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Miss Mossman

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Suite 905
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
May 17, 1937

My dear Horeb:

You can't imagine how excited I was when the Southern Methodist Board decided to appropriate \$15,000 to Ginling and indicated their deep interest in the social work program for the college.

Miss MacKinnon's original suggestion was \$10,000 for endowment and \$5,000 for capital uses. They do not wish it to be used for the usual current expenses, such as salaries. At the board meeting on the 12th, Miss MacKinnon stated that the board and the field were at complete liberty to decide whether this should go for endowment in whole or in part, or for capital uses in whole or in part. I reported President Wu's letter stating that you and she had talked it over and thought that \$1,000 might be used for equipment and the rest put into endowment. There was considerable discussion about this. Our impression here is that now is the time in which we can demonstrate as Christian colleges effective work, and we are anxious that this pioneer work of training social workers be as well done as it possibly can be. It seems to the board that in the future the Government schools will out-distance the Christian college in equipment because of greater resources and that we should establish standards and opportunities to the best of our ability at the present time. I have felt this very strongly and I was interested that Miss MacKinnon expressed it even more strongly and more ably than I could. The result of this discussion was that the board recommends that \$10,000 of this gift be put into endowment and \$5,000 be reserved for capital needs, such as equipment and other more or less permanent needs of the sociology department in establishing their social work program. The board, however, stated that the \$5,000 need not be spent this year; and if still in your judgment and in the judgment of Dr. Wu a portion of it should be added to the endowment, that there would be agreement to that here.

I personally hope very strongly that with this gift and what it indicated of interest in the social program at Ginling, that you would find it in your

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heart to stay. Mrs. Thurston and I talked about this after the meeting. She feels very strongly that you belong at Ginling and that your contribution there is something that can give you permanent satisfaction. The letter from Dr. Wu of April 23, which reached me this morning, stating that you are quite definite in your decision to return to America this summer is a heavy disappointment to me. You must know your own mind, but I have a fear in the light of certain experiences of making a decision on the basis of family need. I realize, however, that no one but the individual can decide this matter for herself. Just be sure that both your heart and your mind are so at one in the matter that there is no danger of future emotional difficulties. By this time you are probably indignant at me, but were I free to go into this problem in more detail, I could give you a too-definite illustration of the difficulties which can arise. I judge from Miss Wu's letter that it will be necessary for us to look for someone in America in case Ginling has the misfortune of losing you. I am writing this wholly on my own responsibility, as a personal letter from me to you.

Affectionately yours,

RG/EA

Miss Mabel Mossman
Ginling College
Nanking, China

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Please return

Ginling College
Nanking, China

June 17, 1937

Miss Mereb E. Mossman
Ginling College, Nanking

Dear Mereb:

You will find enclosed the following checks for salary and travel allowances:

Balance for June salary	22.00
July salary - adj. deducted	52.20
Travel allowance	100.00

The regulations call for an advance of \$300.00 for persons living in or near Chicago, and with the 215.00 advanced for the boat this makes 315.00, but I will report it to the New York office. It happens you arranged for the expensive tourist class which we do not allow, but I assume you preferred to make the adjustment.

Your clergy certificate should reach you at the boat. I have asked Mr. Evans to send it by air if necessary to be sure there is no delay. In any event, I am giving you a letter that I feel sure will enable you to secure the benefit of clergy rates.

I am very hazy concerning the arrangement for your travel and allowances as I have had no word except in conversations with you. From what you have told me I assume that this travel money is made as an advance and you will arrange to refund later as well as to adjust all furlough salary and allowances, such as outfit and study, for the regular furlough that was allowed you. I will send word to the office in New York, and suggest that you report on the finances to Dr. B. A. Garside, Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

I hope your trip proves pleasant and regret exceedingly that you feel it is necessary to sever your connection with the college at this time.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Elsie M. Priest
Treasurer

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CONRAD H. MANN, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD
SAMUEL J. WHITMORE, EXECUTIVE VICE PRES.
BARNEY L. ALLIS, PRESIDENT & GENL. MGR.

Hotel Muehlebach

BALTIMORE AVENUE
AND TWELFTH STREET

Kansas City, Mo.

July 25

My Dear Rebecca:

After I wrote the enclosed typed letter I got a call from Louise (Shomp) in Denver - so I went right up, & we had two glorious days of visiting & being together - then just as I got back to Green Mountain Falls a telegram came from the University of Chicago telling me to come to Kansas City to apply for a position. So I took a train within two hours after getting home & come here. I met the man this afternoon. I think he has already made up his mind to take another person - but I shall wait & see! (There being nothing else much to do.). It is a college position in the East. I'll let you know as soon as I hear.

Louise & I had such a good time talking about you, Rebecca. Neither of us know you very well - & we both think you are a grand person. It's amazing, because we feel we know you very well in spite of the fact

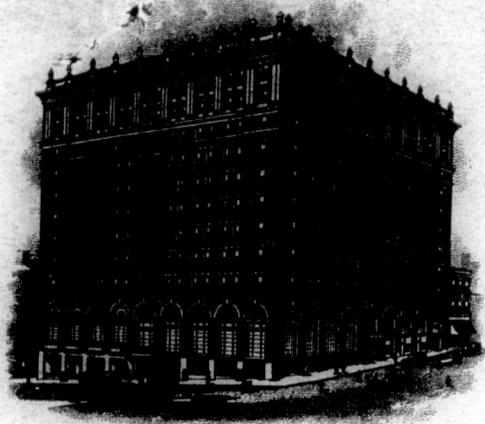
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that we have only been with you ^{JULY 25} a few times.
Oh how I wish I were going back with Louise.
But - that is not possible now - so I shall
put it in the back of my mind. (Like
Scarlett in gone with the Wind, "I'll think
about that later"!)

Do you have a list of the joining students
& the dates of their arrival, heats, etc. so
I could write them? The ones who cross
the N.S. via Southern route I shall want
to have visit in our home for as many
days as they can. If I am not there, my
mother will be. And I shall try to help
them in any way possible. I think Dr.
Wen gave me the list, but if so it is one of
the things I can't find.

Did the memorial books from Mrs. New
come? We sent them from the pier in San
Francisco. I have the receipt from Am. Exp.
So if you have not gotten them I shall send the
receipt to you at once so they can trace. Mrs.
Shoup met me at the heat & helped me in
getting the various packages packed -
otherwise I am sure I would have lost
half of them. I had so many small bundles
to mail to different places.

I am leaving here in the morning, & am



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Kansas City, Mo.

going to Winfield. Mother & Daddy will only be in Colorado one more week, & I could not afford the expense of returning there. So I shall spend this week working in Winfield. Daddy said that as soon as he gets home he will help me with applications for some of the Gering students in sociology so that they can get scholarships here for graduate study. That is an immediate & very important need if our sociology dept. is to grow at Gering.

By the way - Do you know anyone at N.Y. School of Social Work? They have a \$1,100. fellowship for Oriental students. I have one student that I would like to have go there next year, that scholarship would cover her living. Daddy said he could help get ones at Iowa or Minnesota.

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for my students of rural social
work.

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Enough of business. This started out
to be a brief friendly chat — & I
have gotten into business. There are so
many things which I wish to talk
over with you that they pop out as
I start to write.

Now I shall just say "Good night"

Fainly

Mereb

P.S. What is Mrs. Thurston's address?

