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American Church Mission
Nanking, China
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Miss Elizabeth R. Bender
150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y.

Dear Miss Bender,

The Executive Committee of the Ginling Board of Control held a short meeting on Oct. 31st, in order to prepare for the Board meeting of the following day. Although the actions of the Committee were fully reported in the Board meeting and finally dealt with, I am enclosing a report of its meeting in order that your files may be complete.

The minutes of the Board of Control meeting on Nov.1-2 are now being printed and when they are ready I shall be glad to send copies to you. I understand that Pres. Wu has already sent you a preliminary typed copy of these minutes, so you will be already informed of the results of that meeting. Mr. Marx offered his resignation as Secretary of the Board and I was elected to undertake the responsibilities of that office. This I shall do to the best of my ability. I have not the office facilities that Mr. Marx had and may therefore be delayed in getting certain materials to you. I shall do the best I can, however, and have already been given much help by the office staff at Ginling.

There were certain actions taken by the Board that require some explanation and I venture now to call your attention to these.

(1) The Constitution. This was revised once more and I enclose a copy herewith, as revised up-to-date. It will be necessary to have the action of the G.C.C. on this Constitution and we respectfully beg that it be given due consideration at your January meeting. Dr. Wu (that is the way we speak of President Wu here) has promised to send a copy of this Constitution to every member of the G.C.C. and I trust they will be received in time to enable them to prepare for the January discussion. Will you please notify us of the action taken at the G.C.C.meeting as promptly as possible, as we shall have a good deal to do in the preparation of a Chinese translation ~~of it~~ to give to the Nanking Gov't Ministry of Education at the time registration is applied for. Registration must be applied for by May 1st, I believe.

(In the "Agreement Between Board of Directors and Board of Founders", copy of which is attached to the Constitution, there is only one blank which is not yet filled in. That is in Sec. III No.4. The Board of Control gave its Executive Committee authority to suggest the figure that should go in. The committee has not yet met and we may not be able to give you a figure in time for your January meeting. I hope, however, that we can. There is difference of opinion about this paragraph. ~~in the "Agreement"~~. At present the upkeep and maintenance of Ginling is assured from funds from your Committee in America. Some think that the Board of Cpntrol (Directors-to-be) should merely have a "gentleman"s agreement" with the G.C.C. to keep up the buildings in the very best condition. Others think the Chinese should have ~~xxxxxx~~ their responsibility in this matter very clearly stated. At present the Board expects its Executive Committee to fill in the document as prepared, and we shall do what we can. If the cost of the buildings is rated at G$ 770,000. the amount set aside out here for upkeep would have to be less than one-percent or it would ruin us !).

Mrs. T.

(2) Mrs. Thurston. The vote of the Board was that she should have a year's furlough beginning about Jan 1st,1929, and that during the furlough she should have an opportunity for post-graduate study. This is the Board's recommendation to the G.C.C. and we hope the latter body will find it possible to grant her time for such study. Mrs. Thurston's return for teaching and other work is requested for the beginning of the second term's work of the 1929-1930 academic year. The full report of the special committee appointed to make recommendations concerning Mrs. Thurston's relation to the College , is printed in the minutes of the Board meeting.

Miss Buse

(3) Miss Buse. Miss Buse will have servied four full years at the end of this academic year, that is, in June,1929. She came out with the understanding that she

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sho uld be given a year of language study. This it was inconvenient for the College to do and she has had a very limited opportunity for such study. Owing to her ill-health and to the fact that she has served the College so well during the past two years of political upheaval, it seemed only reasonable and right to grant her her return passage and release her at the end of this academic year.

(4). Votes 38-39 regarding Piano, Land and Buildings. The Board requests that these Permanent Equipment funds be made available now, for the following reasons: the piano is badly needed by the music department; and the land, which juts into the present property badly, should be bought just as soon as possible, in view of the fact that Nanking is having a very great land-boom, and some of the officials are purchasing land in the general vicinity of Ginling for residences.

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May I also record, as secretary of the Board of Control, that the inauguration of the new president on Nov. 3rd took place in a most regular and orderly manner. Mrs. Thurston handed the seals of the College to Mrs. W.S. New, Chairman of the Board of Control, and Ms. New in turn handed tham to Miss Wu. A large and representative body of Chinese and foreigners was present and the weather was ideal.

Yours very sincerely

W.P. Roberts

Sec'y of Board of Control.

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(25 Bao Tai Giai,) Nanking
Dec. 5,1928

Miss Elizabeth R Bender
150 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.

My dear Miss Bender,

I hope you have already received my letter of Nov.17th, telling about the Nov.1-2 meeting of the Board of Control of Ginling. It has taken longer than we anticipated getting the minutes printed and Dr. Wu tells me that she sent to the members of the Ginling College Committee typewritten copies of these minutes, knowing that it would be impossible to send them anything else before your January meeting.

In the proposed new Constitution and Agreement with the Founders one space was left blank,- the prcentage for upkeep which the Board of Directors promises to set aside for the maintaining of the plant in the best of condition. The Executive Committee has voted for <u>one-fifth of one percent</u> for this figure . In reporting this to you, however, I wish to explain one thing: the Executive Committee, due to my own misreading of the Agreement, was under the impression that this percentage was to represent money raised in China from the Tuition of students, etc. It seems, however, that both Mrs. Thurston and Dr. Wu interpret the Agreement as referring to <u>all</u> income, American and Chinese,- "general income". If the Executive Committee had interpreted it thus, we surely would have fixed upon a larger percentage, say one-half of one percent at least, as it is only reasonable to think that repairs, etc. ~~will~~ many amount to at least $5,000. per year. There is not time for me to ask the Committee for another vote this week and I shall have to leave the matter thus with you. I hope your committee will discuss what percentage it thinks we should set aside from our total income and let us know. I have consulted experienced persons in Shanghai on this matter and the figures given by them range from three to seven percent as the figure needed to keep a plant at its best. Taking five percent of the original cost of a building as the figure needed annually for its upkeep and repair, it means that in twenty years a sum equal to the original cost of the building will have been paid out. This seems to me like too large a sum but it may be the right one. The Ginling buildings have been built for permanence, though, and for the next five years(the period of the proposed lease from the Founders) there will certainly not need to be so large a sum expended for upkeep. One half of one percent seems to me a fair figure. If the plant is worth (roughly) one million Mex. dollars, the upkeep fund would then be about $5,000.=.

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Hoping that you have a successful meeting of the G.C.C. and that we may hear of the results of the meeting by the end of February, I am

Yours sincerely
W.P. Roberts
Sec'y Board of Control.

American Church Mission
Nanking.

(My permanent address)

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February 8, 1929

Mr. W. P. Roberts
American Church Mission
Nanking, China

My dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed you will find the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Ginling College Committee. You will see that they are in two sections. The second one covers the meeting of the Executive Committee which was given power to act on matters for which there was not time on January 7. It is not easy in a place like New York to find a date that is possible for all concerned, and there was considerable delay in finding a date for the Executive Committee meeting.

The report of our action on the proposed Constitution and Agreement was sent four weeks ago and ought to be in your hands at this time.

Mr. Carter, the Treasurer, covers our actions on financial matters, and wrote Miss Priest promptly after the meeting of January 7. If there are other matters which need explanation, I am sure you will hear from him before long.

I will, however, refer to two matters connected with finances. The first is the participation on the part of the Episcopal Board. You know that their contribution of $1250 annually represents an average of salary and traveling expenses. It will cease when Miss Buse severs her connection with the college, which I understand will be at the end of this academic year. We hoped that the Board would continue its annual appropriation as a contribution to the running expenses of the college, or assume the support of some other member of the faculty, American or Chinese, but Dr. Wood tells me that money can be given only as salary of an American member of the faculty who is a communicant of the Episcopal Church. If we succeed in finding such a person to fill one of the positions for which we are seeking candidates this year, we can look for continued participation of the Episcopal Board, otherwise we shall have to eliminate $1250. from our income in this country.

In the matter of permanent equipment we realize that there continually arise needs that seem urgent. At the same time we desire for the sake of the future of the college to conserve as far as possible the money that remains in the Permanent Building Fund. With this in mind we took the action in January 1926 to which we refer you at this time. We felt that it was not out of order when considering proposed uses for this fund at the

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present time to ask that you keep in mind the need when construction of other buildings begin and the difficulty, if not impossibility, of securing additional

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present time to ask that you keep in mind the need when construction of other buildings begin, and the difficulty, if not impossibility, of securing additional building funds. While we hope that the Committee for Christian Colleges in China will some time in the not distant future secure a substantial sum, the chief aim of that campaign will be for endowments. There is little hope that in the near future we can get anything more for buildings from denominational Boards.

As you note, the Committee approved the plan adopted by the Board of Control for Mrs. Thurston's relation to the college after her return from furlough, also that we are planning to give her opportunity for post-graduate work. No action was taken on the request of the Board that she return for the second semester of 1929-1930. That is left open and can be decided later.

While no action was taken expressing the attitude of the Committee in regard to the appointment of Miss Priest as Treasurer, I can say that it has been received with pleasure. We feel that it is a good arrangement and hope that it will prove satisfactory to both the University and Ginling.

We share the view of the college in regard to Miss Vautrin. A few days ago one of the secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board of the Christian Church reported, while calling at my office, that the situation in the case of Miss Vautrin's father was found to be such that they hope she will not feel it is necessary to return at this time. We shall be very glad if it works out in this way.

It was with sincere and deep regret that I recently received a letter from Dr. Treudley reporting her decision not to return to Ginling. In reply to her I said that while I had no authority to speak for the Ginling College Committee, I hoped that she would allow me to present to them the question of a special agreement with her covering the uncertainty that seems to be in her mind as to the length of time during which she will be needed in the college. I believe that the Committee would favorably consider such a suggestion.

We were happy to endorse your call for the return of Miss Case, and I understand that she has signified her willingness to go, though she has asked for a term of two years. We realize that she is needed to meet an emergency, and the Committee is glad to send her back.

We have heard from Miss Cogswell that she has decided to return to Ginling and that she has so informed Dr. Wu. I have written her about the length of term but have not had a reply. Since the action of the Board assumes that she will be coming under a permanent appointment, I take it for granted that it was with this understanding that she decided to return.

You know before this that Miss Griest feels that on account of family conditions it will not be possible for her to return to Ginling. You will note that the Committee reinforces your request by expressing the hope that in the future the way will open for her to return.

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Our action in regard to Dr. Hackett simply puts on record our approval of her return in case the authorities on the field extend a call for her to take up again her work in the college.

Our Committee concurred heartily in the action of the Board of Control in regard to language study. We are strongly of the opinion that provision for study should be made for every person who goes to the college on a permanent basis. There is a question, however, whether such provision should be made for other teachers even if the schedule of work makes it possible. There may be doubt as to whether what is gained in cases of this kind is of sufficient value to overbalance what is involved on the other side.

