asks all about it and when she learns that the child has been fascinated by watching the butcher, she slowly expresses her conviction of the inappropriate neighborhood for bringing up her son and says that they must move again. This time the child is puzzled, wondering why they should consider a change when they have scarcely become settled in this region.

Scene IV. A Chinese school. A scroll with a wise saying hangs against the background (brown burlaps screen in this case) A teacher sits back of a desk facing the audience, back part of stage. Two pupils come in, bow solemnly to the teacher and take their places on small benches back of small table desks. The students pull out their books from under their arms and start to read them aloud, swaying back and forth with the rhythm, and reading different phrases.

Occasionally the teacher calls a student to the desk, has him give him the book, turn his back to it and the teacher, and recite from memory what he has been studying. Sometimes praise is forthcoming but usually the student is sent to his seat to study more diligently. At times when the teacher is busy and not looking the students fool.

After reading for a while they start their writing lesson, mixing ink in an ink stone, rubbing the stick about until the liquid is ready for use. The Chinese pen (brush) is held upright with care and characters are formed. One student takes a long roll of white (shelf) paper and makes a pair of poems (deitze) to be hung on the wall. The other student's writing is so poor, in a copybook, that the teacher criticizes it.

While the students are writing Mencius and his mother arrive, as the mother wishes her son to enter the school. She talks with the teacher, after the formal bows have been given and returned, and Mencius hangs back in a bashful way, and starts to whimper and beg to go home with his mother when she turns to leave. The other students make room for him on a bench, however, and he starts to study in a little book which he brought from home. The school soon is dismissed with formal bows.

Scene V. Mencius's home. A large colored scroll with ~~two~~ a pair of scrolls on which are Chinese characters, on each side of the central scroll, adorn the back wall (merely burlaps screen; a plain white background would be even better) Two or three tables, stools, stands, and chairs, are arranged about the room, tea-pot and cups on one table, or stand.

The mother sits at her loom (a simple hand-loom) weaving white cotton cloth. Mencius sits on a bench studying his lesson.

Rebecca Griest
1938-1947

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Milwaukee, Wis.

February 27, 1930.

Dear Rebecca,

It is good to know you are spending the winter months in the sunny South and getting the rest and sunshine and change you must need so much, both you and your mother. If Florida is even half as lovely as its citizens claim, and doubtless it is, you must be enjoying it very greatly. I trust that you are and that you will return really rested and full of energy.

I am glad you did not hesitate to write me on the matter which you did. I have no feeling which can interfere with my purpose to serve the Christian cause in China. The years there gave me much which has added richness and joy to life for me and which it would be difficult to repay.

I hope, however, that you are consulting others in the field of psychology besides myself and getting various points of view. I shall tell you what seems best to me, but my judgment may not be best on many points and is open to revision as time goes on. Taking your questions in order,

1. Necessary and desirable training for the work in Sinking -

Necessary - It seems to me that thorough courses in general psychology, experimental psychology,

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genetic and child psychology, and social psychology are indispensable; that some work in mental testing, comparative psychology and abnormal psychology is essential. You understand, of course, that without some background of knowledge of zoology and nervous anatomy one cannot really know psychology at all. Some students don't realize this and put it off much too late.

Desirable - In addition to the above a course in systematic psychology is most desirable; courses also in such special fields as the psychology of personality, of instinct and emotion, of the special senses, of individual differences, of memory, etc. are valuable.

2. A scientific, sane, balanced psychology is preferable. I prefer the association and Gestalt points of view, and very much do not approve of the mechanistic (behavioristic) and psychoanalytic points of view, though the behavioristic is superior to the psychoanalytic. The Gestalt point of view is new and has not fully proved itself yet for lack of time, but is the most promising school of psychology at present. For a book on that viewpoint not too difficult for persons who haven't specialized in psychology read Koehler's "The Mentality of Apes" (it's really an enjoyable book) and for a better but more difficult presentation read Koffka "The Growth of Mind". The association point of view is well presented in Pillsbury's "Fundamentals of Psychology".

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3. Not knowing whether psychology is a separate department or how much time a student may devote to psychology, it is difficult to list courses. I should give three courses as a minimum, though:

a. General and educational psychology (combined) with experimental work included, a five hour course throughout a year. There really is no such a thing as educational psychology; that is merely psychology applied to a specific situation and can be best gotten in its proper relationship if included in the general course. A well trained psychologist can make the applications which will fit the student to employ the principles of psychology correctly in the school situation. This course is sometimes given without the experimental work but it loses half its value when it is.

b. Child psychology - prenatal through adolescence. One semester.

c. Social psychology. One semester.

If a teacher has a particular branch as her speciality and it is within the range of preparation of the students or even a few of them, it seems to me good for her and for the department to include such a course.

4. I know of no graduate work offered in any of our really good universities in America that is unsuitable preparation for the work in China. Neither behaviorism nor psychoanalysis

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were in evidence at the International Congress of Psychology in New Haven last September. There are points of view which I cannot accept, but they are stimulating and helpful, and it seems to me different points of view even in the same faculty group are very much to be desired.

5. Yale is very good, especially in child psychology. Columbia also is very good, but not Teachers' College. Pennsylvania is not considered good by those I know. California, Michigan (has exceptional laboratories), Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Ohio Wesleyan (especially good laboratories) and Minnesota (Child psychology particularly) rank very well. Harvard is good, too. I almost forgot Cornell which is exceptionally good.
6. I consider it far more important to have a satisfactory graduate psychology record than to have teaching experience, though if one can have both it is decidedly better. I wonder if any of the Chinese girls have ever told you how much they resent having appointed to China as college teachers persons who could qualify only for high school positions in the United States. I'm sure from what has been said to me by Chinese friends, both men and women, that more emphasis on more graduate work would be very much appreciated by them. I don't see how anyone with a good knowledge of

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psychology and a reasonable amount of common sense in the application of it can fail as a teacher. If you find a person with a strong graduate record in psychology in a good university you will be fortunate to get her before some American college does. Through heads of departments in universities you can get the most reliable information regarding the records of graduate students in psychology, as you probably know.

We are all horrified over the North Shore line wreck last Sunday. It was so unnecessary and only emphasizes again that irresponsible automobile drivers are a very real menace to society.

I hope this will find both you and your mother well. We are having Florida weather just now so you have "nothing on us" but yours has an element of permanence which ours lacks, as we shall probably discover within a few days.

Lovingly,
Ella

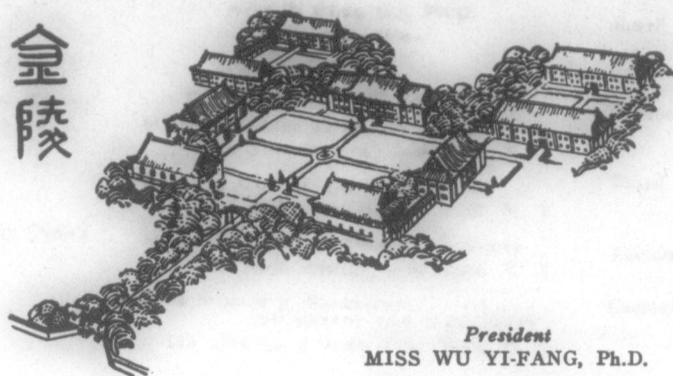
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April 4, 1936

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My dear Miss Tyler:

A recent tabulation of gifts from the appeal sent some time ago to the members of the Associated Boards for the Christian Colleges in China and from the appeals through Smith College for Ginling shows that sixty-two per cent - thirteen of the twenty-one members - of the Ginling Board of Founders have made gifts to the College in this fiscal year. This places Ginling first among the Colleges in the percentage of Board members contributing. We rank second among the Colleges in the actual number who have made gifts.

Recently, in conference with Miss Hodge, Miss Tyler, and Mrs. Macmillan, it was suggested that the Chairman of the Committee on Promotion send letters to the members of the Board of Founders, thanking those who have aided in making our present record of sixty-two per cent and telling all of our hope that before the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards we may have a record of one hundred per cent of givers from the Ginling Board to the 1935-36 budget. Such a report will be impressive evidence to the Associated Boards as a whole of the united interest we as a Board of Founders have in women's education in China.

To you who have already sent a gift we extend our thanks.

Sincerely yours,
Rebecca W. Griest
Ch. of Committee on Promotion
For the Board of Founders

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208 South Queen St.,
Lancaster, Penna.,
April 13, 1936

My dear Miss Tyler:-

I am sending you a carbon copy of the letter sent to the former faculty. In that I promised more material if they asked for it. So far only Mary Shipley Mills has sent for material, and I sent off an S. O. S. to you last week about that. Miss Lawrence very kindly sent me one copy of the "Excerpt from Letter from Miss Preist, November 4, 1935", 2/26/36 etc., one copy of "A Birds-Eye View of Urgent Needs of Ginling College 1935-1936", and also the trial balance material. I am sending the first two to Mrs. Mills. I am hoping that you can send me about twenty-five copies each of the letters and of the list of needs. There are forty ex-faculty and these can be used I feel sure to advantage with them.

send
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Yours sincerely,

Rebecca W. Griest.

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From the Board of Founders of Ginling College to
All Former Members of the Staff of the College:

My dear Miss Treadley:

In China, as you know, any tenth birthday is one of special honor, but in the history of women's education in China the twentieth birthday of a women's college is so nearly unique that the Ginling College Board of Founders wish you to have an opportunity to share in Ginling's birthday. Whether your memory of Ginling is dim or vivid, it has seemed to us that you would appreciate hearing of the College in this its anniversary year.

Ginling's life falls into three stages of growth. Some of you will remember most clearly the first, in the Chinese house of sixteen courts full of atmosphere and of creature discomforts; some will recall the first years in the beautiful new buildings, the years before the crisis of 1927 when Western administration and staff were the controlling and guiding force; and some know best the recent years in which the College has been so admirably led by President Wu Yi-fang.

Mr. E. C. Lobenstine, until recently senior Secretary of the National Christian Council in China and a member of the Ginling Board of Directors, speaks of Dr. Wu in terms of great appreciation for her remarkable services:- to the College in its official relations with the Government; to the students through her awareness of the impact of Western culture and her intelligence in integrating West and East, and through her sensible working out of the relationships of men and women in the cooperation between Nanking University and Ginling; to her country in her interest in training women well equipped for teaching and alert to the practical problems and opportunities of rural and other reconstruction work; and to Christianity in China through the time and thought she is giving to the growth of a new conception of the Christian teacher and to the work of the National Christian Council.

Dr. Wu is serving this year - after some years of active service on the executive Committee of the National Christian Council - as its Chairman. She has been President of the East China Educational Association and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the China Christian Educational Association. She sits, too, on the Boards of some of the East China Middle Schools. She brings prestige to the College and is making the College a power in the educational and religious life

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of the country.

The College is judged not only by its President but by its daughters, the alumnae. In the accompanying booklet you will find brief sketches of a few of your former students. As far as we know, no Ginling alumna is unworthy to be included, were there space, in this printed record. Recently some one said to a member of the Board of Founders: "If you want really to know how highly Ginling alumnae are thought of, ask their employers." Ginling graduates are being sought because of their training, their reliability, and their resourcefulness in larger numbers than are available. In 1919 the first five girls graduated from Ginling. With the Class of 1935 there are 360 alumnae. About sixty per cent are in educational work and twenty-five per cent of these are in administrative positions; nine per cent are in social and religious work outside of schools; twenty-five per cent are married; twelve per cent are now doing advanced study; and thirty-five per cent of the total number have done graduate work.

The student body last fall so overflowed the dormitories that all students with Hanking homes were asked to live off campus. Late in 1935 it was decided to build from the balance of the original fund, raised specifically for buildings, a simple faculty house for fifteen members of the staff and so release for students the dormitory used by faculty members since 1923. There have been some small houses built in Chinese style in recent years for Chinese men members of the staff. These buildings and the group of five academic buildings and four dormitories have been financed by the funds raised in 1920-22 in the campaign for the Seven Women's Colleges of the Orient.

Ginling has a beautiful plant, a most able President, a faculty of forty (two-thirds Chinese), a growing constituency, an alumnae group with records of reliable, intelligent, and in some cases brilliant achievement. With such assets she should face the future without fear. But since 1922 there has been no campaign for funds. There is almost no endowment. This year some gifts to permanent endowment have been made in China by Chinese, and in America the Irving F. Wood Memorial Endowment fund has been sponsored by the alumnae members of the Oriental Society of Smith College. Mrs. Wood and her daughters have made to this fund a generous gift.

While the current expense budget has had increasing demands upon it, the income from Board sources has diminished, because of the financial problems Mission Boards are facing. Changing monetary standards in the United States, and - in part due to United States policy in China, have caused shrinkage of value. In this anniversary year the College is facing a real deficit, one of \$17,500 Chinese currency. Deficits have been avoided in the past years by a profit on exchange, no longer possible, and in the most recent years by the most careful economy. To make ends meet she must have more funds or else cut departments. Ginling has never expanded far beyond the necessary courses for a B. A. degree. If she cuts departments, she sacrifices senior college rank, both with the Chinese government, with which she was registered in 1930, and with the Board of Regents of the State of New York, from which she received permanent registration in 1935. Do you want Ginling with its history to slip into Junior college rank because of lack of funds?

In this anniversary year every possible group is being approached for gifts to endowment or to current expense: those who gave to the original building fund; those who have visited Ginling, as tourists, as

garden enthusiasts, as friends; Smith College undergraduates and alumnae; the members of the Board of Founders; and you who helped to build, as teachers, this College and this splendid alumnae group.

One method which is being used to increase interest in Ginling is a delightful film: "It Happened at Ginling", taken especially for the use of Smith College clubs but available to others. It is the college history of a Ginling student in story form. The film was photographed by two members of the Nanking University staff; the story was written and directed by two members of the Ginling College staff. The heroine is Wu Mou-i, Ginling 1928, now of the Chemistry Department. The settings are a Chinese home and Ginling College. It has proved effective with many groups, scattered from the East Coast to the West Coast in the United States. Some of you have seen it; some of you have already arranged meetings to show it; some of you may want to know more about it. If so, please write to Mrs. T. D. Macmillan in care of the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

It is hoped that you will wish to make a gift to Ginling in this anniversary year. No gift is too small to be of service in helping to meet the present budget nor in heartening Dr. Wu in her great problem of making ends meet, and of maintaining the College standards.

It is hoped, also, that each of you may be willing to undertake to secure from friends or others interested in China, in missions, in international good will, or in the power of education, the amount of one hundred dollars during the next three months. If each of you would carry through such a campaign, there would go to the College from the former staff the splendid sum of \$4,000 for this birthday year. Such an announcement at Commencement would be, as you know, a deeply moving one, for it would be a gift from you who are known to have given richly of yourselves during your years at Ginling. Much as such a gift will mean in money, it will mean even more in morale.