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

My dear Merob:

I have been wanting each day to write to you, but because I wanted to do it personally I have postponed dictating and the heat has made me just too weary at night to write any letters. This morning I find myself receiving this wonderful letter from you and having a doubly guilty conscience because I have not yet sent a line to you to welcome you home or to tell you that the package containing Mrs. New's material arrived very safely. Mrs. New wrote about it and said that she would send us a list of the people in America to whom she wished it sent. As yet that has not reached us.

Mrs. Thurston's address is 27 Summit Road, Wellesley, Massachusetts. I wish that we were able to give you the exact information that you want about the Ginling students studying in America - arrival dates, boats, et cetera. We have wanted that information both for students and for faculty. We have been sent no information about arrival times of faculty and only in the most general way do we know the names of those who are coming. Dr. Wu has, however, sent a list of the names of the students who will be in this country next year, as follows: Shen Dzu-ying is to study music in New York City (no information about what school); Li Dze-dzheng, who has been the Principal of Hwai Yuan Girls' School, is to be studying in Columbia University; Wang Mei-o, Ginling 1923, is to be at the Baptist Training School in Louisville; Lan Chien-bih is to be at the Westminster Choir School in Princeton (the last time I saw Kathleen Bond she thought Miss Lan had decided not to do this); Miss Lan's married sister, name unknown to us, is to be somewhere in New Jersey (she is a doctor and I am assuming that she is also a Ginling graduate); Shih Bao-djen, 1932, who has been Student Secretary for the National YWCA is to be at the YWCA training school in New York; Bih Hao-ying, 1932, is to be somewhere in Southern California; Li Gwan-yuen will be on the Smith College campus next year studying Religious Education. This is all the information that we were sent and you can see how unsatisfactory it is.

Of the girls who were here last year who are staying over, Ts'ui Ya-lan will again be in Wellesley (she is this summer at a Girls Scout camp called Camp Genevieve Brady at Towners, New York). She has done an unusually fine job at Wellesley and has won warm praise from Miss Elliott, the head of

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the department. Shao Siu-lin, who I think was in Practice School at Ginling before she came to America, has been this year at Scarritt College in Nashville Tennessee, and will be there again next fall. The second quarter she hopes to enter Chicago University and have two quarters there. Chen Yu-djen is staying on at Greeley, Colorado, for the summer school and will go in the fall to the Graduate Teachers College in Winnetka, Illinois. Djang Shiang-lan of the Ming Teh School, is having an operation this summer on her foot in Chicago. Her summer address is: c/o Miss Evelyn Walmesley, 2471 North Maryland Avenue, Milwaukee. She expects to be in Northwestern University this coming year, I think, in the department of Religious Education. Chen Teh will continue, I understand, at the University of Michigan. I do so much wish that the field would send us accurate information about sailing dates, boats and American addresses. Of course I know that Helen was ill so much that many things could not be done this spring.

Miss Priest wrote about financial arrangements concerning you and we found in checking it back, that the report never had been sent to the field. Presumably Miss Tyler should have done it but the material was filed away in her files while she was away on her vacation last summer and was not called to her attention, which meant that the Chairman of the Finance Committee did not receive the plan which was prepared between you and Miss Hodge for presentation to the Board. The Board had ratified the plan on which these details were based and Miss Hodge and I had been given authority to arrange the details. After Miss Priest's letter came the matter was checked back, a letter of explanation and apology written to Miss Priest, and the action in relation to you was ratified on July 8th, 1937. It reads as follows: "in view of the fact that Miss Messman is to return to America this summer at the end of one year's service it was VOTED that in accordance with the action taken by the committee on June 29, 1936, the agreement made by Miss Hodge with Miss Messman before her return to the field be approved and that her obligation to the Board be considered as follows:

One-half travel	\$300	
One-half home allowance	492	\$792

It is understood that payments on this amount will not begin till after Miss Messman has secured a position in America.

This makes it clear that the return amount does not need to begin to be paid until you have secured a position. Of course the hope is implied that you will be able to pay something regularly on this sum after your position is secured. I would also believe that there would be no salary payable after you reach America, but if Miss Priest said that an August salary was to come from New York, she must have believed that an August salary would be paid. I shall have to take this up with Mr. Evans and Miss Hodge because that is not clear to me. Would it be correct that your salary for this year began last September and therefore you would feel that it should run through August? I am asking this informally because these salary payments have been arranged quite outside my province and I do not know what the custom is or what you would feel was the correct thing. Will you please tell me frankly just what you do feel about this?

I certainly hope that you get the kind of job you want and that you get the one that you came to Kansas City to see about it that is one that you want. It certainly would be great to have you in the East next year. My imagination, of course, runs over most of the big and a few of the many small colleges on the Eastern seaboard.

The only person whom I know connected with the New York School of Social Work is an alumna who had a fellowship there and who did a very fine piece of work.

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She had been working in a city charity organization in New York, but is leaving this week to do a piece of research work in Los Angeles at the direction of one of her former professors. Mary Truvelley, however, has had contacts there and might be helpful on this. She was still in Massachusetts last week but is leaving soon for South America. She will, however, be back in the fall with the address of Wallcutley. I believe you yourself could make a contact there or could get advice on how to do it through your friend Miss Abbott of Chicago. I think Dju Yu-hua, the Wash girl, did her work in charities at the New York School of Social Work and I am not sure that it was particularly satisfactory to the school. Miss Truvelley would know certainly about this. As far as I know, she is the only Giling girl who has ever studied there and if she was not a good student it will mean extra "selling" of the next Giling girl who is placed there.

I am so awfully glad that you and Louise got together in Colorado. I like her a lot and one of the things that warmed my heart about her was her appreciation of you. She has a real gift for friendship and her interest in people is to me one of her very attractive qualities.

I am happy that you feel so well pleased about Miss Chen Li-chiu, but I hope that she is not going to make such a big place for herself in Giling that there will not be a place for you when you can return. I covet for Giling the quality and academic ideals which you have. I got so tired of mediocre people, or at least of people without both training and enthusiasm for their fields in China colleges.

When you have time do let me know where you will be next year, and I trust for your sake it will soon be settled. I hope in the meantime you are going to get some rest. I don't like your malaria. What are you doing about that?

Affectionately yours,

REG:GS

Miss Merab E. Mossman
202 College Avenue
Winfield, Kansas

P.S. Please excuse the typing. My typewriter was out of order and besides changing horses in mid-stream, I seem to have not had perfect control of either machine. I am sorry. G.S.

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Information about Miss Li -

" " Etta Chin - Hongkong

Harriet - Japan

Cable concerning Miss Wu of 8/24/37.

202 College Ave.
Winfield, Kansas
August 18, 1937

My dear Rebecca:

I was so very grateful for the letter with the news of the Ginling faculty. It is so difficult these days for one finds oneself unable to do anything, and yet all tied up with the uncertainty of things there.

My heart just aches for Dr. Wu. How terribly thankful I am that she does have Mrs. New. Somehow the buoyant way with which Mrs. New meets things in life gives everyone about her the spirit which she has.

Each day I listen for radio broadcasts, and after they are over wait for the papers. I have come to the conclusion that it is easier to be on the front lines than waiting on the backlines.

Do you know definitely that the four Ginling girls are on the President Taft? I had word that the Taft was delayed in Kobe and so no radio answer has come to my cable there as yet. I will let you know as soon as it does.

I am so appreciative of any news that you get. Is there anyone to whom you would like to have me send the copy on to?

Let me know of any way in which I can help. I find it difficult to go ahead with the department program plan for sociology at Ginling while the situation is so tense. It would be sensible for me to get the library order in-- but I just can't seem to do it while all of the country is in such turmoil.