The work that the Committee for Christian Colleges in China is doing has progressed rapidly during the time that Dr. Wallace has been in this country. You will note the actions that we took in regard to the work which this Committee is promoting. We believe that the principles underlying the Correlated Program are sound, and are gratified to know that in the scheme Ginling is to remain a distinctive four year college for women. There are questions involved in the Federation plans for the East China institutions, the largest one being whether the Federation shall be centralized or not. We were glad to have the opportunity a few days ago to hear Mr. Yang of Soochow give his views of the situation and the plan in general. He presented some very good arguments for the centralized federated scheme. I understand from what he said that whichever plan goes into effect, Ginling will remain as it is, with its four years work in Nanking.

We deeply regret to be under the necessity of reporting that the office of the Cooperating Committee for Women's Union Christian Colleges in Foreign Fields has been discontinued and the Committee dissolved. Speaking for Ginling, Miss Tyler has been most loyal and effective in cooperation, and our Ginling Committee would have been glad to have her work continued.

Coming to the actions of the Executive Committee, I will refer first to the one requesting the Board of Control to budget for representation at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges if such representation is desired. The Board of Control has never made a recommendation regarding this matter. A request has come from the President, or Dean, or possibly the faculty, asking from time to time that we provide for such representation. I think one year the meeting was held in Chicago, and Miss Vautrin attended without expense to the Ginling Committee. Last year we paid the expenses of Dr. Wu, Miss Griest, Miss Hoh and Miss Hwang to Atlantic City to attend the meeting of the Ginling College Committee. The Association of American Colleges was holding its meeting at that time and Dr. Wu attended all of the sessions that did not over-lap the meetings of our Committee. I think the other members of the Ginling faculty were present for part of the time.

This year no intimation concerning representation came in any correspondence that I received. Dr. Treudley showed me a copy of the Minutes of the Advisory Committee of the Faculty in which there was action asking that she and one Chinese representative of Ginling in America attend the meeting of the Association of American Colleges. It was held in Chattanooga, and we calculated that the expenses of one person would be at least $100. We were in

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perplexity as to what to do, not knowing whether you on the field would want representation at such a distance. We talked with Dr. Treudley about it. She considered it in an impersonal way and very frankly gave us her thought, which was, that in view of the uncertainty in the matter of return to Ginling of the three who were named as representatives, and the expense involved, it was inadvisable to do anything about it.

The Ginling College Committee desires to meet the wish of the Board of Control in this, as in other matters, but the difficulty has been in interpreting your wish. We thought that the plan as embodied in our action was the best way of meeting the need. We do not think you would want one or two representatives to attend the meeting of the Colleges if it meant a round trip between New York and California, but we are in doubt as to the amount that you would consider representative of the value of attendance at such meetings. You on the field know better than we the value of the contacts made for Ginling in the Association of American Colleges, and we would like you to put into the budget each year such an amount as you would like to have spent for this purpose.

Miss Sandberg, the new representative of the Baptist Board on our Committee, has consented to act as Chairman of our Candidates Committee. With the valuable help of Dr. Treudley, she is making an effort to find for the college young women who will meet its needs. You will see that she has been authorized to secure five new ones. If they are all secured and those who are on furlough return, it will call for traveling expenses of seven or eight, but as indicated in the Minutes, we understand that all of this is included in the budget.

In the request for the return of various members of the faculty I find no action in the case of Miss Whitmer and Miss Andrews. Does the omission indicate that their return is not desired, or was action overlooked or postponed? It will be helpful to know the mind of the Board of Control in regard to these two young women. I understand that Miss Andrews' health has not been good, and this may make her return questionable. We have heard good things of the work of Miss Whitmer, but realize that there may be a question as to the number needed in her department.

We are happy in the splendid reports of the new administration that come, and share with all of its friends in a prayer for continued and increasing prosperity.

Sincerely yours,

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[P.S.]--Mr. W.P.R.

P.S. I will add to what I have written and call attention to two items in the Treasurer's report.

On the first page, the second item under Receipts should be Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, M. E. Church, instead of Board of Foreign Missions, M. E. Church.

On page two, under Disbursements, the third item refers to Dr. Treudley. The words "retiring allowance" call for an explanation. When Dr. Treudley returned to America she was undecided as to whether she would return to Ginling or not. Our rule for those returning after furlough gives to such an allowance for twelve months. For those who do not expect to return, an allowance of four or five months is granted. Dr. Treudley was paid for two months on the basis of China salary. We paid her for an additional three months, which, with adjustments, called for a payment of $175. The understanding was that if she decided to return to the field she wouldlater receive payments that would give her an allowance for twelve months.

The duplicating of the Constitution and Agreement has not at this time been completed. If it is finished before this is mailed, I will include it, though you have already received the suggested amentments and have in hand the Constitution and Agreement.

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American Church Mission.
(25 Bao Tai Giai)
Nanking Feb.15,1929

Dear Miss Bender,

Your letter of Jan.12th giving a summary of the action taken by the Ginling College Committee regarding the new Constitution for Ginling College, reached me this morning. It evidently arrived during the China New Year's Vacation and was not forwarded to me at Shanghai. Dr. Wu has just written from Shanghai to say that she has also received your letter to her. We are calling for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Control on Feb.25th at Ginling and I shall endeavor to get a letter off to you as soon after that meeting as I can. If a special meeting of the Board of Control is called, it will take some weeks before a final reply to the G.C.C. can be given.

The material from Yenching which you included in your letter is useful and interesting. I shall write to Yenching to ask what has happened in regard to their registration.

All is peaceful in Nanking at present and the minds of all, both Chinese and foreigners, are set on the March meeting of the Kuomingtang party, which ought to give us a clearer idea just which way the wind is blowing in the party and in the country at large.

With very best wishes

Yours sincerely

W. P. Roberts.

Sec'y Exec. Com. of Board of Control.

P.S. Mrs Roberts and I are leaving China on furlough on May 18th and there will have to be a new Secretary for the Board of Control. After the middle of April, if my successor is not known to you, it would be wise to write to Dr. Wu at Ginling and ask her to give your letter to the new secretary.

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April 1, 1929

Mr. W. P. Roberts
Nanking, China

My dear Mr. Roberts:

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Ginling College Committee to consider a number of minor items was called for Tuesday, March 26. It happened fortunately that on the day preceding the meeting, the mail brought copies of the Minutes of your Executive Committee meeting of February 23, with your covering letter, also one from Dr. Wu on various matters. It thus happened that we were able to consider your recommendations the day after they were received.

You will find enclosed a copy of our action in regard to the points which your committee raised. I think no comment is needed. I will, however, mention one thing in your letter of February 26 which was noted in our committee meeting. You say that "it seems to be the will of the majority of the Board of Directors that registration be secured even at the cost of the clear Christian statement." In connection with this I will explain that when we have used the words "indispensable" and "necessary" we have had in mind that we will approve of a certain statement on condition that registration is necessary, or indispensable, in order to continue the college. Perhaps you had this in mind when you wrote, "This is a problem which will have to be decided within the next few months."

In order to catch the mail that is leaving New York today I will write no more at this time, but will later report on other matters on which your Executive Committee took action February 23.

Sincerely yours,

Perhaps you know before this that the report in Mr. Carter's covering letter that the W.F.M.S. of the M. E. Church was considering (OVER) reducing its appropriation to Ginling was a mistake. It was the M. E. South that he had in mind, but I am happy to report that they will probably increase their appropriation.

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P.S. A comment is in place in connection with the question of the granting of degrees. We have noted that the Constitution for the Board of Directors of Ginling College is in certain respects the same as that of the Constitution of the Board of Directors of the University. You will note in the accompanying statement of our suggestions that the statement concerning degrees in the Constitution of the University will be given to the Board of Founders in a somewhat changed form for their approval. You will doubtless have a copy of the action of the Board in a few weeks after receiving this, and will know the final decision. In a talk with Mr. Garside this morning I learned that the question of degrees as conferred both in America and in China is a somewhat complicated one. His thought is that the matter should be presented to the Regents as from all of the colleges and universities in China. When that is done and conclusions are reached, I suppose it will not be too late to make changes in our Constitution if they are called for.

Actions of the Ex. Com. of the Board of Directors, regarding the Constitution and Agreement, not referred to in the enclosed report were approved by the Executive Committee of the G. C. C. Our actions will be submitted to the entire Committee and will doubtless be ratified.

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Miss Hodge

June 19, 1929

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Speer:

You may be interested in the enclosed paragraph from a letter from W. P. Roberts of Nanking, now in this country. You may remember him in student days at Yale. Roberts has been acting as one of the Directors of Ginling. Now that he has come on furlough John Magee, whom of course you remember, has taken his place. Magee tells me that he has voted against registration for Ginling and hopes that neither the Directors in China nor the Trustees in this country will agree to register. He thinks it is not necessary and that there is a sufficient growing sentiment in China to make it possible for Ginling to carry on its Christian work very much as it has in the past and without registering.

Perhaps you have not happened to come against the fact that C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, who is also one of the Directors of St. John's University, has advised against the registration of St. John's and has practically given assurance that the government will not interfere with the institution if it is not registered.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) John W. Wood

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"Ginling. We have received a request from the G.C.C. at New York asking us to make a strong effort to be registered with a Christian Statement of Purpose, but no word has come suggesting that we do not register at all. Two days ago two members of the Ministry of Education assured us that the government would not compel Ginling to register and would not interfere with the institution if she continued without registration. This being so (and we now have the assurance from the men highest up in the Nanking Government) I think Ginling can well afford to hold back and hope she will do so. The Board of Directors in China seem to be strongly in favor of registering, though I wish the "Founders" in the U. S. could "talk to them" with a real stern tone of voice. Registration is not necessary - or desirable. The trouble is that Ginling does not know her own mind whether she exists for the Christian Cause or for secular education in China. Since a large number of her graduates go into government educational institutions as teachers, she is afraid this field of activity will be closed to her graduates. But there is nothing much to fear if she can continue to produce the best educated women in China, as she hasin the past. Will the Son of Man find faith on the earth when He comes?!"

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Miss Bender to Mr. Roberts, Secy Ginling Board of Control
re actions Ginling College Com. annual meeting. Jan. ~~1912~~ 1929

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January 12, 1929

Rev. W. P. Roberts
American Church Mission
Nanking, China

My dear Mr. Roberts:

The meeting of the Ginling College Committee was held on the 7th, as planned. I have not had an opportunity to do any work on the Minutes, but am making an effort to send by the mail which leaves today, a report of our actions on the Constitution of the Board of Directors and the Agreement between the Board of Directors and the Board of Founders. I am enclosing a copy of our actions. You will note that the larger part of the Constitution and of the Agreement was approved. In this letter I will comment on the actions that were not entirely approved as submitted.

