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Reeves

501 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.
November 12, 1917.

Miss Cora D. Reeves, Ph. D.
Ginling College,
Nanking, China.

My dear Miss Reeves:

I enclose two copies of the contract between you and the Ginling Committee. Will you sign both, keeping one and returning the other to me? You notice that this contract is absolutely for one year, and gives no hint of the great hopes which the Committee entertain that you will be able to stay longer. It seemed best to us to leave that formal statement to be made when you find out whether it will be satisfactory to yourself and to the College to have you remain: it can then be taken up again de novo and another contract signed by us both which will cover the new situation.

I am thinking of you now as at the College, beginning to get settled and already interested in your Chinese girls. I hope that you will find it possible to make use of the laboratory equipment of Nanking University, thus supplementing the meager equipment which the College has at present, and that you will find it will be possible to secure some of the necessities from the funds of the College for permanent equipment.

I have had a letter from Mrs. Thurston telling of the warm welcome they gave to Miss Chester and Miss Brown, and how they too began immediately to work and seemed well qualified to fit in. I think if anything, your welcome will be more hearty because their hope for a biological teacher was longer deferred.

Trusting that it will be a great joy to you, and that I may occasionally hear from you, believe me

Cordially yours,

Chairman, Candidate Committee,
Ginling College.

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Oct. 23, 1932

Dear Rebecca,-

As I write the date I am reminded that it's mother's birthday. So long to wait since she left before I ~~was~~ as she is.

It's great fun to live with Hju Yu bao in the cottage where Mrs. Wood lived. Today the first Sunday morning breakfast was served then Mei Yu, Miss Mossman and we two. Saturday afternoon we went up onto Sing Liang Shan to see the new reservoir for city water supply. It is more than half done and pipes were laid when the new wide road was cut through Wash a. dogs-eye and Giang tang Chai. The great road from the ~~Hsia gran~~ gate goes straight to the line connecting Hansu men and the gate out to Ming town and Sun men's tomb and continues south to where we turned on these streets from ^{the one} which passed the ~~statutory~~ law school. The south one then makes its turn east a block or two and then swings south with South gate in the distance. It

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goes outside the city to the Ya
 But I started on yesterday's outing - we went down
 from the reservoir on the west side where
 the hills have not changed passed the foreign
 cemetery on the ridge east and south of it
 and then took the road along the wall
 until we met rick-shaws. We hired
 two for a dollar twenty to go to the "running
 water place" i.e. the intake on the Yangtze
 It is north of straight west of the reservoir
 It is at Pei Ho Kuo (white tiger's mouth) a wee
 fishing village. Most of the road is a broad
 macadamized high way which passes a new
 model prison and barracks. It ends in a
 rutty country road which is being kept
 smoothed out for auto's and trucks of the
 construction force. The settling basin
 is near the river. There is some sort
 of aeration or fixing plant. It all looks
 very inadequate for a city like Nanking.
 We have been having a chance
 to meet and know people Mrs. Smith
 Pres. of Federated Women's Mission Board

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& Stanley Jones. Guess I wrote that no ^{other} man's writings ^[3]
has been so full of beaming Christ ^{mission to my}
for several decades as Christ of the Mount ^{by him.}
Bishop Welch who was in Korea takes Bishop Bismarck's
place. Miss Shaw came for dinner Friday night
and says he is a splendid bishop. Has a legal
sort of mind and insists on getting to the bottom of things
(Mrs Han sat just in front of me, ^{at church today} in a tapestry dress
her husband (you recall my typist) is in charge of a
dormitory under Djang Fang at Union Boy's Middle
School.)

The guest we had last night, you will
recognize ^{who} since not many have been in Manchuria
said that Japan had 1000 well trained soldiers
and a mighty war machine but that she was
not able to control more than 4000 square
miles of the 400000 ^{sq miles}. Every train is a traveling
fortification guns, soldier, ^{also} with sand bags
at doors and windows. Mukden had three
attacks while the party were there. Yet people
came to hear in great numbers. Thirty miles
from Mukden is a rail road run by insurgents.
The government which was functioning
has been destroyed, and bandits appear
over night. A village is attacked

[4] The folks suffer and then the Japanese ^{bomb}
the village to drive out the bandits. ^{OCT 23 1932}
Japan took Manchuria because she needed
to put down banditry is is 100 times
worse than before. She holds and that
with ceaseless loss but a narrow zone
along the Rail road.

He reported talking recently to Feng Ya Huan
and having him say "life is nothing death is nothing
but one must save China from Japan"
~~An Shih~~

Its wonderful hot weather but oh
so dry. Again the ponds - are being dug deeper
and deeper. I'm afraid the silks and some
other things will die from the cracks in
the soil letting their roots - dry.

A cripple friend Sarah Hadley may
write you for something about my life here.
I'll give her your address unless she is already
in touch with you I know she will be glad
to get it.

Li Chi is teaching you probably know
at Great China ^{Union} and Miss Hoh in two ^{govt} schools
there in Shanghai.

This goes with love to thee

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My dear Rebecca -

Church in University Chapel is just over and I found two girls here visiting Dju Yu bas when I came home. The chapel was half full (the front half) on one side of Ginling girls and perhaps $\frac{2}{3}$ rds as many boys and faculty on the other side. The Roys and Ferns of the Presbyterian Church were there as new people and there is much enthusiasm for them. Dr. Wu presided. She is so white and so beautiful, I am thrilled and frightened to look at her. It was on Construction and is Humiliation day.

Mr. Thurston has flu I fear. Minnie has just gotten better. I've never seen Deh Su mon so pathetic looking for she also had gas pains, ^{she says} it is something else yesterday. Searle said he felt better today. I'm hoping he'll climb physically.

Dju Ao has just been telling me that King Dju is President of Chee Lou and while now he stays in Chang sha because he is provincial Commissioner of education he has his family on the compound of the University in Tsunan

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I'm having Dr. and Mrs. Winfield here for a few days enroute for Tsinan. I got acquainted on the boat. He is to go there to take Jaquot's place as teacher of Zoology or Biology. They are another of the good couples the Presbyterians have sent out this fall.

The cottage moves very slowly toward getting furnished.

Sept 26th.

Last night was Freshman reception. Eva and Miss Mc Kenzie put on Wax works as a stunt. They were very funny. Harriet Whitmer as Junny Lind and Yang Hsioh-ran as Mother hood were the only ones you would know of the round up automatons. There was another stunt like Johnny Smoker with many Chinese instruments a clever adaptation. We visited, we marched, we were introduced, at least a few were



N.B.

Book received
on my birthday

Dec. 8, 1934

My dear Rebecca -

How many letters I've written and then they have been side tracked I don't know. I'm startled to find this one. All fall things have moved along soberly enough. The strongest pangs have been in watching Dr. Wu grow pale and often showing strain her face contorted often when showing sympathy for others but knowing the lines grew in her hours alone. One would give most anything if not all to lift the sadness and self-reproach she suffers. J. J. Zee stopped for Dr. Wu yesterday and while she got her coat he talked of the 1500 or 15000 arrests of Hankering police while General Chiang was here and before his coming mostly for

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(2) - gambling and smoking opium. DEC 8 1934

Today a boyish soldier and young girl lolled and jotted on the ground outside our inner fence but on pinning property in sight of the desk where I sit to write this! The neighbors come to steal leaves and police take Sabbath vacations as in past years

The community center, ^{beside the day school} seems a busy place. Some girls have taught neighborhood girls to make peanut butter. Boys Club have a carpenter bench a vice a saw or two and some other tools. Some boys are making baskets with a teacher. The girls in Sociology Class have found them 4 or 8 babies from the Foundlings Home are being boarded out fed, weighed measured bathed by two members of one Problems Class

No one will live with me so I'm having guests of a week

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Elizabeth Goucher is to be in Nanking
two days before Christmas She will [37]
fly to Hankow with Burgoyne for
Xmas with his brother there

DEC 8 1934

Helen Loomis is to come to
stay for these next two or three weeks.
Since she finds difficulty to meet insurance
and living expenses she may stay on though
for amah's sake I should have a Chinese person
Helen is Superintendent of S.S. for foreign
children this year

Mr. Zee reported Lily in Nanking
but in bed. ~~Mr.~~ Now being treated with
electricity to take down the swelling
in his limbs and body, able to sit up
two hours a day.

A fund for a Meditation Hall
on the Campus has been started. In
the mean time a notice came in that
the next residential section of Nanking
to be started includes the narrow section
of the north side of G.C. campus between
the proposed new road near 500 Kitchener
and taking off part of the ^{old} servants quarters now
used by men faculty and our north
boundary road.

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They propose to pay \$8 per ^{sq} foot for the land they take in these residential sections and to give the the owners the first chance to buy back these pieces at \$28 per ^{sq} foot with roads ^{made} sewers ^{lines} and perhaps water pipes in. Of course one of the last things we want is tall foreign style houses where the pine trees still sing in the wind north of 500 sleeping porch and a 60 ft auto road jaggging and tutting beside the recitation hall Mrs Thurston says it seems to ^{with} her to be a time for prayer.