I am glad Miss Rhodes and Louise had not sailed. I wonder whether Ginling will be able to open even by the 20th. One can only pray.

With affectionately

Merle

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202 College Avenue
Winfield, Kansas
August 31, 1937

My dear Rebecca:

I am so grateful for your letter-- for I know it was time taken from days that are pretty heavy just now. I so appreciate each of the "bulletins" that come with news on China, for each day I hover over the radio from the early 8:45 broadcast until the 10:45 at night.

I sent a letter to you telling of my cable that Chang Tuh-wei is on the President Taft arriving tomorrow. I hope she has no trouble. I am expecting her to come here after a few days with the Shoups. I hope she will drive with me to North Carolina and stay there until the 16th or 18th when she goes on to Michigan-- or as long as she can stay, for I am not sure just when Michigan opens. I have not heard about Lan Chien-bih, but I imagine she is also on the boat.

I should so like to write just a little note to Miss Rhodes if you would give me her address. I had not known of her appointment until you wrote me, so I do not know what field she is in, or where her position is.

Your telegram (radio) message from Dr. Wu is a bit disconcerting because it must mean that they are pretty hopeless about the first semester of school this year. I am so glad Miss Rhodes can go on in her present position the first semester. I do hope Louise finds a good job, although it is now pretty late to get anything. It will be luck if there are any openings at this date.

I am going to leave here the 8th or 9th and drive to North Carolina. As yet I have no idea where I shall live there, so I think I had better just give you the sociology department as an address until I get an apartment or a room, or whatever it is I shall have. I am looking forward to the work there as the time draws near.

I shall send Dr. Wu's letter to you just as soon as Tuh-wei has had a chance to read it. I think it may do her good to see some letters from home after she arrives-- for she will doubtless be feeling a bit lonely. I shall handle it carefully, and see that no publicity is given to it. I am so glad to have had it.

She will write to you (that is, Tuh-wei) when she comes and tell you of any news that she may have which will be helpful. She may have seen Ginling people in Shanghai just before leaving.

Most affectionately,

After Sept 6th:

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Sociology Department
Womans College of the
University of North Carolina
Greensboro, North Carolina

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Sent to:

Mrs. Thurston
Kathleen Bond
Emily Werner
Louise Shoup
Edith Haight
Mereb Mossman
Helen Loomis
Mrs. Rhead
Abigail Hoffsommer
Chang Tuh-wei
Ts'ui Ya-lan
Djang Hsiang-lan
Chen Yü-djen
Shao Siu-ling

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

My dear Mereb:

It is very important that we have in the Ginling office in New York all the information we can get concerning the College, its students, alumnae and staff, and to place this information in the larger setting of China's present agony.

The enclosed questions, which we are sending to Ginling staff who have recently come to America, represents those most frequently asked of us by telephone and by callers here. Will you please for both China's sake and for Ginling's, answer as fully and quickly as possible these questions. Please add all other information you feel would help.

The Ginling office has volunteered to serve the Associated Boards in developing a Speakers Bureau, and we are anxious to know if you could serve in this way? There will probably be no compensation save expenses.

We hope and pray during these dreadful days in Nanking that Dr. Wu's word to us in three letters since July, "No news is good news," remains true. The Ginling Board cabled on the 16th: "Wu, Vautrin, Sutherland, all others. Ginling in America standing by."

Sincerely yours,

Ginling College, Board of Founders

RWG:GS

Miss Mereb Mossman
Sociology Department
Woman's College of the
University of North Carolina
Greensboro, North Carolina

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THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
GREENSBORO, N. C.

September 30, 1937

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

My dear Rebecca:

Not being just sure what this was to be used for I have been cautious in making answers. If there are any others which you think I should answer more fully please let me know.

I would so like to speak, but I am using just about all of the strength that I have at the present time getting started work. I am speaking to the A.A.U.W. here next month. I hesitate to start speaking at churches, for the kind of thing I say is not suited to that as well as to college groups, etc. If there is any particular group that you feel I should address I can manage it on Saturday afternoons or Sundays which are free. All of the days are full-- although my Tuesday, Thursdays, are freer than other days and in case it is something urgent I could go away for those days I presume. (One hesitates to be gone too much from teaching days when just starting a job). On the other hand, I would do anything I could for China and Ginling.

My heart goes out to Dr. Wu, and to all of the friends there. Our sociology assistant, Miss Lin Yu-wen is in charge of the social work in the Nanking Municipal Health Administration and City Hospital. They have had severe bombings, and naturally I can but worry. And yet I am happy for I know that Yu-wen would wish more than any other thing to serve her country as best she can, and if she is there working she will be happy. It is one of the things which is most difficult to face--- that you know that even though you love friends very dearly, you would wish them to feel free to give themselves as they see best in the circumstances in which they are a part. Miss Lin started her work there July 1st, and so I feel sure she must be helping in the organization of the relief work. If anything happened to her I believe Dr. Wu would cable me. Yu-wen would never leave in the face of a situation where she thought she might be usefull to her country-- for she is an ardent nationalist.

Most affectionately yours,

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GINLING COLLEGE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

1. What preparations for protection against war were being made in Nanking and in other communities that you know?
2. In what ways were the men and the women students preparing to assist their country in time of war?
3. What was the attitude of students and of faculty towards war?
4. What were the efforts of students and of faculty in behalf of reconstruction?
5. What is the student, also the faculty, attitude towards the Central Government?
6. What is the student, and the faculty, attitude towards Communism?
7. What do you think will be the attitude of students towards their own college work in the face of national peril?
8. Are there other items which you think should be mentioned?

H.B. Please answer the above questions on separate paper, and be as specific and definite as you can.

Are you willing to speak on China in your vicinity?

Please indicate the kind of audiences to which you feel you could speak, and the amount of time you could give to this?

I am speaking here at A.A.U.W., and have been asked to speak at a church group. I doubt whether I can speak many places outside of here, but ~~can you suggest the names, and addresses, of any others interested in China who would be effective speakers?~~

Are you willing to share with us such parts of personal letters that you receive from China as deal with the general situation, or with the specific share in it of Ginling faculty, alumnae, and students? Yes.

If you can trust such letters to us, we shall be glad to have the parts indicated copied. If they are too personal for that, will you please copy and send us certain sections, indicating the place, date, and whenever possible, the name of the writer, ~~or at least the writer's connection with Ginling?~~ Yes

Will you please give us the names and addresses of any Ginling students or alumnae who are in America at the present time?

Chang Tuh-wei, 833 E. University, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mereb Masuma

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
GREENSBORO, N. C.

September 30, 1937

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

1. Preparations against war in Nanking:
Building of trenches; building of airports; construction of new roads with areas of fortification. Reports were that in these areas there were large supplies of military supplies hidden. In driving around Nanking during the year, I often came upon areas where soldiers would make us return and tell us not to come back that way again for the road was closed to civilians.
2. Student preparation for war.
Regular military drill of boys in middle schools and colleges; training of women students in regular first aid course; there was a definite spirit of confidence among students regarding the new Chinese air equipment and army. Many boys were applying to enter air service.
3. Attitude of students and faculty towards war:
Generally regarded as inevitable. It was only that they did not know when it would come. Students generally had a new confidence in their country and a pride in the Central Government. The attitude was one of belief in the inevitability of war, and the recognition that China now had a definite hope of at least holding her place more honorably than ever before when met by the Japanese machine.
One or two of the Chinese faculty went to F.C.R. but I think even these did not hold an attitude of refusing to defend their country against aggressors.
4. Efforts of students and faculty toward reconstruction.
I had a large group of majors who were interested in practical social work. These students went out into actual field work fearlessly as far as time or strength was concerned-- with almost a religious zeal in their national interest.
Some of the Chinese faculty took an active part in the New Life Movement, spending considerable of their time at meetings, planning programs of reconstruction for groups in Nanking. One of our senior sociology majors took a job for this year with the new life movement, acting as a secretary in Nanking.
5. Student and faculty attitudes toward Central Govt.
Definite change from earlier critical attitudes. The unity which was expressed at the time of Generalissimo Chiang's capture last Christmas was that of tremendous loyalty to all that the National government was trying to do.

