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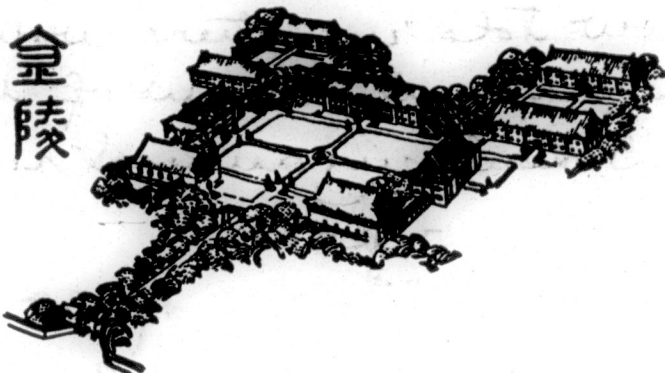
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My dear Mrs. Willoughby:

Thank you so much for all your information about Ginling and the final figures. Due to you, I know what I was talking about at Council. Mrs. Eastman did not get to Council, so I have still to meet her.

After my speech a young graduate rushed up to me with a dollar for Ginling. She said she had given previously through United China Relief but she wanted to give Smith the credit. Her name is Dorothy Moore Tower '38
Darien, Conn.

I thanked her at the time but I know you'll want her name for the record and to send her a note. I am sending my check for Safely's sake and keeping the dollar.

Florence Snow sent me the check. From the Minneapolis Smith Club, I am acknowledging it but assume you will send the usual note.

My own contribution to Ginling will be sent after I pay the \$300 I have pledged for the new wing of the Smith infirmary and after mother and I pay our taxes, Federal and state. Since the books don't close

until June 30, I venture to make Girding wait a bit

Our new Worcester Girding representative made an excellent report yesterday at our local Smith Club meeting.

Florence Snow told me there would be no reunion at Smith Commencement the end of May and hence no Girding meeting. I send my annual report to her and it is printed with the other reports.

How did you like "The Eve of St. Mark's"? I looked everywhere for you New Year's matriarch but you must have been on the left hand side of the balcony. I was at the extreme right.

I haven't written the clubs yet. I thought I'd give Holyoke and the others a little more time to do something. Will you please send me a report of club and individual contributions in about two weeks? Then I'll start personal notes to the clubs.

Cordially yours,
F. T. Toulumson.

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January 15, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson,

Thank you for your letter of January 12th, with the two checks enclosed. We have acknowledged both of them.

I am glad to know that Council went well and that interest in Ginling is still strong. I am sorry that Mrs. Eastman did not get there, as I know that you had looked forward to meeting her.

I am enclosing some daily report sheets and a summary of gifts. In about two weeks we will send you a more detailed report, as you request. I think the gifts have been coming in most satisfactorily, and I am delighted to see that the amount to date is \$3,535.11.

We will be delighted to receive your contribution to Ginling at any time that it is convenient for you to send it in. Taxes are making all of us pause and consider this year and they have to be paid on time. But Ginling will be happy to receive your gift at any time.

My daughter and I were interested in "The Eve of St. Mark", but neither of us cared a very great deal for it. It was a bit too strong for me and Harriet thought it waved the flag a little too energetically. Still I am very glad to have seen it as a part of my education, if for no other reason. I am sorry that I missed you. Evidently we were on opposite sides of the house.

Ruth Scott is planning an interesting program for her New York Smith Club in March. Friday, the 26th, is the date. It would be grand if you could be down here at that time.

Cordially yours,

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Enclosures: Reports

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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MRS. BOYCE K. MUIR
2060 ROBINSON ROAD
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Jan. 21-1943

My dear Miss Tomlinson,

Thank you for your letter of last Fall, written to Quilting Representatives.

The members of our Grand Rapids Smith Club are very much interested in Quilting and are happy to add their help toward its support. Last year we sent a contribution of fifty dollars to Quilting - and this year we decided to double that amount. Our treasurer, Mrs. Nathan Post, has, accordingly, just recently mailed a check for one hundred dollars to the Quilting Office in New York City - and I thought you would like to know that.

We do hope that some of these days you or one of your Committee members may be out in this part of the Country

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and be able to come to visit us.
In the meantime, we look forward
to reading your letters.

Sincerely,

Ellen O. Muir
Guiding Representative
Smith Club
of Grand Rapids

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January 27, 1943

Enclosed we are sending you the most recent daily gift reports and a table that will show the contributions from the clubs for the current year, as well as their gifts from last year and the usual amount that they give. As you will see, the total from clubs, to date, is \$1,531.11.

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The total from individuals, to date, is \$2,348.00 from 347 donors. These two totals together give us the grand sum of \$3,879.11, which I think is perfectly splendid. Comparing it with last year's figure of the same date, you will see that we are \$1,675.61 ahead, and of course that is most encouraging. This does not necessarily mean, however, that we can count on as large an increase as this for the entire year. We sent the first appeal out much earlier this year than last, and naturally responses have come in earlier, which will account for some of this increase.

Mrs. Scott is making plans for an interesting meeting for the New York Smith Club late in March. She hopes to have Mr. Liu Liang-mo sing some Chinese songs, and of course that will be a very attractive program. I hope you can plan to be here. The date is March 26th.

We were much encouraged to get a contribution of \$40.00 from the Northern New Jersey Smith Club. You will note that their usual contribution is about \$5.00 and so such an increase is definitely encouraging. We have a nice note from Mrs. Haviland, saying that they had a Silver Tea which was an invitation affair and that in spite of "walking only", the rooms were well filled.

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The Holyoke Smith Club wrote to us some time ago, asking for suggestions about a program for Ginling. They made tentative arrangements to show a film and use some of our pictures. In fact, the date had almost been made final, and then we heard nothing more about it. They have either lost their interest or changed their plans. I am giving you this information so that you will know the entire history of that correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

JANUARY 27, 1943

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: Daily gift reports
Club list
Gift totals

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Dover Street
Newcastle, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Tomlinson:

I received your letter of the 22nd and was glad to hear from you and to learn that you will have the club for the year. As you will see, the total from club, as of 11.31.42, is \$1,311.11.

The total from individual donors, as of 11.31.42, is \$1,311.11. These two totals together give us the grand sum of \$2,622.22, which I think is perfectly splendid. Comparing it with last year's figure of the same date, you will see that we are \$1,078.41 ahead, and of course that is most encouraging. This does not necessarily mean, however, that we can count on as large an increase as \$1,078.41 for the coming year. We sent the first appeal out much earlier this year than last, and naturally responses have come in earlier; which will account for some of this increase.

Mrs. Scott is going to give an interesting report on the New York Smith Club late in March. I hope to have Mr. Linington and some friends and, of course, that will be a very attractive program. I hope you can find time to come. The date is March 28th.

As you know, we are in need of a new building of \$10,000. The Southern New Jersey Smith Club, for which we have been raising money, is about \$4,000 and a such an increase is definitely encouraging. We have a nice note from Mr. Linington, saying that they had a \$1,000 note which was an indication of the fact that the "waiting only" note room were well filled.

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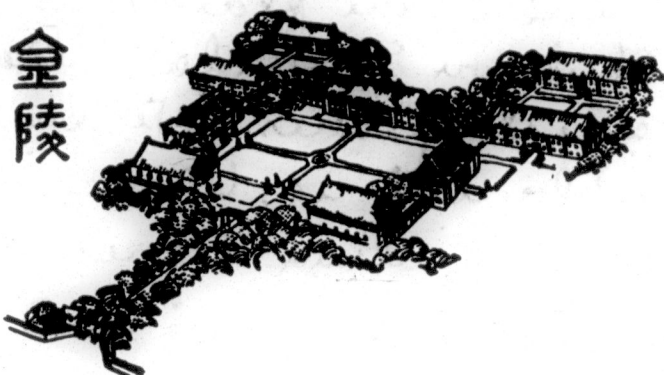
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My dear Mrs. Mills:

Many thanks for your very cheering information! I am simply delighted that we are 1,675.61 ahead of last year's figure. I hope this increase will continue and that there will be some response to my letters to non-contributing clubs.

I am enclosing this very nice letter from the Grand Rapids Club. I answered it about two weeks ago and I said I'd ask you to send her ^{Mrs. Miller} a copy of President Wu's letter and Prof. Ku Lin's? (the fascinating one about climbing that inaccessible Chinese mountain). Perhaps those letters go to all Ginling representatives but I doubt it. Since Mrs. Miller and the Grand Rapids Club wanted me or one of my committee to visit their club and I see no chance for that this year, I thought the letters would please them. They deserve something for doubling their gift!

How I wish I could be at Ruth Scott's meeting for the New York Smith Club! It doesn't look too promising because there are no available substitutes. When I went to Council other teachers just sat in my classes.

His history was taught and it just made extra work for my conferees, so I doubt if our lieutenant superintendent, Mr. Young, would favor my departure. So much time is lost with rationing anyhow.

Sara Louins and I are planning a luncheon at the Boston College Club on Saturday, March 6 or 20, with Mrs. Thurston as guest speaker. We are waiting to see which date she can be with us. We are inviting the club presidents, as well as Girding representatives, of all clubs near enough Boston to come and return in one day.

Did I understand you to say that your office would send out the invitations? I don't want to impose on you; you do so much, far more than anyone should. Please tell me if this is sheer imposition. I have written the letter but am waiting to fill in the right dates. If you feel you can get out the letters without too much strain, I'll send you the sample and a list of the clubs, to whose presidents and Girding representatives I'd like the letters sent. Have you a list of the presidents and Girding representatives? I think so. The letter will be much more effective if the person's name is used in the address, such as "My dear Mrs. Williams" instead of "My dear Club President." That may very easily be too much work for your secretary. If so, would it be possible to prepare the letters, mail them to me and I'll fill in the people's names, address the envelopes and mail the letters? I don't want to impose on your kindness. Another year I'll know but this year I have to inquire what I should and should not ask you to do for our committee.

Have you an extra copy of Ruth Chester's Christmas letter? I never received one.

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Sincerely yours,
Ruth Tomlinson

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Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I was glad to get your Valentine letter, as we haven't heard from you for some time. You may be sure that we, too, have rejoiced over this year's increase in gifts. I am sending you the last gift reports which ought to cheer your soul. The total now stands at \$4,063.11, and I think that is perfectly splendid.

February 15, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I was glad to get your Valentine letter, as we haven't heard from you for some time. You may be sure that we, too, have rejoiced over this year's increase in gifts. I am sending you the last gift reports which ought to cheer your soul. The total now stands at \$4,063.11, and I think that is perfectly splendid.

I have sent Mrs. Muir a copy of Dr. Wu's letter and of Dr. Liu's report on the Snow Dragon Mountain. These letters have not been going to all Ginling Representatives. However, we are delighted to send them to anyone who can use the material, and if you have any further suggestions about their use, I would appreciate your sending them to me. I think Dr. Liu's report is fascinating. There are reports of its being warmly received in many quarters.

You may be sure that we were delighted at Grand Rapids' doubling their gift. Wouldn't it be nice if all the clubs could do the same?

Your plans for a luncheon in Boston on March 6th or 20th sound very interesting. I am sure that you will enjoy having Mrs. Thurston with you. We will be very glad indeed to get out the invitations. I don't regard that as an imposition at all. We are always glad to help in any way possible. Let us have the list of the clubs that you want included. We have a list of Presidents and Representatives. I understand from your letter that you want both Presidents and Representatives from each club invited.

Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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February 15, 1943

We are sending you a copy of Ruth Chester's Christmas letter under separate cover. I haven't had anything very recently from Dr. Wu, but when I get anything, I'll send it to you.

I wish you could come down for the New York meeting, but I can quite understand the difficulties in the way. I hope you will be down some time before the end of the year, however, as we look forward to having you with us again.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Gift reports and summary.

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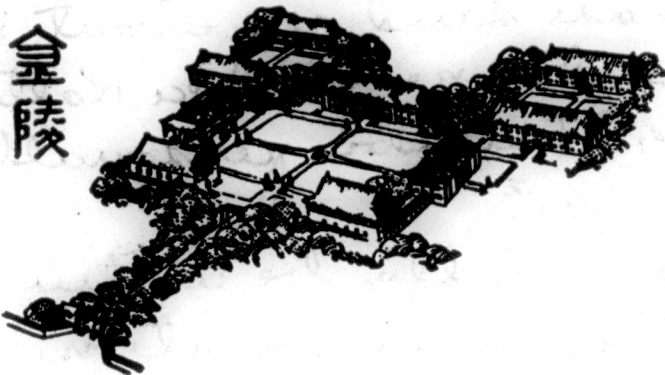
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My dear Mrs. Mills:

Everything seems to be set for our Boston luncheon on March the 6th. Mrs. Thurston can speak for us then. Of course if Miss Chiang Kai-shek should be speaking that day in Boston or Wellesley, we'd naturally not compete! Since that is a remote possibility we'd better go ahead with our plans and invitations. I am enclosing the letter, which Sara Comins has approved. If March 6th, instead of "the 6th", is correct (and I think it is), please leave out the "the". I always write March the sixth but I think "6th" strikes the eye more forcibly. You are very good to send out these invitations for us.

The clubs to be invited would seem to me to be all in Massachusetts - including Holyoke and other western Mass. clubs, which undoubtedly won't come but just might have some member in Boston that day. I'd also like to invite the Rhode Island Club, the New Hampshire Club, and the two Maine Clubs. If you think it advisable to send to Hartford, New Haven and Eastern Conn (I think Bridgeport would

certainly be included in the New York list and probably New Haven), why I'd be delighted to have invitations go to them. I don't want to send to any clubs on Ruth Scott's list.

Will you please send me about five extra invitations for Worcester people like Katherine Berry, who know Mrs. Thurston personally and want to go to the luncheon?

I shall undoubtedly be in New York Easter time, if we get our usual vacation. This coming week there is no school while we give out Pation Book 2 and there is some talk that will have no vacation. I hope, too, to get to Baltimore and Washington to meet the two Washington members of my committee.

You knew Mrs. Eastman didn't get to Council?² So I haven't met her yet!

Sincerely and gratefully,
Ruth Tomlinson

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February 23, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Your letter of February 19th was waiting for me when I came back to the office after a Washington's Birthday holiday. We will begin on the invitations for March 6th and try to get them out as promptly as possible. I think there is a possibility, perhaps not a very great one, that Madame Chiang will be speaking on that day, as I know that she is to be in Wellesley that weekend. However, if we find that there is such a conflict, I suppose we can change the date to March 20th.

I am not including the Connecticut clubs in this list, as they are nearer the New York area and many of them are on Ruth Scott's list. As you request, we are sending your letter to all Massachusetts Clubs, including Holyoke, the Rhode Island Club, the New Hampshire Club and the two Maine Clubs. We are sending you five extra invitations for use in Worcester.

I shall look forward to seeing you when you are in New York at Easter time or any other time during the spring.

With all best wishes for an interesting and successful luncheon.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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February 24, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Enclosed we are sending you a list of the people to whom the invitation to the March luncheon has been sent. I have also sent Miss Comins a copy of this list.

We are also sending you the five extra copies that you asked for. I have not used any form of salutation as I thought it would be better for you to put that in all at once. We have mailed the invitations today. I hope you have a good attendance.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: List of presidents and representatives
Five copies of invitation

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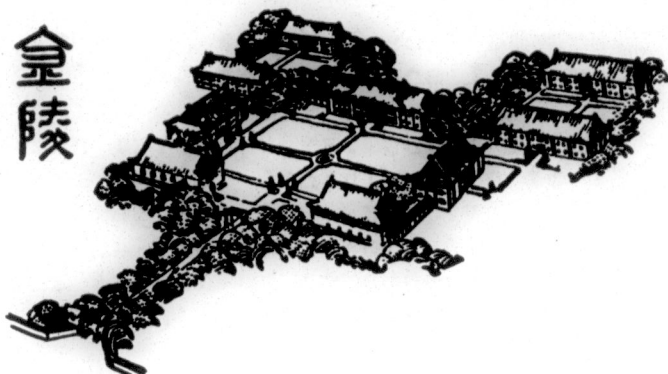
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March 1, 1943

Dear Mrs. Mills:

You see the effect on me of the combination of a telephone conversation with you and just the thought (no tickets available anywhere, as I suspected) of Madame Chiang. I came right home tonight and whirled up the letter. I suppose anytime you and your staff have time to send it out is all right. I can't think of a reason for any sort of a deadline like the Christmas vacation.

You will shout with horror when you see the length of it. But you see I couldn't help it. The material you sent me this time is the exact material I have hoping and praying for ever since I have been doing this job or thinking it ought to be done. To have a complete parallel for the year between Smith and Ginling, showing that Ginling is not a detached mission station of the old Ladies-Aid-Missionary-Meeting sort but an up-to-date college with activities and interests exactly like Smith's, and a program that is typical of any in America is exactly perfect in my opinion. And then the little anecdotes of war's changes and demands--some like Smith's, some what we might meet if the Axis got a foothold in America--couldn't be better. It took great self-control not to include more--much more self-control than usual.

As a matter of fact, with all due respect to our conversation and Madame Chiang, I guess it was because I got so excited over this material when I finally had time to sit down and really read it tonight that I couldn't resist getting right to work.

If you think that I have let the thrill of finding just what I have been looking for in the very language I have been searching for run away with me, and that for common sense reasons that we have always applied before, we should stick to our principle of two pages, I guess the complete quote of the Founder's Day celebration could be cut out. I have sort of tacked it on the end to make its cutting easy for you. But even

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in its detail--or perhaps because of its detail--I have thought it had it had a pretty great value. However, you know what I think of your judgment, so do whatever you think best.

I have had the grace to stick a sort of apology on the end of the letter, which I guess is necessary since I am violating the first principle and whole point of these bulletins. It makes the letter just a few lines longer than three pages, but I'm sure you will find some wordy parts of my few lines of contribution to this bulletin, and these can be cut out to make way for the apology. If such is not the case, and there are too few "in-between" words to cut out any, I am relying on Mrs. Foster's skill in set-up to squeeze in these extra lines. See what your detached reaction is when you read the thing.

This is the very first bulletin with which I have been completely satisfied, mostly because it is almost entirely quotes. Also, for the first time, there is a continuity throughout, and at last it is all in college and alumnae language.

Hot zigs!

Sincerely,

Rebbaal Wheeler

P.S. I don't mean that there probably won't be alot of improvement to be made. I'm counting on you for that, and I know you won't fail me.

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

I regretted the lack of information about the college. I thought that this booklet on the Border Service Group's work would make an interesting piece of publicity for this year. I will be ready to send out about the first of April, which would be a good time for the spring appeal.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

March 3, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Enclosed for the committee
are the reports.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Enclosed we are sending you the recent gift reports. I thought they would be useful to you at the luncheon on Saturday. Mrs. Foster is also sending you the final totals of gifts received to date. It is a very handsome showing, and we congratulate you and your Committee on the year's work thus far.

I hope that you are going to have a large attendance at the luncheon on Saturday. I had a letter from Mrs. Thurston in which she spoke of the affair and was looking forward to it with pleasure.

We are working now on Mrs. Wheeler's bulletin to the campus and Ginling representatives. It will be somewhat longer than usual, but Mrs. Wheeler was so enthusiastic about direct quotations from Dr. Wu's letter that we allowed it to spill over onto an extra page or two.

We are also working on a booklet, using material Dr. Liu En-lan wrote about the Border Service Group's work in the summers of 1941 and 1942. This seems so interesting to me that I thought it would make an attractive piece of publicity to go with our spring appeal. I wonder if you would like to use it also in appealing to Smith Alumnae who have not yet made their contributions to Ginling.

I believe the usual custom has been to send an appeal in the spring to those donors who have not made a contribution for the current year. Of course we would like this appeal to be as interesting and attractive as possible. Last year we used a little news

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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sheet, with the latest bits of information about the College. I thought that this booklet on the Border Service Group's work would make an interesting piece of publicity for this year. I imagine it will be ready to send out about the first of April, which would seem a good time for the spring mailing.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: Gift Reports
Gift summary

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33 Beaver Street
Boston, Mass.

