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4103 Walnut St
Philadelphia
June 3, 1940

Dear Miss Grant -

Miss Hodge asked me to give you a memorandum as to my itinerary for the next few days.

It is possible that I may get time to call at 150 Lefferts Ave. Rly on Thursday morning as I pass through to a meeting in Rye, Rly. (Westchester Country club) of the American Neurological Association. If not, I shall call Mr. Evans by 'phone so we might meet nearer the Grand Central Station time.

Friday night my way is back to Iowa where I should be on Saturday night, June 8th.

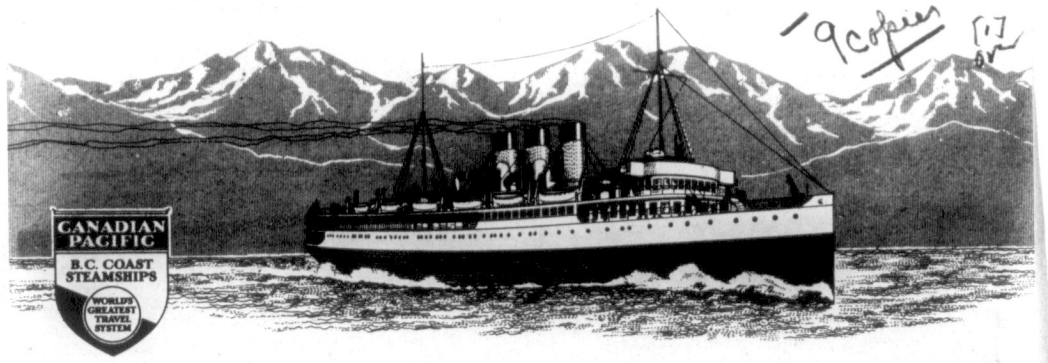
It will be a pleasure to help Miss Vautrin, should it become possible for me to do so. My assistant, Dr. Wilbur R. Miller, in Iowa City, has the correspondence with instructions to receive her, in case

it should be decided to send her
there for a period of observation &
treatment.

If she shall remain less than
15 days, a proportionate return of the
$97.50/100 deposit for admission will be
made.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew H Woods

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[ON BOARD SS. June 3, 1940-

(Postmarked Seattle 6/3/40-11 P.M.)

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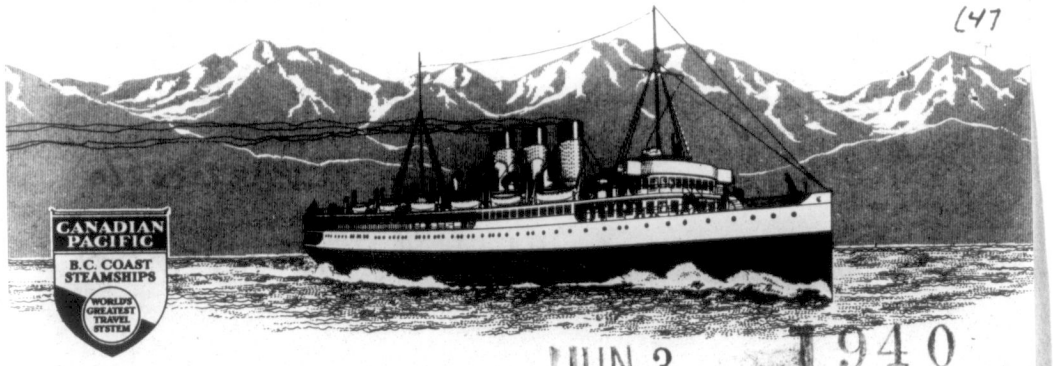
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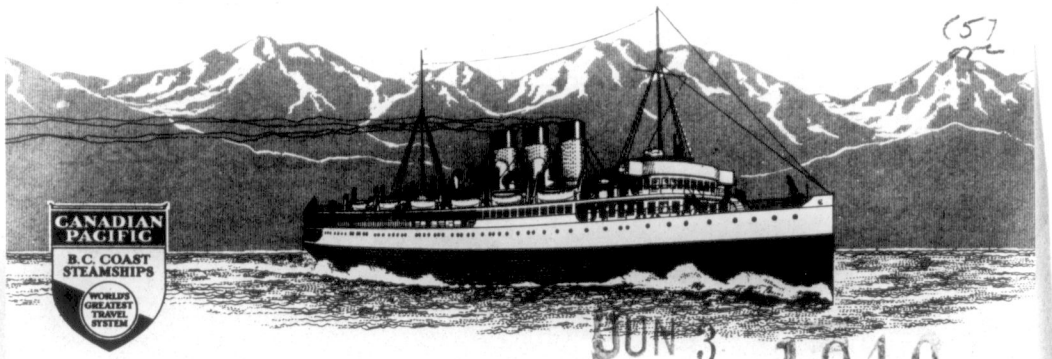


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and minute.

Goodnight now, dear Rebecca, and much love to you, from,

Frederica.

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From Mrs. Walter Hiltner to Miss Griest - Received June 5, 1940.

On Board S. S. June 3, 1940

(Postmarked Seattle, June 3, 1940 - 11:00 P. M.)

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Goodnight now, dear Rebecca, and much love to you,

From,

Frederica

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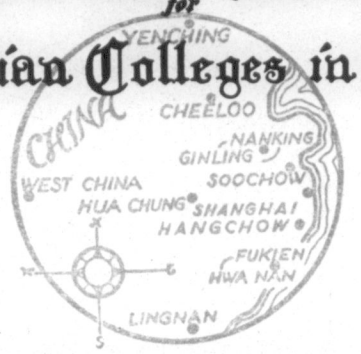
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June 4, 1940

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Miss Griest:

I wish to thank you for your long-distance telephone message last night, which I received within three minutes after you hung up. It was a great relief to get this word regarding Miss Vautrin.

I have communicated with the Episcopal Board and find that (your telephone call came right here) Mr. John Magee is coming to New York to meet his wife who is enroute to America on the "President Roosevelt." I have made an appointment with him through the Episcopal Board, and, if possible, I will get Dr. E. M. Dodd to talk with him at the same time.

I have a card from Dr. Andrew H. Woods, and I hope to see him on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Macmillan is sending you the original of Mrs. Thurston's letter. It was her thought that probably you would be receiving a letter in the same mail which brought Mrs. Thurston's.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

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=R W GRIEST.

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4 June 1940

AIR MAIL

Dear Miss Vautrin:

You cannot know how joyous a bit of news was the word of your arrival yesterday. You will already be buried in correspondence and other alluring reading, and I will make this message very brief. I hope that you received, before you left Nanking, my first intimation of the fact that gifts had begun to come in from friends who knew of your approaching furlough, and that these gifts had been very carefully labelled as for your personal use - rest, clothes, recreation, with perhaps a bit of study! The fund has now just topped $1000, and we are sending herewith a check for $200 and will hold the remainder for further word from you and those whom you may choose to help you plan its expenditure. We are assuming that the beginnings of a complete new outfit are in order, as soon as the first weariness of the journey has worn off. May you feel the pride and affectionate confidence in which these gifts have been made, beginning with the first one of $25 from Admiral and Mrs. Yarnell.

Devotedly yours,

Eva B. H. Macmillan

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

EBM:e

Miss Minnie Vautrin
c/o Mrs. Walter G. Hiltner
4215 East 33rd
Seattle Washington

Mr Evans; Mrs Macmillan; Miss Hodge; Mrs Lee - (?) or
If you want to read through it. ——

Please return to C.A.C.

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Katie Jefferson,
Iowa City, Iowa.
June 9, 1940. ack 6/11/40

My dear Mr. Evans:

I haven't a typewriter so if there is any reason to share this letter with Miss Hodge et al it can be copied possibly in the office.

Mr. Paul called me at 5:45 Thursday evening. I was about to get ready to go to Hershey to speak at an evening meeting. Instead I went to Chicago on the 7:53 train which has due there at 8:15 Friday morning. Mr. Paul was due at eight and the group from China at 8:45. My train broke down sometime during the night so I didn't get in until 9:30 or later. Mr. Paul was awaiting me and was worried. Mrs O. had scolded him for coming - and thought it dreadful that I was coming. She, as he told me, as we walked across the

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station said she had betrayed herself, Emilie, Chris, her God - and was so concerned about all this money being spent on them. When I saw her she was sitting bowed over with her head in her hands but as soon as I spoke she jumped up kissed me, apparently happy, and I began to chatter. How I had wanted to go to Victoria, how crazy I was about flying, but had sternly resisted the temptation, but finally had succumbed & coming on to Chicago to say hello - after eight years of not seeing her - asked after Maye about his family. when the Roosevelt would be in - and the first hurdles were safely past. I had Dr. Woods correspondence in my pocketbook and passed that before we reached Minn. to St. Paul - and he then went off in a huddle with

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Mr. Magee and Miss Schultz. He seemed to think the Iowa City plan providential. They (Magee & Schultz) had been at their wits end. - Dr. James had I think been suggested by someone on the boat and since she was a woman Miss V. had grabbed at that, and no one had anything better to suggest. - Apparently Dr. Killam either did not receive or was not impressed with the copies of the letters concerning Iowa which I sent them. He didn't mention it to them. Dr. Woods had written Miss V. at the boat but Miss Schultz who had taken all her mail and opened it didn't know who Dr. Woods

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was a anything about it - and Dr Woods
letter, & Mrs V. was merely a letter of greeting -
Then John Mayer and I met & the N.U. special
office & collect the #50. in E. Bldg. had
worried, and it was agreed we would
together - all four of us - tell her it was
the Iowa - I was elected & do the telling
Fortunately enough she said at once
all right. The China connection here
helped I think. Then John M. left
for his train. I sent the wire &
you and we had lunch - and
Mr. Paul then discovered that the
train for Iowa City left from another
station and required seat tickets
for coaches - and there were none.
so we had & wait for a later train

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also a "swank" one - "The Rocket" with seat tickets for the coaches. Miss V. Miss S. and I went for a bus ride and as Miss V. knew Chicago far better than either of the rest of us, she quite cheerfully told us the sights! - She referred to Iowa City only with the flat statement that if there were "bars," she wouldn't stay! - We then went to Marshall Fields and got four cotton dresses - she protesting again about spending any more money on us. Miss Schultz said she had nothing to wear. - She still thinks we got only two but there are

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four! (I'll probably be clucked severely about that when she discovers it!)
She has a complex on spending money on her -- Terribly bothered because they came first class on the ocean, and had a night nurse & valet. Miss S. (didn't leave her alone a minute) and that they came to Chicago on a "de luxe" train. Mr. Paul took Miss S. off to talk with her and Miss O. and I talked. She appeared entirely herself. She told me why she was in this "mess" of which she is desperately ashamed. -
1) Eight years was too long between furloughs - 2) She had been too idealistic - after hearing Mrs. Doan last fall, uncooperative in? she thought

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that would be the way to solve
the problems for there women they
have training. They train them
but there is no way for them to
use the training to help themselves
Also there has been friction between
the Chinese staff & Standard Vac
the secretist with her family. Mrs.
Isen the widow, a practical person
but red; the head of the Homecraft
department a young college
Chinese girl. - So Miss V. thought
she would kill two birds with
one stone - send them three -
later only the two - to Japan to

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steady cooperatives. (She was too
expensive & send them & West China)
and she (M.V.) pay their expenses.
(She admits now she had'n't
the money to do this). So she made
some arrangements through
some missionaries in Japan
and through a d. pastor in Nanking.
The girls were in the carriage ready
to go & the RR station.
on their journey when a telegram
came from the Shanghai alumnae
protesting! Minnie says that
it was then she realized what
a stupid thing she had done
and from then she couldn't
go on. She thinks they won't want

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her ever again in China, especially at Ginling, and that she has "betrayed" everybody! - Also there is a piece of land involved (her ruinous difficulties) in it - a piece adjoining our property which a man desperately needing money sold her - for - I am not sure of the price - about C.C.$ 3000 on which she paid $ 1600 C.C. She run away because she had a dream of a Folk School and thought it wouldn't be handled on the campus - That time could be her job some day at Ginling

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As she told this story I was mad. Later I Mr. Paul she said there things just show that I was crazy. But she dates the break from the day I the protest from S. about the Japan trip I Miss Blanche Rue and Miss ? - (Miss Schultz). Miss Schultz says that the foreign group there felt that was merely the occasion - that the break came earlier but they didn't recognize it and that had she not broken earlier she herself would have seen the impracticability I so idealistic a plan as the Japan trip and never made it.

