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Extract taken from Miss Elizabeth R. Benzer's
letter of 11/7/23 to Miss Hodge.

Harriet M. Whitmer.

At our meeting in Des Moines there was a candidate who seems promising for Dr. Reeves' Department, though I realize that she cannot measure up to what Dr. Reeves has been and is to the college. Her name is Harriet M. Whitmer. She is the second professor in the Department of Zoology in Illinois Woman's College, Jacksonville, Ill., one of our Methodist colleges. She has her A. B. Degree in Zoology from Albion in 1912 and her M. A. from the University of Michigan in 1917. She has done summer school work in Cornell University and the University of Washington. On her blank she stated that she is prepared to teach zoology, botany and English. Her testimonials are very good, - one said; "If you take her, the college will lose one of the strongest teachers and leaders it possesses." She is pleasing in appearance but retiring. One might get the impression of lack of force and initiative, but her testimonials on the whole do not indicate this lack, though one or two mention it. When her appointment came up I told of the possibility of a need at Ginling, and as a result she was appointed to our Kiangsi Conference, with the understanding that she will be released for work in Ginling if needed. If Ginling does not need her she will probably be appointed to the High School in Kiukiang.

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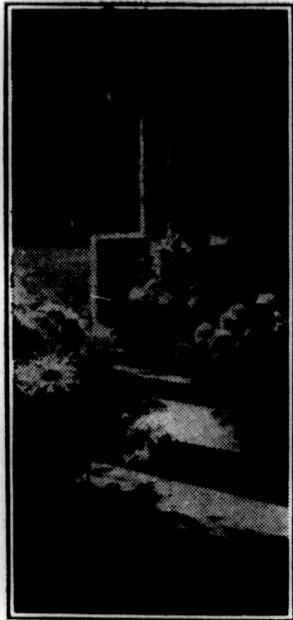
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Harriet Whitmer

GINLING COLLEGE
NANKING, CHINA

March 26, 1933.

Dear Rebecca & Mary:



Each year as March 24th approaches I size up the weather to compare with the temperature as it was in '27. This year we were having about the same. Woolen stockings and coats would have been just as necessary. But what a difference Nanking! On that evening the Dramatic Section of the Woman's Club put on plays for our entertainment and everybody was there. As yet the Nanking Uni. chapel is the popular place for all such entertainments. It will not always be so for our new auditorium is growing apace. We are going to find it difficult to handle our privacy for no doubt there will be many calls for the use of the hall for weddings and other special occasions. They can more easily get away from some of the annoyances if they get this far out. I wish it were the rule at Ginling that when weddings are brot here there should be no wine served. Many go to the Moral Endeavor with their weddings to avoid the expense of wine as that institution does not permit it. It seems to me that Ginling might stand for as much as such a department of the government. There is where Eva and I differ.

We see headlines in our papers, "Beer by Easter" in the U.S. That sounds as consistant as some of the other propaganda the Wets have been publishing. Mr. Bates feels quite dismal over the appointments Roosevelt has made on his cabinet. Full of political jobs with little or nothing to warrent their appointments.

3e While my cousin's Mother was worrying about her daughter's safety up in the region of Pei Tai-ho, the earthquake occurred and Ellen was cabling home for news from her family at Long Beach. That is a very good example of the world situation to-day. One is just about as well off one place as another. We have had several people traveling in China this winter to cut down New York living expenses. Missionaries are finding the idea of staying on without furlough more to their liking in some cases than the idea of going home amid all the depression. Here we can see progress in spite of all that Japan is doing to us. Let me give you a few of samples.

The new road to Wuhu is getting its final surface. The new busses for that line have arrived and look more comfortable than anything that has reached Nanking before. The line to Hangchow opened last year and which connects with the route to Shanghai is running successfully. Several of our faculty are taking the trip down during spring holiday. We have a week this year. The new ferry for the Yangtse train crossing is on its way from England under its own steam. I saw the terminals standing out in great prominence the last time I was down at Hsia Kuan. Much work is being done at

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Chung Shan Park. The Pagoda that is Mr. Murphy's prize still has scaffolding about it so it does not look finished but one can see it in the setting. That old Spirit Valley has surely taken on new life. Tai Chi-tao's tomb is there and they are making it all very attractive. We thought we did not want the place changed but since it is being remade under such careful supervision we realize how many more people are going to enjoy that lovely woods.

Mrs. Thurston came back from Shanghai this week after her series of illnesses. The order in which she arranged them was first, an undiagnosed fever; later septic sore throat; para-typhoid; and lastly a dog bit her and she stayed for Pasteur treatments until the dog was vindicated. The dog's puppies were being taken away from her and she was lying in wait when Mrs. Thurston and another lady happened by. They stopped to look at the pups and I suppose the dog thought they were having a hand in the deal. Anyway she took it out on Mrs. Thurston who was the stranger.

Racheal Mackensie is having a really serious time. She has been in bed since the end of the first semester. First at Nanking Uni. Hospital, then for a time at the home of Stanley Smith's and finally now she is at the Sanitarium in Shanghai. There she is getting baths and careful diet with the hope that she is going to recover. We all feel that she is not going to find it easy to keep free from colds. She is having a hard experience as she was not well from the beginning.