I anticipate your Christmas present will be late and your birthday present early but you may know this scheme went off the books before this letter reaches you. I'm sending much love
yours

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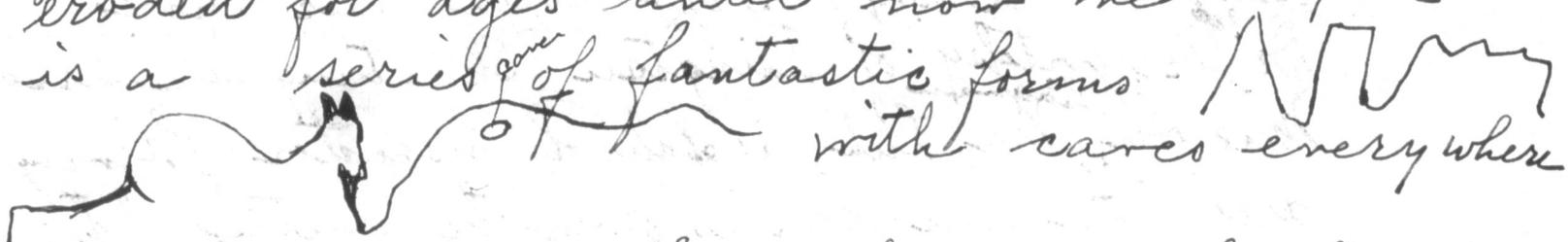
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Kwei River, Kwangsi Prov.

My dear Rebecca:-

Sitting on the floor of a river house boat is not the easiest place to write but will see what comes from this attempt. Dr's Hoffman and Wallace Lingnan Zoology Dept with their wives Dr. Gyzovitchy of Tsingtau Shantung University Mrs. Hu, ^{Lingnan} Mr. Lu, a school Inspector of Kwangsi are with me coming from the meetings of the various learned societies which have just held their annual meeting in Nanning capital of Kwangsi.

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There are few places of such charm as 1935 [21]
the north east corner of this Province
where a big area of lime stone, perhaps
equal to Lancaster County and perhaps
a third of Pennsylvania, has been raised
from some ancient ocean bottom and
eroded for ages until now the sky line
is a series of ^{convex} fantastic forms  with caves everywhere

We were taken through one which wound
about at times with vaulted ceiling and
deep pools, at times a tube so small

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we must bend double to walk through. Everywhere were fanciful forms which have been named the gold fish, the turtle head, the fish-net, the sedge, the god of wealth, the rabbit, the shell fungus.

You have probably had word of our summer plans. When I left Shanghai Ruth and Kathleen Bond were expecting to have Dr. Wu with them on Tsen Mu Shan, a mountain not far from Mohkansen but with only a monastery. It was hoped Dr. Wu would get some rest.

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Miss Haught and Miss Sutherland are to
 be in Tsingtao, Harriet has gone to Korea
 You will probably have heard that Eva
 and Minnie are in Kuling as are
 Miss Thurston and sisters. I left
 Abigail and Edith at home. Only
 Abigail was planning to stay. Miss Koo
 and Dr. Hsiung were planning to stay.
 I hope that he will have gotten the work
 done for attic sky lights in the Science
 Building. That will let us expand enough
 for good work.

Minnie and Harriet - look in the
 book keeping Harriet's accounts. The
 mission funds but make entries
 with "miscellaneous" with appropriate
 entries

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My Dear -

When I opened the long envelope tears almost came ~~some~~ⁱⁿ to my eyes for the writing was so like mother's. Your criticism of the effort has not made me look more minutely, for the first impression passed quickly from loss to gain. I certainly appreciate both the handkerchiefs, the marking and the one who marked them for me

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[21] Helen Loomis ¹⁹³⁴⁻¹⁹³⁵ and Dr. Hackett
wrote birthday greetings.

Dr. Hackett's announcement
that she would pull my
latch-string in October
gave thrills of joy. I shall
try to have the stove rebuilt
and the living room
calimined before she
comes.

Seeing the Campus
this morning brought

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about 60 freshmen
my door.

Dr. Wu did not go
to live up in the temple
south of Mohkamsan but stayed
with the family ^{Chen} Jip in dju is here also
& Djang Siao Sung the former is
being asked to help with
registration since Mr Tsui
has gone and the latter
is to serve as Chairman of
Library Committee with a

Alvin Chee

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Aug 31st, 1935

Tonight I shall be in Shanghai.
We were taken in Canton
to see some sugar factories
and in Swatow had to
wait an extra twentyfour
hours while sugar was loaded
in four steady streams
two from land ware-houses
and two from boats drawn
up beside the boat. A foreign
advisor or agent was showing
how the development of the
industry would allow China

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to produce all ²⁷ ~~and~~ ~~can~~ AUG 31 1935

use. Part of the equipment
for sugar refineries.
was made in Cecho storals
part in Honolulu.

Swaton and seeing
Alice Chen gave the same
sense of unworthiness being
with her has given me before

"He saved others Himself he cannot
save" applies to her as to the Master

This summer she went home
to her village opened a daily
vacation bible school and
had 60 students She taught

Kendegartin in the morning 8-11:30

Primary girls 2-5:30 and a

night school for boys. She
used the 1000 Characters,
taught bible the first thing and
hygiene and geograty she
said students were so
anxious to learn she had
a very good time. She
comes back to find the
Miss Salmon with whom
she has worked all these
years laid by because of
a big artery which has
a thin place in its wall.
Alice must even when
she thought she might

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[47] be free from administration
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now take double responsibility

I admire her as I do, ^{only} a
few of our alumnae.

She will come to find me much love

On the boat coming
back are two promising
freshmen and a sophomore.
I hope all the students
entering will be as "go getting"
a sort and as cooperative.

One is a great friend of
Li Pei Lan, comes from Swatow

I shall have to hunt out a
sweater after lunch. We have passed
Poo Tak some hours ago. The ^{Chinese} paper
has Chen Pin dji's picture and announces



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Near Jan 1st, '35

My dear Rebecca, -

This letter should meet the fast boat in Shanghai and get to you promptly to tell you how many exclaimed when I went in with your message. It met me just as I left the carol singing after the breakfast of "mim" on Xmas morning. Some people in 500 were just going in for coffee and fruit and others like Ruth were saying "lets open the Christmas presents." I was hurrying up the hill to decorate a little more because Helen was with me for over Xmas and Miss Graves, Dr. Wu, Miss Koo, Erlan, and Dju do were coming for dinner. Katherine & Miss Haight were house-keepers and gave me a leg of venison well cooked, an apple pie and Catherine sent up ^{at 500} ~~so~~ whole box of Korean apples. Hwang Wen Yu

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came over to the Christmas operetta.
She brought walnuts and grapes.
We had a very good time as well as
a ~~meal~~ enjoyed by all especially the cheese
by Eulan, Dju as and Helen.

Dr. Wu is finding it hard to plan
for finances, I fear. It is evident that 500
is needed, for students are three in a
room and that reduces the quiet
and sense of a nice room to be
proud of. The survey for the road
brings ~~it~~ one fifty or ~~more~~ ^{less} feet
from the ~~Recitation Hall~~ ^{500 Kitchen}.

Mr. Hsieh is still in bed except
an hour or two in the middle of
the day. It leaves a heavy load for
Dju as and a weakened history department.
Mrs Hsieh ^{has a substitute} here. This letter stands. I thought to
get to Peking for ~~Monday~~ ^{Monday}. Harnet Cogswell Meyer
is expecting her first but says I may look after
Paul while she is at P. U. M. C. Sic Wen lin, Wang
Gia whai, and others will welcome me but
I had hoped that our herbarium could be

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checked by men from U. of N. However Dr Steward
has to go to P. U. M. C. because of a constriction
around the ureter which tightens and makes
one kidney functionless and a bad poison
for the system as well as much pain.
His being away makes more work for the
men in his department and for me to
go to play while they do my work does
not appeal to me so I shall probably
stay and work.

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Today I had Harriet, and ^{my} Liao Chen's
^{Mrs. Thurston's secretary,} niece, invited with our new
(from Amoy) teacher from Foochow for
dinner. The house is something else
to share. Amah seems to enjoy cooking and
keeping the house. The garden is splendid so
I have lettuce, beets, spinach, fresh and crisp
with the purple, ^{yellow} flowered mustard from the
neighbors' gardens; the chun trai, the pau trai
and carrots and turnips are lavish. They
seem to say "See me. I'm a substitute
in part for a poor (3rd) rice crop."

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There has been no cold weather JAN-1 1935
small flowers, calendula, a few snap ^{dragons}
and pansies as well as violets and
La mei are in ^{bloom in} the garden.

Christmas poinsettias were small;
pots too small I believe.

Your letter in the fall was the first to
reach me about Lillieth. She seems to be
impressing all those who see her as being
physically pretty well though Blanche Wu
writes she does not seem up to what
she was before she was sick here in
Nanking. That last year. No one gives

a good report of Blanche's physical
condition though a friend in Ypsi.
wrote of finding her pleasing and
interesting when she was there recently.

To-day after dinner Harriet proposed
we go out over the hills toward Nan sie men
i.e. our old trail toward the Tingya in the
lake at the library. ^{Since you left} I've only taken that
walk at least a part of it when I went
with Dju Yu bao to see some of her families.
We found the city filling part of one
side of the lake and leveling a road

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which will wind through the Gou Ho Yuen.
and collect with the big road one hundred
feet or more south of the old Language
School Gate.