A large part of our time was given to the discussion of the Declaration of Purpose. There was a strong feeling that the words "under Christian auspices" should appear in the Declaration if allowed by the Government, and that an effort should be made to secure the approval of a statement embodying these words. In other articles, the stated purpose of the college is referred to in connections that are significant. These emphasizes the importance of having the statement a clear one. The question was raised whether in case the word "Christian" is omitted from the Declaration of Purpose, it will be necessary in the College BULLETIN and other publicity to omit all mention of the Christian character of the school.

It was reported at the meeting that Yenching College had secured registration with the Christian character of the institution clearly stated in its Constitution, and it was thought that if this were correct, it would be worthwhile making a similar attempt in the case of Ginling. I was asked to send with this letter copies of the paragraphs in the Yenching Constitution bearing on this subject. I have asked the China Universities' office for them and have their promise that they will be in my hands before the mail closes.

Opposition was raised to the second form of the Declaration of Purpose as submitted because of what was considered a historical inaccuracy. The fact is, that the college was organized and opened in 1915, before the Ginling CollegeCommittee came into existence, which was in 1916.

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In Article IV the question of the Christian character of the members of the Board was debated at length, and finally it was voted to submit to the consideration of the Board of Control a substitute requiring that "at least three-fourths shall be Christians of evangelical faith." You will note the action of Yenching on this question.

You will note that there were three questions raised by the Ginling College Committee in connection with Article V, Duties of the Board of Directors. As approved by the Board of Control, there is no qualification attached to the appointment of officers and instructors which will secure the Christian character of the staff. It is hardly conceivable that a non-Christian would be appointed as President, but our attention was called to the fact that there is nothing in the Constitution that would make such a thing impossible.

The clause referring to American degrees is in order if the arrangement regarding degrees under the new organization remains as at present. The Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking is, according to the Charter, an administrative as well as a property holding organization. Under the new order we understand that the Board ceases to be administrative and become only a property holding body. Whether under this arrangement the Regents of the State of New York would continue the present plan for conferring degrees, is not known, and it is a question that will have to be taken up with them.

We noted that at the end of Article V the words "in China" (following "endowment funds")were deleted by the Board of Control at its last meeting. In view of this fact we thought it would be wise to state that we approve the Article with the understanding that endowment funds raised in this country will be held here. It is conceivable that money for endowment may be contributed by Chinese living in the Straits Settlements or in other places outside of China and America. That would presumably be raised under the auspices of the Board of Trustees and would logically be held in China, but money raised in America would logically be held here.

In regard to the last sentence, a question was raised as to the source from which the power to acquire and hold property would be secured. It was assumed that it would be from the government in China. We do not know whether that should be ~~observed~~ shall or not.

At this point I will call your attention to a minor matter, and that is whether the article "the" should be used before the word "secretary" in Article VII. It does not precede the names of the other officers, and we do not quite understand why it should be used in this case.

In Article IX it was suggested that if it is your thought that the Finance Committee should consist of members of the Board of Directors,it would be well to specify it, and that similar phraseology to that in Article VIII might be used, making the first sentence of Article IX read, "Board of Directors shall elect annually from its own members a Finance Committee, etc."

Coming to the Agreement, I will say that there was a suggestion made that in the first sentence in the Historical Statement, the words "and the development of the Christian community made possible" be added.

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It was thought that the "political and social changes in China after 1911" were not the only reasons for the establishment of the college,and that to be entirely accurate, something like the suggested clause should be added. This, however, was not stressed as essential.

In the twelfth line of the first paragraph it was suggested that the word "land" be inserted before the word "equipment" if this represents the facts in the case. Those of us in the Committee who remembered the early days of the college were under the impression that the Boards pledged their support for land as well as equipment and current expenses.

In the second paragraph of Section I we ask that in the fifth line, before the word "money" the words "major part of" be inserted,for the reason that the gifts that came during the years of the Union College Campaign were in some cases from Boards as well as from other sources.

In the third paragraph we suggest that the parenthesis in the second sentence be omitted, for the reason that to our minds the date is not clear when the change indicated will take place. In our judgment there should appear somewhere a resolution covering this point. According to Action 17 in the Minutes of the November meeting of the Board of Control, the Constitution in its present form goes into effect "at once" as a provisional Constitution, to become adopted and effective on May 1 unless modified by amendments received from our Committee. I suppose the assumption would be that the changes in names and organization would go into effect when the Constitution goes into operation, but it is not clear whether the period would be the one indicated by the words "at once" (which I suppose would mean November 1)or May 1, 1929). Should not an action of this kind be accompanied by a statement that at the date defined the change in names goes into effect and the Board of Control becomes the Board of Directors?

In view of all this that I have said, and because the clauses in the parenthesis did not seem essential, it seemed to us better to omit them.

Our suggestion for the last sentence of the third paragraph in the Historical Statement arises from the fact that the American degree of A.B. which the graduates receive, has not, as far as experience goes, entitled them to admission as graduate students in America. I think in every case where the application has been made, it has ended favorably, but it was not the degree in itself that secured admission, but the facts that were brought out through investigation. It seems to us that the clause which we have suggested, or one similar to it, more nearly meets the facts in the case.

Referring to the last sentence of the last paragraph of Section I,- the Statement as it appears would seem to imply that the grant of the China Medical Board,as well as that of the Y.W.C.A., began in 1924. The facts in regard to the grant of the China Medical Board are these: In 1921 the Board made an appropriation of $5000. for science equipment,and at the same time the salary of the teacher of physics. The latter continued until and including 1924. In 1925 the China Medical Board made a new agreement, giving the college a decreasing grant for the science department beginning that year and continuing for five years. It might be

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well to revise this sentence to bring it into harmony with the facts.

I now come to Section III regarding Property Lease. Your letter of December 5 came in good time for our Committee meeting and made clear your thought regarding the amount that should be inserted in this section as representing the money needed for annual repairs and replacements. We therefore inserted "one-half of one percent" in the last part of paragraph 4, as you suggested.

Our suggestion in regard to Section IV seemed to us to define in a little beffer form the power of the Board of Founders in regard to the missionary members of the staff. We agree heartily with the principle underlying the plan proposed.

In the draft of the Agreement as submitted after the July meeting, there was an additional Section,-No.VII, covering finance. It does not appear in the later draft, which closes with Section V at the bottom of page 6. Is it correct to assume that the last sheet of the Constitution and Agreement was in some way omitted? None of the members of the Committee who were present had page 7. If there should be in the latest draft the section on finance that appeared in the previous draft, you may consider that it has the approval of the Ginling College Committee.

Since dictating the above I have received from Mr. Garside, Secretary of the Trustees of the Yenching University, the documents for which I have been waiting. You will find them enclosed with the exception of the abbreviated Constitution of the Board of Managers to which he refers in his letter in the paragraph under "Progress toward Registration." As he says, it simply outlines the administrative organization of the Board. The word "Christian" is not used and there is no reference to anything religious. We have no information as to whether the Constitution of the University and the By Laws of the Board of Trustees were presented to the Ministry of Education as well as the abbreviated Constitution of the Board of Managers, though it may be safe to assume that all the documents that I have named accompany the application for registration. You in China may know what progress has been made toward registration on the part of Yenching. If their application has been accepted, it will be interesting to know whether it was on the basis of the documents as presented, or whether it was required that all reference to the Christian purpose of the institution be eliminated.

We regret that when the time is limited before the date when you wish to make the Constitution effective, it seemed necessary for the Ginling College Committee to make so many suggested changes. I am hurrying them off by the first mail so that there may be time to consider what we submit, and report to us. I suppose it will involve a special meeting of the Board of Control. This should reach you not later than the first week in February, and we hope that it will be possible for you to have your reply in our hands some time in March. If there is agreement between the two bodies we can cable so that you will receive our reply before the first of April, which will leave at least a month for the conversations with the government before May 1.

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I will say that the Committee discussed freely all three proposals submitted as a Statement of Purpose, and I gather that if registration is considered indispensable, our Committee will accede to what is found necessary after an attempt has been made to secure the acceptance of the Statement that seems to us most desirable.

This report has been prepared and the letter written under such pressure of time that I have some misgivings as to its conveying all of our thought as the Committee would wish you to have it. I may have more to say by the next mail, and I assure you that I will do my best to have the completed Minutes of the meeting in shape to be sent to you as the earliest possible date. I am sure you realize that however earnestly I might wish, following a Ginling College Committee meeting, to devote myself uninterruptedly to Ginling matters, it is not possible, as a Board Secretary, to do so. January is an exceedingly busy month in other departments of my office work, and I cannot entirely throw off responsibility to these other tasks. However, I wish you to know that I shall do my utmost to get word to you on important matters as soon as possible.

Assuring you of our continued interest and our deep desire to cooperate to the fullest as the college enters upon its new era of relationship to the government, and with greetings from all of our Committee,

Very sincerely yours,
E. R. B.

P.S. Going back to Article IV, I will say that as to the length of term, it was thought by some that two years was too short, but Miss Treudley helped us to understand the situation in China, and we are quite ready to accept the proposal that the term be for two years.

E. R. B.

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GINLING COLLEGE

CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Article I - NAME

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Article II - OFFICE

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Article III - DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

Voted to approve, as the basis on which to apply for registration, the Declaration of Purpose as embodied in the draft submitted.

Article IV - COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Voted to approve with the substitution, in the second paragraph, of "at least three-fourths shall be Christians of evangelical faith," for the words "a majority shall be professing Christians."

Article V - DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Voted to approve this Article, (1) subject to the insertion of some stipulation looking toward the maintenance of the Christian character of the staff; (2) on the understanding that the statement regarding American degrees is conditioned upon consideration of the matter by the Regents of the State of New York; (3) on the assumption that endowment funds raised in America be held in this country.

Article VI - MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Approved

Article VII - OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Approved

Article VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Approved

Article IX - FINANCE COMMITTEE

Approved

Article X - BY-LAWS

Approved

Article XI - AMENDMENTS

Approved

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE BOARD OF FOUNDERS

Section I. HISTORICAL STATEMENT

Voted to approve the Historical Statement with the following suggestions:

1. First paragraph, twelfth line - before "equipment" insert "land."

2. Second paragraph, fifth line - before "money" insert "major part of."

3. Third paragraph - (1) omit parenthesis in second sentence; (2) in the last sentence, for the phrase beginning "entitles them to" substitute "forms the basis for."

4. Fourth paragraph, last line - following "Science Budget" add "since 1921."

Section II. CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Approved

Section III. PROPERTY LEASE

Voted to approve, with the insertion in paragraph 4, of "one-half of one per cent" as the amount to be set aside for repairs and replacements.

