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EXTRACT FROM CHINA MISSION NEWS LETTER
NANKING, JULY 1, 1940

Class Night in the Experimental School at Ginling. For this program Miss Ely assumed responsibility when Miss Vautrin and Miss Schutze suddenly left on furlough, a program of beauty and fun in which the nine girl graduates in pale pink gowns, against the rich velour curtain of the Ginling chapel looked like the lotus blossom which is their class emblem, nine girls out of this whole great city, to complete the full Senior Middle School course (and Miss Vautrin who worked so indefatigably to give them this rare opportunity, and Miss Schutze, their class adviser, could not see them!) nine lovely girls, standing on the threshold of young womanhood, rising like pure and lovely blooms out of the muck and mire of these war years. Not one of them had been untouched by war; not one of them whose future will not be more or less conditioned by war. A historic class in an historic period!

The Homecraft Course on the Ginling campus closed with a demonstration and tea party on June 26th. Girls are returning home far better able to live in this muddled world, thanks to the loving thought and care poured into their intensive course of training. Deep regret was felt that Miss Vautrin could not have been with the girls for their final demonstration. Miss Lin Li-li plans to do follow-up work with those girls, helping them to find ways of making an adequate livelihood. Mrs. Gish and the school at South Gate are cooperating with some of the girls in opening a little handicraft shop on Chunghwa Road, in Nanking.

CONCLUSION. Days are very full. A friend's letter today inspired these lines which we print here with apologies to the Negro who first sang, "O, Lord, I want two wings to veil my face".

O Lord! I don't want wings to veil my face,
O Lord! I don't want wings to fly away,
O Lord! I don't want any wings at all,
Just give me an extra day!

O Lord! I don't want a shining glory crown,
Lord! I don't want to wear a crown of power,
Lord! I don't want to wear a crown at all,
Just spare me an extra hour!

You may recognize your influence here.

M.C.T.

1 July 1940

Dear Miss Vautrin:

a letter

In to-day's mail is ~~one~~ from Mrs. New in regard to the visit which Hwang Li-ming was making in Hongkong in order to meet seniors of different schools. The two of them - Mrs. New and Mrs. Chen - have been telling these girls about the present program of Ginling in Chengtu and the opportunities for Physical Education specialization in Shanghai. Mrs. Chen's Hongkong stay was brief - only a week - because she had to return to Shanghai to supervise entrance examinations on behalf of Ginling in Chengtu. Mrs. New says: "We are indeed very fortunate to have her as our representative in the most complicated city of Shanghai. She has gained recognition for Ginling College in showing herself an all-round lady, a combination of marriage and profession which very few can achieve successfully."

I did not know until this letter arrived that Mrs. New was in Shanghai when you sailed for America. She tells in her last paragraph how glad she was that Hwang Li-Ming and she could see you just as they were leaving for Hongkong, and how much your beautiful prayer meant to them. She quotes a sentence from the prayer as she remembers it, and says: "from that prayer you will see that her own desire for newness of life will cure her despondency and seeming failure. I am quite sure that her home environment with understanding friends will bring her back to strength. We need her to come back. She is a mighty fortress to our people."

These words belong to you, and go with my own affectionate greetings and best wishes.

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THE PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

July 3, 1940

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

During Doctor Woods' temporary absence because of illness, I am taking the liberty of answering your recent letter suggesting a period for Miss Vautrin in New Hampshire.

We both agree this is an excellent plan and have talked it over with Miss Vautrin. It does seem, however, that she should have another two weeks' period here at the hospital before she attempts it. We had at first considered that she might be ready to take the step, but we find in discussing it with her that it raises many doubts in her mind about her abilities. In the meantime she will have an opportunity of thinking the matter over and perhaps writing to you also.

On the whole, she is making an excellent adjustment to the hospital, but continues to have many doubts ^{about} her own abilities and expects to make much more gain than she has. Having always been able to accomplish things, it seems doubly hard for her to appreciate that she has an illness which is slow in changing. Doctor Woods or I will communicate with you when we feel that it is time to take this next step.

Thanking you for your kind interest,

Yours very truly,

W. R. Miller M. D.

W. R. Miller, M. D.
Assistant Director

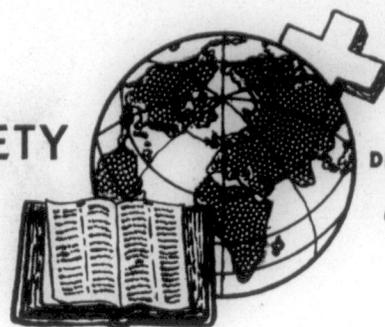
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July 18, 1940

Cable Address—"GO"

Telephone IRvington 1166

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

Dear Miss Griest:

On returning to the office this morning from Iowa City I found your little note of July 17 with the several enclosures. Thanks for same.

I am enclosing you copies of letters I have just written to Dr. Woods and to Mr. Vautrin. I think these will explain our position in the case.

When I talked with Minnie she was still greatly depressed and felt the awful sense of hopelessness in life. I came away however, more convinced than ever that she is receiving the most scientific treatment which can be offered in such a case. I need not say to you that the doctors and nurses are the personification of sympathy and kindness and Minnie acknowledges this but as previously mourns the fact that they are spending so much time on such an unworthy person as she is—but I need not go on. You understand the case.

It seems to us here (and I know you will not misunderstand me) that it will be best for us to do the direct corresponding with Dr. Woods in Minnie's case. I shall be more than glad to send you a copy of every letter we receive from Dr. Woods or Dr. Miller and also of letters we write to them from this office. We had better take this precaution in order to avoid any complication which might arise later on. This method will appeal to Dr. Woods as he also feels that authority in the case must be lodged with one particular Society. Naturally, it would make no difference to him whether that authority is vested in your Ginling Committee or in the U. C. M. S. So I think it will be best for all concerned for us to assume that responsibility.

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Miss Rebecca Greist

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July 18, 1940

It was most kind of you to get in touch with your friends in New Hampshire and I am hoping that before long it may be possible for Minnie to go to that beautiful place and to be among such lovely people. However, for the time being, Minnie must remain where she is and we must cooperate with Dr. Woods and Dr. Miller in every effort they are putting forth to restore her to normal health. It is all so piteable that it is most difficult for the average layman to understand why these tragedies must occur.

Again thanking you for your letters and I know you will keep me informed regarding any developments not only in Minnie's case but in the whole Ginling situation.

I had already written to Mr. Marx in Shanghai to meet Alice Settlemyer but her mother had already arranged for a very particular friend of hers to meet Alice and to take care of her during her stay in Shanghai. She will be well looked after so we need not worry.

In order to save you the trouble of having to type a letter I am sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. T. D. Macmillan of New York.

With very kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Alexander Paul

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VAUTRIN FURLOUGH FUND

19 July 1940

Auchincloss, Mrs. Hugh D.	\$ 10.00
Barger, Miss Edna H.	25.00
Cook, Misses Ellen and Mary	50.00
Cushman, Mrs. James S.	500.00
Fordick, Mrs. Harry E.	10.00
Harlow, Mr. S. Ralph	7.00) 10.00)
Hillhouse, Miss Sylvia R.	5.00
Hughes, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley C.	10.00
Johnson, Mrs. Aymar	5.00
Kalbfus, Mrs. E. C.	5.00
Karolik, Mr. and Mrs. Maxim	25.00
Lisle, Mrs. Arthur B.	10.00
McKittrick, Captain H. V.	10.00
Morrow, Mrs. Dwight	50.00
Nicholson, Mrs. G. J. Guthrie	25.00
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Wells, Mrs. Avis T.	5.00
Wetmore, Miss Maude K.	25.00
Yarnell, Admiral and Mrs.	25.00
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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
July 5, 1940

Minnie dear,

I can't tell you how glad I was to have your letter when I returned from New York on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Macmillan had shared with Mr. Evans and me the letter which she had received from you. I think mine was even a nicer one than hers! What beautiful handwriting you have. As I grow older my handwriting grows worse and worse, but yours is just as perfect as it was when I first knew you in China.

I thought of Katherine as she moved homeward. She wrote me that she was going to leave you and was going first to Indianapolis and then on to her home. I wondered all day Sunday whether, by chance, she was with her parents. She told me a great deal about her life during those few days that I was with her. She is a very remarkable girl. Her Christian faith, I imagine, has been strengthened by her experience in China and I know from what she told me that you have had a large part in this. Her dependence on her devotional period is a genuine thing with her. She has real capacity for fine devotion. One can easily understand the attraction she would have for men who want fineness in a wife. I do hope her year here may be a happy one for her, and that whatever her decisions are that they will be the right ones.

As for "the man Willkie", of course I want to see him elected. I had no sympathy with the Republican leadership which belittled him because he had not been a born Republican. This is no time to perpetuate a caste or a class in American leadership. We need a young man of great ability and in him we have him. I think that the United States will be far less disintegrated by this national election because of Willkie's nomination than it would have been by anyone else whom the Republicans could nominate. Walter Lippman in a recent column in the Herald Tribune says that it makes unnecessary Roosevelt's re-nomination because it removed from the field of struggle our problems of national defense and our relationship to foreign affairs. In my opinion, it would have been a terrible calamity if the Republicans had not chosen a man who understood the present situation and, having that man and not choosing him would have made inevitable a third term for our present president. A third term at the present time in our history would, I think, have been just one more step towards a totalitarian state. As it is, Hitler effects us whether we will or no, but it is one thing to change temporarily because of war certain phases of our industrial organization, and it is quite another thing before war to break down this important precedent that a president should serve but two terms. There are a lot of other reasons why I am cheered and enthusiastic about this nomination, but I can't go into them here. We have a radio broadcast program over WJZ at 8:30 Eastern Daylight Time on Tuesday evening, called Information Please, and it is one of our most popular programs. There are certain people who appear on it each week to answer questions and too, there are always one or two guests chosen from among the distinguished people of the country. The presiding genius is one of the editors of the New Yorker, Clifton Fadiman. I understand that Willkie was a guest on one of these programs. It was not a night when I happened to hear it. I was told that there was no question that he was asked that he could not answer and that they became so interested in trying to stump him that they made him the center of practically all the questions asked. He evidently is a man of unusual mental and physical energy.

I wish you could see the play that Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne (Mr.

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and Mrs. Lunt) are now playing in New York. It is written by Sherwood and is called "There Shall Be No More Night". It is almost unbelievable to think that they have not changed the lines to meet the current situation. It was written after Poland fell and just when Finland's difficulties were beginning. It is the most gripping and clarifying explanation of our current world problem as it faces the individual and the family that I have seen or heard. It is beautifully acted and I hope that they will carry the play to every city in the country where there is a theatre. Our people need to understand what, when civilization is crashing, the ultimate realities are. It voices through the husband, a Nobel prize winner, the only optimism that is possible in this break-up of our current civilization. I hope sometime that it will be published so that those who have not seen it can read it.

I was in New York last week working on the problem of new faculty. We thought we had everything about arranged and then came the evacuation of women and children from Hongkong. I sometimes wish that our papers did not headline so many things and yet I would not have them deceived. Two of our appointments, one American and one Chinese, as a result of this Hongkong situation, are not wishing to go. England, however, has refused to close the Burma Road and the American fleet is still in the Pacific, so that Japan's hopes may again be deferred.

This has been the most amazing summer! We have had very cool weather and a great deal of rain, especially thunder storms. You know how unscientific I am, but I am wondering why we have thunder storms when it is so cold. I suppose there is a warm strata of air somewhere, even though it doesn't happen to be on the earth this summer.

Your trunks were in beautiful condition. I don't know whether Katherine repacked them in Seattle or not, but if they came through just as Harriet did them, she did a very good job. There were so many kinds of things that it was not an easy thing to do and have them come through safely.

It was so good of you to write me and to write me on what you call "one of your good days." I hope that all of the days are soon going to be good days and I know with you it is fineness and faith that make for health. I am thankful that you are somewhere where there is real scientific ability and that you yourself and our group of friends have so much faith. I wish so much that I could come back to be with you, but I am not sure how good an influence I am. I do not have, I fear, Katherine's ability to separate myself from the problems on which I am working and just give myself as a person to a friend. It is a rich gift she has and she doesn't even realize she has it. Do write again as you feel you can.