Whether she is one of these cases that does not acclimate well or whether she was too tired from the past year's college work and did not know herself well enough to look out for early symptoms. Helen Loomis has had a similar cold and was in the hospital too during the winter vacation. She is not strong and has to be in bed before dinner each day. Take it all around we have run quite a sanitarium of our own. I am very successfully making my adjustments after my operation and no one could have expected to get thru any easier. Nerves are not all perfect but I do know how to rest. My cousin from the north will be with me at Kuling this summer. I am taking advantage of vacations to regain strength and enjoy myself at the same time. I had a wonderful time in Kuling last summer. The trip up the Mountain can be made so easily now.

I was over one day to see Sung Chin-ying's baby. She has been taking it to the Well Baby's Clinic and is very proud of its record. It is a very pretty baby. We like him (her husband) so very much. They live in an apartment that connects with other apartments front and back just like a Shanghai arrangement. We have them in various parts of the city now. This one is over near Hillcrest.

Some official (as it seems) is planting a park near us and no doubt intends to have a home there soon. We have many homes east of our line and this is to the north. You can little imagine what Nanking looks like. Mr. Taylor, a very up and coming Englishman who has been living in Peiping has come to Nanking. I think you know who he is. Roberta White's fiancée. He likes Nanking now that he has cut loose from Peiping. He says Peiping seems

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like a museum of dead things and Nanking a place where people are alive. The younger Chinese feel that way very much. It is hard to make them appreciate a museum. Hu Hsi has gone the whole length in discarding Old China.

Today there is a National Meet of expert Shuttle Cock performers. We had a demonstration here yesterday. Very interesting. I have seen the children at the sport but never anything like the skill that can be developed. Two would perform together tossing the feathered weight back and forth catching it in rhythm on most any part of the body, even to the sole of the foot when the leg was extended forward. Then turn the leg in a half circle, keeping the poise on the other foot and the weight still in position when the foot was behind. Toss it to the head from the sole and return it to the sole at the rear. Perhaps my explanation is not clear enough to make the feat seem as impossible as it looked to us.

How are you these days? What are you planning to do? I have had some reports but just now feel that I know nothing about you. Will you let these questions apply to Mary, too. I should write her but I think if you will be kind enough to share this with her I shall wait until another time for that.

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~~_____~~ Hwang Li-ming's engagement? The younger brother of Nanking and _____ and _____ over his father's business. We like him very much and feel that both families are quite happy about it. She has been having announcement parties. Grace Zia Chu is to have another baby this summer.

(Helen Louise wishes to be remembered. She hopes to be able to write you herself but too many demands will)

Love and best wishes,

Harriet

The restoration of the dike surpasses anything that China has ever accomplished in so limited a time. Mr Straub is very busy now as much needs attention before high water. He seldom gets back to Nanking where the wife & son are living

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From a Letter from Elsie M. Priest
Treasurer of University of Manking
June 26, 1936

Miss Whitmer also leaves for furlough tonight, but she is supported by the W.F.M.S. and we are suggesting that all her accounts be made to their order. They will pay her salary directly. She holds a pension policy - I will write to her to remit to you the personal premiums due each month. Otherwise there is nothing to do about her furlough as far as salary and finances are concerned.

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Burr Oak. July 11th 1936.

Dear Miss Griest.

We rec'd. your letter this evening and we were very glad to get it. Harriet will be glad too, I know, when she gets here, that you thought of her and expressed it in this way.

She is arriving at Vancouver Canada July 14th so there will not be time to get a letter there to her. I sent one early so she will soon get that and I gave the address to some others who were planning to write to her.

I am so anxious to see her. She has not told us lately just how she is, but I think from her letters she must be pretty well but perhaps not in as good flesh as she had been before she had such a siege.

She was 10 wks. & 3 days in the Hospital at Shanghai - starting with a Plantar Wart on bottom of her foot but perhaps you know more than I do about it. She has written us quite often - She was sailing from Shanghai June 29th - I don't know just when she will reach home but will be looking toward the end of the week.

We have been having such very hot weather and flowers & gardens drying up so, we will not be very

proud of them. The Mercury was
102° this P.M. but its going down
now at dusk - 82° and we have
promise of rain soon, so we
are hoping for a change -
Just heard over the Radio
it was quite cool at Ciu -
I thought Harriet was coming
on a cool route - yesterday
I read of its being 108° in Canada
eastward part.

I forgot to tell you the name
of her boat - Empress of Japan,
your name was familiar to
me, as I have heard Harriet
speak of you - I met so many
of her friends at Columbus D.
in 1929 and you may have
been one of them.

I think I had better not tire
you out with my writing - so I'll
close. Hope to meet you some
time. Thank you for your
good wishes. We are both
feeling pretty well at this time.
May this find you the same.

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Sincerely yours -
Mrs. Whitman

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Burr Oak, Mich. Aug. 5, 1936

Dear Rebecca:

Thank you for your letter. I am sorry my note was not sent so that you might have met me with a note at the bank. It was a great joy to hear from my friends there.

You must not be worrying about my health so I hasten to inform you I am quite O.K. Have had no trouble with my foot since I came home for I don't walk here more than the rest of America. The rest has probably seen all that was needed.

I left everyone well in Nanking. Mrs. Thurston was to have left for her trip via Russia a week later than I left. The matter was so dreadfully hot I wonder how she stood it. She had so much to pack up, leaving 500 much more work

than we would otherwise have been required
to do.

I am glad Mrs. Thurston is to be away
when the moving out is going on. I know
it was hard for her to be required to
the necessity of it. I should have enjoyed
the settling into new quarters and felt
a bit jealous of those who should be there
to do my share for me.