Section IV. STAFF

Voted to approve this Section, with the suggestion that in the first paragraph, first line, delete the word "support" and insert the words, "appoint and provide for the support of."

Section V. WESTERN ADVISOR OR FOREIGN ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

Approved

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Copy to Dr. Wood

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February 19, 1937

Miss Rebecca Walton Griest
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My dear Miss Griest:

Salary

Thank you so much for letting me have the enclosed, which I am returning to you. When the time came for us to bring up the question of a salary for a member of the Ginling faculty we concentrated on Alice Morris. I can only report progress, but I am glad to tell you that the Board voted unanimously that they would like to have our Church pay her salary. We sent the request on to the Department of Foreign Missions and they in their turn reported to the National Council our desire, and suggested that Bishop Graves should be consulted. The Council agreed to this, but prefaced the request for his opinion with the statement that they too approved of the appointment. That is making it as strong in this country as we possibly can, and I am venturing to hope that Bishop Graves will approve. This is between ourselves for the present except of course there is no reason why you should not tell Miss Hodge. I will report to you as soon as we hear from Bishop Graves and as soon as we can work out the question of the money.

I have to be away practically all of next week, but when I get back I shall see if we cannot carry out my suggestion of lunching with you and Miss Marston.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace Lindley

GL/ls Executive Secretary.

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
American Office
Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Macmillan,

At last I am back in New York. In fact I have been here for a week attending the meetings of the National Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary.

I am happy to express in writing my enthusiasm for Ginling College. I was impressed not only by the character of the college and the contribution it is making to the Christian education of Chinese girls, but I was conscious of the significant opportunity which its location in Nanking offers for the training of leadership for the China of the future. I quote from my official report to the National Executive Board made in September, 1936, upon my return from the Orient, before I had had any conversation in this country concerning Girling.

> " In the realm of higher education for women under Christian auspices in China, Ginling College, Nanking is making an excellent contribution. I met graduates of Ginling in our parishes and as teachers in our schools. We should have a special interest in the college since so many Sheng Kung Hui students are always enrolled there. Dr. Wu told me that last year there were more students in the college from St. Hilda's School, Wuchang than from any other one school in China, about sixteen. Dr. Wu wishes very much that the Episcopal Church might again support a member of the faculty of Ginling. I share her desire and recommend that the question be re-opened perhaps in connection with plans for the use of the United Thank Offering of 1937. In addition to its being popular with graduates of our schools, it is a union

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enterprise training some of the future leaders of women's work in China, in which I believe the women of our Church would like to share. "

The Board of Founders must take deep satisfaction in having as President of Ginling such a person as Dr. Wu, whose personality and talents are so clearly what are needed in the leader of a Christian college for women in the Orient today.

Although the college was not in session when I was in Nanking the cordial welcome which Dr. Wu and members of the faculty extended to me made me quite conscious of the spirit of Christian friendliness characteristic of Ginling. I believe the college should have the enthusiastic support of women in the West who are interested in China's future.

You will be interested I am sure to learn of the action of the Executive Board and the National Council with regard to Miss Lindley's request that we pay the salary of Miss Morris on the staff of Ginling. The Executive Board recommended the anpointment, the National Council also recommended it, but of course the appointment cannot be made until Bishop Graves has been consulted. We are earnestly hoping that he will be willing to approve our action, that we may again have a more active part in the support of Ginling. We are of course not giving wide publicity to our action until we hear from Bishop Graves, but I just wanted you to know that the women, and also the National Council, (composed of men and women) approve this cooperation.

I hope when you come back to New York we may meet again. I certainly enjoyed getting acquainted with you in Detroit.

Very sincerely yours

Margaret D. Morris

Educational Secretary

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February 23, 1937

Rev. William P. Roberts
American Church Mission
Nanking, China

Dear Mr. Roberts:

This morning, we had word from Miss Lindley that the Woman's Auxiliary and the Board have recommended the appointment of Miss Alice Morris as a regular missionary of the Board, referring final approval of this action to Bishop Graves before, as I understand it, any appropriation is approved to Ginling covering her salary.

You know that Miss Morris came to us last summer accepting an appointment offered by Dr. Wu with only the salary paid to a Chinese candidate and, of course, having no status as a missionary on such an appointment. Miss Morris suggested to me, when she was up in Nanking in June, the possibility of her aunt being willing to contribute her salary if it could come through the Board and be recognized as regular church work. I think Alice was interested not so much in having more money for her salary, but in helping to renew the connection between Ginling and your honorable Board. My interest is in this quite as much as in receiving additional funds, and yet, of course, if Bishop Graves were to approve, it would be a material help in the Ginling budget to have added the money which is paid as regular salary to one of your missionaries.

I am sending you this information so that you may seek the opportunity of doing what you may with Bishop Graves to win his approval. Personally, I hope very much we may keep Miss Morris, because I think she is doing something which the Library has needed very much. I saw her aunt in Philadelphia and she seems to think Alice is very happy in her work. She has not been willing to promise anything in the way of financial assistance to Ginling, because she evidently feels that all her gifts must go through the Board and to what she considers regular church work. The number of students at Ginling who represent your church does give us the right to consider ourselves part of your work.

I hope you have had a comfortable journey across the Pacific and I know you are happy to be back. Give my love to Dorothy, and greetings to the Magee family, and other friends in your circle in Nanking.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence Thurston

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American Church Mission
Nanking, China
March 30, 1937

Dear Mrs. Thurston:

I received your letter about Alice Morris ten days ago and immediately wrote to Bishop Graves, after telephoning to Dr. Wu first. The reply of Bishop Graves is not such as to give very much hope for her appointment by the Board. He does not base his disapproval on the question of registration but on the fact that, in these days of reduced appropriations, if a new item is added anywhere it means another must be subtracted somewhere, and he is unwilling to drop any work that is done directly by the Mission. He says he is not sure that this would be the case, but he fears that it would. Only the people in our Mission could tell and if you have the opportunity, you might try to find out if such would be the case.

I asked Dr. Wu whether Miss Morris' work was acceptable and she replied that her work was, but that she seemed a bit immature in dealing with the students. This might easily be true, but she might outgrow such immaturity. Dr. Wu thought there would be little doubt but that she would be employed for at least another year.

Yours very sincerely,

William P. Roberts

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May 12, 1937 (Dict. 7th)

Miss Rebecca Walton Griest
150 Fifth Avenue
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My dear Miss Griest:

I am sorry not to have answered your card of April 22nd before, but I have been trying to catch up with things ever since the Board adjourned on April 26th and I have not yet decided what it would be wise to send the different members, but if you will let me perhaps I can tell you that later.

I am so sorry not to be able to be at the meeting next week, but as I told you I have to be in Cleveland on that date. I am even more sorry to have to report that Bishop Graves did not approve our request to appoint Miss Morris on the United Thank Offering. Perhaps that is all I should say now but unofficially I think I can say that the Board does not feel that the matter is entirely closed. We are too keen to have a closer connection with Ginling to take this as a decision for the future. As I also said to you I am much tempted to resign from the Committee because I really do feel rather mortified, but I should like to stay on it if you are willing to have me, and I am sure you know how deep my interest is in Ginling.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace Lindley, S.

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Executive Secretary.

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Suite 903
150 Fifth Avenue
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July 20, 1937

My dear Miss Lindley:

President Wu of Ginling, in a letter of June fifth, writes that she is going to write a letter of thanks to you in relation to your Board's effort to secure a salary for Miss Morris at Ginling.

Her letter raises this questions " One point I would like to have made clear is whether the Women's Auxiliary is ready to raise one salary in addition to its regular contribution to the Episcopal Board or is it to mean, as Bishop Graves interprets, that if one salary is given to Ginling it means the cutting from other work that is being done in the regular annual budget. Mr. Roberts asked me this question last evening when I was there for dinner." Could you interpret this both for Dr. Wu and for me?

I hope you have been having a good vacation and that you were somewhere where you missed the terrible heat of ten days or so ago. I expect to be in New York until the end of July, but hope not to be here during August.

Sincerely yours,

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Copy for Miss Hodge, Miss Tyler, Mrs. Thurston, Dr. Case

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August 4, 1937

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
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My dear Miss Griest:

This is to keep my promise made last week. I have talked with Mr. Parson and I think the matter of Bishop Graves and Ginling is simply this.

If the Executive Board of the Auxiliary were allowed to approve Miss Morris' appointment it would not mean taking anything out of Bishop Graves' budget, but that budget has been so badly cut that Bishop Graves evidently feels that it should be enlarged before we should think of any interdenominational institution. I have just written Miss Tyler that I do not think there is anything any one can do until after Mr. Roberts becomes Bishop, and even then, as I have told her, I am sure he will feel the same pressure that Bishop Graves feels, but some of us are most anxious to have a salary for Ginling and we will see what can be done.

With my very best wishes for your holiday, which I hope won't be delayed too long, I am

Sincerely yours,

Grace Lindley, S.

GL/ls Executive Secretary.

Signed in the absence
of Miss Lindley.

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Retiring Missionary Bishop of Shanghai

By the Rev. W. P. Roberts

Rector of St. Paul's Church, Nanking, China; Bishop-nominate of Shanghai

BISHOP GRAVES is known intimately to very few people in the United States, in part because of one of the chief characteristics of the man himself—his reticence and dislike of publicity. On his visits to General Convention in this country, he has done little speaking and has returned to his work in China as quickly as he conveniently could. He was born for quiet, solid work, a man of action rather than words. Except when absent on episcopal visits, he can always be found at his work in office or home. He thinks of himself not as bishop of the Church-at-large but of the missionary district of Shanghai, and he is happiest when attending strictly to his duties there.

This characteristic he also admires in others and he likes nothing better than to have his workers remain quietly at their own posts, giving little heed to sensationalism or high-pressure efforts at extension. Those who have sat at meetings or committees under his chairmanship recall vividly how silent he remained until it became necessary to speak and how frequently he would call the discussion back to the main point at issue. There are no frills about him and he has not the slightest desire for human applause. It it characteristic of his diocese that, under his leadership, it has shown real, steady growth, and without any trumpeting.

What makes Bishop Graves a remarkable man and a tower of strength to the Church in China is the combination of this simple and retiring nature with a firm grasp of the fundamentals of life. His thoughts are thoroughly centered about the eternal verities and he is able to hold most consistently to these, when others are wandering in a maze of doubt or showing only a very human understanding of the situation. Times of stress, due to wars and revolutions, Church divisions and troubles of all sorts, including personal and private difficulties, find him unswayed by passing emotions. He has a clear mental conviction as to where duty lies. To know the part that he has played in guiding the Christian missionary work in China during the past 50 years leads one to profound respect and admiration for the person whose decision was chiefly responsible for the course followed. People of the business and political world, upon whom rest important social responsibilities, have recognized this strength in Bishop Graves and have often sought to know his mind before determining their own policies. The glory of it is that this mental clarity is all devoted to the Gospel of Christ and to His Church. He knows how to judge between the doctrines of men and the commands of God and his actions are all directed toward the furthering of the commands of God, whether pleasant or unpleasant to himself and to others. He has no desire to make personal capital out of his ability, and the Board of Missions in New York has always been confident that so long as Bishop Graves was at the helm, the work in China was on solid ground.