Buildings sprung up over night
Another set of tenements across from
the campus next the day school
Two big buildings just west of the
compound where Mr. Loos left.
Bath-room fixtures, new hardware store
a beauty parlor, a bake shop, the
Astor candy store and last but not
least for me a good German butchery
are ^{with} a stone's throw of Mr. Liu's
house south of Hwei Wen. Auto repair
Standard oil, and Studebaker sales
rooms, China store, and flower shop
make Nanking so altogether changed
in appearance one weeps and is glad
together

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I hope the Christmas cable has brought you
other acknowledgements as well as mine

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JAN 1 1935

Could it you send me your
paper on Barthianism and Oxford Group
movement. I've not had time to read
or think critically. I know that the
New Life Movement here in China
should have a real power of the
spirit in it for our Christian young
people. Can you give any suggestions
or help. I am groping for some way of
helping them toward the life Jesus lived
and ^{which} was a reality in the lives of
many in the early church. Principally
by every day living one answers one's
own desires I know

There is much to say
but those herbarium specimens are
not corrected for the students
Much love

Mary might like some of this I wrote her largely
on business

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Feb. 7, '36-

My dear Rebecca:-

Your Christmas birthday present I decided
did send in the form of a book which I
saw reviewed in China Journal, if it
were as interesting as it might be;
but I noted Somerville said it was not
hardly up to Kelly & Walcott standard so I did not
dare order it without looking. The first
thing I did in Shanghai was to look at
"Tombs of Old Loyang". I was distinctly
disappointed. Whether the figures ^{can} be
so old that ^{in a picture} or not I don't know
write out - but the pictures look like poorer printing
than the series we have looked at,
and I sent you some of. I do not know whether
the statements are challenging enough
to be interesting to you since they are
challenged as to their accuracy of ~~the~~
historical interpretation.

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I'll be glad to send the book ^{but} thought
as I was not ~~be~~ thrilled by it as a book ^{and}
could not judge for our historian, so I'd
not have it sent. No one in the mission seemed to want to talk
about the vacation ^{who never went to Hongkong} ^{though living near} nearly over. We all

having our first snow storm Feb. 6th
The lettuce and big pansies may be covered
and not spoiled by cold weather to
come. Thrush, and tit mice, and buntings
are around the hedge and so interesting

I can hardly get this letter written.
Yesterday I spent a little time in
Chinkiang. Miss Kessler teaches Mathematics
and voluntary bible-classes. Practically
all the students are in one of her
five or six classes. Miss Chung meeting
is making a good success there. Both
Chinese and foreign staff are very
satisfied. ^{she has definitely improved.} With both Miss Robinson and
Miss Nagler there for English and some
other subjects their students should come up in preparation.
In Shanghai the other day
Wu Yu bao took my Amah & I to a talky movie in
the Strand Theater. It was quiet no
hawking of things to sell

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I forgot to ask whether that was common^[37]
at that place or only because the
crowd was small. Far improved on other days!

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I have three subjects to teach for
which I should have the outline
prepared but have not. Some
time has been spent on alumnæ
who came back some on thesis
students and some on the herbarium

Lily Zia Ni is flat on her
back but improving nicely from an
attack of T.B. Grace and she are both
in Peking. Grace's husband may return
from America and his military
training soon.

Olive Bowen is suggesting that
the only church influence possible
in the Boys Middle School would be the
hostel system of the Philippines. The
gov't requires classes at eight
military drill 4 to 5. Junior boys
only have 5:15 to 6 and Saturday afternoon
off but other time all taken.

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High School

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It is announced that Senior boys will take 4 or 6 weeks out in spring semester to go into camp for military training. They had this last year in summer but it was furiously hot. Dysentery was bad, etc.

Do you have "notes and notices"? Has any report or have pictures of the Community Center been sent you?

As to happiness - It comes not with observation, nor two devoted servants, nor a couple of senior majors which are all we have since music, P.E., and Sociology now take large groups, nor with the house, nor with anything I know except occasional experiences when I seem to learn or know God's will.

I suppose there are a lot of things more I should write you about but I wonder what. Mrs. Thurston is more alive to Christian influences since the % of G.C. students who are Christian is growing smaller

Lily Ho Aron is leaving this week. Mrs. Ho has been better while she has been home but Lily tells me that she has been sleepers for more than two weeks and we are anxious for her. A piece of God's power and faith in Him would seem to be a real need in the life of the family. My love to you.

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Feb. 17.

Dear Rebecca:

Unless I record this before ~~memory~~ fades you won't share Mr. & Mrs. Gunn, Rockefeller Foundation folks and Raymond Fosdick. I had gone to the little village of Moh ling gwan for the purpose of letting Mereb M. see what I see of opportunities now inviting our girls to enter lay workers wide open doors. I'm glad that Miss Yuen and Miss Riechers have left the rural field of W.F.M.S. to Miss Gahlaher who sees Jesus in the carpenter shop as well as on the cross and crucified as well as making village utensils and preaching. I've quite decided that leaving out thirty years in the village industry for Jesus on leaves out an important part in the life of One who said "I am the light of the world.

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Thirty years in village industry
for Jesus ^{one leaved out} important part
in the life of one who said

"I am the light of the world."

Raymond Fordick so I learn flew to
Kinkiang but no message had reached the
officials in Nanchang whom he was to
meet so no one met him. A rickshaw
coolie took him to Kuling Rest House not
so bad a guess but cold and unoccupied
after a part of a day or a night he got
to - I guess a Standard Oil place, and was
given food. He took the plane back without
getting to Nanchang. ^{antipapine} His host in Nanchang
in the meantime was bombarding Kinkiang with
telegram and telephone messages to locate
a lost foreigner.

Mr. Gunn seems like a Jew but he
may not be. He says rather proudly that
if he could ever see a Christian he might

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become one. He seems inclined towards
social sciences and my help out
Sociology Department. I'm quite
distressed to not have our Health Dept
work move along but with Mr. Chu
and Chen Mei Yu, ^{gone} there seems little
likelihood of further progress in that direction.
Harriet is developing the space back of
seven hundred i.e. west. I'm following
your advice to keep out of these things:
trying to have flowers for girls to pick
and a space for students of Plant Culture
to garden. The wall-flowers are lovely
and pansies big and beautiful. Mrs Fitch
gave me some bulbs so I have very
gorgeous daffodils on the reservoir ^{hill} facing
the front door and also some of
the purple wild flower that grew among
the rocks near the west wall of the old Guilin
garden.

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FEB 17 1935

Ruth and I went to meeting of science teachers of our departments in Shanghai. Cressy is still making a job. I met Mrs. C. coming into Symphony Concert with him. I was with Mr. Chu, ~~Today~~ of St Johns. She was quickly insistent to meet him and ~~then~~ swept by.

My first letter this vacation it seems so strange to not be racing against my inertia and a heavy teaching program. Dr. Wu has been in bed some days with flu. She looks pale rather chalky. She said that Wei Sung New is actually better; for so many weeks and months the swelling the albumen in the urine were the same or worse there seemed no hope. Seemingly X rays, Afford group. Medical skill are contributing to the healing

by himself
 perhaps God has work for him to do
 HE had and perhaps still has no hope of ever being able to practice yet
 The infected tissue



Please Return to RWK

March 10 '86

My dear Rebecca and Lillieth

A letter has just come to me from
Blanche from the Agricultural College
where she has gone for study.
She is probably not fit to work
but hopes to be by the time this
tri semester is over and she can
enter classes. Her address is 222 Beal St
East-Lansing. I'm not sure whether you
better let her know where you got your
information as to her whereabouts. I
~~seem~~ to remember Mrs. Macmillan or
her mother talking of friends in
Lansing so having someone there
in touch with her I'd be ^{very} glad for.
I can believe she will be much

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happier if she comes back with
some new useful information
so she can give courses no
one else is prepared to teach
in schools in the Rural Reconstruction
areas ^{or Guling.} I certainly desperately hope
that she may get over pain
in the region of ovary and operation
and sigmoid flexure.

Word has just come of the
death of Peng Ya sui. After two
days illness with scarlet fever she
was gone. A bad heart! She was ^{home}
in Soochow not being fit to work when
she took sick.

Hwang Wen Yu called today
she seems to be getting on with
her work in the boys' orphanage.
Chen Mei Yu has a big job under
Pres. Lok at Central. I think in time
the supervision ^{of students} there will be more
effective than in Guling. Students who
complain and fuss ^{even} are dismissed.
500 faculty, 900 students, 1000 police are
figures which seem to stay as
present report
Love Ping.

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April 14, 1935

My dear Rebecca, -

This is Palm Sunday. It has not seemed like Palm Sunday but this evening I am taking time to think and to write Hwang Meng szi since Easter always brings her to my mind. I must not fail to send Wang Mei & a word for this is the first Easter without Peng Ya Sui. She died very suddenly only sick two days with scarlet fever.

