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MRS. DICKSON H. LEAVENS
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January 1, 1945

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

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Happy New Year! May the year bring more joy and general welfare in the world than seems apparent at the threshold.

At the Smith Club luncheon the other day I sat beside Mrs. Charles C. Buell and her daughter Nancy, a junior at Smith. 970 Armour Circle Lake Forest, Ill.

I found them both interested in Ginling, and Mrs. Buell asked for one of the blue folders which came recently to me. Will you please send her one. If there is one of Margaret Thomson's letters handy, put that in too. I could use about six of them myself, if there are plenty.

In talking with Nancy as to Ginling at Smith she felt the lack of vigorous publicity - our eternal problem there. With Ettie Chin back and at the college there may be one good contact. She thought the girls could be deeply interested if kept informed of Ginling events through good publicity. One comment she made about President Wu. She was very sad that the whole college did not have a chance to hear her at Assembly. She felt that merely a handful, and those the ones who would be naturally most interested, even without spurs, met Dr. Wu.

You may be interested in one of the examination questions in a senior course, Prof. Harlow's, I imagine, relative to what "you" would talk about if you chanced to be in Burma and met a nurse or other worker who had had some training at Ginling. This was on a paper just before Christmas.

A dinner for Prof. Hans Kohn will ~~be~~ take place next Monday evening, Jan. 8, at the Fortnightly Club. Is there time to mail me about 50 to 75 of the blue booklets to distribute then? I have permission from Mrs. Hanson, the Smith Club president. How many Chicago women had them? All who contributed? There may be 200 (with husbands and guests) but I doubt the wisdom of having one at each place, particularly if some have had them. If pressed for time, mail them to me, Care Smith College Club, The Fortnightly of Chicago, 120 E. Bellevue Place, Chicago 11, Ill.

My best to you and to Ginling!

Margaret H. Leavens

What do you know of a speaker on
Ginling for a March tea at Mrs. Hanson's?

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Mrs. Leavens's home
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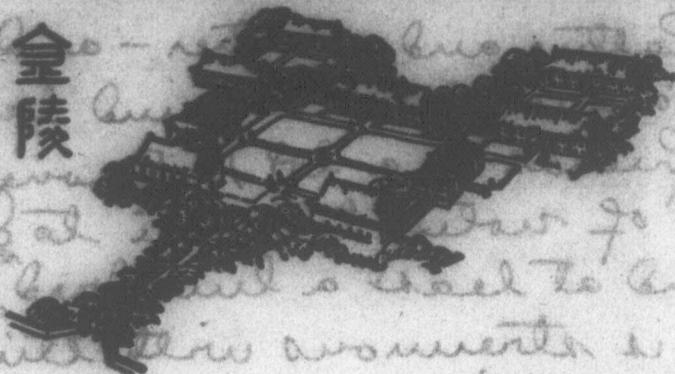
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My dear Mrs. Mills:

You must wonder what had happened to me! I have received your encouraging reports of the money flowing in but I have certainly been a very inactive chairman.

The Wednesday after Christmas mother had a severe cerebral hemorrhage, tumbled almost at once into a coma and passed away in five days, New Year's morning. It was a great blow to me because she had been so active practically up to the end (even after the slight angina attack) and since her parents lived to be 85 and 83, I thought somehow that I could keep her that long. After she had the stroke which rendered her speechless I realized she had better go, though I fought for her life (full recovery) to the end, yet I knew all along that was impossible.

I am living alone in our eight room house (there are three rooms on the third floor, too, but we close those, so it makes eight). One of Worcester's best maids, Mary O'Connell, the grand old faithful kind, whose employer died a little before mother did, is with me Tuesday and Saturday and takes care of everything for me. She cleans the house, does my small washing and even mends for me. I should have more free time, but I haven't. My friends write me out constantly and I go because I am alone and love to be

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I think it better not to take anyone
in, friend or stranger, but I know
better what I want to do. I know I want to keep our
home - it is a pleasant and constant reminder of a very
happy life with father and mother - and I think I shall
probably live on alone (I don't mind being alone at all, but
I intend to have friends in a lot). Enough about myself!
I had hundreds of notes to write to acknowledge flow-
ers and notes, and at least a hundred have to be writ-
ten. School work is strenuous with this new super-
intendent - constant meetings - and there is no history
substitute. Other teachers sat through my classes when
I was out at the time of mother's funeral, so I went in
right after the funeral and have been pegging away ever
since. I have done the business things duty interest-
ingly and must tend to my and mother's state and
federal income taxes this week.

Several times I have sat down to write you but
I have lost a check in the shuffle and instead of
writing you I have spent hours trying to find the
check. It came while mother was so ill - \$10 from
Mrs. Vernon Orlando Bailey of 1834 Kalorama Rd.,
Washington, D. C. I was slow in acknowledging it but
finally did and about a month ago got a letter of sym-
pathy from Mrs. Bailey. A few days after that I sat
down to send you the check and couldn't find it. I
spent an evening cleaning out my desk - still no check.
The quilting material except for Mrs. Bailey's letter was
all together. I remember throwing away Mrs. Bailey's
letter of sympathy and must have thrown the one with
the check in it, too, though I don't think so. I am ashamed
to write Mrs. Bailey again, but shall have to, I suppose.
I am enclosing the only other two communica-
tions which have come to me since Christmas. It is
careless to send a dollar through the mail but it

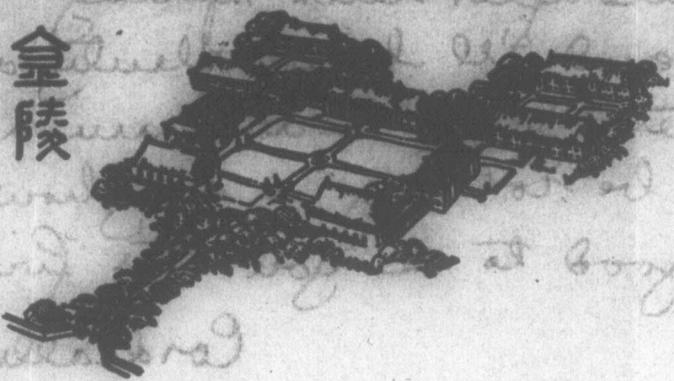
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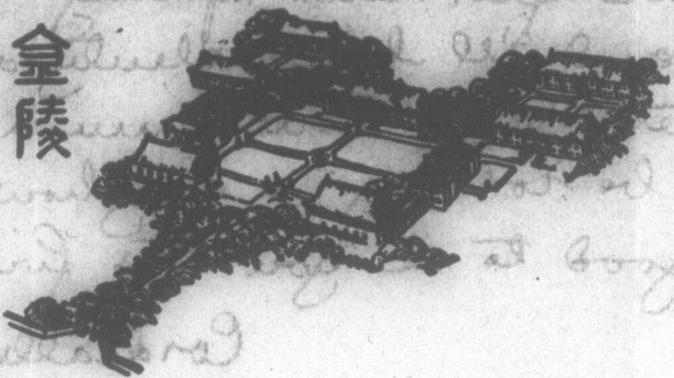
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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

February 21, 1945

It was very nice of you to write me about the Smith Club and how you would like to see me there. I should therefore be grateful if you would write to the club's address in your next post.

I am delighted to hear that you expect to be going through New York early in April. Of course, I wish to see you and have a good talk. Perhaps a letter under the date of your arrival will not make the most satisfactory arrangements about a luncheon. As you know, there are not many of your friends in New York. If you and I, in **February 21, 1945** and I could get together, that would be very pleasant for all. Let us make final plans a little before the date.

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
58 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I am sorry to hear of your mother's death. Your letter of February 18th was the first word I had had of it or you would have heard from me long ago.

I know how alone you feel and that you naturally sorrow greatly over your mother's going. I know, too, you are happy that she did not live long after she became helpless. She would have been so unhappy in that state and her life would have been a burden to her, and, of course, you are glad that she did not have to suffer in this way. I know, too, how greatly you miss her, and I think of you constantly and rejoice that you have so many friends near you to help you fill the lonely days.

I am delighted to know that you are able to have such a fine and faithful maid to help you. I hope she stays. With such help you will be far more comfortable and happy in your own home than you could possibly be anywhere else. I hope it works out so that you can continue to enjoy the home that you have always known.

Thank you for sending us the contribution from Mrs. Lydia Kendall Foster, and also for giving us the name of the new Cinling Representative in the Evanston-North Shore Smith Club.

I hope that the Smith Club meeting on March 26th is a success with Ettie as speaker. I am sure it will be a pleasant meeting since you are the hostess. We are making arrange-

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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February 21, 1946

ments now for Ettie to go out to Address the Chicago Smith Club and Mrs. Leavens has asked that we tell her anything we know about Ettie as a speaker. I should therefore be grateful if you would tell me how Ettie's speech to your Club goes.

I am interested to know that you expect to be going through New York early in April. Of course, I want to see you and have a good talk. Perhaps a little nearer the time of your arrival we can make the most satisfactory arrangements about a luncheon. As you know, there are not many of your Committee in New York. If you and Mrs. Rockwell and Ruth Scott and I could get together, that might be the best plan after all. Let us make final plans a little nearer the date.

I am beginning to think about our next Ginning leaflet, but it hasn't gotten beyond the thinking stage as yet. We have been most gratified at the generous response to our last appeal and feel sure that the year's total will be equal to last year's, if not more.

With all best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

I shall be most interested to hear the opinion you
express about the booklet you are sending to the
committee. I am sure you will have constructive
criticism to offer and I am sure you will be most
valuable in your suggestions.

Yours truly,
Miss Tomlinson

March 13, 1945

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I am about ready to give our spring booklet to the
printer. He assures me that it will be ready for mailing by
April 10th. I assume that we shall follow our usual plan of
sending it with an appeal letter to all on our lists who have
not contributed since the last appeal. This will mean that we
need a letter from you to go to the Smith group. The booklet
itself has no appeal in it, so any pressure you want to put
on Smith contributors will come through your letter. It does
not need to be a long epistle. I leave it to your own good
judgment to decide what should go into it. I am writing to
you now about it, as I thought you might want to get it ready
before you start on your spring vacation. I am enclosing a
rough draft of the material that will go in the booklet. It
is not in final shape yet, but this will give you an idea of
the general information it offers.

I have as yet made no arrangements about the luncheon
on April 7th, but perhaps it is time I did so. Mrs. Rockwell
and Margaret Thomson are the only members of your committee in
the New York area. Ruth Scott would be an addition to the group.
That seems to mean that at most we could have five, including you
and me. Would you like me to invite the other three and reserve
a table for us somewhere? Would 12:30 p.m. be a good hour, or
should we say one o'clock?

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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March 13, 1945

I shall be most interested to have the decision your superintendent makes on your attending Ginning Board meetings. Of course, I sincerely hope that he will prove cooperative, for I am very anxious to have you continue in your present relationship.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

March 13, 1945

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
33 Beaver Street
Worcester, Mass.