It is the wisdom of his decisions that strikes one most forcefully in retrospect. Few of his workers have not disagreed with him in some matters, but few of them have not come in time to recognize that he was right, almost unfailingly right, and that they themselves had but a partial understanding of the situation where he saw it whole. Consider a few of these matters and note the wisdom of his policies.

Take first his manner of dealing with the problem of turning over to the Chinese the responsibilities of the Christian work. Others have talked about it a great deal and at times of nationalistic outbursts have rather suddenly transferred authority to the Chinese, when there appeared no other course to follow. With Bishop Graves the work from the very start was directed toward the quiet training of able Chinese workers and, while others were giving little attention to the problem, he had prepared a ministry of Chinese men and women who have gradually but surely been able to assume the responsibilities of the work. So true was this that the Church at large in China has many times come to the diocese of Shanghai for workers. The present dean of the Central Theological School at Nanking and the first missionary bishop of the Chinese Church in Shensi were both clergymen from Shanghai. Bishop Graves has shown no favoritism or partiality in this and delegates authority only to those who appear able to bear it, whether Chinese or American; and thus the Chinese have come to know that they gain only as they are able to assume the financial and other burdens of the work. "Devolution" of the Christian work depends upon ability of the Chinese to carry it on. If they want the privileges they must share the responsibilities. All of this has produced a most happy and healthy fraternity among the workers, American and Chinese. Bishop Graves shows a most affectionate appreciation of his trusted workers, and his genial companionship with them is something that cannot be known to the outsider.

TAKE AGAIN the question of Christian educational institutions. Bishop Graves' sole concern is to keep these efficient aids to the Christian movement in China. He has not hesitated to close them when the insubordination of the students could not be controlled in any other way. This has often seemed harsh but has been proven a most wise step. He has also refused to consent to the registration of his Christian schools with the present Chinese government, not at all because the registration of a Christian school with a state is wrong, but because the government requirements falsify the basic purpose for which Christian schools are run. They virtually take the control of the school away from the Church and turn it over to the orders of the ministry of education of the Nationalist government. He considers it a high honor to stand for freedom to seek and teach the truth of God, and not to acquiesce in that mentality which yields to a government the sole right to direct the education of its youth. He would sooner close all Christian educational institutions than be untrue to this divine call. Yet he has been severely criticized for this attitude and his Chinese co-workers nearly all think he is too strict in interpreting Chinese official documents at their face value. But it is the essence of his moral integrity that he abides firmly by his own conviction.

Is it wise? Already there are hosts who see that his position is the right Christian position to take and who deplore the easy way in which many missionary institutions acknowledged the government claim to control of their organizations. It may be only a matter of a few years before this Christian statesman's conviction will be justified as the mind of Christ.

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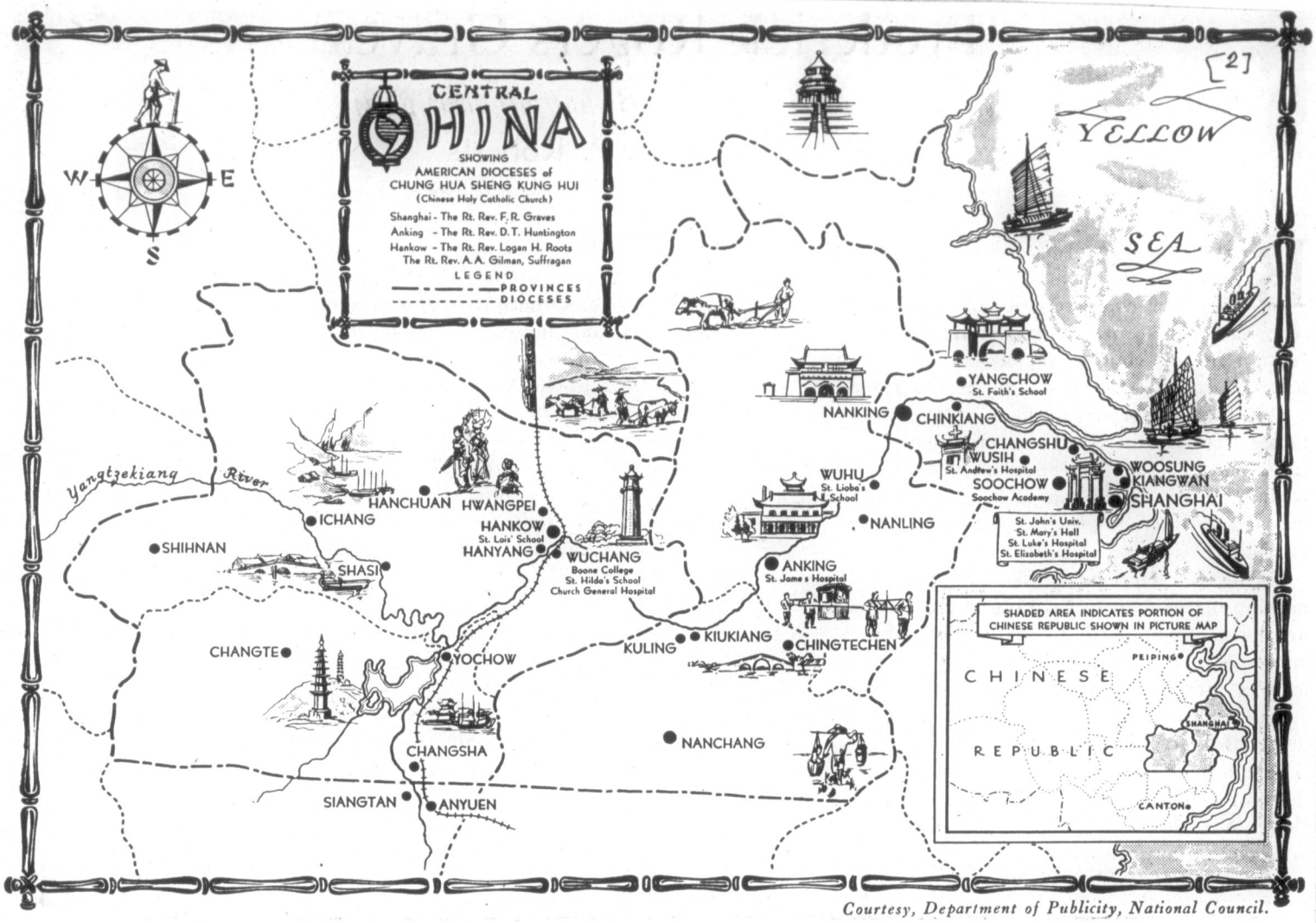

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THE AMERICAN CHURCH'S WORK IN CHINA

This entire area was once the bishopric of Bishop Graves, who is now Bishop of Shanghai, the easternmost district.

Another witness to his wisdom is his dealing with different types of Churchmanship among his workers. His sole interest has been to keep them at their Christian tasks and in this to be true to the discipline and worship of the Church which made him their bishop. He expects moral integrity at this point and has always opposed any condition that disrupts the accepted order of the Church. He never objects to a person's "high" or "low" tendencies but wants him to play fair. Those who do not will not last long in his diocese. Bishop Graves has never take action in such matters until there was clear legal proof to offer. Under him, every worker has his or her own work, with its extent and nature properly noted, and a person can pursue that work with complete freedom under the recognized law of the Church. One of his favorite mottos, which hangs upon the wall in his office, is: "Never say die. Never tell a lie. Never put your finger in another fellow's pie." It is because of this policy that all his workers are thoroughly loyal to him and can hardly think of a more satisfactory Bishop under whom to work.

In matters of inter-Church coöperation and Church unity Bishop Graves has very strong convictions. He looks upon the Church as the Church of Christ, not of human beings, and upon each separate communion as duly established by its own law and order. He approves of coöperation in all good causes and has often himself accepted positions in such work, but he has never confused coöperation and unity. He is very slow indeed to give consent to human-devised schemes for unity. I think he considers most of them to be lacking in real wisdom. He has expressed his attitude quite clearly by saying: "I regard our Church as a true branch of the Catholic Church and have no use for any movement toward union which would compromise her creeds, ministry, or sacraments as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer."

Bishop Graves retires with the deepest admiration and love of every one of his fellow workers, who are grateful to Almighty God that at such a time and in such an ever-changing China, His Church has had such an able leader and Bishop. In all probability, the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, to him more than to any other living person, owes its happy existence and hope for the future. He has been a most wise master-builder and built upon the eternal foundation, not of human opinion and passing emotion, but of Jesus Christ. His only concern has been to magnify Him and promote His cause.

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31 March 1941

Dear Miss Marston:

The presence on the Ginling College letterhead of the name of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church is one of the evidences that the Board of Founders confidently expects the Church to resume its former participation in the support of the College.

When Ginling College was founded in 1915, the three conditions which cooperating Mission Boards met were:

> To provide $10,000 gold toward expense of plant and equipment;
> To provide one member of the faculty;
> To make an annual appropriation toward current expenses of not less than $600 gold.

It is in the Ginling College announcement of 1924 that the Board of Foreign Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church first appears as a Cooperating Mission Board. And, since 1924, both the Board of Control in China and the Board of Founders in America have had representation from the Church, although the Episcopal contribution was cut off several years ago.

In September, 1936, you included in the official report of your visit to mission centers in the Orient the following comment:

> "In the realm of higher education for women under Christian auspices in China, Ginling College, Nanking is making an excellent contribution. I met graduates of Ginling in our parishes and as teachers in our schools. We should have a special interest in the college since so many Sheng Kung Hui students are always enrolled there. Dr. Wu told me that last year there were more students in the college from St. Hilda's School, Wuchang than from any other one school in China, about sixteen. Dr. Wu wishes very much that the Episcopal Church might again support a member of the faculty of Ginling. I share her desire and recommend that the question be re-opened perhaps in connection with plans for the use of the United Thank Offering of 1937. In addition to its being popular with graduates of our schools, it is a union enterprise training some of the future leaders of women's work in China, in which I believe the women of our Church would like to share."

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It is in high character and distinction in scholarship, as well as in numbers that Ginling's training of St. Hilda's graduates has been conspicuously successful. Three of the many who have carried this preparation into years of valuable service to the Church and to China are Li Dze-djen, sociologist, now supervisor in the educational program of the China Industrial Cooperatives; Chang Hsiao-sung, psychologist, who has served on Ginling's administrative committee; and Shen Dzu-ying, who has loyally followed the war-time fortunes of St. Hilda's. Each one of these three - and many others - have made good records in graduate study in America.