Dr. Wang came to see me this afternoon she brought me vase with my name on it. It is the brilliant red like the bright Foochow lacquer which goes well with the grey green furniture of the guest room. You remember her as one of the Kinkiang girls, Wang Yao yün, here in '26. She is in gynecology in the big ^{port} central hospital on the way to the Ming Tomb ^{gate}. She does not often get away.

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Twelve or fourteen children from Hill crest were baptised and joined the church this afternoon there were Daniels, Hall, Stewart, Jones, Wheeler, Hall but perhaps more interesting three Liu's I'm not sure whether this Chinese father, British mother family came to Nanking just before our exhibit or later. The daughter probably is closer to the father in that family than the boys. She is quite non-christian and it must be hard for her.

Dr. Wu came up for a few nights during vacation but Mrs. Ascough and Mrs. Hobart have been here some days and she has been extra busy since then Mrs. Hobart sails on May 19th so she will soon be back in Washington. Dr. Wu has healed ^{with time's aid} the old wound which was made when Miss Nourse was not kept, I feel sure.

You probably have Mrs. Carter's book *China Magnificent* since it is published in America. I sent you a book from Kelly and Walsh when in Shanghai at China New Year. Did it reach you?

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It's quite time to send Birthday Love
or it will not reach you for the
important May 10th It's as cold tonight
as those March days were. Spring has
come and retired most provokingly
or delightfully according as one
is tired of winter clothes or glad for
more days for study before summer's
heat. You will realize how well
you know the feelings.

Today at church I asked
Harold Brown to come for supper
with his wife. It's very hard to
imagine that he is one of the boys
you took ^{a picture of} playing the violin when we
visited Wabun. He is teaching
physical education at Central University

My dear may this birthday bring
you a fresh new year for joy in this
Kingdom of Life and Love

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Jan. 31st, 1936

My dear Rebecca,-

This morning I took one of the seniors, Dzo Jing fu
 over to the Health Bureau to see Mr. Chu. She
 has been studying ^{intestinal} parasites of ducks. It took
 him only a minute when we went over
 before to decide he would help her by destaining
 some specimens so she could study, draw,
 describe what he is not familiar with
 ∴ possibly new. Then we ^{Issu Yu Lan 98} went back to the
 gate of Tartar city nearest old Guling and
 walked to the place ^{of found part of road unchanged and of course went back to} across from the
 Recreation Park. It is now part of it used
 for Army Medical School fifty students
 in a class. A very enthusiastic young
 doctor teaches Anatomy. He has volunteered
 to allow Issu Yu lan to do some dissections
 so muscles, bones, nerves, and internal
 organs become new real things for she

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has never herself even had a suitable model though she does know her Kinesiology. Much is new in that region though when we turned down that street going north which was nearest to our old road beside old Jiling there were a few things familiar. You will recall the Ancestral Hall a street over and also north. It is quite unchanged but across the street are blocks of Shanghai apartments. We soon ~~passed~~ the ancestral hall and the mud fence and ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{road} ~~road~~ ^{home} field was as when we walked from town. We soon crossed the Chung Shan and went a short block to turn on to the road (100ft wide) which passes the "ya men" The ~~the~~ house near the Ho's and straight to

^{K.S.} Mrs. Liu's house where the wide road stops. ^{at Chang Shan Hou} Only a block and we are at the middle school and ^{turn past the} chapel where we went to church when we first came to Nanking.

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Across the you ho you and west
another road more than 100 ft I think
to Guling's south-east corner.

Mrs. Tsen is in Shanghai. Dr. Wu
has been gone about two weeks but
returns from there Monday. Being with Mrs. New
and away from here usually rests her.

Miss News triumph of faith is refreshing though
Dr. Wu may not be intellectually satisfied.

Mary Tang as principal of Knowles
has problems. They have made one part
for rural workers ^(vocational) which is registered, while
their last year for Bible school students is
a Bible School and not registered.
It remains to be seen how many will
choose to be trained in Bible.

Phoebe thrills me more than ever
Imagine her going into ten centers where
the Govt is doing social reconstruction
^{in Kwangsi}
Miss Seck, from Nanchang (now Madame Chiang's
private secretary), told me of seeing the old women
and various younger women crowding about

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[4] her with no end of personal problems when she (Phoebe) went back to a village where she had staid not 10 or 12 days as is the usual length for a visit by one supervising woman's work in this area but six or ten weeks, at least long enough to get better acquainted. I guess I wrote you she was pretty tired when she came to Founder's Day. She was and is up against men suggesting planning controlling this program of effort who do not know much about the women who are the real persons for whom the work is planned. I guess it is as hard for Phoebe to present plans with practical details worked out as it would have been ^{formerly} but when it comes to being a big sister she is superb. She is in charge, in a way of woman's work in the area south west of Nan Chang which the Gov't is redeeming from Communism. Ni Suck mei is dean ^{of women} in the Central Political Institute. In this school workers are trained for political jobs. The discipline and course of study are severe. She says she has no problems but must be there. She is very well.

Last night Dr. Daniels came over to get Miss Calder to come to the Hospital. I believe they feared Miss Thurston would not stay the night through but she seems a

was bit better. The trouble is now ^{JAN 31} pneumonia ¹⁹³⁶ [57]
She had gotten better from the intestinal parasites
and ulcers and it was being planned she
might go home with Miss Hines the middle of
February when this came on very suddenly.

Miss Calder had flu and then Mrs. Thurston
Today ~~Miss S.~~ is better no temperature but weak.
Miss Calder is as you see again able to go
to the hospital. Miss Thurston has been delicious
so her being there has helped Miss Hines and
the doctors.

Today I've been getting chicken wire
put together for yard if we have any luck
in hatching, for during these next months
I hope Blanche Wu will gather data which
can be used by younger women who
join the pioneers in work for country women.
It may be I shall learn more than she. It is not
expected she will teach but get this material
organized for at least one practical course.
There is no end of demand for this sort of training.
I guess you know that Chen Pingdji came
to join the ^{Biology} department. Dr Wu had no one
for Registrar and no salary so persuaded
Pingdji to take up that besides biology for
freshmen and two hours of Parasitology

Mr. Tsui had put his entire time JAN 31, 1936 (67)
Registrar's job and while Ping dji is accurate
quick and entirely able to do that she found
it an impossible burden. She went home
saying she could not come back until
she had had a rest and then could not
resume registrar's work. Since Dr. Wu had
not talked of this part of the job ^{before Ping dji came} and Dr. Chen
was ready to take a part time job & part
time salary there seemed nothing to do but
urge her to rest. Whether Harriet should
attempt work or go home may be a
question.

The living room is full of bedding.
Miss Sutherland is in Shanghai and
Dju Yu bas may come in as she comes
to Nanking to see an exhibit of Safety
Devices for labor so she may use
a fresh dry bed in her old room.
My Manistee pastor and his wife
may also arrive to-night. Hope I can
make them comfortable.

This carries love to you - a lot
yours —



April 7th 1935

My dear Rebecca -

The earlier letter I thought had long ago reached you, was so surprised to find it in a bundle of papers. Since it has not gone I'll add this letter to wish you a joyous day off your birth.

Blanch had flu and has another suffering added to the pain she has been bravely enduring ^{for two years}. Somehow the flu bug settled in a place near the kidney perhaps the pleura near the back. Anyhow by morning it is gone and after a half day moving about it is well nigh unendurable for some hours. No one has located a cause.

This is being written from the study at home for my office is in the unheated damp science building which turns into a pool when the weather warms

Richard Struble

He's dead. A fine young life is gone.
Eagerness, joy, a strength of character were his.
It's hard to understand.
And yet he was prepared.
God gave him to know, somehow,
And he was ready;
His death is not a horror, but
Becomes a thing of deep unending beauty
In the strength his parents show.
They make of sorrow ^{not} a fountain
To search for understanding, and then
To e'er flow with faith.
By heart experiences like these
We grow to know our God.

Margaret Steward, March 24, 1936

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Qinling, Aug. 5, 1936

My dear Rebecca,-

Now I know I did not stay in Qinling just to hunt "white ants" though they took about a week of my time. That is I had a boy digging under the house at + and since we found several run ways an inch and a half or two inches in diameter ^{into} which I ran orange bottles full of carbon bisulphide which evaporated shortly, there is hope these destroyers are dead. The hope is small because the locust *Robinia pseudoacacia* trees and some oak trees are suitable food for the termites. Just now I can show you a locust ^{tree} about 100 feet from the house plastered with mud up ten feet from the ground which the termites had carried up in tiny pellets to build a cover for themselves while they chew up the bark. It seems they are particularly fond of the inner brown bark layer. They don't eat so