The alumnae are not however blameless. They are "broken hearted"

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and as in 1927 have promptly rallied and have already sent seven Bao-hua's to Nanking. Seven Bao-hua is one of the girls whom M.D. tried to get, but failed as she failed with nearly all whom she asked because it is "dangerous" to come to Nanking. (How rather true so to young men than women. The former are immediately invited to government positions - and the feeling is abroad that - "one takes it or else." —)

The letter which I received today

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From Mrs Thurston apropos of Evelyn Walmsley reports "all the great" on the campus enthusiasm about her return. Of the alumnae residing Inner Bay Area, whom Miss Schultz says was going almost at once and was to finish out this year and stay through next. (This is what - & the way it was done in 1927) Mrs Thurston says:- (In Letter 5/17/28 E. B. M.) "We are hopeful that the alumnae whom Minnie had hoped to will come up and take on some English teaching and responsibility on the Chinese side of the school administration. I have a letter from her this morning saying she is coming up some time next

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week. She may stay and help for the rest of the semester." From this Mrs. Thurston has hardly got the idea of the group in Shanghai as explained time by Miss Schutz.

On Thursday night as I lay sleepless in the train three plans developed for Nanking:-

1. Send Miss H. for a three year term only - paying all expenses.

2. Send C. Sutherland to Nanking. (She was to go there before the S. M.'s decided for us Miss Butler.) Put every pressure on the S.M.'s in this crisis to give us Miss Butler now for Chengtu. Miss is so much admired that most folks

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if we act quickly will adjust to the Emergency.

and 3. Ask the alumnae to rally as they did in 1927.

The 3rd has already happened. but it isn't enough -- They need another Freynik. - If the 2nd could be carried out it would.

a. Eric & the campus the right kind of spirit.

b. Someone who understands Chinese and works with them supremely well.

c. Eric & Chengtu an able piano teacher in Miss Butler -

X d. Dan in the end our budget for 1st I is carried out. and this B. is transferred as we asked on 5/17/40

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in 1941 it pleases Li 1941-42 -
a foreign salary than both
Miss M and Miss Butler.

Q. It will preserve the sound
of thing that Miss Vautrin has
started which I am~~b~~ very much
~~cared~~ be preserved if Mrs G and Miss
M. worked it. If that is preserved
when M.V. is well again she may
then want to go back to Ginling

E~~X~~. M.V. wanted California
but feels always that Chengtu
must come first.

#1. Q. Possible - Explosion - (probably
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in more ways than one. M. V.'s letter (167
& Miss Thalmsley of 4/22/40 was
written after the time when Miss
Schultz believes the break came - Also
it was certainly written after
she had explored every other possibility -
If I am judge from style it is written
politely but without enthusiasm

2. Miss V. told me on Friday in
Chicago that "Miss B. was Mrs Hunsaker
idea." Today when I asked her
about Catherine's grief she said - "She
must not harm the program in
Chungtu."

What I have done -
1. Wrote Catherine before I knew Anna
Hospers & E.M. were in N.Y. -- ask my her

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what she cried Smith Spring & Hawking -
and whether we should raise the
question with Dr. Hu.

2. I wrote her again today (before
my mail came) explaining my
thought about Miss Butler --

3. Shall cabled Mrs Hu from here
today saying: - "Presbyterians refuse
Walmsley appointment. Would you
approve Sutherland Nanking reopening
row with Methodists Butler Chengtu
Believe MacKenzie support. Minnie
improving. Guest."

Miss Schultz thinks Sutherland
"the best bet" (à la Dr. Dodd) and Mr. Paul

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when we were talking about it, said
that if the Presbyterians felt they
couldn't appoint, should we then
appoint - going new thru heads as it were -
a new angle which I hadn't thought of --
What do you all think? -
Telegrams & letters.

I had in Chicago:

1. The telegram from Mr Evans
about the cable for the Sun Chuan teachers
2. The telegram from Mrs Macmillan
with the money, and Dr Dodd's
feeling about Iowa City - and
Bloomingdale as a possibility

I have had here -

1. Telegram repeating cable from
China and said that Dr Wood has
been informed of Iowa City plan
2. Telegram giving us information

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I added $100.00 and I Mrs Li's plans for the work.

3 Letter from Mr Evans

4. " " Mrs Macmillan

and medicine - Thermos.

Thermsley, Mrs Pye, etc. - -

Mr. Paul left late last night. Shall be in N.Y. about Saturday and will see Mr Evans. - Mr. Paul has paid all of Mummie's and Mrs Schultz's expenses from Chicago here, given Mrs Schultz money & stay here for a bit, and deposited at the hospital $97.50 for Mummie's first few weeks. The

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were told yesterday that this hospital is merely for examination and diagnosis and we should be thinking about another place to take her. Today when Mrs L. and I saw her she said that they told her about six months, but we don't know whether that means in this hospital or elsewhere. - We'll see Dr Woods in the morning I hope. -

I expect now to leave Tuesday morning - 9:15 AM - but I won't decide certainly until Saturday. Mrs L. is desperately tired - slowed it more today than before - and I may stay a day or so longer. If Mrs L. can be here only two weeks, Mrs

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Schultz wants to stay and take her wherever she goes next. If she is to stay a long time there, then S. will then go home to Texas as soon as she goes through the clinic check up here.. She is a fine girl..

Could you check up with Dr Dodds about a place at Great Barrington & Stockbridge where they take everybody from nervous women to alcoholics. It is lovely country up there and then S. can get out of doors - walking! -

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The $100.00 check came - thank you -

The $200.00 check for M.D. is still

En route sometime -

This must go to the mail.

Sincerely,

Rebecca W. Grant

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
June 5, 1940

Dr. Andrew H. Woods
4103 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Doctor Woods:

It was very good indeed of you to write me concerning your plans for the next few days and to assure me again of your interest and of your arrangements for Miss Vautrin in case she goes to Iowa City.

Mr. Evans, I understand, is planning to see you on Thursday morning as you go through New York, and he can then tell you the latest things that we here know of this situation. Miss Vautrin arrived safely on the third of June in Victoria and was met by Dr. and Mrs. Hiltner of Seattle. John Magee, of Nanking, was on the boat and was a source of tremendous help to Miss Shutze, who was Miss Vautrin's traveling companion. The Hiltner's have taken both Miss Vautrin and Miss Shutze to their home in Seattle. I received this afternoon a letter from Mrs. Hiltner written on the boat from Victoria to Seattle, which indicates that everyone was pretty well tired out and that as a temporary arrangement this seemed the best thing to do.

We are now waiting anxiously to hear from Doctor Hiltner and Mr. Paul, who will have the decision for the next step. I am so hoping that Miss Vautrin may have the good fortune to be under your care, at least for a period for diagnosis and observation.

Sincerely yours,

RWG:JB

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June 5, 1940.

4215 EAST THIRTY-THIRD STREET
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Ans June 10, 1940

Dear Rebecca,

I have just sent my day letter to you and the one to Minnie telling of Eva's letter, and now I want you to know a little more background. My letter from the boat will have given you some.

We arrived in Seattle uneventfully and Walter Jr. met us so we were here at the house

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shortly after ~~ten~~ Katherine got in touch with her family and I was with Minnie visiting. I left her for a moment, with Walter's permission, and when a jiffy later Walter, Katherine and John went in to the room to speak to her, she ~~was~~ had raised the window and was looking out at the view. It frightened them all, though I think all of them felt she was not attempting anything desperate. But it made us

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realize that a home on a lake is a precarious place for a person who is depressed.

Katherine was terribly tired. My heart ached for her she looked so badly. (She had rested in the bunk most of the way down from Victoria, having dinner in bed.) But she has been glorious, and after devotions which John led, she and Minnie went to bed, the beds pulled side by side and windows opened from the top. And they both slept sound.

ly and pedestrially ~~the~~ for the first time in about two weeks.

In the morning K. + John went down town to plan with Walter what they should do and Minnie and I visited and did household things together, had a nap after lunch, and took a nice walk for an hour.

Most of the time she seems absolutely normal, but J. + K. say the mornings are the hard time. And the thing that bothers her most is that so much money is being spent for her. When the dear letter

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and check came from Eva [5] today I condensed it into a day letter and sent it ~~the~~ to Minnie on the train. She (the money) will not want to accept it, but it can but relieve her of the feeling that she is accepting Hinkley funds - darling person.

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Minnie would have liked to stay on here, and I wish with all my heart we might have let her, but Katherine is so tired, John such a tower of strength to them both, the two psychiatrists that might have been adequate in Seattle both out of town, and all of us

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felt Dr James would be a person who would be most likely to be able to help Minnie, so the decision was made and, with the help of friends from the boat, K. & J. were able to get their things thru customs, and they started east in connected state rooms last night.

It means giving you the brunt of the responsibility when I had hoped we could help her rest and get on her feet here.

She is wonderful, Rebecca, and Walter feels will be able to come back completely with the right treatment. I do trust you will approve of the decisions and that they may prove best in the long run. Lovingly, Frederic.

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MISS REBECCA GRIEST=

208 SOUTH QUEEN ST AC=

6/8/40 Wired Telegram Telegram Visited Wrote Mailed Next Travel in Chicago

GROUP HERE DECIDED WISER KATHERINE AND JOHN TAKE MINNIE EAST HOPING DOCTOR MARY JAMES IN PHILADELPHIA FORMERLY HANKOW CAN MEET HER NEED THEY STARTED NORTHERN PACIFIC TRAIN TWO LAST NIGHT JUNE FOURTH AM WIRING NEWS OF EVAS LETTER AND CHECK TO THEM ON TRAIN TRUST DECISIONS MAY PROVE RIGHT LOVE=

FREDERICA=

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1) Telephoned Evans. Read Telegram. He will check on James in Nanking.
2) " Macmillan - Read her f tel & Wycoff Evans - Asked her about Mary James - Her parents & Minnie connect. She phoned Evans' Indianapolis - Talked with Yo cents - Sorrene from Chicago will meet train in Chicago - Thursday noon -

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6 June 1940

Dear Rebecca:

I have just sent you a day letter -

Additional letters Nanking problem on way to you, including copy one Vautrin to Walmsley. Minnie's train reaches Chicago tomorrow morning. Paul will meet. Meanwhile seeking reservation Iowa City Clinic. Woods, Dodd consultation Evans agree James definitely not solution, and have promised utmost persuasion toward Iowa. Woods back there Saturday.

Mr. Evans seemed completely satisfied with the results of his interviews this morning with Dr. Andrew Woods and Dr. Andrew Dodd. Both had no hesitation in stating their disapproval of Miss Vautrin's putting herself in Dr. James' care. To me, Dr. Woods used such expressions as: "Perhaps in some cases one patient does cure another, but it is not the method one chooses," - "that would be the blind leading the blind."

Mr. Evans was in telephone connection with Mr. Yocum this morning, which gave opportunity to transmit information just received from Andrew Woods, to the effect that care should be taken to be certain that a vacancy at Iowa City would be available for Minnie. Mr. Yocum assured Mr. Evans that he was in complete accord with the concern we have shown to have Minnie's journey broken at Chicago for the sake of getting her under proper care.

Yours -

Em

EBM:e

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
208 South Queen Street
Lancaster Pennsylvania

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EVANS MACMILLAN=ROOM 903

150 FIFTH AVE NYK=

MONEY AND MESSAGE RECEIVED. MAGEE LEAVES FOR PITTSBURGH ELEVEN OCLOCK PAUL SCHUTZE VANTRIN AND I PROBABLY START IOWACITY ABOUT ONE. VANTRIN DEPRESSED BUT PLEASANT WITH ME. PAUL HAS PHONED DR MILLER IOWACITY TO EXPECT US. PLEASE INFORM WOODS IF POSSIBLE STIUATION TRAGIC BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE COMMUNICATE VIA WESTERNUNION IOWACITY=

:R W GRIEST.(

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EVANS MACMILLAN=

ROOM 903 150 FIFTH AVE NYK=

FOUR OF US ARRIVED IOWACITY NINE THIRTY TONIGHT. NO OBJECTION ON PATIENTS PART UNTIL STATION HERE. BUT DOCTOR, A NURSE AND PLEASANT ROOM WAITING. SCHUTZE SAYS REAL IMPROVEMENT SINCE THEY LEFT SHANGHAI. DEPRESSION NOW SEEMS TO CENTER AROUND TWO MAIN ERRORS IN JUDGEMENT BUT SCHUTZE THINKS BREAK OCCURRED EARLIER AND THESE ERRORS RESULT NOT CAUSE OF BREAK. REAR ADMIRAL BROUGHT THEM NANKING SHANGHAI ON FLAGSHIP. SCHUTZE REMARKABLE GIRL WE CAN BE DEEPLY GRATEFUL HER DEVOTION AND MAGEES PRESENCE. ADDRESS JEFFERSON HOTEL IOWACITY=

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MISS REBECCA W GRIEST=
JEFFERSON HOTEL

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ADDITIONAL ONE HUNDRED YOUR OWN EXPENSES ON WAY AIR MAIL INFORM US VANTRIN HOSPITAL CHARGES HOPE YOU WILL REMAIN UNTIL SITUATION MUCH IMPROVED MACMILLAN AT OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON LEAVES PARKSIDE TOMORROW NOON SWARTHMORE SUNDAY EVENING THEN ROCHESTER MONDAY WEDNESDAY NORTHAMPTON THURSDAY SUNDAY RETURNS NEWYORK MONDAY SEVENTEENTH=
EVANS MACMILLAN.