The Board of Founders of Ginling College ventures to express the hope that the time is now ripe for a reconsideration of the Episcopal cooperation in the support of the College. It is also hoped that $864, the sum necessary for the salary of a Western member of the Ginling faculty, will be considered the minimum basis of this cooperation.

A new appointee on the Ginling faculty, Miss Esther Rhodes of Little Falls, New York, is an Episcopalian. She arrived on the Ginling campus in Chengtu in the autumn of 1940, to teach piano, and the reports from the field indicate that she is giving faculty service of high quality. She is a graduate of Smith College in 1923, with a major in music. She has previously had five years of piano study at the Conservatory of Music in Utica, New York.

Miss Rhodes joined the Episcopal church in Little Falls in 1933, having previously belonged to a Presbyterian church. She has been a regular communicant since her confirmation, a member of the Emmanuel Fellowship, and a member of the church choir. We can supply further information about Miss Rhodes if it will be of help.

A copy of this letter is going forward to President Wu Yi-fang in Chengtu, and should bring comments from her by Clipper post. Recent letters from Dr. Wu have emphasized the special stress under which the budget for faculty salaries is laboring. The cost of living has risen to unbelievable heights, and monthly subsidies for the Chinese members of the faculty are necessary in order that their families may be properly fed and clothed. A relief in this budget to the extent of Miss Rhodes' salary would be felt in a very helpful way as Dr. Wu faces the daily economic emergencies to which we have referred.

With high hope of the action of the board, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Secretary, Board of Founders, Ginling College

Miss Margaret I. Marston
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York New York

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17 April 1941

Dear Miss Marston:

Since my talk with you about Ginling College matters, I have been gathering some additional bits of information for you.

In 1926, '27 and '28 your Board contributed $1250 per year in quarterly payments. Then came the depression and the contributions ceased.

You asked me whether or not any sum over and above the salary of a Western member of the faculty would be expected. The salary is quoted at $864 and the hope would be that an additional sum might be granted toward current expenses. But the minimum basis of cooperation would be the salary.

There is no record here in the office of a denominational analysis of faculty or student body. This means I cannot answer your question as to whether there are any Chinese Episcopalian church members on the faculty now. The need at present is especially urgent for the support of a Western member of the faculty.

In looking through Miss Rhode's papers I find the statement that she joined the Presbyterian church in 1912 and in 1933 became an Episcopalian, "a regular attendant, communicant, member of the chair, member of Emmanuel Fellowship." Miss Florence Tyler, in reporting an interview with Miss Rhodes in July, 1937, says, "I talked with her about her religion and the religious aspects of this work and explained to her that a really living, religious faith would be most essential to her in the thing she was contemplating and that her connection with the church was a really vital factor in this whole decision. All of this she was entirely agreed to so that I would have no hesitation on that ground."

We have cabled Dr. Wu at Ginling and you will hear from us as soon as we have a reply.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to talk with you yesterday.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Charles H. Corbett
Acting Secretary

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Miss Margaret Marston
281 Fourth Avenue
New York New York

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April 24 1941

Mrs. Charles H. Corbett
Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Corbett,

I am not sure to whom this check should be sent since Mrs. MacMillan is no longer with the Board, but it gives me great pleasure to enclose check for $100 for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Fund of Ginling College from the National Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Our Board (must also) voted unanimously, and the National Council adopted it, a resolution that the National Council resume its responsibility as a unit of Ginling College upon the minimum basis of the salary of a western member of the faculty, the present salary being $864. In the event that there is no Western member on the staff of Ginling who is an Episcopalian, we recommend that an equivalent amount of money be granted to the Board of Ginling for the salary of Chinese Episcopal members of the staff until such time as we can appoint a Western woman.

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The Executive Board approved of Miss Rhodes if she is to continue in China. Her appointment, however, would have to be confirmed by the Appointment Committee of the National Council, if and when we hear from you that she is staying on.

Very sincerely yours,

Margaret I. Marston

Executive Secretary.

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28 April 1941

Dear Miss Marston:

Your letter of April 24th contained very joyous news for Ginling College as well as for those of us who have special interest in her welfare.

We note that the action taken by your Board and adopted by your National Council means a resumption of responsibility as one of Ginling College's supporting organizations, upon the minimum basis of the salary of a Western member of the faculty, the present salary being $864.00.

We also note that in the event that there is no Western member on the staff of Ginling who is an Episcopalian, you recommend that an equivalent amount of money be granted to the Board of Ginling for the salary of Chinese Episcopal members of the staff until such time as you can appoint a Western woman.

We have had no reply from Dr. Wu to the cable sent inquiring about Miss Rhodes' plan to remain on the faculty after the close of the present school year. The matter will be taken up with you again as soon as information reaches us.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Founders of Ginling College will be held next week. Your letter will be presented at that time and a more formal acknowledgment than this will be forthcoming.

I am enclosing a receipt for the contribution of $100 to the 25th Anniversary Fund for Ginling College from the National Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Protestant Episcopal Church. We are deeply grateful for it as well as for the promise of renewed participation in the support of the work of the College.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Charles H. Corbett
Acting Secretary

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Miss Margaret I. Marston
281 Fourth Avenue
New York New York

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12 May 1941

Dear Miss Marston:

At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Founders of Ginling College held May 7th, it was my pleasure to present your letter of April 24th, giving the action of your Board regarding a salary grant for a Western member of the faculty.

This good news has come as a source of gratification and encouragement to the members of the Board. The Chairman, Miss Hodge, will be writing to express the appreciation of all concerned.

A letter is going to the field asking for information in an endeavor to clear the matter of Episcopalian representation on the faculty during 1941-42. A letter from President Wu, dated April 21st says, "Miss Rhodes has not quite decided whether she is to stay on during next school year."

We had expected that there would be a representative of your Board present at the meeting. Miss Lindley has been that person for a number of years and information regarding the meeting was sent to her.

We are hoping that you have succeeded her to serve in that capacity and I am sending you a notice of the meeting to be held on May 27th which will be followed by a luncheon in honor of Mrs. Way-sung New. You doubtless know that Mrs. New is here in the interest of Ginling, representing President Wu.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Charles H. Corbett
Acting Secretary

Miss Margaret I. Marston
281 Fourth Avenue
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May 14 1941

Mrs. Charles H. Corbett
Ginling College
150 FifthAvenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Corbett,

Thank you for your letter. I regret that I did not know about the annual meeting of the Board of Founders, although it might not have been possible for me to attend. As a matter of fact, I understand that Miss Lindley has just resigned from the Board and I thought we should not appoint a successor until it was clear whether we were to resume our responsibility. If we had not done this I should have felt that we were not entitled to a representative on the Board. I do expect now to succeed Miss Lindley on the Board and shall plan to attend the meeting on May 27.

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Very sincerely yours,

Margaret I. Marston

Executive Secretary.

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Copy for Mr. Evans

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From letter of President Wu Yi-fang, Ginling College, Chengtu, Szechuan, China to Mrs. Charles H. Corbett, Acting Secretary, Ginling College Office, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.
Received N.Y. Office 26 June 1941

June 13th, 1941

From my letters to Mr. Evans, you will have heard that Miss Rhodes is sailing for America on the President Coolidge. We, of course, appreciate greatly the new decision of the Episcopal Board in renewing the annual grant to Ginling College. I remember clearly Miss Marston's visit to Ginling, and I certainly feel very grateful to her for having put through this resolution, both by their Board and their National Council. I appreciate greatly the decision that their grant may be used for the salaries of Chinese Episcopal members on the faculty if there should not be a Western faculty member of that denomination. This was what I asked from the Episcopal Board at the time we had several strong Chinese members and did not have an American woman. For the coming year, I am happy to tell you that we have Miss Mary Lamberton as the substitute for Miss Florence Kirk during her furlough. Miss Lamberton is the sister of Miss Anne Lamberton, an Episcopal missionary who served on the staff of St. Luke's Hospital for over ten years. Miss Mary Lamberton was a contract teacher on the English staff of St. John's University for quite a few years. Last November, when the Episcopal women were being evacuated from Shanghai, we heard of Miss Lamberton's interest in coming to Szechuan with her sister and two nurses. We invited her to come with them and to start teaching in Ginling from next September. During this spring term, she is filling an urgent vacancy on the English staff of the University of Nanking. We would wish to ask that the Episcopal grant be used for her salary. When we invited her we were not able to offer the full missionary salary because of our limited budget. We are glad now for the Episcopal appropriation, and it would be better for Miss Lamberton to receive the same salary as the other missionary faculty at Ginling.

In regard to Chinese Episcopal members, we have had Dr. Chang Siao-sung, but she is resigning at the end of this school year because of family responsibilities. She was married last July. We are inviting Miss Gwendolyn Shen to join the music department for the next school year. Miss Marston knows her well because she studied in Columbia for two years and served in St. Hilda's, both before and after her study in America.

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June 27 1941

Mrs. Charles H. Corbett
Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Corbett,

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Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) J. Bowman

Executive Secretary.

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27 June 1941

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Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.

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Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Bowman
Executive Secretary

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1 July 1941

Dear Dr. Franklin:

In her letter of June 27 to Mrs. Corbett of the Ginling Office, Mrs. Bowman has referred the Ginling Treasurer to you in regard to the transmitting of the appropriation for Ginling to China.

First of all, may I say that we are grateful indeed for this participation of your Council and appreciate the fine spirit of cooperation and Christian fellowship actuating the Council.

We have a U.S. dollar account here in the United States upon which the field treasurer draws United States treasurer checks and sells them at convenient periods. It is the simplest and most efficient means of handling remittances to the field, and if you so desire, you may send us the payment of $864 (US) which will be deposited immediately in this account and the field treasurer notified that it is available for use. You will note by the same token that if you desire to make quarterly payments instead of one lump sum that likewise will be possible.

Very truly yours,

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C. A. EVANS

Dr. Lewis B. Franklin
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York City

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Ginling College, Chengtu
July 4th, 1941

Miss Margaret I. Marston
American Church Mission
281 Fourth Avenue
New York City

Dear Miss Marston:

In a recent letter from Mrs. Corbett, she sent us the following paragraphs from your letter:

> Our Board also voted unanimously, and the National Council adopted it, a resolution that the National Council resume its responsibility as a unit of Ginling College upon the minimum basis of the salary of a western member of the faculty, the present salary being $864. In the event that there is no western member on the staff of Ginling who is an Episcopalian, we recommend that an equivalent amount of money be granted to the Board of Ginling for the salary of Chinese Episcopal members of the staff until such time as we can appoint a western woman.
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> The Executive Board approved of Miss Rhodes if she is to continue in China. Her appointment, however, would have to be confirmed by the Appointment Committee of the National Council, if and when we hear from you that she is staying on.