The anniversary booklet and the card for return to Mr. Carter with your gift are enclosed. If you wish further information, I shall be glad to try to supply it. Some of you, we know, receive directly from the College accounts of Commencement, Founders Day, the Neighborhood House, pageants, plays. Others may need more information in order to present the project of raising the suggested individual total of \$100. May you build this gift into the fabric of Ginling as wholeheartedly as each of you gave of your mental and spiritual best to the development of this College.

Yours sincerely,

For the Board of Founders
of Ginling College

Miss Mary B. Treudley,
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208 South Queen St.,
Lancaster, Penna.,
April 16, 1936

My dear Miss Tyler:-

Of course I'll send you five dollars towards this total of \$5,000.00. Does the recent Southern Methodist projected gift of \$1,000.00 to the deficit plus their \$150.00 already given or is the \$150.00 included as part of the \$1,000.00 ?

Mrs. McConnell has certainly done well. Does this gift of \$670.00 from Mrs. Pfeiffer include what she promised Miss Bender she would give provided the Methodists raised the balance?

My own reaction, which I suppose I shouldn't give, is that I would wait to cable Dr. Wu until after our Annual Meeting. After all the Southern Methodist have to vote on their executives' recommendation do they not? Even with so fine a group there might be a "slip between the cup and the lip!"

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca W. Griest

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208 SOUTH QUEEN STREET
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

May 10, 1936

My dear Miss Tyler: -

I expect to be in New York
the last week in May - so I shall be
available May 26th or any subsequent
day that work for the meeting
with Dr. Lee or anything else you
may want of me.

I had arranged to go with
Mrs. Macmillan this coming week
into Ohio, hoping while she was
doing her chores I could make some
contact with old faculty (Halting to

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there is none effective (than writing)
and possibly me a few college contacts
through people whom I know on the
staff. . . I can be back in N.Y.
I think by the afternoon / Friday
the 15th, but I can't absolutely
promise this.

May I state my suggestions about
the minutes: -

That we either

1. Let the action stand and
send out the minutes at once

or

2. That we vote to delete the
action about Mrs. Thurston.

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If we do the latter that we make
no comment whatsoever in the
minutes or in the covering
letter about any such idea.
That tacitly we understand
that this can/may be discussed
or ~~mentioned~~ ^{referred} ~~upon~~ at a later meeting -
next fall or winter (It probably won't
be for us we will have the courage
to write Mrs. T. present. - and if
it is at a meeting too soon after Dr. Thuis
visit there is danger of it being blamed

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up on her. So my guess is that our
sensible and courageous assuming
responsibility will die its usual
death).

I can be reached through Wednesday
to General Delivery, Cincinnati, Ohio.

I shall also be in touch with my home -

~~area~~ Sorry this isn't very legible -

Sincerely,

Rebecca -

P.S. Had luncheon with Miss Kirk & Miss
Hernandez today in N.Y. Lillian seemed in
good health. I liked the dinner. The faculty
salary question I can now answer - and
I have some other helpful suggestions I think
in personnel - R.H.B.

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Girton College,
Cambridge,
June 19, 1936

copy
Dear Rebecca:-

The enclosed letter from Elsie Priest, gives me many points new in regard to the candidate situation, so I hasten to forward it to you altho I have not time just now to write you fully.

Now is the appointment of Miss Skow proceeding? If there should be difficulty of her going out, it seems to me worth trying sending a cable to "Ginling Col" (the telegraph and calbe address). Edith Haight may still be able to stay on another year.

In regard to Music, if you have not secured promising candidates by now, it may be better to cable for Catharine to get the Shanghai person. All this you may have settled, or Ginling has cabled to you. But I do not want to risk not sending the information to you.

I must stop now. Will you tell Mrs. Macmillan, I greatly appreciate her cable and I will wire her, when I hear from China and know when I should start homeward.

I am having a very delightful time.

With love,

W. Fang

Will you keep Elsie's letter, please? I'll get it back from you after I came to New York.

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UNIVERSITY OF NANKING
Office of Treasurer
Nanking, China.

May 25, 1936.

Dear Dr. Wu:-

I suppose you are now on the Atlantic or somewhere near that part of the world. It seems ages since you left!

In the last mail Mr. Carter wrote asking definitely concerning our deeds and the steps that we have taken at Ginling for registration of land. I wrote him rather hurriedly to make the last mail, and enclose a copy of my letter. As the University went through the whole question with a good deal of care, I enclosed the statement that was prepared for the Board of the University. In case you did not have one before leaving, I will enclose a copy in this letter.

I believe it will be very worthwhile for you to take this question up very definitely with the Board when you reach New York. If they do not allow us to register in the name of the Board of China, we should know as soon as possible and make proper application through the American Embassy as it becomes a problem for them to settle through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Gee was at the Land Office the other day and gained the impression that it might be worthwhile to have the land posted and the posters recorded against future claims or difficulties. This is usually done for all Chinese owned land, and according to the land office will be the basis of settling future legal difficulties. I cannot see that we have anything to lose by doing so and there is the possibility of gaining recognition. What do you think for Ginling? So far the University has only tried it on 40 mow, which is a very small percentage of the whole 912 mow owned in the city.

The committees are all functioning, a bit slowly at first, but it takes time and experience for different ones to know the history and be ready to make decisions. I find it always difficult for a group to make up their minds! However, everything is moving along without serious delays. Just now we are troubled over Edith Haight. I am sure someone has sent you a letter so you will be familiar with the details, but briefly it is this:-Edith would like to remain another year, if it was possible for her mother to come out for this year. There are two reasons. In the first place, the department is somewhat uncertain as to personnel, and know her so there would be no need for adjustment. In the second place, she would like very much to complete her study of heights and weights because it is needed in China and more important to her, because it could be used for her thesis for her degree. As it stands, now, she has not done enough to have it of value either here or for the degree.

In the first place the college could not pay for the travel for her mother as it would form a bad precedent even if we were rolling in wealth. Edith has no money and feels she cannot leave her mother along another year. A day or two ago I received a promise of a gift sufficient to bring her mother out. I presume you can easily guess the donor although it was to be absolutely anonymous. Therefore, everything else being equal we could let her stay another year and bring out her mother, hoping it might prove mutually satisfactory for Edith to remain for two years. At this moment, she feels she must not promise for her mother for more than one year.

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I am looking for a cable concerning candidates. If I remember correctly you were planning to send word from Vancouver requesting them to send us immediate word. If the word comes that they have found a physical education person who is promising for the future permanent person, I am inclined to accept their decision and to let Edith go home this year. If they have difficulty and no person yet in sight, we may as well let her stay and put off for the present finding the permanent person. If the cable does not arrive until after June 1st, everyone may become uneasy and necessitate sending a cable from here. We will wait this week and see. Just now I have a note which states that if Edith stays, Li-ming can go to the games in Europe which is evidently a new development and may need immediate action. If so, will send a cable this afternoon.

Catherine has found a young woman from the Shanghai American School who seems to her to be well qualified for the position in music. We are again waiting to hear from Mrs. Rhead and the committee. Catharine wants to give up her salary and try to find a small salary somewhere, but we are all opposed to having her leave the department in face of two new persons. I do not think there is any cause for alarm, she was only afraid that the college might be losing a very valuable person in this Miss Juvenall (awful name, Izel Juvenall) We have asked her to wait for a few weeks before making final decisions.

Others will write you about plans for East Court-new faculty house, 5,00 etc. After going over it all carefully, I have the feeling that perhaps the only thing we can do for next year is to allow them all to continue to eat from school kitchen. This is Mrs. Tsen's suggestion until we come to the place where both faculty houses can be put onto a separate kitchen basis. She rather prefers this to an attempt to run another small kitchen. However, a questionnaire was sent out last week and probably the committee has some definite recommendations to make. We have a meeting on the 6th of June of Executive Committee.

I understand Lan Chien-pih will remain for next year.

I will send you some statements and statistics as requested in a day or perhaps better say about a week! There seemed to be a number of things demanding attention during the past two weeks, but I guess the slate is fairly clear after tomorrow. Anyway I hope you do not make any efforts to use anything of this kind until the autumn. Dr. Chen is sailing on the Empress of Japan on June 28th, but will not reach New York until the 1st of September unless something unusual comes up calling him East.

Have you heard that the Halls are being sent to Tsinan next year and the George Fitch's from Shanghai transferred to Nanking?

Do not give too many thoughts to the college-it will manage! Mrs. Morrow sent us a check for £60/ which exchanged for 984.00.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Elsie

Have you noticed new letter paper from New York has left off U. C. M.S. as coop. B. You may have called their attention to error, so I am doing so to them.

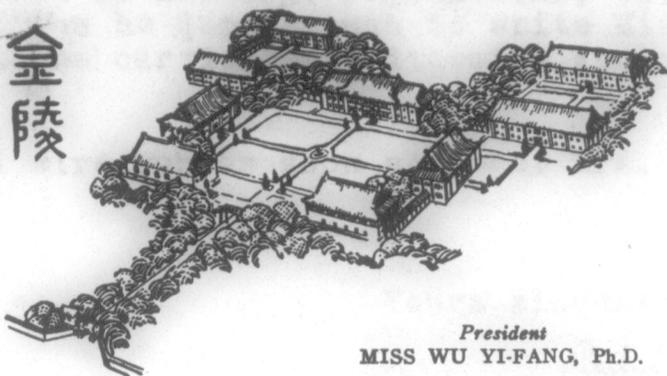
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156 Fifth Avenue
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Miss Florence G. Tyler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Tyler:-

I am inclosing for your information a copy of the most recent letter I have had from Dr. Wu and the letter which she inclosed from Miss Priest. Because of various matters in it I am sending a copy to Miss Hodge; for candidate matters, a copy to Mrs. Sears; and the information about Mrs. Morrow to Mrs. Macmillan.

More than a month ago I called Mrs. Macmillan's attention to the omission of the United Christian Missionary Society name from our letter head. I think it was at once corrected as far as new forms go. She told me it had been checked by your office, as well as hers and was of course very sorry that it had happened.

One of the secretaries of the Associated Boards Office phoned me this morning that Mr. Shoup had phoned them that his daughter had asked him to tell them that she was going to Ginling and that he was satisfied to have her do so. I asked the person who phoned me to phone you and tell you and ask you to hold the cable until I had Mrs. Rhead's signed papers. I feel a little uneasy about that woman's last minute reactions.

Could a cable embodying the following ideas go where we get Mrs. Rhead's signed agreement?

"Rhead music, Shoup English. Both unusual ability. Shoup's teaching interest, creative writing. Both one year paying own travel, receiving full basic salary".

I think there is no danger of Mrs. Rhead's training and ability not being fully appreciated, but I am very anxious that Miss Shoup be permitted some chance for her interests and talent. To give her full practice school English work would be wised. I want her to love Ginling and have a chance with good college students. I am writing Dr. Wu, Miss Priest, Miss Vautrin, but some inkling of Miss Shoup's interest, I think, should go in the cable.

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Also since, if I understood it, correctly, the action was that both Mrs. Rhead and Miss Shoup were to receive the full basic salary \$864.00 unhampered by Exchange regulations, because they pay all travel expenses, would you be good enough to write Miss Priest that in such a way that it will be carried out without a Vesuvius explosion back on us?

I'll wire you as soon as I get Mrs. Rhead's signed agreement.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca W. Lewis.

P.S. If they cable back that they do not want Miss Shoup I think we'll have to be firm with them and send her.

R. W. L.

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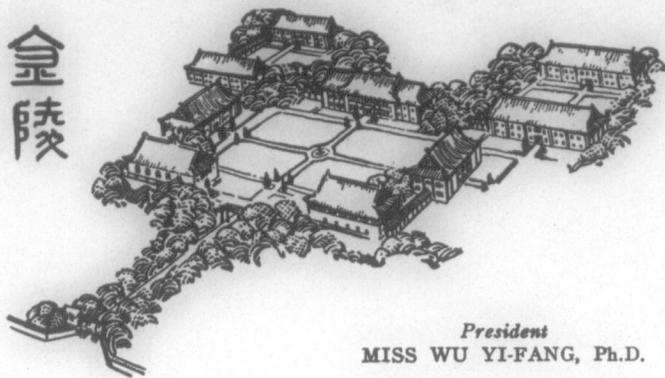
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New York, N. Y.

Miss Florence G. Tyler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

My dear Miss Tyler:-

Mrs. Rhead's signed contract reached me on this afternoon's mail and I at once wired you of it. I am inclosing it in this letter for your permanent file. The other copy I am sending to Miss Priest for filing at Ginling.

Will you be kind enough, please, to send me a copy of your cable to Ginling?

The minutes of the July 1st meeting came on the same mail as Mrs. Rhead's contract. Mrs. Rhead is, as I understand it, an associate professor in the department of Music at the University of Michigan. Do Miss MacKinnon's papers indicate that she is head of the department, as the minutes state?

I do not think Miss Shoup has studied for two years at Geneva. She lived abroad possibly two years and during that time she studied at the University of Geneva, but she was also doing research work for her brother, professor at Columbia University, in the League of Nations library, and held a job part of that time.

May I remind you that Mrs. George Scott was added to the Promotion Committee at the meeting which Dr. Wu attended in May? I also asked for Mrs. McConnell, but I do not know whether that is to be granted.

I am sending Mrs. Sears a letter telling her that Mrs. Rhead's signed contract is going to you, and sending Mrs. Sears her letter for the file.

Mrs. Rhead is trying to make arrangements to sail on August 22nd on the Empress of Canada. She will write me again when that is settled.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca W. Guish

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BOARD OF MISSIONS
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH
Nashville, Tennessee

July 7, 1936

Miss Rebecca W. Griest,
208 South Queen St.,
Lancaster, Penna.,

Dear Miss Griest:-

I received your letter of July 3,
and shall follow your instructions regarding the
candidate work for Ginling College.

Today Mr. Cassetty of the Trans-
portation Bureau called inquiring about a reservation
for Miss Rebecca Griest to be handled through his
office. We have no missionary by that name, and
since it was so very similar to yours, I wondered
if by any change it might be a reservation for some-
one going to Ginling. I shall be glad if you will
let me know as soon as possible so that I may notify
Mr. Cassetty.

Sincerely Yours,

Barbara Lewis,
Office Secretary.