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We are working now on the final report of the committee. It will be somewhat longer than the first one. I hope it will be as interesting. I have a letter from Mrs. Thomsen in which she spoke of the affair and was looking forward to it with pleasure.

We are also working on a booklet, using material Dr. H. E. Foster has sent. The Border Service Group's work is the subject of it. It is a very handsome booklet, and we congratulate you and your committee on the work you have done.

I believe the annual report will be a very interesting one. I hope it will be as interesting as the first one. I have a letter from Mrs. Thomsen in which she spoke of the affair and was looking forward to it with pleasure.

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March 5, 1943

Mrs. Edward M. Wheeler
1303 York Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Wheeler:

Enclosed I am sending you a copy of your
News Bulletin. Aren't you proud of yourself?

I quite agree with you that this is an
unusually appealing bulletin, and since it is all
"in college and alumnae language", it will probably
be very popular on the campus. You see, Mrs. Foster
and I did very little to your copy, except leaving
out a few words here and there, just enough to get
the whole on three pages instead of four. We hope
to get them out to the campus and representatives
at once.

All best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure: Copy of news bulletin.

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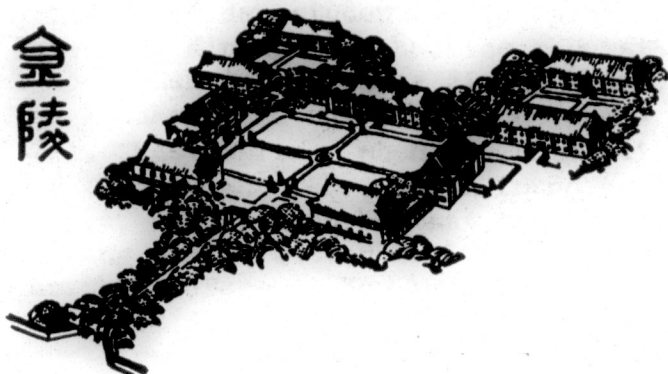
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March 5, 1943

Dear Ginling Representatives:

We're very lucky in this bulletin to have news of Ginling's activities from last summer nearly to the present - and almost all in the actual words of President Wu. Of last summer she tells us, "Students have changed their attitude towards summer vacation. Instead of its being a play time at home, it has become to the majority of the girls a time to earn money or a time for service. Take this past vacation (summer '42) for instance. Quite a few of our girls found temporary work in different organizations. In regard to service projects, quite a number went into rural service and some went to help in the War Orphans Homes." "In regard to summer vacation for the faculty, it has also changed from what it used to be. For the majority it is because of the high transportation costs that very few went away to the hills....For those of us who are in administrative work, we just were not able to get away on account of entrance tests, and the additional dormitory to be prepared, etc."

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Even at the risk of making this bulletin too long, I can't resist adding verbatim Dr. Wu's report of Founders' Day celebration in Chengtu. There is such a great similarity to, and such interesting differences from, our own parallel celebrations here in America.

"The 27th Anniversary of Founders' Day was observed over the week-end of November 21st. Even though the students now number around 300, we decided to keep the tradition of having Founders' Day supper together. The only change we made was that we did not invite the wives or husbands of faculty members, nor the husbands of

the alumnae. Even so, the total number reached 400.

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"The Founders' Day service was held in the Hart College gymnasium. This year we have the largest senior class since 1938, totaling 36. Because we had to borrow the caps and gowns for this large class, we gave up the idea of having the faculty march in the academic procession. We arranged to have the student body seated on the two sides in the gymnasium, and the seniors, faculty and other guests in the middle section. The special music was an anthem written especially by Miss Graves and dedicated to Miss Sutherland. The words were taken from Luke 4:18,19. The Glee Club did very well under the direction of Mrs. Yeh.

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This letter is long - longer than usual. But in Dr. Wu's series of letters is such a clear, consecutive picture of Ginling, and its close kinship to Smith and Smith's program, that it seemed important to give you this full account. In Ginling's adjustment to war times and restrictions, and its ability under these conditions to produce a successful and not far from normal program, I think American College students and alumnae will find much of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Deborah Davenport Wheeler '37

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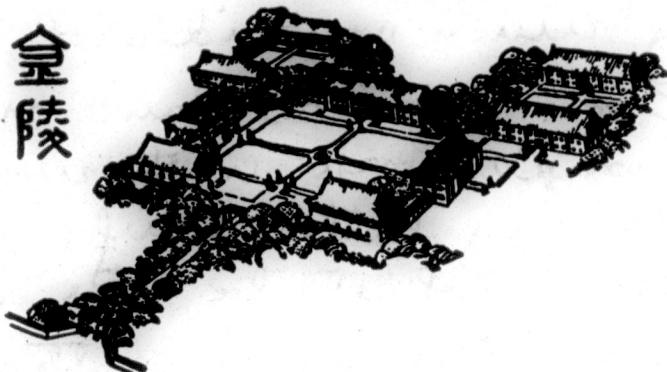
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My dear Mrs. Mills:

In spite of the swirling, deep snow we had twenty two at the luncheon yesterday, a very good number, I thought, for the day. The luncheon itself was good with "seconds" and Mrs. Thurston told us just what we wanted to know about Ginling and the Japanese occupation of China. People seemed interested and with the questions we didn't break up until after four.

Some of us who were leaving via the South Station had thought we might get there just in time to catch a glimpse of Madame Chiang but we were about an hour late. We missed the huge crowd anyhow and it was probably as well for me since mother had accompanied me to the luncheon and crowds aren't too good for her. I rode to Worcester with a soldier who had been in the station when Mrs. Chiang arrived but he said only those in the front row really saw her.

Isn't she wonderful! I made no effort to try to get a ticket for the Wellesley festivities to-day, though two faculty members are close friends. I knew few people could be invited. I have listened to all Mrs.

Chiang's broadcasts. To-day's was particularly touching. I do hope she will take several weeks off to rest here after her tour before hopping off for China. Her great and deserved popularity has served China well.

I like very much your idea of sending out the little pamphlet from Miss Eu-lan's material about the Border Service Group's work with my next letter of appeal. I'll make my letter brief, not over one page, if that, and let the booklet be the feature. I'll send you my letter this week, so that it will be ready when the booklets are. How that income taxes are out of the way, people should be able to respond to this second appeal and receptive to it after all the interest created by Miss Chiang's visit. I'm sure many have just neglected to send in their money - ~~misaid the envelope~~ ^{to} - tomorrow, a free day for me, I plan to write those long delayed letters to the clubs which haven't given, suggesting that if the club treasury can't stand a gift to Guilin that some individuals in the club might contribute and credit the sum to the club. I haven't done this before because everyone has been so burdened with income taxes and the Red Cross drive that I thought scant attention would be paid to my words. I want to submit our cause anew to the clubs before their spring meetings. How I wish we could raise \$8,000 with all the need for our money in China with its inflation!

I hope you saw Miss Chiang and had a chance to talk with her, for, of course, you know her.

Thank you for sending out the invitations for us.

Cordially yours,
Ruth Tomlinson

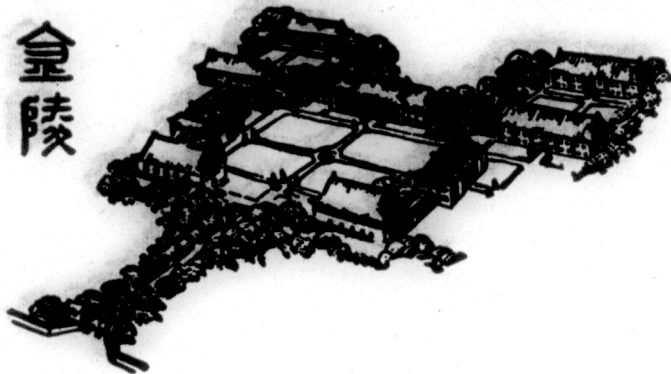
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My dear Mrs. Mills:

Is this letter all right as a follow-up appeal
~~one~~ to Ginling donors? If you think it won't be effective
or don't like it, improve on it or let me write another.
As I understand it, the enclosed letter goes to individuals
while we of the committee write to the clubs which
need to be reminded.

I am in the midst of writing the clubs
which have never given. I hope we get results. Next
I plan to write those which didn't give last year. If
any of these give in the next week or two, please let me
know so I won't disturb them by asking for more.

Sincerely,

Ruth Tomlinson

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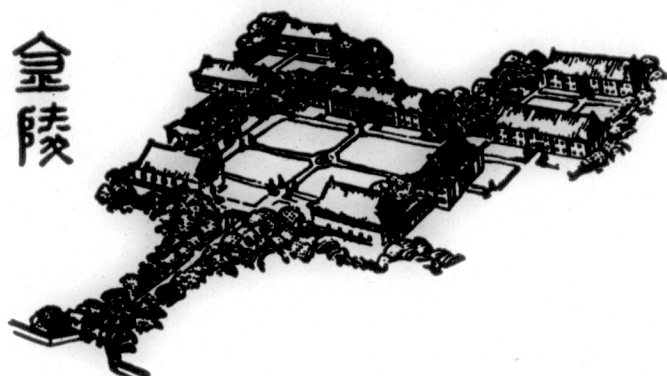
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With the oil shortage and consequent closing of rooms, we have all mislaid letters and not gone into the frigid rooms, where our desks are, to unearth our lost mail. If you have intended to give to Ginling but just haven't gotten around to it, please send your check now. If you thought you couldn't give this year, won't you change your mind?

In Ruth Chester's last letter from Ginling, written in November, she says: "One of our present misfortunes is the enormous increase in costs. So far not many of our group have really suffered physically, though there is some undernutrition and T.B. is much too prevalent, but the more universal effect is on our thoughts. We seem forced to think of prices and salaries such a large part of the time, caused by fear of real inadequacy. The steady increase month after month is the thing that worries people more than the present situation."

Won't you help allay these fears by aiding Ginling? (and gallant China, so superbly exemplified by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek?)

Sincerely yours,
Ruth Tomlinson

March 11, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I was delighted to hear that the luncheon on the 6th was so successful. I am sure you enjoyed having Mrs. Thurston and she, too, has written me of her enjoyment of the occasion.

The new booklet is now in the printer's hands, and should be finished soon. I think there is a feeling that we should not send it out in March on account of the Red Cross drive, but I hope to get it in the mail early in April.

I am taking you at your word and quite frankly suggesting some changes in your letter. Since it is going with the booklet, it seems to me we should make some reference to that fact. Hence my first paragraph. I have also changed your last sentence, as it has rather been our policy to let the college and its work stand along, without reference to those high in authority. Madame Chiang is wonderful, and deserves everything we can say about her or do for her, but I would rather not mention her in our appeal letter.

I am sending this draft merely as a suggestion. I hope you will be as ruthless with me as I have been with you. Write another whole letter if you feel so inclined.

We will keep you posted on the matter of Club gifts. Strength to your arm as you write your notes! I think it would be simply grand if we could raise \$8,000 this year.

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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You are quite right about the letter going to individuals. Last year Miss Comins instituted the new system of having the members of the Committee write to the clubs in their immediate vicinity who had not contributed. This seems a good plan, since it often means that a person is writing to people that she knows and therefore the letter has a more personal note. I think it would be fine if your Committee would continue the system this year. Perhaps it would be a good plan to send the new booklet, with a brief note of explanation, to all club representatives. We can easily do that from this office.

I heard that there would be no Ginling meeting at Commencement this year. Is that right? If there is no such meeting, what do you think about getting some of the booklets on the campus at Commencement time? Of course, they can be used in the early fall for the campus drive, but if you would like to have them up there for Commencement, let me know and we will plan accordingly.

With all best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Draft of letter

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March 13, 1943

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Dear Miss Tomlinson:

This morning's mail brought a check for \$50.00 from the Minneapolis Smith Club. In January, they had sent us a check for \$75.00, so this year's contribution appears to be \$125.00 from this Club. I think this is perfectly splendid. The check was dated before President Davis and Mrs. New addressed the luncheon on March 8th, so it is not a direct result of that meeting. It is evidently just an increased interest in Ginling and this, of course, is what we want.

Mrs. New met with the St. Paul Smith Club on March 9th, and we have heard glowing reports of her reception there.

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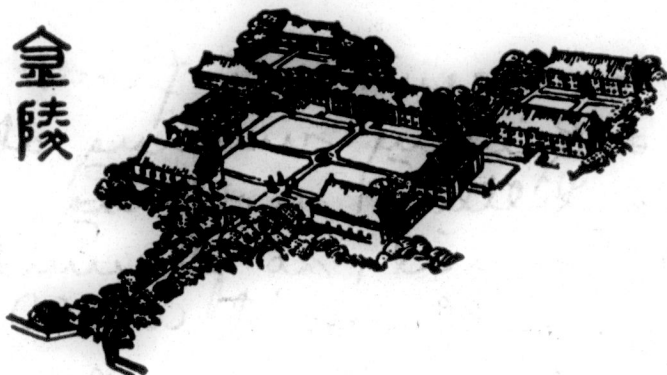
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you would be willing to write the note of explanation since I do not know the contents of the booklet. You offered to send the booklet from your office but I'm not sure whether that offer included the explanatory note or not.

I have had a recent note from Florence Snow, suggesting that a Girding meeting at Commencement would accomplish little or nothing without reunions. I knew that at Council, so planned to omit the meeting this year. I think it would be a good idea to have some booklets on the campus at Commencement time. Florence Snow is speaking to the Worcester Club this month and I'll talk the matter over with her - to whom to send the booklets, how they can best be distributed etc.

I am sorry Council has had to be discontinued for the duration of the war. I think the appeal there is quite important, for you talk to club presidents. Reunions at Commencement are out of the question but I wish Council could be managed.

Cordially yours,
Ruth Tomlinson

Have copies of President W's last letter, the one quoted at the end of Deborah Wheeler's summary of Girding activities, been sent out? I haven't happened to receive one.

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March 18, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

We have just had a gift of \$10.00 from the St. Paul Smith Club. This is somewhat less than they have usually given, but it is all that they have sent us this year.

Do you want us to send you a list of the clubs which have not contributed this year, or have you checked on your list each club as its contribution comes in. If you want us to make the list up here, how late in the year do you think it would be wise to wait? Many of the clubs make their gifts in April and May, so we would not want to begin writing to them too soon.

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We will send the booklet, with a little note, to the representatives in the different clubs.

You asked about Dr. Wu's last letter, the one that Mrs. Wheeler quoted at the end of her letter. That did not come to me directly, but was sent me by Miss Griest who had it from Dr. Wu. I never had anything except the account of Founders' Day which Mrs. Wheeler has included

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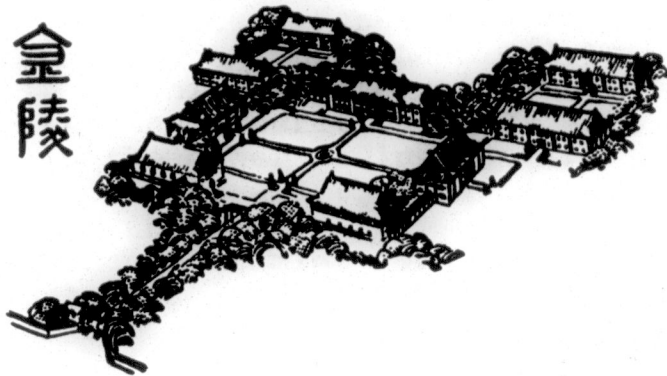
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"This semester will soon be over and the winter vacation will start from Jan. 30th. This year will have a much shorter vacation than usual, according to the college calendar issued by the Ministry of Education. The spring term will start on Feb. 13th. Most of the faculty and students will not go away at all. The Student Christian Movement is planning for a winter conference of five days. The Chairman this year is again a Ginling student, and she is busy in planning with the Committee for this conference."

It is, ~~known for certain now~~ ^{now definitely -} that the Japanese have taken over Ginling's home campus in Nanking, and President Wu has a fairly complete report to give us of this: "The gate has been removed to just opposite the Smith Building, and the southeast corner of the campus owned by Dju has been enclosed into the campus. ~~The downstairs of 400 and 500 have had the partitions removed to make~~ ~~big offices.~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ The new faculty house on south hill was being completed. On the grounds there have been many 'small houses' put up. Perhaps this means guard houses for the soldiers. The most recent letter mentioned that all the things have been moved away, perhaps have been sold, and that the books were being ~~we~~ ^{sold by weight} ~~the~~ ^{equipment} of the handicraft course has been transferred to the social service bureau and the teacher and students also went over. Flowers have died and wild grass has grown everywhere, and even trees have 'walked away'."

* - her copy said "petitions" but it must have meant "partitions". Can I just incorporate the change in this quotation or should some note of the change be made?

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Even at the risk of making this bulletin too long, I can't resist adding verbatim ~~the~~ ^{Dr. Wu's} report of Founder's Day celebration in Chengtu. There is such a great similiarity to, and such interesting differences from, our own parallel celebrations here in America.

This letter is long, longer than usual. But in ^{Dr. Wu's} ~~this~~ series of letters is ~~such~~ such a clear consecutive picture of Ginling, and its close kinship to Smith and Smith's program, ~~is possible~~ that it seemed important to give you this full account, ~~of the year~~ ^{restriction} ~~from~~ Ginling's adjustment to war times and conditions, and ~~yet~~ its ability under these conditions to produce a successful and not far from normal program, I think ~~there is something~~ ~~interesting~~ ~~observation for war time~~ ~~American~~ ~~and~~ ~~American~~ ~~college~~ ~~students~~ ~~and~~ ~~alumnae~~ will find much of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Reuben Ravnipat Wheeler '37

In charge of News to Clubs and Under-
graduates for the Alumni Committee of Ginling

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Partitions have been removed from the lower
floor & two of the dormitories to make big
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"The 27th Anniversary of ~~the~~ Founder's Day was observed over the week-end of November 21st. Even though the students now number around 300, we decided to ~~still~~ keep the tradition of having Founder's Day supper together. The only change we made was that we did not invite the wives or husbands of faculty members, not the husbands of the alumnae. Even so, the total number reached 400. ~~The social room~~ was packed full with twelve tables for the Board members, faculty and alumnae. The students stayed in the enlarged dining room, in order to save the confusion of changing tables and seeking places."

"Right after supper, the program was presented in the Education Building. The general theme was "The Autobiography of Ginling". Miss Mary Chen served as the "Reader", or in other words, the toastmaster. Dr. Lewis Smythe, from the Board, gave the "Preface". I spoke on "The Early Years", and covered the first eight years of ~~the~~ College life in old Ginling. The next chapter was on "The Influences during Adolescence", and was given by Dr. Liu En-lan. Mrs. Swen Lu Chin-ai represented the alumnae and gave a fine talk on "The Young Womanhood", telling about the various types of work done by the graduates. A senior, Chien Ying, told about "The Future Hopes". Between these chapters, the faculty gave a stunt, using songs to express the various types of work done by the administration and the departments. The Alumnae sang their song, the best we have done in many years. After the fourth chapter, the different classes of the students gave stunts showing what they thought the College would be like twenty to thirty years from now. It was a very successful program, especially because the talks and stunts were all connected to represent the whole theme. The auditorium in the Education Building was packed full and everybody had a very happy time."

borrow "The Founder's Day service was held in the Hart College gymnasium. This year we have the largest senior class since 1938, totalling 36. Because we had to ~~loan~~ the caps and gowns for this large class, we gave up the idea of having the faculty march in the academic procession. We arranged to have the ~~larger~~ student body seated on the two sides in the gymnasium, and the seniors, faculty and other guests in the middle section. The special music was an anthem written especially by Miss Graves and dedicated to Miss Sutherland. The words were taken from Luke 4:18,19. The Glee Club did very well under the direction of Mrs. Yeh."

"The address was given by Miss Eva Spicer and interpreted by Dr. Djang Hsiang-lan, who also offered the prayer as she is the class advisor for the Seniors. Miss Spicer gave a splendid message on the purpose and work of the College. She brought out especially the three characteristics of Ginling; that it is a liberal college, a college for women, and a Christian college."