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Enclosure: Rough draft of Ginning booklet

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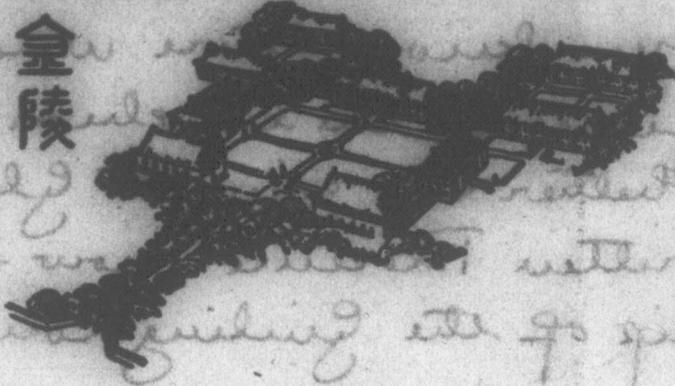
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My dear Mrs. Mills:

This time my delay in writing was due to waiting to hear from my superintendent. After long last I had a very nice letter, stating that he thought it desirable for me to continue as chairman of the Ginling Committee and that he would allow me to be absent from classes one or two days a year to attend to the important duties of your committee. So the way seems to be clear for me to go on the National Board.

That being the case I think we'd better plan a luncheon, if possible, for five of us on April 7 at 12:30 (or any hour convenient for you, Ruth and Katherine Rockwell). I expect to stay with a college friend in Plainville, if she is at home that week-end. She had lost her husband recently and urged me to stay with her but I can't write her until to-morrow evening and she may have made other plans. In that case I'll probably spend Friday night in Philadelphia with friends and come to New York Saturday morning, April 7. My chances for a hotel room in New York for the weekend will be nil.

441 I leave this Friday for Baltimore for a week. My address there will be % Mrs. Henry Evans Corner

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217 Quon Road
Baltimore, MD

Perhaps you'll let me know there what success you have in getting people for the luncheon? I'll drop you a card, too, about whether I'm going to Gladys's or not.

I've just written Florence Snow that I can accept the chairmanship of the Girding Committee for another term.

"The tea at which Ettie spoke yesterday went off very well. About seventy appeared, a very large meeting. I think the names of some of those present should be added to our mailing list. I'll give you those when I see you. Ettie spoke very well and told the interesting things. She held everyone's attention for an hour. She wanted to show slides but my house has too many windows to make slides feasible and it was too filled with people. Ettie had spoken previously at North High School where she was good but much better yesterday, because she told more of the things we really want to know - inflation, living conditions, etc."

05:51 I like the material for the booklet. It is after midnight but I do want to get my letter to you. I've drawn up two letters, rather different in style and both showing the effects of the late hour. With your ability to doctor up lame literary efforts, perhaps you can piece together a suitable letter from the two submitted.

It will be so good to see you again.

Ruth Tomlinson

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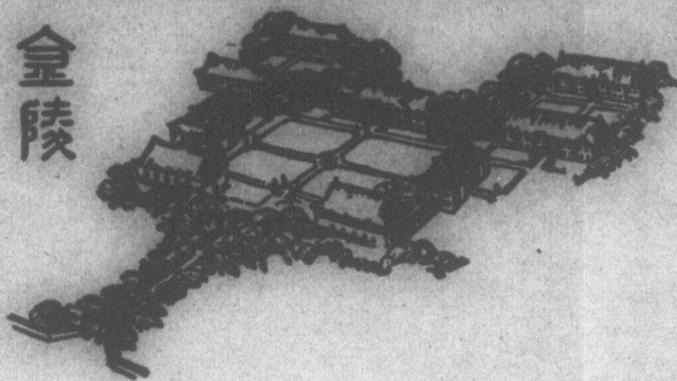
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Dear Smith Alumna:

Yesterday I had the privilege of hearing Ethie Chin, formerly of the Ginling faculty and now at Smith, tell about her years in China. Since she left China last fall prices have doubled. Faculty members paid in Chinese currency have to take second jobs to eke out an existence.

If you haven't made out your check for Ginling yet, would you do it now, so that Smith can have an even larger part in tiding Ginling over this period of ruinous inflation?

More formal. Better, I think (though I'm too sleepy to think)

Dear Smith Alumna:

Again we are sending you news directly from Ginling and asking for your continued support. With inflation increasing rapidly in China our gifts are needed more than ever.

May we count on your aid in tiding Ginling over this critical period of soaring prices.

March 31, 1945

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
c/o Mrs. Henry Evans Corner
217 Upnor Road
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I was very glad to get your letter of March 27th, with the good news that your superintendent is willing for you to continue as Chairman of the Smith Alumnae Committee with all that that implies. I do not think that it will be necessary for you to be absent from classes very often because of this work, but it is good to know that he is willing to consider this a part of your program. Of course, I am delighted to think that we will have the benefit of your enthusiasm and experience for another period.

I am enclosing our receipt for your contribution to the work of the College. You know as well as I how greatly it is needed and how deeply appreciated.

The annual meeting of the Ginning Board of Founders will be Friday morning, May 11th. I hope that it will be possible for you to join us.

I have talked to Ruth Scott and Mrs. Rockwell about the luncheon on April 7th, and have also written to Margaret Thomson. Both Mrs. Rockwell and Ruth Scott will be at the luncheon. I have not yet heard from Margaret. Mrs. Rockwell expressed a strong hope that we could meet early, say at 12 or 12:15, as she wants to be through the business in time to leave town shortly after 2:15 p.m. Ruth Scott also suggested an early hour, thinking that you might be planning to go to a show that afternoon. I am therefore going to try to arrange for a table for us at the Gramercy Park Hotel at 12 o'clock, Satur-

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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March 31, 1945

day, April 7th. If they will not reserve a table, at least we will have a better chance for prompt service at the earlier hour.

I was delighted to get a good report of Ettie's meeting in Worcester. She probably told you that she is scheduled for a series of talks in Chicago at the end of April, and of course I was anxious to know how she handled a fairly large group. I certainly hope that her Chicago trip will be as successful as her Worcester one seems to have been.

You have doubtless seen in the papers the announcement of Dr. Wu's appointment to the San Francisco Conference as one of the China representatives. We have not yet heard from her, so know nothing of her plans, but are assuming that she will be here if she is physically able to make the trip. This is such an important appointment that I think we should mention it in the letter that accompanies our booklet. I am therefore holding off on these letters a few days longer. I like your second one better than the first, as you yourself did, but would suggest that some mention of Dr. Wu's coming to America be included. When we hear definitely that she expects to be here, I will rewrite your letter, including this information, and submit it to you for approval.

The printer has not given me final proof for the booklet yet, so I think we have time enough to get our letter in the form in which we would like it.

Looking forward to seeing you next week, I am

Cordially yours,

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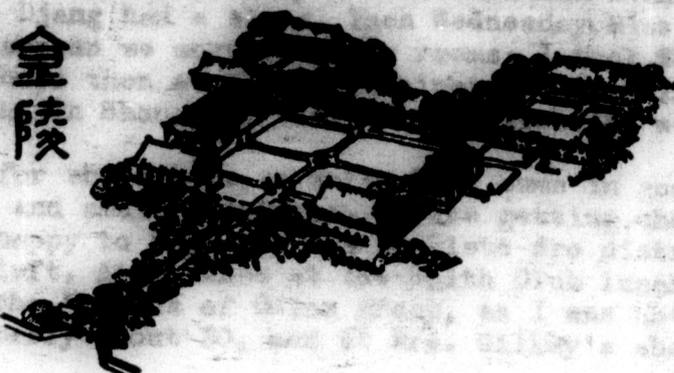
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May 6, 1945

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

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I saw Ettie on the train for Ann Arbor at 4.15 yesterday afternoon after what I felt was a very satisfactory visit here. I hope that she was pleased herself. What a dear she is! I felt it a privilege to come to know her better and she made a hit with the Hansons, which pleased me particularly for they are fine people.

The talks were simple, but she looked so attractive that that added much to what she said. In some cases her voice was a bit monotonous. I told her about that later; I hope that she would not mind. She spoke so beautifully over the radio that I knew that she could have vivacity and variety in her tones for she did there. She was at her best in that program. Her material was better expressed and had word pictures which were effective and she had life in her voice as she was interviewed, or answered questions, by June Baker. Several people have commented on the fine talk she gave in the broadcast. The other talks were good - don't take my comments as too critical - but she can do much better, I know, as she has more experience. Mrs. Hanson said the room in which she spoke to the Friends of China was very noisy, down town at a busy corner and it was hard to hear her. I felt that she would have been more effective in all the talks (except the broadcast) if she had spoken up louder. I think she was timid, although she had plenty of poise in her manner. She did well at the College Club and gained interest and the talk at Mrs. Gilkey's to students from several of the colleges and schools in the vicinity was particularly helpful and should count in the future for the World Christian Students' Fund and in other ways. The girls loved her, as they should.

Wednesday evening we had her with the Lewis Smythes as guests at the Quadrangle Club (faculty mostly) a block away and came back to the apartment afterwards. It meant a lot to the Smythes and Ettie to get together and we had a good time. Then she had breakfast with them yesterday morning and went with Mrs. Smythe, but with me there, to the May Fellowship Luncheon of the Chicago Church Federation (division of the United Council for Church Women) where Dr. Chiang Mou Lin, Chancellor of Peking

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I think the friends of China were perfectly satisfied. I heard nothing other than that.

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speke. There were about 700 women present and Ettie enjoyed that. She has seen a good deal of the two Giling girls who are here at International House. She had the evening meal with them Monday - Miss Chen had been a guest at the Smith Club luncheon; Miss Djang had a class. Then Wednesday Miss Chen was at Mrs. Gilkey's; Thursday afternoon we were at their rooms; I took Ettie to a museum or two in the neighborhood then we went to Chinatown for Chinese food. Eleanor Mountford, who taught in Shanghai, came on 2d Stipholm, went top.

Thank you for the envelopes which have come in good shape, and the enclosures, appeals and small envelopes. We are getting these letters out this next week. We were happy to have the new booklets for distribution at meetings. We still have some left. Attendance at the Smith Club luncheon was about 60; I don't know about the Friends of China group, as I was not there. At the College Club there were probably about 30, and at Mrs. Gilkey's about 25 or so.

I feel that Ettie's time here was well worth the expense. I hope that you do. We need this kind of stimulus occasionally.

We are looking forward to having the Craighills in our neighborhood tomorrow and for two or three days, speaking.

Best wishes to you, as always,

Mayorie B. Leaven

Thank you for all your trouble for this trip. You were wonderful.

May 16, 1945

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Enclosed I am sending you a letter which came addressed to you and which I took the liberty of opening. I also enclose a copy of my reply to Miss Knox.

As you see, I have crossed the Rubicon in writing thus to Miss Knox. We will have to have some kind of publicity sheet ready for fall use. I have several ideas running around in my head, and I hope to capture one and get it on paper before I leave for my summer vacation. If I wait until I return, I fear that it will be too late to be of any use to Miss Knox.

I do not plan to send this early fall leaflet to our regular mailing list. It seems to me that it would be better to have only a limited edition and use it for special requests. We will follow our regular plan of the main appeal coming in December. I hope that this will meet with your approval.