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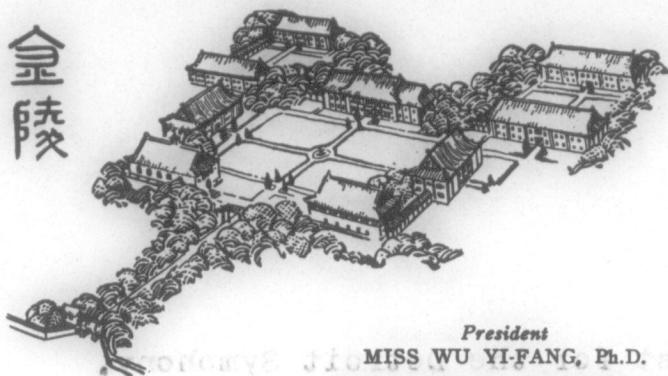
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Miss Florence G. Tyler,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

My dear Miss Tyler:-

Thank you so much for sending the cable. It was a great relief to know the College had this word, and I hope there will be no repercussions from the field.

Miss Shoup is sailing on S. S. President Jackson from Seattle on August 15th and is due in Shanghai on September 1st. I should have her signed contract to inclose in this letter for your file, but there has been a slip up somewhere. It will probably reach me in the morning. I know she has signed it. It may have been in the end sent direct to you. In that case I hope both of her contracts reached you and that you will forward the duplicate one to Miss Priest for the file she desires to keep on the field.

I am very much puzzled by the inclosed letter from Miss MacKinnon's secretary. My final "t" is often mistaken for an "h", but I have asked for no reservation personal or for Ginling through the Southern Methodists or anyone else. When I wrote to Mrs. Rhead, I asked her to let us know when she will sail. She answered, July 4th, "I have asked for a sailing on Empress of Canada, August 22nd, C. P. R. and have not learned as yet whether they were able to secure same for me. Will advise you of that later." She doesn't say how this Canadian Pacific reservation is being made, but if the Southern Methodists are doing it, it wouldn't be likely that my name would be attached to that for that must have been started before Mrs. Rhead received my letter of July 1st. If you have any explanation for this thing, Miss MacKinnon's secretary and I should be glad to have it.

If any hitches turn up in your office about Mrs. Rhead or Miss Shoup, could you have your secretary let me know, please? While it is Mrs. Sears job, yet she hasn't handled these two at all and I could possibly untangle whatever might arise more easily than she. I am so glad that she hasn't had to undertake finding new candidates this summer.

I glanced through the letters in Miss MacKinnon's folder, but failed to take in that Mrs. Rhead's departmental position was higher than an associate professorship. That is high enough to awe me. I noticed that she

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GINLING COLLEGE
Nanking, China

American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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April 10, 1937.

My dear Miss Tyler:-

This morning in the mail was
a beautifully hand written note
from Miss Jessie Meyer enclosing
her check for \$5000.00, full payment
of her pledge made last September!
I have written her today, and
have also written to Miss Hodge
asking her to write to her too.

This about clears up our earlier
pledges, - and it has occurred to
me that under the impetus
of this new payment, you might
like to do something in years
before the fiscal year close, or even

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before the annual meeting. - This is not a "dem". I am merely being carried on in the crest of today's wave. -

I am enclosing for you the pieces of South Collyer publicity which I got out for their committee. - Mrs. Menon gave her consent to the use of the picture and of parts of her speech. I have sent her a sample, which I trust she will not find too public a use of her name and enthusiasm.

Mrs. Cushman tells me that Mrs. Halbfors, the wife of the Admiral who invited Dr. Van to speak to the War Collyer in September is on her way to Cherie to visit Dr. Van! How drunk Dr. Van had her own house, suitably endowed as campuses, for such visits as this! - How will she entertain so distinguished a guest!

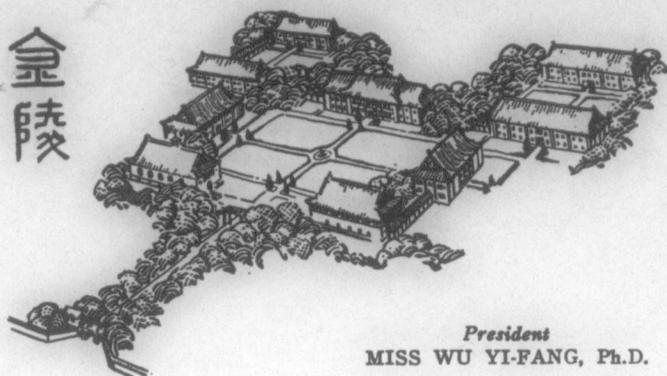
Rebecca W. Street - Should you like to have my board at breakfast on Monday? - Success yours -

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

My dear Miss Tyler:

I am returning to you your letter of April 24 in regard to Miss Graves. If she has served three years at Ginling, and I think she has, it does seem reasonable for us to pay her return travel and to give her furlough allowance granted to three-year people, and a study allowance, if she asks for the latter. Of course, all of this is presupposing that we are willing to accept her as a regular appointee. The field evidently so considers her and I personally should have no hesitation after reading Dr. Fairfield's letter. Could we accept her papers, which must be on file with the American Board, as our papers in such a case? Is it necessary to have a missionary who has been under regular appointment by a board fill out our papers for us? Of course we must have something for permanent record in our files.

I am very glad that you turned in the duplicate envelopes on invitations sent to Mrs. Louderbough. I took them to Mr. Cameron and he tells me they are Miss Brown's responsibility. She has checked in her card file and says there are not two cards in the file. After the weary hours that I have spent on the Ginling files this winter, I understand better than I did before how very difficult it is to have an accurate file, but I also know from long years of personal reaction the exasperation of receiving duplicate information from an organization.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca W. Griest

RG/EA

Miss Florence G. Tyler
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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Nanking, China

American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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Jan. 3, 1938.

My dear Mrs. Tyler:-

I am sick at heart at being here
and not in Toronto. The last time
you talked to me you spoke of "the
last straw" or "one string more".
The "one string more" showed up
in Miss Sharp's going to the hospital
on December 23rd. and she is still
there! - Also "not bellian" but
a very reliable maid upon whom
I had depended I found when
I got home on December 23rd
couldn't come because of a fatal

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automobile accident in her
household. - Christmas went
off well, but I don't think for
some time to come I'll be able
to push myself ^{hard} to anything. So
here I am - doing again the
Uranian part when I so want
the Uany and be in Toronto. That
is more than half my timber
anyway - I do much enjoy being
Uany - and allow myself to
be Uranian - driven by some sense
of duty against my desire. -

Well - this is a wall - and

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Nanking, China

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American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

it shouldn't be for my first New
Year letter.

I am enclosing Dr. Hsieh's last air
mail letter. It was on my desk
when I picked up my mail on
Friday afternoon. Isn't it a
gallant letter? She is magnificent.

May the Conference in Toronto have
vision - and faith - a faith as
great as our Chinese Christian leaders.

With love - and a happy
New Year to you -

Rebecca C. Guest

P.S. I am enclosing also Dr. Hsieh's prayer

^{Guilley}
made at Founder Day after fall in
Shanghai when bombs were falling
very close. The Chinese lines had just
broken at the time and the lines
had shifted to the area in which

^{meeting}
this was held.

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9/7/38 - acknowledged by R.W.G.

Chas, C.F. [17]

1. Have written Mr. Pappan
2. Will write Miss G.
3. Advise him to suggest

to her that she go to Y. M. C. A. -
ask for unbeaten be willing
to do

Miss Griest,
China Colleges,
150 5th Ave,
New York, N. Y.

anything that is offered.

195 Claremont Ave.,
New York, N. Y.,
Aug. 30, 1938.

I know who
Soochow
missionaries

Dear Miss Griest:

It was at all of my expectation that my girl friend and her mother, sister and brother had arrived at Shanghai from Hohsien on July 17, 1938. Of course they have experienced so many dangerous obstacles. Once upon a time she narrowly escaped a Japanese soldier's pursuit. They cut short their hairs and disguised as boys. They were guided by a people, a native near to Soochow, her native city. That gentleman went to Hohsien for business. She heard his voice which is similar to Soochow's, she then told him the truth and came together with him to Nanking, and lastly reached Shanghai. She is likely to be hurted in brain, in her second letter, only five days latter from the first one, she said she forgot what has said in the first one. However, they are living in Shanghai now. I beg your kindness that whenever you write your people of Gin Ling College and American Consulate telling them that they have already got to Shanghai. Thank you very much.

But, there is the second problem right now. They left their home more than a year ago, not only they have used up the money they brought before but also lost all the properties in the home of Soochow, clothes, utensiles and crops, etc., and even now they couldn't go back to Soochow. How could they maintaining the living in Shanghai? I cannot earn money here, instead I am subsidized by a committee; I cannot help them at this critical condition. But I should try my best to do something for them. The difficulty is that all the governmental organizations have removed from Shanghai to the inland. I had better, therefore, to come to ask you for the following two points:

1. Do you have some friends in the foreign institutions, such as the missionary schools and organizations, women's club, Y. W. C. A., etc., or any companies? She is a high school graduate and very intellectual. She can take the clerical work without any trouble, or teaching the Chinese in a primary school.

2. Do you know your missionaries in the Soochow area? I beg your introduction for her to them for the emergency that if they have to and could go back to Soochow and if something will happen in the future she may get some help from them.

In short, anything you can do for them will be greatly appreciated. Of course, I am very glad to see you at any time at your convenience, if you have no chance to be here please send the letters

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to me and I shall mail to her. Her name is Tao Mong Lang ((陶夢蘭)).

Excuse me for I giving you these troubles, I would never forget your charity.

Very sincerely yours,

C. F. Chao

C. F. Chao

100 South Queen Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 22, 1940

The English Department Committee
The Chinese University of Peking

At the meeting of the committee in January we had from you a request for two English teachers for the English department. This request was approved by the committee and we are asking for two English teachers. One of the teachers should be a native speaker of English and the other should be a native speaker of Chinese. The request for the second English teacher came early this month.

Since our meeting in January we had a letter from you. This will interest you as it shows the progress of the committee, for it was our judgment at that time that you should ask for two English teachers. The request for the second English teacher came early this month.

The English department needs in one of the teachers a native speaker of English who has had some responsibility for the administration of the department. The other teacher should be a native speaker of Chinese who has had some responsibility for the administration of the department. The request for the second English teacher came early this month.

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To the Members of the Personnel Committee
of the Ginling College Board of Founders.

At the time of our meeting in January we had from Doctor Wu a request for two music teachers and one English teacher to be appointed in 1940. In music Doctor Wu was asking for two definite people, Miss Rosa May Butler and Mrs. Mabel Rhead. Miss Butler, to our disappointment, was not released by the Southern Methodist Mission and must, therefore, return to McTyeire School in Shanghai. Mrs. Rhead has decided she cannot go this summer. Doctor Wu now knows of these decisions and is making adjustments in China for the music department for 1940-1941.

Since our meeting Doctor Wu has added to the English request. This will interest those who attended the January meeting of the committee, for it was our judgment at that time that she should ask for two English teachers. The request for the second English teacher came early this month.

The English department needs in one of the teachers someone who can assume responsibility for the administration of the department during Miss Kirk's absence on furlough in 1941-1942. Both teachers should be able to offer elective courses equivalent to college courses here, and to be willing and able to teach English as a foreign language course. In addition, the American members of the staff are expected to be people who can and will give themselves fully to the life of the college and to the needs of the students.

I am submitting, after a long period of examination, the papers of Alice Kurz Settlemyer. Her name was first presented to us by Mrs. Emory Ross who has known her for some years and for whom she has worked as an assistant in the Disciples House at Chautauqua, New York. You will see as you read the papers that another member of our Board, Mrs. Macmillan, has met her also, and was not favorably impressed by her. I am asking that you read these papers very thoughtfully and carefully. We have had four people, Mrs. Ross, Miss Corwin, Miss Coyle, Miss Catherine Sutherland (member of the Ginling faculty home on furlough) interview Miss Settlemyer recently for us. Their reports are all included.

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Will you kindly send me at your earliest convenience your reaction to Miss Settlemyer? If you are satisfied to vote on her, please do so. If you are not ready to vote, would you state, please, the type of information you would still like to have? Would you feel we should go to the expense of having her come to New York to a committee meeting before a decision is made? Is there anyone else whom you would like to have interview her before we come to a decision?

I have investigated several promising "leads" for a second candidate in English, but they have not developed satisfactorily. If you have anyone to suggest please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca W. Greest

Chairman of Personnel Committee

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
June 29, 1940

Miss Merab E. Mossman
Woman's College
University of North Carolina
Greensboro, North Carolina

My dear Merab:

I received yesterday a Clipper letter from Doctor Wu written on June 6, 1940. She says under the head of Sociology the following:

"I was very much disappointed when I got the cable that Miss Mossman could not come. Recently her own letter has come explaining that because of her family conditions especially the poor health of her mother it was impossible for her to consider going far away from America. I greatly appreciate your efforts in looking for some other person to fill this urgent vacancy in our Sociology department. As you have understood it, it is a desperate need not only for strengthening our own department but also for building up a training program for social workers. While I appealed to Miss Mossman, I knew there was little chance for her to come, but it was rather because she is the only one that can step in right without first taking the time to know Chinese conditions and special needs. It is, as Miss Mueller of Western has expressed to you, necessary for a new person to spend the first year in knowing the conditions. I would suggest for you to keep in touch with Miss Mueller. If she should find it possible to be away for two years, it would be a great help to us. As for the younger people, I am not sure whether this is the time when they will be able to give their best. This is because the present department head, Dr. Lung, works rather by himself and is not interested in developing the practical side of Sociology. From this you will understand why I even hesitated in inviting Louise Chang. I am now trying to secure a graduate from Yenching with a few year's experience in China before she went to the New York School of Social Work. She is now on her way to China so we shall not know definitely whether she is coming until July. If she comes and proves to be able to help younger members on the staff, we should be ready to invite some by the fall of 1941. I certainly shall keep you informed if this Miss Kao is coming or not.

"I am very much interested to hear of the brilliant young student in South Carolina and we must keep in touch with such fine candidates. But it seems to me that under the present circumstances we may not be able to get the best from her service. From this you will see that the only question I am raising is in regard to the best time for increasing our staff. However,

Miss William
Chapel Hill

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June 29, 1940

if by the time you receive this Clipper letter you have already secured a fine candidate who is ready to come out this summer, will you kindly cable me. I think we can arrange with Dr. Lewis Smythe to help the newcomer to understand the Chinese conditions."

Mrs. Macmillan phoned me this morning and she tells me that the Miss Kao whom Miss Wu mentions is now married. Her husband is working with Mr. Cressy and Mrs. Macmillan feels that Mrs. Woo, which is her married name, will not wish to leave Shanghai.