As she expressed it, the College was cradled in war, so now as we review what we have accomplished through the different periods of difficulty we take courage in looking forward to the day when we shall return to Nanking, and we shall continue our endeavor in realizing the purpose of the Founders. In the same spirit, I trust that our alumnae scattered over the country in various lines of work will also continue to realize the "Abundant Life".

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March 24, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Our little booklet will probably be ready early next week. In the meantime, I am trying to get everything in order so that we can get them in the mail as soon as possible.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I would suggest sending with the booklet to Ginling representatives, and also a draft of one that might be sent without an appeal to this year's donors. Mrs. Scott will probably send this letter, with an additional sentence or two of appeal, to the ones on the general list who have not made a gift this year. Your appeal letter will go to individuals on the Smith list who have not yet contributed.

Please give me any suggestions you have for improving these letters.

The New York Smith Club meets Friday, and I hope their gifts will soon begin to come in. The Chicago Club is getting out an appeal within the next few days. These two clubs will certainly greatly boost the already handsome showing of \$4,633.36. You and your Committee are doing grand work. Congratulations!

Cordially yours,

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Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

Enclosures: Draft of letter to representatives
Draft of letter to this year's donors
Daily gift reports and summary

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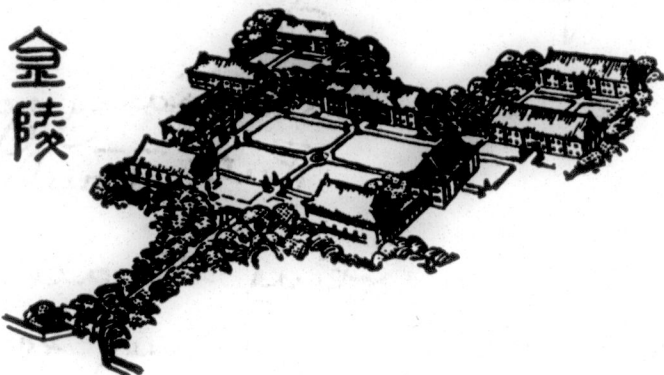
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38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass
March 28, 1943

GINLING COLLEGE
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150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mrs. Mills:

Enclosed is the endorsed check of Miss Sabine from the Denver Club. I note it is \$75 this year instead of last year's \$63. Every additional amount helps. I am writing Miss Sabine to-night a note of thanks and I'll ask her to send you the names and addresses of the individuals who subscribed.

Thank you so much for writing those fine letters for me, to go out with the little booklets. The letters could be improved upon. I made just one slight change, in case "but" follows a comma usually, instead of beginning a sentence; I have forgotten, but if you approve of the change there can be no question of grammar.

Florence Snow is speaking to our Worcester Smith Club to-morrow afternoon and I am dining with her to-morrow evening. I'll ask her when she wants the booklets for the Smith campus - this spring or next fall.

I have had a fine letter from Ruth Scott's daughter-in-law who lives in Ann Arbor. When I

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answer it I'll send it to you. She is going to see at the next club meeting what can be done as a club or individually. I think she feels the individual contributions will be more promising.

Cordially yours,
Ruth Toulerson

P.S. Our Worcester Club is voting its annual appropriation of \$50 for Girding at the meeting to-morrow. My Girding chairman here has just had a baby, so we have done nothing special for Girding this year. She made a fine report at the last meeting and since she is just beginning her three year term I expect she will do more in the future. Individuals in our Worcester Smith Club give generously, so our total contributions aren't too bad.

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April 6, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I have delayed thus long answering your letter of March 28th because I wanted to get from Miss Sabin the list of those who contributed in Denver. That list has now come and we are sending receipts directly to the contributors. Of course we are delighted that the amount this year is more than last.

That seems to be the story in many places, which is good news indeed. We are enclosing the last gift reports which will show how things stand at present. They are most encouraging, and I hope the good work will continue for the next few months.

The most exciting news is that Dr. Wu is now on her way to America. We had a cablegram saying that she expects to arrive about the middle of April to be here about four months. Of course we are all delighted to know that she is really on her way and are looking forward most eagerly to her visit. She will be present at the Annual Meetings of the Associated Boards and the Ginling Founders during the first week in May, and will have much of interest and value to bring to those meetings. Is there any possibility that you can be down for the meeting of the Board of Founders on the 7th of May? I do hope that you can be with us that day.

Our little booklet is still not off the press, but I am expecting it any time, and will get it out as soon as possible. I am glad you found the letters satisfactory and I will make the small change that you suggest.

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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April 6, 1943

I am glad to know that there is a possibility of the Ann Arbor Club being interested enough to make any contribution to Ginling. That is progress, as they haven't felt that way in the past. It will be a real triumph for you and Ruth Scott if you get them in line this year.

I hope that your Worcester Club meeting was a successful one. Of course we are glad to know that they voted their usual appropriation to Ginling.

We look forward to seeing you at Easter time and do hope that you will be present on May 7th.

April 6, 1943

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Gift reports and summary.

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The most exciting news is that we have a new member. We had a very successful meeting on April 1st. We had a very successful meeting on April 1st. We had a very successful meeting on April 1st.

Our little fund is still for the present. I am writing it up now. I am writing it up now. I am writing it up now.

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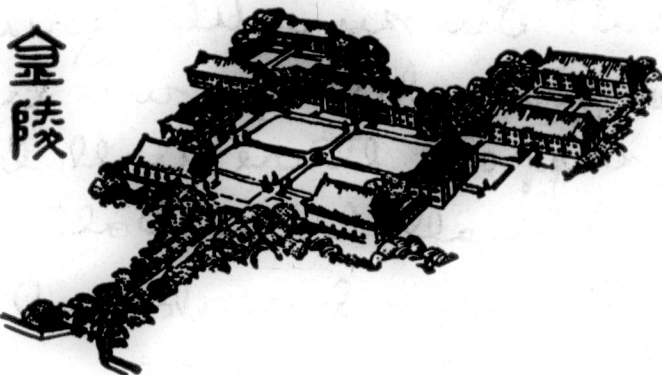
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GINLING COLLEGE
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My dear Mrs. Mills:

A friend of mine, non Smith, gave me the enclosed check for Ginling to-day. She said she made a contribution when Mrs. Morrow was here several years ago but I judged has given nothing since.

Next week Thursday, April 22, I expect to start for Baltimore. Usually mother and I go right through but we are planning this year to spend Thursday and Friday nights in New York, going to Baltimore on Saturday. Are you going to be in the office on Friday, April 23? If so, would it be convenient for me to see you that morning? Perhaps Good Friday is a holiday and if it is for you, I hope you get away for a good long week-end. I want to check my list of clubs which haven't yet given this year with your list. Then I shall get members of my committee to write to the clubs.

Isn't it splendid President Wu is coming to the United States! How I wish the meeting on May 7 were a week earlier!! I could easily be present on April 30 but I doubt if I can get back to New York a

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week later on May 7. Ordinarily I could run down easily, missing just one day of school. This war year, however, there are virtually no substitutes. Other teachers in the building have to do extra duty taking our classes when ^{we are} absent. I'm sure Mr. Young, my superintendent, would not favor letting me leave, even to meet President Wu. I suppose there will be no chance to meet her earlier. I shall be in Baltimore April 24 to 30. Usually I spend the second week-end with a friend in Philadelphia but I might be able to return to New York, Friday April 30 and remain until Sunday.

I am planning to meet the two Washington members of my Girdling committee while in Baltimore.

The attractive pamphlet "Calls from Szechwan's Wilderness" arrived to-day. I haven't had an opportunity to read it yet but shall to-night. I think it is a fine piece of work.

How long will President Wu be in this country? I have been asked if she would be available as a speaker at Smith Club luncheons. I should doubt if it would be worth her while to talk merely for a club, unless potential giver guests were invited, but I said I'd inquire. You can tell me what Pres. Wu wants to do here and can do, and I'll help in any way I can.

Cordially yours,
Ruth Tomlinson

P.S. Did I tell you that Florence Snow feels it would be better to send these new Girdling pamphlets to Smith in the fall for the money raising campaigns there? She said it is too near Commencement now.

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April 17, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Thank you for your letter of April 13th, with the check from Miss Sawyer enclosed. Of course all of these evidences of friendship for Ginling are more than welcome, and we hope that Miss Sawyer will continue to be a regular contributor. We are writing to her and sending the receipt direct. I am also sending her one of our new booklets.

I am glad you like the new booklet. We think it is rather nice. I am particularly glad to have this piece of publicity written by one of our Chinese faculty members. We have mailed copies to all donors, and the lettershop is now getting out the booklet and letter of appeal that will go to lapsed donors. I hope that it brings in the cash.

We are all very much excited about Dr. Wu's arrival although we still don't know definitely when she will get here. I am expecting to hear everyday. She will be here for the meetings the first week in May. We know this from her cable, but we have had no other word about her plans. I wish it could be arranged for you to meet her on your trip back to Worcester on April 30th, but I am unable to say anything about Dr. Wu's plans now. When I hear from her, I will let you know. If she is to be in New York a few days before the 3rd of May, then it might be arranged for you to have a little time with her before you go back to Worcester. I wish it were possible for you to attend the annual meeting on the 7th, but I can understand the difficulties in the way of it.

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April 17, 1943

Dr. Wu's cablegram said that she expected to be in America about four months. She is coming on a Government mission, and therefore a part at least of her time will be accounted for in that way. Another large part of it, I hope, will be spent resting, as she needs this badly. Of course, there will be far more invitations for her to speak than she can possibly accept, and I think our problem will be to have her appear before the audiences that will most intelligently receive her and further the cause for which she stands. I cannot answer your question about her being available as a speaker at Smith Club luncheons. Of course, she herself will have to make the final decisions on all of her engagements, but my own thought would be that probably she could not include small luncheons in her program. I will keep you posted as I learn more about her plans.

We will save some of the booklets for distribution on the Smith campus in the fall. I think it is a wise decision to hold them until then, as Commencement is probably taking up most of the girls' time and attention now.

I shall look forward to seeing you on the morning of Friday, April 23rd. We take the afternoon off, I believe, but I will certainly be here until one o'clock. I hope by that time we will have a still longer list of gifts to report to you.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I am

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

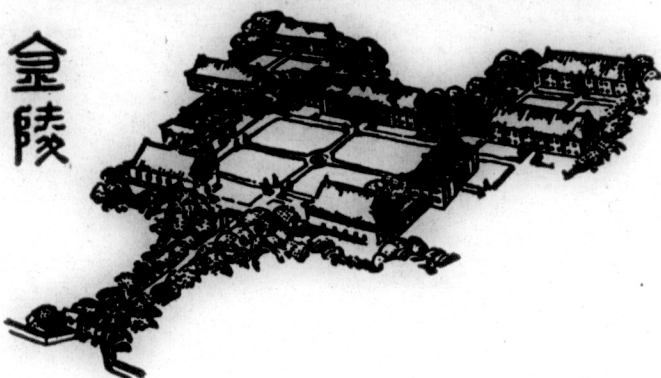
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38 Severs Street
Worcester, Mass
April 20, 1943
Hotel Taft,
New York City

GINLING COLLEGE
AMERICAN OFFICE
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mrs. Mills:

My Baltimore friend is very insistent that we journey to her home on Friday. She says there will be no seats the day before Easter. We don't want to leave New York until Saturday but we are compromising and going at 1:30 p.m. on Friday (not the early morning train as she urged). That being the case, I shall appear at your office when it opens, probably at 9 a.m. I'll try to find out whether it is 9 or 9:30 when I am in New York. We reach there Thursday at 5:56, go to the Taft and after dining, we are seeing "Oklahoma." I'll be on hand Friday when the office opens or shortly thereafter.

Yours,
Ruth Tomlinson

April 28, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Enclosed I am sending a receipt for your contribution to Ginling. Just after you left the office last Friday, we had a letter from the Summit Smith Club, enclosing a check for \$25.00, as their contribution for the current year. You will, of course, note this on your list of clubs which have given. You will be glad to know that this is an increase over their usual contribution. That is always good news, isn't it?

We have also had checks amounting to \$5.00 from Miss Sabin. This should be credited as additional contribution from the Denver Smith Club. These checks came in a letter addressed to you here at the office, but we opened it and kept the money. The letter from the Summit Club was also addressed to you, but you see we don't mind opening your mail.

Yesterday's contributions brought the Smith total up to something over \$5700. That is coming along very nicely indeed.

I hope you had a happy Easter and that your vacation is proving restful and delightful. We still have no definite word about Dr. Wu's arrival, but are expecting daily to hear that she is safely in this country.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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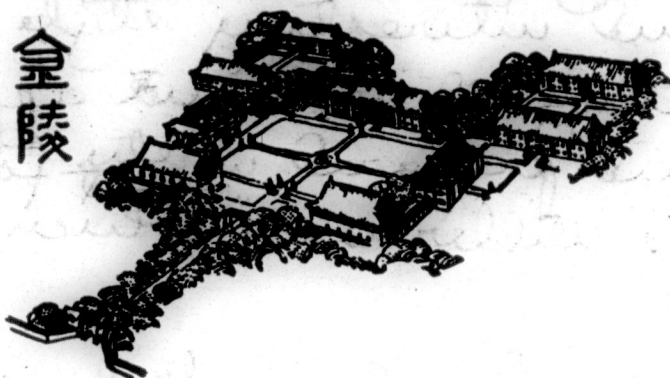
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GINLING COLLEGE
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150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mrs. Mills:

With deep regret I missed the meeting of the Ginling Board of Founders yesterday. I did not try to get permission from Mr. Young, our superintendent, to leave. It did not seem the psychological time to ask a favor from Mr. Young, deep in the trouble involving his assistant. Then it was so soon after our ten day vacation. Also I really need this week-end to write the letters to the clubs we checked as needing follow-up reminders. To get the money in for Ginling is my primary concern.

I don't know when Easter comes next year but if it falls in March I'll probably be in New York for Ruth Scott's tea for the New York Club and then I might get away for the first Friday in May, too, if anyone can travel anywhere.

Did Pres. Wu arrive in New York in time for the meetings and luncheon yesterday? How I should have loved to have met her and heard her! Some time after school closes, if she is to be in New York

at any time, I should like to run to New York to have luncheon with her and you. If it isn't too much of an imposition on her, I think a little story about Girding from her angle and written in her brilliant and interesting style would be ideal to send out in the fall with ~~our~~ appeal. This could be illustrated and prepared in the form of "Calls from Speechman's Wilderness," ^{about} which everyone estimates to me.

The Baltimore Smith Club has voted \$50 for Girding this year, an increase I believe. Iona Couch Kern of the Philadelphia Club told me to write the president of the club instead of the Girding representative, since she was more forceful and more apt to put through the gift.

Tuesday of this week I sent my report to Smith of the year's work of the Girding Committee. I wanted you to read, comment ^{on it} and improve it but I couldn't write it until Monday evening and I knew it had to be in this week, so felt I had to send it directly to the college. I knew you were frightfully busy with the details of yesterday's meetings and didn't want to add to your burdens.

I am enclosing several letters which give information you may not have in your office. I have made the changes on my list of Girding representatives. I'll forward all such information as soon as it comes to me.

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Cordially yours,
Ruth Toulerson

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May 12, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

We were sorry indeed not to have you with us last Friday for the meeting of the Ginling Board and the luncheon to Dr. Wu. She really did get here in time for all of the meetings. Of course we put her to work at once, and she started out addressing the whole Associated Boards meeting Monday morning and ended up with a conference in the office Saturday. She was the main speaker at the Associated Boards Annual Banquet, and of course the speaker at the Ginling luncheon, and the all-and-sundry meetings inbetween. It was wonderful to have her here, and she made a great contribution in all of the conferences. She can help us so much in understanding conditions in Chengtu and can tell us so much that letters can never make plain.

Dr. Wu has gone to Washington now to report to Dr. Soong, and after her conferences with him, she will know better what her plans are to be. I very much hope that it will be possible for you to have a little while with her. I think it is very important that you and she should get together, and I know it would be a great pleasure to both of you.

Your idea about publicity for the fall is very suggestive, and I think that we might well work out something along the line you propose. I am glad that you like "Calls From Szechwan's Wilderness". Everyone seems to like it, too.

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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May 12, 1943

I wish I had a gift report to send you, but Mrs. Foster and I have not been able to keep up with gifts this last week, for two reasons: one, because they came in in such gratifying numbers, and two, because we were so much occupied with the business of the Annual Meetings. As soon as we can get it all totaled up, we will let you know the score.

I hope that you will be in New York some time after school closes. I should love to see you and it may be that Dr. Wu will be here in June, and so you could meet her then.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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I'll work off old stationery on you.

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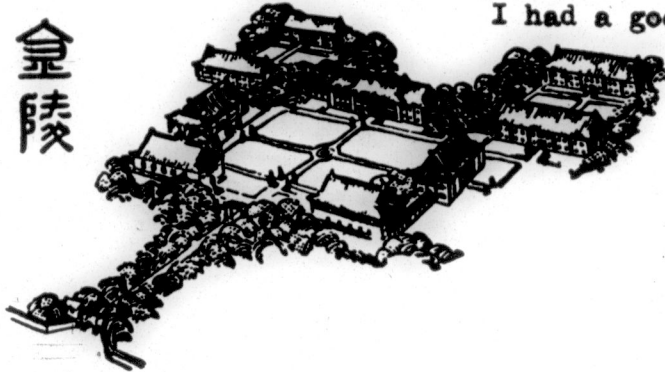
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I had a good chat with your sister-in-law at a meeting last night. She looked well.

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150 Fifth Avenue
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1151 East 56th Street
Chicago, Illinois
Jan, May 16, 1943

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills
Ginling College
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.W.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Your thoughtful letter should have been answered weeks ago. I have far too many irons in the fire for a decent job on any one.

There is to be a meeting of the Smith College Club here in Chicago this Thursday noon at 12 o'clock to hear the broadcast from Northampton of the Commencement addresses. I have the permission of the club president to distribute copies of the Ginling booklet relative to Liu En-lan's explorations. I found it fascinating and others should be impressed by its interesting contents. I have no idea how many will be present, but I should be happy to have 100 copies. One of the contributors to the Ginling Fund received one, so I judge that you have mailed them already to that group. I am glad, for they are the first ones who should see it. I doubt whether it is worth while to pay the postage on a mailing to all the individuals in the Club. Distributing at a meeting such as this is a different matter, where cost of mailing is not involved, except for the package, and express may be the cheapest for that. As usual, there is not much time, so I think it wise to have the package sent in my care, in whatever is the most speedy way, to the Chicago College Club, 30 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, and I will pick it up on the way to the luncheon two blocks away.

What good news it is to hear that President Wu has arrived! I rejoice for both America and for her own health that she has come. You will keep me informed, I know, if she is ever coming in this direction. I have thought so often of the privilege I had in becoming acquainted with Mrs. New when she was here. I hope that her program of talks at colleges has had the good effects which it should have. Such an influence is hard to measure, but I was struck by the comments which Mrs. Riddle, the president of the Smith Club here, had in speaking of Mrs. New. As she said, "It was not so much what she said as what she is." Her greatness and life of service impressed her. Why shouldn't it? Please give my warm greetings to both President Wu & Mrs. New - who I trust will see her.

*Yours sincerely
Marjorie B. Leavens
Dick & I had the joy of dinner today at the Gilleys
with Miss Ruth Woodsmell.*

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Dear Miss Tomlinson:

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May 24, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

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We have very thrilling news for you. Look at this wonderful total. I think that your \$8,000 dream is going to be realized and maybe even more. I offer my heartiest congratulations for your good work and add our very grateful appreciation for the warm response from Smith women. I am enclosing all of the reports to date.

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Dr. Wu and Mrs. New are in Washington now, making final plans for Dr. Wu's stay in America. We still don't know exactly what the pattern will be, but we hope that she will be able to get a good long rest and also that she will be free to give us some of her time. I am anxious for you to have a chance to see her, but I still can't say any definite date on which we could arrange such a meeting. Perhaps you will be freer after school is out and therefore it would not be necessary to know quite so long ahead. Dr. Wu will probably be in New York around the middle of June, but I can't suggest a date now.