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GREENSBORO, N. C.

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7. Attitudes of students toward college work:

I do not know, but I imagine that students will be more active than ever before in attempting to do active relief work in the war. I believe the past would indicate the fact that students would prefer to maintain their connection with school, rather than to completely stop all academic work, but readjust it in line with combination of national relief activities, as well as academic approach. I think this is true of Ginling students-- I am not speaking of groups generally.

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GINLING COLLEGE NEEDS YOUR HELP

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Will you please give us the names and addresses of any Ginling students or alumnae who are in America at the present time?

Suite 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
October 4, 1937

My dear Merab:

I appreciate tremendously your prompt answer to the questions, and I want to assure you that any expression of opinion will be used with great care. I note that you have not answered question number six, which is on the student-faculty attitude toward Communism. Because of Japanese persistent propaganda, there is news interest in that question. I am assuming from your omission of it that either there is no attitude toward it at Ginling, or if there is, that you would prefer not to express it.

I am delighted that you are speaking to the A.A.U.W. and I trust that you will speak as energetically to them as possible in order that they can picture the kind of calamity that is happening in China.

I am sending you a copy of a letter from Ettie Chin, who is an American born Chinese, Smith 1936, under appointment to the department of Physical Education at Ginling. I am sending you also the summary of cables received last week. They indicate to me that there is great determination on the part of Ginling to continue as soon as it is practical.

from P Mr. Wheeler has received a letter, by the China Clipper, ~~from President~~ Chen saying that the University is hoping to open ~~October~~ ^{fourth}.

With best wishes to you always, I am

Affectionately yours,

RWG:GS

Miss Merab Mossman
Women's College of the University of North Carolina

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12/10/37 - Returned Lin-yu-wai's letter.

Inclosed installment # 6 & 7 - to be returned true - & diary.

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE

OF

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

GREENSBORO, N. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Dear Rebecca -

This letter from Lin-yu-wai just came today. She is the girl who was assistant in our department for two years & in charge of the community center. This year she is in charge of Public Health Work - Social Service Dept - in Hanking. I worry about her constantly. The strain of all she doing is tremendous. Although her letter is in poor English it gives the idea of their work. If you print, omit all personal parts which I have marked. Please return it to me -

I am worried about Song Bao-in in Saachaw. Oh how I wish I were there to help them.

The Hanking situation is about to break my heart, for I fear for those we love there. Building can go, if only people may be saved - spiritually as well as physically.

Do be nice to Shih Bao-kyou who is there in the Y.W. school. She is a girl with real conviction.

Excuse this hurried note -

Affectionately
Mabel

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January 4, 1938

Miss Meref Mossman
Department of Sociology
Women's College of the
University of North Carolina
Greensboro, North Carolina

My dear Meref:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which arrived from Hongkong from Miss YU Sui-Ping. It is obvious that she would find great difficulty in securing information from Ginling at this time, which would make it easy for her to meet the entrance requirements at Columbia University, and as she is a bona fide Ginling girl, it is important that some statement be made at once to Columbia about her.

Would you either send me or send direct to Columbia University, a statement in regard to her? If you do the latter, will you please send me a copy of what you send?

Sincerely yours,

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FROM NANKING CHINA

A letter from Lin Yu-wen, Ginling 1934. Miss Lin was assistant in the Sociology department at Ginling College 1935-1937. In the summer of 1937 she became head of the Social Service work of the Public Health Department for the city of Nanking. The letter was written in Nanking, dated October 26-31, 1937.

Last week Dr. Smythe (Dr. Lewis Smythe is in the Sociology department of the University of Nanking) came to see me and we had a long talk. The city government is asking the wool cooperative, which he directs, to weave gauze and cotton. We have enough raw material here, but still we are importing much of this material.

The Red Cross Hospital has been using the Central University (a government owned University) for wounded soldiers. They have more than a thousand now and later expect to care for four thousand. Dr. Chen, the superintendent, asks me to start a Social Service department there too. I am being loaned to the Red Cross Hospital by the Municipal Hospital for one week, to organize the service and then I have promised Dr. Gian to come back to the Municipal Hospital. I have started records for all patients who have been wounded by bombs. There is a photograph with each record. I hope the material can be used to support the Peace Movement.

The Social Service Department starts its work today for the Red Cross Hospital. Five women of one of the Women's organizations came as regular workers. They are active and energetic and I am pleased. In addition I assigned one full time worker from the Health Department to look after personal purchases for the soldiers. This has been done before by servants and that has been inconvenient both for the patients and the hospital. It was suggested that the Y.M.C.A. may help with this too.

Next week I shall be back at the Municipal Hospital. I am more interested in the Red Cross Hospital, for the poor soldiers are in need of help in every way. From my window here I see the dead bodies wrapped in white being carried past. Today two thousand wounded soldiers have passed through. The seriously wounded ones are probably to be left in Nanking for medical care and the others to be sent farther inland. More than 100,000 refugees have passed through Nanking and been sent on to other districts.

Sometimes I have gone out with the nurses after the air raids. The blood and broken bones frighten me. I have enough experience of the cruelty of war.

You must have read that recently we have not been so successful in Shanghai. I am praying for the safety of the 800 soldiers who refused to move back from the front line. They are so brave, I can only thank them with tears. Today is the fourth day they have been isolated.

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We have had no air raids for a few days so I can get more work done. Last week the siren warning of raids rang many times each day. Once when the arning siren sounded I was on my bicyele riding from the Municipal Hospital to the Health Station. Before I could get there the enemy planes arrived and I could hear the bombs. When I got into the basement my legs were so stiff I could hardly move. I hope that will not happen again.

Please do write me often to cheer me up. I am alone here, though there are many new friends, but I think of my old friends who are so dear to me. Bao-ai (Ginling alumna in charge of Social work in Soochow) is still at Soochow Hospital, a far more dangerous place than Nanking. She asked my advice when her family urger her to come home. My answer was to think of country first then family; think of service first then personal safety. She is staying at her job. If anything happens to her I shall be under obligations to her family for life (the meaning is to take Bao-ai's place as daughter).

Today I plan to go to the Orphanage for the Sunday service there, and to see the orphan whom I sent there last week. I tried hard to find a home for the poor little homeless boy whose parents had been bombed two months ago. He was wounded and sent to the hospital by a policeman. I failed, so I sent him to Mr. Ma's orphanage, and it was the last child Mr. Ma could take, for he is crowded.