I shall not fail to push for appointment this summer, any really first-class person who might turn up, and I shall try to get in touch with Alice Bakeman, whose parents I knew in China (her father was a very able man intellectually and her mother was a delightful woman, Wellesley educated) but if no one who seems right for the job appears soon it seems to me that Miss Wu will have to cooperate with the University of Nanking in the use of the Miss Chen who has gone to the University after finishing her training in the department at the University of Chicago, and that we will have to search actively for a first-class appointment for the year 1941-42.

With these various China daughters of whom Miss Treudley speaks, one can see in spite of the dark and unhappy present of the Sociology Department at Ginling, a bright future in which social work training of leaders might really be done there ably. Of course, marriage will interfere with the careers of most of these girls.

Whatever else you have to urge upon me,,please feel free to do so. I have not as yet heard from Miss Ward or from the University of Southern California, but there has not been time. Miss Mueller, after expressing an interest earlier in the spring, made no reply to my letter asking her to go and that was written in may.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter from Miss Truedley.

Sincerely yours,

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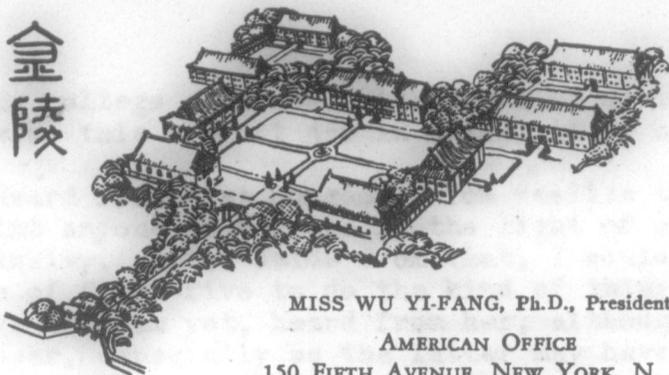
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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Room 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I was rather astonished today to get your letter asking for additional copies of the report of the Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution and By-laws and the report of the Committee on Personnel. I had asked you at the Board meeting to let me know within a week if you wanted extra copies for I had arranged for the woman who does the mimeographing here to hold the stencil that long. She does it in her home and does not have space for keeping stencils a great length of time. You evidently had forgotten this request and I assumed, since I hadn't heard from you that you didn't want me to make extra copies. Fortunately when I phoned her she still had the stencils and I shall be able to mail to you tomorrow afternoon or Friday morning at the latest the twenty copies of the Constitution Committee Report and the twelve copies of the Personnel Committee Report which you have asked for.

You realize that our Constitutions should be completely re-mimeographed incorporating the changes adopted at the Annual Meeting. We are constantly needing to refer to the Constitution and we should have some up-to-date copies on hand. My responsibility, as I understand it, ended with the acceptance of the report, unless I am asked to do something further. I should, think, however, that the office could manage this during the summer.

Sociology Candidates. I appreciate very much the trouble that you have gone to in going over to the New York School for Social Work. I am interested to know that this bureau is so new. I am wondering whether it is possible to get any direct contact with Doctor Lindeman of the New York School for Social Work itself. What we need to do is to build up an understanding of the opportunity offered in this position in China. It is well to have appointment bureaus aware of us and the opportunity, but I think we also need to have departmental heads equally aware of it. I felt some years ago that Mary Treudley did an especially good job in educating the Chicago department. It may be that Mereb has not been any less interested in her approach to this department but that the situation has so changed in the country that we just can't break through the case of demand and supply here. I do believe, however, that there must be in this country young women trained in social case work

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capable of teaching college students, with the kind of character and personality that could make this a great job in China, if we could only find them.

I have not heard from Miss Longdon. You realize that it would be very difficult to appoint anyone of her age in the light of our recent action in regard to Miss Walmsley. Quite aside from that, I would question the wisdom of sending someone of fifty-five to do the kind of thing that is needed now at Ginling. I have not, as yet, heard from her, although, of course, there is still time to hear, especially as the letter may have had to be forwarded from one address to another at this time of the year.

It seems to me that with the excellent woman, Miss Chen, whom the University of Nanking has secured and whom Miss Abbott in a letter to Mereb recommended most highly, that this is a point in which Ginling and the University of Nanking can do a real piece of cooperative work. I am not absolutely sure that Miss Chen's field is that of social case work, but if I recall Miss Abbott's letter, she indicated that Miss Chen, were she not already under appointment elsewhere, would be just the person for us. To be sure, what Doctor Wu wants at the moment is an American. As I understand it from Catharine, the department needs to be pulled together and the feeling is that an American could do this more easily than any new Chinese in the department, but I can't see that it would be an unsurmountable difficulty to work out cooperation between Ginling and Nanking University, using Miss Chen for 1941. Mereb has a student now doing graduate work whom she things would be well equipped academically and personally for the position. I am inclined at this date to write to Doctor Wu and say that we have combed the field here pretty thoroughly and that we hope that cooperation can be worked out with the University of Nanking for 1940-41 and that the young woman whom Mereb has in mind will be willing to go and fitted for appointment in the summer of 1941. I have written to Mereb telling her that I thought she ought to begin now to line up this young woman for 1941 and have asked Mereb whether she wished to initiate it with her or whether our Personnel Committee should do so. I have not as yet had an answer from that letter.

Of course, if the prediction of the German made in Rome at the end of May and published in the New York Post comes true we will have no difficulty next year in securing a sociology appointment. According to that, Hitler would invade the United States in October!

Music. You know from my telephone conversation, if not from a letter, that I wired Miss Rhodes, Miss MacKinnon, and Mrs. Rhead. Last evening I had the following telegram from Esther Rhodes: "I am considering going. Visiting brother tonight. Will write later. Signed Esther Rhodes."

This afternoon I had a telegram from Miss MacKinnon which reads: "Cannot secure satisfactory decision with speed situation demands. Therefore, cannot change Butler appointment. Signed Sallie Lou MacKinnon." In a letter which came from Mr. Evans this morning he spoke of a little talk which he had had with Doctor Ruland and I am very much interested to know that Mr. Ruland told Mr. Evans, without coaching on Mr. Evans's part, that his (Ruland's) opinion gained in Chengtu was that they greatly minimized the value of the work in Nanking and would make very little sacrifice to help it out. I presume Mr. Evans would not wish this to be quoted, but it strengthens very much my conviction that probably this is an issue on which we have a right to be firm. Of course, I know we have a right to be firm; I mean, probably, that we have a duty to be firm.

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I felt like telegraphing back to Miss MacKinnon, "How much time needed?" In some ways it seems much more reasonable, especially under the rapidly changing political conditions in the Far East, to send someone who has been on the field, to Chengtu, even though it means a considerable delay in their arriving there. On the other hand, if Esther Rhodes can give a clean bill of health and is willing to go and no fresh war situation (which seems at the moment to be only too likely) arises as it did in the summer of 1937, it may be better to send her and to continue to press for a transfer of Miss Butler.

I can see Mrs. Rhead being in a terrible stew over my letter. If I felt sure that Esther Rhodes really would go, I would send her word at once not to worry. She is so conscientious and so eager to help and her family is so determined that she shall not run this risk that each time the issue is raised with her it causes fresh upheaval. In addition to that, her summer school work has just started.

I think that we agreed over the telephone that Miss Peabody was academically not fitted to meet the music need in Chengtu. Had her war reconstruction work been in China, one would be much tempted to send her to Nanking for she would have, I think, even though her field has been music and not general education, much more of the idea that Minnie has had in regard to developing leadership among the group in Nanking than we would find in the average school teacher. But with our vote on Miss Walmsley, this too is out of the question, or, at least, so it seems to me.

I am sending information to Miss Tyber and Mr. Evans about these telegrams and I am returning the cable which you so kindly sent me. I am wondering if the cable was delivered at the office on Saturday.

Yung Hsiao-yun. I think I forgot to tell you that our friend Dean Milam had invited Miss Yung to have summer school work at Oregon State. When I saw Miss Yung she was not planning to go for another ten days because she was taking her inoculations. I impressed upon her the absolute necessity for sailing not later than the Coolidge on which Mr. Evans had gotten her reservation, and she seemed fully to understand the need of being in Chengtu on time. From Mr. Evans's letter I judge that she has already left for Oregon. Is the address of Oregon State, Corvallis?

P.S. Sociology. You spoke in a letter of the 21st of June of a 1936, Mount Holyoke graduate who had dropped in to see you in relation to history and sociology. You said that you would forward your memoranda, which has not come through. I should be interested to see it because I am wondering whether she is not possibly the same person whom I have heard of from China. Professor MacNair, of Chicago, wrote to Doctor Wu about her. I should be glad to have her name and any data which you have about her.

Miss Brehm. I was glad to receive on Tuesday Miss Brehm's letter and your answer of June 7 to her. I had expected to find her old and now understand what she meant in her letter to me by "the ten years of graduate work." You had inadvertently written "years" instead of "hours" in your letter to her and she referred to that, assuming that I had seen the material. I suppose that she is a member of the Reformed Church, which would possibly be advantageous to us, but she is not sufficiently prepared for any position except, possibly, English. Some time when I am over in Bucks County I'll try to drop in to see her.

June 26, 1940

Other Candidate Material. I think you said when I was in New York last week that you had several candidate letters. Will you please send them on promptly as I want to finish up the work and make a report early next week to Miss Tyler?

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca W. Ernest

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P. S. I do not feel that I know how to answer the problems on finance which you raised. I have read the letter and studied the Associated Boards' Executive Committee Report. I am appalled at the percentage of Ginling's share on Page 2 of Appendix B-2, in the light of the amount being allocated to Ginling of the total fund. But I have not given any thought to these matters for a long time and I have to re-study the whole thing. I just don't remember the system. I am surprised that you send out drafts of the Minutes to Miss Wu before they are finally drawn up. I recognize your sense of need for speed, but it hardly seems to me, until you are sure that the form is the form in which they will be sent to the Board, that they should go to the field. I should think, especially as we from time to time make some changes when you so generously share the Minutes with some of us before you send them to the Board, that it may be confusing to Miss Wu. I am a little distressed too that the field was sent information about the special gift for Miss Vautrin. Miss Priest will immediately feel that that should go through the regular routine of being counted in, which immediately puts it out of the classification in which I think Mr. Evans has placed it which makes it unnecessary for us to count it here as a part of our income this last year. I have not, however, been able to go into this with any thoroughness and do not feel ready to make any comments. It is primarily Mrs. McConnell's business. I dread being on this committee because I shall be a nuisance to them as soon as I re-digest these problems.

R. W. G.

P.S. I am not available by telephone on Thursday before evening. -

30 June 1940

Dear Rebecca:

It may help to clear certain points taken up in your letter of June 26.

The Frances Hartshorne whom I have as yet met only by telephone sounds delightful through that medium. She is Vassar, 1917, I believe, and lives in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, when she is at home. She called on Miss Mabel Uzzell (that is the correct spelling, and she lives at 235 E 22nd) one day last week, and I followed by telephone to assure her that both you and I were in touch with Ida Pruitt, and that I feared the suggestion of IP would not immediately solve the Sociology problem for Ginling. She herself sounds like Clém Juid in her China enthusiasm, - but with a difference, for Miss H. says that she spent most of her time during her three years in Peking with foreigners, and that she is not certain whether she is interested to explore a connection which would mean more association with Chinese! Whoopee and all that! She taught in the Nurses' Training School of the P.U.M.C. and in the Peking American School, - was in Peking as a tourist, liked it and stayed three years. But she took a routine physical examination there, and was found to have tuberculosis of a somewhat mild sort - has had it for years without any restriction in her professional work. But after this discovery, she came home and treated herself as an invalid, and after a year is just getting started again. So you can see that there does not seem to be much to build on in this person, but she did most certainly impress Miss Uzzell with her enthusiasm for China. She is the sort who says that she wants nothing more than to get back to China, that she would give her eye teeth to be sailing tomorrow, and that sort of thing. It would be interesting to meet her. She was to write to you if she was interested to have an interview. In New York she lives at 2 Patchin Place. If she were ready to go to Chengtu, she might be a gold mine of help, since she seems well trained in social case work and is also a trained physical director, especially in the dance, to which she is now giving most of her time, I believe, though I may be wrong in that. Perhaps she is doing social work through the dance! Perhaps one might find some one else through her enthusiasm.

We have had no candidate memoranda in the office recently except that of Miss Brehm. It was a misunderstanding that I gave you the impression that we had others. - - I would assume that you might be spared the task of making out a report for Miss Tyler at this time with any sense that you are turning over anything to anybody.

Your letter has a great deal of interesting record of candidate activity, but my comment cannot help. On most of these points you and I have had conversation face to face or by telephone.

You asked about the delivery time of the cable of June 22 from the field. The date-hour stamp on the back of the form was our only information of time of New York receipt - Saturday night, June 22, 9.42. If I had been in New York I should have been in touch with the 23rd Street Western Union, and might have succeeded in getting the message that night. Miss Ewing was not aware of the possibility of out-of-hours service, but will be in future.

Yours -

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July 17, 1940

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan,
Room No. 903,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Your letter of July 16th has just arrived. It did not, however, contain the air mail note from Chang Hwei-lan.

The cable which you have sent to China covers everything necessary and satisfies me. I think you are quite right to include the headship of the department.

I am wondering whether you feel it is necessary in the case of Miss Jacobs to send out her papers for approval. I shall be glad to see them but I do not think it the usual procedure for appointment in this case. The field, in other cases where a transfer of an American has transpired in China, has not found it necessary for us to approve that appointment. Since Miss Jacobs' appointment has been suggested from America, we should, I believe, confirm it at the next Executive Committee meeting and that Miss Hodge and Miss Tyler should be sent information about this appointment now. I do not think, in this case, it is necessary to circulate the papers for the Board's approval.

I have Mr. Evans' letter of July 16th telling me that Li Man-Kwei was in agreement about sailings. I wonder if he talked to her about the first semester problems. My idea is that she will sail on the Coolidge if she thinks it is safe to go to Hongkong when the Coolidge sails but that she wishes to have some time with her family and some time to prepare courses and wants therefore to reach Ginling College at the end of the first semester.

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

She has asked me definitely to send word to Dr. Wu asking her to secure a substitute paying the substitute her salary *for the first semester*

I think that some answer should go to Miss Wu to the letter dated June 14th, written to me which I sent to you and Mr. Evans last Monday. Since this is a matter now in the hands of the Executive Committee I feel it would be best for you to answer that letter officially. By you, I mean either you or Mr. Evans or you and Mr. Evans since Miss Hodge is out of the office for the summer. I shall be glad to answer that letter also but I do not think that my answer would have the official force that an answer from the Board would have. I am sending this in duplicate to you and Mr. Evans.