Hope to be here when Dugman and Coleman come

deep as the cambium and ^{AUG 5} they are (27)
not destructive to the tree. I went out
yesterday thinking I'd find a million with
such a big amount of soil carried so high up
and almost covering the entire tree trunk that
whole distance up. So I cautiously and quickly
dashed off a fresh ^{sh. piece of the sheet of moss} ~~piece~~ ^{beaver}
but no white ants. I went lower. no white ants
then higher none of them. And then just knocked
off a bit from a long furrow in the bark
and knock off one of the centipedes which
are so common. You know the black bodied
red headed variety that bite. ^{I'd like, time, to study biological} I'm sending
you the copy of *Nights in China* you
may enjoy. I think I sent Adelaide one
but since I wrote it off while she was
in Europe I may have decided to wait
her return and then have failed to send
it. I'd rather expect an acknowledgement
for plagiarizing at least her title and part of
her materials if she had received a copy.
The last edition of that article adds the
experience of my Palo Alto friends -
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil. About 3 A.M. they
were both awakened. She thought
she must be hearing an auto
much out of 'kilter' on a nondescript

control of white ants

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road not too far away, but he was reminded (3)
of days on the farm. He reached for his flash
and looked out at night called at the
foot of trees just outside the window. There
was a big animal. He measured off
two feet when he described what he
really saw next morning. A mother
badger and her young! They were
having a midnight feeding a little
late ^{+ grunting like pigs.} I think the reason that the dogs
of our neighbors were making such
a noise at about eleven and
later ^{than that} was because Mrs. B. and
family were migrating from hills
south of us to our hill. Such an
amount of building and road
construction has been going on
that wild country south and west
is rapidly being taken up so wild
life is disappearing. If I may have any
co operation a patch in Ginkling will
be saved from ^{human} occupancy. I mean the
slope from the laundry west of 600 up to
the reservoir will be our "game preserve"

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So that is a proposition I've been trying (4)
for since we started on this campus.

namely an area of un-molested growth
where the "struggle for Existence" may
change the forest planted to a Climax
Forest" with wild life protected. China may awake too late
to the value of ^{algasamito} ~~and~~ other birds in grasshopper control
just now the few bamboos upon

the west side of the amphitheater I laid out
^{can that area you remember}
have half filled the amphitheater and
are taking such a hold of the wood lot
that it is a question whether bamboo

or forest of oak, maple, locust, pistachia, etc
will succeed ^{in dominating the area} ~~so the bamboo~~. All of this
interests me when I think of parts of Georgia
and the Carolinas where bamboos might
furnish more food, more building materials
more hand-workers with occupation than the
ground cover now ^{growing that place}

^{Bamboo dominance is taking care of itself as a proposition}
^{at present} of course I've written you
of making Chinese cheese by the
pure culture methods employed in the
west in cheese production. I've written

of having Ruth Sung's sister make
Chinese cheese (Do fu lu) for her
problem for her thesis ^{last year 1935} and of finding
that when we used Roquefort
organisms for inoculation we

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had a very Roquefort flavored cheese [57]
though the glycinin of soya beans is quite
a little different in its make up from
casein of milk. If you read in the July
Scientific Monthly (published in Lancaster)
Horvath on "The Soybean Points the Way
to Agricultural Recovery" you will
see why I was crazily anxious
to get some finicking Bean Curd Cheese
before the American Public. No one
here sees it. Just another of my pipe dreams
and Miss Sung, ^{a teacher of Biol. in the Practice School} this year spent her time
which M.V. demanded on organizing
the Practice School library and cabinet
of specimens that being to M.V. the more
important job. "Improved Chinese cheese ^{production}
even as a home industry is another
proposition half done but taking a little
money to hold an part time assistant. Also
offering a chance for good publicity
in getting ourselves known in
America.

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just now I'm straining every nerve
 and diverting spare capital to the
 proposition of a Poultry Course
 in Jinking. Blanche came
 back as you know last January.
 She at once set the incubator
 to work and brought out the first
 batch of chicks the last of Feb. and first
 of March. These cockerels were crowing when
 ten weeks old and now weigh five pounds.
 By the middle of July one pullet was laying
 though others have not begun so early.
 Blanche is of course gathering data on
 foods and feeding ^{of Chinese materials} and trying out our
 climate. The course has been offered
 and elected by eight students. We
 were allowed to offer such a course
 on condition it would not cost
 the college extra. Dr Wu seemed rather
 wary of this place for gentle women having
 flies around a hen-coop. Did I write you
 that the graduating class this year asked
 Madame Chang Kai shek to give ^{the} Commencement
 Address. She was not going to be in town but

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invited the girls for tea. Mrs. New ^{with other alumnae} went ^{with} along. Since they are planning a promotional campaign in China Madame Chang was asked for her consent to be a patron. At first she said "No" but later said she would consent on one proposition "That Ginling train more Rural Workers". Then Mrs. New told her about our Poultry course as a practical course to prepare Ginling women to help Farmers Wives who often have the chickens in this country - as they do in other countries.

We have two main lines of investigation - or perhaps three "Feeding for growth of young chicks with materials the farmer can furnish" High laying strain adapted to Chinese conditions. The Leghorns so much used in America for high egg ^{production} are unable to accommodate to this climate. They are not disease resistant. Chen Ping di is already started on knowing poultry diseases that develop here and we are

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hoping to be able to do ^{some} ~~some~~ of the serum treatments and vaccines as is now done in California and else where. (The chickens from the orphanage for Military Officers Children run by Madame Chang seemed to hatch already infected with a contagious disease) It would be fun to help her with her poultry (plant difficulties!!) Anyway we cant turn back from giving ^{the course} and need a refrigerator. Frigidaires are in Nanking and offered a small specimen at a figure I was sure we could manage but through one person perhaps, we lack all Gov't money for science equipment. ¹⁹³⁶ I'm a bit wondering ^{now} about that \$450 mex. dollars. I have ^{to finance} about all I can ^{as extra magazines & books for research problems,} manage ^{no one can} houses, yards, etc. imagine we can do work on bacteria,

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vaccines, on sera without a refrigerator.
 I'm thinking to install it because it
 is needed both for the problems on
 hand and Chen Ping-dji's sense of
 being supported adequately at all, accord
 with her training and capability.

I've just noticed the Review in
 June Reader's Digest "Return to Religion" by
 Link I don't need to tell you that getting
 girls interested in things outside themselves
 I think of primary importance and that
 what is so well put in that article is
 largely my own way of thinking. I'm hoping
 one or two biology majors will enter
 Rural Reconstruction Service. I've been
 taking a small group of students to
 the ^{lumber import} village near where the water intake
 has been set-up for Nanking water supply -
 Shan-shing-ho. They with Blanche have
 set an ideal for ~~the~~ Sunday School
 teaching worth doing. Some five or
 six young women from there have
 come in to have Blanche teach
 them the lessons they were to teach

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the children during summer. Blanche^{nr} herself is a little more comfortable if she is less active but does not spare herself. Her systematic practices, her interest in people make her invaluable here. If only the pain were not there. All the doctors say "Adhesions" Whether adhesions make a sore spot on the ovary - as they do might is a question. I entirely failed in trying to have her allow herself to be operated upon this April or May it was easy to arrange and she had cash in hand for the purpose but if as her former operation it should be no good she would be only further in debt. This she would rather stand excruciating pain than permit. Her skin color to my mind looks more like cancer. Of course my own mother and my aunt would rather die of cancer than be cut to pieces and then die. I have little to say! She is the most wonderful sufferer I've ever known, beyond my father's sister whom you know I've always felt particularly wonderful. Blanche is also amazing in her ability to keep her mind on the problems she is interested in - Poultry, S.S., Girls!

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I've only well started on what I'd like to see us do in this land that is 80% farmers. How I wish its industrialization shall be on a different plan than America's or England's

To summarize

1. Biological Control of Termites
2. Value of Pheasants in Grasshopper control
3. Manufacture of Bean curd Cheese

1. Palatability for Amer. Public
2. By methods to prevent wastage in home production

[You better not broad cast our Bean curd Roquefort idea unless you know it will help G.C. for it will be easy for that to be taken commercially without credit or advantage to G.C.]

4. Poultry Research and Education to help Farm Women by -
 Approved Chick feeding
 High-laying strains disease resistant
 Disease control by Vaccines and sera

Of course this leaves out all conservation work on vertebrates and you know I spent ten years so that I could know Chinese vertebrates.

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I may get away Aug 10th for a little while in Foochow in on
Freshman Week Committee so must be back. Others will be
busy getting set up ^{home} - where as 500 has cubicals in for student
dormitory ^{will} be occupied by them in Sept.

I don't know whether Merab is
returning with a car. Getting girls
in contact with village people
around here while they are still
in College is also a problem I'd
like to have help on

Marie You this coming year
is to take the woman's (W.F.M.S.) work
on the district south of Nanking
Perhaps if I were ten I'd do
less but, at least, I'd like to
be a more efficient person.

No typist available! I go to supper
to-night with Marie

Yours with love

I've had a movie of making
the poultry plant with a grant
of \$60 last year from the
Government. I'll send it to you
first if it's any good. I've not
seen it yet myself. Ruth's
movie camera ^{not here} She and Mimmie in
ruling

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We read the poems at once and Blanche copied the last one which she liked a lot. She is reading Meditations on the Cross while I finish weather bands & envelopes. Have you read that book? I'm finding it full of helpful suggestions. I'll be doing a lot of them when this reaches you. Lots of love to you.