The money continues to come in and the amount is growing satisfactorily. We will send you reports at the regular times.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: Letter from Miss Knox and reply

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June 8, 1945

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

You will have received a notice of the Ginling Board meeting for June 25th. Just after these notices were posted, we had a wire from Dr. Wu saying she did not think it would be possible for her to get here by that date and suggesting that the meeting be held early in July. I am not yet canceling the meeting on the 25th, since Dr. Wu was not absolutely sure that she could not be here. We are sending her a wire today, asking that her final decision reach us the first of next week. Of course I will keep you posted on developments. I hope very much that you will be able to attend this meeting with Dr. Wu.

You will recall that at the meeting of the Board on May 11th, I read a little article written by a Ginling girl on her impressions of the American soldier. At that time, it was suggested that we try to get this published in the New Yorker. I have made some tentative approaches, but have received so little encouragement that I think we had better give up the idea. It seems to me that it would be a far better plan to have this article appear in the Smith Quarterly, if the editors of that paper would care for it. It would then go to an audience at least familiar with the name of Ginling and many who are interested in the work of the College would see it. Would you like to offer it to the editor of the Smith Quarterly, or would you rather I write to her about it? I enclose a copy. Please do as you think best with it. I am also sending you a copy of the poem that I read to the Board meeting; use it, too, as you think best.

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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June 8, 1945

You will be delighted to know that our contributions continue to come in very satisfactorily. We have already passed the \$11,700 mark, and we hope the end is not yet. Doesn't that make you feel good! There are still a number of clubs which have not yet contributed this year, but it is true that a great many of them send their contributions at about this time. I don't think that I would suggest that you write to any of them yet, as we have no way of knowing what contributions are already on the way or will come in soon.

We have had no contribution from the Hartford Club yet for the current year. I am therefore writing to the representative, offering her pledge slips and return envelopes if she wants them. You will recall that this club makes an appeal to its membership and sends us the result in a lump sum. I thought perhaps an offer of envelopes would be a gentle reminder and probably a real help to the new representative.

I wonder if your school is out yet and what your summer plans are. I hear that we are to be seriously restricted in the matter of travel, and so I hope that you do not plan to go too far from home.

All best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: "Impressions of the GI"
Poem in the manner of T. S. Eliot

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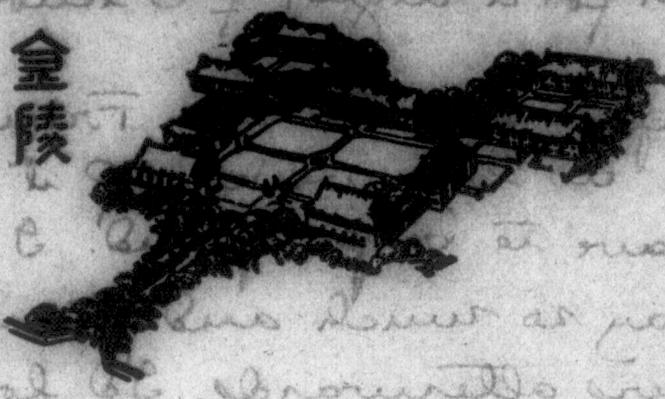
ALUMNAE COMMITTEE FOR GINLING COLLEGE

June 8, 1945

of
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GINLING COLLEGE
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My dear Mrs. Mills:

School work being virtually over for the year I can turn my attention in earnest to Ginling matters (it's about time!)

To-night I jotted down the ^{enclosed} names of the Ginling Club representatives for 1945-6. I am also enclosing two checks which came to me. I have acknowledged my aunt's but not the one from the Cleveland Club. Our year ends July 1, does it not, so these are in time?

I hope to get to New York for the Board meeting with Pres. Wu on June 25 but I can't be absolutely certain yet, so shan't send in the card. School will be over but an 82 year old aunt (mother's sister) has been saying she wanted to visit me but not when I was teaching because she'd be too lonely without mother. Another aunt has offered to drive her here June 22. I leave for Gloucester July 1 for the month and so can't ask her to wait until I return from New York. I don't dare leave her alone in this house overnight. Of course she may not come. I'm trying to persuade the Vermont aunt who will drive her here to remain until June 26. I'll let you know the results.

The Long Island friend with whom I stay has sold

her estate and has to be all packed up and out by the middle of July, so it may well be inconvenient for me to spend the night with her but some New York hotel will have a room for a night, if I know in time whether I can go or not.

To-night's paper said the San Francisco Conference hoped to be over in two weeks. If it isn't, our Board meeting may have to be postponed. I enjoyed the one I attended in May so much and the luncheon with you and the others afterwards. I'd love to see Dr. W. again! I hope I can get to the meeting.

Cordially yours,

Paul Tomlinson

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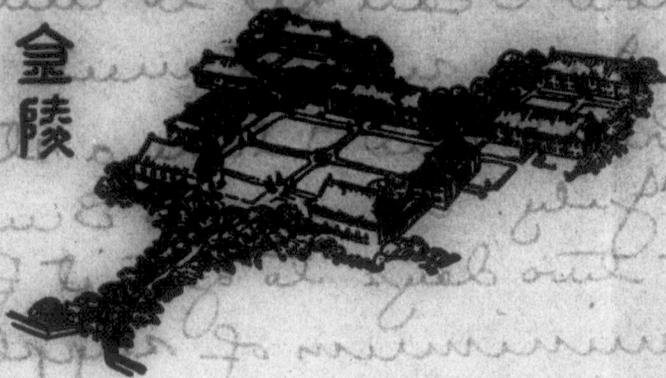
ALUMNAE COMMITTEE FOR GINLING COLLEGE

38 Swan Street
Worcester, Mass
June 18, 1945

The Alumnae Association of Smith College

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Dear Mrs. Mills:

School has one more week to run but I teach only graduating Seniors, who got out last Friday, so my work has ended for the year except for my physical presence at North High. Thus I can tend to much neglected Ginling business.

The enclosed checks should have been sent to you a week ago but I wanted to acknowledge them first. I have now done so but I told the St. Louis Club you'd send the receipt for the checks. I knew your books didn't close until July 1 and so I didn't rush the two checks for \$50 each to you.

Isn't the total Smith alumnae have given us stunning? I am particularly pleased about this year's advance over last ^{year's} because I have been too busy to write the usual letters or do as much work as formerly. You can consider it as due to your splendid publicity and your letters. I'd never have accepted the chairmanship for another three years had it not been for you. I am eternally grateful for all you do for us and for having the privilege of working with such an able and charming person.

Though I didn't think Dr. Wu could reach New York by July 26, I hoped she could and made arrangements to attend the meeting and tea. I don't see, however, how I can get to New York for July 3, disappointed as I am not to meet Dr. Wu again.

A Smith friend and I take a studio apartment in Gloucester for July. We arrive Sunday July 1, and it takes at least two days to get it fixed up and stocked with a minimum of supplies. Neither one of us has a car (Oliver sold hers at the beginning of the war) and we lug in everything by hand. To make it quite impossible to leave, four friends are to be in Gloucester just the first week in July. We haven't room to entertain them nights but they will take many meals with us. I ought not to throw all the work of opening the studio and stocking it on Oliver. I don't see how she could possibly manage without me. It would mean I'd have to leave July 2 and not return until July 4. I have therefore mailed my card saying I shall not be present. Since I don't go on the Board until a year from now, I shan't be missed nor prevent a quorum, but I regret more than I can say missing the inspiration of meeting and talking with Dr. Wu. Please remember me to her.

With disappointment
Ruth Tomlinson

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June 28, 1945

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I wish you could be with us today as the Board meets with Dr. Wu. There is no very formal program, so that the entire time will be devoted to whatever Dr. Wu has to say to us. I know you would enjoy hearing her, and I am sorry indeed that you cannot be present.

I do not think I have acknowledged your letters of June 8th and June 18th, with checks enclosed. The proper receipts and acknowledgments have gone to the donors.

To date, contributions from Smith Alumnae total \$13,105.53. I think that is perfectly splendid and I offer my heartiest congratulations to your Committee. You had said at one time that you hoped to get \$12,000 this year. You are now over \$13,000, and I think that is grand. There is an extra \$200 from the Hartford Club which we know has been raised, but it has not yet reached the office.

About this time of year we become interested in the new members of your Committee for the next three years. The three whose terms expire this year are you, Mrs. Little and Mrs. Watkins. We know that you will continue for another term of three years. Has any decision been made about who succeeds the other two? We should be having letterhead printed soon, and of course, would like the information for this purpose.

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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June 28, 1945

In my letter of June 8th, I told you about the Gialing girl's essay on her impressions of the G.I., and asked you whether or not you wanted to offer it to the editor of the Smith Quarterly. You will recall that the Board meeting in May seemed to think this a good way to use this rather interesting little article. If you do not want to take it up with the editor, I shall be glad to do so. I imagine we should raise the question fairly soon if we want to get it in an early issue.

I hope you have a very cool and comfortable summer. I look forward to seeing you when you can get to New York in the fall.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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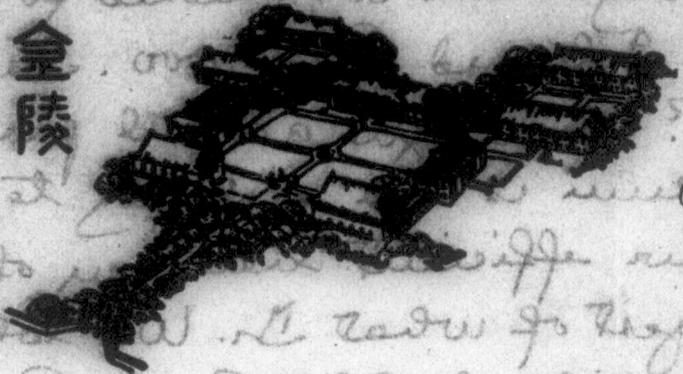
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The Alumnae Association of Smith College

Studio 61
Worcester
Rocky Hill
E. Gloucester, Mass
July 9, 1945

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My dear Mrs. Mills:

Alvie Tolman and I are again luxuriating in the cool breeze of Gloucester from the porch of our little studio and plunging morning and afternoon in the cool (sometimes very cold) ocean. This past week four Worcester friends were at the nearby hotel and were here constantly or taking us on drives and other expeditions in their car (don't ask me how they got enough gas!) They have a farm to which they go in the summer and two cars, so that probably explains it.

Did Florence Snow attend the meeting with Dr. W. Upon receipt of your June 8th letter I sat down immediately (really!) and sent the ^{Ginling} gold essay and the poem to Florence Snow and asked her to have it put in the next ^{Quarterly} issue. I knew college was over for the year, wasn't sure where the Quarterly editor would be but knew Florence was to be in Hamp and I felt with her Ginling interest she would see the article got into the magazine. She submitted some names of possible new members of our committee, I gave my opinion and asked whether she'd write them or I'd write. Not a word have I heard since! That isn't like Florence. I hope she is away on a vacation and not ill (being a C.S. we might not hear of illness). I do hope my busby letter

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to her two in fact, for I divided the material - didn't go astray. I put extra postage on each of I don't hear soon, I'll write Florence again.