I am sending you under separate cover some things that I came across as I was separating material here in the house. There are two foreign policy association headline books, one on the housing problem here, which is one of our current problems and I thought you might enjoy seeing that; One on the Versailles Treaty, and some notes which I took from either a lecture or an article by Villard. I don't know that you can make out my writing, but as I re-read them I found them very interesting in the light of the present situation. Time last fall prepared a digest of what had happened from the time of the Versailles Treaty down to last September. The Bible statement that what ye sow ye shall reap is having vivid illustrations here. The pity of it is that in the fact of Germany's ruthlessness it is now becoming impossible to do anything but prepare ourselves against a further extension of that ruthlessness, but what a price to pay for the greed and stupidity of the last twenty years.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER TO KATHERINE SCHUTZE DATED JULY 7, 1940

You will want to know how we got through to the end of the school year. On the whole, very quietly and calmly. The substitute English teachers did the best they could getting grades in. Miss Ely worked hard with Senior III over the Class Day program which worked out very well, I thought. Some of the girls were not too cooperative. She persuaded them not to try a play. The song ballet section of the program was pretty and of better quality than a play done hurriedly. I fear quality is not too much valued by these students. "Cha buh do" is good enough. I feel that in all their work along western lines there is a subconscious scorn of it as not requiring effort, as too easy because they do not penetrate to the inner meaning of it all - in art and science and religion alike, it seems to me.

The Graduation Exercises went off well. The quiet vesper hour (7:30) the flowers, the music, (good singing of evening hymns) the simple friendly message given by Mr. Forster with Mr. Chiang and Mr. Yang taking the other parts in Reading and Prayer. I got through the Presentation of Certificates with the minimum of words, letting Mr. Y. T. Wang and Mi-li function as deans in presenting the groups. We gave certificates in person only to the nine seniors who came up on the platform and bowed as I gave each her roll - two bows each we made - and the class bowed to the audience - very few guests, because of the hour and the fact that Union Church that day was a Communion Service. We sent only a limited list of invitations for foreign friends anyway, and to city pastors who had shared in our work through the year. The idea was to attract as little attention as possible and to make as little show - no procession. We tried to set a precedent for simple but orderly exercises.

Class Day was Tuesday evening. Senior Supper Wednesday evening in 400, Homecraft had a farewell tea party Thursday afternoon and Junior III a picnic supper Thursday. It had to be in the Guest Hall because it rained. Then the Seniors insisted on inviting the faculty to tea Friday afternoon. There seemed to be no way of preventing this for which no official approval was given.

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Please return.*

July 9, 1940

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thanks for your good letter of the 5th inst.

I note what you say regarding the future plans for Miss Vautrin. We here are at more or less of a stalemate trying to think through what is best for Miss Vautrin to do in the immediate future. She has expressed a wish several times that she might be able to go to her brother in Michigan. Last week our President Hopkins was near Shepherd, Michigan, where her brother lives and at our request he went over to see Mr. Vautrin. He reported to us when he came back on Saturday that they had rather a nice home there with fairly well equipped farm and a couple of married daughters living around there and although Mr. Vautrin has absolutely no use for the church or missionary work yet he said to Dr. Hopkins that he had had a letter from Minnie saying that she would like to come to be with them for a little while and he hoped that it would be possible for her to do so. We have not written to Minnie anything about her immediate future. I did have a letter from Dr. Woods of Iowa City and he rather favored the plan proposed by Mrs. Macmillan, that is, for Miss Vautrin to drive east and to be in some nice place in New England. However, he added that it would be well to allow her to stay there until about the 19th inst. at which time he would be able to make a decision. We would be quite willing as you suggest for Miss Vautrin to remain on in the hospital where she now is and we shall implicitly follow Dr. Woods' advice. If he again suggests that she remain for a longer time in the hospital, we shall be very happy. But if it is his conclusion that she should leave the hospital and go to some quiet spot in the country, then of course that must be given consideration. By the way, Dr. Hopkins thinks

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Mr. C. A. Evans,

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July 9, 1940

it would not be a bad thing at all to have Miss Vautrin go to spend a little time with her brother and his family. He feels it might do her some good. On this matter I cannot make up my own mind as to what should be done.

It may be that within the next few days I shall run up to Iowa City and talk things over with the doctor and see Minnie and talk with her.

Again thanking you for your good letter.

Cordially yours,

Alexander Paul

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THE PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
IOWA CITY, IOWA

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

July 9, 1940

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

At our staff meeting yesterday, July 8th, we reviewed all of the factors pertaining to Miss Vautrin's illness. We feel that she should have the benefit of metrazol therapy, which we have found particularly effective in shortening the course of depressions. Whereas there is a certain amount of risk entailed in the use of this drug, under careful management we have been able to avoid any difficulties. Because of the tendency for depressions to be prolonged, this may offer the possibility of considerably shortening the period.

We are writing to you and sending copies to Mr. Paul and Mr. Vautrin, the patient's brother, because we do not want to proceed with this therapy unless those interested in her are willing for us to proceed. Naturally, we shall secure the patient's permission also for the treatment.

Miss Vautrin's condition remains practically unchanged. She is taking a fairly active part in hospital activities and goes out for walks and rides with friends in Iowa City. She is greatly troubled by her self accusation and inability to make decisions. There are periods of fairly marked depressions when she is troubled by severe doubts. Physically, she is in excellent condition.

We should appreciate an early reply to this letter, so that we may start the treatment as early as possible.

Yours very truly,

W. R. Miller M.D.
W. R. Miller, M. D.
Assistant Director

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CC: Mr. Alexander Paul
Mr. Louis Vautrin

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July 10, 1940

Mr. Alexander Paul
222 Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Paul:

I have your note of July the 9th and have wired, "glad to see you Monday morning eight o'clock. Letter follows." An appointment in Lansing, Iowa, Sunday morning cannot be altered and will keep me away from Iowa City until late Sunday evening.

I asked Dr. Miller, who is in immediate charge of Miss Vautrin, to write to you, her brother and Mrs. Macmillan stating that Miss Vautrin's progress is on the whole satisfactory, but she suffers drops in her mood from time to time. This keeps the outlook still dubious, although our feeling is on the whole hopeful.

We have been applying the so-called "metrazol" treatment on patients whose course runs in this way and have had some remarkable results. Most of the patients suffer no inconvenience from the particular shocks themselves. The inexplicable drops in mood stop often after the first three or four shocks and recovery follows more rapidly than from other forms of treatment. If she were my own daughter, I would carry out this treatment, if her course were similar to that of Miss Vautrin's. It is, however, disagreeable for an hour or two to some patients. Also, because we do not understand the exact nature of the changes that go on under this treatment, we feel forced to err on the side of caution and always ask the family and those immediately concerned before applying it. We, therefore, asked whether you will consent to our applying this treatment, if in the near future we think it appropriate.

Your suggestion that she go on a visit to her brother and your statement that she herself has expressed a desire to do this opens up another alternative. The only risk involved is that in a moment of deep depression she might act impulsively and try to injure herself. The degree of risk cannot be estimated numerically, but in my judgment it is slight. It would be reasonable to accept that risk and allow her to make this trip. If the change from hospital life to a freer and an outdoor life would fortunately turn the tide, it would be a happy solution to the whole problem. I suggest, therefore, that on receiving this letter, if you would like us to carry out this plan of a visit to her brother, you should telegraph me to that effect and then, as you thought best, either delay the visit to Iowa City and arrange for an escort to take Miss Vautrin to her brother or possibly come yourself to Iowa City and take her to her brother.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew H. Woods, M. D.
Director

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CC: Mr. Louis Vautrin
Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

There is no unusual factor in Miss Vautrin's progress. I send this to keep you informed. If a visit to her brother results in rapid improvement, well. If not, we shall be glad to continue to care for her, if her friends so desire.

Cordial regards
D. S. W.

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11 July 1940

Dear Dr. Miller:

Your note of July ninth is on my desk as I return from an unexpected absence. We are very grateful to you for the clear and sympathetic statements concerning Miss Vautrin's condition. Your note of recommendation that the metrazol therapy be used in this case, and news from Mr. Alexander Paul of the proposal that Miss Vautrin visit her brother have been talked through today by Mr. Evans and me. We have every confidence in the soundness of your treatment and your recommendations, and we are grateful for the care with which you have kept us in touch and the consideration which you show in asking that some representative of the Board of Founders of Ginling College take part in giving official consent for the metrazol therapy if it is used. We agree that Miss Rebecca W. Griest of the Personnel Committee of the Board of Founders should be the one to speak for the Board in this connection, and you will hear from her promptly from her home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, after she has studied these recent letters.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Dr. W. R. Miller, Assistant Director
Psychopathic Hospital
Iowa City, Iowa

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Dear Rebecca:

Mr. Evans seems very tired today. He is eager to have you do whatever is necessary in this case. He has written a brief acknowledgment to Mr. Paul.

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Mrs. Evans

LETTER FROM MATILDA C. THURSTON TO
MISS REBECCA W. GRIEST DATED JULY 12, 1940

Dear Rebecca:

Your letter of June 6th added much desired information to supplement the cable of the same date for which we were most grateful. I have since received a letter from Katherine Schutze, dated July 16, which gave further details and reported your visit to Iowa City. I am in complete agreement with you in the decisions which were made although I feel that Mary James might have been a very helpful adviser in regard to general procedure. I am very happy to think that a nice person like Dr. Woods could be the one to make the preliminary study of Minnie's case. I knew him and his wife quite well- knew her in Northfield days as a Bryn Mawr delegate.

I shall be very sorry if my long, and, if I do say it, rather nice letter to you did not get through. I started it as a birthday letter and continued although I knew it was going to be late in reaching you. I added the more formal page about Minnie and a typed page, as I remember, about Evelyn Walmsley which was dated May 1st. I also enclosed extracts from correspondence. The way in which the matter has been handled makes me feel that there has been no direct contact with Evelyn to understand her own attitude about returning to China. Writing to Miriam Null and to me she was quite positive that she intended to come whether the Board sent her or not, but could not come this summer without some financial help for travel and living expenses. To guard against this I had in my earlier correspondence with Anna Moffett made clear that that need not be a hindrance because I would become personally responsible for this. I think I will quote my second paragraph of my letter of May 1st: "Of course the ideal would be to have the Presbyterian Board send her back paying travel and providing salary for three years. I am inclined to think that she would be reappointed on the field to full mission status. She would be glad of this because she values the relationship. That would not disqualify her to serve in Ginling if the college invited her. The immediate urgency is the money for her travel out and some guarantee of salary for the coming year. When I wrote to Anna Moffet I said I would become personally responsible for this, and I still hold to my word if the funds are not provided in any other way. We want the question settled as soon as possible because nothing will ease Minnie's mind so much as to know that Evelyn is coming out this summer. I realise that even securing a passage these days is difficult but I rest the case with you to do everything in your power to expedite the matter".

We have secured China for the help which we need, for a foreign helper who could give something like Evelyn could give. It is for more than a year that she would be needed. We cannot have any assurance that Minnie will be able to return at the end of a year. Katherine Schutze, who was a full time English teacher is not promised to us on her return to China although she would like to come back to the school here. Catherine Sutherland would not meet the need at all and it is quite clear that she is needed in the west. It is a situation where not anybody will meet the need, and a new person without Chinese would make special problems. Your question as to how much I can be responsible for is difficult to answer. I am treasurer and chairman of the Administrative Committee. I do not feel that it would be wise to involve myself in teaching. I have not worked for so long with middle school students and I have not taught the things which are not provided for. We made shift for the last two months with substitute teachers and might get some local help in class English teaching, but there are other things besides teaching that we need to carry the program which is planned. Miss Swen Bao-hwa who came the

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Mrs. Mrs. Thurston to Miss Griest

first of June is taking hold very splendidly and gives something which we did not have in the school the last two years except as Minnie carried all the detail herself in planning schedules and other administrative matters.