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MRS T EVANS MACMILLAN=

THE PARKSIDE HOTEL 18 GRAMERCY PARK SOUTH NYK=

PAUL LEAVING EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. INDIANAPOLIS SCHUTZE STAYING BOTH WANT ME REMAIN FEW DAYS GRATEFUL YOUR WIRE ASSURING MONEY UNLESS GREAT CHANGE I LEAVE TUESDAY MORNING. WIRED LIMANKUEI YOUR CARE CHIH MENG SHOULD KNOW ADDRESS. WILL COMMUNICATE YUNG WHEN I REACH HOME WEDNESDAY. SCHUTZE REPORTS ALUMNAE SHANGHAI TERRIBLY UPSET IMMEDIATELY ORGANIZED COMMITTEE APPOINTED SWENBROWHA ADMINISTRATOR GINLING NANKING THIS GIRL VAUTRIN TRIED BUT FAILED TO GET. VAUTRIN NOT PRESSING WALMSLEY. SAYS IT IS THURSTONS IDEA. NO HOME CRAFT COURSE NEXT YEAR. NO NEW STUDENTS. TOTAL EXPERIMENTAL COURSE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY. MINNIE NOT TOO HAPPY HERE ROUTINE INCLUDES WARD OBSERVATION IN GROUP OF EIGHT. PAUL SCHUTZE BOTH LONG INTERVIEWS TODAY WITH DOCTOR AND ASSISTANT. I WISH SHE COULD BE AWAY FROM OTHERS. APPARENTLY THIS HOSPITAL FOR DIAGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATION NOT FOR PROLONGED CARE. SCHUTZE WILLING REMAIN THROUGH OBSERVATION PERIOD AND ACCOMPANY HER WHEREVER RECOMMENDED=

REBECCA W GRIEST.

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MISS REBECCA W GRIEST=

JEFFERSON HOTEL=

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MACMILLAN RECEIVED SATURDAYS TELEGRAM. TELEPHONED ME. APPRECIATE NEWS. HAVE CONFERRED WITH DR DODD. ADVISES KEEPING HER THERE FOR PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION. HOWEVER IF SHE REVOLTS ADVISES BLOOMINGDALE FOR A PERIOD. EMPHATICALLY NOT PHILADELPHIA AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. SUGGEST SCHUTZE STAY. MACMILLAN IS IN ROCHESTER THIS WEEK=

C A EVANS.

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:LI MAN KUEI ACCEPTS ENGLISH POSITION OUTLINED WESTERNUNIONS CABLE THIS PROVIDES TRAVEL IN CHINA LOANS TRAVEL TO CHINA PLEASE TRY SECURE HER RESERVATION COOLIDGE AM WRITING HER TO SEE YOU ALSO RESERVE COOLIDGE TENTATIVE RESERVATION YUNG HSIAO YUN CHECK WITH WESTERNUNIONS CABLE FOR FACTS CONFERENCE WOODS TODAY VAUTRIN HAPPIER YESTERDAY=

:R W GRIEST.

LI MAN KUEI YUNG HSIAO YUN.

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Hull Jefferson
Iowa City. Iowa
June 10, 1940.

Dear Eva:-

You did a grand job on Li Mau Kuei - but are you sure the name came through Anne Jui Lai (?) for I went over the wire very carefully here - They read it and they spelled it - and the office here is intelligent. But with Italy at war - what of such a thing as this!

I have sent Dr. Hu a Clipper letter today on Thursday, Thursday, Li Mau Kuei & all - and urged Mr Evans & get a reservation for Miss Li. I have Ray hunting for Miss Yang's U.S. address so maybe I'll get that today and can reach her tomorrow She left Ithaca June 3rd -

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I cabled Dr Chu yesterday re Chalmsley and the idea of keeping Miss Butler's assignment in the Emergency at Suchow so that Cath. would be free to go to Nanking if Miss W. goes now we'll have her for life I am sure. - She and Mrs. T. get along "fine", but I feel just as the Presbyterians do. - If we could be sure of one year I would risk it, but I doubt if she gets back in a year - and at the moment she doesn't think she should ever go back, for she has "disgraced" Suchow, Chung Chi, Etc. Etc. But the time will come, of she gets where she will want to go - and Evelyn just can't run the kind of thing Miss Wan - would

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Mr. Chem feel better or worse about going to Guthrie? - Worse probably - Would the gov. stand for the kind of standards I believe Evelyn would require? She saw Dr. yesterday. She was more cheerful at first: said she should do something for the women in the home with her. Most of them are young. Said - "I should have had a S.S. class with them this morning!" Then her face closed and she said - "But of course I couldn't do it." Her mind seemed a little more slowly yesterday than on Friday. Dr Woods had been in to see her.

Her menopause happened in 1937-1938! She said - "It was so easy. Just stopped!" Well you know what she went through that year. So I am hoping Dr Brady is right and

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that that is the trouble. She has had more
shot hormone injections since she left
Seattle. Miss S. says M. is so much
better than she was in Nanking, n Shanghai.
The worst I hair seen was Friday morning
in Chicago. Miss L. thinks the place
wonderful. She compares it with the awful
place they were in in Shanghai - a
Viennese Jewish Hungarian man - and a
royal. swishy. hatted "flippant", also refuge - woman -
psychiatrist (whom M. invited) open her mouth.
Their verdict was that she was too ill
to leave Shanghai, but Miss S. felt they must
come on, for China expects the Brit. boats to
stop when Italy declares war, and there were
no immediate Amer. sailings available.
Mr. Marx sent them in taxis, but Miss
S. talked him around to first class
which meant a room to themselves

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and after the doctor's order in B.-
they arranged for a nurse for night work.
This wasn't so good because she and her
fiancé were both coming and he was
furious at her for taking a mental case
so instead of doing 12 hour duty she came
in about 1 AM or 2 AM. after an evening with
him and stayed on duty until 7 AM or so
The Binghams were "guided" to change
their passage in order to help and did.
John Magee led a ship's intercessory
service each noon for them in peril together
but he not only for this time & Mummie
but could be depended on always for
advice etc.- Some other missionary
helped too, and it was this woman
who suggested Dr James - - I do not

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believe we need to worry longer about
Dr. James. -

The Nurse & yr. secy Dr Woodbridge have
an appointment with him at 9 am today.

Your special delivery air envelope
came in from N.Y. yesterday afternoon
and also one from Lancaster containing
all my mail from there. Thank you
for the careful presentation re Evelyn
She sounds very fair and reasonable
The Lancaster mail contained the
long lost letter from Mrs. Thurston - birthday,
Walmsley, Municipal etc. Also a
letter from Dr Uhl about Young Head - your
and a paragraph re Municipal. It was
written May 25th — and the
enclosed in the Green - D. You must be

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upon the air!

She says of Mrs Swen - I. "Miss Mrs Swen - I sent me a Clipper letter and asked me to help her apply for a partial scholarship Tsinghua University. I did so at once and mailed my letter to President Mei in Kunming. At the same time I am sending a recommendation letter to Mr. Paul Meng of the C. D. in America. As I do not know the exact address I am enclosing the letter here. I have no idea as to what other scholarships Mrs Macmillan has applied for. Since there is this opportunity of a partial scholarship I am trying my best to get one for Mrs Swen I. If there is anything you & Mrs Macmillan can do & help her will you please do so."

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So I am inclosing the letter. It would be all right, wouldn't it if she gets a Pneumo.? - I do not have the Clinic Institute address here so please forward the letter & Check along with what ever supporting letter you want to send.

I hope you have a grand time at your reunion - Who speaks for Sunday this year at Summit?

I may not leave until Wednesday - will decide after I see Dr Woods -

Rebecca H Baer

Copy of Report sent to Mrs. ...
Mrs. Paul J. Thomas Schultz
and my conference with
Dr. Woods on Mrs Dunham - 6/10/40.

Sent by E.B.N. 18/6/40

Hotel Jefferson
Iowa City, Iowa.
June 11, 1940. ack
6/13/40

Please Return
to C.A.E.

Dear Mr Evans:-

Yesterday afternoon we had an hours interview with Dr. Woods. He said that Minnie's case is involutionary depression. It is always marked by suicidal tendencies and by depression about one's work. The statistics on cure for this particular type are reasonably high so it is reasonable to hope for cure. Sometimes recovery occurs in a month & six weeks; sometimes six months to a year. If the case goes beyond a year the rate of recovery is lower.

It is the policy of the hospital to keep cases only for observation and diagnosis. I think Dr Woods considered about me forwarding a

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longer stay, and I assured him that between Gerding and the U.C.W.S. we would arrange it. It is necessary to deposit in advance $97.50 for each fifteen days. ---

I told Dr Woods that I hoped it would be possible for her to stay, if then was the recovery, until that time came and then go some place for further rest and convalescence where attendance and watching would not be necessary, as for instance perhaps a small quiet place in New England or some such place. He gave me no assurance that this would be possible. But he said all the circumstances were appealing in Miss V's case; that the hospital was not as pressed at this time of year; that it might be possible to arrange for special rate - terms possibly

three was the way he put it I think - 3 fifteen day periods.

The left him feeling he cried so what else could be done for her - and Mrs Schultz and I feel full confidence (not that we know enough to know) but we do feel confidence in the institution. The nurses, the doctors, Dr. Woods himself all give confidence. So I am hoping and praying that she can stay there until every reasonable chance of recovery is given. He will present a report & finding and U. C. M. S. in a week or ten days.

Dr Woods also said that desire makes the patient dissatisfied with any place where they are - whether here or somewhere else that symptoms would appear.

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Miss O. states that, although she is always pleasant when we are with her. She has, however, said to Miss Schultz (yesterday I think) that she wished they had gone to Philadelphia. Today she wondered if she should not go to her family!

She has said to Miss Schultz that she couldn't go back to China - disgraced etc. I asked Dr Wood if she recovered whether it would be safe to have her go back. His answer is "yes". Also at another point he said that if she recovered she would be even freer and better than she has been!.

He also said that he might want to try certain treatments - a shock treatment using insulin. In this he would have to secure permission or consent from someone

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Copy of letter 6/11/40
Ellen. Paul about
Miss Lawlin.

responsible. I told him if he asked us, we would probably feel the U.C.M.S. would have to be consulted, so he took Mr. Paul's name and address for that need if it develops. He did not say but Katherine and I believe that there would be additional expense involved in such treatments.

We know:- Share this as you see fit - Mrs. Rus. Dr Dodd perhaps. Mrs Macmillan Miss Hodge.- You will need to arrange with Mr. Paul about financing this. - I sent it Express today about this $200.00 check (You see she feels she has been a disgrace so she can't accept anything and worries about what she is costing the college.).

Yours sincerely
Rebecca W Ernst.

Will write when I formally do leave.

M. E. Ho. recd and returned 4/17/40

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June 11, 1940

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Miss Griest:

Your history of the Vautrin case dated June 9th (The Sabbath) came to hand this morning. It proved interesting reading to me, and I am sending it to Miss Hodge and Mrs. Ross with the hope that it will be returned promptly so that Mrs. Macmillan may have an opportunity of reading it while at Northampton.

I was hoping to see John Magee while he was in town, but up to date have been unable to make connections.

We are all exceedingly grateful for the fine part you played in this whole affair. The immediate laying aside of other plans and taking up this extra burden displayed your fine spirit and deep interest in Ginling.

I am trying to check with Dr. Dodd about the place in Massachusetts which you mentioned. However, with the Foreign Missions Conference in Swarthmore and the American Medical Association meeting in New York, the medical and secretarial staff members have established perfect vaccums in their offices. It is only possible to catch them on the wing. I'll let you know later what success I have. Dr. Dodd's reference to Bloomingdale was because of the exceptionally fine staff connected with the institution which is located in White Plains in a very picturesque setting. He has given his unqualified endorsement, calling attention at the same time that it will cost $40.00 per week.

I have just had a long telephone conversation with John Magee and he has given some additional news as to the background of Miss Vautrin's illness. He is optimistic, however, regarding her future and feels she has many years of service remaining. At his suggestion, I am writing her a letter, of which I will send you a copy. I did not have the opportunity to see him as he has been extremely busy and leaves New York at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Most cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

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June 11, 1940

Miss Rebecca Greist,
c/o Andrew H. Woods, M. D.,
1100 No. Dubuque St.,
Iowa City, Ia.