What a goodly sum we raised for 1944-45! I am simply delighted. I hoped for \$12,000. Dare we hope for \$15,000 next year? We might as well place our goal high. Of course this sum is due entirely to your marvelous publicity and your efficient handling of everything.

Would a digest of what Dr. Wu told the committee make a good publicity booklet for the fall? I am still regretting I couldn't be at the meeting. And I could leave if my conscience had permitted me to disappoint an old friend of mother's. I think perhaps I should have insisted she try harder to get someone else to stay with her paralyzed sister. I had previously switched my aunt when I thought our meeting was to be that week, so she was not at my home and I could have been away Wednesday night. She and four friends came for the day Friday and my maid arrived to wash, so I'd have had to return Thursday on the 4 or 5 o'clock train, but I'd have met Dr. Wu again and heard part of what she had to say at least. Do remember me to her! Will she be in New England this month at all? If so, I might manage to see her briefly, if she had only an hour or so to give me.

Do have a good vacation! Is it Ulaime in August? What do you hear from your husband? I'd love to have a digest of what Dr. Wu said but unless you are making official copies for many don't bother to send any to me.

Cordially yours,

Ruth Tomlinson

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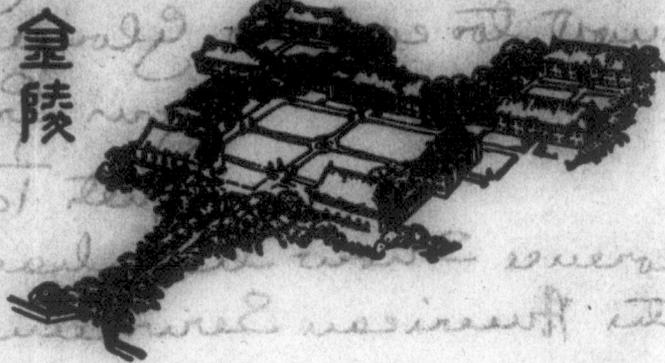
ALUMNAE COMMITTEE FOR GINLING COLLEGE

The Alumnae Association of Smith College

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July 12, 1945

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GINLING COLLEGE
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Dear Mrs. Mills:

The enclosed letter I received from Florence Snow, via Marion Duffey. I have written Mrs. Ellison, welcoming her to our committee, telling her a little of our duties and urging her to drop in and see you in the fall. I said you could explain everything to her. It is so much easier when you are talking to a person than by letter.

I haven't sent farewell letters of appreciation to Mrs. Little and Mrs. Watkins yet. I wanted to be sure of their successors before I said goodbye to them. Of course my Smith catalogue is at home! Will you please send me their addresses?

Never have I been more pleased with anything than Dr. Wu's comments on ^{the} union of Ginling with the University of Nanking. She said everything perfectly that I felt. You know I felt strongly at the spring board meeting that Ginling should remain a separate woman's college in China, cooperating with Nanking University but not becoming an integral part of it. Being only a guest, I felt that at the spring meeting I had said too much, spoken out of turn, but I was so opposed to the proposition. I therefore

say "amen" to every word of Dr. Wis. Will you please express my appreciation to her for her words of wisdom and tell her I am in entire accord with them?

~~It's~~ ~~work~~ ~~hard~~ in this heat, only it's been cool the past two days, almost too cool for Gloucester.

Your friend,
Ruth Touchette

P.S. I assume Florence Snow has handed the Guelph girl's article on the American Servicemen in China to the editor of the Quarterly, since she surely received my letter and secured Mrs. Ellison for our committee.

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July 16, 1945

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
Studio 61
Rocky Neck
E. Gloucester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I was glad to get your letters of July 9th and 12th with all the news that they brought. We have written to Mrs. Ellison, welcoming her as a member of the Alumnae Committee for Ginling. I hope that she will come in to the office sometime when she is in New York.

Mrs. Ellison and you are two of the three members elected this year. Who is the third one? I rather imagine that Miss Snow is doing the communicating on this subject and will let me know when she has an answer.

You asked for Mrs. Watkins' and Mrs. Little's addresses. They are as follows:

Mrs. James T. Watkins, IV
2943 North Charles Street
Baltimore 18, Md.

Mrs. Herbert S. Little
3761 W Street, N.W.
Washington 7, D. C.

In one of your recent letters you suggested that perhaps a digest of Dr. Wu's remarks to the Board would make good fall publicity. I feel sure that after you read the minutes of the meeting on June 29th, you would see why this wouldn't be such a good idea. She was really talking very intimately and on business matters alone to the Board, and while this is always

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interesting to those most closely connected with the College, it does not always make the best publicity. I am hoping that Miss Florence Kirk will send us something about the activities on the campus and particularly about the graduates that will make an interesting leaflet.

I am glad to know that you so heartily approve Dr. Wu's position as she outlined it to the Board on June 28th. I wish that you could have been with us and heard all that she had to say. I tried to make the minutes report her faithfully but naturally could not put in everything that she said.

Dr. Wu is at present resting in the hospital. The doctor says that she is in good condition but that she needs a long period of complete quiet. I hope that she and Mrs. Hew will be able to carry out their plans for several weeks at a quiet spot in Massachusetts. Dr. Wu has given up all idea of going to England and will simply rest here until she starts back to China.

I am delighted that you are having such a pleasant vacation. It sounds most attractive. I look forward to seeing you sometime in the fall when you can come down to New York.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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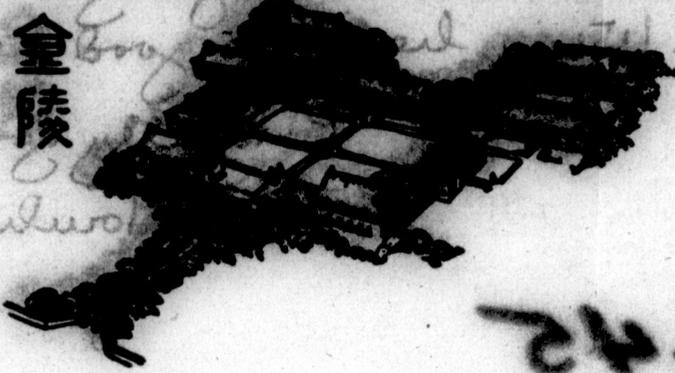
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Dear Mrs. Mills:

Thank you for the promptness with which you sent me the addresses of Mrs. Little and Mrs. Watkins. I have written them both. How I really believe I am up-to-date on Ginling work.

After I received the minutes of the meeting with Dr. Wu, I realized that what she talked about was not at all suitable for our fall publicity booklet. Your suggestion is better. I noted that not one Smith graduate on the Board was present at the meeting with Dr. Wu except Mrs. Royce and I felt from the sentiment expressed by the Smith people I knew at the May meeting that they were opposed to the merger, so I think Dr. Wu need not fear that her desire for a separate college will be overruled. Her reasons were so clear and conclusive, it seemed to me. I am still delighted by all her remarks.

I enclose a letter which I received some time ago. Will you please add Mrs. Alustrad's name to our mailing list? She wrote to me asking for information about Ginling the week of mother's funeral. Somehow the letter got in the big basket with the notes of sympathy I received, so wasn't answered until March. This is the answer I got in ^{reply} to my note of apology. Somehow this didn't get sent to you in

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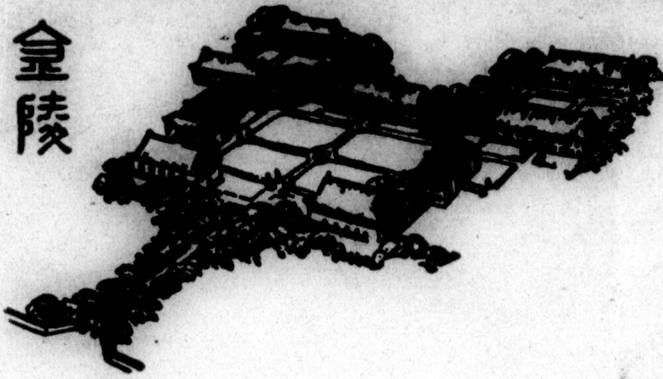
ALUMNAE COMMITTEE FOR GINLING COLLEGE

38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.
August 2, 1945

of
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Dear Mrs. Wells:

I'm home again for a few days before starting off for Wain. I think I have cleaned up all Ginling matters until fall. The last member of our committee is Mrs. Blair, whose name and address I am sending you. I have already written her a letter welcoming her to our committee. I have had quite a correspondence with her in the past about Ginling, so I feel I know her. I think she has been the very interested Ginling representative of the Grand Rapids Club.

Florence Snow said she had sent you a list of Smith Club presidents. May I have a new list in the early fall, when you get back from your vacation, of club presidents and Ginling representatives for 1945-6? I have made corrections of the representatives' names, but if it wouldn't be too much trouble, a fresh list would be helpful. Don't you think it a good idea to send such a list to each member of the committee?

The last Quarterly has recently arrived. There was a fine article from Dr. Wu but I did not see the Ginling girls' impressions of our G. S. I'll write Florence now and ask about it.

September 10, 1945

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I am now back in the office after a month's vacation and find plenty to do to keep me busy. I had a wonderful, restful time out in the country, six miles from anywhere and under the most primitive living conditions. We were on the shores of Lake Champlain and you know that that is beautiful country with sufficient compensations for any lack of the advantages of more civilized living. I came back feeling really rested and thankful for such a complete change. I hope that you, too, had a thoroughly satisfactory vacation.

In your letter of August 2nd you ask for a list of presidents and Ginling representatives. I am wondering if you really want the presidents' names listed. Since all of our correspondence is with the Ginling representative, when there is one, it does not seem that the name of the club president is very important on this list. I am sure that you have an Alumnae Register, in which the club presidents are given. Of course if a group does not have a Ginling representative, we list the name of the president instead. Therefore, unless you find the double listing very useful to you, I would suggest that the 1945-46 list be only of the Ginling representatives. However, I shall be glad to make the list as you think best.

We asked Florence Snow for a list of the leaders in informal groups, and her reply was that since informal groups really have no organization and no meetings, a list of their leaders would not be very useful to us for publicity purposes. Again the Alumnae Register lists these groups with their leaders,

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September 10, 1945

and this information is available to you in your personal copy. I am afraid we cannot give you a list of them anyway, as Florence Snow did not give us this information.

I had a note from Miss Snow, saying that the Commencement issue of the Smith Quarterly was too full to include the Chinese girl's "Impressions of the G.I.", and also that she did not think it would be published in the fall. I believe Miss Snow sent you a copy of her letter to me. That seems to be the end of the little article and the poem. I feel quite sure there is no way to publish these two things commercially, so the only suggestion I have for their use is in some form of publicity issued from this office. I must confess that I do not see any value now in the "Impressions of a G.I." as everyone is more interested in some story of peace and the developments following Japan's surrender. We may at some time be able to use the little poem.