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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May 24, 1943

I suppose you are very, very busy just now finishing up school work. That seems to be the story everywhere. I hope you will get a good rest this summer.

A letter addressed to you in care of this office came from Miss Sabin a few days ago. We opened it since we felt sure it was meant for the office, and found two \$1.00 checks enclosed. We are acknowledging these contributions and Miss Sabin's letter. I am enclosing it for you.

With all best wishes,

Yours truly,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: Daily reports and total
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GINLING COLLEGE
Nanking, China

38 Sever St
Worcester, Mass
May 27, 1943

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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My dear Mrs. Mills:

You can imagine my delight with this year's total to date for Ginling. I am enclosing a check for \$10, the Holyoke Club is giving \$15 and I'm sure there are other clubs to be heard from. Wouldn't it be fine if our total reached \$500 by June 30!

You deserve most of the credit for this handsome showing. I wrote Florence Snow we owed it mainly to you. Without your invaluable help I could never carry on the chairmanship of the Alumnae Committee. I want to thank you for all you have done this year. Miss Chiang's visit and Prof. Wu's arrival have increased interest in China. A friend gave me your article on "Ginling College" in "The Church Woman". It was so well written and

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so interesting. Next fall, ⁵⁻²⁷⁻⁴³ instead of
just the usual appeal for money, I'd^[27]
like such an interesting letter about
hoping that everyone would send the
money at once. I remember that
last year you wrote such a letter for
Ruth Scott and me. This fall we may
have something from Dr. Wu.

Wasn't it splendid that Pres. Wu
got an honorary degree from Smith!
Florence Snow wanted me to attend
Commencement but I felt that if
I couldn't get to the Board of Found-
ers meeting, I'd not go to Commence-
ment. Next year I hope to attend both.
I was busy writing letters to clubs
I think some of the letters bore
fruit.

Florence Snow sent me a splen-
did report of the Board of Founders
meeting and luncheon, which
made me all the sorrier I had felt
I shouldn't ask for time off. She
has just written again, asking for
suggestions for the three new mem-

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bers to go on our committee. I said I wished Mrs. Wheeler might continue on the committee and mentioned Margaret Thomson Cook and Marian Gardner Craighill. I also said Maryorie Browning Leavens of Chicago seemed to have secured many new contributors this year and that the Grand Rapids Ginning representative seemed much interested and the gift of that club had been doubled to 100. I think an able classmate of mine, Margaret Alexander Marsh, will be the faculty member of the committee. I am delighted because we can plan things together for the campus.

Is your husband still in China? From something Florence Snow said about the place-cards at the luncheon I thought he still might

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be. Some time I'd like a date ⁵⁻²⁷⁻⁴³ with you^[4] after hours when we won't talk business but when I can hear all about your years in China. We can talk about travel even if we can't travel.

I am through school June 23 on Wednesday. Any time after that when Pres. Wu is to be in New York I can run down and I shan't need to know far ahead. I want to find out how the alumnae committee and how I, myself, can be of the most help to her. I hope she can stay a year. Then several of the clubs have already asked me if she would speak to them. Worcester wants to open the fall season with a dinner meeting for husbands, at which she would speak, telling about conditions in China, her work on the Political Council, and of course Girding, but our new president thought more about political

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economic, and military conditions than educational if the men were present. She said the men, if interested, would be the big money givers.

We have an able committee on Chinese Relief in the city (Dr. Blakeslee and Pres. Atwood of Clark, Mrs. Roger Green, formerly of Peking, ^{Dr. Gordon Berry} Hubert Gage and others). We might have a big mass meeting for the public with Dr. Blakeslee presiding and at which funds could be raised, then the private Smith dinner.

It might well be much more effective to have Dr. Wu speak just to Smith Clubs with no direct appeal for money but I'm sure after she talked, subscriptions would be greatly increased. If she came to Worcester I should see that contribu-

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ctors to Guilting, even though ~~not~~
Smith people like Anna Sawyer and
Mrs. Morgan, be invited.

If Dr. Wu is to be here most of
the year, she might like to put
her name in as a speaker for For-
eign Policy Associations. I had
met the most appreciative and
forward looking people in the vari-
ous cities where there are branch-
es of the association.

I am so busy I can go nowhere
this long week-end, not even a
day in the country with a swim.
A Baltimore friend is visiting me
from June 9 to 16, just when I
should be giving final exams and
pulling weak pupils through but
it was the only time she could come.
I am trying to do extra work now.
The final exams will be the new
typed ones with multiple choice,
easy to grade, but everything has
to be prepared ahead of time.

As ever,
Beth Tomlinson

June 5, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Your total today is \$8,629.22, and we still have the best part of June to go. So you see all your goals are reached and passed. Indeed I do not deserve the credit for all this. I have merely done my bit toward keeping the machinery oiled and running. To you goes the credit for all of the new gifts from Clubs who have never contributed before and for much of the other as well. I am very happy that the total this year is the largest on record for current needs. Of course, there have been some special drives like the 25th Anniversary one that brought in larger sums. I just hope we can live up to this high standard.

I am returning your letter from Miss Snow as you requested. I think the three new members she suggests for the Committee will all be most acceptable, and while we hate to lose any of the old ones, we still have a warm welcome for the new ones. Margaret Thomson should be a good one to do the campus letters, as Miss Snow suggests. She knows the College well, has had two daughters graduate there, and incidentally she writes very well.

I hope that it is going to be possible to work out a plan by which Dr. Wu will be able to meet with groups of Smith Clubs, if not with each Club separately. Her plans are still not certain, but she hopes to be able to be more definite when next she comes to New York. I expect her here about June 15th and will write you as soon thereafter as I have anything to say. If you really could come down on very short notice, I will see if I can arrange a time and send you a wire. It would be fun to have you come down for a day's visit anyway. There are so many things we could discuss.

Cordially yours,

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Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

Enclosure: Returned letter

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June 16, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I am sending you the last daily gift reports which show you that this morning we have the grand sum of \$9,109.22. I have already expressed my enthusiasm over this response from Smith women, and now I find myself without words to say how delighted I am at their generosity. I doubt if we make the \$10,000, as there are only two weeks before July 1st. Somehow it doesn't seem important to me to get \$10,000 this year, as we have already almost doubled the amount pledged. What more could we ask?

The matter of getting dates is a difficult one. Dr. Wu is in New York now and expects to be here until June 26th. Her present plan is to return to Washington then and be in Washington until about the 10th to 12th of July. She then plans to return to New York for a few days as she has an engagement here on the 13th. You see that these dates are just exactly wrong for the schedule that you outlined. So our problem will be to work out a compromise that will suit both of you, and, I hope, Miss Snow. Dr. Wu will not be in the office this morning, but when she comes in tomorrow, I will take it up with her and see what she has to offer. In the meanwhile, May I ask if it would be at all possible for you to come to New York from Gloucester, where you say you will be from July 10th to 31st? It may be that one day in those three weeks would be best for Dr. Wu. I'll write you again as soon as I get something more definite from her.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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38 Sever St.
Worcester, Mass.
June 19, 1943

My dear Mrs. Mills:

Happily the money keeps "Rolling in", as Sara Comins said it would, I believe. Now that school is over (I have to be on hand through Wednesday though I have no work to do, since I teach only graduating Seniors who finished yesterday), I am planning to write personal letters of thanks to Smith Clubs which have increased their gifts to Ginling this year or given for the first time. Do you think that a good idea? I believe there is nothing like the personal touch in letters and pamphlets.

Yesterday afternoon Mary Cross, my friend who is having us in Hubbardston called to say she is postponing her party to July 7, because she heard I might want to go to New York after all this coming week.

It is a little late now to get a Friday date for June 25th. It will probably be better anyhow to wait until Pres. Wu knows her plans and can talk over with Florence Snow and me and possibly our Smith Chairman of Clubs from Great Neck, L. I. what she wants to do with Smith Clubs, if anything. I await word from her and you. Whatever you two plan will suit me.

Unfortunately July 10 to 31 would be a difficult time for me to get to New York. I am taking a house with a Smith friend who doesn't take kindly to the idea of having me flit to New York when we are to be in Gloucester only three weeks. Then baggage is some problem, with crowded trains. Three bathing-suits (we often swim three times a day), a beach coat and sport dresses and shoes leave little room for clothes suitable for New York. I'd rather not journey to New York those three weeks but of course would do so if that is the only possible time.

School reopens Sept. 8th and then I'm stuck except for week-ends. I feel it is important for me to meet and talk to Dr. Wu, as well as anticipating it as a great privilege and pleasure, so I shall try to make my plans conform to hers.

From your letter I judge Dr. Wu is planning a vacation and rest in August. I hope she gets this. In your capable hands I leave all details about the luncheon. I feel sure Dr. Wu is too busy to talk with us until she has some definite plans to put before us.

I note that at the tea for Dr. Wu in Washington, money was raised for Ginling. Will that go in this year's budget or next year's?

Yours,

Ruth Tomlinson

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June 19, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Dr. Wu was in the office yesterday afternoon and discussed with me a number of invitations that have come for the next few days. She has finally decided that it will be better for her to stay in the New York area until the middle of July. This makes it possible to arrange a day with you and Miss Snow, and Dr. Wu offers the 1st of July as that day. From your letter and two cards from Miss Snow, I gather that this is probably the most convenient day for you also. I am therefore putting July 1st on Dr. Wu's schedule as the day that she will give to the Smith Alumnae group.

I don't know what plans you will make about getting to New York, but I am assuming that both you and Miss Snow will be here in time for lunch. Would you like me to make any arrangements for you, or shall we wait until the group assembles and then go to the most convenient place? I am leaving it to you or Miss Snow to get in touch with Mrs. Grose.

I am very happy indeed that we can plan this time for you and Miss Snow to talk with Dr. Wu, and I hope that the day will work out to the satisfaction of all.

Looking forward to seeing you July 1st, I am

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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GINLING COLLEGE
Nanking, China

38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass
June 21, 1943

American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mrs. Mills:

July the first is splendid for me. After I wrote the letter on Saturday I discovered mild poisoning on my legs. Had you picked this week Thursday I could have come but a week from Thursday is better.

I'll drop a line to Florence Snow and ask her to invite Mrs. Grose, since she has carried on the correspondence with her about Dr. Wu.

By the end of the week I'll let you know when to expect me in New York. I'll arrive Tuesday or Wednesday and telephone you at once. If you are willing to make arrangements for me for the first, I shall be very grateful. If Mrs. Grose can join us, there will be five. Pick a place convenient for Dr. Wu and you. In these

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days it is essential to order a meal well in advance to get anything palatable. A one o'clock luncheon would be excellent, I should think, though any hour suits me. We can fit the time around Dr. W's engagements. In Worcester you take what you get for food, not necessarily what you order in advance. If you can order the viands in advance, there will be no time lost in selecting what we're to eat and the luncheon will go more smoothly. That, however, may not be possible. This is my party. Thank you for doing the work.

Cordially yours,
Ruth Toulminson

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Will you please let me know: *MWK*

1. How much time Dr. Wu can give us on July 1
2. Whether she'd rather have a preliminary conference

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+ + The Alumnae House - Northampton, Massachusetts + +

or talk everything over at the luncheon

3. Whether you'd like Florence Snow to sit in with us at such a conference or have just the three of us
4. The hours to tell Florence Snow she'll be busy with us, so that she'll know when to confer with Mrs. Grose.

Dear Ruth,
Mrs. Mills writes that the date set for the conference with Dr. Wu is Thursday, July first. This suits me perfectly and I am hoping that it will Mrs. Grose also.

Mrs. Mills says there are no formal plans for the day as far as she knows. Will you be going to New York that morning so that our meetings would be starting perhaps at lunch time? It does not matter to me except that I want to have a couple of hours with Mrs. Grose to discuss club plans in general with her. I am sending her a telegram today to ask her to save the day and as soon as I hear from you I will let her know when she and I can have our special session.

If you should be coming down the day before we can easily wait until afternoon provided you would like the morning to talk with Dr. Wu. You might like to see Dr. Wu first before we come into the picture. I can think of all kinds of possibilities, you see, but it is a waste of time to be listing them because it is you who should be deciding them. Anything you work out will be all right with me.

I am saving all of July for Guilford so any time convenient for Dr. Wu and Mrs. Grose you will suit me.

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever St.
Worcester, Mass.

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I'll attend to the Detroit check at once.

want to raise money at the time of Dr. Wu's visit to their clubs, I see no objection. If Dr. Wu wants to make all of it money raising, that's all right with me. I hope Dr. Wu can be present and speak at Alumnae Council at Smith.

Ruth Tomlinson

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June 22, 1943

My dear Mrs. Mills:

I have written Florence Snow that I shall go to New York on June 30 at the latest. If I spend a night or two with Gladys Cooke in Plainville I may leave Worcester before Wednesday. I also told Florence Snow the luncheon would probably be at the Gramercy Park Hotel and I'd let her know the hour as soon as I heard from you.

It seems to me a good idea if you, Dr. Wu and I got together in your office for an hour before the luncheon so that we could talk over Smith Club plans, how much time Dr. Wu has to give to running around and talking to Smith groups, whether she wants to talk without a direct appeal for money or to combine the Smith gathering with a general drive for funds. I'd be delighted to have Florence Snow sit in with us, too, and told her so. She has such good ideas and she knows Smith alumnae and clubs as few do.

My own idea is this. I am trying to build up a regular annual sum of \$10,000 from clubs and individuals. I prefer that to a large sum one year because of a special drive and a much smaller amount the next year. Girding is entitled to know what it can count upon. Therefore I should think it better for the Clubs to have special dinners for Dr. Wu with husbands invited and non Smith contributors to Girding in the community, but with no direct appeal for money at the dinner. With the interest thus aroused and a good follow up campaign, we'd hope for increased contributions. However, if clubs

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June 21, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
 38 Seyer Street
 Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

It was good to get your letter this morning with the checks enclosed. As you say, the money continues to roll in. The Washington gift came this morning, too, amounting to \$724.45. This is a magnificent contribution of course, and we are delighted, but frankly I am a little sorry that it is counted in this year's receipts since we have already had \$238.00 from Washington that has gone in this year. I suppose we will just have to remember this when we are gathering in the shekels next year. Anyway it makes a very nice total for 1943, as it is close to the \$10,000 which was your last goal.

I have a question about this check from the Smith College Club of Detroit. The letter says, "I am enclosing check covering our annual contribution of \$25 for scholarship fund, plus \$25 for the general fund of Ginling College." Since this Club has made a regular contribution of \$25 to the Ginling current fund and no contribution to any Ginling scholarship fund, I am wondering whether this \$25 scholarship gift is intended for Ginling. I have a feeling that it may have been meant for the Club's gift to Smith College scholarship funds. The check is made to you for Ginling, and you have endorsed it, but if there is a mistake, it would perhaps be simpler to send the check back and let them make two separate checks. I am therefore sending back the entire correspondence to you.

By now you will have had my letter telling you that Dr. Wu will meet with you and Miss Snow on July 1st. I am glad that this date seems to suit both of you, and I hope that

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it will be possible for Mrs. Grose also to be present. I am leaving it to you to get in touch with her. I think that perhaps the simplest plan will be for us to meet here in my office and then go to the Gramercy Park Hotel, or one of the nearby quiet hotels, for lunch. As we will be a small group, it will not be possible to reserve a private dining room or necessary to make arrangements very much in advance.

Cordially yours,

June 21, 1943

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: Return of check and letter from Detroit Club

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
36 Boyer Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

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By now you will have had my letter telling you that Mr. and Mrs. Grose will meet with you and Miss Snow on July 1st. I am glad that this date seems to suit both of you, and I hope that

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June 25, 1923

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson,

I am glad that July first seems to suit all concerned, and I certainly hope that it will be cooler than it is today. I hope that Mrs. Grose can join the party. I will gladly make arrangements about the luncheon for you. As you say we eat pretty much what we can get these days, but I'll try to see that we get something.

I shall answer your questions in the order in which you gave them.

1). Dr. Wu is saving July 1st for the Smith group, and will give as much time that day as we need.

2). She thinks that it would be a good plan to start the conference before luncheon, as we probably would not want to sit at luncheon as long as we will want to talk.

3). I think it would be most helpful to have Miss Snow in on all the conference with Dr. Wu. As you say she knows more than anyone else about Smith alumnae and clubs, and her counsel will be invaluable.

4). I should think that if we met in my office at about 11:30 or 12:00 for an hour, and then went to luncheon at 12:30 or 1:00 we would be able to go over all the ground pretty thoroughly. Or do you think we should have more than an hour before lunch? We could meet at 11:00 and go to lunch at 12:30 if that would suit you and Miss Snow better. I don't know about trains from Northampton, or whether she plans to come down the day before, so it is a little difficult for me to fix hours. However in general I think an hour to an hour and a half before lunch and then whatever time we like at the table should be about

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The money continues to come in. It is well over \$10,000 now, though I haven't the exact figure at the moment. Seattle Club sent in their annual \$75 this morning. We will have proper reports for you when you come down on July 1st - or earlier.

Looking forward to seeing you next week,

Cordially yours,

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35 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass
June 28, 1943

My dear Mrs. Mills:

I have written a letter of thanks to the Indianapolis Smith Club. All the money pouring in is certainly gratifying. I only hope we can keep up the good work next year and am sure we can with President Wm here.

I plan to arrive in New York at 2:05 p.m. on Wednesday and will appear in your office around 3 to check on Thursday's plans. Florence Snow wrote me she was taking a very early train to New York Thursday morning because she had a morning appointment with Mrs. Morrow. I promptly wrote Mrs. Morrow and urged her to come to the luncheon. She is so delightful and will give us all so much pleasure I hope

she can accept. I'll let you know Wednesday, if I hear from her before I leave.

I doubt if Florence Snow can meet with us before the luncheon in your office but I have sent her a letter urging her to do so. I shall be staying in Plaudome, L.I. with the college friend whom you met at Christmas time, so I can come in to New York at any time Thursday morning. We can decide final details Wednesday afternoon. I'll telephone Mrs. Gros from Plaudome and telegraph Florence Snow.

Cordially yours,
Ruth Touchison

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38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.
July 14, 1943

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My dear Mrs. Mills:

I am simply delighted over the amount raised thus far for Guling. Perhaps by now we have passed the \$9000 goal. Dare we hope for \$10,000? It ~~would~~ be so thrilling with Pres. Wu in this country, because it is a tangible evidence of our deep interest in Guling.

Any time between June 26 and July 9 I can come to New York on short notice. The weekend is a poor time to travel.

Florence Snow will join us at luncheon in New York if she can. She has just written that she has to be in Northampton

until June 23. June 24 I have^[37]
to go to Boston with mother
for her annual check up with
the doctor and June 25 I must
go with a group of friends to
the country home of one. She
wanted us the week of June 28
but I told her I was saving that
week for New York. She would
never forgive me if, after in-
conveniencing herself to set the
date ahead to June 25, I didn't
show up.

As soon as I learn Pres. Win-
plans from you, I'll write Flor-
ence Snow.

Sincerely yours,
Ruth Toulminson

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38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass
July 14, 1943

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She suggests, too, that Mrs.
Grose, Chairman of ^{Society} Club, who
lives at Great Neck, Long Is-
land might join us at short
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Pres. We may not be able
to give us a minute of her
precious time. I wish we might
have the luncheon June 30 or
July 1, or some day week after
next, preferably when Florence
Snow could join us.

I expect to be in Gloucester
July 10 to 31. Some time in
August mother and I are going
away but I could work in New
York if I knew a little ahead
of time. I am so anxious to
meet Dr. Wu that I'll try to
get to New York any time after
June 26. School isn't through
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until June 23. June 24 I have^[37]
to go to Boston with mother
for her annual check up with
the doctor and June 25 I must
go with a group of friends to
the country house of one. She
wanted us the week of June 28
but I told her I was saving that
week for New York. She would
never forgive me if, after in con-
vincing herself to set the
date ahead to June 25, I didn't
show up.

As soon as I learn Pres. Win-
plans from you, I'll write Flor-
ence Snow.