Aug. 25th '36

my dear Rebecca,-

The plan to write to you on my birthday was set aside because it was my one chance to visit with Elizabeth on her way up to Szechuen. Dju Yu hao had gotten a car for showing Lillich and me about Shanghai Saturday afternoon. She took us to old city and nine turn Bridge of Willow Pattern fame and 1/2 Pine Tree Garden and a new Civic Center on the way to Woo Sung beyond Shanghai College. Then we returned to find Miss Li, Elizabeth, and Burgo at their steamer just landing and to pick up Elizabeth to show Civic Center to her - and Woo Sung at sun set. It was very nice to be received back thus and quite pleased E. Eva came down, got there later. I've not seen her but some one at church saw her. She came from Peiping the 15th to get some work done. Her sister will come later. My really principal reason for being quite set on seeing Elizabeth was to ask whether my notion that Gumberg College needs a policy on retirement at

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sixty-five was in her mind ~~sounded~~. She assured me her father had found it so at Goucher and was equally understanding that the policy must be established for our foreign staff in America. I sounded out Mary Chen (Chen Dymon) and found she as a member of the Executive Committee would not be easily persuaded to pass such action. She says and rightly that it is not Chinese to turn off your old people. Perhaps I should not be much nuisance living in a corner on the hill top but action must apply to myself first or it will be received as personal. I fondly imagine I can find plenty to do of extreme interest if I ~~don't~~ run the Biology Department ^{at G.C.} and am resolved that the fondness of early alumnae for this teacher shall not lead the college into situations of ^{greater} inefficiency and ^{more} heart-break. Lilliceth sees as I do that the matter should come up now if the age limit is to be sixty-five. I find from Miss Kessler with W.F.M.S. it is furlough nearest to 8th Birthday that means retirement, but requests from field may bring the person back for short term or year to year service. If necessary to have unity among the Boards concerned I should be willing to trust G.C.C. and would hope W.F.M.S. would yield to what ever you folks pass. ~~action~~ ^{of} ~~governing~~ Chinese staff probably better be left for Chinese.

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Mrs. Tsun is the only one near the age limit ^{and} I think more necessary to hold her than almost anyone. I think with teaching staff the tendency to fossilize is greater among women than among men. That particular danger is likely not great at present but for a longer future it will likely be a reason for such a regulation. It will be easier for Chinese staff here to recommend or for Board of Directors to take action for Chinese staff as the time comes ~~of~~ toward need for action

perhaps still twenty years ahead) ^{foreign staff whose salary comes from America are regulated from their boards} Even the prospect of retiring Dr. Wu - at 65 or 68 I hope will mean having

some one else ready for her place. Surely you are a very logical person to urge this action.

As to Mrs. Thurston returning to build the big dormitory. - No Chinese have I heard rejoice at the prospect of the only building which can be built with money from America is. This proposed dormitory they reason they better accept it but they all agree that rooms with south facing are immensely to be desired. The fact that four dormitories have east and west rooms does not make them wish more of the same sort

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The little house here on the hill confirms their desire for south rooms for comfort for both summer and winter. There are places for two south facing dormitories besides ^{i.e. not south} the spur of hill that comes toward 100 pond. Chinese do not so much admire our architecture. Dr Wu feels badly over its having so much waste, attic space. The money invested does not give efficiency, it might be her feeling I believe. I'll trust you to get at the truth if you want it but you'll probably have to do it when you two are alone exchanging or sharing inmost thoughts. Also you may find whether for all values involved shed see ^{the policy for} uniform retirement ~~policy~~ not on campus as worth setting up. I don't know what I shall do but I'm dead sure I can trust the rest of my life to be in God's care and that's enough.

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Freshman Week seemed to ^{AUG 25} pass without ¹⁹³⁶ incident but the scattered faculty busy getting settled saw less of these new students than usual. It would appear that Administration with Elsie Priest, Treasurer

- Mr. Chen, full time assistant
- Wu Mohi Registrar
- Mr. (Giang) full time assistant
- Miss Morris full time librarian
- Miss Wu " " " trained in library science in Hankow
- Miss Li Dzi dzen Social Dean
- Miss Gao Ken ih Alumnae Sec,
- President, Chinese secretary Mr. Ming
- " " " Miss Tsu
- " " " Miss Loomis
- " English "

A typist

Business Manager

1/2 time assistant for dormitories
Mrs. Chen - and her assistant
is a bit top heavy but hope Dr. W. will
feel she has adequate help. Dr. Gale

goes at the processes of ^{AUG 25 1938} preventive
medicine with all sorts of exams
to spot defects or health handicaps
and with the most effective nurse ^{to be}
in charge to follow up ^{student} makes the health
building program at Ginling unusually
fine.

Katherine Sutherland and Blanche Wu
are again my house mates. They seem
to revel in the system and simplicity of the
household. We eat out-of-doors most of
the time mornings, and nights if people come
for supper in time, i.e. before mosquitoes get busy.
The new dormitory up here will be ready
probably before this reaches you. It
is quite good. It should be easy to heat
with all south rooms, low ceilings
furnace, ^{some heating pipes} under the floor of down-stair rooms.
Enlan, Moki, Chang Siad sung, Chen Ping dji,
Dr Wu, Miss Loomis, Miss Morris, Miss Haight
will move in. That is eight in building for
fifteen. Miss Mossman likes to be nearer
work. She would find the path ^{to new dorm.} difficult.
Esther Jappert also likes the independence
of East Court and the reasonable price
of life there, as do the younger Chinese staff.

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August 26th, 1936

My dear Rebecca:

The plan to write to you on my birthday was set aside because it was my one chance to visit with Elizabeth on her way up to Szechuan. Dju Yü-bao had gotten a car for showing Lillieth and me about Shanghai Saturday afternoon. She took us to old city and Nine Turn Bridge of Willow Pattern fame and $\frac{1}{2}$ Pine Tree Garden and a new Civic Center on the way to Woo Sung beyond Shanghai College. Then we returned to find Miss Li, Elizabeth, and Burgo at their steamer just landing, and to pick up Elizabeth to show Civic Center to her and Woo Sung at sunset. It was very nice to be received back thus and quite pleased E. Eva came down, got there later, I've not seen her but someone at church saw her. She came from Peiping the 15th to get some work done. Her sister will come later.

My really principal reason for being quite set on seeing Elizabeth was to ask whether my notion that Ginling College needs a policy on retirement at sixty-five was in her mind sound. She assured me her father had found it so at Goucher and was equally understanding that the policy must be established for our foreign staff in America. I sounded out Mary Chen and found she as a member of the Executive Committee would not be easily persuaded to pass such action. She says and rightly that it is not Chinese to turn off your old people. Perhaps I should not be much nuisance living in a corner on the hill top but action must apply to myself first or it will be received as personal. I fondly imagine I can find plenty to do of extreme interest if I don't run the Biology Department at G. C. and am resolved that the fondness of early alumnae for this teacher shall not lead the college into situations of greater inefficiency and more heartbreak. Lillieth sees as I do that the matter should come up now if the age limit is to be sixty-five. I find from Miss Kessler with W.F.M.S. it is furlough nearest 68th birthday that means retirement, but requests from field may bring the person back for short term or year to year service. If necessary to have unity among the Boards concerned I should be willing to truce G. C. C. and would hope W. F. M. S. would yield to whatever you folks pass. Action governing Chinese staff probably better be left for Chinese. Mrs. Tsen is the only one near the age limit and its more necessary to hold her than almost anyone. I think with teaching staff the tendency to fossilize is greater among women than among men. That particular danger is likely not great at present but for a longer future it will ~~likely~~ likely be a reason for such a regulation. It will be easier for Chinese staff here to recommend or for Board of Directors to take action for Chinese staff as the time comes toward need for action (perhaps still twenty years ahead) if foreign staff whosesalary comes from America are regulated from their boards or G. C. C. Even the prospect of retiring Dr. Wu at 65 or 68 I hope will mean having someone else ready for her place. Surely you are a very logical person to urge this action.

As to Mrs. Thurston returning to build the big dormitory, no Chinese have I heard rejoice at the prospect. If the only building which can be built with money from America is this proposed dormitory they reason they better accept it but they all agree that rooms with south facing are immensely to be desired. The fact that four dormitories have east and west rooms does not make them wish more of the same sort. The little house here on the hill confirms their desire for south rooms for

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comfort for both summer and winter. There are places for two south facing dormitories beside l e. n. and south the spur of hill that comes toward 100 pond. Chinese do not so much admire our architecture. Dr. Wu feels badly over its having so much waster attic space. The money invested does not give efficiency, it might is her feeling I believe. I'll trust you to get at the truth if you want it but you'll probably have to do it when you two are alone exchanging or sharing inmost thoughts. Also you may find whether for all values involved ~~with~~ she'd see the policy for uniform retirement not on campus as worth setting up. I don't know what I shall do but I'm dead sure I can trust the rest of my life to be in God's care and that's enough.

Freshman Week seemed to pass without incident but the scattered faculty busy getting settled saw less of these new students than usual. It would appear that Administration with Elsie Priest, Treasurer

- Mr. Chen, full time assistant
- Wu Mohi, Registrar
- Mr. (Giang) full time assistant
- Miss Morris, full time librarian
- Miss Wu, full time librarian trained in library science in Hankow
- Miss Li Dzi-djen, Social Dean
- Miss Gao Ren-ih, Alumnae Secretary
- President
- President's Chinese secretary Mr. Ming
- " " " Miss Tsu
- " English " Miss Loomis
- A typist
- Business Manager
- Half time assistant

Mrs. Chen and her assistants for dormitories is a bit top heavy but hope Dr. Wu will feel she has adequate help. Dr. Gale goes at the precesses of preventive medicine with all sorts of exams to spot defects or health handicaps and with the most effective nurse to be in charge to follow up. It makes the student health building program at Ginling unusually find.