I am sending you a copy of the little news sheet which I had given to the printer before I went away on vacation. If I were doing it now, it would probably have a different slant and would certainly take into consideration the fact that peace has come. However, here it is for what it is worth, and we will use it as seems best. My idea for its use had been as an enclosure in letters or to answer some of the many inquiries we have for news from the College. Also we hoped that it would be useful on the campus at the time of the fall drive. It might be used as a poster. Again another use for it is at club meetings. The Springfield Smith Club specifically asked for something of this sort to be used at their fall meeting. This, of course, in no sense takes the place of our regular December leaflet. I still have no definite ideas about what to put in that, but I hope that we will soon have some word from the College about their plans for the coming year and the effect of peace upon the campus. This ought to make an interesting folder. We will plan to have it ready about the first of December, as usual. I should say that we do not plan to mail to our constituency this little leaflet which I am enclosing. Doubtless you will soon be writing your usual fall letter to the Ginling representatives in the clubs. If you would like to enclose this little news sheet, let me know.

Dr. Wu is still at Gould Farm and reports that she is improving and expects to be back in New York about the end of the month. A letter from her this morning is all about business, quite in her old vein, so I feel sure that she is really feeling better. When she comes back to the city, I hope that she will consent to a very light program with no speaking and plenty of rest, so that when she returns to China, she will really be stronger. Before she went away in August, she had consented to stay in America until about the first of December. This was the

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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September 10, 1945

doctor's recommendation. Her letter this morning seems to imply that she is thinking of leaving at an earlier date. I don't know what the doctor will say about that.

The new letterhead for the current year has been delivered and we are ready to send it out to the members of your Committee if you so desire. What would you suggest about the number of sheets to go to each member? I believe we sent twenty-five last year. Please let me know approximately how many sheets you want for your own use, too.

I hope that it is going to be possible for you to be in New York once in a while during the winter. I look forward to seeing you.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Sept. News Sheet

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THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF SMITH COLLEGE

♦ ♦ The Alumnae House - Northampton, Massachusetts ♦ ♦

October 12, 1945

Dear Ruth,

We had a letter from Charlotte Gower who was writing on some other matter and she says that she is resigning from the Marines and hopes to be off for China and Lingnan University in January or as soon thereafter as possible.

Since this is the last year of her term on your committee I suppose it is just as well not to replace her for the last half of the year.

Cordially yours

Flora A. Row

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever St.
Worcester, Mass.

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October 14, 1945

ALUMNAE COMMITTEE FOR GINLING COLLEGE

of
The Alumnae Association of Smith College

- Ruth Tomlinson '14, *Chairman*
Worcester, Mass.
- Alta Smith Corbett '08
Portland, Ore.
- Janet Sheldon Gordon '01
Winnetka, Ill.
- Charlotte Gower '22
Washington, D. C.
- Katharyn Stubbs Little '35
Washington, D. C.
- Susan Lobenstine '42
Washington, D. C.
- Margaret Alexander Marsh '14
Amherst, Mass.
- Margaret Cook Thomson '11
Princeton, N. J.
- Elise Gettier Watkins '36
New York City

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Ginling Representative on
S.C.A.C.W. Cabinet

Dear Mrs. Mills:

No wonder you thought I was lost, strayed, stolen, or ill! My silence is unpardonable. This is no excuse, simply an explanation. About a month ago a friend came to see me. She sold her house in June and had to get out the first of October. She had hunted and could find nothing. She offered me any price for a room and bath for herself and a room for her maid. I said I'd not rent but she could have the rooms for nothing. She said her maid would do all the work, including my washing, and cook ~~my~~ ^{our} meals, which Helena would provide. We ^(Helena and I) eat together. She and her maid are my roomers, I their boarder. Helena arrived a week before I expected her and brought ten times as much trunks (canned food, cooking utensils, dishes, glasses, radios, lamps etc. etc) ^{as my maid wants to break only Helena's things} as I had expected. I have been cleaning out drawers for her ever since she arrived and putting my things away. She owns and runs the best jewelry store in the city but she leaves at 1 p.m. and is eagerly awaiting my arrival from school for entertainment. ~~Her long~~ ^{Her} ~~stay~~ ^{stay} will be here I don't know. It is fun to have two people in the

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~~house with me~~ but I get much less done and lose my freedom. This is written after midnight when Helena is in bed. Helena may be here a month or a year.

Will you please change and correct my very poor letter to the Guilting Representatives? Is Guilting moving back to Haulung? I've taken a chance it would come back in record time. You may easily think it unwise to mention the matter at this time. The hills near Haulung are the "Purple Hills," aren't they? Have I forgotten anything important I should have said? I await your most helpful criticism and reworking of the letter.

About the letterheads and the new stationery, I'd like 100 sheets (I think I have enough envelopes for the present) and I think 25 to each member of the committee will be ample. They perforce do little writing.

I liked so much your "Guilting News" sheet. Will you please enclose it in my letter to the Guilting representatives?

The list of Guilting representatives for 1945-6 will be enough. The new "Alumnae Register" has just arrived, so I have the Club Presidents in that.

I didn't know whether to mention Dr. Wu's continued presence in this country. What do you think? Will you please add a paragraph about her if advisable?

My New York friend, with whom I stay, was to have visited me this month but she had a metal fistula removed instead. She'll be laid low eight weeks. She wants me to visit her for Christmas vacation, so I'll be in New York for at least part of the time.

The clock has struck one (1 a.m.) so I must lie me to bed.

Cordially yours,

Ruth Tomlinson

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October 11, 1945

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

It has been so long since I have heard from you that I am getting concerned. I hope that you have not been ill.

I also hope that you have not attempted to write by hand all of the letters to the Ginling Representatives in the Clubs. If you will send us a draft of what you want said to them, we will be most happy to have it mimeographed and sent out. I raised this question and several others about fall publicity and the distribution of the new Ginling letterhead to the Alumnae Committee in my letter to you of September 10th. Since I have not heard from you, I repeat that I am very much concerned about your health.

Hoping that it has been merely the press of school business and not illness that has kept you silent, I am

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Wheeler

October 17, 1946

Mrs. Edward M. Wheeler
Hudson View Gardens
183rd Street and Pinehurst Ave.
New York 33, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Wheeler:

I am sending you all of the recent news that we have had from the College and also copies of the last few letters that Mrs. Thomson wrote to the Ginling Representatives.

I am sure you will be able to make an interesting letter for the campus out of this material. When you have it ready, send it to us and we will do the necessary mimeographing and mailing.

I am very happy indeed that you are willing to undertake this service for Ginling. I will keep you posted as I receive news.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Recent news and copies of
Mrs. Thomson's letters (Apr. '45, Nov. '45, Apr. '46)

(News included: Dr. Wu's letter, Apr. 16, 1946; Miss Kirk's letter, Apr. 22; Excerpts from Faculty letters, June, '46; Miss Kirk's letter, June 8, 1946; Miss Spitzer's account of trip home; Miss Kirk's account of trip home; Stella Graves' letter, July 21, '46; Miss Chester's Oct. 7;

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might go to one or two places and we could use the fact that she was here on an important mission as publicity in other places.

November 20th has been chosen by the group in China as 'Founders' Day and if anything could be done here at about that same time, it would have special significance. Do you think you would like to have a dining program in Worcester this fall? We would be ready to go there sometime between November 20th or 25th and December 10th or 15th, as she expects to be making a trip to Smith and some of the other colleges in that area between those dates. Perhaps the first train would be not to make a drive for a preliminary meeting to discuss people and establish contacts, so that when we do see for lunch, they will be prepared to give a very good dinner. We would like to have a very good dinner.

October 22, 1945

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Thank you for your good letter of October 14th. I am delighted to know that you have someone living with you and that you are enjoying life so fully that you do not have time to write letters! That sounds grand, but please just remember us once in a while.

We have sent out your very good letter to the Representatives, and included in them copies of the Ginling News. The stationery was also gone to the different members of your Committee and 100 sheets were sent to you.

The list of Ginling Representatives is enclosed, and I am now casting about for suitable material to send to Margaret Thomson for her campus letter. That about clears up odds and ends of business for the present. I am trying to capture an idea for our December booklet, but have nothing definite as yet. I'll keep you informed as it progresses.

That leads me to another important matter. As you know, Dr. Wu is now in America, and has just, within the last few days, decided to stay until about the middle of December. Since this is Ginling's 30th Anniversary year, don't you think it would be a good idea to take advantage of her presence here to combine an anniversary celebration with an effort to arouse special interest in the College, preparatory to the campaign we hope to launch for post-war rehabilitation funds? We could ask all clubs to have a special anniversary program sometime during the year, looking toward a contribution over and above their usual gift for current needs. Dr. Wu is not able to undertake an extended speaking program, but she

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Do let me know what you think about all this.

Cordially yours,

Miss Ruth Tomlinson

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

Enclosure: List of Representatives

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MRS. DICKSON H. LEAVENS
1151 EAST 56TH STREET
CHICAGO 37, ILLINOIS

October 24, 1946

W. Blumer
Mrs. ~~Roger~~ Mills
Ginling College
150 Fifth Ave.
New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Thank you for your letter when Liu En-lan was to be here. I was sorry that it was at such a hectic time for most of us. Everything seemed to burst at once that week. I felt as if we did not half do her justice, although I think that her contacts counted for more than may appear on the outside. I am going to ask Mrs. Hanson to send you a list of her tea guests in order that they may have any newsletters or appeals that you are sending out. There were several new names for you, I know, and the interest shown in En-lan was deep and genuine.

What is Ginling doing about a special appeal for getting started in Nanking? I cannot help being impressed with the contrast between any news of that which has come to me and the vigor of the campaign of such colleges as Athens and Anatolia College in Greece. It is not that I want to belittle the ^{Greek cause} latter; I am on the Anatolia Committee and have spent hours on it, but I feel that Ginling is in an even more difficult state and has a tremendous potential good influence for the future of the world if given the big boost now which she both needs and deserves. What are the Smith Clubs doing? Surely the appeal to help even with books, new or a culled list, should be a strong one. There are plenty of concrete objects for gifts this year, to say nothing of the need of funds for regular ~~needs~~ budget. Miss Holt and I are trying to get a committee to take over the Ginling interests here in Chicago. It is hard, however, to find anyone with the deep concern which we both feel and we want it to be in strong hands. If you ever have any suggestions let us know. I had hoped to have several prospects have luncheon with Liu En-lan when she was here, but we could not arrange it. One name that I want you to be sure to have is that of Mrs. Amos N. Wilder 5755 Dorchester Ave., Chicago 37. She was at Mrs. Joseph Hanson's tea and was much impressed with En-lan. She is the sister-in-law of Thornton Wilder, taught in Geneva, Switzerland and at the Beaver Country Day School near Boston and is a Smith alumna. Her husband is Chairman of the Dept. of New Testament, Editor of Journal of Religion, Chicago Theological Seminary (formerly at Andover Newton). Mr. Wilder's father was once Ex. Sec. for Yale in China and had been U.S.A. Consul General in China. I shall hope to get her on a committee.

I shall try to enclose a list of A.A.U.W. members who attended the tea for President Wu last November.