And how I did hate to leave my
garden behind. I have wished I had a
picture of every scrap of it to show the
people living here in this desert land
of Mich. this summer. Such a contrast
here to last summer when they had a
wet season. Everyone here declares it is
drier than they have ever known it to be.
I haven't minded any heat. Not so hot as
before I arrived.

No information was given out apparently

regarding the Endowment Campaign. at
 least I was not informed of it.
 Helen had not gotten up the framed
 meeting minutes before I left. That
 might have told something.

Quincy must send me or those
 of us who are here materials for
 I fear I came away with little
 that would help in that way. I am
 afraid the loans aids - and Quincy are
 not done enough in many ways. Helen
 Loomis is a most willing secretary but
 she is so willing she gets too many local
 things piled into her hands - and can't keep
 up with the work she is there to do.

I am very anxious to see you and
 hope there will be a way open. I have
 a cousin living at Chester Pa. whom I
 shall want to see. Abigail Hoffmann
 will be in Philadelphia soon. We traveled as

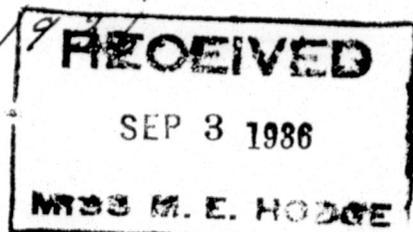
far as Kobe together. Eva had met her
 sister and was at Daidō when Akyail
 arrived there. I had intended to get
 off & travel thru Japan but it was so
 very rainy. I visited Kobe College & had
 a day off with a friend at Tokyo.
 Had such a good time with a Chinese
 family at Honolulu. Dr. Li is a brother of
 Mrs. Ho (dearest) in Hanking. Dr. Li & his wife
 also a physician have practiced there for 40 years.
 He, ^{and she} ~~was~~ & classmates of Sun Yat-sen. Now they
 have a daughter who is a doctor married to a
 doctor & practicing in Hanking. Another daughter
 (husband ^{Dr.} P. W. M. C.) was on my boat. Two sons
 are practicing in Honolulu. Dr. Chen Yü quan &
 I were there together.

Mail will reach me at Beaver Oak at any
 time. I shall have to know plans pretty soon in
 order to map out my year. Am anxious to know
 Blanche's condition (Possible operation this summer)
 She is not well but plans to teach this fall.
 For, Harriet

Miss H. M. Whitman ^{over}

1018 Chester St. Grand Rapids Mich.

Sept 11, 19



Dear Miss Hodge:

The letter you sent on my arrival and was returned to you - has reached me here. I am notifying the Detroit postmaster of this error. It was never delivered at my brother's address. I was there at the time. Sorry for such delay. Of course I should have written you anyway but you may guess how very busy I have been. Nearly all my relatives live in Michigan - and I arrived at the proper season for visiting. I have had such good times with some I did not get to see six years ago. I missed both summers the last year by taking those months for travel.

I do want to know when Dr. No is

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To be in the States & where she is spending
her time. I haven't had her address to
communicate with her. I shall not know
until Oct. what my work is supposed to
be for the W. F. M. S. Perhaps you have had
some correspondence & may have planned
together. I came back to get well first
-and haven't made any effort to find a
job. I seem to be as well as ever since
landing on American soil but of course
I am living under the easiest way of living.
No worries, no cares & little work.

I should like to be in New York but
would have no real excuse to take me east
now. later. I hope to be east & see some
of you.

Gen'l Executive meets in Munich, Ind. in Oct. &
that will be near home so I have not planned
to go east before that. I have seen nothing
Hay Fever but it is light this year. Our good
result of the drought.

Cordially yours,

Harriet M. Whitmer

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Beaver Oak, Mich. Oct. 13, 1936.
(Mam is Detroit for a few days)

Dear Rebecca:

I received the data regarding Dr. Wain's visit and caught her here in Detroit. Miss Black Anna Clark D. Givens + myself had dinner with her at Mrs. Fisher's. I also was with her at the Fri. noon meeting. So good to see her looking well after such a strenuous time in the east.

Now, Rebecca, I am wondering if the filming film would be available for the meeting our church is having at Muncie^(Muncie) Ind. 20 - 27th of Oct. Sometimes there are overflow meetings + something of that sort would be very useful and helpful as well. I have not had any part in arranging the program but when I spoke of this to Dr. Wain she said by all means get it. She that the film was lying idle now. I would like to show it at some other places if there would be time to leave it with me. I plan to go over to McMurray College from Muncie. In sending to

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to me - any word about the film (or sending
the film) I think you had better address me
at Muncie. I am leaving Burr Oak Oct. 19 & there
is hardly time to reach me there. The Methodist
ladies will know how to address the Joint Executive
Meeting so there will be no danger of my wrong
address & I had better let them tell you that
in our N. Y. office.

I want to hear more about your campaign
plans.