We are having a spell of very hot weather and the farmers need rain or the rice crop will fail. Rice has been about \$50.00 a tan recently which is as much as six times the normal price at this time of the year. You can imagine how that complicates the cost of living for people who are near starvation. We will be facing almost famine conditions although wheat is helping out at present. You can see how we will appreciate help for neighbourhood relief as well as help in supplementary feeding of students who cannot pay for board. We can hardly charge for full board under the circumstances, and that means a deficit even if all fees were paid. I am almost ready to make a statement of expenditures for the year when I get my trial balance. It is a little hard to work when one sticks to the paper.

The cheque which you enclosed to Minnie made payable to her order I could not cash. I sent it to Mr. Marx who has power of attorney for Minnie. A lot of cheques payable to Minnie's order have been causing me inconvenience all through the year. Minnie really should have notified her friends to make cheques payable to Ginling College if they were for the work or to me as treasurer which I have been now since June 1, 1939. It was one of the places where she did not let go, where she might have put it on others. Fortunately she did turn over all her relief funds to me in April and I got those details clear, as I did not have anything connected with school administration.

I am adding a page from a letter I am writing to K. Schutze with word about the end of the term. I am making no plans to leave Nanking this summer preferring the comforts of home to the risks of travel north, south or west. I hope you are getting some pleasant jaunts in your car.

Yours affectionately,

(signed) MATILDA C. THURSTON.

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NANKING, CHINA

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July 12, 1940

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

My dear Mr. Evans:

I received yesterday the copy of Dr. Wu's letter to Miss Lung (Yung) and the tentative plan for a major in home economics at Ginling College. It is very good of you to do this. I assume that the original letter will be sent to Miss Yung and the original copy of the plan. You note that Miss Wu spells the name Lung and we here spell it Yung.

Li Mau Kuei

I am enclosing a copy of a letter received from Miss Li yesterday and also a copy of my answer. I am writing to Dr. Wu telling her of Miss Li's feelings. My own reaction is that she should proceed to Chengtu as soon as possible, but if we get her off from America the decision about what she is to do when she reaches Hong Kong can be made by China. I have wondered whether it would be possible to send her on any boat earlier than the Coolidge. I can imagine you sighing when I raise this question for I am sure your answer will be "I have already told you there is no reservation available earlier than the Coolidge." *no*

*Chang
Hwei-lan*

I am also sending you the original of the letter from Miss Chang (also spelled Djang) and a copy of my answer. My answer was not particularly inspired for I am not sure whether you will want to send her Miss Wu's letter concerning the position in Chengtu. Whatever you and Mrs. Macmillan decide about the physical education problem will be satisfactory to me. I think, however, that as soon as the decision is reached Miss Wu should know what it is. My interpretation of Miss Chang's letter is that she would like to stay another year in America but that she has not yet come to a decision. It seems to me that Miss Jacobs is fitted for this position. I think it would be a wise thing for her to have a chance to fill it. *see me
next year*

*Nautrin
Jaffrey,
N.H.*

I am enclosing a copy of the letter from Miss Cook of Jaffrey, New Hampshire, showing her willingness to have Minnie in Jaffrey. You will see from the copy of my answer to Miss Cook that I have indicated my happiness that Minnie can go to Jaffrey and have told her that we would let her know when the time arrived to leave so that we can get satisfactory accommodations. I feel very strongly that when she does go she should not live by herself but live in a group of people.

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Mr. C. A. Evans--2

July 12, 1940

Vautrin

Apropos of Minnie I have heard again from Miss Trudley suggesting that Minnie come to Beacon Hill at Beacon, New York. I think we are pretty well agreed that Minnie should not be moved from one institution to another. I am writing to Miss Trudley that she will for the present remain at Iowa City.

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I certainly hope that this week has not been too hard on you. I know that Mr. Garside was away and that with Mrs. Macmillan here it has placed more pressure than is reasonable no doubt. It will probably be small comfort that I felt perfectly safe during these days, when I could not do anything, to have you handling whatever Ginning problems that arose in New York.

Rhodes.

Miss Hodge returned to me with expressions of satisfaction the one year contract which I drew up for Esther Rhodes. She apologizes in her note for signing for she realizes that it has to be recopied. I have not as yet heard from Miss Tyler or from you about your reaction. If you approve the enclosed contract, would you ask Mrs. Macmillan or your own secretary to have it copied in triplicate and send it to Miss Rhodes for her signature and then to Miss Hodge for hers? We have three copies signed; one copy is given to the candidate, one is filed in the office in New York and one is sent to Dr. Wu in China. If this a trouble to do, return it to me and I can attend to this next week.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca W. Guest

RG:TF
Encs.

Dear Mr. Woods:- I have had to begin today with a new stenographer! I dictated old mail until the mail arrived this morning, and every moment since then there has been someone calling here every minute. I have had no time yet - 10:30 PM I didn't even get my dinner until 9:30!) to write to Dr. Miller, and I find that this new girl did not copy for me Dr. Woods letter to Mr. Paul ^{July 10th} - I approve of the treatment being given. I think Mrs. Vautrin's desire to go to her brother is mainly her desire to get away from a psychiatric hospital, and she doesn't

know where else to go. - R.W.G.

July 15, 1940

Dr. Alexander Paul
Missions Building
222 Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Dr. Paul:

I am exceedingly grateful for your letter of July 9th which I have shared with Miss Griest, also with Mrs. Macmillan.

Miss Griest has been in touch with the people in New Hampshire, and I am sure that at the proper time arrangements can be made for Miss Vautrin's accommodation. If Miss Vautrin really desires to see her brother however, that injects a different situation, as undoubtedly she would prefer to go directly there rather than to come east. Not knowing her brother I must confess that I am as fully unprepared to make a decision as you are. Prior to Dr. Hopkins' visit I should have voted against this, but his report leaves me in doubt.

Your willingness to carry on is certainly appreciated by all here and if you do take a trip to Iowa City, we should be most interested in your reaction.

The automobile trip as proposed has not met with universal approval here. From previous reports it seems that automobile travel tires her.

With added thanks for your continued assistance, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Vautrin

July 16, 1940

Dr. W. R. Miller
Assistant Director
Psychopathic Hospital
Iowa City, Iowa

My dear Dr. Miller:

I have here the copy of your letter to Mrs. Macmillan and of her answer to you and also a copy of Dr. Wood's letter of July 13 to Mr. Paul. I hope that Mr. Paul did come to Iowa City for the conference on Monday, July 16. I note in Mrs. Macmillan's letter to you that she says that I am to write to you for the Board in relation to the proposed metrazol therapy treatment. I should support any treatment that you and Dr. Woods believe would be helpful to Miss Vautrin. I think when I talked with Dr. Woods in Iowa City I suggested to him that where consent was needed for special treatments that it should come from Mr. Paul. This sounds, I know, as if we are all "passing the buck." I feel confident that we of the Ginling Board will support anything in the way of treatment that you wish to give Miss Vautrin. Where consent is needed I should again suggest securing that from Mr. Paul and merely inform us of the plan.

I do, however, feel doubtful about Miss Vautrin going to her brother. She wrote to me in January from China and I think at that time she was perfectly normal asking me to make certain investigations for her here as to places where she could study and also where she could rest. In that letter she said quite frankly that she felt she would not be able to rest at her brother's home. She did not mean by this that she did not wish to visit them. But I should feel from this letter that she did not when she was normal believe that it was a place in which she should spend any prolonged period. If that was true then, would it not be true now. I know that from the very first, in those days when I was seeing her at the hospital, she mentioned over and over again her brother. Might that not be a part of her desire to be somewhere else--anywhere else--rather than the place where she is. I am not saying in this that I think it should not be tried but I am questioning the wisdom of it.

We have written to Jaffrey, New Hampshire, to Miss Ellen Cook, who is a retired professor of Smith College and who knows Miss Vautrin, and asked her about arrangements near her own cottage at Jaffrey. Miss Cook summers there with her sister and with her friend. All three women have been in China for short periods and all have stayed at Ginling and all admire and respect Miss Vautrin. Miss

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Dr. W. R. Miller--2

July 16, 1940

Cook in a very friendly fashion says that they will be glad to make arrangements for Miss Vautrin in Jaffrey at any time that it seems reasonable to send her there. She will not live with them in their own cottage, but she will share as much of their group as she wishes to. They have had, I understand, some experience before with somewhat similar cases. My own belief is that when Miss Vautrin is ready to leave the hospital that she would be better off at Jaffrey than she would be at her brother's home for a period of recuperation.

I hope, however, that she will stay at the hospital and receive whatever treatment you and Dr. Woods think wise, and that she will be dismissed only after a reasonable chance for recovery has been given there.

Sincerely yours,

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*Can be returned
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soon*

CLIFTON SPRINGS SANITARIUM

CLIFTON SPRINGS, NEW YORK

July 16, 1940

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

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Thank you so much for your letter of July 12th, which has just come. I think the decision taken in the case of Miss Vautrin was eminently wise. If Dr. Woods recommends the metrazol treatment, it should undoubtedly be given and I know of no place better for that than under his care. After such treatment it might be well to provide a period of further convalescence in a place like this. We are not prepared to handle patients so sick as to need such treatment. We never like to have anyone with known suicidal tendencies. Whenever Dr. Woods thinks it is safe to have her discharged to a place like this, we will find it a privilege to try to make our facilities available for her if needed and desired.

Your visit was very enjoyable and we are happy to renew the old friendship. I have just returned from a week-end in Canada and find composite problems awaiting me, which are certainly not strictly surgical.

Cordially yours,

Adrian S. Taylor
Adrian S. Taylor, M.D.

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Vautrin

July 17, 1940

Dr. Andrew H. Woods, Director,
The Psychopathic Hospital,
Iowa City, Iowa.

Dear Dr. Woods:

Your letter of June 27th and its enclosure of a copy of your letter to Mr. Paul reached me promptly enough. I took it with me to New York for a conference on July 2nd and then was delayed in answering it because of the Fourth of July Holiday and following that by a very sudden death in my own family. In the meantime I have seen the correspondence with Mrs. Macmillan and with Mr. Paul. I hope the conference with him was satisfactory and that Miss Vautrin will receive the treatment which Dr. Miller's letter said you were interested in giving her.

I am reasonably doubtful of sending Miss Vautrin to her brother's home until she has tried herself out somewhere else. I am still hoping that the initial tryout may be in New Hampshire. Miss Mary Cooke and Miss Ellen Cooke, both retired professors of Smith College together with a friend, Miss Mary Thayer, are willing to arrange for a room for Miss Vautrin near them and to share their simple life with her. They live a very wholesome life, having a small garden, a car in which they travel to nearby places, evenings with books and games and friends who are intelligent and companionable. Jaffrey, as you know, is in southern New Hampshire and not far from Mt. Monadnock.

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I feel that you are having to correspond with a great many different people about Miss Vautrin. May I say again that we of the Ginling Group are willing to agree to anything, you, Dr. Miller and Mr. Paul feel necessart to her treatment and to her length of stay in the hospital.

When Miss Vautrin is ready to leave the hospital we shall be glad to cooperate in makind arrangements about New Hampshire or if that does not seem wise with you and Mr. Paul, then to cooperate with other arrangements that you and he think best.

I was glad for your comment on the quality of companionship that Miss Whute gave Miss Vautrin. I am wondering if she is needing a continuation of this type of companionship. If you think so will you let us know that also.

Sincerely yours,

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Sent to ~~Spaul~~
by ~~W. H. Rand~~

duplicate

July 18, 1940

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

Dear Miss Griest:

On returning to the office this morning from Iowa City I found your little note of July 17 with the several enclosures. Thanks for same.

I am enclosing you copies of letters I have just written to Dr. Woods and to Mr. Vautrin. I think these will explain our position in the case.

When I talked with Minnie she was still greatly depressed and felt the awful sense of hopelessness in life. I came away however, more convinced than ever that she is receiving the most scientific treatment which can be offered in such a case. I need not say to you that the doctors and nurses are the personification of sympathy and kindness and Minnie acknowledges this but as previously mourns the fact that they are spending so much time on such an unworthy person as she is-but I need not go on. You understand the case.