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I have tried to get that ready for you before in order to send them at least one round of news sheets or appeals. There are one or two included who knew Mrs. Ma (Biju Chou-fan Chioh-fang) particularly.

I hope that all goes well with you and your family.

Yours cordially,

Mayone B. Leavens

I'm not holding this for the list for I feel the book list (see copy of Oct 25 letter) is urgent.

To go back to Anatolia's campaign - I realize that the presence of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Riggs (he is the President) means much pressure for that, but they have big names on their national committee and are hoping for a huge sum compared to what one might expect. I realize, too, that there are many wealthy Greeks, such as Skouras or Paramount? and they are very generous and can afford to be. There are also many alumni of the colleges here in U.S.A. as citizens now, and that all helps. It is just that it always seems as if the eyes of the public in America turn automatically to Europe but have to be directed constantly to Asia to give any attention to even greater needs and opportunities. Of course all the confusion in the political situation has caused trouble for those who wish to have their money go where it is a worthy cause. Many give up their interest when doubt is cast on one side or the other. We know ourselves that Ginling is educational, not political, but all China seems a maze for many, even educated people.

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Copy for 150 Fifth Ave.

1151 East 56th Street,
Chicago 37, Illinois,
October 24, 1946.

What do you know about orders through Baker + Taylor now? I used to get a good discount even as a teacher.

President Wu Yi-fang
Ginling College
Nanking, China

Dear President Wu:

This letter has been held up far too long by necessary duties at the beginning of our program of activities this fall for the Congregational Christian Women's Fellowship of Greater Chicago. I hope that En-lan may have written about what we did regarding the book order. The invoice, however, did not come until after she had left so she may not have had the details which I enclose in this letter. I am sending also a copy to 150 Fifth Ave. and mailing your letter by air.

As is indicated, not all the books were available, either in new or second-hand copies, so we bought what we could, getting one or two duplicates in some instances, feeling that it might help you to have them. Wilcox & Follett, 1255 S. Wabash Ave. Chicago 8, where they filled the order, tried to obtain the other books from all places which would carry them in the city, but were not able to get some. We have ordered those and they will let me know when they arrive and we shall send them immediately to you. The textbook situation is very tight here, as the enclosed clipping will show. Schools and colleges are bursting with students and paper is short.

It was a great joy to have En-lan here. I hope that she felt that her time in Chicago was worth something. We were disappointed that there were not closer contacts with the Geography Department at the University of Chicago, but I realize that the first week of college with the complications of more students than can be handled easily, Dr. Colby's training a new secretary, the absence of the Robert Platts, except for the day when we had lunch with them, etc. made the situation difficult. The group of Smith alumnae and other friends, particularly those interested in China, at Mrs. Hanson's tea for her in the home where you stayed, had a wonderful time with En-lan and the A.A.U.W. group that evening and the Society of Women Geographers appreciated meeting and hearing her speak. Mrs. Roger Mills can speak for the groups who met her under her sponsorship. Miss Pauline Sage was delighted to see her here. Miss Sage is living this year at 5621 University Ave. (telephone- Butterfield 6321). En-lan was happy to see Miss Chou Li-chiu and Miss Chan Pao-chiu at Sunday dinner at Brent House; I tried to ask them to dinner with us last Sunday, but they were out when I called and it was too late to accomplish it then. I have also wanted to see Miss Loh Mei-Che and Mrs. Ke and they were invited to Mrs. Hanson's tea (Miss Chan was there), but I saw the former just for a few minutes when Miss ~~Kirk~~ Van Kirk brought her to the house soon after her arrival. I want to get in touch with her again.

As you must know, we think of you constantly with love and prayers and hope that you are beginning to feel "at home" in Nanking again. Your problems must be terrific and I hate to think of your carrying the financial burden which even the barest necessities involve. I was glad to get the letter of Ruth Chester's through the office. I hope that we can see her in Chicago at some time.

To go back to the book order - En-lan and I went over to the library here to get advice as to the best place from which to order. Mr. Sieving there sent us to Wilcox and Follett. He also mentioned the Central Book Store, 36 South Clark St., Marshall Field's Branch, and the Macmillan Co. (333 East State St.) discount on the used book prices, but will charge full price for new ones. If a company knows Ginling better I should hope for better rates; I tried to get them this time. I want to let my personal check for the \$56.45 this time be a gift to Ginling. I know the office would repay me, but I prefer to let it go this time.

Clark St.
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Yours, cordially,
Mayo in B. Heavens

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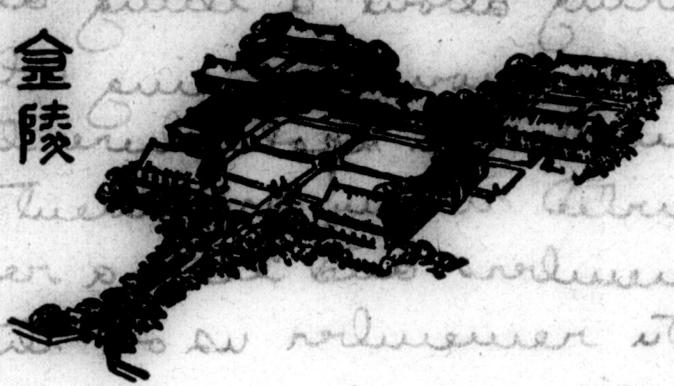
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass
October 25, 1945

ALUMNAE COMMITTEE FOR GINLING COLLEGE

The Alumnae Association of Smith College

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Dear Mrs. Wells:

Thank you so much for the list of Ginling Representatives and for this stationery. I have one change already in the Ginling Representatives and I enclose, too, a note from Florence Snow. I agree with her that it is unnecessary to fill Charlotte Gower's place.

I am delighted that Dr. Wu is remaining in the United States until the middle of December and hope she will come to Worcester to stay with me or let me meet her at some more convenient place. I spoke to the president of our Worcester Smith Club at once about a meeting with Dr. Wu as our honored guest speaker. Helen Marble, our president, and her two sisters, Anna and Sarah, have been to China and are among our most loyal Ginling supporters. However, Helen sees no chance for such a meeting with Dr. Wu and I think she is right. We have scheduled meetings for October 29 and then Jan. 7 for undergraduates. Speakers have been secured and announced for both meetings. Everybody is very busy and tired between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Then we had a big Ginling meeting at my house in April

with Etta Elm as speaker and Helen feels it would be bet-
ter to concentrate on a notable meeting next year when
~~the money is~~ to be raised. She feels you don't want to get
people tired of hearing about a thing ahead of time but
put all the effort into money raising when the campaign
is launched. Then Dr. Wu spoke here three years ago, I
believe, and we invited many prominent Worcester people
as well as club members and had a reception. We pre-
fer to have Dr. Wu remember us on that occasion and
not attempt a meeting which might be much less well
attended.

I'm afraid most Smith Clubs have their programs
for the year laid out, as we have.

This idea occurs to me. Would it be a good idea for
Dr. Wu to address in Boston the presidents and Greeting
Representatives of clubs in New England and to do the
same thing in New York for clubs around New York? She
would be talking to the people in the clubs responsible
for raising the money for Greeting next year. They could
meet her informally and get enthused to put on good
projects next year for the campaign. It would help if
Dr. Wu could give the club leaders information about the
cost of restoring the buildings on the Banking campus
and of trekking back to Banking, so that the clubs could
know what was expected of them. If you think well of
this idea I'll write Sara Corvius, the Boston Greeting Rep.
and get her views. Ruth Scott could take care of the New
York meeting.

How does the idea to merge Greeting with Banking
University turned out?

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Cordially yours,

Ruth Tomlinson

October 27, 1945

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Your good letter of October 25th has just come. I agree absolutely with what you say about the advisability of having a sort of pre-campaign Ginling meeting. It is quite possible that it would result in lessened rather than increased interest, and that would be most unfortunate.

I think your idea of having Dr. Wu meet with Club Presidents and Ginling Representatives in two or three large centers is excellent. That seems to me to be the best sort of preliminary work, and I hope it can be arranged. Will you please take it up with Sara Comins, and I'll see Ruth Scott about the New York area. Let me know how Miss Comins feels about it. She can clear dates and arrangements through me if it will be any help to her.

I'll write you more fully about Ginling happenings later. I want to get this off at once so that we can get started on plans for Dr. Wu and the 30th Anniversary.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Wheeler

October 27, 1946

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Here is a try at a letter. If it isn't what you want, please feel free to send it back with some suggestions, and I'll try again. It seems a bit short for such important news, but it is just the size to which our public has been accustomed, apparently, and I tried to make it hit the high points of all those interesting letters you sent me, but necessarily the high points could be hit in only a general way in this length letter. Really, I think, short letters are more apt to be read than great long ones--on campus, anyhow.

All the great free space, as you have figured out, no doubt, adorns page I of the letter, allowing for the heading, which does not appear on that page. I forgot to ask you for some stationery and find that I have only second sheets left from my last term of office. I guess my old headings would be out of date anyhow. I could use some envelopes too, I guess.

Please make any changes you want, and do let me know if you want me to try again from any different angle.

I suppose the next letter should go about February or March, depending upon the amount of information received. If you want one before, I'll try the end of January, but I can't promise it wouldn't turn out to be all about diapers and laundry and formula.

Sincerely,

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October 30, 1946

Mrs. Edward Wheeler
Hudson View Gardens
183rd Street and Pinehurst Ave.
New York 33, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Wheeler:

Thank you for your very fine campus letter. We are sending it just as you wrote it, as I could not possibly improve upon it. I agree with you that short letters are more apt to be read than long ones, but also I realize that we have to leave out many interesting details when we write short letters. You have picked out the highlights of the story so well and have put them together in such a manner that I am sure the girls will have a very good picture of that historical return to Hanking. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the College.

We are getting new letterhead printed and I will see that you have a supply as soon as it comes from the printer. We will also send you envelopes.

I think perhaps the next letter ought to go in the spring, about March. As you say, the date will depend upon the amount of information we receive. I do not think there is any possibility of wanting to send one in January.

We are thinking of you very especially these days and hope that all goes well.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Leavens

November 6, 1946

Mrs. Dickson H. Leavens
1151 East 56th Street
Chicago 37, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Leavens:

Thank you for your letter of October 24th, telling me of the good visit you had with Liu En-lan when she was in Chicago. I am happy indeed to know that ~~she~~^{she} made so many fine contacts and had such a profitable time with you and other friends there. When Mrs. Hanson sends me the list of tea guests, I will see that they receive our publicity about Ginling. I hope that they will find it interesting and do something about it.

You will be distressed to learn that two weeks ago today Dr. Liu had a very serious accident. She was on her way from the Vassar Club to the U. S. Building on West 57th Street, here in New York; thus, she was going west in a taxi. When she got opposite the building that she was to enter, she got out on the street side of the taxi into traffic and was knocked down by a car. She was very seriously injured and was unconscious for nearly seven days. From the beginning the doctors gave us little grounds for hope, and the last two of those seven days were particularly discouraging. Then she took a turn for the better and since the 29th of October has been slowly making progress. She is conscious and rational at times, though not continuously. Part of the haziness may be because she has to have sedatives fairly frequently. The nurses say, however, that she is improving and the doctors give us every reason now to expect continued progress. It is still too early to know what the final outcome will be, but certainly we feel much more hopeful than I did a week ago. I will keep you posted.