With love,

Harriet M. Whitner

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General Executive
High Street M. E. Church
Muncie, Indiana

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Room 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
October 19, 1936

Dear Harriett:

I am so glad that you saw Dr. Wu in Detroit and that you and the other staff members had such a pleasant dinner with her at Mrs. Fisher's. I have received from Miss Hodge permission to offer you traveling expenses for Ginling promotional work in Michigan and Illinois. It is the hope that you can assist in setting up a schedule for presentation of the Ginling film in the colleges of these two states. We are enclosing for you a list of the colleges and their addresses as given in the World Almanac for Michigan and for Illinois. We are also enclosing a list of the sister colleges. If you are willing to give time to such a project will you let us know at once and we will send out letters of enquiry to these colleges and together with you will try to work out a schedule which will be as economical of energy and expense as possible and which will fit into your idea of what you can do. I am of course hoping especially that you will take the film to Albion and to the Illinois College for Women. In connection with setting up such a schedule we would be happy to have you make suggestions about the colleges which you would especially like to visit and any groups or individuals in those colleges which we should approach in relation to such a schedule. There is no charge for the film but entertainment for you should be provided. The objective would be to try to interest the students in putting Ginling into their Community Chest or in interesting some group such as the Y.W.C.A. or an international relations study group in making some annual contribution to the college. On this point, however, you would have to feel your way very carefully. We would not want to antagonise or to lose the opportunity for educating any of these undergraduates on China by pressing too hard the financial objective. I might add that even a small annual contribution sufficiently multiplied by a number of colleges would be very helpful to our current budget.

Mrs. Macmillan, Miss Hilda Anderson of the University of Nanking, and Mrs. Yui, Dean of Women at Cheeloc will all be in Muncie sometime this week. I hope that you and they will meet each other as soon as possible and that you will talk over with Mrs. Macmillan this whole plan. It is something that I am very eager to have you carry out if you at all can arrange to do it.

Elizabeth,

Mrs. Macmillan keeps films and will tell you how arrangement has been done. - P.

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY
GENERAL EXECUTIVE
Muncie, Indiana

Nov. 1936

Dear Rebecca:

I haven't written you - as I have been so busy attending the Gen'l Executive meetings - but today I am having a rest at Catherine Carl's home & shall reply to your suggestions. As Mrs. Mac-Williams has probably written you I have been making plans. I am to go back to Mich. for some meetings beginning Nov. 5 which will not take much of my time & then I shall be free for Finland.

I am on my way now to Mac Murray College & hope to be there

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to get some places lined up for
a future visit with the film. I
can learn where in the state
I can meet up with graduates,
some I know are in colleges &
Univ. I am going home via
Chicago where I am planning to
stop & see Mrs. Wells head of
the Biological Supply House where
I may be able to get the
loan (or gift) of a movie projector.
Mrs. Wells & her four daughters visited
us at Pinhook several times
during their fortnight stay in
New King last spring. I also
have a college classmate in
the same business house.

I am not familiar with the
movie machine yet but I can get
full instructions there I hope.
I believe the film is 4 sections with
a projector I can manage to carry

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Woman's Foreign Missionary Society
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GENERAL EXECUTIVE

Muncie, Indiana

about with me is what I need;
and later such a projector
will be most useful in our
Biol. department or for other depart-
ments as well. Educational films
are being produced by the Gov't in
Hankow. Lotus Lake has a new
building on one of the islands for
that purpose.

Mrs. MacMillan has suggestions for
working out my program & if the
New York office will keep me
informed as to what it is
doing & what it is expecting of
me in following up I shall try to
report often & in this way help to
correlate both ends of the project.
It is all very new business for

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now as I know it is for you &
I may be making some mistakes
you will want to correct so feel
free to write whenever you discover
any such.

I'm attending this meeting down
here & had to miss Home-Coming
at Albion College & possibly some
good opportunities for valuable
contacts.

I want the list of colleges
up in the Dakota region which
count themselves Sister Colleges
of Gisting. I have never had the
list tho I understand they are
Methodist colleges. The New York
office must have it. Mrs. Peck
at Minneapolis Minn my Secy
should be able to get me in
touch but I have not had it there
her as it. Missionary fervor is
report good in that section of W.S.A.
I am glad you are at the other end.
Love, Harriet

Nov. 1936

Dear Rebecca:

I have received two packages of literature at Jacksonville, Ill. Our distances for communications are so great you did well in catching me while I was there.

There are some points of information I am still lacking. What is the fund that is trying to be raised by Dec. 31? Are the pledge cards you sent me the ones you want used in seeking funds for the \$100,000 (1st year) I was not sure when the campaign started & whether the closing of this year Dec. 31 was to end the 1st year's efforts.

Should I have stationary for use in writing to places where I am making engagements? This

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is not - as a matter of personal offense
but - as to whether the use of stationary
bearing the officer's names would
give me more official standing.
I know you are writing ahead to
introduce me.

Will you send me a list of all
the places where your letters have
gone? I find there are numerous
places in this college & neighboring
towns where the interest is heating
the film shows is already advanced
& I am making an attempt
to use it as far as I can
in such localities.

At Danville I met the Federated
Missionary societies (150 at luncheon)
They have asked me to return. The
International Club (with emphasis on
World Peace) at Mac Murray College
are sponsoring my return there! The
officers of the club came to me
with the invitation as soon as they
learned of the movie. So far the way
seems to be easily paved. The next

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thing ^{over} is to get projectors & film to ^{over}
travel with. Did you expect Mrs. Mac M.
to turn that projector over to me?
I find there are projectors available
in the larger places where I have
been. The Pres. at Mac Murray has
a good one & a good screen. It is
difficultly found in some places
where I would not find such
a machine available.