It seems to us here (and I know you will not misunderstand me) that it will be best for us to do the direct corresponding with Dr. Woods in Minnie's case. I shall be more than glad to send you a copy of every letter we receive from Dr. Woods or Dr. Miller and also of letters we write to them from this office. We had better take this precaution in order to avoid any complication which might arise later on. This method will appeal to Dr. Woods as he also feels that authority in the case must be lodged with one particular Society. Naturally, it would make no difference to him whether that authority is vested in your Ginling Committee or in the U. C. M. S. So I think it will be best for all concerned for us to assume that responsibility.

Miss Rebecca Greist

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July 18, 1940

It was most kind of you to get in touch with our friends in New Hampshire and I am hoping that before long it may be possible for Minnie to go to that beautiful place and to be among such lovely people. However, for the time being, Minnie must remain where she is and we must cooperate with Dr. Woods and Dr. Miller in every effort they are putting forth to restore her to normal health. It is all so pitiable that it is most difficult for the average layman to understand why these tragedies must occur.

Again thanking you for your letters and I know you will keep me informed regarding any developments not only in Minnie's case but in the whole Ginning situation.

I had already written to Mr. Marx in Shanghai to meet Alice Settlemeyer but her mother had already arranged for a very particular friend of hers to meet Alice and to take care of her during her stay in Shanghai. She will be well looked after so we need not worry.

In order to save you the trouble of having to type a letter I am sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. T. B. Macmillan of New York.

With very kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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July 18, 1940

Mr. Louis Vautrin
Box 37, Route 3
Shepherd, Michigan

Dear Mr. Vautrin:

I have just returned from Iowa City where I went to see your sister, Minnie and to consult with Dr. Woods, director of the Psychopathic Hospital. He told me that they had written to you regarding your sister's illness but thus far had had no word from you. I hope the letters have not gone astray.

I have known your sister for about twenty-eight years and she has made a very real contribution to the work of Christian education in China and has been honored more than once by the Chinese Government. While in China last summer I tried to convince your sister that she should come home but because of the frightfully unsettled conditions she did not feel that she could leave her work. She has had to carry on under most trying conditions during the past several years and it is not surprising that her mind has become so fatigued that she is not able to look on the bright side of things.

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There will be a good deal of expense connected with Minnie's illness but we are very willing to meet this responsibility. We are asking you, however, as Minnie's nearest of kin to give your consent as requested by Dr. Miller as I understand this is advisable in all such cases.

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Mr. Louis Vautrin

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July 18, 1940

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Let me say again that we feel quite sure that your sister will be restored to normal health although it may take a little time to accomplish this. We are desirous of cooperating fully with the doctors and are asking you to please do the same and of course we know you will.

With kind regards,

Sincerely ours,

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July 18, 1940

Andrew H. Woods, M. D., Director
The Psychopathic Hospital
The State University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Dr. Woods:

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I advised Mrs. Doan to write to Miss Frye saying that I had just returned from seeing you and that it would not be possible for her to see Miss Frye as your orders are that no one can visit and discuss business matters with Miss Vautrin at this time.

I think it would be well for you to write Miss Frye to this effect. I am afraid she is the type of person who might take it upon herself to see Miss Vautrin if at all possible and I think your writing to her might save her making a trip to Iowa City for this purpose.

This mass meeting is to be held on August 28 and these good friends have been told that it would be impossible for Miss Vautrin to attend that meeting. They are planning to go on with the arrangements for the meeting and hold it even though Miss Vautrin may not be able to attend.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Copy for Mr. Woods.

July 18, 1940

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Sincerely yours,

Alexander Paul.

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Copy for M R Evans.

July 18, 1940

Andrew H. Woods, M. D. Director,
The Psychopathic Hospital,
The State University of Iowa,
Iowa City, Iowa.

Dear Dr. Woods:

Referring to our conversation in your office on the 15th inst. I wish to say that the United Christian Missionary Society, whose missionary Miss Minnie Vautrin has been since the year 1912, is anxious for you to give her whatever treatment you prescribe for her case. In Dr. Miller's letter of the 9th inst. to Mrs. Macmillan, a copy of which he sent me, he suggested metrazol therapy. Dr. Miller goes on to say that he desires to have the consent of some responsible person before proceeding with this treatment. The Ginling College Committee as well as the United Christian Missionary Society, feels strongly that Miss Vautrin should have the benefit of this treatment as soon as you deem it advisable.

I do not know what response you have had from Miss Vautrin's brother so I am writing to him and sending him a copy of this letter to you. I am sure Mr. Vautrin will be more than glad to have his sister get the best possible treatment in order to restore her, if possible, to normal health.

On behalf of the United Christian Missionary Society, may I again thank you for your very deep interest in Miss Vautrin's case and it is a great relief to know that you and your splendid associates are doing everything which can be done for her.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Alexander Paul.

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Copy for Mr. Evans.

July 18, 1940

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Box No. 37, Route 3,
Shephard, Michigan.

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With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Alexander Paul.

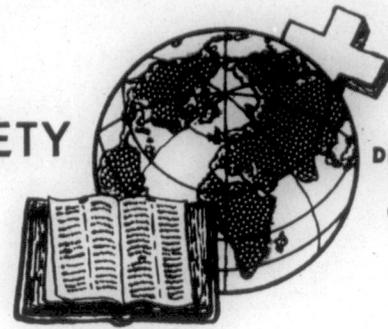
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July 19, 1940

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan,
Ginling College,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Quite some time ago your good letter came in which you suggested a plan for the taking care of Miss Vautrin. In that letter you said that you would be willing to drive to Iowa City and leisurely drive Miss Vautrin to the place in New England where she should go. That letter appealed to us at the time and I made up my mind that I had better go to Iowa City and see for myself just how Miss Vautrin was getting along and get first hand information from the doctors. Yesterday I returned to the office from Iowa City and I am convinced that it would be a fatal mistake to have Miss Vautrin leave the hospital at this time. Being a lay man and an outsider, it seemed to me that she was much more depressed as she talked to me, than she was when I met her in Chicago and took her to Iowa City. The fact, that for the present at least, she will need constant care and must be looked after, precludes the possibility, I think, of her leaving at this time. I am enclosing a letter which I have written to Miss Griest so that you may see how we feel about the whole situation here.

Dr. Woods assured me that she was making as good progress as could be expected, that she did have these intense times of depression and that the fact that she is so strong physically rather reacts against her. However, we have decided, and I understand your committee is also willing, that she should get this special treatment and as I talked with Drs. Woods and Miller, I was convinced that that was the only thing to do. We have written to her brother and do not know whether we shall hear from him or not, We also wrote to Dr. Woods saying that he had our full cooperation in the

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THE PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

July 19, 1940

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

Dear Miss Griest:

In reply to your letter of July 16th, I am happy to say that the future arrangements for Miss Vautrin's treatments were settled with Mr. Paul's visit here on Monday. We have already instituted the metrazol treatment, and, whereas, it is too early to hazard any remarks on the probable results, we can say that following her first treatment she showed a definite improvement. This looks well for the future.

When this series of treatment is concluded, which will probably be in about three weeks, we shall again discuss with you the best disposition.

Yours very truly,



W. R. Miller, M. D.
Assistant Director

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Copy for Mr. Evans.

July 22, 1940

Dr. W. R. Miller,
Assistant Director,
Psychopathic Hospital,
Iowa City, Iowa.

My dear Dr. Miller:

I appreciate your note of July 19th, telling me of Miss Vautrin's condition and the improvement shown after the first metrazol treatment.

I promised, when I was in Iowa City, to send you Miss Vautrin's Diary and I find I have not done so. I shall try now to get that off to you.

Mr. Paul has written that he and Dr. Woods have arrnaged, and very sensibly too, that Mr. Paul shall be the one to whom the correspondence from the Hospital goes.

We realize there has been a great deal of confusion in the number of persons corresponding with you. This arrangement between Dr. Woods and Mr. Paul is the proper one and one to which we shall very happily agree.

Sincerely yours,

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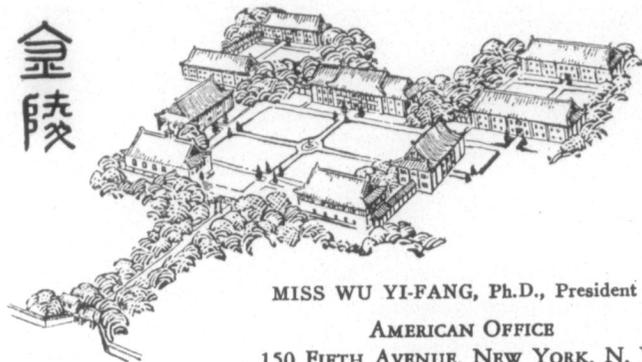
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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Room No. 903,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter of July 20th. I am grateful for Mrs. News' address. I suppose I should not have written so fully to Dr. Wu as I really thought it was in Mrs. Macmillan's place to do so. That meeting was held with her acting as Secretary and it was her task, as I understand it, to inform Miss Moffett, Miss Walmsley, Mrs. Thurston and Dr. Wu. I have not written to Mrs. Thurston and I have not written to Miss Walmsley. I asked Mrs. Macmillan when she was here if she had done so because I received a letter from Anna which made it appear that she had not. She had, however done so about ten days after the meeting and Anna received that letter after she wrote to me. If she has not written to Miss Walmsley and Mrs. Thurston we shall be in for some bitter criticism from Mrs. Thurston. I suppose I better write a note to Mrs. Macmillan and ask definitely whether she did write those letters.

I am glad you did not write those letters to Dr. Wu because I do not think it is necessary for you to be directly involved in this situation! *There will be enough criticism and it needn't fall on you.*

Thank you for your talk with Miss Li. As I understand it, it is now up to her and we have nothing more to do with how she and Miss Yung are going to room. Personally I think Miss Li was trying to pull "A fast one" when she tried out this idea on me.

I shall enclose for you a copy of, first, Mr. Paul's letter of July 18th written to me. He sent a copy of this letter to Mrs. Macmillan. I am also enclosing copies of Mr. Paul's letter to Dr. Woods under date of July 18th; a letter concerning the treatment of Miss Vautrin and another letter concerning the celebration in Secor, Illinois. I am also enclosing another letter from Dr. Miller which arrived this morning. When I was in Iowa and had my conference with Dr. Woods, I suggested to him that his correspondence be with Mr. Paul for the U. C. M. S. and with you for Ginling. I think all correspondence concerning this matter between the hospital and our groups should be with Mr. Paul as the only sensible solution to the confused state which we have gotten ourselves into. I do not know how much of this is due to the fact that Dr. Woods forgot what I suggested to him, although I remember that he wrote down the names and addresses, and how much is due to the fact that Mrs. Macmillan knows Dr. Woods and therefore began corresponding on her own.

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Mr. C. A. Evans

I have written no letters directly to them except in answer to their letters to me and I think I have sent you copies of everything that I have written to the Hospital.

I am troubled about this celebration in Secor. Does this mean that Mrs. Ross is going ahead with that matter? Has she not grasped the fact that Minnie cannot be there? The only thing I can think of, if they are going ahead with this matter is to find someone to send to them who can tell them of the work Minnie has done in Nanking. Should I write to Mrs. Ross, sending her a copy of Mr. Paul's letter to Dr. Woods on this matter?

JACOBS

This morning I received a letter from Miss Hodge approving our securing Miss Jacobs. She says, however, and I quote "I would want you or Mr. Evans or some Ginling Personnel person to approve her spiritual qualifications in addition to the Yenching approval". Can you satisfy Miss Hodge on this point? I certainly hope so. I shall, of course be interested to know what word you receive from Miss Wu concerning Miss Jacobs.

RHODES

I sent you yesterday, a copy of my letter from Miss Rhodes containing her brother's name, his home and business address and her mother's name and address so that they could be filed in our office. I note that she says you are having difficulty about her passport *and she writes* ~~which indicates~~ that she really wants to go. I certainly hope there will be no difficulty in her getting off because if there is then all our Nanking plans in regard to Miss Sutherland are again blown to bits. I assume that Miss Rhodes wrote you about her box of music. She mentioned it in a letter to me but said she was writing you. If she stays only one year I wonder if it is worth while to take out this music. On the other hand, if she stays three years, she will very much need it.