I hope that your dinner party ^{with} the girls went off very happily. I am sorry that ^{Li} could not be with you through the whole thing as these people who have been in America throughout this whole China war ~~might~~ know that people can live and work in China and yet I do not see how they can unless they get it from people who have done so.

I am glad En-Lan is going with you and I hope you will have a very happy time.

→ I am enclosing the U. C. M. S. news letter containing the comment on Miss Vautrin. You may keep this.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca Guest

→ This should be

helpful in writing

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The measure was in Mrs. Macmillan's letter

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Copy for Mrs. Macmillan and Mr. Evans

Candidate
208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
July 19, 1940

My dear Dr. Wu:

I had planned to write you on July 7 in time for the Clipper of the 8th, but early on the morning of the 7th my brother died from a sudden heart attack, so that not only that week but also last, I got no letter to you. Mrs. Macmillan has, however, written and I imagine she has covered all of the important points. I am writing now to summarize what I know about the candidate situation.

SOCIOLOGY. We are making some progress but there is no one in sight for this summer. Alice Bakeman, whose parents were at the University of ^{Shanghai} ~~China~~ and who were as I remember them very able people, seems a real possibility. She graduated from Wellesley in 1931, majoring in sociology. She took her social work specialization at Western Reserve. She has been actively engaged in social case work ever since then and with positions of some responsibility. Her recommendations are very good. But she is now in Hawaii, and both Wellesley and I have written to her telling her of this position. She has not taught but with the kind of family background that she has and with her training and her quality of recommendations, I should believe that she would be a ideal person for this position if she available. You remember that Mereb had not taught before she came to Ginling. There has not yet been time to hear from Miss Bakeman. If she answers favorably and is free to go this summer, it would seem to me wise to send her. If she is not free to go this summer, then we have no one else in sight who is available. Miss Treudley has also made some other suggestions among them Marian Hayes, also the daughter of China people. Her father is, I think, Egbert Hayes. She too is Wellesley, majoring in sociology and is now preparing for social work at the University of Chicago. She will not be ready to go before next summer. She says, "I feel that there would be a tremendous challenge in doing such work in West China at this time, and I should like to think more seriously of entering this field provided I could really be of service to China and the Chinese. The girl whom Mereb has in mind she now feels may not be able to go because of the need of her family to have her help in their support here. I think, we are beginning to secure an interest in this position, and if we go on cultivating the various groups here who know the social work field, we surely will be able to find some one by next summer. Miss Chen has been suggested over and over again. She has finished, as you know, her work at the University of Chicago after some years of graduate study and is, we understand, under appointment to the University of Nanking. Mereb, Miss Abbott, Miss Hayes, and I think some others all raise the question as to why we cannot cooperate with her for 1940-41. Mereb also feels, I think, that Louis Smythe could be useful to us. Would it be possible for some such cooperation to be worked out in the field of social case work for 1940-41? It seems from this and the most suitable and possible answer to the problem.

LI MAN KUEI has written asking that you find a substitute for her for the first semester, paying the substitute Miss Li's salary or some portion of it. She does not expect a salary herself if she is not on the campus. Her reasons for this are: (1) She expects the Coolidge to be too late in arriving at Hong Kong to make it possible to reach Chengtu in time for the opening of college. (2) She feels she must see her family for at least a visit before she goes to Chengtu. (3) She would like a little time for preparation of courses. These are her reasons. My own belief is that she along with most of the rest of us has been thoroughly frightened by the recent activity at Hong Kong. She feels she would be a marked person because of her editorial work here, and my hunch is that if the situation continues she will not sail at all on the Coolidge. I have written to her assuming that she will go on the Coolidge, and the Coolidge is still scheduled to leave on August 9. Mr. Evans talked with her this week and he believes she will still go on the Coolidge. Mrs. Macmillan planned a dinner party Wednesday night to which she invited En-lan, Yu-dji, Dr. Li Tien-lu, and Miss Li and Miss Yung. Part of the idea was to strengthen the backbone of these two new appointees. Unfortunately, Miss Yung was out of town and couldn't be there. Miss Li could only come in for part of the evening after dinner was over. I suppose that she is still working at the library. So I am afraid this little plan was not very effective. I hope that you will meet Miss Li in Hong Kong with letters urging your point of view, and I hope that she will go straight to West China, but I think you better be prepared for the possibility that neither girl will arrive on time and that you may be short of both Miss Li and Miss Yung for the first semester. These girls, whose families have lived in Hong Kong and who have not themselves experienced living under war conditions, find their nervous systems pretty difficult to manage.

DJANG HWELI LAN. Because of the difficulties of my situation here, Mrs. Macmillan and Mr. Evans have carried on the correspondence with Miss Djang. I wired her and discovered that she was now in Minneapolis. I also learned quite accidentally when I was in New York on July 2 about Miss Jacobs. I had to leave immediately for the train but asked Mr. Evans to tell Mrs. Macmillan the facts and telephoned back from the station asking Mrs. Macmillan to cooperate with Mr. Evans in sending you babled information. I understand that New York has now heard from Miss Djang that she is not ready to leave America this summer. She wrote me that she is interested in the biological aspects of physical education. I sent her letter on to New York but, I think, I am quoting it correctly, although it sounds strange. You will have by this time the cable

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from New York telling you that she is not ready to return. They believe Miss Jacobs fully qualified. I have not seen Miss Jacobs' papers but have told Mrs. Macmillan of my procedure in relation to checkups on general and sometimes over-enthusiastic statements. I have been assured from New York that her qualifications are satisfactory. It seems reasonable that this transfer should be made for a two year term. Mr. Evans' idea is that Yenching should bear the travel expenses both ways while we pay the salary for two years and presumably transportation to Chengtu.

MUSIC. I went to New York on July 2 to have with Mrs. Macmillan and Mr. Evans a conference with Esther Rhodes. It was just at the time that our papers were full of the Hong Kong situation. She had made her decision previous to this to go to Ginling for a three year term, but when this new situation arose in China her brother desired her to face the whole problem frankly with us both because of her possible safety and ability to function in China if she goes and also because of the situation in which he would be involved here if we should be further involved in the world situation. We, of course, could give her no promises as far as the international situation is concerned. We did not press her. It was evident that she was torn in her own mind between a desire to go and a grave question as to the wisdom of it. I finally suggested that she go for one year. She brightened up very much at this and said that she thought it would clear the situation for her and her family. We made it plain that the one year proposition would be only because of the present crisis and that she would be expected to transfer to a three year term if that crisis did not prevent her teaching at Ginling, and also if we here are not involved in such way that her brother can no longer support her mother. She is, however, not required to make this transfer. It is our understanding that she will do so under any reasonable conditions. We sent word both to Miss Hodge and to Miss Tyler of this proposal. I have not heard anything from Miss Tyler but I had at once a letter from Miss Hodge agreeing to it, and she feels that it was the only solution. Both of these women are now away on vacation. We felt that since you had authorized travel both ways for Miss Walmesley, that Miss Rhodes' travel was cared for except for that in China. We also felt that since you were prepared for a second music teacher in the form either of Miss Butler or Mrs. Rhead that the salary was within the budget. I hope that whatever may be the attitude in Chengtu towards what you feel is a very drastic handling of this situation, both as to the music and as to Nanking, that it will not react in any way in the attitude towards Miss Rhodes. She is a capable person and one who should fit in to many situations in the college. But, like all of us, she will react to the atmosphere with which she is received personally by the group.

NANKING. Since the decision about Nanking was made by a full Board meeting as we could gather together late in June, it is Mrs. Macmillan's official duty rather than mine to write of this. We understood, although we had not yet had your letter of June 14, that Chengtu believes that the sacrifices should be made by Nanking. This was discussed somewhat in this meeting. Some of the people who have been in China recently are also quite clear in that point of view, although they do not accept it as does Chengtu. I have, of course, realized it both from the letters from West China and also from the letters from Nanking, and I know that there is no criticism on the field of this point of view. There is, however, a big question here as to the rightness of this attitude in relation to the constructive building of morale which has been done on the Ginling campus. I think this is the first time in your administration that the Board has taken any position contrary to your point of view and to your wish. I believe, however, on this particular problem as it relates to next year, the Board is united in its opinion. I think that they honestly feel that our prospective here on this particular problem is better than the prospective either in Nanking or in Chengtu. The decision, therefore, still stands that Catherine is to go to Nanking in 1940-41, and that Esther Rhodes will be music substitute in Chengtu. I have sent your letter of June 14 on to New York and I hope very much that Mrs. Macmillan will answer it before she leaves for her vacation which begins today. This attitude here is not because of lack of sympathy for the most courageous struggle that is being made in Chengtu to give during a war a high grade academic training. It is, however, difficult for us to see why a very small number of music majors should be put ahead of a very large group of girls in Nanking who are being given the only chance that the whole area offers for building character and morale that will make it possible for them to continue sturdy Chinese citizens. Of course, this issue has come to a head with Miss Vautrin's break. We feel rightly or wrongly that more understanding of the contribution which was being made not only to these individual girls but to China's good by the work that she did might have avoided this break. We, of course, do not approve of the plan which she made for Blanche and the other girl for study in J. But we recognize her desperateness in trying to find almost alone some way out of her difficulty. We believe that an exchange of Western staff between the two centers is desirable. I know that this will be upsetting to Miss Priest, to Ruth, and to you. What I am writing, we feel in all sincerity and we believe just as fully in the sincerity of Chengtu, but on this issue we believe Chengtu is mistaken.

SAILINGS. Alice Settlemyer sailed on the Empress of Russia from Vancouver on July 13. I wrote you on June 30 that she was going alone. If it is impossible for her to go through to Hong Kong, she will stop in Shanghai, going to a friend of her mother's. The friend's name is Mrs. G. H. Malone, 93 Jessfield Road, Shanghai. I wrote to Mr. Paul asking him to send her a letter of introduction to Mr. Marx with Mr. Marx's address. I have heard nothing from Mr. Paul and assume that he was away and did not receive this letter in time. Mr. Evans has also given her

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instructions if she has to stop in Shanghai. I had a card from her from Vancouver written on the practical matter of soap and coffee which she had taken with her for your use in Chengtu. She sounds like a most sensible, a very well-balanced person. On the Coolidge leaving San Francisco August 9 are scheduled to sail Catherine, Esther Rhodes, Liu En-lan, Miss Yung, Li Man Kuei, and Matthew Yang.

Letters arrived yesterday from Eva Spicer and Dr. Reeves. The latter was dated June 14. I stayed up last night until 2 o'clock to hear the President's acceptance speech. The speech has little similiarity to the platform which they adopted. Among other things, it indicates that we are going to proceed with a draft. With the hope that the present situation is one that is not going to be too serious in the Far East and that all of these people can reach you safely and can function in the coming year I am

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca W. Guest

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208 So. Queen Street,
Lancaster, Pa.
August 19, 1940.

My dear Miss Hodge, Mrs. Macmillan, Miss Tyler and Mr. Evans,

On Sunday morning, August 11th, while I was visiting Frederica Hiltner at Plainfield, I received a large bundle of mail forwarded from Lancaster. It contained a Clipper letter from Dr. Wu in which she inclosed a letter for Catherine Sutherland. Miss Wu's letter to me dealt mainly with the physical education problem and Miss Jacobs. She also inclosed a handwritten sheet in which she said: "I am much surprised to see Rhodes name among the sailings on the Coolidge (this refers to a cable sent her listing the Coolidge sailings for Ginling) I'll be waiting anxiously for full information in your next Clipper. As I wrote to Catherine, we would of course welcome her to Ginling but hope it does not mean taking Catherine's place." Dated July 17. Miss Wu's letter to Miss Sutherland I could not forward as she had already sailed and I took the liberty of reading it and am quoting it here. It also is dated July 17. "I have just received the cable from New York giving the list of sailings on the President Coolidge..... This means that you have changed your from the Empress of Russia to this later beat and I am very glad for the group that they will have you travelling with them. The name of Rhodes is a complete surprise. I suppose that our New York Committee approached her when they heard of the large number of majors in the music department. We, of course would welcome her if it does not mean to take your place and that you are going to Nanking. I realize keenly the pull on you from these two places. and since no other person seemed to be suitable for Nanking our Catherine would be perfect and offer herself. However, as I made it clear in my letters, I would feel strongly that for the good of the department, you should be in Chengtu. Well, I shall wait patiently for formal information through Clipper letters. In the meantime I wish to tell you about the condition here as I know it. Wen Yuen-kwen is definitely out of the question. She is going with her husband to Hunan. Chang Kuei-chi's engagement was broken last winter and her uncle, D.Y. Lin, wanted her to make a change. He had in mind to find a position for her in Chungking and to find another man. Kuei-chi told me she had lost confidence in her own musical ability and she would hesitate to take a position in Chungking among graduates of the National Conservatory of music in Shanghai. I invited her to join our staff so that while she helps Mrs. Kwan in giving voice training to beginners, she will be able to receive training from her. Even that she hesitated to do and she told me that she would write to me definitely after she had considered the matter with her sister in Chungking. Most likely she will come to Ginling. After I wrote you I started several times to write to Shen Dsu-ying but one thing after another kept me from doing so. This means then that no word of invitation has ever gone from Ginling to Shen Dsu-ying. If now, in addition to yourself, Miss Rhodes is coming to give full time to teaching piano, Matthew to give part time, and Chang Kuei-chi full time we shall not need Shen Dsu-ying (the girl who was in New York 1938-39 studying music under the Episcopal Board) and I am glad I did not write to her. In spite of war conditions in China and Europe, the institutions on the campus in Chengtu plan to carry on as usual this next

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next school year. I hope you and the group will have a very pleasant journey across the Pacific. I will surely have a letter waiting for you in Shanghai giving you more information about travel to Chengtu.

My mail at Plainfield contained several problems that Mr. Evans and I had been handling together so I telephoned him especially about Miss Jacobs and about Miss Spicer's query as to whether she could see Miss Vautrin. We agreed over the telephone that a cable should be sent to Dr. Wu about Miss Jacobs and worked on the wording. After I hung up it occurred to me that we should say something in the cable about Sutherland and Rhodes. I sent on that evening, the 11th, from Plainfield the following cable;

LETTERS JULY TWENTIETH RECEIVED TODAY. BOARD VOTED SUTHERLAND NANKING RHODES CHENG TU. STOP. JACOBS COOPERATIVE YENCHING DEPARTMENT OVERSTAFFED QUALIFIED TEACHER HEADSHIP UNNECESSARY. GRIEST.

I reported this cable and the reasons for it to Miss Tyler by telephone in New York on Monday morning the 12th. I have not however found time until today to "hunt and peck" it to all of you until now.