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THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
GREENSBORO, N. C.
March 22, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

My dear Rebecca:

Thank you so much for your letters. I have been meaning to answer the first, and then along came the second... and what good news it brought. I am so happy that both Tuh-wei and Ming-djen got the Barbour scholarships. You spoke of Tuh-wei's being renewed, but you know she did not have a Barbour this year. She came without one. So, I am doubly happy about it. I have been desperately worried for I had heard that her family have lost a great deal and could not help her at all next year. She is just now out of money. In fact, I do not know that she has enough for the summer, but I shall see about that and see what can be done to tide her over if she does not start with the fellowship money until fall. She has been so worried, that I know what it means to her to have it. And Ming-djen surely deserves it. Both of them will do credit to Ginling. Tuh-wei has done rather unusual work I think this year at Michigan. She has a rare ability, and is doing work in creative writing with Prof. Cowden there--- and extremely happy. They have been most helpful to her in every way and she appreciates it.

I am so disappointed, for I had thought maybe Louise and I could come and get acquainted with you-- and when your letter came along I felt we could surely make it. But Louise is tied up at Radcliffe, and my finances are not going to allow traveling at the moment, so if you don't mind we'll postpone the little visit until perhaps early summer. We both think you are such a nice person, and when we discovered our mutual admiration last year, we decided that we would sometime just make an opportunity develop so that we could get acquainted... Perhaps we could all spend a week the last of June someplace. I have been thinking of driving up to Cambridge then, and maybe I could persuade you to go along. Louise has a little living room with her bed room so we might all visit in her modest apartment, and we could stay at a tourist home or something-- just having a bit of a lark. Life is so short that it seems a pity not to be able to do some of the things that would be fun. I expect to get as far north as Washington, D.C. the first week of April, and be there for a meeting for a day and visit for a couple of days.

Excuse this short note, but it does bring my warmest greetings to you. Take good care of yourself-- and do try and get out and away from the office more now that spring is here. I want so to have a chance to talk over Ginling things and people with you. I have so many questions about the future, the present, etc.

Most affectionately yours,

Merab

How is Shih Bao-djen getting along? Would you send me her address sometime?

Did you know Yü Swen-dji? Her sister - my first major! - is here in U.S. with her husband, Dr. Chang (Pali. Sci. Head at Nankai) & they will pass here in May. I thought you might not know.

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Room 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
March 28, 1938.

My dear Hereb^s

Your letter of March 22nd, I found this morning, and I am sorry that you and Louise will not be turning up in Lancaster. I was in Washington yesterday for a few hours, and found it very beautiful.

Thank you for correcting me about Tuh-wei's scholarship. It is splendid that she has secured a Barbour scholarship for this coming year.

I have this morning a letter from Ong Hwei-lan. My memory is that she was one of your students. She has sent her application to the University of Chicago and asks me to write a letter of introduction for her. She doesn't tell me in what field she is interested, and I am trusting that you will be able to write this letter of introduction. If you cannot do it, will you please let me know at once. I am enclosing Ruth's letter to Miss Ong, and Miss Ong's letter to me. Will you please return them for my files? They contain all the information which I have on this problem.

Shih-Pao-chen is a charming girl. She lives at Whittier Hall, 1230 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, New York. That is the dormitory for Teachers College of Columbia University. As far as I know, she is getting along very well. Chen Dzu-ying, however, is having a difficult time, both in her adjustment and in her work.

If Yü Swen-dji is the girl who graduated at Pomona and was our librarian for a time, I certainly do know her. Do you mean that a Ginling girl is the wife of the great Dr. Chang, the dean of Nankai, who is now speaking in this country? The Dr. Chang whom I have met and heard here in New York, is a brother of Chang Po-ling, the founder of Nankai. I had no idea that he had married a Ginling girl.

Do have a good time on your vacation. Get as much rest and refreshment as you can.

RWG:am

Affectionately yours,

Miss Mereb Mossman
Woman's College of Uni. of N. C.
Greensboro, North Carolina

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THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
OF
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GREENSBORO, N. C.

March 31, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

My dear Rebecca:

I am returning these letters of Ong Hwei-lan's. I also had a letter from her about a week ago in which she said she wanted to get bulletins of the University of Chicago and Admission blanks. I wrote to Miss Abbott at once and asked her to send them to Hwei-lan. She wishes to be in the School of Social Service Administration, which was my reason for writing Miss Abbott.

Do you think I should write another letter to the office of admissions? I would be glad to do so. Hwei-lan was one of my major students, and she did about B work in all of her subjects as I remember. She is the girl who has money that has been interested in helping Dr. Wu go to Java and get some more endowment for Ginling.... Hwei-lan herself is a rather odd girl with a very good heart. She has a slight nervous condition that makes her seem jumpy, but she has a good mind. I found her especially difficult in case work because she takes a peternalistic attitude toward so many things in life. She does not intend to do so-- but she does. For example, she wrote me the other day about all of the war work she was doing--- then ended by saying that she herself was not doing it, but that she was paying a girl to do it for her. So she was making her contribution. Please let me know whether you think I should write a letter to the office of admissions also of the University of Chicago.

I shall write to Chih Bao-djen immediately. She was one of the students whom I expected to keep in touch with this year-- but knowing she was under Y.W. sponsorship, I have realized she would be well taken care of-- and let it go at that.

No, Choing-dji is not the Dr. Chang's wife! She is C.M. Chang's wife-- he is the head of the Political Science unit. He and Franklin Ho (Yu Swendji's husband) have been doing some extremely interesting work in economic and political research. He is a delightful person. When I heard where they are to be in New York I shall let you know. Choing-dji is Swen-dji's sister, and Swen-dji was the librarian at Ginling.

I am so sorry not to see you this vacation. It is turning out to be not much of a vacation for I am trying to get some business done in the various bureaus in Washington-- and that is a bit on the tiring side, but I am looking forward to it. I do wish we were having a leisurely bit of time together--- just for a visit. I am still looking for you down here at any time you are free. It would be might jolly.

Most affectionately yours,

Thurb S. Dr.

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Room 903,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.
April 6, 1938.

My dear Merob:

Thank you for returning so promptly Ong Hwei-lan's letter. In the past there has been a great deal of difficulty in getting Ginling students in Chicago University. They do not wish to grant the graduate rank, so I think that anything you can do in regard to Ong Hwei-lan's entrance, will be advisable. I shall write the office of admissions also, but I should prefer to do it after your letter has gone, unless your judgement is that mine should go first. I shall send you a copy of my letter and I shall be happy to have a copy of yours.

When Djang Siao-mei of the Bank of China, came to this country, the University of Chicago said that they would grant her sophomore rank. As she and Djang Siao-sung were the leading students of the very excellent class of 1926, this was extremely embarrassing. Djang Siao-mei, however, stood her ground, offering to take examinations, and finally was accepted as a graduate student. You know, of course, that the B. A. degree is granted under the Regents of the State of New York, which helps somewhat in presenting these girls to Chicago.

Ruth says that the record is being sent from Shanghai. If, however, it doesn't come too speedily, I think it might be well to ask the Board of Regents in Albany to permit us to have Ong Hwei-lan's record. They granted us the privilege of copying Yü Siu-ping's record some months ago, when she thought she was about to come to Teachers College. This, of course, is very irregular, but Albany was sensible of the very great difficulties under which Ginling is now working.

I had lunch with Li Gwan Yuen and Ts'ui Ya-lan on Monday. Ya-lan is looking very well, and says that for the last three weeks she has been feeling well also.

Do let me know when the Chang's are in New York. I should be most happy to have an opportunity to meet them.

I thought of you Sunday, as I flew about my peaceful home and made some plans for the summer appearance of the lawn and garden. The daffodils are blooming and I found one dandelion and two violets. This, however,

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for one from the south is not nearly as exciting as it was for me. I do hope that you will have some rest on your vacation, and that we may see each other before too many weeks have gone by.