It is a little bit cooler here this morning and I hope that is true of the ninth floor of 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, also.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca W. Grest

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Iowa City, Iowa
July 28, 1940.

Dear Rebecca:

I owe you a very humble apology for not having written to you at the time of your brother's death. I truly thought of you often during those days and I knew how lonely you felt and yet I did not get around to writing as I intended to do. Forgive me.

You are ^{now} the eldest member of your family. Mrs. Macmillan sent me the clipping telling of your brother's death. I did not even know he had been ill so was greatly shocked by his death.

I am still still at the Psy. Chiropractic Hospital but am hoping to leave here soon and go to

my brother's home in Michigan.
at Shepherd.

JUL 28 1940

Have not yet decided what
to do this coming winter, for
I have not yet decided about
returning to China a year from
this time. Shall I return?

I'm sorry I did not get to see
En-lan when she came through.
Mrs. Macmillan wrote she saw her
and I imagine you did also. Am
so glad she is on her way to
West China to help us there.

Forgive me again Rebecca,
for not writing you immediately
upon hearing of your loss.

Lovingly yours
Minnie J

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The Psychopathic Hospital
Iowa City,
July 28, 1940

Dear Mr. Paul:

I am still here at this hospital, but I am hoping to secure permission to leave the end of this month. If I am successful in getting away, then I shall probably spend August at home in Shepherd, Michigan with my brother.

I ought to study this coming winter and prepare myself for the year 1940-41. Do you think I ought to prepare to return to China? China is My home and not to go back does not seem right.

On Monday, I shall talk to Dr. Moods or Dr. Miller to see if they will permit me to go on, for I have been here almost 2 months, which ought to be long enough in which to recover.

I am sorry I have been ill during this furlough, for I had expected to have a good time during this furlough and to return well prepared to China.

With best wishes to you,

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Minnie Vautrin

China is my home

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Marfa, Texas
July 28, 1940

Dearest Rebecca -

Do forgive my long delay in answering your welcome letter of July 1st - I arrived home on the afternoon of the 1st - after being delayed 16 hours because of floods in East Texas. Spent ten days here trying to rest - almost an impossibility; then mother and I went to East Texas to visit my brother and family.

My little year-old nephew is such a sweet little fellow - and my sister-in-law, whom I had not met before - is just too charming for words. How I did enjoy our visit there.

A letter from Mr. Paul tells me Minnie is little better - if any - and Dr. Woods now advises shock treatment. How I wonder about her condition. She doesn't write to me! I sometimes wonder if we couldn't have kept her in China until she was well over - but that I know, is foolish thinking - but I felt so certain she would show marked improvement by now! But her disappointment in leaving her beloved China the way we forced her to - won't be quickly gotten over. Bless her - it just doesn't seem right that she of all people should

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pay such a price for unselfish devotion!
But ours isn't to understand, is it?

Am wondering what kind of visit Admiral
Jonnell had with Minnie? Have you had a
report?

Rebecca - I do have no face! You asked me
for some names & addresses for Miss Littlemyer -
and I neglected to furnish that information. How
can I ever apologize enough? Forgive - please.

Mr. Edwin Marx
Room 302
169 Yuen ming Yuen
Shanghai.

I wonder if Shugst away on schedule - and
if Catherine Sutheford has sailed? I've had
no letters from China - have you? How
have I written more. I've been waiting
for good news about Minnie to send them.

Bunny's son arrived safely. I think they
are now enroute to Victoria. It hasn't been
settled that Bunny will take him across.
He almost landed a job in New York -
that might have been nice, eh?

Forgive my neglect in answering your
letter -

With love,

Katherine

P.S. Have you heard from Heltners? I wrote soon after I
reached home - but have had no answer.

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 ALEXANDER PAUL.

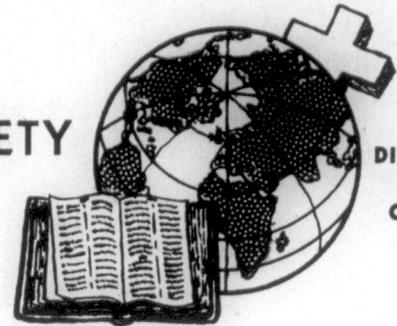
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 LIU. Arrive home - Evans on vacation - Aug 11th - In N.Y. area
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 time this - Am sending him copy of telegraph today*

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Telephone IRvington 1166

July 30, 1940

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

Dear Miss Griest:

Your air mail special delivery came yesterday and I have sent you a night letter which I hope will be self-explanatory. I have just written to Dr. Woods and sent him the copy of the letter you wrote regarding Miss Liu and my opinion as to the necessity or otherwise of her going to Iowa City. I think the information contained in that letter will be about all Dr. Woods will want to know.

In my night letter to you, I said I would be in New York and I shall be there from about the 6th of August to the 14th or 15th, and if during that time I knew ahead well enough to make my plans, I would like very much if you could to New York and we could have a meeting of your Ginling Committee. I have asked Dr. Woods, in my letter to him, to give me the latest word on Minnie's case. As I told you in my former letter, we think the plans which you have made for Minnie to go east to those friends in New England are the best that can be had and I am sure we shall be glad to do our part in getting her there. I am not quite sure just how plans can be made when I leave, because I have not had a chance to talk matters over with the other secretaries. We have all been scattered, but shall be able to do this within the next day or two, so that when I see you in New York, if you can be there, our plans can be pretty well laid. It might be possible in spite of it being August to have a meeting of the Ginling Committee and talk matters through with more intelligence.

When I saw you last I did not know for sure that I would be going to China and Japan. We had been in correspondence

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Miss Rebecca W. Griest,

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July 30, 1940

and letters had come pointing out the desperate need of the missionaries for help and for a budget, and finally we wrote to them and a cablegram came the other day asking that I go at once. I shall sail, as I said, on August 31. I will spend a couple of weeks in Japan on business matters and spend most of the winter and spring in China.

Trusting you are well and that you are not having as terrifically hot weather as we have been having here and looking forward with pleasure to seeing you and yours,

Sincerely yours,

Alex. Paul

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The Psychopathic Hospital

Iowa City, Iowa.

August 1, 1940

Mr. Alexander Paul
Missions Building
222 Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Paul:

I have your note of July the 30th in which you intended to enclose a letter from Miss Griest. This letter apparently was overlooked in sealing your envelope.

There have been a number of small changes in Miss Vautrin's condition which arouse hope. After the first three or four treatments her general attitude changed and she began to show a more nearly normal interest in what went on around her. The play of her facial expression and the appearance of lighter subjects in her conversation tend to strengthen out hopes that improvement is going on.

She still, however, shows a suspiciousness, that other patients are watching her and even thought that one or two of them were not real patients, but persons sent in to observe her behavior. She has been seen examining windows and doors and when out on walks with groups of patients she tries to walk behind the group, as though planning to get away from them. The basis of all this appears to be her self condemnation, unworthiness and the fear that she is an expense to her organization and therefore has no right to be cared for in the Hospital.

These signs are frequently seen in this kind of disorder and do not disturb us. They are often observed even up to the day when clearing of the depression sets in.

In Miss Vautrin's case we must keep in mind that her character and mental habits are fixed in the qualities of strength and independent thinking, so that momentum gained in any direction would not be lightly altered. While these qualities make one realize the value of the particular personality and therefore wish all the more strongly to correct the disorder, they also keep us aware that the changes will probably be slow.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Andrew H. Woods

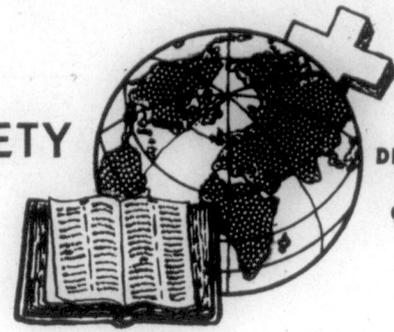
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Telephone IRvington 1166

August 1, 1940

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

Dear Miss Griest:

Your good letters of July 28 and the 30 are before me for acknowledgment. Thanks for writing as fully as you did.

Referring to your letter of July 28 in which you refer to the question raised by Dr. Wu of Ginling, I would say that I some little time ago wrote Dr. Wu by Clipper mail and shall be doing so again within the next couple of days after we hear from Dr. Woods of Iowa City. I took the two letters which Dr. Wu had sent for Minnie and told her I had these letters for her from Dr. Wu but she was so despondent and felt that she had so let Dr. Wu down that she would not even take the letters. That compelled me to talk matters over with Dr. Wood and he was of the decided opinion that no letters should be going to Minnie at this time. So any letters which come here for her we are holding and Dr. Woods said that letters which would be addressed to her to the hospital, he would hold back for the time being, that there was not any use in attempting to give Minnie the letters. One or two that she did receive she misunderstood and it worried her a good deal. I shall explain this in the letter I write to Dr. Wu.

A couple of days ago I had a letter from John Magee from Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts and I am just wondering if it would be possible or wise to have Mr. Magee sit with us in the meeting of the Ginling Committee which I hope we can have next week in New York. John knows the situation so well that it might help to have him sit with us.

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August 1, 1940

One matter we must arrange and that is regarding Minnie's going to those friends of yours in New England. I will want to talk to you about the expense and the particulars about her going and how she is to get there. My leaving for China at this time rather upsets plans as far as Minnie is concerned. But Mrs. Doan, when she comes back from her vacation September 1, will have the correspondence regarding Miss Vautrin and will be in touch with you. Mr. Yocum comes back from his vacation the middle of this month and so anything which needs to be done, he will attend to from the office here. Yesterday we sent another remittance which will provide for Minnie until about August 15 and I imagine by that time the doctors may know how the treatment is affecting her and by the way, although we wrote to her brother by registered mail, we have not had a line from him at all and I think I told you before that Minnie told me that she did not want to go near him because she had written to him once or twice and he had never even acknowledged them. We have taken the full responsibility for this treatment which is being given to Minnie and even if the brother should want to make trouble afterwards, we here and I am sure your Ginling Committee will join us in protecting the doctors in Iowa City.

A little later on when I know what my plans really are, I shall write you about the meeting which I hope we can have in New York City. I am planning now to get to leave here for New York not later than Monday, August 5, but I shall write you more in detail later.

Again thanking you for your letters and trusting you are well and that you have had a break in the very hot weather in Lancaster such as we are having here. The thermometer dropped from 102 degrees yesterday to about 80 degrees.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Alexander Paul

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The Psychopathic Hospital
Iowa City, Iowa
August 4, 1940

Rev. Alexander Paul
The U. C. M. S.
440 Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Paul:

I am still here, but hoping that very soon I shall be pronounced well and dismissed. And then I need advice from frank and trusty friends in order to decide wisely for the future, for this year of preparation, and then for the remaining years of service. If you and Miss Hodge, and Dr. Wu, and Mr. Burch could get together and make the decision it would suit me admirably - or so it seems to me now.

I want advice on the following:-

1. What is the most profitable way for me to spend the year 1940-41?
2. What shall I plan to do when I return to China?

It would be splendid if you could get in touch with Dr. Wu and find out if she desires to invite your humble servant to continue on the Ginling staff. If she does, does she desire me to prepare to go to West China or to Nanking? If after events of the past months she prefers not to invite me to continue with Ginling then she should be given the opportunity to say so frankly. In that case I would like to know if the U.C.M.S. wishes me to return to the China field.

You see I am at the beginning of my furlough year and I would like to use it in a way that would give me the best preparation for the next two terms of service.

Places I had in mind before my illness were:-

1. New York City, taking some courses in Union, and some in Teacher's College, Columbia.
2. University of Chicago Divinity School, taking some courses in religious education, and some in education. Last furlough I lived in the Women's Dormitory of the Chicago Theological School and enjoyed it very much.
3. Pendle Hill, taking some courses and doing some reading.
4. Hartford Seminary, taking some courses and doing some reading.

You will see that the purpose of this letter is to get advice. I am sending the one copy of the letter, and that to you, but I want you to get me data on which I can base my decision for the year 1940-41 and the following years. I never dreamed I would be a problem to the Mission, but it looks as if I am fast becoming one.