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Wrote after my brief stop-over
in Chicago. I was with Mrs. Wells
for one night. She allowed me
to operate her movie machine &
I gathered some information tho
I did not have opportunity to
visit the company. ^(Bell & Howell) Mrs. Wells had
a speaking engagement here
& attended - and invited me to go
with her. I ran into a very
interesting & interested group of
Methodist women so perhaps

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I may have accomplished something worthwhile. I met the officer of our Northwestern branch who is in charge of inter-organizational work. She was at Muncie - but we did not meet there. I shall write her more of our plans for the Guilting program to learn if she can do any assistance.

Mrs. Wells was using the smaller projector (400 ft.) which I found was the same make as the one which had been recommended. The Birt Supply House has not carried the projector - tho it has plans for doing so. I decided since the business has had hard sledding the last few years it would not be wise to suggest a donation. I was glad to meet the directors for other objectives we may have. Mrs. Wells offered me the use of her projector if I were in the vicinity of Elletts. She had calls for showing her own stock films so said she didn't feel she could let it go for any. This was

all voluntary as far as possible
as such, especially

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Dear Mrs. MacMillan:

I have been having a busy time and have not written you since we parted. I arrived here from Jacksonville, Ill. this P.M. Will leave here to-morrow. I haven't had mail from home so if you have written me there it will be waiting for me.

I have found people very much interested in having the film shown to them. The Educational Club at MacMurray College are going to arrange for some of my work if I can return there. Others in the city have asked that there be opportunity for a showing at one of the churches.

I met with the Federated Missionary

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Societies, at Penn - and they
wished there might be opportunity
to have such a meeting when I
could return there. So on and so on.
It looks as tho the reception promises
to be good.

Now I am wondering just what
I should do about the projector &
the film. Pres. McClellan at MacMurray
College advised me to use the one
~~film~~ reel as the greater time it would
require for changing reels would be
difficult to arrange in the crowded
college schedule.

I am visiting a friend here in
the business of supplying Biology
departments, hoping to find some
assistance - whether the loan
of a projector or whatnot. I am
also going over to the supply store
to learn the business of operation.

Rebecca has sent a supply of
literature which I received in Jacksonville.

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If I conclude that I can handle
the large projectors would the one
you took out with you be avail-
able for me or is that to be
taken back for use elsewhere?
Since Rebecca sent the liberators
to Jacksonville I have the opinion
she that I might have had the
"works" with me.

I shall keep in touch with
Beurr Oak - within the next week
tho I may be away from there
in neighboring towns most
of the time. So write me there.

Yours sincerely,

Harriet M. Whitner

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Mudon Mich. Nov. 12

Dear Mrs. MacMillan:

Your letter has reached me here where I am stopping with a cousin between appointments. I am going to Three Rivers tonight and then to Hartford tomorrow. Sunday evening I shall be at Bronson & then back home to Beech Oak having finished this itinerary. While in Kalamazoo I made the acquaintance of the dear young woman at Baptist College. She was very happy to hear that the printing firm was to be available & was already making plans for having me come. I also found an old friend who has been at the college for a long time and whom I had lost. She will be a strong connection for us as

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she has been there all these years
and knows to me. She knew I was
at Pristina.

The film may be at Burr Oak
now. It did not reach me before
I left on this trip a week ago. I
had word from Rebecca saying
she had sent it to Peru. I have
written Miss Carl but there is
no word in this batch of mail sent
to me from Burr Oak.

I have a letter from Mrs. Wells
whom I visited in Chicago. She
encloses a ten dollar bill as
a nucleus for the purchase of
a projector. The duty for taking
such an instrument into Chicago
is no small item so I make the
arrangement (if such is purchased)
that it be under the Science depart.
equipment & may be that will clear
it.

I couldn't have been in Portia at
your meeting even if I had known earlier.
I have had word from several colleges

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Offering an opportunity for showing the film and I shall attempt that trip as soon as I can live up all my apparatus & fit my appointments to a time schedule. Don't know how successful I can be yet.

Burr Oak should reach me from now on.

Yours as ever,

Harriet M. Whitman

A class in Asiatic history asked me to address it & so I made that contact with Furstery State Normal at Kazoo.

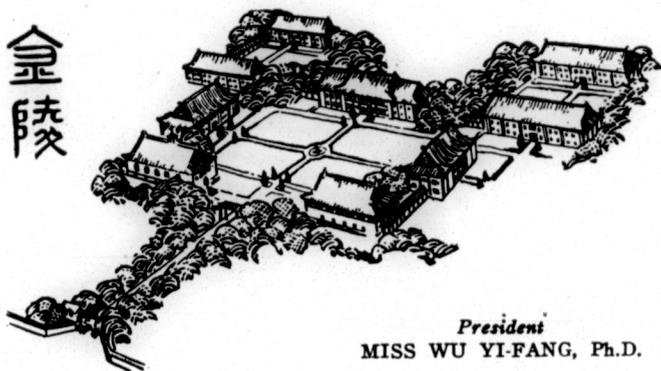
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NANKING, CHINA

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Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I have been so busy writing necessary letters I have put you off past the time that courtesy allows. Now there are reasons why you must come first.

I have the the announcement of the meeting at Ann arbor and congratulate you on being able to show off Ginling before such a fine audience. It will not be possible for me to be there much as I should like to as I have a meeting near home on the same date. Mine will be a business women's group. We are not certain yet as to our success in getting a projector so I may not have Ginling on the screen. Thankyou for sending me the notice.