RWG:am

Affectionately yours,

Miss Merab Mossman,
Sociology Department,
Women's College,
University of North Carolina,
Greensboro, North Carolina.

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THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
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GREENSBORO, N. C.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

April 22, 1938

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
Suite 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

My dear Rebecca:

I am not quite clear from your letter as to whether you wish me to write directly to the office of admission of the University of Chicago concerning Miss Ong. I had already written Dean Abbott. However, if you think it wise I shall be to write a letter to the office of admission. If it is necessary, I can also write President Hutchins. I see no reason why they should not accept our Ginling College credits. Vice President Woodward of the University of Chicago visited me at Nanking, and I could write if it seems necessary.

I would suggest that you send Miss Ong's record from the Board of Regents in Albany to the office of admissions in Chicago. Then if there is any question, I shall be glad to write them at once.

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Chang are at the Great Northern Hotel, Fifty-Seventh Street West in New York and will be there until about April, twenty-second to twenty-fourth. I know they will enjoy seeing you.

How I would have enjoyed being with you during the spring holidays! Perhaps we can get together later.

Most affectionately yours,

Mereb

Mereb E. Mossman

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p.s. I'd like to have been with you when you found a medal & a handkerchief!

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Room 903,
180 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.
May 2, 1938.

My dear Merab:

I think it would be well to write a letter to the office of Admissions about Miss Ong, possibly enclosing also a copy of your letter already sent to Dean Abbott. There is no reason why the University of Chicago should not accept Ginling College graduates, but a decade ago at least, there was no graduate school in this country that seemed more difficult to get into than the University of Chicago, as far as foreign students were concerned.

I am very sorry that I did not see Dr. and Mrs. Chang. Your letter reached New York on the 23rd, and I did not get it until the 25th, as I was out of the city over the week-end. I may have another opportunity of seeing them.

I have had the impression that you forwarded to me from Florence Kirk the fascinating account that she has written down for Liu En-land. I am having it copied and am sending it with a note to Pearl Buck Walsh, with an inward prayer that she may find it a sufficiently telling combination of poignancy and purposeful activity, to wish to sponsor it in one or another of our magazines. I think had we sent Minnie's diary there first, we would have had success in publishing it, but possibly it is just as well that Ginling did not receive that publicity at this time.

RWG:am

Affectionately yours,

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

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THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
GREENSBORO, N. C.

May 10, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

My dear Rebecca:

I am sending you a letter which I have just written to Ong Hwei-lan, and which I would appreciate your sending air mail to Hongkong if you think it is allright. I am sending it to you because I just can't decide whether it is rude or not. I am enclosing Hwei-lan(s so that you may decide. Hwei-lan is an impossible child in some ways, and I just can't bear the thought of having her on my hands from the last of July until Octoboer when Chicago opens. She is a highlyself centered girl, who is generous and kind, ut is not the kind of a person whom I care to have about closely. And I don't see any sense in her coming in July, getting here too late to enter a summer session. It is far better, as I wrote her before, to start at the regular session in the fall. If she had gotten here in time for the summer session in June, I could see reason for coming. But she is not ready to travel around studying social institutions yet. She is far too prone to get surface impressions to things and feel that she is well versed. Hence, my somewhat strong note to her, and my more than definite discouragement to her regarding the possibility of her coming here earlier than September.

However, she is a person that I think Dr. Wu feels can do considerable for the college in a financial way and I don't wish to seem discourteous.

Excuse this hasty note, but I know I must get this off today-- and I thought your advice would be sound.

Most affectionately yours,

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May 12, 1938.

My dear Mereb:

I have sent forward by airmail to the Empress of Russia this morning, your letter to Ong Hwei-lan. It seems to me quite reasonable to write to her as you have. She should have the letter by the first of June, and I hope that it was all right to send it in this way instead of by clipper next week. It saves considerable postage and the delay will not be very great.

These girls do not use much imagination about the problems which their vacations give to those of us who are responsible for them. Have you had any word from Mrs. Ehead about the difficulty she has been having with the Gilling undergraduate student in music? I have known American girls to act as badly, but it is certainly not the time for a Chinese girl to give her country such a bad reputation, as this situation appears to be.

RWG:am

Affectionately yours,

Miss Mereb Mossman,
The Woman's College
University of North
Carolina,
Greensboro, N. C.

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Room 903,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.
May 18, 1938.

My dear Mereb:

Of course I do not know Mrs. Rhead at all well. I met her as she passed through New York last fall. My feeling is that she might think that I had tattled out of turn, if you write to her about Hua-ohuen. I sincerely hope that you will be able to do something with the girl when you go to Michigan. If you feel that you could do something before that by writing, would it not be well first to write to Mrs. Rhead and ask her how this girl is getting along. The girl certainly is giving Mrs. Rhead a lot of trouble.

You will let us know your summer plans, and address or addresses, and your plans for next year. Ruth and Catharine are coming home, possibly sailing on July 10th, and are expecting to stop in Japan. Dr. Reeves and Minnie are deferring their furloughs for another year. Stella, if the doctor gives her a clear bill of health, is to return. Mrs. Thurston is considering staying over at least one semester in this country.

RWG:sm

Affectionately yours,

Miss Mereb Mossman,
Department of Sociology,
The Woman's College of
the University of North Carolina,
Greensboro, North Carolina.

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THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
GREENSBORO, N. C.

Saturday

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

My dear Rebecca:

I am glad you wrote of the trouble Mrs. Rhead is having with Djao Hua-chuen. I had not heard anything about it, and I am wondering whether I might be of some help. Last year I was the adviser to the class of which Hua-chuen was a member. While I did not know her especially well, she knew me well enough that I think she would be glad to have me talk with her. I am hoping to stop there and see Tuh-wei and Mabel sometime between the time our school closes here on June 6th and the time Chicago opens on June 29th or thereabouts. I had worried considerably when I heard that Mabel was going to take Hua-chuen, for though I think the child doubtless has great musical talent, I knew that she had many personal traits which would not make her an easy person to handle. But I did not know she was coming until I heard she was here.

Would you suggest that I write to Mabel about it? I shall talk with her when I get there, but in the meantime is there anything that you think could be done by writing? It is a real problem because sometimes I feel the Chinese students simply do not know what they are asking when they expect so much. The differences in backgrounds, etc. makes it a problem.

I am glad you thought my letter to Hwei-lan not too firm. I just want to have her on my hands to worry about this summer. She is a nice child, but stubborn and very self centered, and spoiled. Miss Abbott probably went to the University during the second summer term, and Hwei-lan would get off to a bad start. Then she would have about five weeks ~~between~~ between terms. I hope to goodness she does not come until fall. I would be at Chicago the second term either.

Please do let me know if there is anything you think I could do about Hua-chuen if she is really causing Mabel trouble. *I got to know Hua-chuen when she became involved in a dreadful emotional religious group last year.*

Most affectionately,

Mabel

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17 October 1938

Dear Miss Mossman:

We have an urgent request from the Smith Club in Detroit, Michigan, to supply them with our best possible Ginling speaker for a meeting during the first week of November. I have temporized by sending an air mail inquiry as to the exact day in the week, and I should be hearing from them on this subject today or tomorrow. You will not be surprised to know that we have set our hearts on sending Miss Chang Teh-wei to them. I appreciate too deeply the pressure under which Miss Chang works to expect her to give any great amount of time to us in connection with the meetings of the groups interested in Ginling, but this Detroit meeting is an unusually vital one. The Detroit Club has come with some difficulty to the expression of a desire to help Ginling, and an unsuccessful meeting would be a real calamity.