On behalf of the college, I wish to express to you our sincere gratitude for this action by your National Council. We appreciate greatly having this anhual contribution from your Board renewed, for it means not only one additional foreign salary, but it also shows the active interest of your Board as one of the supporting units of Ginling. We are greatly indebted to you for having succeeded in bringing up this question to your Board and for having been successful in getting it adopted. We are most gratified to see the provision that this money could be used for the salary of Chinese members of the faculty who are members of the Episcopal Church if there should be no western member of your Church on the faculty.

In regard to Miss Esthar Rhodes, she found it necessary to return to America because of a family reason, but I am glad to report to you that beginning from September, we shall have Miss Mary Lamberton to be the acting head of the English department. We invited her to come to Chengtu when the Episcopal women were evacuated from Shanghai last winter. She cameto be the substitute during Miss Florence Kirk's furlough which may be for a period of two years. Miss Lamberton was on the faculty of St. John's University for about ten years, and I am sure she will be a splendid representative for your Board.

In regard to Chinese members of your Church on the faculty, we have Miss Phoebe Hoh and we will have Miss Gwendolyn Shen from September. There are also a few junior members who are members of the Episcopal Church. Among the student body in 1940-41, we again have the Episcopal group leading the list of the various denominational groups. There are twenty-five girls from your Church in the total number of two hundred and six. We are much gratified that we are serving the mission middle schools in giving a college education to their graduated.

With kind regards to you and again with deep appreciation, I am
Sincerely yours,

s/ Yi-fang Wu

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June 30, 1943

Dr. Wu Yi-fang
Board of Founders
Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Wu:

It was most gracious of you to talk with me on the telephone yesterday afternoon and to signify your willingness to share in our Triennial Meeting, before receiving a formal invitation. It was, however, reassuring to me, to hear your voice, and now I have an added reason for hoping most earnestly that you will be with us in this country for another nine months.

I speak for the National Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in inviting you to speak to the women of our Church in their Triennial Meeting to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, October 2 - 9. We should like you to make the opening address on Saturday morning, October 2nd, from 11:30 to 12:15 on Christians and World Order. In later sessions of the Triennial, Dr. Cavert of the Federal Council of Churches and Dr. Van Dusen will be presenting the Church at work in Europe and in Asia.

It is the Board's hope that we may be able to print the addresses of our speakers, if possible, in time for distribution at the Triennial, immediately following their presentation. Naturally, I do not wish to overtax you and I shall understand perfectly if you are able to accept our invitation and yet not able to give us a manuscript by the first of September. I am so eager to have you with us that you would be welcome on any terms.

I shall look forward to hearing from you within the next ten days or two weeks, earnestly hoping for an affirmative answer.

With best wishes to you,

Very sincerely yours,

Margaret I. Marston

Executive Secretary

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July 14, 1943.

Miss Margaret I. Marston,
Executive Secretary,
National Council, Protestant Episcopal Church,
281 Fourth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Marston:

I have been waiting for several weeks for a cable from China to let me know whether it is possible for me to stay in this country. Finally that cable has come and I can answer your gracious invitation of June 30.

I shall be very happy to accept that invitation to speak to the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church at their Triennial Meeting on Saturday morning, October 2nd, from 11:30 to 12:15.

I am sorry that I am not able to send you the manuscript for my address. However, I should be able to do this within the near future. I shall plan to have it in your hands quite some time before September 1st.

With cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu.

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March 30, 1944

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills
Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Mills:

You will remember that I spoke to you on the telephone about the desire of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of New Jersey to give a four-year scholarship for an Episcopal student at Ginling in memory of Edith Roberts. To quote from the letter of the President, Miss Marietta E. Atwood, 21 Morven Place, Princeton, New Jersey:

> "....She was so vital and alive and I felt it should be a living memorial. Can you give me information? We want the name, would like a girl who has ability for leadership; the amount needed and the time of the beginning of the college year. Edith was so interested in China and we hope some young woman in China will be able to carry on there some of the things Edith did here."

I should be grateful if you will secure a name and send the requested information direct to Miss Atwood. I have written her that it may be June before she will hear, but if you know now the answers to the other two questions - the amount of money needed and the beginning of the college year, I am sure Miss Atwood would be glad to have this information now.

Very sincerely yours,

Margaret M. Sherman

Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman
Executive Secretary

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March 31, 1944

Miss Marietta E. Atwood
21 Morven Place
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Miss Atwood:

Mrs. Sherman has written me of the desire of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of New Jersey to give a four-year scholarship to an Episcopal girl at Ginling in memory of Miss Edith Roberts. Mrs. Sherman wrote that you want the name of the girl selected, the annual amount needed, and the date of the opening of college.

I am sorry that I cannot give you the name of the girl now, but I have already written to Dr. Wu and asked that a promising Episcopal girl be chosen as the beneficiary of this scholarship and that she send us the name at once. I am afraid that it will be some three or four months before we can get an answer, but I will write to you again as soon as it comes.

As you doubtless know, the financial situation in China is totally unpredictable and prices are rising all the time. It is therefore impossible for me to give you a definite budget showing the expenses a girl will have in college. However, I think US$500 a year is about right. This will cover board, which is over 100 times the prewar figure, tuition which has not risen in anything like the same proportion, and will leave a small sum for books and indidental fees. College opens the first of September. This date is practically dictated by the Ministry of Education regulations.

On behalf of Dr. Wu and the girl who is to receive this aid may I express our very hearty appreciation for your generosity, and the hope that the relationship thus established will be a mutually satisfying one.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
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PRESIDENT
MISS MARIETTA E. ATWOOD
21 MORVEN PLACE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

April 20, 1944

Mrs. H. Plumer Mills,
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Mills:- I thank you for your letter concerning the Memorial Scholarship to Gungling for Miss Roberts.

We had been advised that $500 would care for a girl for four years. Therefore when your letter arrived it was necessary for me to present the matter at our Executive Board Meeting because we had only considered a Special of $500. The Board decided we probably could not increase this amount but by September will know how much we can count on. We

decided it would be best to use the money over a four year period only giving a part Scholarship, hoping that conditions in China will become better and that we can make it a permanent Scholarship. I am sorry it is necessary to do this.

I met Dr. Hu in Cleveland and became much interested in Singling.

Sincerely yours
Marietta Atwood

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W. A. Provides Scholarship

A YEARLY scholarship to an Episcopal student at Ginling College, now operating in Chengtu, China, has been set up by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of New Jersey which will be known as the Edith C. Roberts Memorial Scholarship. Miss Roberts, who died last year, was the sister of Bishop William P. Roberts of Shanghai, and of Donald Roberts of St. John's University, Shanghai, and was always interested in the work of the Church in China. She had served as president and treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary in New Jersey and was elected Assistant Presiding Officer for the 1943 Triennial in Cleveland.

January 23, 1945

Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sherman:

The matter of the Episcopal Scholarship is still not clear to me. For your information I shall review the facts as far as I have them.

In March of 1944, you wrote that the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of New Jersey wanted to establish a scholarship at Ginling in memory of Miss Edith Roberts, Bishop Roberts' sister. They asked the amount needed for a girl for a year. I wrote to Dr. Wu asking for suggestions about the recipient of this help, and at the same time I wrote to the New Jersey women saying that it would require approximately U.S.$500 a year for a full scholarship. Dr. Wu replied that $500 was too much for one girl and that she was therefore suggesting that Miss Shen Seng-wei, the daughter of Bishop Shen Tz-kao, and Miss Chen I, daughter of Bishop Robin Chen, share the fund.

Before I received this letter, however, I had a reply from Miss Atwood, President of the New Jersey group, saying that they could not raise $500 a year, but that they would probably raise a total of $500, and that they would divide it over four years, sending $125 a year. Miss Atwood added that she would have more information for me in September, but I never heard from her again.

Then in August, Dr. Wu wrote that Miss Lamberton had received a sum of N.C.$24,000, as an Episcopal scholarship, and that the money was being held for fuller information. When I got that letter, I took the matter up with you and last week you gave me the information that the Women of the Diocese of New Jersey

have collected and paid into your Board here a total of $551.10, as an "Edith Roberts Memorial - Ginling College". The money has come in at different times and has not been definitely marked for scholarship, and you think that it may not even have been paid out as yet to the Episcopal Treasurer in China. Thereford, it could not possibly account for the N.C.$24,000 Ginling received in the summer.

The only possible way to account for that is a note I received from Mrs. Peoples, President of the North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary, in response to our December appeal. She said: "Thank you for the Ginling News, in which we are very much interested. At present we are making our contribution directly through the National Council of the Episcopal Church for the education of Bishop Robin Chen's daughter, Grace, to the amount of $200.00 for 1945." The amount she mentioned, U.S.$200, is just about equivalent to the N.C.$24,000 Dr. Wu received through Miss Lamberton, but since none of the correspondence has come through this office, I have no way of knowing whether or not this is actually the case. The dates, however, would seem to make it impossible for the N.C. $24,000 to have come from New Jersey, since they said they would raise their money after September and Dr. Wu wrote in August, saying "A few weeks ago...." When we hear from Mrs. Peoples, we may have this part clear. You said that you were writing to her, I have also written to her, and am sending you a copy of my letter.

Since the group in North Carolina think that they are supporting Bishop Chen's daughter, it is probably just as well that we have not given her name to Miss Atwood. All of this leaves us just where we were as far as having any definite information for the New Jersey women is concerned. Dr. Wu did say in one letter that Bishop Shen Tz-kao's daughter was "sharing the Episcopal scholarship". However, we have never had any personal information about her, or her record in college, as we have had about Bishop Robin Chen's daughter, and this is the sort of information they wanted.

You seemed to think it possible that the money from the New Jersey group had not yet gone through. I wonder if you would be good enough to follow this up a bit more and find out just exactly where that $551.10 is at the moment. When we know something definite about it, I'll pass the information on to Dr. Wu so that her records will be clear. If she received more money through the Episcopal Field Treasurer, simply as an "Edith Roberts Memorial", with no mention of scholarship, she may be greatly puzzled.

I shall therefore not write to Dr. Wu till I hear from you again. Don't you think it would be better to clear the matter of Bishop Chen's daughter and the North Carolina Diocese before mentioning this same girl to the New Jersey Diocese? I can tell Miss Atwood that their money is more than enough for one girl for one year, and that Bishop Shen Tz-kao's daughter is benefiting from it now.