Another matter that needs immediate attention is the one concern-
ing Port Huron. I am inclosing the correspondence after taking down
data. I have scheduled myself for Dec. 14 and 16th in Ill. The latter
date will be at Peoria, Ill. 10:00 A.M. It might be possible for me
to reach Port Huron. They do not say whether this is an afternoon
or evening meeting. On the otherhand there may be other opportunities
for contacts in Ill. which I do not have listed yet and I would like
to be able to do what I can there while I am in that section. Would
you want to go to Port Huron and can you? I am writing them of the
situation I am in and of your proximity to Port Huron. Time is short
and I will want to know what is best for me to do in case you do not
go there. There is a fast train to Chicago leaving Bloomington
around 12 or 1:00 oclock noon and I could reach Detroit that night.
I would be glad for your advice. And will you write Port Huron what-
ever decision you make?

Rebecca has presented Ginling with a very nice beaded screen.
It came with one of the wooden pieces broken but that can be easily
mended. It is the same as yours I think. I have your advice about
a projector and will be governed thereby if I have the opportunity
to make such a purchase. I saw the working of an Eastman here one
evening.

A Mrs. Olmsted, Y.W.C.A. secretary at Indiana University and also
chairman of the student Y's in the state has written me that she
is having the representatives of the state together on Dec. 12 at

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which time she would like to arrange for a January schedule when I might take the film to some of the colleges there. I have written her to do so.

Getting much done in Ill. before Xmas is not going to be possible as so many places had their programs filled. If I had my own car I would probably find it possible to make better time. I think I am going to have to leave MacMurray College for Women out as the time they have set is too close to my other schedule following. *There are two besides that.*

Your suggestions for other contacts in Ann Arbor sound inviting. I remember hearing C.T. Wang tell in Nanking at one of our Ann Arbor gatherings of his experiences living in this home in Ann Arbor and how much it had meant in his understanding of American family life. He shared with the boys in the family the doing of daily chores before and after school.

I have written Rebecca that I shall use my time on this work for the present and plan my term of school at Mich. State, Lansing, beginning with the spring term about April first.

Very truly yours,

Harriet M. Whitner
Harriet M. Whitner

*I know nothing about
P. H. ... for College*

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Dear Rebecca:

Hours again - after my round of visits & meetings. I had a good time, weather perfect & I left well. However, I do feel the need of a bit of respite. I can't keep going - so fast from one group to another - and remember much of anything.

I have been getting a number of letters at each point where Mother forwarded my mail but I haven't tried to answer. Now I suppose I should be making some definite plans. That I had better report the findings and ask some advice.

Your suggestion is that I go to Ill. & Mich. first. I have thought that if I live up Ill. and try to see some of the schools there I might do Mich. later as I expect to be in the state.

I have our letter from Dad. from the Sec'y of all the students of N.C.A.'s in the state.

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Mrs. Joanna M. Almsted, Indiana Uni.
She says, "It might be that we could
arrange for you to visit several Indiana schools
on our trip. She is interested & I do not
know how to reply.

I will list the schools from which replies
have come so that you will have some idea
how much response you are getting.

✓ Indiana Uni.
✓ De Paul Uni

✓ Albion College
✓ Hillsdale College
✓ Adrian College
✓ Galambagos College
✓ Ferris Institute

✓ Uni of Cincinnati
✓ Muskingum College
✓ Western Reserve

✓ MacMurray College
✓ James Millikin Uni.
✓ Monmouth College
✓ North Central College
✓ Uni. Chicago
(not wanted) ✓ Thertus T. High & College

At Monmouth they want us for A.C. U. W. on
Dec. 14. This request comes thru a friend.

James Milikin Uni. writes under the name of
an old college friend. I did not know he was
there.

There are those also you mentioned in your
letter to me. Does the response in member

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seem sufficient to warrant encouragement in starting on a trip? I think so. (3)

Now I have a letter from Mrs. MacMillan urging that any speaking must be followed by follow-up work if our hopes to get results. She is speaking from experience. I had expected to spend but little time in one locality as the territory is great and I haven't much time. Colleges will be closing for Xmas. There is no use trying anything after Xmas, ^{holidays} for then they are cramming for finals (That is my opinion tho some have mentioned Jan. as a possible time)

I had hoped to be in school the second term. If I go to Lansing (Mich Stat) the term begins soon after New Years. I am telling you so you will know why I am questioning what my program should be.

I was at Kalamazoo College recently. They did not know I was home ^{here} & had their banquet already. They are planning to have me there with the films. No date set. I found an old college friend there whom I was surprised to see. Has been there for 17 years & working

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for Guiding all the time as she knew of
my whereabouts. We might have lost this
sister college had it not been for her.
We must send them more literature. For
some reason they seems not to be on
our mailing list. The Dean is a very
friendly person & anxious to keep the
sister ship.

I have been away from home since
Oct. 19th and I will have Thanksgiving
& then be ready to do your bidding. I
can't wait for a reply before making
some plans so I am tentatively planning
to go to Ill. - arranging dates as I
can & then if you think I should
follow Mrs. Macmillan's advice to do
a more intensive piece of work I shall
not try to cover much territory until
later.

With best wishes,

Harriet

Correspondence paper came.
Also check for 50⁰⁰ for travel

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Room 905
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
November 20, 1936

Dear Harriet:

Your letter of November 17 has just arrived. I think if I were you I would start at once to make out a schedule and to do what you can because the time before Christmas is very short, and as you say between Christmas and the close of the semester there will be small opportunity in the colleges. I had not realized that you were planning to study the second semester and this will certainly interfere seriously with any work that you are to do for promotion.