We have not in this office an adequate biography of Chang Teh-wei, and I am hoping that you can send me some notes in regard to her by return mail. If, also, you have a photograph of her which you consider good, would you let me have it just long enough to have it copied? I am counting eagerly on your assistance in carrying through on this vital Detroit request.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Meref Mossman
Sociology Department
Woman's College, University of North Carolina
Greensboro North Carolina

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THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
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GREENSBORO, N. C.

October 19, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

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

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I am sorry that your letter was left here in my office yesterday after I went down to the county department of public welfare, and I did not have it until this morning. I hope this delay will not be inconvenient.

I think it would be a good idea to ask Tuh-wei to speak in Detroit as she is a good speaker, deeply interested in Ginling, and she has a pleasing personality. I do happen to know that she is extremely rushed this semester, and I agree with you that she should not be asked to speak unless it seems necessary.

I do not know just what you want in the way of a biographical sketch. She attended McTyiere Middle School, graduating in 1930. Then she came to Ginling College and received her B.A. in 1934. She taught English for one year in Keen High School, and taught the following two in Ginling in the English department. She has done some writing which she has had published in newspapers and magazines in China. These have been small productions in short stories, drama, and short sketches. She was active in dramatics in college, and is very much interested in getting into more of that while here in America. At the present time she is in Michigan working on her masters in the English department, and doing work in creative writing under Prof. Cowden.

I do hope that she does have time to do this, for it would be a splendid thing to have the Detroit alumnae of Smith really active in relation to Ginling.

I received your letter the other day concerning the A.A.U.W. cooperation with Ginling. I am the International Relations chairman of our local branch, and I have been wondering whether it might be a good idea to get the Ginling film perhaps and maybe center one meeting around Ginling. I shall write you more of that later.

Most sincerely yours,

Mereb E. Mossman

Mereb E. Mossman

p.s. I do not have a picture of Tuh-wei that is small enough. I have a large one from which you might have a small one made.

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21 October 1958

Dear Miss Mossman:

Thank you so much for your note about Chang Tuh-wai. You will be delighted to know that she has accepted the Detroit invitation.

If you have some safe way of mailing the photograph of Miss Chang, will you not do so at once? If you can send this by special delivery, we may be able to get it copied in time to be of use in Detroit. In any case, I can use it in a bulletin which goes to press next week. May we reimburse you for the extraordinary postage you are using on our behalf?

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Merab E. Mossman,
Department of Sociology,
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Greensboro, North Carolina.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

My dear Mrs. McMillan -

I had a note from Turk-mei saying that she is sending you a picture - so I have not sent the large one.

At the moment we are planning for a Dr. Yen & a Miss Liu who are being sent here. I had a letter from A.A.N.W. asking me to help sponsor it. I am having so, but did not write to - because I had thought our chapter should help directly. I will write more of that later.

Sincerely

Hubert S. Freeman

Oct. 26

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3 November 1938

Dear Miss Mossman:

May I comment very briefly on your remarks about the Chinese speakers, who I judge are members of the Youth Congress group?

It was understood when the vote was passed by the International Relations group on September 30th, that it left A. A. U. W. free to express themselves in support of any educational need in China to which they felt specially drawn. In your case, this ought to mean Ginling, and I hope it will.

The Youth Congress speaking tour was planned on the spur of the moment, and had somewhat casual support from a number of organizations.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Meredith E. Mossman,
Department of Sociology,
The Woman's College of
The University of North Carolina,
Greensboro, North Carolina.

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150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York
14 November 1938.

Dear Miss Mossman:

I have been doing some investigation in regard to the possibility of following up on Ginling's behalf the recent vote of the International Relations Committee of the A.A.U.W. It will help if I can have from you further information about the request for sponsorship of your Branch in relation to the visit of the Youth Congress representatives. I have a certain amount of information about this request, but no one seems to have a copy of the letter and/or other material which went out to Branches. If you have this in your possession, or can secure it, it will be of great help to me as I confer further with Miss Woolley and others.

No word has yet come of the Detroit meeting which Chang Tuh-wei was to attend. I feel certain that she charmed them.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Merea Mossman,
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The Woman's College of the
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Greensboro, North Carolina.

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

22 March 1939

Dear Miss Mossman:

We had a good Executive meeting of the Ginling Board yesterday, and attached to the agenda a statement of meetings held in the interest of Ginling during the current year. These have been addressed by certain members of the Ginling alumnae group in America this year, by Miss Chester, Mrs. Thurston, Miss Griest, and others. This list will be supplemented and kept up to date for final report at the annual meetings. Will you not send us a list of the talks you have given this year, which have been either wholly or partly for Ginling? We have heard at second and third hand that you have been giving a good many such talks.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Mervin E. Mossman
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26 April 1939

Dear Miss Mossman:

Thank you very much for your clear statement of your own responsibilities, and their relation to the calls which Ginling makes upon you. I will act as promptly and effectively as possible on behalf of Miss Tsu Yu-dji, and will consult with Ruth Chester as frequently as possible.

Miss Chester was in Ann Arbor yesterday, and goes from there today to Emily Case in Cleveland, thence home to Philadelphia by way of Elmira College. From the information which I have, I believe that she has abandoned the thought of going farther south than Washington, where she was during the week of April 11. She feels that there is still a good deal to do at home before the family leaves Philadelphia for its Maine cottage. I believe that she is to have a part of July in Maine before setting out for China.

I will keep you in touch with developments in relation to Miss Tsu Yu-dji's graduate study, on the understanding that you will comment upon these developments if you have time to do so. In any case, I want you to know what steps are being taken, and count on you to feel free to criticize unfavorably anything of which you do not approve.

It has been particularly delightful to see something of the three Ginling girls in Ann Arbor this week. Miss Chang's charm and ability are very unusual.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Meref E. Mossman
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9 September 1939

Dear Miss Mossman:

I am very reluctant to think that you found it necessary to pass through New York on your return from abroad without having that talk to which you and I had looked forward. This, in addition to losing the final hoped-for conversation with you before you sailed, would be almost too much!

A letter from Wu Yi-fang addressed to you and Chang Tuh-wei arrived long after you had sailed, and there appeared nothing to do but hold it here. I await word from you before forwarding it.

I hope that this unhappy world held at least a very good summer holiday for you and the members of your family.

Sincerely yours,

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THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
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GREENSBORO, N. C.

September 18, 1939

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Mrs. T. D. MacMillan,
Ginling College Office,
155th Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. MacMillan:

I was so sorry not to be able to stop
and talk with you on our return from abroad this summer.
I had to return to Kansas before the opening of school
here, so I was unable to spend any time in New York.

You may forward the letter from Dr. Wu
to me here. Thank you so much for your trouble.

I imagine that Louise stopped to see you
when she was in New York this week. She and I had a very
happy three days' drive from Kansas here, so that she can
tell you any news concerning our summer which may be of
any interest to you.

Most sincerely,

Hubert S. Massman

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From President Wu to Mereb Mossman

Ginling College
Chengtu
November 15, 1939

Dear Mereb:

I have wanted to write you a real letter for a long time, but somehow I just could not get it done. Now I want to make a beginning at it even if I should not be able to finish the dictating.