Dear Rebecca:

I have thought so constantly of you during these days, even though we have been in Foreign Missions Conference from morning to night. Thoughts of you and Minnie creep in constantly as we sit in session after session and as we have sat time after time in silent meditation. There has been more of these quiet times than usual during this meeting as we have felt the need of it these days of chaos.

I am so happy that you could go out there and be with Minnie. I am sure that you will bring to her strength and assurance of the needs as she comes back into the home land. You will assure her of our abiding love and faith and confidence and our determination to amply provide for the task that we, with her, have undertaken in China.

The letters that have come from Secor are enclosed. I think that you should know the details of their plans there so that you can tell as much as you think wise of their buoyancy and joy in Minnie's return to her now. It is one of the greatest projects, to my way of thinking, in America. It is beginning of a thing that we have long dreamed might come true - the integrating of missions into the life set-up in a great rural community.

I am praying with all my heart that Minnie may be able to do this tremendous service here in America. We will be patient and give her all the time that she needs for rest and strength and will pray increasingly that she will be able to be used to lead America into putting God into the very center of its every community life.

I am retuning to New York today and will again be in touch with the office there and ready to serve in any way that I can to help you and Minnie.

With my love and devotion.

Devotedly,
Myrta Ross.
Myrta Ross

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Hotel Jefferson
Iowa City, Iowa.
June 12, 1940.

My dear Eva:-

Today I talked a bit with Dr. Mueller, the assistant, & Dr. Woods and he thinks there is no reason why M.U. can't stay in the hospital. He was very positive than cautious and very nice Dr. Woods.-

Miss Schultz says that foreigners are no longer called in Nanking- "Wai-guoh ren". They are all "Wai-guoh-ren" (American in case you do not recognize my phonetics). and most women are hailed as "Ba-siao-tse (Miss Vautrin) & if the people know the woman isn't Ba-siao-tse- the question greeting you is- "Do you know Miss Vautrin?- How is she?" Some people recently met some Buddhist pilgrim women on the way to Bell Temple - outside the city- and they at once stopped and asked for Ba-siao-tse - and said she had

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saved them. "He saved others; himself he cannot save." - Well let's hope that won't be true in their case. And even if it should be, she is alert and interested in so many things, but just can't believe anything she did in China worth while. and herself a disgrace etc to it. - But the set up here is wonderful - doctors, nurses, interesting atmosphere of the hospital wholesome quiet etc. -

I think I'll leave on Friday - although I may stay until Sunday. I do not know how much it helps a comfortable to chair us about. Miss Schultz is very devoted & her and is quite adequate. - I am glad, however, I have stayed three days. -

Peca is out of the question - even if she "recovers", in time. She must, I should imagine, be allowed to do no Clinic speaking for same time after recovery. I hope your meeting will be a happy one - and that the Lindsey reunion is a happy one - and that the Lindsey greetings to your Rebecca are

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Jefferson Hotel
Iowa City, Iowa
June 12, 1940

Rebecca!

Didn't you hear me call out your name when you were about 30 minutes out of Iowa City? I went to my room- buzzed about - and then my eyes fell on that room - and your note!!! Well, talk about Blitz- krieg — I think you are an expert at "putting things over" —

It just floored me — as I hurried down to the office - told the clerk I was so low (from that flooring!) that I needed to go higher. So now I'm on 6th floor - in a comfy north room. Really, that is the only way I can think of to get "back-at-ya" Ha!

Arrived at the hospital at 3 to see Jeannie, but she was upstairs busy at hand-work, so Dr. Miller suggested I come again this evening! Asked if I might visit for an hour each day, but he did not think it wise — either for patient or on visitor!! So that is that.

Am racing to get letters off before 6:15 — you left that bug in my cases, I guess! Ha! This is my 6th — and you can't guess to whom I wrote first!!

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Spent 2 hrs. in bed before lunch - and slept over an hour before going to hospital. How is that?

Surely hope you have had a pleasant journey - and had a good visit with your aunt.

Truly, I don't know how to thank you for all you've done for me — and leaving that iron hand brings me to my knees pleading mercy. Pleasant thoughts will be mine when I use it — You are too much I am ale-dear - and I thank you again and again.

Hope affairs at home are tops —

Love,
Katherine

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My dear Dr Woods:-

I am leaving Iowa City so content about Miss Vautrin's care. - I know that everything that can be done for her will be done under your care. It is one cause for deep thankfulness in the many distresses of these times that we have you and that you have willing & recent hearts.-

I think she wants to cooperate and while when I said goodbye she she again talked about the disgrace" I being as she thinks she is, yet she already is a very different, happier, happier, than she was when I met

Per a week ago we began
Sam leaving in the morning.
Miss Doherty will stay a little
longer - possibly a week. - You will
let her know your report, Hope
Mr. Alexander Paul of the United
Christian Missionary Society,
222 Downey Avenue, Indianapolis,
Indiana, and I of the Sunday
School Board will be anxious to
know what your opinion is. -
It is not possible I find to put into
words my deep gratitude to you for
your interest in this Miss Vaughn.
It is one of the things that helps to
balance a little the shocks that come daily

in this world in which we live.
Sincerely yours. Rebecca Weisner

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster Pennsylvania
June 15, 1940

To the Former Staff in America of Ginling College:
and
To the Ginling Students in America:

You are all aware that we have been looking forward with very pleasant anticipation to Minnie Vautrin's furlough year in America, which was to begin this summer. A few of you may have heard that the date of her arrival was pushed ahead because she suddenly became seriously fatigued. It was early in May that she herself realized that she had come to the end of her strength, and she voluntarily called together her three closest colleagues on the campus in Nanking and asked to be relieved of her duties. By great good fortune it happened that the present Admiral of the Asiatic Fleet was a guest on the campus within a few days after Minnie had come to this decision and he was sufficiently disturbed by the news so that he offered to take her, on his own flagship, at once to Shanghai as the first step toward an earlier sailing date. It was possible to secure passage on the "Empress of Russia" which left Shanghai on May 19 and Minnie arrived in Victoria on June 3, accompanied by Katherine Schutze, a competent and loyal and loving friend. Minnie and Miss Schutze were aided on the trip by a nurse who happened to be on the passenger list and John Magee and the Binghams of Foochow. In Victoria, the party was met by Frederica Mead Hiltner and Dr. Hiltner and they went immediately to the Hiltner home in Seattle. After a day of rest, Katherine and John brought Minnie on to Chicago where Mr. Alexander Paul (China Secretary for the U.C.M.S.) and I met her.

During the days after the cable announcing Minnie's sailing arrived in this country we had correspondence with Dr. Andrew Woods (formerly P.U.M.C. and a relative by marriage of our Chairman, Miss Hodge) who is the directing neurologist of the hospital connected with the University of Iowa in Iowa City. His department is a very excellent one, and Dr. Woods immediately expressed a desire to do everything possible to help in Minnie's care. We have also been in constant consultation with Dr. Dodd, our medical adviser in New York, and Mr. Paul and I carried with us to Chicago the decision that if Dr. Woods could receive Minnie, that would be the most desirable immediate step. In Chicago the whole matter was carefully discussed and it was decided to put Minnie under Dr. Wood's care. Mr. Paul, Katherine, and I came with her. I remained in Iowa City a week, and Katherine is still there.

Minnie is friendly and normal about everything except her work at Ginling. About that she has a sense of failure and a belief that she has disgraced Ginling, China, etc., which is accompanied by depression about herself. The doctor in chage of her case is optimistic. The hospital is primarily for observation and diagnosis, but they will arrange for her to stay until she has been given every chance for recovery. The effect of the hospital on the lay mind, Mr. Paul's, Katherine's, and mine, is excellent. It is quiet, well run, attractive able nurses, interested gentlemanly looking doctors, a scientific atmosphere, etc.

It was decided to write this letter to all of you so that you would have the facts, ~~and so~~ that we would avoid misinformation, and ~~so~~ that we might unitedly pray for Minnie's recovery. We in the East, who first shared this burden, have been praying wherever we are at nine o'clock in the morning. Will you not join us in that? Will you remember, too, the work in Nanking? The term "foreign devil" is no longer used in that city. Nearly all foreign women are addressed by the local people as "Miss Vautrin" and men as "Americans" (I write it in English rather than wish my phonetics in Chinese on you). Some Buddhist pilgrims stopped some foreign women this winter to inquire for "Miss Vautrin" who had "saved them" and blessed her with "O mi to fu." - ~~But~~ With faith, modern scientific skill, a desire on the part of all of us that ~~this thing shall not be~~, she will ~~get well~~. Minnie get well,

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You will wish to hold toward Minnie's recovery the same confident hope which you would expect from your friends if you were in her case, and you will do all that you can to let it be known that Minnie's work in China has been triumphantly constructive, and the only wonder of her present condition is that she did not reach the end of her strength much earlier.

If you want more information will you write me for it? If you want somewhat regular notes about it, tell me. There will be a medical statement made to us in about a week or ten days and this may give us more definite information about the probabilities of complete cure and of the time element involved.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca W. Griest

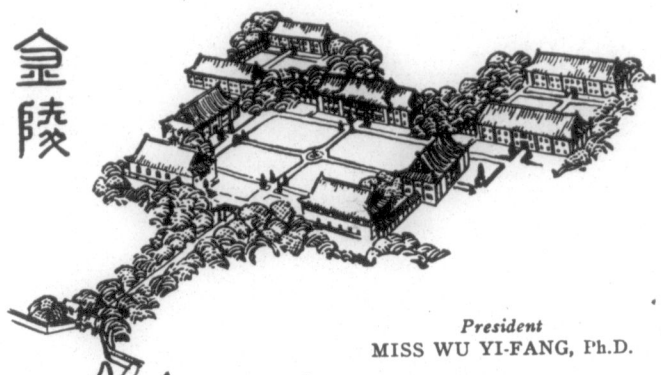
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Philadelphia, June 17, 1940

Seen by E. B. M.
18/6/40

Dear Mr. Evans,

I have just received and read with interest Miss Griest's report about Miss Vautrin to Mr. Paul, of June 11th. I am returning it at once. It seems about as hopeful as one could expect.

Mrs. Macmillan called me last night about a special meeting of Personnel, Finance and Ex. Comm. of Ginling for Wed. June 19th at three o'clock. I plan to take the train from here that is due at the Penna. station at 2.37 and will go at once to "150" so I should be in plenty of time. If I am late please begin without me.

Will you be good enough to tell Mrs. M., thus confirming our telephone conversation.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret E. Hodge

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
June 18, 1940

Mr. Alexander Paul
222 Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Paul:

Katherine Schutze had a talk with Doctor Miller about Miss Vautrin on Thursday afternoon, the 13th, and in that conversation he told her that he and Doctor Woods had decided that she might stay on at Iowa City and be given a reasonable chance for recovery there. This was a tremendous relief to me and I then left on the Friday morning train and reached home on Saturday afternoon. When I got here I found that my letters East had caused several people to make further inquiries in the East concerning places to which Miss Vautrin could be taken if she could not remain in Iowa City. There is a family here in town who has had a son in several of the Eastern places, including Bloomingdale at White Plains, and Hartford, and the Riggs ~~Settlement~~ Sanatorium at Stockbridge, Massachusetts. His problem has been quite different from Minnie's. He is never willing to stay long enough and the family yields to his importunities. I went out Saturday evening to see them and found him in very good condition and apparently quite willing to talk, as were his parents, about their experiences in the three places here in the East.

I left Iowa City feeling that we could not have done better by Minnie than to have put her in that particular hospital, and very thankful that they were willing to keep her. After I read the letters which were awaiting me here from Miss Hodge and Mrs. Macmillan I thought possibly the people here might feel that some change should be made and that was my reason for trying to check through this family. That kind of check, of course, is not conclusive, but after talking quite a while with them, it seemed to me that we had made a very happy choice. I was interested after the conversation had turned from this, to have the young man return to it again and say that he thought we had been very fortunate and that his impression from what I told him was that it was a better place, from the point of view of the daily attention from the doctor, the willingness to cut red tape a little, and that it seemed as reasonable as any place in the East. Of course, Doctor Dodd can get us special rates at White Plains, but if I understood the boy correctly, there seemed to be quite a number of extra charges which have not, at least as yet, appeared in connection with Iowa City. I am hoping that all of us concerned in this will agree to give Doctor Woods and Doctor Miller a real opportunity to bring Minnie back to normal health. They are all interested in her, not just as a "case", but as a person. They do not appear to be overworked there. One likes the nurses and the atmosphere. I went everyday that I was

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there and I felt always that the place was well run. Doctor Woods, in our conference with him, gave me the impression of a man who, without fanfare, knows everything that goes on in the institution.