I think in following Mrs. Macmillan's good advice about follow-up that I would do it this way. First, get someone at the time to make a list of the people at your meeting. This may not be a complete list but if it is done on the spot it will be a fair list. Then get someone who shows interest and who knows the people to make over that list with you and give you the key names. Then possibly if you can arrange time, plan to have a brief conference with one or two of these key people and leave them as your promoters. Try to tie up whatever organization is sponsoring you to an annual interest in Ginling. If you find that this is going to be difficult or unwise, send us that information and tell us how we can continue to give education to this group from this office. Be sure to send to this office copies of all lists and reports as you have them on each college and the interest shown with the names of the key people.

I am very glad that you have the Kalamazoo situation in mind. They have sent their money direct to Ginling. As you know the promotional organization in America is quite new. Mrs. Macmillan started the work last year as a part of her job in the Associated Boards. Our Promotion Committee for the Ginling Board was not appointed until early spring and we have received absolutely no official report from the field since Miss Wu left China. We have never been sent the names of groups and individuals which send their contributions directly to the field. This as you can see is very important if we are to feed these groups through this office.

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Mrs. Macmillan wrote to a group of colleges last spring and a response came from Kalamazoo asking for help in preparing their fall meeting. Mrs. Macmillan as you know has been in the field all fall and that letter did not come to my hands until a few weeks ago. If I had written immediately it would have been in time possibly to have helped them with their meeting. They will certainly have help and information in the future. I wish that they had written giving us the date of their meeting this fall, while I doubt if we could have sent them Dr. Wu because of her heavy schedule, but we could have given them some other suggestions.

The Bell and Howell long-armed projectors were selling at Macy's on Wednesday for \$159. I found a very good value there on a beaded screen (36 x 40) and yielded to temptation and sent you one which you may count as a gift to Ginling. Unfortunately I didn't have the \$159. so that the Bell and Howell projector is still at Macy's.

Please plan your own itinerary and do just as much as time and strength permits before Christmas.

We received a copy yesterday of a letter to you from Ernest Price, former Consul in Nanking, who is interested in having you present the Ginling film during the winter quarter at International House in Chicago, possibly at one of the Sunday night suppers. This seems to me a great opportunity and I hope you will be able to make that arrangement.

Mrs. Thurston arrived in New York Wednesday night and seems to be in the best of spirits. She and her sister motored 5,000 miles in England and Scotland this summer. The Board is meeting her at luncheon today.

Affectionately yours,

Miss Harriet M. Whitmer
Burr Oak, Michigan

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Burr Oak, Michigan, Nov. 27. 1936

My dear Rebecca:

It has been days since the screen reached me. I waited to get your letter and then Thanksgiving was on and I had to assist Mother with preparations for our family gathering. They have now left and I shall sit down and write you immediately. First a very big Thankyou for Girdling's lovely Xmas present—the screen. I shall write and tell them of it that it may be counted this Xmas and not have to be dragged in late when the Xmas spirit has flown. It will be especially useful in the lecture hall when we are using the reflector for the other screen has been trying. Then if I succeed in donations for a projector we will have movies all our own. The government educational films should be available.

I wrote Bell ~~Howell~~ in Chicago but have had no answer. Perhaps the delay is hopeful as it may indicate I have given them something to think about. Or that they are making arrangements to loan me one temporarily.

One of the wooden pieces on the screen came in a broken condition. It seemed to have been well packed but it may be well for Macy's to know such things can happen. A little carpenter's skill can soon repair it as good as new. It split with the grain. They are purposely made of light wood to eliminate weight.

I have just written Mrs. Olmsted at Bloomington Indiana. She is as you may know secretary for the Uni. there and also chairman for the Y.W.C.A.s of all the colleges in the state. She wrote that they were planning a meeting there for Jan. 14 when they would like to have me. Then she proposed to schedule me for Jan. in other places within her domain. They ~~were~~ having a meeting Dec. 12 for all state student secretaries (at least that is my understanding) when she thought it might be possible to arrange for these meetings. It seemed to me too good a chance to miss for she will know how to schedule so much better than I and then will have this group together to arrange with.

I do not know that my Illinois trip is going to be so very profitable since I only have to date two places scheduled but I may hear from others and can date them too. Jacksonville has written me (this is a third place) but the date they want I think will be impossible for distances are too great to reach on time when I have no car. Some places down there are almost impossible to reach. Jacksonville being one. They used to have fast trains but not now and no bus that runs at convenient times. I think I shall ask them to wait and I shall try to get there later.

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Now as to my own plans. I had thought Mrs. Macmillan knew I had plans for school when she asked me about taking on this promotion program. I had not realized how much time it takes to get a program set up. Now that I am into it a bit I am getting interested in seeing what I can do. State College at Lansing runs by terms. There would be a winter term beginning right after New Years and another at the beginning of April. I am not certain but what I might find three months there in the spring all I shall care to spend and for the thing I want especially to do it will be better than the winter months. I am going to be away from home so much as it is I shall want the little time in between to be with Father and Mother. If I am coming and going they will not feel that I am gone so much perhaps. So rest on what I have said that I am going to help you for the time being.

Yes, I want to get to International House. I wrote Mr. Price of this time that I would be passing thru Chicago and in case he had a place for me on his schedule now I would be available or if not a later time would be planned.