Sincerely yours,
Ruth Toulson

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July 15, 1943.

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson,

Enclosed I am sending you a copy of a letter that I have just written to Mrs. Hartt about Dr. Wu's visit to Boston. I don't think it needs much explanation, except that it really does look as though Dr. Wu will be here till about the end of January, and will not even have to take out the month to go to England. Of course that is wonderful news for us, and means that we will have a lot more time with her, and that she will be able to do many more of the things that we want her to do.

Since she wants a longer time in Boston, and has made another engagement for the 2nd of October so that she cannot stay in Boston more than the two days if she went according to the schedule we first made, I think it is far better for her to cancel those days, and go at another time. That is what I have written to Mrs. Hartt, as you see. The question now before us is the matter of the Boston Smith Club, and any arrangements that Miss Comins may have made for September 29th and 30th. You were going to write to her about the possibility of having some Smith function, so I thought you ought to know at once of this change of plan, in order to let Miss Comins know.

I have heard from the Springfield Club and they are enthusiastic about the plan for a luncheon on September 28th, and promise to see that she gets on to Worcester in good time for your evening affair. Those two dates seem almost the only stable things in an ever-changing world! I hope nothing happens to them!

It was such fun to have you and Miss Snow and Mrs. Grose meet with us the other day, and the luncheon was lovely. I hope you felt it was worth the trip. Come to see us again! I hope you are having a pleasant summer.

Cordially yours,

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July 22, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

How would your Worcester group react to a slight change in date for Dr. Wu's visit? She is having great trouble making her fall schedule, as you can easily understand, due to the many calls that come to her. Now that it is settled that she will not have to go to England, she wants to change the schedule that we made when you were here, so as to have a longer time at Smith and also a longer time in Boston.

Her present suggestion is that she go to Boston on September 25th and be there till about noon of the 29th. She would then go to Worcester, which would mean changing your dinner from the 28th to the 29th, and the Springfield luncheon to the 30th. I am writing to Boston and Springfield about the possibility of such a change.

Mrs. Scales is anxious to have her at Smith for a week, so Dr. Wu is planning to go there in October, after she returns from Cleveland where she is speaking on October 2nd.

Since it is still two months before the date set for your dinner, I hope this change of one day won't cause you any real difficulty. Please let me know as soon as possible how you feel about it.

Deborah Wheeler phoned to me yesterday to ask if she is still on the Ginling Committee, and I told her I thought not. She said she was terribly sorry to go off just as she was getting

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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well into the swing of it. I shall miss her, and so will you of course, but I suppose that if the regulation about having a rotating Committee is to have any value, it must be followed. We can put her back on again another year. Who are the three new members for this year? I think they are;

Margaret Alexander Marsh '14
Charlotte Gower '22
Margaret Cook Thomson '11

Is that right? And do we expect to ask Margaret Thomson to do the letters to the campus?

I hope you are having a grand vacation.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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GINLING COLLEGE
Nanking, China

July 29, 1943

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American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mrs. Mills:

For three weeks I have been in a studio apartment on Rocky Neck at Gloucester. I think we are returning to Worcester for August, so I am not giving you this address, though it is % Edgren Studio. Mother is at Hotel Rockaway nearby, while a college friend and I are living in two rooms, furnished by an artist and with a porch around two sides and built over the water in the harbor. The porch has window boxes all around it, filled with petunias, geraniums, adiantum and other gay colored flowers. We eat all our meals on the porch, watch the busy boat life in the harbor, look across to Gloucester and the sunset beyond and imagine we are in Venice or on the Dalmatian Coast or Riviera.

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We swim twice daily ~~7-29-43~~ ⁷⁻²⁷
lots of friends in the vicinity, so
have a gay time. Will be back
again the first week in September.

The postman is supposed to for-
ward all my mail. He is a good
man and has forwarded many
letters but I'm afraid you have
written me and he hasn't sent it on.
He remarked: "You don't want ads
forwarded, do you?" I'm afraid
seeing Givling College and a type-
written address, he might think it
an appeal and spare me from it un-
til my return.

The reason I think you may
have written is because I have
been in communication with Sara
Conings about a date for Dr. Wu with
^{Greater} the Boston Smith Clubs. She has for-
warded a letter you wrote Mrs. Harth.
I quote: "She (Dr. Wu) expects to be near
Boston for the weekend of Sept 25-26
and ~~and~~ could plan to be in Boston
... on Monday the 27th. She could
stay in the city until the afternoon of -

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New York, New York

Wednesday, the 29th, which would make it possible to plan for all day Tuesday and through luncheon on Wednesday." Does that mean she will come to Worcester for a dinner meeting on the 29th instead of the 28th? I don't think it will matter to our club at all, but I wrote our president Dr. Wu hoped to be with us for a dinner meeting the 28th and I'd like to correct that. She isn't planning an executive board meeting until September, so arrangements haven't been made to my knowledge. I've had no word from her since I wrote unless her letter wasn't forwarded either.

Sara Collins says: "I like the original suggestion for Wednesday the 29th if I can fit it in with Mrs. Hart. We all feel the desirability of

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a separate occasion for the Smith ^[47] clubs." I judge from that that the Greater Boston Smith Clubs want a luncheon for Dr. Wu the 29th.

The Tuesday, July 6th, when we left for home, I was on the bus to see you in your office. Mother urged me to get off for "just a minute" to see a dress at Maxon's on E. 36th or thereabouts. She had seen it the previous Friday while we were all at luncheon. We found a wonderful sale in progress and of course you know how it ended - we looked at innumerable dresses, mother bought the one she had seen and I got two. Then it was time to catch our train.

I did so enjoy our luncheon with Dr. Wu and thank you for suggesting such an attractive place for the luncheon and making the arrangements.

Cordially yours,
Ruth Tomlinson

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July 30, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Your letter of July 29th, to Mrs. Mills, reached the office this morning. Mrs. Mills was called suddenly last week to South Carolina, where her mother is very ill. In her absence, I am taking care of whatever I can in the way of office matters.

You are right in your supposition that Mrs. Mills wrote to you while you were away, once on July 15th, and again on the 22nd. I am enclosing a copy of the July 22nd letter just in case the original has become lost and is not awaiting you in Worcester. I am not sending a copy of the July 15th letter, because the dates mentioned in it were changed by the letter of the 22nd, which contains what we hope are final plans. You will see, from this letter, the schedule now being proposed. It is the same as the one in the letter Miss Comins forwarded to you. We do hope that the 29th will prove satisfactory to the Worcester Smith Club.

We have heard from the Springfield Club that the 30th will be fine for them.

United China Relief

Boston would have preferred a change to late October but this would not fit into Dr. Wu's schedule, so I am quite sure they will go ahead with plans for some time between Monday, September 27th, and the afternoon of Wednesday, the 29th. The exact day has not yet been set, so far as we know. Perhaps the Boston Smith Club's luncheon can still be arranged for the 29th, as Miss Comins hopes.

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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July 30, 1943

I am forwarding a copy of your letter to Mrs. Mills, as I know she will be glad to read it.

Please let us know as soon as you can whether the 29th will be all right for your Worcester dinner.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Alfred Foster
Secretary to Mrs. Mills

July 30, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
25 River Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Your letter of July 23rd, 1943, dated the 23rd, this morning, when it was suddenly found to be missing, where it was in my file. In my absence, I am sorry to hear that you are in the way of office matters.

You are right in your opinion that Mrs. Mills wrote you while you were away, once on July 13th, and again on the 23rd. I am enclosing a copy of the letter dated July 13th. The original has been lost and is not available for in Worcester. I am not sending a copy of the July 23rd letter, because the dates mentioned in it were changed by the letter of the 13th, which contained that we hope the final plans. I am sorry to hear that the letter was not received. It is the same as the one in the letter. The letter forwarded to you, as I hope that the 29th will prove satisfactory to the Worcester dinner.

We have heard from you and I am glad that the 29th will be fine for them.

United States Club
Boston would have preferred a change to late October but it would not fit in with the schedule, so I am quite sure they will be home with plans for some time between January, September 27th, and the afternoon of November, the 13th. The exact day has not yet been set, so far as we know, but I hope that the 29th is a possibility. It will be arranged for the 29th, as far as we are concerned.

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GINLING COLLEGE
Nanking, China

August 3, 1943

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American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I was so distressed to learn of the illness of your mother. I hope she is well on the way to recovery now. Having my mother constantly on my mind, I know how anxious you must be.

It seems too bad to bother you with Ginning matters at a time like this, but I've run into a slight snag in connection with Dr. Wu's dinner in Worcester. In the first place Sara Collins and the Boston Smith Club are particularly anxious to have the Greater Boston Smith Club luncheon on Wednesday, September 29th. They will get so many Smith Clubs in the Greater Boston area that I am anxious to have them put the luncheon when they want it, if possible.

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Our new and inexperienced (27)
Worcester Smith Club president
has just returned from Kennebunk
Beach and I have been talking
with her over the phone. She propos-
ed the dinner meeting for the men
as well as club members but she
told me she had agreed to go fish-
ing with her husband and sev-
eral other couples the last ten
days in September. Reservations
were secured the middle of June,
they (the train reservations, I
mean) are very difficult to secure
and she seems to think can't be
changed, so she won't be home
until the morning of October 2.
She insists we go ahead with
the dinner Wednesday night,
September 29, but I can see she
is disappointed she won't be on
hand for the dinner. I promised
her I'd ask you if there would be
any chance for a date the week
of October 3, just before Dr. Wu
goes to Smith or the night she

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New York, New York

leaves Northampton. When I hear from you, Mrs. Wellington, ^{our president} is going to call an executive board meeting. Of course we shall be delighted to have Dr. Wu here any date she can give us and the most convenient one for her. I thought it wouldn't do any harm to see if a date is possible when our president can be on hand, since the dinner meeting for men was her idea and she is eager to meet and greet Dr. Wu. Also I didn't know how Dr. Wu would feel about a Boston luncheon at noon on the 29th and dinner here that night. When we get the word from you, we'll go ahead with our plans, for the night of September 29 or an early October date.

My aunt has sent a check for \$10 for Giling, which I ~~enclose~~ ~~enclose~~.

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I am ~~thinking~~ ^{thank} her personally⁴⁷
but the formal acknowledgment
should be sent to:

Mrs. Irving C. Tomlinson
137 Marlborough Street
Boston, Mass.

I'm glad to receive a little nest
egg for the current year.

I asked to have Deborah Wheel-
er kept on the Greeting Board but
Florence Snow preferred it to be
rotating and felt that Margaret
Thomson could do the letters to the
campus. I hope we can put Debo-
rah Wheeler back next year. She
was one of the few working mem-
bers of the committee. I suggest-
ed Margaret Thomson as a new
member and Florence Snow sug-
gested Margaret Marsh and Char-
lotte Gower. I am writing the
three retiring members, thank-
ing them, and also this week I'll
write welcoming the three new
members.

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Your friend,
Irving Tomlinson

August 11, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Your letter of August 3rd was waiting in the office when I returned from vacation on the 9th. I immediately sent a copy of it to Mrs. Mills, who is still in South Carolina, and was hoping to have an answer from her by Friday of this week.

However, this morning a letter came from Mrs. Mills, saying that her mother had passed away peacefully last week and that she was on her way back to New York, making several short stops on the way, and would probably arrive August 17th.

I know she will answer you as soon as she returns, and I hope this short lapse of time will not cause any serious delay in your plans.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Alfred Foster
Secretary to Mrs. Mills

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August 17, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

When I wrote you on August 11th, I said that we were expecting Mrs. Mills back in the office on the 17th, today. However, yesterday we received word that her ill sister-in-law had taken a turn for the worse, and so, of course, Mrs. Mills was staying down South a while longer. Realizing that she would not be able to answer you as soon as she had expected, Mrs. Mills wrote and asked me to send you word that it will not be possible to postpone the Worcester date for Dr. Wu from September 29th until early October.

Dr. Wu's schedule calls for her to be in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 2nd, and in Indianapolis on October 4th. From then on, she has a rather full program of meetings and conferences, so you see a change of date could not be arranged.

We are sorry indeed that the Club President will not be able to be present on the 29th, and we only wish it were possible to make some more satisfactory arrangement.

Mrs. Mills will write to you as soon as possible after her return to the office, but she did not want to hold you up until then on the matter of dates.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Alfred Foster
Secretary to Mrs. Mills

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38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass
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Dear Mrs. Mills:

I was so very sorry to learn from Mrs. Foster that your mother has passed away. It seems as though you have had more than your share of trouble with your husband interned in China, too. I haven't happened

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to read of the exchange of fur-
ther Americans for Japanese but
I hope I missed it and that your
husband is on his way home.

Margaret Thomson has agreed
to serve on the Alumnae Commit-
tee, praise be. I have written
welcoming her, asking her to
take over Deborah Wheeler's job
and telling her she could learn
the details from you.

I am enclosing names of ^{new} ~~old~~ ^{new} ~~old~~
further giving representatives
and a letter from Sara Collins,
which may interest you. Mrs. Thoms-
on wrote me in behalf of Mrs.
Hartt, saying that Mrs. Hartt want-
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ever banquet she staged. I replied
firmly that the Greater Boston
Smith Clubs formed a large enough
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and telling her she could learn
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and a letter from Sara Cornius,
which may interest you. Mrs. Thurs-
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Hart, saying that Mrs. Hart want-
ed Smith people, chiefly for what-
ever banquet she staged. I replied
firmly that the Greater Boston
Smith Clubs formed a large enough
group to have their own lunch
con and I said that surely there

must be enough other people in
Boston interested in China to have³⁷
a second dinner, which undoubtedly
by many Smith people would attend.
We want even more than [#]10,000
next year for Lingling and Dr. Wu's
addressing Smith groups will help
increase interest and gifts.

The Worcester Club will gladly
put on the dinner Sep't 29, if a
date the next week is impossible.
Only the club president will be
away, but she will be disappointed.

Ruth Townsend

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August 23, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Thank you for your kind note of August 17th and the sympathy you expressed at the time of my mother's death. We shall miss her, of course, and it was hard to see her go, but it was definitely for the best. She had become absolutely helpless and we are all glad that she is now at rest.

I have just had today the thrilling news that my husband is included on the passage list of the Gripsholm. I think that they will be in this country by the first of December. Our family will therefore have the Christmas celebration this year that we planned for last year.

I hope that all arrangements have been made satisfactorily for the Worcester Club dinner for Dr. Wu on September 29th. I am sorry that the Club President has to be away and that she is disappointed about the date, but I am sure that you understand all of the difficulties in the way of making a schedule. The Boston program seems to be well in hand and I hope is going to prove satisfactory.

I still don't know when Dr. Wu plans to be at Smith, but probably it will be about the middle of October. I hope that she can meet with the Hampshire County Club when she goes to Smith. They wanted her for the end of September, but that was not possible to arrange.

I am glad that Margaret Thomson is going to serve on the Alumnae Committee and that she will take over Deborah Wheeler's job. We will try to get material to her shortly for her first campus

August 23, 1943

letter. I must say I don't know where this material is coming from as we don't have much in the office at present.

Thank you for the names of the Ginling representatives. I think we have all of this information now and know to whom to write in the various clubs.

I hope you will be coming to New York sometime soon and that we can have another day together.

Mybest regards to your mother.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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P.S. I return to Gloucester August 27, 1943
to-morrow to remain until September 7,
but 金陵 mother GINLING COLLEGE will be at home
to forward Nanking, China mail to me.
We want Dr. Wu to
stay with us while in Worcester.
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American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I am simply delighted that your
husband is to be on the Gripsholm.
What a tale will unfold and how
thrilled you'll be to be with him
again!

The new members of the Alumni Committee
have been welcomed and the three retiring
members thanked by me. Will Dr.
Wu write the letter to go out in the
fall to the donors? I can just add
a sentence of appeal for an increased
contribution this year, if possible.

Shall we send that the middle or end of
October? If Dr. Wu felt like writing
enough for a little booklet, that would
be even better.

You might be interested to know
what our Smith Club executive board
decided. Our president is still horri-

bly disappointed that she ~~can't~~⁸⁻²⁷⁻⁴⁸ be here
for her first meeting but plans are
underway for September 29th. There
seemed to be no place to get any kind
of dinner in the city under \$2 and
only chicken or fish for that, so the
consensus of opinion seemed to be
to make it an evening meeting, with-
out a dinner (I'd prefer the dinner
but see the other point of view that
few people could invite guests at that
price). The idea is to permit club
members to invite all the guests
they want, so all people in the city
who are interested in China can
come.

Will you please send me Dr. Wu's
subject a few weeks ahead of time,
since we hope for much publicity in
the newspapers? Since it won't be
just for Smith alumnae, I was asked
by our executive board to see if Dr.
Wu would be willing to tell us about
political and economic conditions in
China and her work in the Chinese
Parliament, as well as Peking, Peking, Peking.

September 9, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

We are sending you today a Smith Alumnae Register with thennames underlined in red that we have on file in the office as Ginling Prospects. You will recall that at our meeting last summer, we agreed that I would prepare this Register and send it to you for your consideration. Will you please indicate by a check the ones that you think would be good prospects? When we get the books back from you, Miss Snow, and Mrs. Crose, we ought to have a better prospect list for our fall cultivation.

I am hoping to get Dr. Wu to write a letter to go out to all donors. I think that such a letter could be gotten out very attractively with a picture of Dr. Wu at the top. She probably will not want to write anything very long, so my idea was that the letter would be in the form of a three-fold leaflet, rather than a booklet. I must confess that I haven't gotten very far with this yet, but I hope to get to it within the next few days.

Dr. Wu has asked me to tell you that her subject for her talk before the Worcester Club will be "China's Part in Facing a New Age". As you see, this subject is not limited to Ginling, but covers a much larger field and I hope will satisfy the Club in Worcester.

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September 9, 1943

Your plan for an evening meeting sounds very interesting and I hope that it is going to prove a successful occasion. The problem of dinners is a very serious one these days and most organizations are finding it more satisfactory to have some other kind of meeting, so you see Worcester is not alone in the decision to omit the dinner.

Dr. Wu has asked me to express to you her appreciation for your cordial invitation to stay with you while she is in Worcester. You will be hearing from her later about the definite hour of her arrival.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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GINLING COLLEGE
Nanking, China

38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass
September 14, '43

American Office
150 Fifth Avenue [17]
New York, New York 012

My dear Mrs. Mills:

The Worcester Club likes Dr. Wu's topic very much. Plans for the evening meeting are proceeding very well. We have had excellent publicity. The papers are now clamoring for a picture of Dr. Wu. Have you one which could be reproduced? A line on a Ginling leaflet of two years ago could not be used. In a letter to Florence Snow to-night I asked if Smith had a photograph, so between the two of you our clamorous president and press should get what they want.

Though it is against the Art Museum rules to open their beautiful building evenings except for strictly Museum affairs, our club has secured the use of its hall for Dr. Wu's lec-

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ture. This hall seats 250 ^{over 200} and we ^[27] are now worried for fear it won't be large enough, so great is the interest in Dr. Wu. Our members have guest privileges and the Fitchburg Club has been invited. We could have secured two attractive, much larger halls but the Art Museum is putting on a special exhibition of Chinese art and will have it ready for the evening of Sep't 29 and it is arranging a Chinese centerpiece for our tea table. We shall have a social hour with refreshments after Dr. Wu's talk. I am introducing her in the absence of our president.

Will you please tell me whether Dr. Wu would prefer a family dinner with mother and me the night she is here or one with guests present? It occurred to me that she might appreciate a chance to rest and relax between her luncheon date and speech in Boston and her evening meeting in Worcester. On the other hand, if

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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she has friends here or would enjoy a dinner party, I'd be delighted to have that. I want to arrange what she prefers. The Smith Club executive board, too, talked of a dinner at the Worcester Club but thought she might prefer dining at my home. We await her pleasure. She is so good to come to us and give us so much of her valuable time.