Minnie remarked the first Sunday that she should be doing something for the people in her group, such as a Sunday School class, but then her face closed and she said, "Of course, I can't." Doctor Miller told Katherine on the 13th that he and Doctor Woods were interested in having her try to do something for this group on Sunday morning. This, in itself, seems to me rather unusual in an institution, and I am of course wondering how it worked out.

I think I told you that the "ward" plan is not exactly what we would call a ward in a hospital. It is Doctor Woods' conviction that having the patients in groups is wiser for them and this is their way of planning in the hospital.

Minnie had a spinal puncture, which is a part of the routine examination. Following that she had to stay in bed for two days and was put in one of the small rooms off the ward for this period. When I first saw her there she said that she didn't like it there. I smiled and she asked me why I was smiling and I said that Doctor Woods had told me that one of the symptoms of her problem is that whereever she is she will wish to be somewhere else. She laughed at once and said, "Well, that's just the way I am. When I was out ~~in~~ there the ward I ~~wanted~~ to be ~~in~~ there. When I am in here I want to be out there."

She talked two different days to me about going to her brother's home, which certainly isn't practicable. I am wondering, however, if it is not time for us to let the family know something about what has happened. Possibly you would be willing to do that after Doctor Woods' first report is received. It would not be very pleasant for the family to learn of this from some outside source. Of course, when they are told they may have very definite ideas about what they want done, and I should think that we would have to be pretty definite with them if that proves to be the case.

I went to Philadelphia {Sunday} yesterday and got Minnie's trunks and brought them here and will take care of them until such time as she needs them.

I left Minnie feeling that she really was very much better than when I met her in Chicago. She, of course, doesn't want to stay in the hospital and she still talks of the mess she has made of everything in China and she told Katherine the day before I left that she did not see how she could go on. But in spite of all of these things, her mind works quickly, she looks cheerful, she is reading, and she is taking some interest in the people around her.

Katherine told me that you and Mrs. Doan might get over to see her and I hope that will be possible. I also hope that the financial arrangements are being worked out with Mr. Evans.

We have a meeting in New York on Wednesday on this problem of putting another foreigner on the campus in Nanking. Our plan of sending Catharine Sutherland there has been vetoed by cable from Chengtu, and they too are urging Miss Walmsley. I wish that I had some other bright idea to suggest, because, personally, I do not feel that I can vote for Miss Walmsley. You do not, by chance, know of some other woman who would understand what Minnie

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was trying to do on that campus? My fear about Miss Walmsley is that she is too routine to comprehend the kind of life-building, heart-restoring work that Minnie has been doing in these three weeks of war. The Disciples have certainly done more than there shall for Ginling, and yet if you have someone whom you could suggest, I wish you would let me know.

Katherine is getting rested a little and is, I think, more calm since she knows that the Englishman is not being allowed to sail to England. From the point of view of the Mission, however, that may be unfortunate news. She is a fine girl with a capacity for devotion, attractive to anyone who meets her.

Sincerely yours,

RWG:JB

Thank you for the card from Washington

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
June 18, 1940

Mr. C. A. Evans
Room 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Evans:

I received this morning from Doctor Renner the enclosed bill for Alice Settlemyer. His office address, as you see, is 12900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland. Will you kindly see that this bill is paid.

Doctor Renner states that Miss Settlemyer has been successfully innoculated for typhoid, paratyphoid, and smallpox.

I think that I have several letters from you which I had not commented on. The first is dated June 11, telling me that Liu En-lan has sent you word that her reservations will be made from England. Do you know what they are? If she is coming via the United States or Canada, I should like to have the name of her arriving and departing boats and the dates.

I note that you say that the Canadian-Pacific line has informed you that you will have to accept the reservations made on the Asia sailing July 13. I have been unsuccessful in finding a suitable sociology teacher and so, as far as Ginling is concerned, we are sending on that boat only Catharine Sutherland. I trust it will be possible for them to room together.

A second letter from you dated June 11 tells of Doctor Dodd's ability to secure accommodations at Bloomingdale at $40 per week for Miss Vautrin. This would be somewhat less than we are paying at Iowa City. I am wondering, however, what extras would be involved at Bloomingdale and whether in the end we might not have to pay as much there. Personally, I hope very much that Miss Vautrin will not have to be moved from Iowa City until they have had a reasonable time to do all that they can do for her. I really hope that she will get well there and then have a chance for rest somewhere where she does not have to be under any supervision.

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I am sorry that you were not able to see John Magee. I hope his family arrived safely on the Roosevelt.

I hope too that you have seen the letter from Mrs. Thurston to Miss Calder dated May 12, received by Miss Calder on June 10. She sent copies to Mrs. Macmillan, Miss Hodge, and the Disciples Board, as well as to me. I have had from Miss Schutze the details of all of the situations of which she speaks in paragraph two. The rest of the letter makes me realize more than I did in Iowa the reasons for Miss Schutze's tremendous relief about Minnie, for she certainly was much worse in Nanking than she has been here. Her desire to stay through until the work was started in the fall makes me wonder how much confidence she had in Miss Walmsley. Possibly it was because she wasn't sure that Miss Walmsley would or could come.

Your letter of June 15 says that you have sent the check for $25 from Miss Vautrin's special account to Doctor Miller for Miss Vautrin's personal use. I think that probably was the best plan to follow.

Sincerely yours,

RWG:JB

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Mrs. R. A. Doan
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MYRTA ROSS

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Ans 6/20/40

Jefferson Hotel
Iowa City
June 20, 1940

Dearest Rebecca -

So glad for your two letters yesterday. And want to try to answer before I rushed out to the hospital to watch Minnie at work in the HandWork Department.

Evening before last we had our first walk - just after a hail storm - and we picked up from the lawns the queerest shaped hailstones. It has been quite cool since - may it continue so.

Minnie was quite depressed yesterday. Evening before last - I went to a patients Folk-dance with her - and we had a jolly time. She entered in in fine spirit. That night - she tells me - she got terribly depressed - that is, after our walk and the dancing.

Yesterday afternoon a Mrs. Martin (whose husband teaches here in the Univ. - and who is a great friend of Margaret Thomson's - whose husband teaches Chemistry in Univ. of Nanking) took us for a drive and a tramp in the woods. A Mrs. Lane - formerly of St. Mary's in Shanghai - went with us. Everything seemed fine - but when we got back, Minnie begged not to be taken again. She doesn't want people to meet her - or know her!

I reported this to Dr. Woods - ran into him a minute at lunch time - and he says, "We can't expect everyday to be a smooth-running one". He has written to Paul, I believe, that it is best Minnie stay another 15 day period. Which will mean - perhaps, that I'll be leaving next week.

Sent the letters you forwarded about the Vautrin Day to Dr. Miller. Talking over the phone with him about it - he seemed certain it was absolutely out of the question. When I hear definitely again from him, I'll write Mrs. Ross, too. I sounds grand - but reminds me of Pearl Buck's - Other Gods - and I know this type of thing Minnie would not approve where she to return home in the best of health!

Letters still come in from Montreal - poor dear, he is so confused in his thinking. His little son leaves England the end of the month in company with a family Bunny knows. His immediate plans are indefinite. I doubt that we'll be meeting - at least - not for the present. Everything is too unsettled - and there is not much point in unsettling ourselves more than we are already!

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Talked to Dad over the phone of Father's Day - also sent Bunny a Father's Day greeting which cheered him up a bit, too.

Glad you've gotten at the trunks - and nothing serious seems the matter. I've not told Minnie you've done that - rather doubt there is anything she needs now. She has to date worn three of the four dresses - the pinkish one has not yet come forth!

I usually visit her during the evening hour - and we then have a short devotional together. Tomorrow afternoon I meet with our Missionary Society here of the Christian Church! I would get roped in ---- but I like it. Have met a number of interesting students - and others through Mrs. Martin and our local Pastor, and it is rather good to put into spoken words my reactions to things at this point! But the sooner I get away now that the cat is out of the bag as to who I am and where I've been' the better! I just never have learned how to say NO ....

That was a good one about your aunt suspecting fifth column activities in my message from Mother! Glad the folks in America are that keen as to the possibilities of such activities!

Harriett packed those trunks....and if I don't soon write to those folks in Nanking, my name will be Mud. Did send an airmail which I hope made the Clipper on Tuesday last - but I have been too neglectful.

Went through the Clinic the first of this week - and not one speck of trouble can be found with me physically. Dr. couldn't even detect the crack in my heart ..... I knew that there was nothing really wrong - but the lay mind can't always be too sure - so I do feel grand now that it is medically proven true!

Must run along for this time -

Let you know more in a day or two.

Love,

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
June 21, 1940

Mrs. Walter Hiltner
4215 East 33rd Street
Seattle, Washington

Dear Frederics,

I have here your note of June 14 and I do hope that anything that I wrote you has not made you feel that we thought you had done anything but the best in sending Minnie East. I was utterly appalled when I got your first telegram indicating that you were going to have Minnie with you for a week or so. I felt sure it would be entirely too much of a strain for you. But it was a wonderfully beautiful thing for you and Walter to suggest.

I left Iowa last Friday morning but Katherine is staying on through this week. I heard yesterday in New York that Mr. Paul and Mrs. Dean of their Board will possibly go to Iowa again on Monday or Tuesday of next week. In this case Katherine will still be there. She was using this opportunity for rest and by the time I left had reached the point where she could relax and sleep long hours at a time. Her responsibility on this trip was tremendous and that, combined with the proposal of marriage at the end of the trip, left her pretty exhausted. I feel that Minnie was really better when I left. At least, she was certainly more cheerful, although she still had the same attitude about her connection with the work in China and also a feeling at times that she could not go on.

Affectionately yours,

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
June 21, 1940

To the Former Staff in America of Ginling College:

To the Ginling Students in America:

In the midst of the daily shock of war news from Europe came to us three weeks ago the shock of a new calamity in China. Minnie Vautrin had reached the end of her strength and was being brought home. She landed in Victoria on June 3 accompanied by Katherine Schutze, a competent and loyal and loving friend. They were aided by a nurse on the trip, and John Magee and the Binghams of Foochow were strong supports for Katherine on the boat. They were met in Victoria by Frederica Mead Hiltner and Doctor Hiltner, and went first for a night to their home in Seattle. Then Katherine and John brought Minnie on to Chicago where Mr. Alexander Paul, China Secretary for her denomination, and I met her.

You will be glad to know that the alumnae group in Shanghai have rallied to this emergency just as they did so splendidly to the emergency of 1927. They formed a committee and have chosen Swen Bao wha to go to Nanking to be principal of the Experimental Work on the campus. The great difficulty which Miss Vautrin faced in finding anyone to carry this work had caused her to decide this winter that she shouldn't come home, in spite of eight years without furlough, before the school reopened in the fall! Most of you realize that this effort on the campus is one of the great experiments in this part of China in maintaining morale. Miss Vautrin built into these girls and women the spirit which makes for endurance and gave them skills which help in meeting the problems which all helpless women and girls face there. The quality of the work and the greatness of the woman was also recognized by all foreign groups in Nanking. When the American Admiral heard of her illness he arranged to take her and Katherine Schutze to Shanghai on his flagship in order to avoid the annoyances common to the railroad travel.

We here had corresponded with Dr. Andrew Woods (formerly P.U.M.C. and a connection of Miss Hodge's family), the director of one of the hospitals connected with the University of Iowa, an excellent institution, concerning the problem. Doctor Woods expressed a real desire to do everything possible, but he also made suggestions of other possible places and doctors. We have consulted, on all these matters, Doctor Dodd, our medical adviser in New York. The opinion that Mr. Paul and I carried with us to Chicago was that if Doctor Woods could receive her in Iowa that would be best. After John Magee, Katherine, and Mr. Paul went over together, in Chicago, all the possibilities, it was decided to come on to Iowa City. Mr. Paul, Katherine and I went with her. Katherine is prepared to stay on for a couple of weeks, resting there before she goes to her home in Texas. I stayed about a week.

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It was decided to write this letter to all of you so you would have the facts, and so that we would avoid misinformation, and so that we might unitedly pray for Minnie's recovery. We in the East, who first shared this burden, have been praying wherever we are at nine o'clock in the morning. Will you not join us in that? Will you remember too the work in Nanking? The term "foreign devil" is no longer used in that city. Nearly all foreign women are addressed by the local people as "Miss Vautrin" and men as "Americans" (I write it in English rather than wish my phonetics in Chinese on you). Some Buddhist pilgrims stopped some foreign women this winter to inquire for "Miss Vautrin" who had "saved them" and blessed her with "O mi to fu."

"He saved others; himself he cannot save." But with faith, modern scientific skill, a desire on the part of all of us that this thing shall not be, she will get well. You would not want, if you were in her place, to have this unhappy thing much discussed. Will you please keep it in your heart, pray, and believe that she who has given herself so tirelessly will be healed?