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Please write me very frankly as soon as you have the time. I feel very much out of touch with both Ginling and U. C. M. S.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Minnie Vautrin

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The Psychopathic Hospital
Iowa City, Iowa
August 4, 1940

Dearest Rebecca:

Mrs. Macmillan, as early as July 8, sent me a clipping telling of your brother George's death, and each day I meant to write to you, for I have thought of you daily in your bereavement, but I have procrastinated for almost a month now. Please believe my heart has been saddened by your loss and I have thought of you very frequently. I trust that comfort has been given to you in your sorrow and that you have also had the wisdom and strength to do what you should for your brother's family.

I am still here at this hospital, but hoping to be able to leave soon. A decision will be made soon

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I hope. The problem that
faces me is what use to
make of this coming year
-and then my future
relationship with Guling
and with China. If you
have any words of wisdom
for me please do not hesi-
tate to write, either directly
to me or to Mr. Paul. I
still have 10 more years
and want to use them
wisely for the Kingdom.

Again forgive me Rebecca,
dear, for not having written
to you immediately upon
hearing about your brother.
May our Father bring you
comfort and evening blessing
out of your loss.

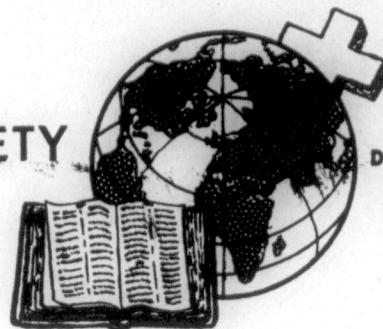
Affectionately,

Minnie.

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Telephone IRvington 1166

August 6, 1940
Air Mail
Special Delivery

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

Dear Miss Griest:

Yours of the 5 to hand just a few moments ago. I immediately sent you a wire asking you to please call the members of the Committee together including John Magee. The same mail that brought your letter brought one from John, saying that he would be glad to come to New York if he could be of any help to the Committee. I think it would be splendid for him to be there and it will not cost your Committee a great deal to get him from where he is in Massachusetts. So I hope that Mr. Evans and John and the other members of the Committee will be able to meet with us. I suggested Friday morning at ten o'clock. If that is not convenient, will you please send me a telegram to the Hotel Carteret, 7th Avenue and 23rd Street, New York City.

I got a report a couple of days ago from Dr. Woods. I am having it copied and if it comes up in time from the transcribing room, I will enclose a copy in this letter so that you may see the last report on Minnie.

I am planning to leave for New York City tomorrow, Wednesday afternoon and shall get in there early on Thursday and shall be very glad if we can meet on Friday morning, as I do not quite know what my dates may be in New York and that part of the world.

Looking forward to seeing you, always,

Sincerely yours,

Alexander Paul

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(Long-hand note:)

Mrs. Macmillan; Things look promising.

We shall hope that this one experience will be the only one and that the best of Miss Vautrin's life will now open up before her.

Sincerely
A. H. W.

August 7, 1940

Mr. Alexander Paul
United Christian Missionary Society
222 Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Paul:

For a week now Miss Vautrin has remained on what I think must have been her normal level. She is cheerful, enthusiastic, devoid of any ideas of injuring herself and appears to be eager to get back to her work.

It seems safe, therefore, to recommend that arrangements be made for her to take a good vacation under the most congenial circumstances as to friends and climate and as the resources open to you make possible. I would urge that she be kept from speech making, serious writing and all other forms of detailed work concerned with her profession and that she be encouraged to follow her own personal tastes and cravings on the basis of making each day as enjoyable to her as possible, with a minimum of responsibility.

If all continues as at present, Miss Vautrin can leave us at the earliest date by which your plans could be completed. You will understand that her condition must be looked upon as somewhat precarious for a while and that we might be disappointed by a change, but the prospect looks encouraging to me now.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew H. Woods, M. D.
Director

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CC. Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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INFORMAL DISCUSSION
GINLING COLLEGE GROUP REGARDING MISS VAUTRIN

10:00 A. M. August 9, 1940
Room 600 - 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

The following were present:-

Dr. Alexander Paul of the U.C.M.S.
Rev. John G. Magee of the Episcopal Board
Dr. E. M. Dodd of the Associated Medical Board
Miss Rebecca W. Griest of the Ginling Board
Miss Florence G. Tyler " " " "
Dr. B. A. Garside " " " "
Mr. C. A. Evans " " " "

By common consent Miss Tyler was elected Chairman.

The meeting opened with prayer led by Dr. Paul.

The Chairman called upon Dr. Paul to report on his recent visit to Iowa City.

Dr. Paul stated that his first reaction was that of discouragement due largely to special emphasis used by Miss Vautrin, and the continued debasement of self including her account of Admiral Yarnall's visit. Later, however, in conversation with Drs. Woods and Miller he felt differently and came away with a stronger feeling of hopefulness.

Dr. Paul reported on the visit of Dr. Hopkins to the home of Miss Vautrin's brother, and later alluded to the special treatments which the Hospital has undertaken upon the responsibility of the U. C. M. S. and the Ginling College Board -- no reply having been received from the brother.

There was unanimous agreement that under no circumstances should Miss Vautrin be allowed to visit her brother -- at least until she is fully recovered.

The question arose as to the course to pursue after the Iowa City Hospital has decided that it deems it proper to discharge Miss Vautrin. As a place for continuing further treatments, the White Plains Hospital was recommended. As persons who might assist in the convalescence the following were suggested:-

Rev. and Mrs. John Magee of Oak Bluffs, Mass.
Miss Mary Kelly of Florida
Misses Cook of Jaffrey, N. H.
Miss Beatrice Schopmeier of Philadelphia

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED that Miss Vautrin should stay at Iowa City until Dr. Woods and Dr. Miller feel safe in recommending her removal.

After further detailed consideration of the conditions and background concerning the case, it was

AGREED that every encouragement possible should be given to Miss Vautrin as regards to the future - both for the work in China and/or opportunity for service in America.

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It was felt that this type of encouragement is most vital to the building up of confidence and the return of courage.

Dr. Paul reported that it was his purpose to call at Iowa City within the next few days and he would report back the result of his visit.

(LATER)

Word has just been received that a letter from Miss Vautrin to Dr. Paul is awaiting him at his Hotel. A copy is enclosed herewith.

(STILL LATER)

Dr. Paul, Miss Griest and C. A. Evans met at the Parkside Hotel at 7 o'clock in the evening and reviewed the letters of Dr. Woods' of August 7th and Miss Vautrin's of August 4th. Copies of both are attached.

In the light of these developments, it was recognized that the work of the morning must be revised. It was reported that the late letters had been read to Miss Tyler and Dr. Dodd, and both agreed that immediate action should be taken to get Miss Vautrin away from Iowa City, and that plans made at the morning meeting should be carried through at once.

After further study it occurred to Dr. Paul that the U. C. M. S. might arrange to have Miss Vautrin remain at the Indiana State Park for a fortnight, under conditions which could be well arranged in Indianapolis, thus permitting arrangements in the east to be made more deliberately. The Park is within forty miles of Indianapolis, is beautifully located in a wooded area and with fine hotel accommodations, and Miss Vautrin would be with a representative of the U. C. M. S.

IT WAS AGREED that this seemed to be an ideal solution, and Dr. Paul volunteered to telegraph Dr. Woods about the plan and that he would reach Iowa City on the 15th or 16th and take Miss Vautrin to Indiana; with the further understanding that plans should be made to have Miss Vautrin ~~to~~ go to Jaffrey, New Hampshire the first week in September, with Miss Griest making the plans, and that the other plans considered for Miss Vautrin should be hastened.

The meeting adjourned.

C. A. EVANS.

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Telephone IRvington 1166

August 19, 1940.

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

Dear Miss Griest:

First of all, let me apologize for sending the Night Letter collect. I had to do this because I sent it from a wayside small town where they could not give me any rates on telegrams to your honorable city and so I had to send it collect and I am sure you will understand.

You cannot imagine what a joy it was to meet Minnie and find her seemingly perfectly normal. She at once began calling me "Uncle Alec" and so I knew she must be her real self. Before seeing her, I had a long conversation and discussion with Dr. Woods and he was delighted beyond measure at the progress that Minnie had made. He will not say that she is perfectly normal, but feels that it would be far better for her to be away from Iowa City, and he had told Minnie of our plans for her so that when I saw her, she had an idea of what we had intended to do. About the only remaining trace of her despondency seems to be her awful chagrin at our having to spend so much money on her but I talked to her like a Dutch Uncle and told her she ought to be ashamed of herself and if she kept on, she would make God out to be a miser. She laughed and told me I ought to be ashamed of myself for making such a statement. We had no difficulty whatever in getting her to go to this beautiful, beautiful state park. When I was sure of the arrangements, I telephoned to Indianapolis and Mr. and Mrs. Yocum met us at the station with their car and we all drove down to the park together. Minnie seemed to be delighted with the place, but she does not want to go East. She is perfectly willing to remain in the hotel in the park until after Labor Day but then, she wants to go to her brother's. She says she can be there, help them out on the farm work and in that way tire herself physically. She feels very keenly the loss of any physical exercise and she says walking will not fit the bill because as she walks, she will also have to think. I told her we would leave that for the present and see how she gets along. My own thinking is that it might be well for her to go to her brother's after Labor Day as it is evident she will not be satisfied until she visits them. Dr. Woods told her explicitly that he did not want her to go to any mission-

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ary meetings or to make any missionary talks, nor to discuss missionary work with anyone. We will try to follow out those instructions. She seemed to be chagrined because I had to cut my visit short with my family in New York and go for her, especially as I was leaving almost immediately for China. I laughed that off as best I could. I am sending a cable to Dr. Wu. I shall plan to drive to see her before leaving for the West Coast the latter part of this week. You can correspond with Mr. Yocum until the end of this month and then, Mr. Higdon will have charge of the case. Should you write me Air Mail Special Delivery, I shall get it before I leave the office. Although I am very tired, I feel overjoyed at this seemingly miraculous healing and we must see that no set-back occurs.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander Paul

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The Psychopathic Hospital
Iowa City, Iowa.

August 20, 1940

Mr. Alexander Paul,
The United Christian Missionary Society
222 Downey Avenue,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Paul:

Miss Vautrin's remorse over her failure in Nanking to follow the advice of physicians and mission authorities ought to suggest to her that her present duty to herself and to her work makes it still more obligatory upon her to follow our advice as outlined to her in my last conversation. I would be disappointed in her character if she should manifest the sort of opinionation and - shall I call it? - intellectual pride that leads her to value her own opinion in a highly technical problem as of greater validity than that of her physicians.

If she desires to invite another breakdown, the best procedure to that end will be for her to attempt to guide herself as to the best regimen in the coming two or three months. Beyond anything that she probably knows as to the best conditions for the complete recovery of her health, it is important for her to live during the next six weeks as free as possible from study, responsibilities for her professional work and the welfare of others. She should come as near to a life of play as is possible for a person of her makeup. Outdoor life, living one day at a time, avoiding the complexities of planning and working for her, future college duties, enjoying her food, sleep, companions and the simple activities that suggest themselves each day rather as pleasures than obligations.

Miss Vautrin should be reminded that the great characters in the world are those who can give up their formal duties, relax themselves and enjoy the little pleasures, even self-indulgences that are provided by their Creator. Tell her for me that it is only camouflaged pride that makes one feel himself of such great importance that his work cannot get on without him even when duty demands that he give it up, forget it and take proper steps to restore his own working ability.

I shall be greatly disappointed if Miss Vautrin should go to visit her brother and then commence to assume obligations for her former duties earlier than the end of September.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Andrew H. Woods

Andrew H. Woods, M.D.
Director

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August 23, 1940.

*Home Telephone:
Mrs. Robert A. Doan
Living in*

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

Dear Miss Griest:

At Mr. Paul's request as he was leaving the office en route to China, I am writing to you as his secretarial assistant. I went with him to see Miss Vautrin on Wednesday at the park. It was a glorious evening and she seemed to be very much in keeping with it while she was talking with us together and while eating dinner. However, ~~when~~ Mr. Paul said when he talked with her personally, she seemed still to be despondent regarding the time and money being spent on her.