On Saturday morning Mrs. Macmillan's secretary sent me word that the cable which you all know about had come reading "NEW DEVELOPMENT CABLING SUTHERLAND URGING CHENG TU"

While I have been typing this this evening Mrs. Macmillan telephoned to relay Miss Tyler's opinion and her own on this problem. Mr. Evans has also written special delivery. As I understand the various statements we all agree that the Board's decision of last June should be again reiterated. I suggested to Mrs. Macmillan a possible cable wording if Miss Tyler and Mr. Evans approved, but I did not write it down and in the stress of the typing I have forgotten just what I did say! The word "URGING" in Miss Wu's last cable makes me believe that she still thinks that this is Catherine E's idea rather than ours. To be sure Catherine did offer herself agree to this plan and even last fall when she came home was believing this was what she was to do this year, but Catherine did not offer herself to Nanking, as Dr. Wu appears to think. Would it not be well to emphasize that this is the Board plan to which Catherine agreed.

I have just looked back at the first cable from New York on this matter. It was sent after the meeting on June 19 and read. "GINLING BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TODAY IMPRACTICABLE APPOINT WALMSLEY ONE YEAR. TOO OLD APPOINT PERMANENTLY. REQUEST SUTHERLAND NANKING. AUTHORIZE MUSIC SUBSTITUTE CHENG TU" This wording was the joint production of Miss Hodge, Mrs. Macmillan and I. We were evidently too polite in the use of the word "request". I until I checked this had forgotten that we put it so mildly.

Should we now say something to this effect? Board stands by vote of June that Sutherland proposed Nanking I believe it would be well to have Miss Hodge sign whatever cable is sent so that they will know that it isn't just my notion or Mrs. Macmillan's.

Mrs. Macmillan raised with me tonight the need of our also cabling Miss Sutherland since Dr. Wu is cabling her. Should we do this? If so should we wait for a reply to this next cable of ours or should we ask in our cable to Dr. Wu that she confirm with Miss Sutherland the decision to proceed to Nanking. I don't like that too well. It sounds too bossy, but if Miss Sutherland hears from Dr. Wu in Honolulu or Shanghai that she is to go to Chengtu it is going to be pretty confusing for her.

Also in our cable to Dr. Wu should we ask for information concerning new developments and simply say pending that our June vote still stands?

I should add that Cora Deng and Liu En-lan both feel that some interchange of foreign staff between Chengtu and Nanking would be well--a source of strength to both groups.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca Guest

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Macmillan

208 So. Queen Street,
Lancaster, Pa.
August 20, 1940.

My dear Miss Hodge, Mrs. Macmillan, Miss Tyler, Mr. Evans,

For the sake of clarity in my own mind I have re-read what I have written to Miss Wu about the Walmsley, Sutherland, Rhodes situation, and it may be well for you to see it also. The meeting in June was an executive committee meeting so that it was not my business to send to Dr. Wu the report of it, but insofar as it involved personnel I had to write somewhat of it. I trust something more definite than what I have appeared to write went from the office to her. I find I told her various things connected with these problems in letters of June 22, June 30 July 19. The first two letters she received on July 20 just as she was closing the Clipper letter which she mailed me on that date. She hurriedly added on the margin of her letter that they had just arrived.

In the June 22 letter I summarized the Board's attitude in relation to Miss Walmsley. Of Catherine I wrote: "The Board felt in the light of their knowledge of Miss Sutherland, that she could fit into the situation in Nanking and that possibly this was a point at which Chengtu should yield to Nanking. They did not again suggest Miss Butler. There is uncertainty here about your feeling for Miss Butler. They did however recognize that a music teacher must be sent to Chengtu.

I then spoke further of Miss Butler's ability and told her of the girl whom Miss Tyler had mentioned at the meeting and of Miss Yung's sister, and added the text of the cable which we sent after the meeting and which I quoted in my letter last night to all of you.

In the June 30 letter I said "Miss Rhodes, appointed to the music department in 1937, has now a clean bill of health she says from her doctor, is willing to go but her brother insists that she understand the risks involved. We are to have a conference with her on Tuesday. If Miss Rhodes comes the decision still is here that she shall go to Chengtu and Catherine to Nanking.

In the July 19 letter I explained how we had come to give Miss Rhodes a one year contract and why we believed in the light of other askings from the field, such as Miss Walmsley and Mrs. Rhead, that the field was prepared to pay passage since they had approved it for these other two who are not going. I also wrote "I hope that whatever may be the attitude in Chengtu towards what you feel is a very drastic handling of this situation, both as to the music and as to Nanking, that it will not react in any way in the attitude towards Miss Rhodes. She is a capable person and one who should fit in to many situations in the college. But like all of us she will react to the atmosphere with which she is received personally by the group.

Since the decision about Nanking was made by as full a Board meeting as we could gather together late in June, it is Mrs. Macmillan's official duty rather than mine to write of this. We understood although we had not yet had your letter of June 14 that Chengtu believes that the sacrifices should be made by Nanking. This was discussed somewhat in this meeting. Some of the people who have been in China recently are also quite clear in this point of view, although they do not accept it as does C Chengtu. I have of course realized it both from the letters from West China and also from the letters from Nanking, and I know that there is no criticism on the field of this point of view. There is, however, a big question here as to the rightness of this

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of this attitude in relation to the constructive building of morale which has been done on the Ginling campus. I think this is the first time in your administration that the Board has taken any position contrary to your point of view and to your wish. I believe, however, on this particular problem as it relates to next year the Board is united in its opinion. I think they honestly feel that our perspective here on this particular problem is better than the perspective either in Nanking or in Chengtu. The decision therefore still stands that Catherine is to go to Nanking in 1940-1941 and that Esther Rhodes will be music substitute in Chengtu. I have sent your letter of June 14 to New York and hope very much that Mrs. Macmillan will answer it before she leaves on her vacation which begins today. This attitude here is not because of lack of sympathy for the most courageous struggle that is being made in Chengtu to give during war a high grade academic training. It is, however, difficult for us to see why a small number of music majors should be put ahead of a very large group of girls in Nanking who are being given the only chance that the whole area affords for building character and morale that will make it possible for them to continue sturdy Chinese citizens.

We believe that an exchange of Western staff between the two centers is desirable. I know that this will be upsetting to Miss Priest, to Ruth, to you. What I am writing we feel in all sincerity and we believe just as fully in the sincerity of Chengtu, but on this issue we believe that Chengtu is mistaken."

Miss Wu and Miss Chester sent me a joint cable of sympathy on August 12th so unless Mrs. Macmillan had written earlier than this letter of mine of the 19th of my brother's death I am assuming that my letter of the 19th was received in Chengtu about August 12. I told Miss Wu why I had not been able to write between the 30th of June and the 19th.

These quotations will tell you what she has had from me of our attitudes here.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca W. Guest.

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208 So. Queen Street,
Lancaster, Pa.
August 21, 1940.

My dear Miss Tyler,

I read your letter with interest this morning and let it simmer for a while. Then Mrs. Macmillan's wire arrived reporting Miss Hodge's wire. I then after a bit more simmering telephoned Mrs. Macmillan and suggested a cable which might read something like this:

BOARD STILL DESIRES SUTHERLAND NANKING. WILL GLADLY CONSIDER ANY NEW INFORMATION CONCERNING CHENG TU NEEDS. MEANWHILE DEPLORE CHENG TU CABLING SUTHERLAND SINCE SHE IS PROCEEDING AT BOARD'S REQUEST. HODGE.

Your suggestion that Miss Sutherland go to Nanking "for a sufficient period of time to really understand the situation there" I have in my "simmering" today ^{revised} to one semester. If she goes to Nanking at all she will be too late to begin the semester at Chengtu. An academic unit of work must include so many weeks and days of work in order to receive credit. It won't be very helpful to the work at Chengtu if she arrives a month or even two weeks late. The boat is already behind schedule and the only way the Chengtu group can now get in in time is to go straight through to Hong Kong and to fly in from there. So either she should go straight through to Chengtu abandoning Nanking entirely or go to Nanking with the possible compromise that she will go to ~~Shanghai~~ in time for the second semester. This latter would mean that Chengtu must busy itself and so must we in finding some suitable substitute for Nanking in the second semester.

Harriet Whitmer I am told is not well. She does a beautiful job with the flower gardens, with the flower arrangements, with teaching about the flowers but that since her operation she is forgetful, repeats herself, and no longer holds the attention of her classes in part because of this habit of repetition. Since I have heard this I have wondered whether it is really wise for her to stay through her term. She returned in the summer of 1937, and is a W.F.M.S. appointee. Did you get any impression of this difficulty when you saw her. We certainly do not want another breakdown like Minnie's.

Liu En-lan whom you mentioned in your letter goes to Chengtu for the college department of geography. She would not be available for consultation in Nanking.

Mrs. Thurston has written that Catherine will not do in Nanking, but Minnie told me in Iowa (and she seemed perfectly normal that day) that Catherine was her first choice for the work in Nanking. Mrs. Thurston's opposition may be in part her desire to have Miss Walmsley and it also may be due to the fact that Catherine has the qualities which Mrs. Thurston does not have and therefore possibly does not recognize as necessary to the situation in Nanking.

Yours sincerely,

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208 So. Queen Street,
Lancaster, Pa.
August 21, 1940.

My dear Miss Tyler,

I have been hoping for two weeks to get off to you some sort of a report of my Personnel Committee activities as a sort of a final report, but I had too many or too few ideas about organizing it. So I am sending it now in the terms of the folders in which I have it filed. Will you let me know what you think should be done with this correspondence. I'll only too gladly ship all of it or any part of it to New York to you that you want or will find helpful.

- Folder #1. Correspondence about Miss Settemyer. (A very fat one)
- " #2. " with other teachers enroute to China.
Miss Man-kuei Li.....English.
" Esther Rhodes.....Music.
" Catherine Sutherland...Music.
" Hsiao-yun Yung.....Home Economics.
- " #3. " with Alumnae studying abroad. (Mrs. Macmillan carries most of this)
Miss En-lan Liu. Geography.
" Hwei-lan Ong. Sociology.
" Mao-I Wu. Chemistry.
" Suen-I Wu. Sociology.
Mrs. Lucy Yeh. Music.
- " #4. " with very special Ginling Candidates.
Miss Rosa May Butler.....Music.
Mrs. Mabel Rhead.....Music.
Miss Evelyn Walmsley.....Nanking.
- " #5. " with Candidates in general.
English: 9.
Biology: 1.
Music : 3.
Philosophy: 2.
Sociology: 10.
- " #6. " with : Mission Boards.
College Appointment Bureaus.
Sociology Departments.
Ex-Faculty on the sociology problem.
- " #7 " with : Mr. Evans.
Miss Hodge.
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Dr. Wu.

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The unfinished tasks are: 1. The sociology problem. I have worked hard on it and there is nothing harder at the moment than to find the properly equipped American for the phase of the work that is needed at Ginling. It has been dropped for this summer unless we should hear favorably from Miss Alice Bakeman to whom I wrote a month or more ago in Honolulu. She was born in China where her father was on the staff at the Shanghai Baptist College. Her mother is a Wellesley woman as is the daughter. The daughter majored in sociology and did her professional preparation in the field of social work at Western Reserve. She has had several years of practical experience in that field and recently in Honolulu. The Wellesley appointment bureau recommended her as did Miss Treadley. She has had no teaching experience but if she is interested in a teaching position with her training and her practical experience we believe she will be a real find for Ginling.

2. Mrs. Rhead for the Music department. This should be taken up again with Dr Wu this fall and with Mrs. Rhead about early January.

I hope you are not going to have many problems this coming year. Problems seem to have an affinity, or an allergy possibly I should say, for me, so with my retirement from responsibility I am hopeful that it will be an easy year.

Of course I should have added to the "unfinished tasks" a. The "Battle of Nanking vs Chengtu" i.e. Catherine Sutherland's place of service for 1940-41. b. The appointment or rejection of Miss Jacobs to the Physical Education department at Chengtu about which Mr. Evans and Mrs. Macmillan know the facts. c. Further plans for Miss Vautrin.

With best wishes to you for a successful and a peaceful year and the hope that Mr. Evans and I have done a proxy job satisfactory to you since July 1st (Mr. Evans has been a long suffering saint and should have a special vote of thanks from the Board and the field) I am,

Sincerely yours,

R. U. S.

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York N. Y.

21 August 1940

Dear Miss Hodge, Miss Griest, Miss Tyler, and Mr. Evans:

We are glad to think that the gentleman addressed above has finally left the vicinity of Greater New York for a holiday. This memorandum will pursue him to the fastnesses of mid-New York State!

This morning, on receipt of a letter and a wire from Miss Hodge, I talked with Miss Tyler, and despatched the following wire to Miss Griest:

HODGE WRITES WIRES APPROVAL USING HER SIGNATURE CABLE
INSISTING SUTHERLAND NANKING ASSUMING NOTHING SERIOUSLY
CRITICAL NEW DEVELOPMENTS STOP HAVE TALKED WITH TYLER
STOP WILL YOU CONFIRM OR CHANGE PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED
WORDING CABLE STOP BELIEVE WE SHOULD CABLE SUTHERLAND
SHANGHAI SAYING WE HAVE TODAY CABLED WUYIFANG CHENGTU
AS FOLLOWS

E.B.A. Macmillan

In the early afternoon Miss Griest called us by telephone, and suggested the wording of cables to the field and to the Associated Mission Treasurers, asking that I check again with Miss Tyler. The messages given below are as given by Miss Griest, except for a slight change in the wording of the second phrase of the Wu Yi-fang message, which was suggested by Miss Tyler.

WUYIFANG GINLING CHENGTU
BOARD STILL DESIRES SUTHERLAND NANKING MINDS OPEN CONSIDER
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CHENGTU NEEDS MEANWHILE DEPLORE CHENGTU
CABLING SUTHERLAND SINCE SHE IS PROCEEDING AT BOARDS REQUEST
CABLING SUTHERLAND BOARDS DECISION UNCHANGED WARD AUTHORIZES
PRIEST ARRANGE GINLING USE PIANO HODGE

TREASURERS SHANGHAI
DELIVER TO CATHARINE SUTHERLAND ON PRESIDENT COOLIDGE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE BOARD STILL WISHES YOU PROCEED NANKING HODGE

The reference to a piano is a reply this morning authorized by Bishop and Mrs. Ward to a question received just now from Wu Yi-fang. We were sure Miss Hodge would not mind taking a piano under her wing, along with less material concerns, and Miss Griest approved.