If you want more information, will you write me for it? If you want somewhat regular notes about it, tell me. There will be a medical statement made to us in about a week or ten days and this may give us more definite information about the probabilities of complete cure and of the time element involved.

Yours sincerely,

RWG:JB

Rebecca W. Griest

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Vautrin

208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
June 21, 1940

Miss Margaret Mead
Sunnyside
Plainfield, New Jersey

Dear Margaret:

I'm sorry to send this note in this rather impersonal fashion. You will be glad to know, I think, that I spent a week with Minnie in Iowa City and was allowed by the hospital to see her every day. It seemed to me she had made great improvement in that time. Certainly from the letters which we have had from Mrs. Thurston in the last week or ten days, she has very greatly improved since she left China.

You will be interested to know that when the American Admiral heard that she was ill he sent word to Ginling that he had arranged to take her to Shanghai on his flagship. This was done and therefore released them from all of the difficulties connected with train travel under Japanese control. It also was a great tribute to the position Minnie occupies in the minds of all Americans in the East China area. In Shanghai the Admiral kissed her good-bye.

Katherine Shutze, who brought her home, is a fine person and has been deeply devoted to this responsibility. She is still in Iowa City partly in order to rest herself, and partly so that Minnie will have someone about whom she knows. Katherine tells me that the word "foreign devil" is no longer used in the city of Nanking. All foreign women are called in Chinese "Miss Vautrin." This, to me, is one of the most amazing tributes to the work which Minnie did in that city.

As far as a lay mind could tell, the hospital is unusually well run. The doctors are well-trained and, what is also important, they are gentlemen. The nurses seem to be equally as good in their field and are chosen, in part, for their personality as well as for their professional ability. The depression is of the most hopeful kind as far as percentage of cures goes. We can continue praying with faith that she will recover.

You will be sorry to hear that Miss Calder has fallen and broken her leg. I understand it was below the hip, but in the upper leg. I so hope that this will heal normally. She is, I think, somewhat younger than Mrs. Thurston. She was taken to a hospital but I did not hear in New York the name of the hospital. Her address, in case you should want to write to her, is 10 Maple Road, Auburndale, Massachusetts.

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I am so glad that you wrote to me about Miss Thompson. I had an opportunity to meet her for just a few minutes when she was here on Tuesday. As soon as I received your letter I called up the chairman of the Personnel Committee and read what you had to say about her and I also read it to the chairman of the Girl Reserve Committee and to the general secretary. That was a busy day for the Y because we are losing several secretaries this year for reasons for which we are not, I think, to blame, and the group was interviewing more than one person on Tuesday morning. Anyone who follows our Girl Reserve secretary will have a real challenge, for she has been very fine. We have an enormous Girl Reserve department here, so that the work brings out all of the ability which any secretary has.

I do hope that your mother had a perfectly beautiful day on the 17th. That was the day that I met Minnie in Chicago. I left suddenly the night before at the request of Mr. Paul of Minnie's Board. This meant that I missed my niece's commencement, but while we were working on the problem in Chicago I could think about it and also about your mother's lovely birthday party. Please give her my love.

Affectionately yours,

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21 June 1940

Dear Admiral Yarnell:

I wonder if you have already heard that Miss Vautrin arrived in Victoria on June third, after we had had, by cable, news of her illness. She had been planning to sail from Shanghai in July, and the date of her arrival was pushed ahead because she suddenly became seriously fatigued. It was early in May that she herself realized that she had come to the end of her strength, and she voluntarily called together her three closest colleagues on the campus in Nanking and asked to be relieved of her duties. By great good fortune it happened that the present Admiral of the Asiatic Fleet was a guest on the campus within a few days after Miss Vautrin had come to this decision and he was sufficiently disturbed by the news so that he offered to take her, on his own flagship, at once to Shanghai as the first step toward an earlier sailing date. It was possible to secure passage on the "Empress of Russia" which left Shanghai on May nineteenth, and Miss Vautrin was accompanied by Katherine Schutze, a competent and loyal and loving friend. Miss Vautrin and Miss Schutze were aided on the trip by a nurse, who happened to be on the passenger list, and by John Magee of Nanking and the Binghams of Foochow. In Victoria, the party was met by Frederica Mead Hiltner and Dr. Hiltner and they went immediately to the Hiltner home in Seattle. After a day of rest, Miss Schutze and Mr. Magee brought Miss Vautrin on to Chicago, where Mr. Alexander Paul (China Secretary of Miss Vautrin's Mission) and Miss Griest met her.

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Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Admiral H. E. Yarnell
62 Ayrault Street
Newport Rhode Island

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21 June 1940

Dear Mrs. Cushman:

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Mrs. James S. Cushman
815 Fifth Avenue
New York New York

HARRY ERVIN YARNELL

62 Aycrault St.,
Newport, R.I.,
June 22, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan, -

Your letter came this morning telling me of Miss Vautrin's illness and of her return home. I sincerely trust that the change of scene, and the rest she will get at Iowa City will soon restore her to full health.

I have often wondered how she has been able to withstand the strain of these past two and a half years. It is remarkable to me that she has been able to keep going.

I will be in Iowa City on July 5th and 6th and will see her then, I hope. It ought to be easy to convince her that her work in China makes her one of the heroines of this war.

As for the fund, that is at the disposal of yourself, Mrs. Cushman, and those who have raised it for whatever purpose you think best.

Thank you for your kindness in writing me so fully.

With all good wishes,
Most sincerely,
H E Yarnell

Overseas
Nursing
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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
June 24, 1940

Mr. C. A. Evans
Room 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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Miss Cora Deng
Y. W. C. A. Industrial Conference
Merry-wood Camp
Sapphire, North Carolina

My dear Yu-dji:

I was in New York on Wednesday and Thursday at Ginling meetings and tried to get in touch with you but I found that you had already started to the camp at Summit Lake and that you would not be back in New York before the 29th. I am very anxious to see you because I want to go over with you the problem which Ginling is facing in regard to Miss Vautrin and which Miss Vautrin is facing in regard to herself. You know, no doubt, that she has come home broken down in health. I met her in Chicago and went with her and Miss Schutze, who came with her, and Mr. Paul, of her Mission, to a hospital in Iowa. This hospital is connected with the University of Iowa and is for patients who are suffering from various types of depressions. Miss Vautrin's breakdown is do to over work, and in the last month or so in China she evidently failed in judgment, although she retained, and still retains, her idealism.inIn this failure in judgment she made certain mistakes. One of them was that she arranged for two Chinese members of the staff to go to Japan to study cooperatives. This was idealistic but impractical and when the telegram came from the alumnae in Shanghai protesting, she suddenly realized what she had done and from then on believed that she was a disgrace to Ginling, to China, to herself, etc. She has, apparently, in her thinking the belief that the alumnae think she is a traitor.

I want to go over this whole thing very carefully with you so that you will understand it thoroughly as we got it during the week that I spent with her, going each day to the hospital where she is. I think possible if she can come to believe that the group in China really understand what she has been doing for Chinese women and for Ginling, and that whatever this mistake was it was done with the idea of helping, not betraying, China, that possibly her mind will come clear on this issue. She is normal, apparently, on everything else except on her own relationship to the whole experience in China.

Will you please keep these things in your heart for the present and let me know how quickly it will be possible for me to see you. I will come to New York at your convenience.

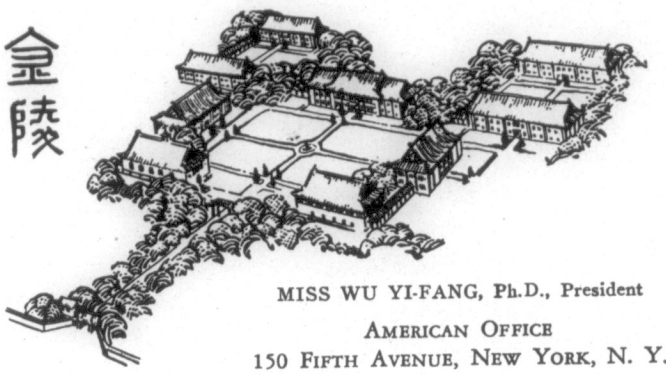
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P. S. If you wish to share this with Miss Tyler, I shall be glad to have you do so. I shall not have time to write her today a separate letter.

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June 25, 1940

Miss Rebecca W. Griest,
208 South Queen Street,
Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Dear Friend:

Your two letters of June 17 and 18 are before me for acknowledgment. This is the first opportunity I have had to write since returning to the office. It was good to hear from you but you should not have sent that check for $3.75 which you think you owed me on your transportation to and from Iowa City. I bought all those tickets that day and I was not quite sure just how much the individual tickets were and of course I paid for all of the others but yours. Thanks for the check. It came quite unexpectedly.

You will never know what a relief it was to have you in Chicago and up in Iowa City. As soon as I learned that Minnie was so unsettled about going to Iowa City or rather her determination to go to Philadelphia, I felt that you should by all means be there to reason with her especially as she had known you so well through the years. It was wonderfully fine of you to take the time to come and I know it meant a lot to Minnie and especially to Miss Schutze. Yesterday I received a letter from Katherine saying that shewould be in Indianapolis today or tomorrow but that she would send me a wire as to when she would arrive so that I can arrange to meet her. She wishes to spend a couple of days here before going on to her home in Texas and I am glad she is doing that. She wrote me after you left saying how lonely she felt and of course I knew how this would be and how grand it was of you to remain with her a few extra days which gave her achance to at least partially orient herself to her new conditions.

Favorable word from the doctors in Iowa City comes to us. The last word was in answer to a wire of mine asking whether or not it would be necessary for anyone from here to go to Iowa City to see Minnie. The word came back from Katherine that it

is not necessary for anyone to go at this time. In her letter she went on to say that Minnie was quieter, that they had had her out driving for a little time and she seems to be more co-operative than she was formerly.

All the medical people withwhom I have spoken are greatly pleased that we were able to get Minnie to Iowa City. They all said that it was as fine as any hospital in the country and that she would get as great care there as she would in any place. Yesterday I had a letter from our own Dr. Hagman who of course has been in China for many years and is now at home broken down in health and he wrote so encouragingly knowing that the treatment for patients in Iowa City, as he put, is not surpassed in any part of the country and he has visited practically all the leading hospitals. We are very hopeful that Minnie will come out of this in a short time and we must give her every chance for a complete recovery. Of course we shall follow literally the doctors' orders as far as that is humanly possible.

I wish you could have been in New York City when I was there the other day talking to Mrs. Macmillan and Mr. Evans and some of the others. We discussed Minnie's case not to any very great extent. I told the friends then that when I came back to the office I would raise the question as to the expense connected with Minnie's restoration to health. I took this matter up withour division and our President and we decided that for the time being we will meet all the medical bills and so today I am asking our treasurer to send Mr. Evans a check for $97.50 which I asked him to send to the hospital at Iowa City because I would not get back to Indianapolis in time to do so. I presume I had better write to Mrs. Macmillan to that effect as she was the one who raised the question when I was in New York City last week.

Conditions in the world seem to be growing worse rather than better and certainly the news coming from Asia is not very encouraging. It looks now as if Japan is all set to take French Indo-China and of course there is no power to prevent her doing so which I think means that she will then go on to West China and blow those cities to pieces. She has pretty nearly accomplished that as far as Chungking is concerned. Whatever happens we know that goodness will prevail and that righteousness will win over evil.

I hope I will have the pleasure of seeing you from time to time. If we know well enough ahead of the time when meetings for Ginling College are to be held, perhaps I can get there occasionally.

With sincere good wishes,

Very cordially yours,

Alex Paul

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25 June 1940

Dear Dr. Woods:

We have been very glad to receive from Dr. Miller under date of June 20 a comment upon Miss Vautrins progress which would seem to hold real hope for her continued steps toward recovery.

Admiral Yarnell has just written to me that he will be in Iowa City on July 5 and 6 and hopes to see Miss Vautrin. I know that you will do all that you can to prepare for a successful meeting between them; the Admiral has made many public references to Miss Vautrin's courage and, as you know, it was the gift from him which began the Fund which we are holding for Miss Vautrin's use after her recovery.

We are so grateful that it happened to be possible to send Miss Vautrin to Iowa City, where she could have the great advantage of your interest in her case.

With cordial personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Dr. Andrew H. Woods
Iowa City Psychopathic Hospital
Iowa City Iowa

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25 June 1940

Dear Admiral Yarnell:

It is indeed good fortune to learn that you are to be in Iowa City early in July. The name of the institution where Miss Vautrin is now receiving treatment is the Psychopathic Hospital, and the doctor in direct charge of her case is Dr. W. R. Miller, Assistant Director of the Iowa City Psychopathic Hospital. The Director of the Hospital is Andrew H. Woods, who spent a number of years in medical work in China, first in Canton, and later at the P.U.M.C.