When I went to her room with her the only fact she seemed to be bothering about was not answering her letters. However, she had not read some of them. One that I gave her from Dr. Wu she eagerly opened and read parts of it and said that she would read the rest of it later and enjoy it at her leisure.

She is taking a great interest in the trees and the nature talks and walks of which there is an abundance in the park.

Mr. Paul had both your letter Air Mail Special Delivery and that of Dr. Woods before he left. He was very glad to get them for his guidance in talking with her. The temporary arrangement now is for a friend in whom she was very much interested in Louisville to get in touch with her and to do what she could for her between now and Monday and Tuesday. Monday morning, Mr. Yocum will call her long distance and see if she has decided to accept this friend's proposition of getting an apartment and living with her - just the two of them - or accepting the invitation of Mr. Paul's daughter, Mrs. Sleith to live in her apartment in Chicago and do her own cooking. She seemed to be inclined to take these suggestions when we left her at the car on Wednesday night.

She came out to the car with us and of course, was reluctant to leave because it was the last time she would see Mr. Paul before

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he left for China and kept naming different individuals to whom she wished to be remembered.

The type of books she asked us to send her to read was an indication that she wished to follow Dr. Woods suggestions which he gave in such a fine way in his letter of August 20, a copy of which we are enclosing to you. You will note especially the next to the last paragraph. Just for example, one of the books she asked me to send her was "Heidi" and made the remark that of course, she did not wish to read anything regarding China or any heavy fiction.

Mr. Yocum will be talking to her on the telephone Monday morning and we shall know then whether she is to make arrangements with the friend in Louisville or whether she will go to Chicago to live for a while with Mr. Paul's daughter. We shall be glad for you to write to Mr. Yocum and we shall attempt to keep you informed of arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

Hannie M. Bennett

Secretarial Assistant,
DIVISION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

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REFUGEE CAMP

Report of the Religious
Education Projects
Among the Refugees on
the Ginling College
Campus, Nanking,
China, culminating
with the Easter Ser-
vices 1938. * * *

by Minnie Vautrin

Sharing the "Abundant Life" In a Refugee Camp.

*"I came that they may have life,
and may have it abundantly."*



THESE were the words of the Master from which the Ginling College motto, "Abundant Life", was chosen during those years from 1912 to 1915 when a group of devoted Western women were dreaming dreams of an institution of higher learning for their sisters in China. They had very definitely in mind the education of keen and self-less Christian leaders for China's emerging womanhood. Little did those Founders realize that the institution they were then creating would also bring "Abundant Life" to more than ten thousand of the more lowly women and girls of Nanking a quarter of a century later. They builded more wisely than they knew.

From December 8, 1937 when the college gates were first opened to women and children refugees until January 16, 1938 there was little time to plan for other than the most pressing elemental needs of life—for food, clothing, and shelter from the uncontrolled passions of men. The camp had originally planned to provide for a maximum of 2,750 refugees and had put in readiness the college buildings for this number, but when the "Reign of Terror" came to the great walled capital, and no woman was safe from harm, the gates of the college were flung wide and the distraught and frenzied women and girls streamed in until every available space within the buildings was tightly filled and at night even verandahs and covered ways were packed closely, head to feet and feet to head.

Christmas came to our refugee camp, but because of the vast throng and the dangers, could be shared only with the members of the staff, their families, the score of young people who had acted as scouts in the beginning of the camp, the servants, and a few neighborhood women. A small upper room which had but one window was found which was not

being occupied by refugees. By covering the one window with a heavy green curtain and the transom above the door as well, the light could be turned on without fear. Many have said that they will never forget that little improvised Christmas chapel. There was an altar, a little Christmas tree with colored lights, a great bouquet of Heavenly bamboo with bright red berries, several large pots of poinsettias, while from the Christmas box in the attic were brought forth bright red Christmas cut-outs and three Christmas scrolls. Another Mary (Mary Twinem) had lovingly arranged this chapel for the worship of her Lord. Five simple Christmas services were held in that little upper room.

While the singing of the beloved carols had to be in hushed tones, and while our hearts were sad because of the ruthless killing, the terrible suffering and the destruction which were still going on in the city, yet as we worshipped and thanked God for His great gift to mankind, the realization came afresh to some of us that only as men come to know and follow the Christ-child would peace truly come to this worn and war-sick world. He alone can turn hate and suspicion and insincerity into love and confidence and truth.

By the middle of January conditions were slightly improved in the city. There were fewer soldiers and an effort was being made to discipline those that were left. It seemed possible and desirable to the staff of the camp to share more generously the Christian message with the large family of refugees. For six weeks, six afternoons a week, including Sunday, meetings were held. Those in the small chapel were for women and girls over fifteen, and those in the Science Lecture Hall were for children. Each afternoon from one hundred fifty to one hundred seventy women were admitted to that little chapel—admission being by tickets which were laboriously distributed in the crowded buildings on the previous evening. The refugee buildings were taken by turn so that each woman on the campus had the opportunity of attending once each week. Pastors came faithfully throughout that period, neither rain, nor snow, nor danger daunting them. They had carefully planned the series of talks so that each woman who was interested could hear six messages on the meaning of Christianity. In addition the women learned to sing and to love John 3:16 and Acts 4:12 both of which have long ago been set to a simple tune for just such audiences. They also learned "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "All People that on Earth Do Dwell". They loved to learn to sing for the singing brought comfort to them. There were always plenty of women in the dormitories to take care of the babies and little children if the mother wished to attend, so no children and babies were allowed. One of the pastors one day asked his audience how many would like to become followers of Jesus and

all hands went up. After that we did not ask lest personal safety and becoming Christians become confused.

At the children's meetings during those six weeks the children learned to sing "This is My Father's World" and other children's songs and they were also told stories from the graded Sunday school books by our Home Craft School teacher who herself had been in great danger only a few short weeks previous. At both of these series of meetings had the helpers been more in number we could have done much more effective work, for the opportunity to give sympathy and comfort were unparalleled, but energy was still sapped by fear, and in addition the many tasks of conducting a refugee camp for thousands were still bearing heavily on the little staff of workers.

Before the close of this first series of meetings it was realized that Holy Week and Easter would be a most wonderful climax for a second series and accordingly plans were started and gradually evolved into what was a most successful project in religious education. It was decided that in addition to meetings we should start classes, dividing those who wished to study according to educational ability. From among the refugees on the campus eight teachers including the dean were mobilized, three pastors volunteered to take classes, and with three members from the regular staff, a faculty of fourteen was formed. All classes studied the Life of Christ in some form, the advanced pupils using Mark, and the less advanced using the graded Sunday school material or a Gospel Primer. In all, twenty-three classes were formed ranging from the senior middle school grade, of which there were twenty-one pupils, to illiterates of whom there were seven large classes divided according to age. The ages of all the pupils in the project ranged from nine years to thirty-seven, but the large majority were teen age girls. In addition to the regular classes there was a special singing class of over forty members which met once each week and which began at once on the preparation of Easter music.

There being no book stores left in the city, several members of the College faculty in Shanghai were kept busy purchasing and sending teaching materials. Inexpensive books were either sold or loaned to the pupils. One hundred New Testaments were disposed of and even more were requested. In addition to studying the Life of Jesus, the members of the staff shared with their pupils some of the great passages of the Bible and the great hymns of the Church which had strengthened and comforted them during the days of strain and stress. During those six weeks it was not unusual to pass a little group of girls or women in a bamboo grove reciting the 23rd or 121st Psalm, or another

group out in the flower garden memorizing the Beatitudes or the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians or the Lord's Prayer. As women and girls walked to the rice kitchen to secure their simple meal of rice gruel, you could often hear them humming "Rock of Ages" or "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross". About the same time that the classes began, two bath houses were also started, and the combination brought a new spirit and a new look to our refugees. They began to take a pride in their neat appearance once again, and we no longer felt that all but the dregs had evacuated from Nanking. The total enrollment of the project was probably one thousand and out of this number approximately six hundred attended classes regularly through the six weeks.

It was hard to find classrooms. The Arts Building which contains most of the college class rooms was still full of refugees and there was not one available classroom in the entire building. By redistributing refugees one classroom in the Science Building was cleared out; the end of the General Chemistry laboratory formed a second one; and the big stage in the chapel-auditorium made a third one. The two big studios were quite easily converted into excellent classrooms by the addition of chairs. Movable blackboards were placed in these improvised classrooms and the class work began.

Simultaneously with the beginning of classes, the afternoon meetings were moved to the big chapel and any woman over fifteen could attend without a ticket. Each afternoon at one-thirty the college bell ringer made the rounds of the refugee buildings thus reminding them that it was time to get ready for the afternoon service. From one-hundred fifty to almost four hundred attended these meetings throughout the six weeks. Again five pastors willingly helped us out by preparing a series of thirty talks centering on the Life and Teachings of Jesus. On Sunday afternoons pastors from other churches in the city were invited to speak. These pastors without exception were challenged by the large audience and were greatly impressed with the joyous singing and the attention.

The afternoon services throughout Holy Week and the three services on Easter Sunday were the climax which followed the six weeks project. Almost six hundred attended each service with the exception of the last performance of the Easter Pageant on Easter Sunday evening when fully one thousand attended including a number of invited guests. An extra performance of the Pageant was given on the evening before Easter for the younger children and for all older women who had not been able to attend classes during the six weeks but who were definitely interested. Extra tickets were prepared for this service

and about eight hundred attended. This service was especially prepared for the children and it opened with the children in the audience singing "This is Our Father's World", a song which many of our young refugees have memorized.

It was my privilege to preside at the Good Friday service for refugees. The pastor in a remarkable way held the attention of that large audience of six hundred women and girls for more than an hour as he related the story of the trial and the crucifixion of our Lord and its meaning for the World. Through their own innocent suffering these women were being led to understand the suffering of God for the sins of the World. I shall never forget that audience and the way they sang "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and "There is a Green Hill Far Away" both of which they had been taught in their morning classes during the previous week. There is no doubt that the entire series of Holy Week services made a tremendous impression on those who attended which they will never forget and which we hope will draw many of them later into some church.

Easter morning dawned bright and beautiful, a fresh clean world after a recent rain. The early morning service at six-thirty, although planned for the out of doors, was held in the big chapel simply because it was realized that it would be impossible to control the crowd. The large audience was there by six-thirty. In their class work during the previous week they had learned one Easter hymn, and the special singing class had prepared two others, so triumphant Easter music was not lacking. The sixth grade class gave a simple play portraying the disciples on the Resurrection morn, and the dean of the project gave a very thoughtful talk on "Change". Two different groups of pupils recited appropriate Bible passages.

The president of the Nanking Theological Seminary who with his family has recently returned from more than four months of sojourn in a village to the northwest of Nanking, gave the message to the audience on Easter afternoon. Escape from the terror of aeroplanes by day and bandits by night, and the long trek back to the capital and past the dreaded sentry at the city gate had deepened his faith and made his religion a more living and sustaining force. This triumphant note shone in his face as he talked about China's need of the spirit of the suffering and risen Christ. He, too, marvelled at the attention of the large audience of women and girls and the joyousness of their singing.

The large dignified chapel itself had been beautifully decorated for the day by the young flower gardener. There were great bouquets of white spirea

and iris and graceful sprays of wisteria against the background of the black velvet curtain, while on the speaker's table there was a bowl of gorgeous tulips. It is not strange that many of the refugees have responded with appreciation to the fact that the College has shared with them the beauty of the college chapel.

By seven o'clock on Easter evening the audience of fully one thousand were present to listen to the junior and senior middle school refugees present the pageant "From Darkness to Dawn", portraying the thoughts and suffering and the actions of Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathaea from the time of the crucifixion to the resurrection of Jesus, their Master. The cast had practiced for many weeks under the patient and inspiring direction of their teacher, the dean of the project, and also a refugee. Some of our guests, who have often attended plays at Ginling, said that they could easily imagine it was a cast of college students and the audience a usual college audience. Another said, "It is the one bright spot in Nanking." We are sure the meaning of the pageant reached many in the audience of a thousand, but if it did not, its influence on the members of the cast will never be lost.