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November 6, 1946

Thank you for telling me about the book order that you so kindly helped Dr. Liu place. May I also express appreciation on behalf of Ginling for your generous gift in meeting payment for the first part of this order. I have talked to Mr. Evans about the ones that are still to be sent, and he suggests that the simplest way to handle payment would be to have the company send a bill direct to us. It will then be paid and the company can ship the books. I am sure that Dr. Wu, too, will greatly appreciate your help in this matter.

We share with you the concern for getting Ginling started in Nanking and agree that it will take a lot of money from our American friends to get the college back into anything like a prewar state. All of the Christian Colleges in China are in the same position, and the Associated Boards is planning a campaign to raise \$15,000,000 for the group over the next five years. Of course, Ginling will share in this campaign and its proceeds. We expect to approach Mission Boards for a fair share of the amount. In fact, some of the Boards have already contributed generously and have promised further support. Various Foundations are also being approached and we have every reason to expect support from them. Again, certain gifts have already been made in cash. Naturally we are also working through United Service to China, formerly United China Relief, since we are still one of the participating agencies in that organization.

Aside from all of this, every opportunity will be given to special friends of each of the individual Colleges, or of the group as a whole, to make as large contributions as possible. It is going to take the best efforts of all of us to reach such an ambitious goal. As I have said, Ginling is a part of this entire program, and I feel sure will fare better as a part of the whole rather than as one individual institution working alone. Naturally such a large program gets going rather slowly. You will be hearing more about it soon.

We had hoped that we could appeal to Smith friends all over America for contributions to Ginling for rehabilitation. I am afraid, however, that "SCADS" will make this impossible. We do earnestly hope, however, that all regular contributors will remember the current needs of Ginling and we also hope that they will add something extra to their usual gifts even though they are also contributing to "SCADS". I am sure you will understand when I say that I regard Smith women as a very special and a very privileged class of people. They naturally have the needs of their own College very much on their hearts and they want to respond to that appeal. They also are women who think in ~~world~~ terms and have usually responded to appeals for causes outside their immediate circle. For this reason I am sure that Ginling will still have a

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Mrs. Dickson H. Leavens

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November 6, 1946

high place with Smith women and that contributions at this time of desperate need in China will not suffer because Smith women are doing something special for their College in America.

Again may I express my appreciation for all that Chicago has done for Ginling.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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November 10, 1945

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

You have received an invitation to a luncheon in Boston so you know that your good idea took form and shape. Miss Comins is running the luncheon for the Smith Club Presidents and Ginling Representatives in Boston, and I hope there will be a good representation from each of the New England Clubs.

I hope that it is going to be possible for you to be with us on November 28th. It will be an all-day affair, though the business meeting will be only in the morning. This will be our last opportunity to meet with Dr. Wu before she returns to China, and I therefore hope that we can have as full an attendance as possible.

You will be interested to know that we are now making plans for a New York luncheon for Dr. Wu, not primarily a Smith affair, but of course including a large Smith group. Plans are still rather nebulous, but the date is fixed, December 10th. I think it would be fine if you could come down for that also.

Dr. Wu plans to leave about December 15th. She is not sure whether she can go via Shanghai and Nanking or not, but that is what she would like to do. Boats are now leaving from the west coast for Shanghai, but of course Dr. Wu wants to fly instead to save time. I am not sure about plan connections with Shanghai.

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You will be interested in the following paragraph from a letter just received from Ruth Chester:

"Our latest news from Nanking is that the buildings have been turned over to us and Mrs. Tsen and Blanche Wu were planning to move in and probably have already done so. We haven't very much detail yet about the condition of the property, but it is not as bad as it might have been. There is almost none of our furniture left, but evidently a fair amount of Japanese things, rough benches, tables, etc., which can be used temporarily. They have gathered up about 30,000 of our library books, which is roughly half of the original lot, but we do not know what they are. They are planning to open a middle school of some sort right away, in order to have the buildings in use and make sure they don't get borrowed again. I hope one of us can go down from here soon, but there is no definite information to give on that yet."

This is the only word we have had from Nanking recently.

The printer now has the copy for our fall leaflet. I hope that it will be ready to mail early in December. I should therefore be glad if you would send me a draft of the appeal letter that you would like sent to the Smith constituency. I am assuming, of course, that you want the leaflet to go to the Smith women.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 28th,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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MRS. DICKSON H. LEAVENS
1151 EAST 56TH STREET
CHICAGO 37, ILLINOIS

Nov. 10, 1946

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

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Thank you for your long letter of Nov. 6. I had heard of the accident on Nov. 1 and of course could think of little else after that. None of the people mentioned in the enclosed letter to En-lan (when she can receive such) had had any news except the brief outline through Mrs. de Kanter, so they were all grateful to you for sending word in that letter.

please read it, if you will

As you see, I am leaving early tomorrow morning for Grand Rapids, Michigan (Pantlind Hotel) to attend the United Council of Church Women Assembly and shall be there until Friday morning early. Miss Sage would appreciate word here in case of any change, I know. Her address was in the earlier letter of mine, Oct. 24th.

I was glad to have your news of the fund for the China Colleges. I have not had a minute to get the list ready for you; I called Mrs. Hanson several times but never have found her in. My days have been more than full, but I hope to have a chance to catch my breath sometime.

If there is ever anything that I could do for En-lan please let me know. ~~Write~~ Do what is best with the enclosed note. Mrs. Englund said that she was at Roosevelt Hospital, but I did not dare send it there directly.

As to the invoice for any future books for Ginling through Willcox and Follett. They required a check in hand before they mailed anything so I gave my own check to speed the order. If they establish Ginling credit through your references, etc. future orders can go when the books (on that list) arrive. Miss Sage has a nephew who is ~~the~~ President of the Crofts Publishing Co. in N. Y. She would not feel like asking him for any books herself, but through her he would favor Ginling, if you should want to approach him/

Vice

My ^{fore}finger has a tiny cut which makes writing worse than usual.

Best wishes,
Majorie B. Leavens

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Mrs. Dickson H. Leavens
1111 East 24th Street
Chicago 17, Illinois

Nov. 10, 1946

Mrs. W. Finney Miller
Ginling College
150 Fifth Ave.
New York 11, N.Y.

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Best wishes,
Dickson H. Leavens

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Mrs. RPO. Alspaugh

7720 E. Jefferson

Detroit 14

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Friday

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Dear Mrs. Tomlinson,

This twenty-five dollar
check is from the Detroit
Smith College Club as its yearly
contribution to the Jim Linn
College Scholarship Fund. We
would appreciate it very
much if you would send
it to them.

Thanking you for your attention
to this matter, I remain,
Sincerely,
James B. Alspaugh

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for the all day meeting in honor of
Dr. Wu. Substitutes are still scarce
and I'm not really needed for the
New York meeting, though I'd love to
be there of course, so I think I shan't
try to get off from school. I'll return
the postal card when I get back to
Worcester.

Christmas vacation I expect to
be in New York a few days at least,
so I'll be in to see you.

Have I told you that Charlotte
Gower is leaving the U.S.? I think
she is returning to China. We are not
filling her place, since her term ex-
pires this June.

Cordially yours,
Futh Tomlinson

November 10, 1945

My dear Mrs. Mills:

I leave to week-end with my aunt in Providence to get anything accomplished!

I enclose a check which came to me several days ago. I have written Mrs. Alpaugh thanking her and suggesting that in the future checks be made out to Quilley College and sent directly to you. A formal letter to her from me is in order, too, I presume.

The invitation to the luncheon for Dr. Wu in Boston came yesterday. Although I teach now only until 1:15, I can't get to the luncheon, but I hope to be there for the speaking and to meet the Club President and Quilley representatives. I should love to have Dr. Wu spend the night with me then or at any time, if it fits in with her plans. I realize she is a very famous and busy person, so if she can't, perhaps we could dine together Nov. 30 after the meeting.

I doubt if I can get to New York

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November 20, 1945

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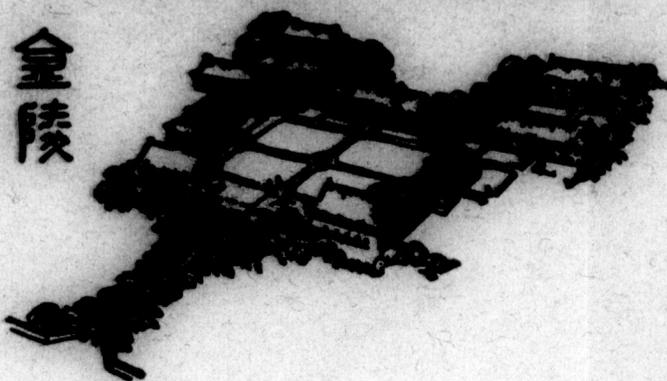
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GINLING COLLEGE
AMERICAN OFFICE
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

What an outstanding letter from Margaret Thomson! Do I detect your fine hand in it? My own letter seems very poor by comparison but I know you want something from my pen to go out with the booklet. If you don't like the note I've struck, just change it to make it fit better with the booklet.

How I wish I could be with you on the 28th! Wednesday is the worst day of the week for me, since it is the day I stay in the afternoon for make up work. There are still no substitutes, in spite of returning veterans, so I hate to ask for a day off, since I shall be seeing Dr. Wu on Friday and since I am not a member of the Board this year. My term starts next year, doesn't it?

I must dash to school now. I got up early to write the letter of appeal because I felt time was short.

Cordially yours,
Ruth Tomlinson

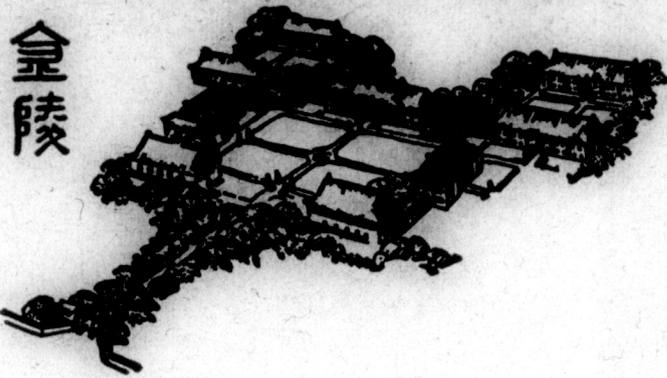
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38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass
November 20, '45

GINLING COLLEGE
AMERICAN OFFICE
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Smith Alumnae:

To-day China needs wise, trained leadership to solve its manifold problems. Ginling College, with its high standards of scholarship and character under its distinguished president, Dr. Wu, furnishes such training for the women of China.

We thank you for your generous support of Ginling in the past and feel sure that you will want to share in restoring the college to its beautiful campus at Hankow and in providing facilities for increased service to the youth of China.