Will you please tell me about her travelling expenses? Florence Snow has sent me a copy of the letter she wrote you about the Portland Club and our Worcester Club would like to know about Dr. Wu's expenses, too. We are not having Dr. Wu to raise money but as speaker at our first regular club meeting. I am hop-

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ing a great many more Worcester people will be inspired to give regularly to Girding after hearing Dr. Wu. [47]

Isn't it thrilling that your husband is coming on the Gripsholm! I'd love to hear his experiences.

The Alumnae Register arrived yesterday and I have started to look over the names. Unfortunately most of the people I don't know. Florence Snow is the one whose checks will be most valuable. She knows our alumnae group.

I am delighted Dr. Wu will write a letter to go out this fall. Do you think I should write a brief message to accompany it or not? If you think I'd better, I'll make it very short, just expressing our gratitude for Dr. Wu's message, ~~thanking~~ the donors for their support last year and urging continued support this year. I'd be delighted to sign any foreword you might care to write!

Cordially, Ruth Toulmin

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September 16, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

We are sending you a picture of Dr. Wu which I hope will be useful to you. I am glad that plans for her visit to Worcester are going so well.

Dr. Wu is not here now, but I feel sure that she would prefer a quiet family dinner, rather than a large affair on the evening that she is to speak in Worcester. You will remember that she has a Smith luncheon in Boston that day, and therefore would probably prefer a quiet dinner.

Dr. Wu has not wanted Smith Clubs to take any part in her travel expenses. She is making this trip to Boston because she wants to visit Mrs. Thurston, and she is combining this visit with her appearances before the Clubs in Boston, Worcester, and Springfield. So, you see, she is not at any extra expense, and I am sure she would not be willing to have the Worcester Club pay her travel. The Smith Clubs are all supporting Ginling so generously that Dr. Wu is particularly anxious to do what she can for them while she is here in America.

I have not yet gotten Dr. Wu to write the letter to go out this fall, but I think that I will be successful when she has time to consider it. My idea would be to have it mailed some time late October or early November. I had thought that Dr. Wu's letter would be in the form of an attractive folder and that which it we could mail a short letter of appeal to our

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donors. Naturally you would write this letter to the Smith group and Ruth Scott would be the one to write it for the General group. I think the letter you outlined would be just what we want to send. We'll get down to details on this as we make progress with the folder.

I am enclosing for your consideration a corrected Alumnae Committee letterhead. We will need to order more very shortly and naturally want to have this year's members on it. Will you please supply the cities where Miss Gower, Mrs. Marsh, and Mrs. Thomson live? Also will you please check and see that the list as we have it is the correct one?

You will be interested to know that Dr. Wu is scheduled to appear before the Columbus Club on October 6th, and that the Indianapolis Club is also anxious to have her on the 8th or 9th. We suggested to the Cleveland Club that she visit them on the 4th or 5th of October, but since these dates did not suit their program, she will not be able to appear before them at all. She is combining these visits with another trip which she has to make to Cleveland and Indianapolis. As you know, the Portland Club has invited her there, but I am not sure that she is going to be able to go. The date they suggest is not convenient and so far we have not found any other date when she could accept their invitation. I wish she could visit all the Smith Clubs, but this doesn't seem possible.

With all best wishes,

Sordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: Picture of Dr. Wu
Corrected letterhead.

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September 21, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I hope that things are going nicely with you and your plans for Dr. Wu's visit to Worcester.

I know that you have been very busy with this activity but when it is over, there are still other matters to engage our attention. When you are ready to send your first letter to the Ginling Representatives in the Smith Clubs, we will be glad to do the mimeographing and mailing for you.

This leads me to ask whether or not you would like to suggest to the clubs that do not have Ginling Representatives the possibility of electing a member for this particular responsibility. In some of the clubs, of course, the President has been the one who has carried the work. However, there are several new clubs on our list that perhaps do not know about Ginling Representatives at all. They should be cultivated and given a chance to share in this good work. What do you think would be the best plan to get them interested?

The clubs that I have particularly in mind are:

Berkeley, California
Peninsula, California

Jacksonville, Fla.
Lakewood, Ohio

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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September 21, 1943

Of course, we are always happy to do anything in the way of office work for you and help you in any way possible.

My regards to your mother.

With all best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Miss Ruth Tomlinson

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson
33 Power Street
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Plumer Mills:

I am glad to hear that you are well and hope you are enjoying the autumn weather.

I have just received your letter of the 17th and am glad to hear that you are well and hope you are enjoying the autumn weather.

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Very truly,
Miss Ruth Tomlinson

Very truly,
Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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ALUMNAE COMMITTEE FOR GINLING COLLEGE

of

The Alumnae Association of Smith College

38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass

September 22, 1943

Ruth Tomlinson '14, *Chairman*
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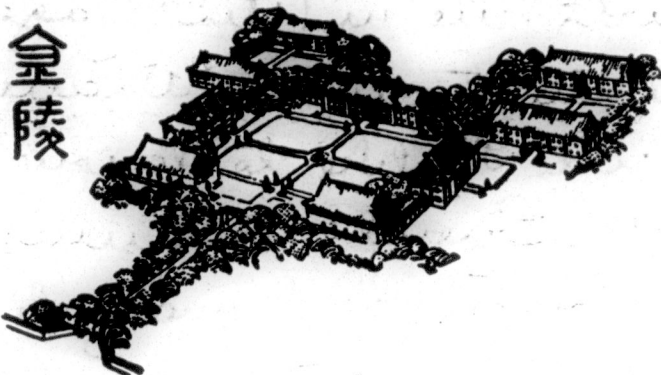
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GINLING COLLEGE
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My dear Mrs. Mills:

Our Smith Club president has departed and I spend most of my time at home answering the phone about the meeting with Dr. Wu as guest or calling up people to invite them. Members are slow about returning their cards, all our invited guests seem to be accepting with great pleasure, and our present worry is to know how many educators and prominent citizens we can invite and not tax the capacity of the hall. We shall probably end up with too many or too few. We can't tell what the members who fail to return their cards are doing.

Our publicity chairman is still clamoring for Dr. Wu's picture. She asked me to request you to send it to "~~Haney Bureau~~ Miss Haunce Hurley Worcester Telegram and Gazette Worcester, Mass."

Sent Spec Del 9/24/43
if you haven't already mailed it to Mrs. Wellington

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The paper next Tuesday, Sept 25, wishes to print it.

Have you any idea when Dr. Wu is arriving in Worcester? A friend of hers and mine, Miss Mabel Gage, is meeting her with me in Miss Gage's car and keeps phoning to learn the train on Wednesday next. I am anxious, too, because I'd like to know whether to invite three of Dr. Wu's friends to dinner. If Dr. Wu doesn't leave Boston until 5, we'd hardly have time for a dinner party, since the meeting is at 7:45.

I've asked Margaret Thomson to write the news letter to the campus and suggested she get in touch with you. Not a word have I heard from her. I assumed, ~~probably~~ erroneously, that she had written you.

As soon as our meeting for Dr. Wu is over, I'll write a letter to the Quilting Representatives in the Smith Clubs and also write the four clubs you have listed asking them to appoint Quilting Representatives. I'll write the circular letter, send it to you, and you can improve on it. It's such a help to have you mimeograph and mail it for me.

Should we have more writing paper printed with the revised committee list? I know I didn't use up all of this from last year. After you gave me the smaller sheets with just "Quilting College" I used those. The size seemed better to me.

It's such fun to be writing to someone I know!

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Cordially yours,
Felt Thomson

SOUTH SHORE SMITH COLLEGE CLUB

63 Sea Ave

Quincy 69, Mass

September 23, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

The Incoming Representative for the South Shore Smith
College Club for the year 1943-44 will be:

Mrs. Harold C. Keith ('08 Ethel Bourne)
1383 Main Street
Campello, Mass.

Sincerely,

Helen Powers, Sec.

(Mrs. M. C. Powers)

(over)

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✓ Captain Charlotte D. Gower
Headquarters Marine Corps Division
Women's Reserve
Washington, D.C.

✓ Mrs. J. Claude Thomson
38 Alexander St.,
Princeton, N.J.

✓ Mrs. Allison W. Marsh
62 Hillcrest Place
Amherst, Mass

Not one word have I heard from
Mrs. Thomson. I'm hoping still write
the campus letter, as requested, but
I don't know. I asked her to get in
touch with you. Of course she may
have been away all summer.

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September 24, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I am sending you a carbon copy of a letter which I wrote to you on September 16th and which evidently has never gotten to you. As you see, in that, I enclosed a copy of a picture of Dr. Wu for your publicity purposes. I also sent a corrected letterhead for your consideration.

Your letter of September 22nd has just come in and made me realize that this letter of mine has been lost, and with it, of course, some valuable time. We are sending to Miss Hurley, at once, special delivery, the picture that you requested.

I am afraid I cannot tell you when Dr. Wu expects to arrive in Worcester, but as I said to you in my letter of the 16th, I feel quite sure that she would rather not have a dinner party that evening. She has a luncheon in Boston, which will probably occupy her until around 3 o'clock. I don't know the schedule between Boston and Worcester, but it would seem to me that she could hardly get away from Boston before four, and there may not be a train at that time. I'll try to find out what her plans are and let you know definitely within the next day or two. But again, I say I do not think a dinner party that evening would be a good plan.

I have heard nothing from Margaret Thomson, but if you have written to her, I will send her the things that I have and let her make up the news letter from them. I don't

September 24, 1943

suppose there is any very great rush since we did not get this letter out last year until about the end of October.

I thought you would want to wait until after Dr. Wu's visit before starting on your letters to the Clubs. When you are ready, we will do all we can to get them out for you.

As soon as you can let us have the letterhead back, we will have it printed and I will send you the new ones.

With all best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: Carbon of Sept. 16th letter
Corrected letterhead

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P.S. It has occurred to me that you may not have the full addresses of the

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new committee members, so I send them on the

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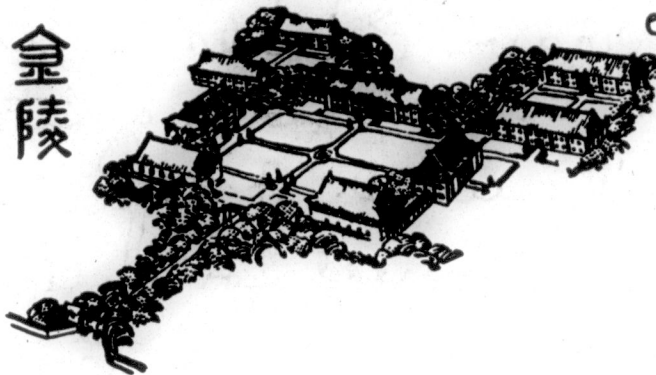
September 26, '43

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back of the enclosed letter, which need not be returned.

GINLING COLLEGE
AMERICAN OFFICE
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mrs. Mills:

I have added the addresses of the new Ginling committee members and changed that of Katharyn Little to Washington, D.C., but I thought I'd better have Florence Snow verify my information, since several of the members are in war work or else their husbands are and you never know when they'll be moved. She will send the list to you. I should think half as much paper, ^{as last year} need be printed and sent to us. Now that we don't have committee meetings it is harder to divide up the work. Travel conditions make it difficult to get committee members together. Perhaps I'd used as much since I have to write many letters. When Dr. Wu's meeting is over, I'll write the letter to Ginling representatives and the letter to the new Smith clubs, asking them to appoint representatives. Wouldn't it be better to use Ruth Scott's letter (most of which you write, I know) with a few changes to fit Smith donors, when we send out Dr.

Wm's message? I did that last year, as you remember, and it seemed satisfactory.

The Worcester paper had a leader announcing that I was "entertaining for Dr. Wm." Friends in the Smith Club, travel friends of mine, and those who knew Dr. Wm visualized a glittering dinner to which they weren't invited. A diplomatic crisis was averted by Dr. Wm's request for just a family dinner. I shouldn't have known which friends to pick among the many who were longing to be invited.

Sara Cousins speaks in Worcester Tuesday evening before a club at the Unitarian Church. I plan to phone her there to see when she thinks the Boston meeting will be through and what train she thinks Dr. Wm can catch.

Everyone we invite wants to come. To-night 185 have accepted out of a possible 250, if every seat is filled. If only the Smith Club members would return their cards! Many are still to be heard from and I don't dare invite more guests until I learn what these members are doing. Our president is away and the secretary is new and too busy with her family and a Y.W.C.A. campaign (her husband is head of the Y.W.) to do anything, even to stay at home to give me information, so I am very busy with the details of the meeting, to which we are all looking forward.

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Yours,

Ruth Tomlinson

over

September 29, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Miss Snow has sent me the letterhead with the correct addressed added, so now we will place the order with the printer.

I think you are quite right about the amount each Committee member will need. Last year we sent 50 sheets to each one and I doubt if anyone but you used anything like that number. I think 20 or 25 sheets will be ample this year. Of course, you need far more than that, so I shall send you at least 100 to start on and more as you need them.

I have had you very much in my mind all day, as this is your big day. I do hope that Dr. Wu arrives on time and that all goes well with the evening program. I know it will mean much to you to have her with you.

Dr. Wu has promised to dictate the letter to Ginling friends in America which we want to send out this year. When she does that, I'll see to the printing and then turn my attention to the letter of appeal which will go with it. I think you are right that we might as well use one form for Smith and general donors, with the minor changes which might be necessary.

Margaret Thomson hasn't gotten in touch with me yet about the campus news letter, so I am going to write to her. I know her very well and can easily raise the question with her.

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September 29, 1943

Sincerely yours,

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Worcester, Mass

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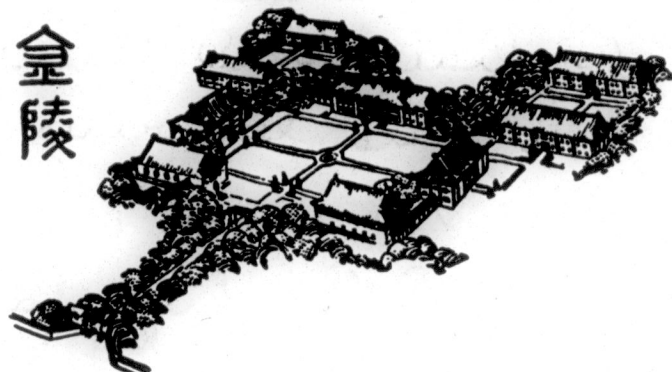
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GINLING COLLEGE
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Dear Ginling Representatives:

It is a pleasure for me to greet again so many of you who served last year and to welcome our new members.

You will be delighted to learn that we raised through the Alumnae Committee a little over \$10,000 last year, a substantial increase, much needed by Ginling. Of this sum the Clubs gave \$5586.67 and individuals \$4542.00. Some clubs contributed for the first time, many doubled their gifts, and a few did even better. We are very grateful to you and your clubs which have made 1942-3 such a banner year.

We must not rest on our laurels, however, because inflationary prices in China are increasing more rapidly than our gifts, so that Ginling needs even more financial support from us this year to avoid a deficit. Dr. Wu, my guest this past ~~week~~ ^{Wednesday}, told me of the necessary

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increase in the Girding budget, due to mounting costs. Any additional amount we can raise will be deeply appreciated. One American dollar buys twenty Chinese dollars.

^{Some} ~~Many~~ clubs have had the rare privilege of meeting Dr. Wu and hearing her inspiring message of hope and courage in spite of all the difficulties China and Girding face. I wish Dr. Wu might visit all of your clubs. ^{But} Since she is here on a government mission and her time and strength are limited, that will not be possible, but ~~I know she is accepting club invitations which can be fitted into her busy schedule.~~ ~~Mrs. W. Plummer Wells at the Girding New York office, 150 Fifth Avenue, is in charge of Dr. Wu's schedule.~~

If ^{the Girding Office} ~~Mrs. Wells~~ or I can be of any help to you this year, please do not hesitate to write us.

Will you please express to your clubs Dr. Wu's thanks and the gratitude of your Alumni Committee for the splendid support they have given Girding and the increased interest shown in our sister college?

Sincerely yours,
Ruth Touchison

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Swan in the mountains so
had to miss the luncheon
at the College Club in Septem-
ber - Swan sorry not to see
thea Dr. here -

With best wishes for the work

Sincerely

October 14th Hilda Clark

No reply seemed necessary

2 OLIVER STREET

SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

My dear Miss Tomlinson

Your letter

from the Alumni Committee
for singing has come -

I am sending it on to
Miss Rosamund Wheeler
6 Cambridge Street Salem -

at an annual meeting
in the Spring she was
appointed the Singing
representative for our
Salem Smith Club -

Her Union Partner's
sudden death - probably
is the reason for having
been notified of the change -

Her Partner was our president
and died soon after the annual
meeting -

I shall of course retain my
interest in Singing but
her wheels should receive
future communication
for the Club -

Will you notify please
the proper authorities in
the matter -

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y/s 3

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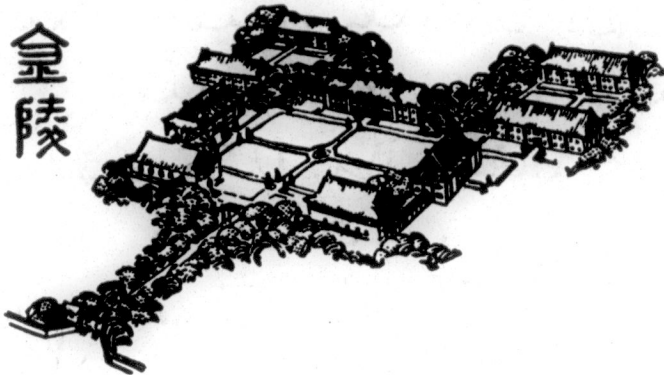
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GINLING COLLEGE
AMERICAN OFFICE
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Worcester, Mass.

October 3, 1943

My dear Mrs. Mills:

Here is a tentative copy of the letter which should go to the club representatives before Dr. Wu's letter is sent to them and to the individual donors. You will undoubtedly want to revise it. You may not have the figures on club gifts and individual gifts. You may think it too "begging" a letter. Suggestions will be appreciated. Dr. Wu may not be able to accept any more Smith Club invitations. If so, just change it to: "Since her time and strength are limited, that is not possible" and omit the rest of that paragraph. If it sounds as though Dr. Wu spent the past week with me, it should be changed to: "my guest last Wednesday," because, while I wish she had been my guest a week, she wasn't and didn't have the time and it would be misleading to have the club think she could spend a week with me when she had to decline some of their invitations.

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If you think the letter is all right with a few omissions and simple changes, just make them and send it out. If you'd prefer a letter of a different type, send this one back with suggestions. I feel you know so much more about the work than I do, though I'm learning.

Wednesday with Dr. Wu as my guest was indeed a banner day. She is so charming, brilliant and with a spiritual quality born of suffering and devotion to high ideals. She is such fun, too, and such a wonderful guest in your home. How I hated to go off to school Thursday morning and miss breakfast and the morning with her!

The Smith Club meeting went off wonderfully I think. The hall was filled, everyone (members and guests - we had the leading people of the city as guests) has told me how much he or she enjoyed meeting Dr. Wu and hearing her very fine talk, and the social hour with a reception for Dr. Wu was fatiguing to her, I know, but everyone else enjoyed it hugely. I am sending Dr. Wu two clippings about the meeting, which I'm sure will let you read. I thought the reporter gave an excellent digest of her speech.

I do appreciate your willingness to write the letter of appeal to donors. You will know what Dr. Wu has written and can write a more fitting letter than I could.

Has much money come in yet as a nest egg for our 1943-44 pledge to Girdling? Yours,
10-3-43 Ruth Tomlinson

October 7, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I think the letter you sent is a splendid one, and with very minor changes, it is being prepared for mailing. I could not improve on it and I did not want to take anything from it. I did change the sentence which made it seem as though Dr. Wu had been with you for a week. It reads instead: "On a recent visit to Worcester, Dr. Wu told me. . . .". This will take care of any discrepancies of your date of "last Wednesday" and the time the letter actually goes out. I have also left out the sentence in which you say that it might be possible to arrange for Dr. Wu to address more Smith Clubs. Her program is filling up so rapidly that I hesitate to make even a suggestion that might lead to still more invitations which she would have to refuse.