Under date of June 20, Dr. Miller wrote us that Miss Vautrin was making an excellent adjustment and that on the whole he was "quite pleased with her reaction". I have great hope that she will have progressed far enough so that your call upon her will mean all that it should.

Gratefully yours,

EBM:e

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Admiral H. E. Yarnell
62 Ayrault Street
Newport Rhode Island

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26 June 1940

Dear Miss Vautrin:

During these days, which mark the beginning of your long overdue furlough, you may wish that the mails would bring nothing which required an answer. You will, however, be charitable with those of us who are eager to keep close touch with you because of our deep devotion to you personally and our pride in the service in China which you have developed into such a vigorous structure. We are looking forward to the days when you will have entered into the full enjoyment of your furlough and when we may have the pleasure of personal companionship with you.

I referred to the necessity of answering inquiries, because I am sending you one such question now. Before you left Nanking, did there arrive, addressed to you, the volume on Handicrafts of the Southern Highlands by Allen H. Eaton? I mailed to you a copy of that fascinating volume in March and hoped that it would reach you before you left so that you might have it in your hands when you made the journey to this country. If it did not reach you, we might perhaps send back a note to Nanking with a suggestion of some personal responsibility for it by the one of your colleagues who would be especially interested in it. Meanwhile, I have another copy here in the office, and shall be glad to make this available to you later. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Eaton recently and can quite understand why he has become the persuasive leader of support for this splendid program in our Southern states.

We have been so very much cheered by the good news from your Dr. Miller. It will take a large store of your own patience to make it possible for you to settle back and receive rest and strength and care as you will need to during these early weeks in America after the long years during which you have always been the one to give. There are many of us who realize how much is being asked of you in this adjustment, and who are confident that you can make it triumphantly, as the early bulletins from Iowa City indicate you have begun to do.

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Miss Minnie Vautrin
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Please return to R. W. Griest
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THE PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

June 27, 1940

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
208 S. Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Griest:

I am enclosing a copy of my letter of today to Mr. Paul.

Minds, souls, personalities, whatever one may call them, of the strength and tenacity of Miss Vautrin's do not change their trends lightly. Her progress, however, has been gratifying though gradual. I wish it were not necessary to mention this lurking risk of impulsive action against herself. It naturally will make her friends feel timid and uncomfortable in entertaining her. Yet, there is no other way in her interest and theirs to secure their best cooperation, except by allowing them to know the risks involved. In this case the danger is minimal and she is approaching the point in her recovery at which a hostess, once knowing its existence, would do well, so far as possible, to forget about it in her immediate dealings with the patient herself.

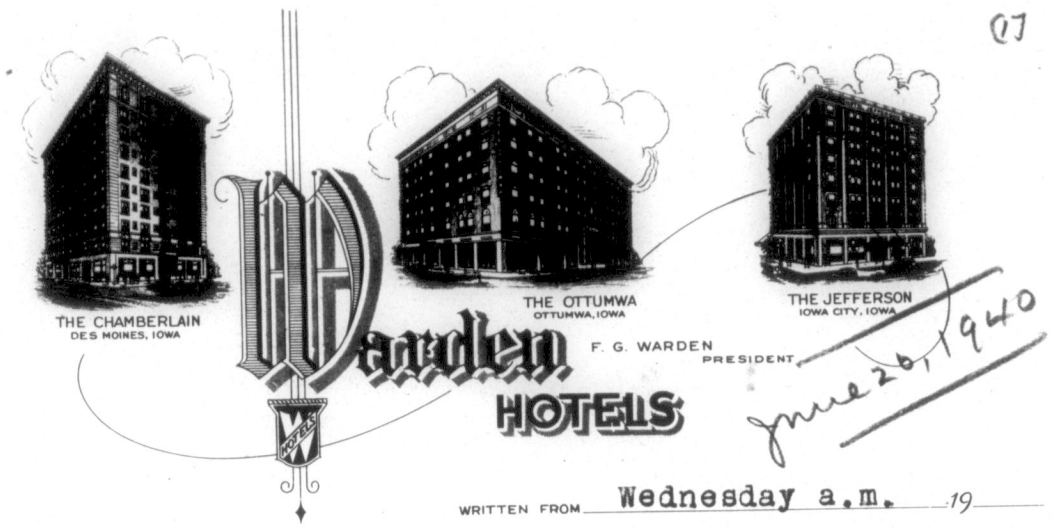
Yours sincerely,
Andrew H Woods

Andrew H. Woods, M.D.
Director

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June 20, 1940

WRITTEN FROM Wednesday a.m. 19

Dearest Rebeccas -

How bee ya? This is a grand cool morning - as we've had for a week now!

After conference with Dr. Miller yesterday, I have decided to leave tomorrow morning for Indianapolis Minnie has now made the necessary adjustment - and he feels that it is wise for me to leave her now. She has been urging it - although we know that she will not be too happy for a while after I have actually gone. But so it must be. He intimated that she may stay a third two-week period!

But I was not called.

Yesterday afternoon was a bad time for her - she called the nurse to phone me to come take her away! She was so ashamed last evening when she told me about it. She said, "Katherine, I must get well - and I want to - what makes me do such foolish things? " ..... She enjoys getting out for walks - but driving makes her somewhat nervous. We have lovely little devotionals out on the hillsides in the sunset each evening - I am sorry to leave her because she will miss that, but believe Dr. Woods is going to make some arrangement about that side of her life.

By the way - do you have a copy of the Ginling College Hymnal (English) she has wanted one - we forgot hers. She loves to read the hymns.

She is now busy making a bill-fold for John Magee. They can do so much leather work - and weaving and sewing. Sorry you missed seeing that Occupational Department. She spends three mornings and three afternoons per week there.

Last evening was another folk-dance - and I



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stayed for it. She danced everyone of them .... more than I could do, but I find that by the time I walk to the hospital - then take her for a 30 to 40 min. walk - I'm pretty tired! Now, were it cycling - I could last hours and hours!

Bought my first new dress yesterday - a lovely queer colored silk - background sort of olive-green, with yellowish, blue and brown dots .... Do like it so much. It has been cool enough to wear my suits - so haven't felt the need of cooler dresses yet.

Had a phone call from Mother and Dad this a.m. They had not heard from me in three days - so were worried! I think they expect me to be very tired - which I still am (feel it more now than ever) - perhaps sick. But when I told them I was leaving tomorrow- oh, what a sign of joy came from both! Ha! I hope to spend only one day in Indianapolis - and thus arrive home on Sunday. That is, will get to Pecos, Texas - 100miles north of Marfa - where they can meet me in the car; then we three can drive home - and enjoy a nice long chat alone! Oh, I am getting so homesick, Rebecca!

Poor Bunny - is most miserable. I fear for his mind at times, for he is expressing such hatred and fear. Little wonder - but he must keep control of himself for his son's sake. Saturday was the anniversary of his wife's death - and poordear - was just too miserable. We think it far from wise to meet now - the emotional strain would be too great on both - and with his future so indefinite-and my love perhaps being only pity --- well, it just isn't wise. Don't you agree? We have been such a help to one another



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through almost daily letters. His little John is due now about the 30th.

Rebecca - I can't bear to read the papers - so don't even know what the peace-terms are! What a coward I've turned out to be.

Sunday I did speak at Church - and after got on my feet, all went well, but I did pay hours in agony before church time! Am so glad that first speech is over - it did me a world of good to put into words some of my reactions. Four of the Chinese students were present - and seemed to appreciate what I tried to say. Hope I didn't in any way hurt their feelings - but don't think I did.

Don't bother to send the snap-shots. Dr. Miller says best to keep such things away from herfor the present.

Am interested in action regarding Wolmsley case! Do keep me informed.

Still have the urge to give you a sound-spanking for leaving that iron with me!! It is so handy - but ala-Minnie, I'm so unworthy!

Hope you are feeling tops - and with all good wishes, I am.

Lovingly yours,

Katherine

Vautrin

June 27, 1940

Mr. Alexander Paul
222 Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Paul:

Miss Vautrin would doubtless appear to casual acquaintances as being pretty nearly her former self. There is, however, of persistent restlessness, lack of normal zest evidence for things, which would have interested her in times past, and the lurking fear of the future which still arouses doubt in her as to whether she wishes to meet it.

A friend at Chautauqua, New York, indicates willingness to entertain Miss Vautrin, but the general tension and the modes of occupation of such a place would hardly be suitable for her now. If there were some quiet place in the country, with a congenial companion, where Miss Vautrin's chief occupation would be loafing and outdoor life, such a situation would be beneficial, provided her present degree of recovery shall continue for two weeks more. We often have to consider the minimal risk arising from the tendency impulsively to end life, but, when that risk is at a minimum, we often decide to accept it in view of the greater advantages attendant upon free life out of doors.

As the end of her second fifteen day period approaches, let us keep the possibility of a third period in mind, but, if her improvement shall continue up to that time, it may be possible for her to leave us at the end of the thirty days, that is about July the 5th. I shall let you know in advance. In the meantime, if the desirable place mentioned above shall appear, please let me know.

Miss Schutze left yesterday. It has been a great advantage to Miss Vautrin to have a companion of such excellent qualities during this trying period.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew H. Woods, M. D.
Director

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CC: Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Miss Rebecca Griest

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THE PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL
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IOWA CITY, IOWA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

June 27, 1940

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I am enclosing a copy of my letter of today to Mr. Paul.

Your note of June the 26th arrived this morning. We shall be glad to see that Admiral Yarnell shall have a satisfactory interview with her. His experience with psychopathic traits in his dealings with the Japanese recommends him as a psychiatrist. It would be helpful if all physicians understood how to deal with motives of disordered people as well as he has done.

It was good to see you again and to realize that so valuable a mind as yours is continuing to operate in fields that are worthwhile for the present and that will make so great a difference for the world in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew H Woods

Andrew H. Woods, M. D.
Director

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Psychopathic Hospital
Iowa City
June 28, 1940

Dear Mrs Macmillan:

First of all I want to thank you, and the others who joined you in sending the telegram from Smith College. It was encouraging to me to have you remember me

As to the book by Allen H. Eaton which you said you sent in March, I remember that you mentioned in one of your (dear) letters that you expected to send it, but as far as I remember, it never arrived. As you know I left the campus May 14th, gave up my work on May 2nd. I am sorry indeed if it has been lost, for it was, I am sure, a valuable book, and some day I would be deeply interested in it. I do hope it turns up.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan, will you

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and the Quiting friends pray most earnestly for me? The struggle which I am in at the present time, is by far the most difficult of my life and the situation is one which I find very difficult to accept as you can imagine. To have twenty eight years of service end in this! However, I am determined to go forward and not to go back and I am trying hard to make progress, although I see little during these three weeks. I must believe my friends who say that this is but a passing phase and that **some day** I shall be of service again to the cause I love.

At a time when the whole world is in such travail and agony, I am sorry to be on the side lines, helpless and a burden.

Thank you again for writing. I had hoped this furlough year would bring me many happy contacts with

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Psychopathic Hospital
Iowa City Iowa
June 28, 1940

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Thank you again for writing. I had hoped this furlough year would bring me many happy contacts with you - not the present kind, certainly I can imagine your disappointment. My own is a hundred fold.

Do remember me to Miss Hodge. Although I have not heard from her directly, I know she has been and is thinking about me.

I also deeply appreciated Mr. Evan's letter which reached me some time ago. Please tell him for me when you see him.

This hospital is a most interesting one - life is made very simple for us - with few choices left to our tired minds. I remember how I used to struggle with the menu's on the boat and train! The nurses and doctors are most helpful and I think are doing a wonderful work. However you can imagine how the limitations seem to me. (Writing with this pencil is one of the limitations which I hope you will pardon.)

I have not written Yi-fang since I left China. Soon, I hope I can write to her and to those on the Ginling Campus.

I wonder what the present situation in Europe means for China? Today's paper stated that Japan has her eyes on Indo-China and already has her fleet there. I suspect that Hongkong and the French Concession at Shanghai will soon be no more - am I an pessimist? I feel as if for two months now I have been living "in the heart of a drum" as the Chinese proverb says.

Affectionately yours,

Minnie Vautrin

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Letter from Miss Minnie Vautrin to Miss Griest, 6/29/40.

The Psychopathic Hospital
Iowa,
June 29, 1940.
Saturday A. M.

Dearest Rebecca:

Your letter written on the "Rocket" on June 14, and the second one, written on June 23, from Lancaster, have both arrived and been appreciated. I have just re-read both letters.