In view of the attitude toward this problem expressed in President Wu's message to me of July 20th - "As to where Catharine should go in September under the present circumstances, I am not at all clear" - and in view of our knowledge that President Wu expected to spend August on Mt. Omei, we believe the cable received here last Saturday may have been sent without her knowledge.

Because the Coolidge is due in Shanghai on Friday of this week, we could not await a reply from Chengtu before cabling Miss Sutherland in Shanghai. Miss Hodge's letter of this morning mentions a consideration we have all had in mind, namely, that Miss Sutherland's uncertainty would be serious if she were to find in Shanghai the cable from Chengtu and nothing from the Founders.

Miss Spicer is to arrive in New York early to-morrow, Thursday, afternoon and will have dinner with a small group of friends at the Parkside that evening.

Sincerely yours,

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Miss Rebecca Walton Griest
208 South Queen Street
Lancaster Pennsylvania

Name (maiden or married) by which you were known at Ginling Rebecca Walton Griest

1919-1927 at Ginling. Work: 1919-1922: English & history
1924-1927: History.

B.A. or B.S. Year 1912 School Wellesley College, B. H.

M.A. or M.S. Year 1923 School Columbia University, Graduate School, M.A. in history

~~Ph.D.~~ Year — School Graduate Study, Columbia, 1922-24; 1927-28.

Other degrees Year _____ School _____

Year _____ School _____

Date of Marriage _____ Husband's name _____

Work and Travel (other than at Ginling)

Year(s) _____ Position _____
Place _____

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

*Miss Lauchs taught me course for
the Review in summer 1919-20, and
I taught English at Hwei Wei for her as*

Signed: Rebecca W. Griest

December, 1940

that she could do it. And therefore

a member of the Hwei Wei staff?

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
December 21, 1941

My dear Mrs. Foster:

As I reread your letter of December 1st, I find I don't remember too well the "Extracts from a letter from Mrs. Thurston" which I sent you. I don't recall that I have a copy, so if - or when - it is convenient to return the copy I sent - or some other copy - I should be glad to have it.

You may be interested in the following Ginling items:

1. Catherine Sutherland's father passed away last Sunday. He died in his sleep - a beautiful way to go - but hard for Mrs. Sutherland. They live at 445 Baker Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri.
2. The Chinese Christian Student for Nov.-Dec. reports two marriages at Chicago:
 - (a) Miss Hwei-lan Ong to Mr. Paul Siu.
 - (b) Miss Gioh Fang Chu (Dju) to Dr. Tsu-Sheng Ma.

I was grateful for the news which Mr. Evans sent out this week about those in Nanking. It was also interesting that the message was dated at Nanking.

I hope you and your husband may abandon yourselves to Christmas happiness this year, and may we all face the New Year "with the joy of fearless hearts".

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Rebecca W. Griest

P.S. I wonder if the Ginling office has the names of the following alumnae or former students now in this country.

1. Mrs. S. M. Chu (nee Grace Zia)
5500 Edgemoor Lane
Bethesda, Maryland
Mrs. Chu entered Ginling in the class of 1924; transferred to Wellesley and took her B.A. there in 1924. She stayed at Wellesley another year and received her Certificate in Physical Education in 1925. She returned to Ginling, as Chairman of the Physical Education Department. Her husband is General Chu (graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and is the military attache at the Chinese Embassy in Washington.
2. Dr. Lily Zia Ngai (Zia is also spelled Sie). Mrs. Ngai took her B.A. degree at Ginling in 1927. She was president of Student Government, a very able student. Her M.D. she received at Peking Union Medical College, ranking, I am told, at the head of her class. She taught after graduating at P.U.M.C. Her husband is Dr. John Ngai, who also graduated at P.U.M.C. He is now doing some special work in surgery in tuberculosis cases at Toronto. This interest is due in part to his wife's long illness from T.B. She is now well but not strong - a very fine woman.

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3. Miss Marguerite (T) Bau
232 Aspinwall Avenue
Brookline, Mass.

She is, I think, the Miss Bau who ^{as}
a special nurse was attached for so long
to the iron lung case here. She took

the pre-nursing course at Ginling and may have also taken a B.A. degree,
but I am not sure of that. She took her nurse's training at P.U.M.C. I
do not know her, - Mrs. New can straighten this out in case I am wrong.

4. Miss I-djen Ho. Took her B.A. degree at Ginling, Majored in Physics.
Took her M.A. at Mt. Holyoke in Physics, and her Ph.D. in that field at
the University of Michigan in 1937. She was rated the most brilliant
graduate student - among the foreign group - at Michigan. She has
~~always~~ taught since 1937 at Yenching. This fall Amherst was short-handed
in the field in which her interest lies and she is there teaching Physics
to Amherst men. She lives, I understand, with Dr. Stifler's family in
Amherst.

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December 23, 1941

Dear Miss Griest:

I am returning to you with this letter the "Extracts from a letter from Mrs. Thurston" which you sent to our office. I passed on copies of it to the people you suggested - Mr. Evans, Miss MacKinnon, Miss Tyler, Mrs. Ross, and Miss Hodge.

Thank you so much for the valuable informational items which your letter of December 21st contained. Mrs. Sutherland wrote to our office last week as she was having difficulty in getting a message to Catherine Sutherland. A cable and a letter were sent to Chengtu from our office. Your full accounts of the Ginling alumnae and former students are greatly appreciated. This sort of information is very valuable to have in our files. After the holidays are over, I shall write to Mrs. New, asking her about Miss Bau. She may also know Mrs. Ngai's street address in Toronto.

We have received a Christmas card today, bearing Dju Gih-fang's return address, and addressed to Miss C. Y. Wu, c/o Ginling Office. I have been unable to forward it as I cannot discover any Ginling girl by that name in our "Alumnae in America" lists. Perhaps you know who or where Miss Wu is, and if so, we should appreciate having this information for our lists.

I hope that your Christmas will be a truly enjoyable one and that the New Year will hold much happiness for you. Your greeting card and kind thoughts are lovely.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Alfred Foster,
Secretary

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Enclosure: "Extracts from a letter from Mrs. Thurston".

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December 16, 1942

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Griest:

Thank you for your letter of December 14th, giving me your "must" engagements in January. From the look of this list, you are a very busy lady, with few free dates. No wonder you could not remember them all as we talked over the telephone the other day.

Miss MacKinnon and I have talked over the question of a meeting in regard to Mrs. Thurston's retirement. Miss MacKinnon feels that any attempt to have a party before Christmas would be most unfortunate, and she also feels that there is no special urge for it even in January. I think I represent her correctly when I say that, in spite of the fact that the Presbyterians are taking action on December 21st, Miss MacKinnon feels that the Board of Founders could take up the subject at its next meeting, or at an Executive meeting if it became necessary to have an action recorded immediately. I made the suggestion to her that, in view of the fact Mrs. Thurston's birthday is in May, it might be appropriate to have a birthday party at the time of the annual meeting and let this be the Board's farewell to Mrs. Thurston without putting too much emphasis on the farewell part of it. That might make it somewhat easier for Mrs. Thurston, and at the same time, show our appreciation of her services for these many years. Miss MacKinnon thought that this was a good idea and that is where it stands at present.

As you see, nothing really definite is arranged yet, and in view of Miss MacKinnon's rather strong feeling that it is not necessary to push it through in the immediate future, I think that nothing will be done now. I'll keep you posted on developments.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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417 West 121st St.
New York City
November 19, 1943

dear Miss Griest:

I was feeling the same way as you did after I attended the memorial service for Miss Hodge. In fact, I had to cancel an appointment in New York in order to attend that service so I was disappointed that there was no expression of tribute to Miss Hodge. I was sorry I did not stop you long enough to talk to you for when I looked for you later, you had gone. When you saw me I was waiting to catch Mrs. Thurston and I intended to go to the back of the church and speak to Miss Catharine Hodge. However, Mrs. Thurston felt better not to interrupt her when the family was getting ready to go to the burial place. I could not help feeling sad for Miss Hodge and also for her sister Catharine.

I am very sorry to hear of the operation that Dr. Reeves had to have unexpectedly in Lexington. In the same mail I received a letter from Dr. Plopper who was in Nanking Theological Seminary and so knew Dr. Reeves. From his report the operation seemed to be a successful one. I have written to Dr. Reeves and asked her to let me know if there is anything I can do for her. I also told her that at a recent meeting of the Finance Committee we talked about this possible operation and how Ginling College ought to be ready to pay for the operation. I do hope she will be more business-like this time and write to me or to others frankly about the situation. The thing that I'm concerned about is how she will get the care and rest in order to get complete recuperation. If you have any bright ideas do please help her to solve this difficult problem. I should tell you that Dr. and Mrs. Plopper are now at Disciples Seminary in Lexington but I do not know at all if Mrs. Plopper is in a position to take care of Dr. Reeves when she leaves the hospital.

We missed you at the meeting of the Board of Founders but I certainly understand how you could not make the trip to New York and to keep your lecture period in Lancaster in the evening. Most of the business taken up was already known to you through the committee meetings you attended. There was one new development that is a cable from Miss Ruth Chester urging me to return in January because doctors

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advised that Miss Helen Djang should be relieved of extra burdens as soon as possible. I have therefore decided to be ready to start homeward on January first or as soon as passage could be secured. This means I have to cancel all the engagements in January, - The most important being a talk at the Foreign Missions Conference in Chicago in January. After that, I was to go to Ann Arbor to give two talks and then to spend a week in Canada at an invitation from the Canadian Embassy. Several friends have advised me at least to keep the appointment with the Foreign Missions Council. However, I see rather clearly that my first duty is to go back as soon as possible. At the personnel committee meeting you heard how I was concerned over Helen Djang and I feel I should therefore do something than merely worry over it. My engagements carry me through December 16th and Dr. Vaughan advised me to allow six weeks for the different injections required before taking the trip. This is why I am not able to leave earlier than January 1st.

That same morning there was the memorial service for Dr. William Paton which I had to attend. It happened that when Mrs. Roy represented the recommendation from the personnel committee I was attending this service. The recommendation was adopted with only one vote against it. For Helen Djang's sake I think this is the only thing we can do now and I do hope so much that it will be possible for the College office to secure a passage for Miss Walmsley before May 1st.

I am going to Washington on Sunday and may not come back to New York at all until the Methodist Conference will be over on December 10th. If you wish to reach me in Washington, send your letters c/o Mrs. Gordon Bowles, 4801 Brandywine St, N.W. I shall be at the Buck Hill Falls Hotel in the Poconos from Dec. 2-4 and Dec. 8-9 to attend the Methodist meetings.

I feel I must begin to get ready for my return to China and yet it seems there are so many immediate things to attend to. If you have good advice regarding the planning of the future for Ginling do please write to me. It seems to me two important matters are finance and personnel and the short period before the end of the war is going to be a real difficult time. Yet the ultimate future of the College will depend upon how the College carries on for the duration.

Affectionately yours,

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208 SOUTH QUEEN STREET
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

March 5, 1945

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Letters have come from both Miss MacKinnon
and Mr. Speers asking that I be one of the
representatives of Guilting and of the Univ.
of Washington respectively at the Planning
Committee meeting on March 15th. I have
written Miss MacKinnon that I would
come and told her I would inform you -
I have written Mr. Speers that I am coming
for Guilting and left him free to
make another appointment for the U. of W.
if he wishes to, and told him I would
be in N.Y. when I reach N.Y. for my relations.

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ship to the U. of U. Board stands.

I was unfortunately tied up here with three meetings that day, and I have only just got the one that was most difficult to leave reorganized for another day. - So as usual my answer has been slow.

Should it be presumptions of me & require who the other representatives from Guilting (especially) and the U. of U. are? -

I have felt that the Guilting Board should most seriously consider this problem of the future status of women's education. What is going to be expected of us in the 15th? Are we supposed to come with "an attitude" and a pomp attitude, - or do this an explanatory meeting in which everyone will think aloud

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but no definite decisions will be expected,
before further consideration within the Board
is given. -

I had not known that Miss MacKenna
was still in this country. But it means
that my duties are light, for which
in these weeks I am grateful.

I am wondering if it would be possible
to have the meeting re the Constitution
on Friday evening, the 16th. - Could you
explain for me that date - and not late in
the evening. - please

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Yours sincerely,
Rebecca C. Greisd.

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208 SOUTH QUEEN STREET
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

March 15, 1945

Dear Mr. Speers:-

I appreciate your invitation to be one of the representatives of the University of Kentucky at the Planning Committee's meeting on March 15th. Miss Mae Keiser has also asked me to be a representative for Guilting. This may make it seem unwise to you that we also represent Guilting, and it would give you an opportunity to appoint someone else if you wish to do so.

It will not be necessary to write me again for I will find out when I reach New York on the 15th whether I am attending

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Sincerely yours

Rebecca Mallin Guest.

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March 9, 1945

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Griest:

I am very glad to know that you will be with us at the meeting on March 15th. Since the representatives of the different Boards are not attending with instructions from the Boards and since the meeting probably will not be legislative in any sense, I do not think it makes any difference whether you consider yourself attending as a representative of Ginling or from the University of Nanking. It was rather as individuals than as Board members that people were invited, although of course we got the individuals from the Boards of the different colleges. It is therefore perfectly possible for you to represent both Ginling and the University of Nanking at this meeting. Since there is no absolutely fixed number attending from each group, I do not think Dr. Speer expects to appoint another representative from Nanking in your place.

After I got your letter, I got in touch with both Mrs. Rockwell and Mrs. Sherman about a meeting of the Constitution Committee on Friday, the 16th. I find that neither of them is free that morning, and so I did not say anything to Mrs. Hunt, the other member of the Committee. I do not imagine that you want to call the Committee when it is not possible for half of them to attend. I am awfully sorry about this, as I know it would be a convenient time for you. I happen to know that Thursday afternoon would not suit Mrs. Sherman either, so I am afraid that it will not be possible to have this meeting when you are in New York next week. Perhaps while you are here we can find a date that would be convenient for all of you.

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Miss Rebecca W. Griest

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March 9, 1945

Miss MacKinnon is still here and rather expects to be here still on the 15th, though of course this is not certain. I have not seen much of her recently and, as you can guess, there has not been very much Ginling business on the boards.

You will be interested to know that Wu Mac-i is leaving Philadelphia today on the first lap of her journey back to Chengta. She is on a Portuguese boat and goes to Lisbon, where I hope she will not be long delayed. I still don't know where Miss Walmsley is.

Looking forward to seeing you next week,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Miss Rebecca Griest
208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Penna.