We will have to wait a day or two for the new letterhead before we can mail the letter. However, it is promised to us by tomorrow night, and so I hope to have the letters in the mail Saturday.

You will note on the letter that the total figure amounts to \$10,128.67. This is a little more than appears on our official record for the year, since we closed the books a little before June 30th. However, this \$10,128.67 is the amount that actually came in between July 1, 1942, and July 1, 1943. This is indeed a splendid record for a year, and I hope that we can keep it up for this year as well.

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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October 7, 1943

Since July 1, 1943, we have had \$612. I think that is a fairly good beginning for the year's work.

We are glad indeed to know that your Worcester meeting was such a successful one. I know that Dr. Wu enjoyed it because she told me so. I think her days in New England were rather strenuous and she was somewhat tired when she got back, but she seemed to have enjoyed the trip and spoke enthusiastically of the many kindnesses and the great hospitality that had been shown her.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: Gift sheets

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Note written by me in acknowledgment

October 8, 1943

My dear Miss Tomlinson:

Mrs. Nelson B. Chester, '01, 29 Whitman Avenue, West Hartford, is again our Ginkling Representative for the Hartford Smith College Club.

Perhaps you will be interested to know that the Hartford Club is to be one of the sponsors, with the United China Relief, of Dr. Wu's lecture on Monday evening, November 15. We hope to stimulate interest among our younger members through urging all to attend the meeting. Our experience has been that more recent graduates are less interested in Ginkling than we wish. Perhaps hearing Dr. Wu will help them realize that important work for the world is being accomplished in Chinese colleges like Ginkling.

Sincerely yours,
Marian B. Andrews
(Mrs. E. C.),
President

19 Avalon Road
West Hartford 7
Conn.

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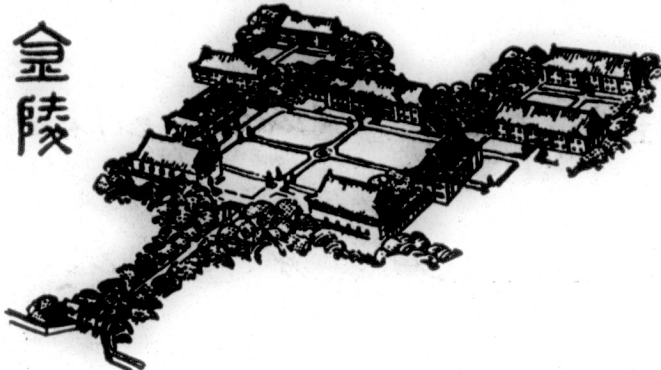
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Sincerely yours,

Ruth Tomlinson

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The Albany Association of Smith College

East Tomlinson 14, Albany
West 14, Albany
Albany 14, Albany
Albany 14, Albany
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I made an effort last year to get my
name off your list of Girling Representatives

as I have never had the honor of

that office. As an individual interested

in Girling, I am glad to know what

is going on, and if you continue to

send me letters please send to Woodstock

as we have moved.

Louise C. Hazen

I have written Miss Hazen explaining that we
did not know the Girling representative of the Ver-
mont Club but that I had written Florence Snow
asking if she knew who the representative was. If
she didn't know, I had asked for the name of the
president of the club, so that I might write her direct-
ly and get the desired information. I assured Miss Hazen
that her name would be dropped from our file of Girling
representatives and thanked her for the interest she
expressed in Girling.

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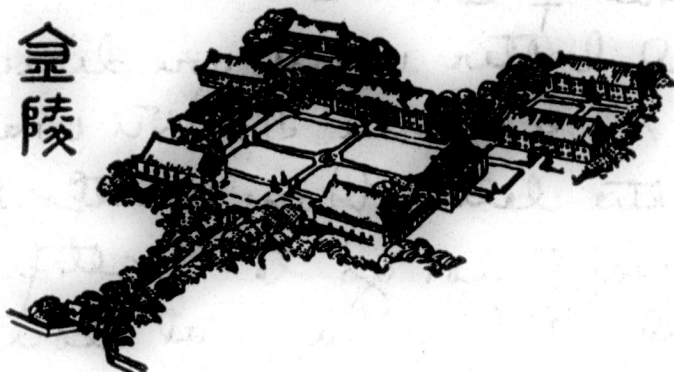
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My dear Mrs. Mills:

On the Ford news broadcast it said that the exchange of American internees from Japan had taken place and that our citizens were now on the Gripsholm. I thought of you and of how happy you soon would be. Your husband will be home for Christmas and perhaps Thanksgiving.

I am enclosing two letters which came to me and which do not need to be returned.

You can see that I am using the new paper. Thank you for getting it out for our committee and for mailing my letter for me. The changes you made were excellent and made the letter read much more smoothly. I think it was an improvement over last year's. This year I really feel I know what I am doing.

Has Dr. Wu gotten in touch with Ulira Wilson? Ulira, principal of Northfield Seminary and an alumna trustee of Smith, sent me a day letter about a week ago, asking how she could get in touch with Dr. Wu. She wanted her to speak to the students either October 26 or 28, I believe, but said if those dates weren't convenient, she'd arrange one to suit Dr. Wu. I replied at once and told her

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I thought Dr. Wu was at Smith over October 12 and that she could be reached by telephoning Mrs. Scales or Florence Snow. I also said you were in charge of her program and that if Dr. Wu could not be reached at Smith, Mira had better write you directly. I have heard no more, so assume Dr. Wu was contacted. Since receiving the letter from Hartford, I am wondering if Dr. Wu might not go to Northfield from there, if she can go at all. A few days at Northfield I might be a welcome rest for her. I shall be interested to learn how Mira's attempts to get in touch with Dr. Wu came out.

Since the Washington Club gave two large sums last year to Guilford, it may be hard to raise over \$10,000 for 1943-4, but that is my goal and will hope for the best. On account of Mrs. Eastman's tea last fall we may have had more at this time in 1942 but I am pleased to learn we have \$612 as a nest egg for this year.

I hope Margaret Thomson has gotten to work on the campus news letter. If Dr. Wu has just visited Smith, Mrs. Thomson's letter might be sent a little later. Perhaps Dr. Wu's letter could be used now with just a word from Mrs. Thomson. You know so much more about those campus letters than I do - when they should arrive and what they should contain.

I am sure you mailed Florence Snow one of my letters. She kept it on file, I believe.

Cordially and gratefully,
Ruth Thomson

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ELLEN HOLT - 570 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD - LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS

My dear Miss Tomlinson,

Thank you for your letter about Girding. I am puzzled by the new "Community and War Drive" because the China Colleges are included. Does that mean that we make no further solicitation for Girding? I am sure that many of our subscribers will take it to mean that or will ask the question. Yours sincerely

Ellen Holt

October 19, 1943

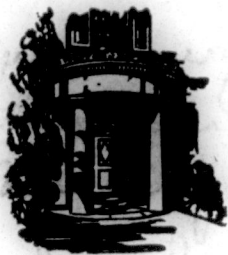
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I wrote Miss Holt immediately upon receipt of this letter and assured her that any gift to Chicago's "Community and War Drive" was not at all the same as the annual contribution to Gueling. I explained that Gueling would receive little, if any, of this fund and that the Smith Museum would not be credited with any of the amount raised. I urged Miss Holt to make her usual solicitation for Gueling and not to put that amount into this general fund. Let's hope we don't lose the gifts from Chicago!

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THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF SMITH COLLEGE

The Alumnae House

Northampton, Massachusetts

October 22, 1943

Dear Ruth,

I have just heard as perhaps you have too that Jane Evans Smyth is moving from Washington to Western Canada - Victoria, I think. Do you feel that she should be replaced on the Ginling Committee or can you still find her valuable by correspondence?

We had a superb time with Dr. Wu when she was here in Northampton. What a marvellous person she is!

As always yours

John W. H. S.

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever St.
Worcester, Mass.

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I wrote Florence Snow that I didn't know what to say about replacing Jane Smyth on the Ginling Committee. I said that except for the member of the committee who got out the news letters (Mrs. Thomson, we hope, this year) there was little that the others could do, now that travel conditions make committee meetings impractical. I feel that the committee members are chiefly valuable for stimulating interest in Ginling in their various sections

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of the U.S.A.

I concluded by saying that since Jane Smyth had only one more year to round out her term and since the paper has already been printed for this year, it seemed too bad to replace her. I did suggest that next year it might be well to have a representative from Chicago or Minneapolis, thus recognizing that section of the U.S.A.

Would it be a good idea to have the list of this year's Greeting Representatives typed and sent to each committee member? It might be well to put on such a list the Smith club presidents. Then I could write each committee member and ask her if she knew well or even slightly a Greeting representative or club president. She could then write her friend.

I plan to write myself or have a committee member write to each club which gave for the first time (I've done this already) or increased its contribution, thanking such a club personally.

As each club gift was reported to me by you I have jotted it down under the 1942-43 gifts from the clubs, so I think my list is accurate. But if you are ever typing such a complete ^{list} for your office, I'd appreciate a copy. I haven't totaled the gifts from New York or Chicago, for example.

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October 22, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Thank you for your letter of October 17th and enclosures. We have noted the change of the Salem Smith Club Representative, and I read with interest the letter from Mrs. Andrews, saying that the Hartford Club would be one of the sponsors of Dr. Wu's lecture in Hartford on November 15th. Miss Welcher has been working on this and I am sure it will be a successful program.

I have not yet heard anything from Margaret Thomson, but I am writing to her again today and gently reminding her that we are still hoping for a letter for the campus and Ginling Representatives in the Clubs. I am also inviting her to the meeting of the Committee on American Support next Friday, when all publicity matters will be discussed. If we can get her to the meeting, perhaps we can get her to do the letter.

This letter really started out to be an invitation to you to attend the meeting of the Ginling Board on November 12th. This is the regular fall meeting of the entire Board, and I hope very much that it will be possible for you to be with us. Dr. Wu, of course, will be present and this will be her last opportunity to meet with the Board before she returns to China. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 in the morning, which I fear is rather dreadful for people out of town, but we hope to do all the business in one session and therefore are starting early. We shall be happy to have you with us that day.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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MRS. DICKSON H. LEAVENS
1151 EAST 56TH STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

October 25, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Mills:

It has been good to have Miss Tomlinson's letter and occasional news of President Wu or Mrs. New from common friends. The comments gleaned through the New York Times with regard to talks which Dr. Wu has given indicate the real contribution to thought on a high plane which her presence has given the groups with which she has met.

Have any plans been made for a visit to Chicago? If she does come will the Smith Club have the chance for a tea or something for her?

They expect Professor Hans Kohn during the Christmas holidays, and do not plan any other special meeting until about April. If Dr. Wu should be here, ^{at any time} however, I hope we can do something to give Smith alumnae an opportunity to see her. The president of the Club, a classmate of mine, Mrs. Joseph Hanson, wishes to know what the possibilities are. She would feature her for the April meeting, if that should be when she would be coming. Because of the difficulty of finding meeting places she will be glad to know what might be possible as far ahead as you can tell. Jan. 3-7

Unless something new develops, I plan to be in Norwich, Connecticut, with my mother for about two months in the late winter, probably about February and March. I should be greatly disappointed if I should miss Dr. Wu here (or anywhere).

I saw Mrs. Ma (Dju Chieh-fang) at an A.A.U.W. meeting Friday night. She is a great addition to our Chicago branch. She is studying Criminal Law and History - has dropped Constitutional Law which ^{she} was carrying too. In our Arts study program of A.A.U.W. we have been studying the contributions which other racial groups have made to our culture, and started with China. It has given me much joy through the several programs, in some of which I have shared. Now I am taking a course with Miss Lucy Driscoll "A Chinese Way of Life" stressing painting and calligraphy in a charming manner.

(Ang Hwei-lan)
Mrs. Siu's baby is a dear, and she and Paul think the world of her, it appears. They have moved to 1375 E. 57th St., Chicago, 37, Illinois, relatively near us. She stopped with Joan a few days ago.

You must be counting every hour until the Gripsholm arrives. My warmest good wishes are with you, as always,
Marilyn B. Levens

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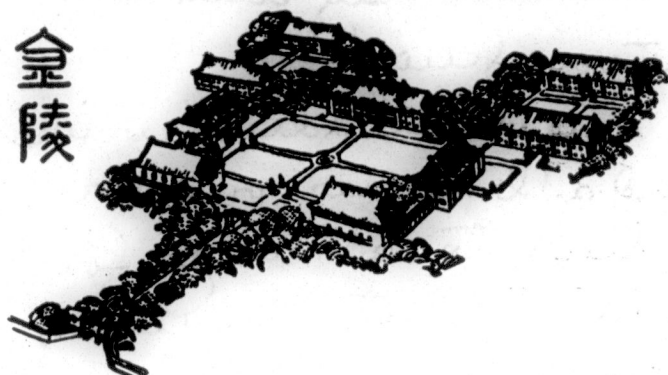
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My dear Mrs. Mills:

I have delayed writing you because I still don't know whether I can accept your invitation to attend the meeting of the Ginling Board on November 12th. I think it is very doubtful, however, if I can. Florence Cobb, formerly of Kyoto, is visiting me next week. She will probably return to New Britain some time Thursday, the 11th, but I'm not sure.

Armistice Day is a holiday in our schools. The pupils seem to feel we'll get the 12th off, too, to conserve coal, and if we do I'll get to New York somehow on Thursday. I personally don't think the schools will be closed on the 12th and if they are not I think it inadvisable to ask our new superintendent to be away on that day. Between holidays and rationing we have taught little and to ask for a Friday off after a Thursday holiday is frowned upon. Too many teachers would be willing to forego one day's pay for such a long week-end. I'll have to ask Mr. Power to let me miss school for Smith Alumnae Council and hesitate to go to him now.

I shall probably not know what is to be done

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about the 12th until after the school committee meeting on this week Friday. Don't count on me, much as I'd love to be with you, meet the Board members, and have the great privilege of another day with Dr. Wu. If I find I can attend I'll let you know.

Our former superintendent would let me do anything but he had a bad nervous breakdown last spring so I couldn't ask him to let me go for the May meeting, he had to resign in the late summer, and I have no idea what this new man will permit. Knowing that no school official favors absence the day after a holiday and the day marks are issued, I don't want to imperil my chances to make my report at Alumnae Council by a false move now. Let's hope November 12 is a holiday!

Will Dr. Wu be in this country the first week in February to attend Alumnae Council? I wish she might. She'd meet all the leaders of the Alumnae Association and of the Smith Clubs.

I am enclosing some letters with comments of mine on them. Nothing needs to be returned.

Cordially yours,
Ruth Thomson

P.S. If Mrs. Thomson won't write the news letters, let me know and I'll have to ask someone else. I do hope Mrs. Thomson will consent. If she won't, do you advise Kathryn Little, who has lived in China, or Charlotte Gower (who is probably too busy to do it) or Mrs. Eastman, who is near New York to run in to your office? I know Florence Snow wants Mrs. Thomson to do the letters, as do you and I.

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November 8, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I am still hoping that it is going to be possible for you to be with us on Friday at the Board meeting, although I have not yet heard from you definitely. As you know, this will be the last meeting that Dr. Wu will attend and it will be therefore particularly important to have as many as possible present.

Dr. Wu will not be here the first week in February and so it will not be possible for her to attend Alumnae Council meeting. In this connection, there is a question that I have had in my mind for some time and to which only you can give me the answer. Since there was no meeting of the Ginling Committee at Commencement time this spring, I do not know what amount the Alumnae Committee has pledged for the current year. Has this matter been considered, or will it be taken up at a Ginling meeting at the time of Alumnae Council meeting? I know that you have said several times that \$10,000 was your goal, but I do not suppose that the Committee wants to pledge that amount now. This question came up in connection with the Ginling budget for the year, and I did not know what amount to put in from the Smith Alumnae Committee.

Margaret Thomson has been in to see me and is working on the letter to go to the campus and the Ginling Representatives. I am sure she will do a good job and she seems very willing to give some time to it. So I hope that problem is solved.

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November 8, 1943

I quite agree with your answer to Miss Snow in regard to Mrs. Smyth's completing her term of service on the Alumnae Committee. As you say, she has only one more year to serve, and I certainly do not think we want to drop her from the Committee before her term is out. No matter where she is, we will want her to work for Ginling and use her interest in the College to arouse other interest in her community.

In answer to Miss Holt's question about the National War Fund and Smith support of Ginling, may I say that I think you have given her the right slant. As a matter of fact, there is no difference this year between this relationship and our relationship in the past to U.C.R. We are just a little more highly organized with U.C.R. a part of the National War Fund. However, this makes no more difference to the Smith support of Ginling than it has in the past when we did not count the gifts from Smith Alumnae in Chicago in U.C.R. funds. I agree with you that we cannot afford to lose the gifts from Chicago.

Thank you for the word from Miss Hazen. She did try to set us straight last year, but since our office files showed that she had been listed as the Ginling Representative for some years, we just kept her on in that capacity. From now on, however, we will not so regard her. Since this Club seems to have no Representative, can you tell me who the President is?

We will prepare a list of this year's Ginling Representatives and include the Presidents as well. I think you are right, it would be a good plan to send such a list to each of your Committee members, and as soon as they are ready, I will send them out.

I am enclosing the 1942-43 record of gifts from Clubs. As you will note, there is a blank column where you can enter the 1943-44 gifts as they are reported to you.

I am sorry to report that we still have not made much progress on the letter from Dr. Wu to Ginling friends in America. Hope springs eternal in the human breast, and I am still hoping to get it out this month.

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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P.S. I wish Dr. Wu
would write the
letter describing
life at Gwilling as
our fall appeal. It
reaches this month.

CABLE & TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"HOSTEL, CAPE TOWN"

TELEPHONE NO.
2-6771.

P.O. BOX 2608.

38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass

November 9, 1943



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before the Christmas
MOUNT NELSON HOTEL

CAPE TOWN

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Dear Mrs. Mills:

Though it is midnight, I want
to drop you a line to break the sad
news that I can't get to New York
for the annual meeting on Friday.
We have to teach on that day,
grades come out, and Mrs. Cobb, who
arrived this afternoon, isn't leaving
until late Thursday. I hope Mrs.
Eastman has been invited and can
attend. I suppose the minutes are
never published. Florence Snow
sent me a digest of last spring's
meeting, which I have kept.

About the sum our commit-
tee pledges toward the Gwilling budget
I assume it is \$5500 as it was
last year, though I don't know.
My own goal is \$10,000

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but I understood from Sara Collins that Florence Snow set or at least advised the \$5500 figure as a pledge. If a depression set in after this war it might be hard to raise much more than \$5500. It is much less worry for the committee, too, to pledge a sum it knows it can raise and then have the pleasure of raising double its quota.

There seems to be no chance to hold a general giving meeting until the war is over and college reunions are resumed and the Waves leave Northampton.

I'd like a meeting of the alumni committee but you remember last Christmas ^{in New York} there were only four of us with Barbara Wheeler the only committee member.

The president of the Vermont Smith College Club is Mrs. W. V. Mason 3 Lincoln St., Waterbury, Vt. I'll write her for the name of the giving representative this week-end.

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Yours, Ruth Toulerson

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November 16, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I am sorry you did not get to the meeting of the
Ginling Board on the 12th. It was entirely a business affair,
but it is always interesting and helpful to see the wheels go
round. I will be glad to send you a copy of the minutes when
we get them out.

According to the information in your letter, we are
writing \$5,500 in the budget as the amount pledged by Smith.
The Board took action that anything above this amount, that
was raised by your Committee, be sent to the field as an extra
fund outside of the budget. The Board further suggested that,
as a stimulus to making this amount as large as possible, the
Alumnae Committee be free to specify, from year to year, in
consultation with the Ginling office, the special project for
which this surplus would be used. At Dr. Wu's urgent request,
it was suggested that the project for this year be the Special
Faculty Aid Fund. The Smith Board members present, viz., Mrs.
Scott, Mrs. Hoskins, Mrs. Cushman and Mrs. Roys, all felt that
this would be what the Alumnae would want. They can thus have
the satisfaction of feeling that not only are they helping to
keep the regular work of the College going, but that they are
also helping to meet special personal needs of the faculty.
If you have any reactions to this point of view, we would be
glad to know them. Of course, you understand that these sug-
gestions will be put into effect only if they are agreeable
to the Alumnae Committee.