Katherine Sutherland and Blanche Wu are again my house mates. They seem to revel in the system and simplicity of the household. We eat out-of-doors most of the time mornings and nights if people come for supper in time, i.e. before mosquitoes get busy. The new dormitory up here will be ready probably before this reaches you. It is quite good. It should be easy to heat with all south rooms, low ceilings, furnace and some heating pipes under the floor of down-stairs rooms. En lan, Moh i, Chang Siao Sung, Chen Ping dju, Dr. Wu, Miss Loomis, Miss Morris, Miss Haight will move in. That is eight in building for fifteen. Miss Mossman likes to be nearer work. She would find the path to new dorm. difficult. Esther Tappert also likes the independence of East Court and the reasonable prise of life there, as do the younger Chinese staff.

We read the poems at once and Blanche copies the last one which she liked a lot. She is reading Meditations on the Cross while I finish Weatherhead's Discipleship. Have you read that book? I'm finding it full of helpful suggestions. I'll be deep in meditations when this reaches you.

Lots of love to you -

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Sept. 23, 1936

My dear Rebecca,-
For some days you have been quite continuously in my thought. Early this fall Dju Ao told me of her plan to be in Japan next year. She has been teaching for seven years. I think a chance to study, to observe and to rest quite important for her. This fall especially she seems frail. But what about your spending the year in Ginling going up to Szechuen with me when I go to see Elizabeth and doing a year's teaching of history before you get settled and involved in other house-keeping or home-making plans. The new dormitory for teachers I think will mean room for you even if Dr. Wu finds another Chinese person for the department during Dju Ao's absence. You, I expect ~~stay~~ talk of her plan to be away yet, for not until Dr. Wu's return will she make her decision public. ^{But now public} I only write to you because of the house is sold you should have this year abroad in your plans early.
Again I bring up to you the plan for several houses for faculty. Minnie is planning to build a house for herself and Ruth

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I understand at college expenses college
house should be built for definite people.
Should it? It's probably more necessary to
build for certain Chinese staff than for any
foreigners. I feel quite sure that the college
administration without any foreigner except the
President's secretary would function quite
successfully. You better come see. A house
for Minnie and Ruth probably really means
Mrs. J. and Ruth at least, one wonders.

Blanche is reading Kagawa
I've finished Weatherhead's Disciple ship and like
it very much.
Eva and Bertha Spicer were just here

for supper then Eva had to go because she
is presiding officer for F.O.R. ^{first meeting tonight.} There seemed to
be no one else so to save Seaside she is
carrying that. Bertha seems to be enjoying
the experience of getting on with the Amch
who speaks only Chinese but I guess she
understands quite a bit more English
than one usually suspects.

Blanche, Catherine others were meeting today
about Study groups among students. All freshmen
or nearly all signed up for such. Last night
Dr. James told of experiences at home. The dearest thing
in America Mrs. James reports is the Methodist Church which is
not becoming since ^{their} All expenses for General Conference
were paid by the church.

Mrs. Rhoad was a very close friend of Mrs. Strock. Mrs. R. has had dysentery but not
a bad case

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- 2) Seed poultry house in the country with some enclosure

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my dear Rebecca,-

Just now as an alternate for Helen Galbraith I am at Wuhu General Hospital. Its growth is equal to or better than J.C. Dr. Brown seems to be very successful in getting co operation. There is an excellent spirit among the staff. The night before the Governor of the Province had told Dr Brown he would leave but Dr. Brown should not "sue" him. He left at two o'clock! The magistrate of eight "hsien" is in the room next to mine. He spoke at the banquet last night. He is having ^{an attack of} asthma just now. Their pay rooms the bishop says are "de luxe". Certainly we have no need to go to Shanghai to find a comfortable place for a winter's rest. I guess the new dormitory will be warm so we can stay at home. I of course do do that now anyhow

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Miss Massman was at "Welcoming the Dawn" for supper with Dr Felton the agricultural expert who comes from Madison N.J. to help the Seminary in its work. For the training of the pastors for Rural churches. He is a friend of Mureb's father, so we had a happy time. Dr. Felton was trying to get Blanche to supervise the Poultry Project out where Frank Price has his Rural Station for training preachers. If only she did not suffer so and was not made to endure so much extra pain when she rides over rough roads or walks she might, but I can't believe it fair to expand beyond her strength. She herself feels she must try out her methods and have data for her teaching before she attempts to teach other teachers.

The University has not had or seems not to have any expert. Poultry is taught in their Agri. High School. The Agricultural Dept has perhaps been well represented by Buck. I talked

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to him ^{some years ago} and found he ^{been} thought ^{8/24/36} [3]
girls - ladies who would not be able
to do rural work, therefore there was
no enthusiasm for cooperation. If only
Blanche may be allowed health
for a year or two. The University men
in Biology have wanted her to work
with them. We may be allowed to
teach their men one course. It
has been so evident that the men's ^{staff}
idea of cooperation was to have
Girling women ~~par~~ over to the University
to increase the numbers in classes
which might be closed out as too small
without them. Since the University
rules that a teacher must have
a certain number of teaching hours
to be continued if our girls did not
go over they might loose staff
members and departments shrink

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On the other hand Dr. Hsiung never ceased being worried about our advanced students taking their courses over at U. of N. leaving Guilin a Junior College.

I meant to have the poultry movie in your hand before now but the Physics Dept. U. of N. ^{which} I depended upon since Mr. Hsiung is gone, to finish the theme so our American friends could see G.C. students at work ~~and they~~ are slow slow. For one thing they are doing Educational movies for the government and get behind.

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P.S. I went over to see Dr. Wei Shoren to see if I might have the movie to exhibit at alumnae meeting when Dr. Wu arrived. He said there was one case in fifty he could not find the man who has the work in charge. Anyhow, though he promised to mail it, it did not arrive and as there seemed little point in ^{showing} the first section for girls here as you will see if it ever reaches you. In the mean while, this is the best part of the season for you to have this announcement that we are tagging

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along far behind what we should
have been doing if we are to be even
in let alone leading in a great vigorous
part of China's New Life Movement, i.e. Rural Reconstruction.
We are not so behind in Music. The
little ladies like to be gentle. We have
somewhat outgrown being serious or at least
in part the perhaps too great seriousness.

As soon as Dr. Wu could leave
Customs she was whisked up to the
old mansion at 999 Bubbling Well which
is now the YWCA hostel. There the alumnae
were gathered. Lillie Zia was there - the
first time any of us have seen her except
when in bed for three years. Wu Ming ying
was there. Dju Yu-bao is president. There are
over eighty Y.C. alumnae in Shanghai. I came
called to a college of 18, nineteen years ago.

Mr. Djang who came for us that march
day with a gun and a guard came
for his wife. Liu Young sgl and Hung kin
Di doke were also among the older members.
Dr. Wu did not seem so rested and so rounded
as when she returned last time.

She comes up tomorrow and greetings and
fire crackers are planned. She has chapel,
rather assembly tomorrow

The foreigners cant stand ~~the~~ DEC 24 1930 which were
built by M.V. and Mrs J. for Chinese men faculty
so they are moving up onto the hill into the
new dormitory. So again the old game is
on - nine foreigners and four Chinese.

It has been beautiful ^{today} but now a cold
rain has set in and the chances for cold
weather for Founder's Day are good.

Esther and Salome are coming and
Miss Ong. I hope Lidge Yen and Daisy can
come for dedication of the Health Cottage
they have donated. It was opened for
inspection of the ^{national} Nurses Association. ^{Such words of}
Dr. Gale ^{has had change to build before.} It seemed I must ^{have} been being selfish, yesterday
for I insisted on going to the Fishing Village
into which Mrs. New is expanding her village
improvement work. She got hurt ~~on~~ the head
on being left in the air when the car jumped
down into a "thankyou ma'mam" on the far
side of a little camel's-back bridge. This Mrs. New
is not related to Mrs. W.S.

Dr. New had the second blood transfusion
on Tuesday before these extra O carriers were
given he had panted for breath, there had been
no digestion, no appetite. He does not want
to live at the pace he has to take. Other parts
ceased work but not his brain, so a little more
time he will continue. He thinks there is no hope
for healing the kidney cells so he can only expect

This must go off at once. It carries but love yours Cora D.