Dear Miss Griest,

Yesterday I talked with Mrs. Mills about the Planning Committee and about your proposal that we have a special meeting to discuss the problems which Dr. Bates' speech revealed in relation to Ginling and Nanking. The present schedule calls for a meeting of the Ad Interim Committee of the Planning Committee this week, and a meeting of the Planning Committee April 13 and 14. No doubt the matter of women's education will be given consideration in these meetings, and I hope plans made for a continuing committee to study this subject. The report of the meeting of the Planning Committee should be given to the Ginling Board meeting in May. If after the Planning Committee has met you think it best to have a small committee meet before the May meeting, I am sure you will call the group together. I do not think it necessary to have this small group meet before the Planning Committee.

I have received assurance of boat passage to Africa, leaving about April 15 or later. I am hoping that it will be possible for me to attend the Planning Committee. Mrs. Mills will certainly attend and will report to you.

Again let me tell you of my satisfaction in the fact that you are to serve Ginling Board of Trustees as chairman during my absence.

I am wondering if Dr. Wu will come East during her stay in America.

With appreciation and all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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April 14, 1945

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Griest:

I have waited until now to answer your letter offering your resignation to the Ginling Board because I knew that you and Mr. Evans were having telephone conversations on the subject and I wanted to know your final decision. He told me that yesterday afternoon, you consented to remain in your capacity until after the meeting on May 11th.

May I express to you my personal appreciation for this decision and assure you that we all are grateful to you for continuing to serve at this time of real crisis. I am sure that it is done at great personal sacrifice in the matter of travel, expense and general inconvenience. This only serves to make us more grateful for your willingness to maintain your connection with Ginling at this time. Your years of loyal service and devoted concern for the College have been of inestimable value and we feel the greatest reluctance to see you sever this connection. The very fact that you feel as strongly as you do about some of the problems that face Ginling makes you all the more necessary in the Board's deliberations on these problems. It is only when we feel strongly, and are willing to express our convictions, that we can make any progress. I do not need to tell you that Ginling faces problems in plenty now and needs the sympathetic, far-seeing and constructive counsels of all of its Board members.

I hope that you will give me your advice about the agenda, so that I can have it ready for distribution before the meeting. As I have already said to you in a previous letter, I

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think you are quite right in suggesting that the first item be the consideration of the suggested changes in the Constitution. After that is done, the Nominating Committee has a free hand to make a nomination for a Vice-Chairman. If you wish to make any further changes or additions in the agenda, they will be welcomed most heartily.

I have mailed you notices of the two meetings to be held on the afternoon of the 27th. I find that they both had to be put in the afternoon as the Associated Boards Executive Committee meeting comes in the morning. The notices for this meeting have not yet been mailed, but you, as Acting Chairman for Ginling and therefore taking Miss MacKinnon's place on this Committee, will be receiving a notice.

I look forward to seeing you on the 27th. Please let me know if there are any arrangements that I can help you with for your stay in the city.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Dear Mrs. Mills:-

I am returning the agenda which you sent me on April 3rd. I would suggest Miss Tyler for the worship period. - You have I think agreed that the Report of the Committee on Constitution should precede the Report of the Nominating Committee. - If I were arranging this I would put #8 earlier so that we will be sure to have time for it but since you and Miss Mae Kinnin have consulted and agreed on this I have not much to say about it.

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report? - Will Dr. Van Dusen be able to do this? -
If he cannot be, will you present it? - Do there
any other Guiding Board persons on the
Planning Committee who could present it? -

I am about as unhappy about the situation
in which I find myself as anyone could
very well be. - I cannot approve of Miss
MacKinnon's unwillingness to have
some discussion of the Union of Banking-Guiding
situation ^{before her personal meeting} in the Guiding Executive Committee
group among them ^{Guiding Board members} present at the Planning
Committee meeting on Francis Education
held last month. ^{before an annual meeting} Mr. Evans told me
over the telephone that I was supposed
to sign the documents setting up the United
Board which has never done. - He did not answer

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my question as to what they could do legally
 if I had died. - He agreed that it would be
 a convenience - a necessary convenience -
 for me to stay in until this legal red tape
 was carried out. - It may be I fear
 months before that is finished. In the
 meantime my resignation from the Board
 stands & takes effect the moment this
 legal business releases me. - It seems to
 me that holding me put for this will be
 a handicap for the Board, even if it aids
 red tape! - ^{you are the other better course that} I am convinced that a member
 such as I with no official connection
 with any of the co-operating Boards, or with the

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Associated Boards, n with a bank account
importance can count in the present
set-up. and I care too deeply about what
happened at that Planning Committee
meeting in March not to want to face it
squarely within an Guiling group who
heard it. - Seale always tells the truth
as he sees it. - I think the program
that night was unfairly weighted and
that the bulk of things Seale said - and
believed - should have been said first to
the Guiling Board, and said before
Seale left the country. That "boat was
missed"; the opportunity to talk frankly
with Dr. Chen will also be missed. The
issue, as I see it is: - Can Guiling really

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be an "independent" business college? Can
 it finance itself? - If it can't then
 any number of resolutions passed by us are
 foolish gestures. If this is no longer a
 problem for the Guilding group to face
 then the Guilding Board no longer merits
 serious attention - and I for one have
 too much else to do that counts to give
 time, energy, and expenditure of any
 money even for trips to New York, for such
 a uncertainty. -

I have written steadily to Miss MacKinnon
 since that meeting in March asking that

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she calls a Guiding Executive Meeting
but she will not do it — I realize that
she has the appointment of a Board Secretary,
of a member of many committees, of a
member of the Planning Committee —
but if her imagination could help her to
see how one member of the Guiding Board
who has only no wisdom ^{through which} to look at this thing
and who trusts Beards, and who loves Guiding
and wants Guiding an "honest" institution
can feel, it might make her a bit more
cooperative. On the other hand if I had
all her faults of contact it might give me
more faith in generalities — and delay.
But I have done the best I can — The thing

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Has been like a knife in my heart ever
since the March meeting - If I can't
help in our facing it straight forwardly
and making some decisions on facts
instead of platitudes I simply must
get out. - So whatever Mr. Gaus secured
from me by way of delay will meet his
convenience, but will probably not be for
the good of the Unit because after this he goes
you will have a very unwilling acting chairman.
Your telephone message concerning
Dr. Van this afternoon covered everything I
can think of - Thanking you for that and
your letters, I am sincerely,
Rebecca C. Street.

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April 26, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

You were very patient yesterday and I do appreciate it. You and I have had our active experience in working for Guilding under two different traditions. The accident of my being for a few weeks "acting chairman" gives me no right to stress the "acting chairman". I prefer now to shall think fit merely as an "accident" and that I am the "consequence" through whom certain legal requirements must be carried out. - and I shall make myself happy to do it that way.

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For as the arrangements for the annual meeting are concerned -

I have long believed that the Guiding Board could be helpful to the work of thinking on the general problems of cooperation and on the specific difficulties of cooperation if it had put before it the information and were asked to use its collective ability and experience towards that end.

It might strengthen the thinking - and the care of arrangements - on the whole problem of Christian education in China if each college Board were asked to put its mind down to such a task and report "upward" to the Planning

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Committee. I believe that projects
 are strengthened when they are
 discussed from the "grass roots" upward! -
 One thing that I have learned how to teach -
 in China - and elsewhere - was how to
 do research work - and one does not
 require jobs of information in making
 a good synthesis. - When ^{all} these jobs
 are thoroughly searched usually the
 pattern falls fit into an
 understandable whole. -

You will be nearly as relieved as I
 I know that I found Guy Cressey's
 report here - and will try it ^{St. Louis} on Friday.
 affectionately yours ^{to you} Rebecca D. Reed.

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May 14, 1945

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Griest:

We missed you very greatly last Friday, and everyone present expressed concern for you and the hope that you would soon be completely well again.

We had a rather small meeting of the Ginling Board, with only nine members present. Mrs. Thurston, Miss Tomlinson and Miss Graves were our guests. Dr. Chen had already started back to China before the Board meeting, and Ettie Chin has gone to San Francisco at Dr. Wu's request.

As you will see when I get the minutes to you, Mrs. Sherman was elected as the Chairman for the day. Then the changes in the Constitution were accepted, the Nominating Committee brought in its report, and Mrs. Sherman was elected as the Vice-Chairman. Everything was therefore quite legal and in order.

Dr. Fairfield agreed to make the report on the Conference on Women's Higher Education, but he was not able to come until after eleven o'clock. We therefore proceeded with the routine business for the first part of the meeting and had all of that pretty well in hand when he came in. Everyone, of course, had received his report with the agenda for the Associated Boards meeting, and Dr. Fairfield began by saying that he assumed that all had read this report. He therefore did not go into detail on it, but spoke rather informally and somewhat briefly about the object of the Conference and the decision that a commission should be appointed to make a special study of the questions that were opened that night. There was a certain amount of discussion on the general problem of women's education in China and of Ginling's

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part in the total program, and satisfaction was expressed that a commission would make a study of this problem. The personnel suggested was discussed, and one or two suggestions were made to the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards, who is the group to appoint this commission.

The Board took advantage of Dr. Fairfield's presence to ask some questions about Paragraph 5, Section 2, in the third division in the report of the Planning Committee. As you will recall, this deals with the suggestions made about the relationship between Ginling and Nanking. Most of the other Boards have taken some action on this report from the Planning Committee, but Ginling decided that they would take no action now as they felt it better to discuss the whole question with Dr. Wu upon her return to New York. As you know, a meeting of the Board is being planned for her as soon as possible after she gets back, and at that time this question will be more thoroughly discussed and Ginling's action will be taken.

I am not sure how soon I will be able to get the minutes of this meeting mailed out, but in the meantime I want you to know that the three members of the Board whose terms expired in 1945, namely, yourself, Miss Tyler, and Mrs. Hoskins, were all reelected for another three-year term on the Ginling Board of Founders.

Mr. Evans has just suggested that we look at the Ginling By-laws, Article 4, Section 2.

I have not heard from Dr. Wu for several days and have no idea when she thinks she will be back in New York. I will let you know at the earliest possible moment how those plans will develop, as of course we are counting on your being here for the important meeting with Dr. Wu.

With all best wishes for a speedy recovery,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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June 16, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I should have written you long ago and
thanked you for your letters of May 10th and
May 14th. I had pleurisy - not badly
I imagine, but too badly to be about
the work of the Annual Meeting.
You will recall that when I sent in
my resignation to the Board in April
I was persuaded by Mr. Evans of the mem-
berice of having it accepted at that
time because of the legal technicalities
involved in setting up the papers for
the United Board. While that resignation

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may have received to you and to Mr. Kavan⁽²⁾
something sent off in "Walth" at an
"all-considered moment" - I have
never changed my mind as to the need
for it. - I yielded to Mr. Kavan's persuasion
but expected to have the resignation
seriously considered as soon as the legal
need for my name was satisfied. Had
I been at the Annual Meeting this
would have been clarified. I feel sure. -

Now that Mr. Buland's letter
has come telling me of the appointment
as a Presbyterian representative on the
United Board I realize I have delayed
too long. I shall I suppose be unable
to re-join the group again, which

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Regret. - I have, however, sent tonight my
resignation to the Guilding Board & Mrs.
Sherman and a letter to Dr. Kuland
explaining why I cannot accept the
Presbyterian Board appointment.

These new days need a different
type of approach from mine -

Sincerely yours

Rebecca Hallin Gwert.

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December 4, 1946.

My dear Mrs. Mills,

When I got back to the hospital on Tuesday with En-lai's few belongings I found that Mrs. Thurston's package had arrived late the afternoon before (Monday).

I left with Miss Graves the sales slips for the things I had bought and hope that Liu Yung-bao (Mrs. Wei) will be willing to arrange an exchange if it is necessary. - With Mrs. Thurston's package and these things she should be all right for the rest of her hospital time.

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Eu-lan seems to be developing a complex "about bothering people at the moment but I assured her - we wanted to be bothered."

I am enclosing a check for fifty dollars (\$50.00) to be used towards Eu-lan's hospital expense. This is a very small drop in a very large bucket - but I suppose a drop is welcome -

I am tired at myself for the amount of your time I took on Tuesday. I was nice to see you again, however, and I trust you survived. - I was very grateful for the Broadway #7 bus information. Sincerely,
Rebecca Ch. Guest

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December 5, 1946

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Miss Griest:

Thank you for your letter of December 4th and for the generous check enclosed for En-lan's medical expenses. You may call it "a small drop in a large bucket", but it is most acceptable and very generous of you.

I went to see En-lan yesterday and found, as you had, that Mrs. Thurston's package had been delivered. I talked with the nurse and En-lan about the things she might need, and they feel, as you do, that she has all that she needs for the present. It seemed to me yesterday that she was definitely better than she had been when I saw her two or three days before. The nurse says that she is making satisfactory progress and even suggested that we might begin to think about the next step in plans for her. Mr. Evans has taken this up with Dr. Brown and between them I hope they will find a satisfactory convalescent home.

Please do not apologize for the amount of time that you spent in my office. I considered it a very pleasant way to spend that time and was happy to have a chance to talk to you about En-lan's progress. I hope you will come in again when you are in New York.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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January 25, 1947

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Miss Griest,

Mr. Evans may have already written you the last word about Dr. Liu but just in case he hasn't I shall try to bring you up to date.

As you already know she went out to the Mary Harkness Home, a convalescent home in Port Chester, three weeks ago. The doctors were unanimous in saying that she should leave the hospital, and this was the only place where we could get her in. She has had all the care the doctors felt she needed, no actual medical attention since they had said that was not necessary.

I know that Dr. Liu was not very happy at first about conditions at the Mary Harkness, but after several conferences with the very wise and sympathetic superintendent there, we came to the conclusion that the problem was the inevitable one of adjustment after the highly specialized and personal care she had received at the Roosevelt. No matter where she went the first days would probably have been difficult, and one of the main concerns of the doctors was that she begin to make the necessary adjustments to more independent living before she became too dependent upon constant personal care. They assured us that there was nothing in conditions at the Mary Harkness that she was not able to cope with, and we therefore arranged to send her there.

I know that the first days were difficult, but later she seemed more adjusted. Visitors are not allowed so I could not go out and see how things were, but I feel sure that the experience has done her good.

The present plan is for her to return to New York on Thursday the thirtieth and have a check-up with Dr. Cave. Then on Friday she has an appointment with Dr. Perkins about her eyes. We are then hoping that she will take the twelve thirty train on Friday for Boston, or rather Newtonville, to pay a visit to Mrs. Thurston, who is anxious to have her. Of course if Dr. Perkins must see her a second time she will not be able to start to Boston on Friday, but will certainly go shortly after that day. After a quiet visit with Mrs. Thurston we hope that she will be able to take up really normal living, if not very strenuous work.

Cordially yours,

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