Sincerely yours,
Ruth Tomlinson
Chairman of the
Alumnae Committee

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November 21, 1945

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Thank you for forwarding to us the contribution from the Detroit Smith Club. We have acknowledged it to Mrs. Alspaugh.

I hope that it will be possible for you to be in Boston for at least a part of the meeting on the 30th. I am sorry that you will not be there for the luncheon. Dr. Wu will have to return to New York that afternoon, as there is an important meeting here in the evening which she is anxious to attend. We have, therefore, arranged for her to fly back, leaving Boston at 5:00 p.m. This will mean, of course, that she cannot have dinner with you as you suggest and that she will not be able to spend the night with you in Worcester. I know that she will be as disappointed as you, but I also know that she plans to go to Smith and perhaps to Wellesley again later on, and it may be possible for her to get in a little visit with you en route.

We have had to drop our plans for a luncheon in New York on December 10th. There really was not enough time to work it up satisfactorily and it did not seem advisable to push for an affair just now when everyone is so busy. Dr. Wu said that perhaps she would start to Washington earlier, hoping to get off to China. I know that she is anxious to get back as soon as possible and I know she is not heartbroken about having a few extra days in which to make her plans to leave.

We look forward to seeing you when you are down at Christmastime.

Cordially yours,

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Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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November 29, 1945

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I am very glad that you are going to be in Boston tomorrow at the luncheon for Dr. Wu. She can tell you about our Board meeting yesterday and bring you the latest news from Ginling as she has had it in recent letters. I will therefore not go into that now.

The real purpose of this letter is to ask if you approve of the changes I have made in the letter to the Smith Alumnae which will accompany the booklet. We are not yet ready to put on the pressure for large gifts for the rehabilitation of the College. You can readily understand that this campaign must be carefully presented in order to be as productive as we want it. We must not burn the ground over prematurely. I therefore suggest that we make no reference to the need for funds to rehabilitate the campus in Nanking until we are ready to make this special appeal. It is for this reason that I have left out the last part of your letter and suggest the substitution of a part of the letter which will go to the non-Smith group.

Please let me know immediately how you feel about this change. We are sending the entire mailing to the lettershop the first of next week and expect to put it in the mails about the 10th of December. You see, therefore, the need for having the final form of the letter at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure: Draft of letter

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Will Dr. Wu still be in New York this week
between Christmas and New Year's? If so we
should certainly have a committee meeting.

38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass
December 1, 1945

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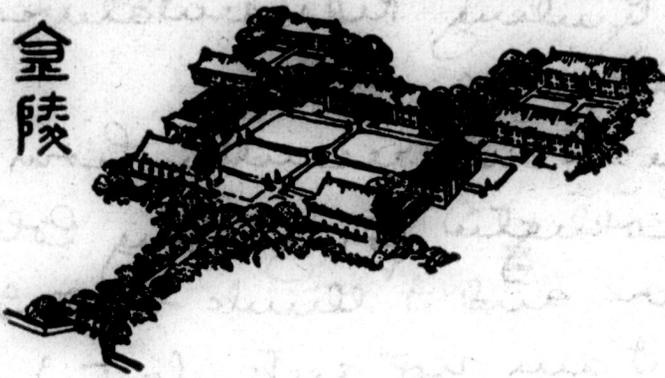
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GINLING COLLEGE
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New York 11, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Mills:

I am delighted with the changes you have made in
the very rude draft of my letter. It is greatly improved.
There is only one slight question I raise - should "College"
be capitalized, when it is by itself and not "Ginling College"?
I'm not sure which is correct.

On account of the storm, we had no school yesterday
so I lived me to Boston for the luncheon for Dr. Wu. Wasn't
I lucky? I'd have hated to have missed it. Dr. Wu made a
very fine speech, telling us just exactly what we wanted to
know. I was overjoyed, and I tell you, that the Board
voted to keep Ginling as a separate women's college and
not as an adjunct of the University of Hanking. I believe
in cooperation between the two institutions - sharing of
faculty members in part and attending each other's classes -
but I did not favor the absorption of Ginling by the larger
University. I felt so strongly on the subject and was so
afraid I'd speak out of turn when not yet a member of
the Board that I thought it wiser not to try to attend
the Board meeting on Wednesday.

At the luncheon the representative from Lexington

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assured me she was no longer the Girding Representative (she may now be president of the club) and gave me the address, enclosed, of the Girding Representative. I also enclose two other Girding Representatives, one old and one new, with their addresses.

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A letter came to me recently from Miss Sabrin of Denver. "I have collected for Girding College in China for about twenty years and I think that I shall have to give up the work. I am not sick, but I do not find it easy to work now. The president of the Smith College Club of Colorado is Mrs. J. Ramsay of Denver. You might write to her to appoint someone in my place. Just why Miss Sabrin didn't call up Mrs. Ramsay and make the request herself I don't see, but I have written Miss Sabrin thanking her for her years of faithful service and I am about to write Mrs. Ramsay and enclose Miss Sabrin's letter.

In spite of yesterday's storm we had about thirty at the luncheon with many clubs represented. Bangor had one delegate, Portland two, Holyoke and Springfield one each, Providence one (the president of the club), Worcester two, New Bedford one, and many from clubs nearer Boston. I was very well pleased and satisfied with the results. We had a good luncheon. Sara Cousins did an excellent job.

Christmas I shall spend in Baltimore but I expect to be in New York Dec. 26 and shall remain until Dec. 31 or New Year's with a college friend, Mrs. Benjamin T. Cooke, at Hotel Bossert in Brooklyn. I shall be at theatres after noon and evening but shall be in to see you the 27th or 28th (I'll phone to see which day is more convenient) and hope you'll have luncheon with me. Would that week be a good time to get the members of the committee around New York? We have to plan for a Girding meeting in Northampton or

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talk over all of our dining problems. I think it would be
very helpful to try to get as many members of your Committee
together as possible, especially Dr. Wu will probably still
be here. Let me know what date suits you best, and I will try
to round up the group for luncheon.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am

Cordially yours,

December 8, 1945

Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Massachusetts

Booklet

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When the response begins to come in, we must be ready
to thank our generous friends. Will you, therefore, please send
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note. It does not need to be long, just two or three sentences
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successful in spite of bad weather. Dr. Wu was much impressed
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about the date of her departure. When I talked to her last, she
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few days after Christmas. I shall be most happy to see you and

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Enclosures: Booklet

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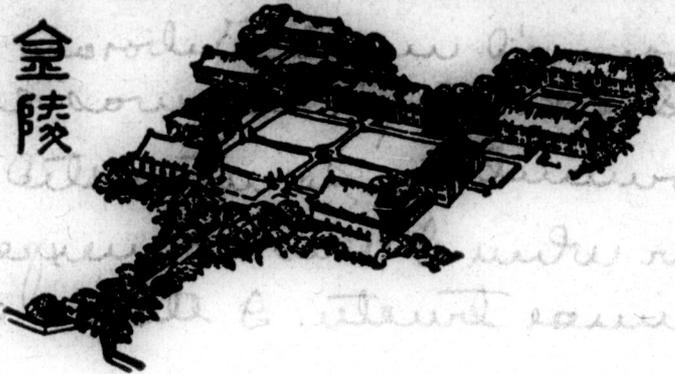
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Scott

My dear Mrs. Mills:

The booklet has come and it is up to your usual high standard. It is attractive, informative and very interesting. It should bring in the shekels.

My New York schedule is as follows. I arrive Wednesday ^{the 26th} from Baltimore in time for a matinee. Every day Christmas week Gladys and I have matinee tickets for some show. I shall be with Gladys (Mrs. Benjamin T. Cooke - Hotel Boshert, Brooklyn) until New Year's. I have no plans for Monday, Dec. 31, so could stay later ~~with~~ ~~after~~ ~~on~~ that day, but Dec. 27, 28, and 29 would be just as good for me if the luncheon were at 12 or 12:30, and Margaret Thomson and Katherine Ellison might well like to go to a matinee if they take the time and trouble to journey to New York. Besides them and ourselves and Dr. Wu, we ought to have Ruth Scott and Katharine Richards Rockwell. Margaret Marsh is on a Sabbatical from Smith, but where she is spending the Sabbatical I know not. Do you? My suggestion is that you fix the day - Dec. 27, 28, 29 or 31 - which is best for Dr. Wu and you, then hoping we can get the others. You can telephone Ruth Scott and K. Rockwell, so perhaps we could

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~~The~~ way of five of us. Margaret Thomson is very conscientious about attending and I hope our new younger member, Katherine Ellison will join us. Do you suppose Susan Lobenstein would be in New York that week-end? I don't suppose we'd invite Deborah Wheeler Javoy of Forest Hills. I'd like to, for she was such a grand member of our committee, so interested, such a help to me my first year when I was so inexperienced, and she is now an alumnae trustee. I think she'd love to meet with Dr. Wu.

This little note of thanks can be changed, as you deem best, to improve it. I have no idea what I said in previous notes and haven't time right now to look up the notes in my files.

I'll get in touch with you Thursday morning, Dec. 27, but perhaps you will have an opportunity to let me know the day of the luncheon, since I shall be making other luncheon dates but not until I hear from you about our more important luncheon. I like the Gramercy Park Hotel where we have met recently.

Cordially yours,
Betty Thomson

12-10-45

December 22, 1945

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
c/o Mrs. Benjamin T. Cooke
Hotel Bossert
98 Montague Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I have checked with the members of your Committee and also with Ruth Scott and Mrs. Rockwell, and find that Thursday, December 27th, will be the best day for a luncheon meeting. Margaret Thomson is not able to come any of the days you suggest, and I have not yet heard from Mrs. Ellison. The 27th is the only day for Mrs. Rockwell and is equally good for Ruth Scott.

I am therefore making arrangements for us to have luncheon at the Gramercy Park Hotel at 12 o'clock on Thursday, the 27th. I hope that Dr. Wu will also be here. I do not know about Susan Lobenstine, but I will find out and invite her if she is in New York. I think it would be an excellent idea to have Deborah Wheeler meet with us, especially as she would like to see Dr. Wu. I am therefore writing to her and inviting her to join us.

I am sorry that I have delayed so long in telling you the date for the luncheon, but I have still not heard from some of the members of the Committee, and so hesitated to set a day without knowing the convenience of all.

All best wishes for a happy Christmas. Looking forward to seeing you next week,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Sent to: Mrs. Ellison
Mrs. George Scott
Mrs. Rockwell
Susan Lobenstine
Mrs. Edward Wheeler

December 22, 1945

Mrs. Stanley R. Ellison
36 Exeter Rd.
Short Hills, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Ellison:

Miss Ruth Tomlinson, Chairman of the Alumnae Committee for Ginning, will be in New York for a few days next week. She is anxious to meet as many of her Committee members as possible.

We are therefore arranging a luncheon at the Gramercy Park Hotel, 52 Gramercy Park North, New York, N. Y., on Thursday, December 27th, at 12 o'clock. We hope that Dr. Wu will be present.

We shall be most happy if you can join us at this meeting. I should appreciate a call from you Wednesday morning, letting me know whether or not you can come.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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