Business first, for I wish to write to you about the Sociology Department. We are now considering the needs of our departments in the fall of 1940. I could not help turning my thoughts to you, and to ask if there is any possibility of your coming back after the war. I said, after the war, because I realize clearly that with the unsettled conditions of the war your dear parents would not wish you to come. I do wish you to consider seriously coming back to serve Ginling after we return to Nanking at the time of the great need of rehabilitation. While we were in Nanking, we started the discussions on the distinctive fields a women's college should emphasize and endeavor to strengthen. The general trend is more clear than ever that our best contribution to the education of women is along special lines, and we can not hope to do good work in every department.

You must have heard that the Ministry of Education has issued the College curriculum giving the general required courses in Freshman and Sophomore years, and the program of required and elective courses in the major subjects. We understood the purpose of such standardization when we know of those poor big universities that have no standard, but meet the expenses by admitting anyone. However, when the curriculum is so regulated, it does handicap greatly a liberal college. Several of the Presidents have talked to the Minister frankly on this point, and during the first year of trial it is up to the professors to offer our constructive suggestions on this prescribed curriculum. I think it is likely that changes and improvements will be gradually made. However, the fact remains that if we wish to do well in our academic standard in comparison with that of bigger universities, we must strengthen the few departments which the College wishes to develop.

From another point of view, the fact is, there is a real lack of women well-trained academically and technically and with a real spirit of service. Recently, when Madame Chiang talked to our students informally, she said the fault is that we should have fifteen hundred students instead of one hundred and fifty. She is promoting rural service, and is giving short courses of training to high school students, but when these teams go out they need college women to be supervisors. Four Sociology majors of 1939 were taken on her staff, and I have no more to supply her increasing need. When the tremendous task of rehabilitation begins after the war, the call for such well-trained women will be even larger. Should we not then be looking ahead and do our share in training some women to meet this need?

Dr. Lung seems to have developed a good deal, and is doing quite well in the theory courses, but I am sorry to say Miss Chou Li-chiu falls short of our expectations. It seems that she is good only in dealing with individuals in her own line of case work. Outside of that she seems not interested or not capable of doing anything. I have tried hard to secure Miss Kitty Lei, and I am still trying, but I fear that the important and large-scale work for

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women in Kiangsi with Nora Hsiung will still keep her there. If she actually should not come we must do something to increase our staff by next autumn. In regard to yourself, I would be perfectly willing to tide over the period of one or two more years, and wait for your return after the war. Ever since last fall when we came together, I missed you terribly, and now when we begin to make plans with a longer view into the future, I wish so much that you were with us. Do please give my appeal your serious consideration, and let me know your thinking on the subject.

The other question I wish to take up with you is in regard to helping promising young women from our Sociology department get further training. Tsu Yu-dji and Wu Suen-i are fine for going into rural work, but we need to have others for the department, and other lines of this large field. As for the assistants in the department, Lin Yui-wen gave several years of faithful service, and she deserves help for going abroad for advanced study. When she came back to Chengtu last spring, I asked her several times if she would consider going to Jenshow, but she did not see the challenge. She has had good offers from several places, and is now in the post-graduate course of the Agricultural Economics department of Nanking University. Both she and Chen Lan-ying are in this course with a graduate scholarship. It seems most likely they will stay for the two years and finish the course. After the University has given such financial support, they may naturally expect these two girls to give the department service after graduation. As for Dzo Yu-lin, she does not seem to me to be academically well enough qualified for us to encourage her to go on into post-graduate work. She is fine in many respects, particularly in our faculty group in attending to some of the household duties, but for the department she does not show the keen interest professionally enough to indicate her future development. If she should have written to you for help in securing a scholarship, I would rather discourage it. We must, therefore, look around and discover the best material to assist in the department, and help with further development. If among your own girls you have special recommendations to make I would be more than glad to consider them.

Last July we had the largest number of graduates from the Sociology Department. We have kept two to go to Jenshow, and naturally we shall watch carefully for their future possibilities. They are Feng Gia-wen, and Wei Dzun-d, e, sister-in-law of Gan Bih-yun. Hsiao Din-ying is also at Jenshow. The two highest in the academic records of the ten graduates are out of the question for assisting in the department because one is engaged to be married, and the other is already married. The University of Nanking, I understand, has invited Miss Chen Wen-hsien to come after she finishes her Ph.D. at Chicago. She was, you may remember, the student secretary of the Church of Christ in China, and has now been in America for four or five years. I do not know her as a student, but she appeared to be a capable person as a secretary. At present among the three colleges of the University, there is the smallest enrollment in the College of Arts, and there are very few majors in the Sociology Department.

The Minister of Education has sent notices to all the schools and colleges for them to promote "Social Education" which includes adult education, and other forms of extension in the work for the community in which the institution is located. It may be that the University has this in mind when they invite Miss Chen. For Ginling, I am very sorry to say that because of our limited staff we were not able to do anything last year. This year I have invited Liu Shu-yuen to come back to make a start on this field of service which a Christian women's college ought to be doing seriously. With Dr. Ling's

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interest more in the theoretical courses, and both Miss Chou and Miss Dzo rather indifferent about such extension work, I do not know where to turn for help. Even now Miss Liu needs direction and help. From this account you can readily understand how I wish you were here right now.

I am glad that I have some good news in regard to our Rural Project at Jenshow. Last spring, when Miss Phoebe Hoh and Wu Suen-i went down to make a start, it did not go very well, but a good foundation was made in making contacts with the local people. This autumn we are very happy that the W.F.M.S. loaned us Irma Highbaugh for a period of two years. With her, there are our three college girls, the midwifery nurse, and a Miss Li who helps in the linen embroidery work. The Nanking Agricultural Short Course is also in Jenshow, and they are planning to promote an improved loom for weaving. We are, therefore, hoping to help in promoting spinning in addition to the other activities, such as the midwifery clinic, and children's education. There is a large field for cooperation with the Agricultural College, and I see clearly the opening for us to develop Home Economics.

We really need to send someone else besides Wu Suen-i for training. If we do not plan ahead, and get the staff trained then the Nanking Agricultural College may be forced to develop this line to meet the urgent need. At present there is just not the Chinese woman qualified to make a start, and so the whole field is wide open to us.

I trust our New York office is keeping our former faculty in America well informed on the doings in Chengtu and Nanking, and I hope you will excuse me if I do not take the time to tell you more personal news. In spite of the continued war, the student enrollment has increased more than we expected, and if no big change comes we are likely to be here in 1940. Next year we most likely will have a student body of around two hundred.

With much love and best wishes for a happy Christmas in the Mossman family.

Very sincerely yours,

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GREENSBORO, N. C.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

December 13, 1939

My dear Rebecca:

I was so glad to get your letter. I know how busy you are and how difficult it is to keep up with correspondence. I have the same trouble, and sometimes feel perfectly awful when I realize how slow I am in answering people that I really care to keep up with. I suppose that one just must recognize that all things cannot get done, and when ^{one} does the best one knows ~~how~~ along the way - That is all one can do.

I appreciate your comments on Ong Hwei-Lan. I think your feelings about her are quite correct. She is essentially a very lonely person. This has always been true, both in China, and here. Students thoroughly disliked her when she was in college because of patronizing superior attitudes which she held in a good many areas. This was, I believe, unintentional on her part, and arose out of a bad nervous condition for which she should have had treatment years ago. I hear from her about once a week, and have made this year a great effort to answer her immediately. She has been distressed about her thesis. When I see her in Chicago at Christime time, I shall take it up with the school, as well as with her.

I have written to Mrs. McMillan about Miss Chen, and when I hear from her, I will do whatever seems best.

I would so love to see Kathrine Sutherland. I'm hoping that sometime during the year our paths will cross.

Most affectionately,

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