It has just occurred to me that the Special Faculty
Aid Fund may need a little explanation. This is a fund kept
on the field for purposes that its name would indicate, that
is, special faculty needs. Certain requirements, such as ex-

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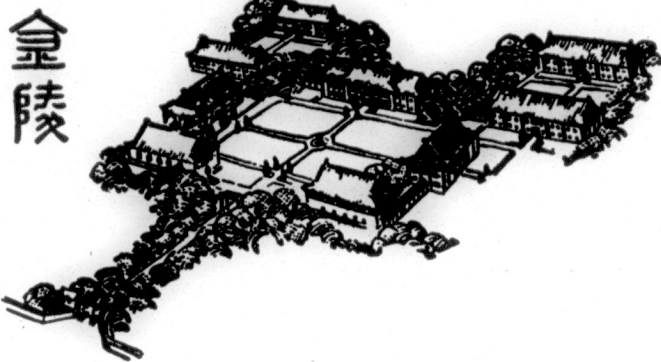
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My dear Mrs. Mills:

I am sending your letter to Florence Snow and asking her if I did the right thing to tell you I thought our amount pledged was \$5,500, the same as last year. I'll find out from her who determined the amount we pledge. Nobody has told me. I just took for granted that we gave the same sum each year but raised all over that we humanly could.

Your suggestion to use the extra money raised for the Faculty Aid Fund is an excellent one.

If anyone can get out our publicity letter, you can manage it. Good luck to you. I hope it will be soon.

Mother and I are in Rhode Island with mother's two oldest sisters, one of whom has had a shock. No nurse, trained or practical, was obtainable this afternoon when Aunt Hannah suffered the shock, so I am sitting up all night with her. There is little to be done, but I am beginning to be sleepy at 5 a.m. (we arrived here at 10 p.m.)

Cordially yours,
Ruth Tomlinson

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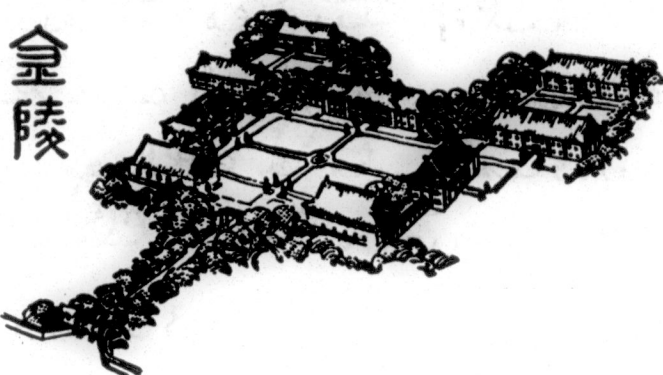
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GINLING COLLEGE
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Dear Smith Alumna:

Dr. Wu has taken time from her crowded schedule in this country to give us first hand news of Ginling. Her words speak eloquently of the achievements of Ginling amid the hard conditions of war and inflation. This year, even more than before, Ginling needs your generous support.

The Smith Alumnae pledge \$5500 annually to the budget of Ginling. If we raise more than that amount, as we did last year, the balance goes to the college for some special project. This year the project will be the Special Faculty Aid Fund to enable faculty members with limited budgets to buy costly and otherwise unobtainable articles like eye-glasses or to have expensive but necessary dental work done. If there is enough surplus, the money will be used for special medicines and vitamin products for students as well as faculty, and also certain essential articles of food that are available but too expensive to be included in regular budgets.

If you have recently contributed to the

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National War Fund, part of which will go to China,
you have not made your gift through the Alumni
Committee to Girding's budget. The War Fund is to
meet emergency needs; this contribution is for the
annual budget of the college. I am sure, if you can,
you will give generously to a college which is upholding
the ideals of Smith in war torn China.

Sincerely yours,
Ruth Toulinson

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November 26, 1943

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I am indeed sorry to hear of your aunt's serious illness and hope that she is making satisfactory progress.

I have the first draft of Dr. Wu's letter, and we will get it into the printer's hands as speedily as possible. Will you please write the letter that you want sent with it and let me have a copy at your earliest convenience? If I may make a suggestion, I think I would recognize that the National War Fund has already appealed for funds, part of which will go to China. However, you can say that the Smith-Ginling relationship is a continuing one, absolutely outside of the emergency needs that the War Fund seeks to meet. If we put our appeal to Smith women on this basis, I think they will understand more readily why we come to them just after the War Fund has canvassed the whole of the United States.

Dr. Wu's letter is entirely one of news about the College.

I hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving, in spite of the illness in your family.

With all best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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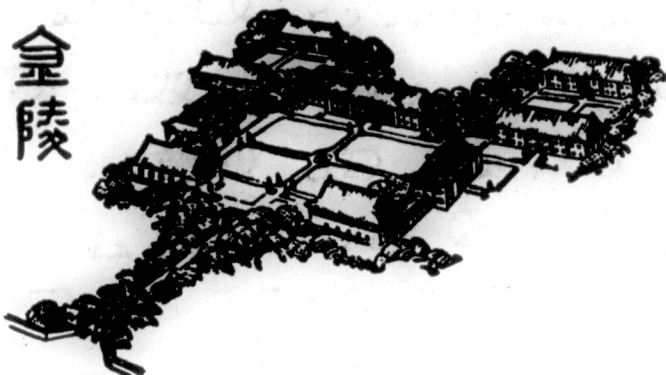
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My dear Mrs. Mills:

Whether the enclosed letter is suitable to accompany Dr. Wu's letter I do not know. Please feel free to scrap this entirely and write a note yourself or delete any part of my letter you want. I included the second paragraph thinking the special project would appeal to donors and we'd get more money but if you think we'd get less and it is a bad idea to mention a surplus, just cut out the paragraph. I sent your letter about the Special Faculty Aid Fund to Florence Snow, who was delighted with the suggestion. She said I did the right thing to pledge only \$500 from the alumnae toward the budget.

If I have not explained clearly the National War Fund relationship to our appeal, please change my letter. I am awaiting eagerly Dr. Wu's letter and hope mine fits in with it, so that I won't make you too much extra work.

I liked Margaret Thomson's news letter and

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shall write and thank her for taking charge of that important part of our committee's work. 1914 may be wrathy, however, that Ruth Chester, an illustrious member of our class was credited to 1912. That is a minor detail which doesn't matter at all. Probably no other 1914 person will see the letter.

My aunt passed away last Wednesday and the funeral was Saturday. We hated to have her go but it was better so, since she was paralyzed. My other aunt, eighty years old, has been very brave and insists on staying right in the old homestead except for visits here. I think she will be happier where she has always lived and where her friends are but I'm afraid she'll be very lonely and I don't feel too easy in my mind about having her stay in a large house alone with only day help.

Mother and I are invited to Baltimore for Christmas but we haven't decided yet whether to go and then spend some time in New York on our way home. The holiday season is so crowded in New York and on the trains that I incline now to the feeling that I'd rather go there later in the winter. Eleanor is insistent about Christmas, so we may weaken. If we are to be in New York I'll let you know.

What thrilling days these will be for you with your husband home! How I'd love to hear all about his experiences these last two years and his tales of his fellow passengers!

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Cordially yours,
Ruth Touchison

P.S. I've had no word from the President of the Vermont Smith Club about the Quilting representative

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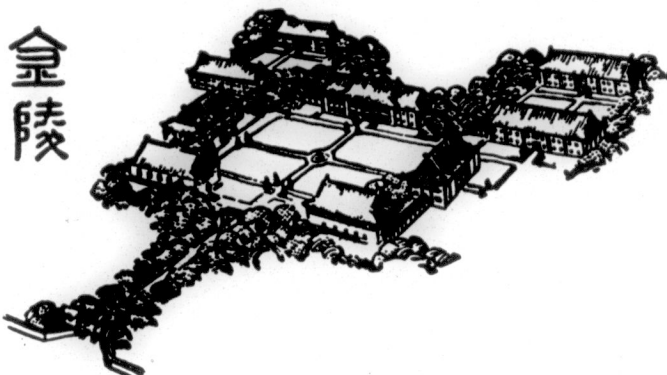
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Dear Smith Alumna:

This letter is a message straight from Ginling's President to you, a friend of Ginling. Simply and directly she tells of a college "running smoothly", taking inflation and privation and personal sorrow and national tragedy in its stride, and still maintaining high standards and a triumphant spirit.

It is a privilege to be associated with such a group. From them we learn courage and endurance and an uncalculating devotion to a standard.

We in America have just been asked to express our own devotion by giving to the National War Fund. Ginling will share in the generous response to this campaign through its connection with the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China and United China Relief. However, salaries and expenses have so increased due to war that regular income is totally inadequate. We must, therefore, look to Ginling's special friends for further help.

In the past Smith women have stood loyally by their sister college, and the Ginling budget is built with the confident assurance that the \$5,500 pledged each year will be raised. Last year there was in addition a generous surplus, and we hope the same will be true this year, since we are eager to send some special aid to a hard-pressed faculty. When food and clothes are over 100 times their normal price, and there are not sufficient funds to increase salaries at the same rate, such necessities as dental work, glasses, or extra vitamins, are apt to be crowded out. If we contribute generously this year, we will have a balance to put into the Special Faculty Aid Fund, which is used to meet such important personal needs of the men and women who are keeping Ginling going. I am sure that we will want to express our concern for them and pride in their work by making as generous a contribution as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Tomlinson

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

The past week has been a very exciting and full one for all of us who had any interest in the Gripsholm. I fear the result for me personally has been that I have done no Ginling work worth calling work for a week. Now, however, that conferences are pretty well over, we are beginning to shake down to something like a normal routine, and I hope to get on with the Ginling job.

I am sure you will be glad to know that most of those on the Gripsholm seem fairly well, although they are all exceedingly thin. My husband is very well, in spite of the fact that he lost twenty pounds, which he could ill afford to spare. I hope to help to get those pounds back on his gaunt frame as quickly as possible.

Enclosed we are sending you the list of Club Presidents and Representatives. I am sorry that this has been so long delayed, but we seemed unusually busy and have just now gotten around to getting it prepared. A copy will go to each of your Committee members.

I am also enclosing a copy of the letter that Dr. Wu wrote and which is now being prepared. I thought you would like a prepublication view of it.

I liked the letter you wrote to the Smith Alumnae, but I took advantage of the privilege you gave me of making some changes in it. The enclosed letter, which will go with Dr. Wu's

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letter, is the result of combining your ideas and mine, and I hope you will approve of the finished product. We hope that this will bring in many gifts and that leads me to the question of the "thank-you" that we use to acknowledge contributions. If you will send us the paragraph that you would like to use this year, we will have it mimeographed and ready when the gifts begin to arrive.

I thought Margaret Thomson's letter was a very good one indeed, and we have had several favorable comments on it. I am sorry that she put Ruth in the wrong class, and I hope that nobody is going to be too much upset. I don't quite see how it happened, as Ruth appears in all of our statements as belonging to 1914, but such a slip is quite easy to make.

If you and your mother go to Baltimore for Christmas I hope that you will plan to stop in New York long enough for us to have a real visit. I know the trains and hotels are always crowded at this season, but perhaps a visit with friends would be worth even such a price.

I know that it was hard for you to see your aunt go, but I know, too, that you feel as I did about my mother's death, that it was, after all, a blessed event. They had lived full lives and had reached the end, and we can rejoice that they are now free from suffering. We can also be thankful and rejoice in the records of such long and fruitful lives.

Looking forward to seeing you, and with allbest wishes for a joyous Christmas, I am

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: Copy of the Smith letter
List of Representatives and Presidents
Copy of Dr. Wu's letter

P.S. Here is the finished product instead. It just came from the printer's.

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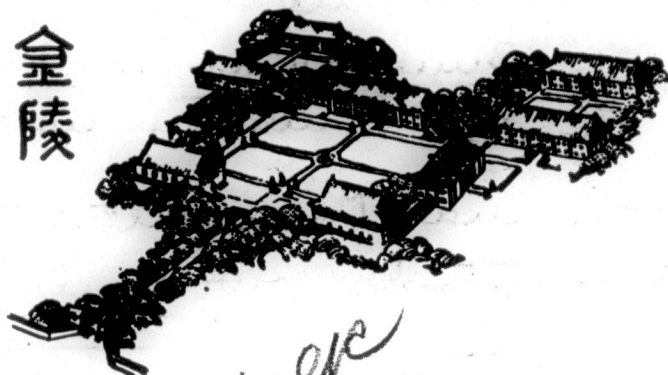
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My dear Mrs. Mills:

Thank you so much for the fine letter you wrote to accompany Dr. Wu's splendid message. Her picture is a wonderful likeness and I like so much the way you have gotten out her letter in the folder form. Had I not felt I was imposing on your good nature I'd have asked you to write the letter to begin with, for you knew what Dr. Wu said and could compose ^{as you did} a more appropriate note to go with the appeal. It should bring results!

I can't seem to find a copy of the "thank you" note I wrote last year. It may be much better than the effusion I have just penned. If this one is just as good, it might as well be used this year for variety. I give two forms because I don't know which you prefer - the formal, impersonal one or the one I'll put first:

My dear - (Write ^{or type} name of donor):

On behalf of the Smith Alumnae Committee for Ginling College I wish to acknowledge with gratitude

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your contribution to the budget of Guilting for the current year. Thank you for your gift and for your interest in Guilting. Your support helps ^{the College} Guilting to go forward in spite of soaring prices and other wartime difficulties in China.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Touluson

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Other version:

The Smith Alumnae Committee for Guilting College acknowledges with gratitude your contribution (etc. as above)

I always think the personal touch is better, where the donor's name is given, such as "My dear Mrs. Mills," but each letter may not be typed individually, so, if it is a form affair, you may prefer the second version. If it looks better to make a second paragraph ~~with~~ the sentence "Your support," that can be done. Use whatever you prefer and change it in any way you want.

Thank you for the list of Smith Club ~~representatives~~ and representatives. Christmas vacation I expect to stay home (though I may waken at the last moment), in order to leave all the seats in the trains for members of the armed forces. I'll write or get members of my committee to write to the presidents of the clubs where there are no Guilting representatives. I seemed to have no luck with the president of the Vermont Club!

I am delighted your husband is well, even though very thin. I wish I could give him some of my pounds. I hope to meet him when I spend a week in New York in February. Christmas week really suits me better for New York because several of my college friends go to Florida in January for the rest of the winter and I can't see them. Then I do like to spend Christmas in Baltimore. I can do so little, however, for the war effort except not travel when requested. Yours, Ruth Touluson

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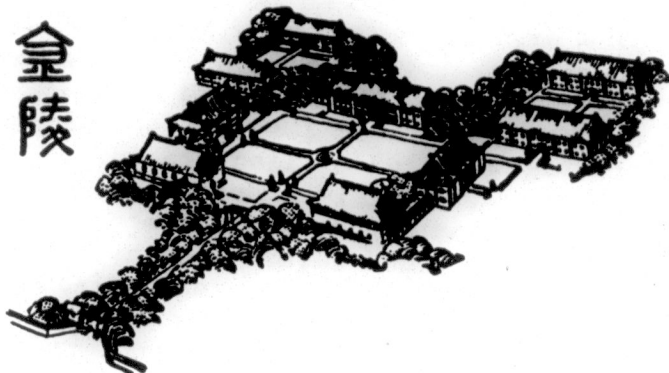
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Mrs. J. Plumer Mills
Ginling College
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Thank you for sending the excellent folder of Ginling news written as if it was a personal letter from Dr. Wu. I know that the givers to Ginling will appreciate having them. I am wondering if I could get more for distribution at the luncheon for Dr. Hans Kohn on Monday, January 3d. I shall not put one at each place, but will have some at each table and appoint one person to see that these who wish them have them. There is no telling how many will attend the luncheon, but I'll try to dispose of a hundred and fifty copies, there and at other times.

A beautiful Christmas message and card has come from President Wu too. You certainly have been busy there at 150 Fifth Ave., and with your husband on the Gripsholm too. I trust that he is in good health. We had the satisfaction of seeing Dr. Galt and Mr. Stanley Wilson at the Gilkeys' the other evening as they passed through Chicago.

About Mrs. New's plans for the week of January 3 to 7 - from what she wrote she will be having a full schedule, I imagine, even without the two events planned for the Smith contacts when we thought Dr. Wu was coming. I have not heard recently, but she was willing to do both, if we wished - appearing at the luncheon at Hotel Blackstone on Monday noon, ^{12:30} and then speaking at a more general tea at Mrs. Hanson's on Friday, the 7th. I hear that there is to be a special medical luncheon at Hotel La Salle on the 7th, with people from the Gripsholm(?) or whatever Dr. Hume is arranging. I think she would want to be there and also at the large evening meeting at which E. Stanley Jones and Dr. Walter Judd are to speak in Orchestra Hall. That, with her other probable events may be too taxing. I have written her that we will give up the idea of the tea if it is better for her. ^{Plans have been made for} At the luncheon the Smith Club Board is keeping it so strictly a Hans Kohn affair (and alumnae do want plenty of time for him to speak and to answer questions, for he is very well liked and respected and Europe's news ^{on which he is an authority} is in demand) that it will be possible just to introduce Mrs. New, without her speaking. I feel, however, that it will be fine to have her present, either at the head table, where Mrs. Hanson plans to have her, or with a group clamoring for Ginling news.

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We can go ahead with the plans for the tea, if it seems worth while. Mrs. Hanson is all set for it at her home, but we both are hesitating a bit for one or two reasons which I want to have you keep confidential. After we had written Mrs. New about it Mrs. Hanson found that the board was not in sympathy with it. They had not been impressed with Mrs. New's eloquence last spring and felt that they personally did not want to hear her again. It is unfortunate, for I know that Mrs. New did not do herself justice at all when she was here. It was the only time I have heard her, so I have nothing to compare with that talk. She did tell in detail what she was doing last winter as typical of the challenge which a Ginling alumna has to face, but I think she missed making that object clear and it may have sounded too egotistical-the farthest idea from her thoughts, I know. Then she read letters from Liu En-lan in too much detail. The crowd was spread out in all directions on the edges of a poorly shaped room with walls all enclosed, and some were at her feet; others at a great distance. She spoke of that afterwards and she herself felt that she did not do well. It was in the midst of her strenuous trip to the colleges and we had emphasized the informality of the talk. It was cruel to make her speak then. I tell you this so that you will understand the situation. We should undoubtedly get some Smith alumnae at a tea and some of the Friends of China and others who are particularly interested in meeting her. On the other hand, days are full of engagements and duties, getting out the invitations will be time-consuming for already burdened individuals; the Smith group will have had the Hans Kohn get-together that same week, and Mrs. New herself will be at the end of a busy (?) conference and full day (probably). I admire her so much and want others to see her at her best, so it is hard to know what to advise. You, at that end, can help us out. She may already have written us to give it up. If she feels that she wants to have us go ahead I know that we can have a ~~little~~ worthwhile small group at Mrs. Hanson's, so either plan is all right. I sent a hurried note to Mrs. New Friday night airmail, special delivery. I do hope it did not arrive at some outlandish hour to trouble her or Dr. Wu. *I'd like to hear as soon as is convenient.*

By the way, I meant to tell you that someone spoke of your introduction of President Wu (at the Shanghai Tiffin Club ?) as a perfect one.

How my heart goes out to those in Chengtu, as in all parts of China, with the terrific problems they must surmount! Such an interesting letter came from the Chang Fu-liangs in Kanhsien, Kiangsi! I was delighted to see that Margaret was a Ginling student. The Changs were precious colleagues of ours at Changsha.

Warm personal regards to you, and if Dr. Wu has not already gone, please give her my thanks for the beautiful Christmas card. I want to send my warm love to Ruth Chester, Chang Hsiang-lan, whom I saw in Colorado, Liu En-lan, Catherine Sutherland, and various others. I cherish every word from them, but tell them of it so little.

Yours sincerely,

Majorie B. Levens