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My dear Rebecca-

A lot of water has gone over the ^{mill} wheel since I wrote last. The amah got sick and went off two weeks. The man servant did the cooking and then one fine day in walked Mrs. Mah having satisfied herself that the most of the farm work for the year was done and the young folks (her son and family) could look after the newly baby boy at whose arrival she had gone home to officiate. Founder's day I think I discussed in my last and the joy in seeing Salome, Esther Nich and Lucine Djon. The later certainly looked tired and over-worked. Today Yang Qing Hsioh's niece called saying her aunt had asked her to do so. She was in Nanjing representing Dah Jung University in the Oratorical Contest in Chinese. She is studying Administration ^{Politics} Mrs. Reed was here for dinner. She marvels at how busy we all are and don't see how we can live at the pace we set. Of course we are all charmed by her and want her to stay always. Catherine will be on furlough next year and Stella Graves also

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Kathleen Bond probably should not return to
Ginling. Catherine felt her a dead weight so
far as molding lives of girls was concerned.
She took a lot of Catherine's time. Perhaps
menopause was a part of the reason but
when she is over fifty she may be less
thinking of herself or perhaps more one can't
tell. The present teacher of voice Mrs. Yeh
lacks some of ^{Kathleen's} Christian enthusiasms but
is popular and pleasing and truly loyal
to the college, a Christian. She has come
back from America and ^{at} two or three years
in the south and is finding herself.

Of course I've written of the poultry
plant and our success in incubation,
of the chicks from the Orphanage having a
hereditary disease and this fall getting
nice young pullets to the laying stage
for December eggs. We reported two weeks
ago stock worth more than ^{their} cost and food
but tonight we have no cockerels some
were sick four days some ten days
and only two or three pullets of the
pure breeds. ^{arrive} The country side has
been swept by "avian pest". We
had been warned to have serum
on hand but I left it to Ping Jiu. She
probably did not understand. It
took a while for her to get serum prepared

so the disease got ahead. ^{DEC 13 1936} The last ones [37]
sick have had serum injection and if
they got treated before they got too sick, have
gotten well. Our neighbors have lost all
theirs and whole villages have lost ever
bird. The need for being ready to give
prophylactic treatment cries aloud. Pingdji
can do the serums and cultures
and girls are ready to be trained
for more effective rural workers and
Today Chang Kai Shieh is held by Chang Shieh.
liang. Our president went over at once to
see his wife.

you write of co operation with the
University - When I started the Poultry movie
Mr. Hsiung took 100 feet I paid the office \$17
since they had ordered the film. The ^{Eastman} company
developed the film and took three
days to make titles and splicing for \$8.
but Hsiung went ^{and} I went over to
the University ^{first week of school} for them to make the last
100 ft. They spoiled or thought they spoiled
part of the first and came over to do
it over again delaying and taking our
time. I was trying to get the film to you ^{for the months}
of October and November. I said I must have

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it for Shanghai Alumnae meeting when Dr. Wu arrived. It had been promised for twice before this. I was told that if they could not get it to me before I left Nanking it would be sent for use at her arrival reception. It came over ^{here} the week after she had ~~arrived~~ home. The bill has \$7.50 for splicing since their work required putting together the two films; \$7.50 for taking it but I think there were two men along who were students learning; \$7.50 for titles.

\$57.50 for what is little more than cost \$25.00 when Hsiung was here. It's a lot easier to talk about co operation with the University in New York than to co operate here especially the Physics Department. Wei Hsioh ren I believe did not even ask Dr. Hsiung for a lecture on Cosmic Rays yet Hsiung got his doctor's degree under Compton in an amazingly short time. It might be worth while to get the records of Hsiung and Wei in Chicago and other data and in some nice way make the New York office cognizant of the fact of a lacking in spirit of co-operation in some men out here;

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on the other hand, Ginling goes ^{DEC 13 1936} off on its ⁵⁷
own, to my mind, too often. ^{College Council} Last meeting
the English and Sociology departments which
have built up their work with courses
planned together wanted Ginling to adopt
the university schedule ^{for spring semester} which cuts out
winter vacation because in May part
of their students go into camps for military
training. Minnie and En Lan ^{thought it}
too hard on girls ^{to not have winter holidays} many wanted their vacation
to go visiting so we have ^{used winter} vacation. Men
will probably not elect Ginling courses
and girls who elect will stay here during
vacation.

The fact of Chang held is a dreadful
blow. I am very sure that God has
a man He can trust in a place
from which his influence will be
felt. It may be by way of the cross
but ultimate triumph is certain.
You have heard me say that this
Chinese Russian border will probably
have larger place in the world's Peace

than the German-French Frontier. DEC 13 1936 ^[6]
If a few Russian leaders in Asia
become Christian because of the triumphant
lives of Chinese Christians what ^{else} may
not God do?

Wishing you much joy



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My dear Rebecca,-

These days I've wished so tremendously that you were here to talk things over with. Of course the political situation has filled our thought, even taking precedence over Christmas. When word of Chiangs being held reached our president she made it convenient to see Inui being. She found her composed and saying "we must do whatever we can and leave the rest with God." As the days wore away various things showing the strain occurred. We were preparing an opera or operetta "The Reindeer Christmas" Its extremely cute. Tuesday night before Christmas since all public entertainment including movies were closed in protest Dr. We thought no better ~~all~~ all our gay programs, so we were advised to have another type of Christmas. Eva was asked to have charge of Christmas Eve program. I had been asked for the

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carol service, which was to be held

after breakfast Christmas morning
 it was decided Tuesday evening to have students go out
 then ~~about~~ ^{after breakfast Friday} to the old peoples home. no carols
 Christmas night all have
 an extra supper and then gather in 100
 to sing and have stories Thursday morning
 The whole program changed and wed sing
 carols after breakfast Friday and since
 parcels were to be wrapped ~~and~~ ^{on} Thursday
 evening after the 7:30 candle lighting service
 we would have carols and stories that evening
 when parcels were finished.

Since one of the people to tell the stories
 was a practice school teacher and changing
 to Thursday night made a conflict with their
 program I must hunt someone else. Wunmohi
 came to the rescue. The stories went very well
 22 students went to carry parcels, Friday morning
 after a brief carol singing. Catherine staid
 at new faculty house. She and Miss Graves
 served cocoa to the girls who sang ^{Carols} in Rebecca
 fashion. Boys from the University had gotten
 out ~~and~~ ^{because of martial law} off the street before 12 o'clock in
 accordance with martial law but they were
 safely housed in 100 and being entertained.

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After our girls sang ^{at about two AM} ~~up here~~ ^{the} South Hill the boys sang; one had a violin and ^{another} a soft gong. (3)

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In spite of it all, on Xmas night the faculty were mostly in New Residence to eat Dr. Wu's turkey when she arrived with

Dr. and Mrs. Hume saying that Generalissimo was in Loyang. Girls in the dormitories had jumped and shouted. When she told the faculty they did the same. Later in the evening

En lan came ^{and reported} my. At about six o'clock streets quiet, ^{every thing} ^{times} no policemen at every corner few people around. As she got to the university someone was announcing that Chang Kai shek was in Loyang by the time she got to where we used to turn east to go to ^{South} old Guling in probably about twenty minutes - truck loads of ^{shouting} men were out with their trucks with big white cloth with Chang's release; fire crackers. people shouting; the streets all but impassable ^{with the crowd} the radios also announcing; an extra

paper being sold. She got up to tell us China is not slow. Dr. Hume said he'd never forget the being with us as the

news was told. Perhaps there is a piece of the pictures ^{of happenings} here which may in some degree account for no cable this year. Certainly I've wished for your being where

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we could talk things over more than

I remember before at Xmas time

When Blanche is not too active she has less pain. She is most patient over the presence of the pain. Mary Chen, Rosie McChow and others of the old Mungpo girls are her quite close friends.

Lillith had quite a large Christmas party. Miss Mossman, ~~her~~ brother, the Lewis Smith's, Minnie, Eva, Miss Lyon, the Marks, Mr. Buck, a Hungarian doctor young woman and another foreigner she perhaps helps Mr. Buck. I looked over at Robbin as he sat quietly and intently looking at me. I'll scarcely forget the intensity of that gaze, those wondrous grey eyes. I said to Merab, he seems more angel than man. I always try to know better his thoughts.

Sunday To-day we have been out to Mohlingwan. Since Arvan pest has taken all the coops and only left seven or nine pullets we must start over. Blanche is more ready to depend largely on hereditary immunity

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and Ping di is working hard to get sera for both prevention and cure. We want to make a survey of the surrounding villages for prevalence of the disease and of other diseases to be ready to have the sera and vaccines on hand when needed. There is a movement started by Dr. Felton who is here from Drew (Brother's College) to help Rural Church progress working with Dyon Mung Sh and Frank Price, to have improved stock and poultry distributed among members for sharing profits with the church. Felton is a very lovely character as we see him. I'm telling Meseb she is in a key position to help this sort of plan to work. Dr. Lung is showing The poultry movie to-night. Ping di is not strong she is having head ache these days

wed. The books you sent were so much appreciated Blanche read them. I thought it was a real value for her to sense there were Japanese or if a Japanese who thinks the thoughts she found there. Pulling her dead aunt from the debris of her own home during the Shanghai affair makes loving any Japanese difficult for her she is making progress. The statement of

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Grang Kai schick has made a ~~DEC 26~~ ¹⁹³⁶ at (67)
impression on a number of our group. His
assuming responsibility and insisting that he
failed to do his duty instead of blaming
and punishing Chang Hsu hang has set
a standard for living out the Jesus way of
life that will probably travel through ages yet
to be. I'll try to find a copy to send you

Stamps on hand will be worthless
after Friday so this must go
yours with love
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