Katherine left Iowa City this past Thursday morning, went via Chicago to Indianapolis, and is today on her way home to Marfa, Texas. I believe she reaches there tomorrow afternoon late. What a happy homecoming hers will be, as she is devoted to her parents, and evidently hers must be a very loving family. She gave me so much of her time and strength and energy, was faithful to a degree that made me marvel. I hope her furlough year will give her the rest and inspiration and training she needs, and that she will be able to go back to China in a year. I have never known a more friendly person.

Would be interested in knowing your opinion of the man Willkie. Do you, a staunch Republican by inheritance, want to see him elected? Next week, I believe, we have the Democratic convention. Personally I am sorry to have the U. S. A. disintegrated by a national election at a time when world problems are so terrifically vital. Truly, Rebecca, I feel like a modern Rip Van Winkle--the things I do not know about my country are legion.

I know, although you did not mention it in your letters, that you think the demands of German and Italy on poor old France, are a tragedy. What does the future hold in store for her? Our only hope is that all that is fine and strong and worthy of survival will some how be strengthened by the limitations that have been impossed and that is our faith, isn't it? As for England, how she is suffering. Nightly those terrible raids must be destroying that beautiful land and the things that you and I value. I think of the lovely schools I visited in 1931 and wonder about the young lads I saw in them--perhaps most of them were in those forces in Flanders.

Occasionally I see an item about poor old China--air raids in Chungking; Japan's action around Indo-China, which is terribly serious for it cuts one of her supply lines. I'm afraid that Hongkong and the French Concession will be taken over by Japan while England and France are helpless.

The weather here during the last few days has been lovely with cool nights and bright sunshiny days.

I'm sorry you went to all the bother to unpack my two trunks. They were a sorry sight, weren't they? All the hard luck that could befall an individual seemed to have happened to me--but compared to refugees, it might be worse, I suppose. Thank Helen for the effort and time she used in removing mildew. Those towels, by the way, are samples of what our Homecraft students have done under the direction of Mrs. Tsen.

And what of Minnie V.? I have my hopeful days--and today is one of them. Am anxious to be out and away. Eager to begin again. Eager to make up, in so far as possible.

Thank you Rebecca, for coming to Chicago, and to Iowa City, and all the other things you gave and did. I knew you would do it--for I knew you and your generous heart.

Affectionately,
Minnie.

P.S. Continue to pray for me, Rebecca dear, for I believe in faith and prayer as well as science.

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29 June 1940

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Dear Miss Ellen and Miss Mary:

I feel certain that you have already received considerable news of Miss Vautrin's arrival in this country, and the serious evidences of her extreme weariness which led to an earlier sailing date than she had planned. The enclosed two pages are the summary of the facts which I am today mailing to the members of the Board of Founders. We have just received on this morning's mail a reassuring report from Dr. Andrew Woods, in which he expresses the judgment that Miss Vautrin may be ready to leave Iowa City at the end of her first month there, which would mean July 5. We who have been closest to this whole problem, and who know that Minnie's own home does not offer what is needed in the early stages of her furlough, are replying to Dr. Woods that we hope very much that a six weeks' period (ending on July 19) can be arranged, and we will consider this in greater detail next Tuesday when Rebecca Griest will be in New York.

I do not know whether anyone has talked to you about the summer plans for Minnie, but there has been expressed in my presence the thought that you would be happy to have Minnie with you for a short time as soon as she was well enough to enjoy the keen pleasure of your companionship and the beauty of the country around Jaffrey. Would your hospitality be available for the last week in July? You already know that there is a fund for Miss Vautrin's use, in addition to her usual furlough allowance, and, if it were better to arrange for her to have a room near you in some pleasant group, and spend a part of each day in your home, perhaps that would be better all around than for her to be your house guest. We do not, of course, know exactly what will be advised, but this letter from Dr. Woods indicates that he believes the beneficial effect of allowing Minnie rather soon to have the freedom of tramping and really letting go in a vacationing sense may be so important that it should take first place in our thought for the next weeks.

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I am suggesting that we urge Mr. Paul, of the Disciples Mission, and Dr. Woods to consider a plan whereby one of us with a car will be available to take Minnie from Iowa City on July 19 and take a week of leisurely travel from that point to New Hampshire, stopping for long stretches of tramping or rest between the motoring stages. That would mean that it would be toward the end of the week of July 22 before she would reach New Hampshire.

We do need to have your reply to this suggestion at the earliest possible moment, and if you will wire us collect not later than Monday morning, we will very much appreciate it. Of course, I know how stern your doctor has recently been with you, and how careful we must help you to be about physical effort. On the other hand, I know how much your life consists of the rewards of such friendly service as we now have the opportunity of giving to Minnie, and I cannot resist making this suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

Eva B. MacMillan

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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The Misses Ellen and Mary Cook
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New Hampshire

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Most of the members of the Board of Founders have already received detailed reports in regard to the illness of Miss Minnie Vautrin, but it may be definitely valuable for us all to have at this time a brief summary of events connected with her departure from China in May and the many friendly services which have contributed toward the beginning of her recovery from the long strain in Nanking.

It was early in May when she herself realized she had come to the end of her strength, and voluntarily called together her three closest colleagues on the campus in Nanking and asked to be relieved of her duties. By great good fortune it happened that Admiral Glassford was a guest on the campus within a few days after Miss Vautrin had come to this decision and he was sufficiently disturbed by the news so that he offered to take her on his own flagship at once to Shanghai as the first step toward an earlier sailing date. It was possible to secure passage on the "Empress of Russia" which left Shanghai on May 19 and Miss Vautrin arrived in Victoria on June 3 accompanied by Miss Katherine Schutze, a competent and loyal and loving friend. Miss Vautrin and Miss Schutze were aided on the trip by a nurse who happened to be on the passenger list and by John Magee of Nanking and the Binghams of Foochow. In Victoria, the party was met by Frederica Mead Hiltner and Dr. Hiltner and they went immediately to the Hiltner home in Seattle. After a day of rest, Katherine and John brought Miss Vautrin on to Chicago where Mr. Alexander Paul (China Secretary of Miss Vautrin's Mission) and Miss Griest met her.

During the days after the cable announcing Miss Vautrin's sailing arrived in this country, officers of the Founders have been in consultation with Dr. Dodd, our medical adviser in New York. It happened that Dr. Andrew H. Woods, a neurologist long in medical service in China and now director of a hospital connected with the University of Iowa in Iowa City, was in New York and joined with Dr. Dodd in advice. Dr. Woods' hospital is a very excellent one, and it was decided that Mr. Paul and Miss Griest should take Miss Vautrin to Iowa City if there was a vacancy for her under Dr. Woods' care. On arrival in Chicago, arrangements were completed by telephone, and Mr. Paul, Miss Griest, Miss Schutze, and Miss Vautrin went on to Iowa City. Miss Griest remained for a week, and Miss Schutze has stayed on, in order to be at hand for friendly companionship with Miss Vautrin.

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Dr. Woods and the physician in direct charge of Miss Vautrin's case, a Dr. Miller, find Miss Vautrin's adjustment to the hospital and its care satisfactory. She is sleeping well without medicine, and we have reason to believe that the healing process has begun.

Mr. Paul, Miss Griest, and Miss Schutze have been well impressed by the hospital and its staff, and have expressed relief that Dr. Woods has been able to extend the usual service of observation, diagnosis, and advice beyond the initial fortnight. Plans for the weeks and months after Miss Vautrin is well enough to leave Iowa City will be made in consultation with Dr. Dodd and Dr. Woods. Miss Vautrin's many friends are asked to be patient in facing the necessarily long period of time during which she will be under a strict regime laid down by the doctors. It is impossible at this time to make any prophecy of the length of this period.

Miss Griest, from her home at 208 South Queen Street, Lancaster, has very kindly offered to send more detailed information to any one of you who wishes to have it. She will be able to give advice as to whether letters or any other evidences of devotion and concern can be helpful, and, if so, how they can best be sent to Miss Vautrin.

It is, of course, small wonder that Miss Vautrin reached this spring a state of serious exhaustion. Her ability to carry on during these last three years - the final three of a continuous eight-year period since furlough - has aroused both admiration and concern in those who, like Admiral Yarnell, know what she has been meeting from day to day. It is, however, not only this heavy burden of actual responsibility which has brought about her illness, but the added weight of disappointment in the lack of response to the opportunity of service in Nanking which she has met from many of those to whom that opportunity has been presented. It is understandable, therefore, that she should have faltered in spirit as she looked forward to the period of her own absence. When finally, however, she reached Shanghai and the Ginling alumnae in that city realized the full implications of her weariness and disappointment and faced the challenge of the important work in Nanking, they acted at once to organize a responsible committee and to send workers to Nanking. As in 1927, the alumnae were adequate in a situation of serious danger and great importance, so now we know they will give their full measure of loyalty and intelligence, and it is hoped that the knowledge of their response will help to restore Miss Vautrin's strength and courage.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Mr. C. A. Evans
Room 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Evans:

I received two letters, one from Mr. Paul and one from Miss Schutze, yesterday about Miss Vautrin. Miss Schutze says:

"Tuesday afternoon was a bad time for Miss Vautrin. She called the nurses to phone me to come take her away. Of course, I was not called. She was so ashamed that evening when she told me about it. She said, 'Katherine, I must get well and I want to. What makes me do such foolish things?' She enjoys getting out for walks, but driving makes her somewhat nervous. We have lovely little devotionals out on the hillsides in the sunset each evening. I am sorry to leave her because she will miss that, but believe Doctor Woods is going to make some arrangements about that side of her life."

Miss Schutze expected to leave Iowa City Thursday morning and to go Indianapolis. From there she planned to go to her home, Marfa, Texas.

Mr. Paul says: "All the medical people with whom I have spoken are greatly pleased that we were able to get Minnie to Iowa City. They all said that it was as fine as any hospital in the country and that she would get as great care there as she would in any place. Yesterday I had a letter from our own Doctor Hagman who, of course, has been in China for many years and is now at home broken down in health, and he wrote so encouragingly knowing that the treatment for patients in Iowa City, as he put it, is not surpassed in any part of the country, and he has visited practically all of the leading hospitals. We are very hopeful that Minnie will come out of this in a short time and we must give her every change for a complete recovery. Of course we shall follow literally the doctors' orders as far as that is humanly possible.

"I wish you could have been in New York City when I was there the other day talking to Mrs. Macmillan and Mr. Evans and some of the others. I told the friends then that when I came back to the office I would raise the question as to the expense connected with Minnie's restoration to health. I took this matter up with our division and our President and we decided that for the time being we will meet all the medical bills and so today I am asking

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our treasurer to send Mr. Evans a check for $97.50 which I asked him to send to the hospital at Iowa City because I would not get back to Indianapolis in time to do so.

"I hope I will have the pleasure of seeing you from time to time. If we know well enough ahead of the time when meetings for Ginling College are to be held, perhaps I can get there occasionally."

I am sending copies of Mr. Paul's letter to Miss Hodge, Mrs. Macmillan, and Mrs. Ross.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca W. Greest

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
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Mr. Alexander Paul
222 Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Paul:

Yesterday I received letters from both you and Katherine Schutze and Katherine has probably by now told you all that she told me. She says:

"Tuesday afternoon was a bad time for Minnie. She called the nurse to phone me to come take her away. She was so ashamed that evening when she told me about it. She said, 'Katherine, I must get well and I want to. What makes me do such foolish things?' She enjoys getting out for walks but driving makes her somewhat nervous. We have lovely little devotionals out on the hillsides in the sunset each evening. I am sorry to leave her because she will miss that, but I believe Doctor Woods is going to make some arrangements about that side of her life."

I cannot tell you how much I thank you for asking me to come out to Chicago to meet Minnie. I shall always be grateful that I had this opportunity to be of a little help, and that I could share that experience with you and Katherine.

I am so pleased about what you write of the opinion of the medical people with whom you have talked concerning Iowa City. My own feeling when I was there was that were I needing the same kind of treatment, or if I ever do, that that is the hospital to which I hope I will be taken.

I was so sorry that I missed you in New York. You and your Board are certainly most generous in the financial consideration you are giving to Minnie. I hope that you will not hesitate to let us know what should be our share when it seems to you right that we should help with the burden. I think that any correspondence that we have in relation to finances with our Board would best be with Mr. Evans, our Treasurer.

My eager watching of the trends in the Republican National Convention and my own enthusiasm for Willkie has not blinded me, or even much dulled the anxiety which I feel about the Far East. The collapse

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of France and the danger of the collapse of Britain and the inadequacy of our fleet in the two or three places where they are needed at the same time, makes one wonder what we shall have to have in China and whether the real days of trial are not just beginning there.

I hope I may have the good fortune to see you again some time and I certainly trust that you will receive notice in time of the Ginling meetings so that you can meet with us.

Sincerely yours,

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