The last day of the project came, clear and beautiful, marred only by the sickening sound of the heavy bombers as they went to the northwest on their mission of destruction, mutilation, and death. By eight-thirty in the morning almost six-hundred women and girls assembled out in the main quadrangle in groups according to classes and a little later the long line was formed which marched into the chapel, each group being headed by its teacher. Then followed the long program when each class demonstrated what they had learned. Some classes sang hymns, others recited the 23rd or 121st Psalm, the Beatitudes or the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. Representatives of the younger classes told stories while the illiterates demonstrated how well they had learned to read or recognize characters. The program closed with the giving of simple prizes to the one member in each class who in addition to having perfect attendance had also made the most progress. As they marched out of the chapel joyously singing "God Loved the World" those who had helped to make the project a success could well feel grateful. To the dean especially it had involved much hard work and planning.

Now we are planning for a new five-week project. In addition to the religious classes it is hoped that there will be classes in child and home hygiene, in child care and perhaps in poultry raising.

Those who have had the privilege of planning and carrying through this simple project in sharing a part of the Christian message and inheritance have often

marvelled at the strength which was given and the seeming ease with which the insurmountable became surmountable. The little prayer circle which has met faithfully each morning and which has now grown to a circle of sixteen, we know has been one great source of strength. But we have been conscious that beyond this tiny circle there has been a larger one that has reached to our personal friends and the friends of Ginling and China in the uttermost parts of the earth, and these friends we know, too, have been sustaining and strengthening us with their loving thoughts and intercession in our behalf. A confidence has come that there is a Spirit at work in the world far stronger than the force of the mighty bombing planes that far above our heads wend their way each morning to the northwest as members of our little circle meet together. That Spirit will in the end be triumphant.

*"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit,
sayeth the Lord"*

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Write to the address below for information on possible motion picture film of refugee work at Ginling:

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Called Great Heroine Of China By Yarnell

Miss Vautrin Ends Six Weeks Stay In Iowa City

By NAOMI DOEBEL.

ACCLAIMED as one of the greatest heroines of China by Rear Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, former commander of the United States Asiatic fleet, who credits her with saving the lives of hundreds of Chinese women during the terrible months following the Japanese occupation of Nanking in December, 1937, Miss Minnie Vautrin, after spending six weeks in Iowa City, is now en route to the Adirondack mountains to vacation with friends.

Later she plans to make an intensive study of handcraft, so that, if conditions permit a return to Ginling college in Nanking next year, she will be equipped to direct a new movement—that of training educated Chinese women how to use their hands and in turn become leaders of others.

Significance of this ambition is best realized when those who know the Orient explain that for centuries the Chinese have not linked mental attainment with the ability to labor with one's hands.

Visited By Yarnell.

From Iowa City Miss Vautrin will have some of her material for use in China, as she took copious notes while there. It was her first stop of any length in the United States and while she was in the city she was visited by Admiral Yarnell, who declared to Cedar Rapids friends:

"You cannot exaggerate the marvelous things she did!"

The story of how Miss Vautrin volunteered to stay on the campus of Ginling college in Nanking, after the academic college had been moved to Chengtu, and later maintained a haven of safety there for ten thousand refugee women and children, is a thrilling one of bravery and heroism.



Miss Minnie Vautrin (right) and Francis Chen, members of emergency committee in charge when Ginling college was a refugee center for 10,000 women and children.

Story Of Great Courage.

By sheer force of personality and courage, in those awful days of slaughter and rape that overran the city, this American woman kept raiding Japanese soldiers out of the school grounds where she stood firm as the only representative of this nation. She took over the feeding, clothing, and housing of the destitute women and children who had flocked to the shelter offered. And then, realizing their dire need, she planned and carried out courses of study to teach them to support themselves and their children.

The whole is the story of development of work from human rescue service into constructive rehabilitation, which is considered the most successful piece of work of its kind in all of China.

Through the courtesy of the Ginling Narrative Series, supplied by the New York headquarters of the school, part of the tale, as related by Miss Vautrin, has been obtained. On Dec. 2, 1937, with the Japanese gunboats and bombing planes expected at any moment, the American woman was alone with a handful of Chinese helpers. Nanking was a deserted city. Practically all the shops were closed; no banks were open.

College Records Burned.

In anticipation of invasion, the college was burning all records or communications that might possibly be misunderstood. The central building was being cleared for use as a refugee shelter.

Then came the bombing! And, after the city fell to the conquering army on Dec. 13, 1937, a reign of terror when no woman was safe from harm. The gates of Ginling college were flung wide, on Miss Vautrin's orders, and frenzied women and girls streamed in until every available space within the buildings was tightly filled. At night even verandas and covered ways were packed closely, head to feet and feet to head.

Buildings Shelter 10,000.

From Dec. 8, 1937, when the gates were first opened to refugees, until Jan. 16, 1938, there was little time to plan for other than the most pressing elemental needs of life—for food, clothing and shelter from uncontrolled passions of the invaders. Originally planned to take care of a maximum of 2,750 refugees, the Ginling college buildings were sheltering 10,000 women and children.

As late as April 1, 1938, the col-

lege was sheltering 3,310 women and children.

"It was only after our refugees had been with us three months," wrote Miss Vautrin later, "that the number had been sufficiently reduced so that baths could be arranged. We now have two bath houses, and 168 women and children take baths each day.

"We have a fund for cash relief. Women who are very poor, whose homes have been burned and whose husbands have been taken, are given a small sum when they are able to go back to their homes.

Many Deaths And Births.

"Mrs. Tsen, head of our health department, distributes milk and cod liver oil for seriously undernourished children. In our three clinics, 2,000 have been vaccinated.

"During these long weeks of simple living, with our refugee population gradually diminishing from its peak of 10,000, we have had on our campus 30 deaths and 40 births."

Instead of dropping the work when the immediate emergency was over, Miss Vautrin, with the aid of her Chinese associates at the mission and financial assistance of a group of Chinese women in Shanghai, supplemented by gifts from friends in China and America, undertook to meet the problem of caring for some of the many whose homes had been burned and who were in many cases so poor that rice could not be afforded for all. It was decided to use the campus to rehabilitate 100 such women, to care for them and their children, until they could go out with new hope and courage for the future.

Of the 100 women thus trained, 53 were reported later to be making a living, while 47 were in their homes.

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MISS REBECCA W GRIEST

208 SOUTH QUEEN ST

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PAUL SAILS AUGUST THIRTY HIE MARU SEATTLE NYK LINE. STEAMSHIP
 OFFICE ADDRESS IS 1401 FOURTH AVENUE. YOCUM IS GOING AFTER
 VAUTRIN THIS EVENING AND SHE WILL SPEND A FEW DAYS IN A
 QUIET SPOT HERE UNTIL SHE CAN MAKE HER DECISION. WE
 SHALL KEEP YOU INFORMED

FANNIE BENNETT.

*8/27/40
 Quoted by
 Macmillan (via
 Gross
 Cook)*

HIE MARU 1401 YOCUM VAUTRIN.

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Letter written by Mrs. T. D. Macmillan to Doctor Woods, August 28, 1940.

Dear Dr. Woods:

You have said so many finely understanding things about Miss Vautrin that it is in my mind and heart to put down to-night just one situation which we face in her presence in this country. We know that for many weeks - and even months - she should be free from any obligation except to take rest and relaxation under the best available conditions. The situation of which I am now speaking is one which will be in the way of her eventual social relationships within the term of her present furlough, and which has in it a great deal of potential blessing.

In 1936 President Wu Yi-fang of Ginling College was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Cushman and Admiral and Mrs. Kalbfus in Newport. She spent sufficient time there to meet many people, to address an audience at one of the community auditoriums, and she had the honor of being the first woman ever to address the Navy War College. Mrs. Cushman kept it in her intent that the opening created in that community for Ginling College should be followed up, and last September she invited me with Mrs. Y. P. Mei to come down for a day-time meeting. This meeting had excellent sponsorship and did something toward consolidating the interest for Ginling. Both Mrs. Mei and I thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of the Cushman home. From that event there was created a finely selected list of those who had met President Wu or had attended the 1939 meeting. Mr. Willing Spencer had been chairman for us in September, and Admiral Yarnell had given an introduction to what was said by Mrs. Mei and me. We agreed that no appeal for funds was to be made for some months, but we began careful cultivation by further information.

This spring the Ginling Board faced the opportunity of making some special provision for Miss Vautrin's furlough. Her salary scarcely covers maintenance in this country - nothing for replenishing her wardrobe, for special health care such as dentistry, for study, travel, or pleasure. Several of us were aware that her savings had gone in the collapse of the Raven bank in Shanghai. The Board voted that a special fund of one thousand dollars be sought for the purpose of honoring Miss Vautrin and making her furlough what it should be.

At that point the project became officially my task, as the member of our executive staff responsible for the work of the women's boards. As Mrs. Cushman heard this discussion, she lighted up with one of her fine enthusiasms and felt that it might be the project to be presented to the Newport List. We consulted Admiral Yarnell and one or two others for advice, and they approved. The Admiral wrote us a fine letter of tribute to Miss Vautrin; and he and Mrs. Yarnell sent us the first check to the fund. Mrs. Cushman herself wrote a generous check, and nineteen other gifts made up the more than one thousand dollars which was available when Miss Vautrin arrived. The appeals to Newport people had been in the form of a note which Mrs. Cushman wrote and signed.

I admit my own blindness to any possibility that Miss Vautrin could not safely be connected with the Newport community. In these three years her character has become one of grandeur to us, and, although I knew of her stern way of life in China, her own diary and other reports since the summer of 1937 have seemed splendidly well balanced. That she would find it difficult to feel easy in taking a gift for her furlough I was well aware, but that she would not be able to surmount the difficulty in the light of her significance to China's cause in America - once she realized how well she had become known

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for worthy achievements - I did not consider for a moment. And, knowing her worth in character, it would never have occurred to me that she would refuse to go, for instance, to Mrs. Cushman's home. Of course, this opportunity has not yet been presented to her, and Mrs. Cushman would be the last person to expect to see Miss Vautrin for many weeks after her announced recovery from her illness. But I am frankly appalled to think that Miss Vautrin might not eventually take the initiative in calling upon Mrs. Cushman and being willing to accept some hospitality from her. And what cannot long be delayed without hurt to this splendid friend is Miss Vautrin's willingness to accept as a fact the fund which awaits her use and to send a brief note to Mrs. Cushman.

Please do not reply to this letter until it is quite convenient for you to do so. It has eased my mind to put it down, and it may help you in further advice to know something of this one dilemma.

Just this week-end I was going over some China pictures, including those of our camping and tramping expeditions to the north and west of Peiping. That's reminiscence to banish gloom. Please give my affectionate greetings to the mother of the family.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Andrew H. Woods
Psychopathic Hospital
Iowa City
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AWAY THREE TO TEN WEDNESDAY. EVANS LATER YOCUM TALKED WITH ME WEDNESDAY NIGHT. I REPORTED BACK EVANS VAUTRIN NOT SO WELL WE AGREED YOCUM SHOULD CONSULT WOODS. IF WOODS BELIEVE FURTHER TRIAL OUTSIDE A HOSPITAL DESIRABLE VAUTRIN MAY COME LANCASTER FOR BRIEF PERIOD THEN NEWHAMPSHIRE. EVANS CONSULTING DODD TODAY=

R W GRIEST

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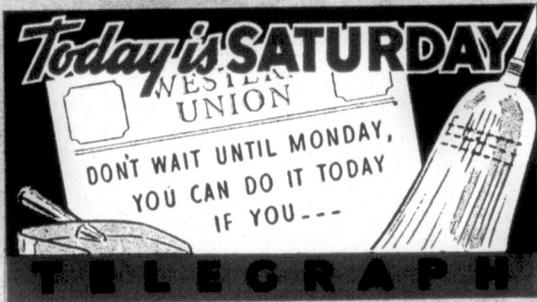
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BENNETT TAKING VAUTRIN IOWACITY TODAY. VAUTRIN GOES WITH SOME RELUCTANCE=

C M YOCUM.



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