It is wonderful to have two such interested groups working for scholarships for Ginling.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Copy of letter to Mrs. Peoples

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February 16, 1945

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills
Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Mills:

In a note to me this morning, Mrs. Peoples tells me she is writing you full details about North Carolina's interest in Grace Chen. I shall be glad to know what she says. I have written Arthur Allen since receiving your full letter about the scholarship situation.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret M. Sherman

Executive Secretary

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Episcopal Board

February 20, 1945

Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Sherman:

Enclosed I am sending you a copy of the material about Grace Chen which came to me from Mrs. Peoples. I greatly appreciate her writing me so fully about their interest in Miss Chen, and I am indeed happy to know that she is so well taken care of.

From this correspondence it seems clear to me that the MC$24,000, which has been paid through Miss Lamberton to Ginling, was really the gift from the North Carolina Diocese and intended for Grace Chen. Dr. Wu was expecting funds from the New Jersey Diocese, which she planned to share between Grace Chen and Shen Sung-wei, and so she divided this amount between these two girls. It would therefore seem that an adjustment should be made in favor of Grace Chen, and this can be arranged through the treasurer's office.

Since the North Carolina Diocese is caring for Grace Chen so adequately, it seems to me that Bishop Shen's daughter would be the logical one to benefit from the New Jersey Memorial Fund to Miss Roberts. I have not heard from Dr. Wu that she has received anything from this fund through the Episcoppl treasurer in China. I suppose, however, that it has been paid to Ginling as Mr. Allen receives it. Since it was not specifically designated as a "Scholarship Fund", it may be that Dr. Wu has not used it in that way. This, of course, will have to be straightened out with her.

I have not written to the New Jersey women as I had no definite information about the girl that they were helping. It would have been a pity to get them interested in Grace Chen only to find that she is being supported by another group. I am now writing to them and telling them all I know from Dr. Wu's letters about Bishop Shen's daughter, as I am assuming that she will be the beneficiary of their gift.

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I am enclosing a copy of the summary of the whole situation which I am sending to Miss Priest, the Treasurer in China.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: (Copies of)
Letter from Mrs. Peoples to Mrs. Mills, February 12, 1945
Letter from Grace Chen to Mrs. Peoples, January 2, 1945
Letter from Sister Louise Magdalene to Mrs. Bouligny, Sept. 24, 1944
Letter from Sister Louise Magdalene to Mrs. Peoples, Jan. 9, 1945
Letter from Mrs. Mills to Miss Priest, February 20, 1945

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February 21, 1945

Miss Marietta E. Atwood
21 Morven Place
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Miss Atwood:

I learned from Mrs. Sherman not long ago that you had expected to hear from us about the girl who was to receive the Edith Roberts Memorial Scholarship. I am sorry that I have not written to you before, but there is really a rather long story about it, and I was trying to get some of the complications straightened out before writing.

When I first wrote to Dr. Wu about it, I told her that I had suggested to you that $500 a year would be the amount necessary for a full scholarship for a girl. Before I had Dr. Wu's answer, I got your letter saying that you thought your group could not raise more than $500 altogether, or $125 a year, but that you would write me again about it. I have not heard from you since, and I now realize that you were waiting for a letter from me.

Then I had a letter from Dr. Wu in which she suggested that if the women of the New Jersey Diocese could send as much as $500 a year, the amount be divided between Grace Chen, daughter of Bishop Robin Chen, and Shen Sung-wei, daughter of Bishop Shen Tze-kao. As you had seemed doubtful about being able to raise more than $125 a year, I hesitated to suggest two girls to you.

This fall I had a letter from Dr. Wu in which she told of having received N.C.$24,000 as the "Episcopal Scholarship money", and said that the amount was being shared by the two girls I have just mentioned. Since the money had not come through our office, and since it represented about $500 U.S., I began

inquiries about it, and discovered that it was the proceeds of a gift from the North Carolina Diocese, and was intended for Grace Chen. They had become interested in her through letters from the field.

Thus one of the girls was taken care of, and the New Jersey gift could go entirely to the other one. From Mrs. Sherman, I learned that your gift has already amounted to more than $500, and has been sent through your Board to the Episcopal Treasurer in China. We are happy to know that your efforts have met with such success, and that so fine a girl as Bishop Shen's daughter is receiving your generous aid.

Dr. Wu writes that Miss Shen ranks high in ability and intelligence and is a very fine type of girl, though rather quiet. She wants to major in music. Dr. Wu adds: "Bishop Shen, being the missionary bishop in the poor northwest region, is financially in a worse position than Bishop Chen. With the present high cost of living, even bishops are not able to put their children through college."

I have written to Dr. Wu, asking her to tell us more about Miss Shen, and I shall be glad to pass on to you any information she sends me.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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MISS MARIETTA E. ATWOOD
21 MORVEN PLACE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

April 7, 1945

Dear Mrs. Mills:- I delayed answering your good letter until my Executive Board Meeting held their April Meeting. We meet three times a year.

We are delighted to know the Scholarship was granted to Miss Shen. Would it be possible to have her write to us before our Division Meetings next October? We are hoping to make this a permanent Scholarship but cannot promise a definite amount. We sent $550 last July and voted to send $450 before Summer so we feel that Miss Shen will be taken care of until Sept. 1946.

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We will appreciate any further information.

Sincerely yours
Marietta Atwood

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MISS MARIETTA E. ATWOOD
21 NORTH PLACE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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April 14, 1945

Miss Marietta E. Atwood
21 Morven Place
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Miss Atwood:

Thank you for your letter of April 7th about the scholarship fund for Miss Shen. The $550 sent and the $450 promised will make a most generous provision for Miss Shen and I am sure that she and her family are grateful for this help.

We have had brief references to her in letters from Dr. Wu, telling us that she is a very fine student and an outstanding girl in the College. I am writing to the College, asking for further information about her and also asking that she write to you directly. I will stress to them your desire to have a letter from Miss Shen before your Division meeting in October. I hope very much that this letter will come promptly.

May I again express to you the appreciation of this office, as well as of the College in China, for this interest and help to one of Ginling's girls.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Re - Scholarship Fund

95 Shulin Kai, Kunming
June 7, 1945

Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Sherman:

Upon receipt of your letter of February 16th, on March 18th I wrote to Ginling College about the Edith Roberts Memorial for Ginling, and today we have received this letter from Miss Ruth M. Chester, Dean of Studies and Chairman of the Faculty Executive Committee.

"A long time ago Miss Lamberton referred to me your letter in regard to the Edith Roberts Memorial Scholarship and I never gave her the final reply because the whole thing was in great confusion, and it took us some time to get it straightened out. As she was leaving the other day I promised to write to you directly in order to get it all clear.

"The confusion came about through some letters from New York which were not clear and through references to a fund for Grace Chen about which we had never heard. It is now clear that the Grace Chen fund was received by Sister Louise and Bishop Chen and has never been in our hands at all, and the two lots of approximately $24,000 N.C. each, which we received from you, together equalled the gold, $551.10 of the Edith Roberts Memorial scholarship. The total in Chinese currency up to date is $48,350. Originally, we decided to divide this fund between the daughters of the two bishops, Shen Sung-wei and Grace Chen. Accordingly, last term each of them received $6,000. Now that we know that Grace Chen is otherwise provided for we have decided to give help to two other Episcopal students, in addition to Shen Sung-wei, out of this fund. One of them is Yui Ching-ming, who is David Yui's daughter, and whom I am sure your church group would feel a worthy recipient of such help. The other one is Hwang Shu-hwa, who is also of an Episcopal family, though not, I think, directly in church work. She is an earnest Christian and in need of financial help. We have decided to give Bishop Shen's daughter $10,000 this term, and each of the other two, $5,000, and that will still leave about $16,000 in this fund for use next fall. We thought it better to do it that way, as expenses will be much greater in the fall, and we have no assurance that anything more will be added to this fund.

"I hope that this will meet with the approval of the donors, and I am sorry for the long delay in replying to your letter."

Yours sincerely,

s/Arthur J. Allen

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June 20, 1945

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills
Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I think I have never passed on to you the answer I received from Arthur Allen about the scholarships. He wrote, "The specials marked 'The Edith Roberts Memorial for Ginling' have all been sent on to Miss Lamberton." In turn Miss Lamberton wrote him, "Dr. Chester has promised to find out definitely about it and let me know. She did know that it was going to Sheng Kung Hwei girls, but she thought not to Bishop Shen's daughter but to Chen-I, Bishop Robin Chen's daughter, and another girl. I'll write you when she lets me know definitely." So, where does this leave us?

Very sincerely yours,

Margaret M. Sherman

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Executive Secretary

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September 17, 1945

Miss Marietta E. Atwood
21 Morven Place
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Miss Atwood:

In a letter from Miss Ruth Chester, Dean of Students at Ginling, dated May 30th, we have the following paragraph:

> "We are dividing the Edith Roberts Memorial Scholarship Fund among three students. One of them is David Yui's daughter, Yui Ching-ming, and the other is Hwang Shu-hwa, whose father is in education work, I believe. This term we are giving $5,000 to each of them, and $10,000 (N.C.) to Bishop Shen's daughter. This, with the $12,000 N.C. we gave out last term, makes a total of $32,000, and leaves us with about $16,000 N.C. still in hand from the $551.10 gold which Mr. Allen remitted to us in two payments of about $24,000 N.C. each. We shall distribute the balance of this in the fall, and if any more money is sent from this same fund, we can easily make good use of it."

In another letter, dated July 27th, Miss Chester writes: "I asked Miss Shen Sung-wei (Bishop Shen's daughter) to write a letter to the New Jersey Diocese, and she told me that she had done it, so I hope that it arrives in time."

We greatly appreciate the generosity of the New Jersey Diocese that is making it possible to help three girls through their college course. I hope that Miss Shen's letter has arrived, and I am sure that she has also expressed her appreciation to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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October 15, 1948

My dear Mrs. Sherman:

As you know the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of New Jersey established a scholarship in the memory of Edith Roberts. The first year we received a letter from one of the recepients but for three years have not heard from the Ginling Board or anyone concerning it. Since there has been no interest or acknowledgement from Ginling we would like to transfer the scholarship to St. Mary's, Shanghai, unless Ginling is counting on it. Can you give me any information about it?

Sincerely yours,

(s) Marietta Atwood

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22 November 1948.

Miss Marietta Atwood
21 Morven Place
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Miss Atwood:

The other day I was over at the Episcopal Board Room and I saw Mrs. Sherman. I was on another errand but felt that I should carry through regarding the gift for Ginling of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of New Jersey. I promised you that I would not rest until we had thoroughly investigated it and I can feel satisfied that the Episcopal Boad has done well in locating the gift and placing the responsibility where it belongs. Mrs. Sherman told me that they had directed the Treasurer in Shanghai to contact the Treasurer of Ginling College and to make arrangements for the use of the money. It is my hope that they will take more care and that you will have some word directly from the college. Mrs. Sherman states that she had made the explanation to you so that it would appear that I can do nothing unless you feel that it is necessary.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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