I must write Mrs. Macmillan. She is getting things going apparently in the Ann Arbor district. She sends me the invitation for Dec. 2 but I have a meeting at Sturgis, near here, for a W.F.H.S. group. These are business women who have an evening meeting. They had not found a projector so I may not be able to show them Ginning but they will be interested in what I can give them without it. On Sun. evening Nov. 29 I go to Three Rivers with the Ginning movie for one service and a talk to follow it. Mr. Dempster is a very up and coming young man and I have other connections there so I am looking forward to introducing Ginning to a group that will be interested.

I have just received the announcement of the dedication of the infirmary at Ginning. That is such a nice building and I think we can build up shrubbery to make it very private for the girls to be out of doors enjoying the sunshine. It faces onto the new garden out back far enough to be in a garden of its own. My how things can change in a few months. There they are living so differently than when I left in June. I am wondering how many are eating Chinese food this year. If both the houses across the street are filled there are more than last year eating foreign food. Ruth tried the Chinese food but since her stomach trouble she is probably not doing so this year. Have you heard how Ruth is this fall. Since no one has said anything about her I take it she is better. We feared a stomach ulcer last spring. She had been so well until this came on very suddenly.

Cordially,

Harriet

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Room 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
December 12, 1936

Dear Harriet:

I have been very slow in answering your letter of November 27. Would you yourself be willing to report to Macy's the condition in which the screen was received. I haven't as yet even found it possible to get to Macy's for this or to do any Christmas shopping.

You certainly are very generous to suggest postponing your study to April. If this is satisfactory to you it would be splendid to be able to continue your work for Ginling until that time.

I am enclosing for you a copy of a letter from the Dean of Women at Illinois College which has just reached this office. A letter from Mrs. Macmillan this morning indicates that you are or will soon be working in Illinois. Would you please keep this office informed of your schedule so that in case we need to get in touch with you quickly we can do so, as this office is the clearing house for all Ginling promotion work.

Will you try to send us also some report from each college and the name of the key faculty person as well as the name of the student organization whom we should put into our files for future correspondence.

Mrs. Thurston has been in the office this week. She seems in very good form and is feeling that she will be able to do some work for Ginling. Her desire at the moment is to make an approach through the churches. I would like her to work out a list of individuals to approach and take as an objective \$10,000 or \$20,000 which it would be her purpose to raise this year. We are finding that a direct personal appeal yields the most funds.

I hope you are going to have at home a most happy Christmas.

With love,

Miss Harriet M. Whitmer
Burr Oak, Michigan

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Burr Oak, Mich.

Dec. 30, 1936.

Dear Rebecca:

Your letter telling of the gift of a projector has just come. I know it is not the first place we need money but we will hope the machine will pay its way - and earn something for other purposes. I am delighted that we have it, or rather have it to get.

Now I do not know what is the best method to go about purchasing the instrument. Bell & Howell sent me their catalog but no prices were listed. I had intended making inquiry but haven't done so.

The purchase should be made for the science department of the

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college so that in taking it in there should be no duty. I don't know just how to go about that part of it. I am wondering if the Marketing Div office in New York has made purchase & would understand how to go about it. Since I am so near Chicago it would seem as tho' the machine could be secured here.

I am informed that when Etha Negler took a projector in last summer she had quite a duty to pay. I think we should make sure it goes in under college equipment and paid out before we make the purchase how that is to be accomplished.

I will write Bell & Howell in regard to prices also in regard to the matter of how to avoid duty.

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As soon as I hear I will inform you. Since you are to be back in New York you can more easily compare prices & investigate how missing boards handle such business. Then if I am to make the purchase I shall try to find someone who knows electrical instruments to advise me.

I want to write you about visits I have made but I shall do that in another letter. I want to hurry this off. My family here hasn't seen the picture yet.

Best wishes

Harriet

I may be east sometime but can't set a time yet. Wanted to take in Science meeting that is on in Atlantic City now but didn't feel I could go just for that. Haven't time for now now & I have visits to make.

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Burr Oak, Mich. Jan. 9 '37.

My dear Rebecca:

I am about to go to Indiana for a short time. Miss Olfsted has arranged these meeting dates for me. I am not at all certain just how large a representation I am going to meet. As soon as I had the dates I wrote Catherine Carol to see if she wanted me to come there for a speaking. Since I haven't the projector yet I should have to depend on her finding a projector.

Albion College seems very anxious to have

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now there for the 19th which if I accept
will limit our time to our work in Indiana.
They are sending a special delivery letter which
I am hoping to receive to-day & thus
will know better whether I should give
Albin the date now.

I have been writing to some of the Mich.
colleges - to find sales for Feb. Kalamazoo
had asked for Feb. 3rd.

I must send you names from those
groups I met in Illinois. Tom has come on
so soon there hasn't been time to do all the
writing I should have done. Last evening I

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was out to a country school near Burr Oak.
It was raining but the building was full &
I had a very responsive group. I am attending
the dedication of our new school building
before I leave to-morrow.

We all keep well here. The weather man
threatens us with promises of bad weather but
nothing could be nicer than Michigan's winter
so far. Much like Newbury weather. Here
we have warm houses so ~~it isn't~~ it isn't
as cold. Have seen very little snow.

I am moving about in Ind. Mrs. Joanna Clusted
Indiana Mrs. Blount's will be my date for Jan. 14th

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Harriet

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names from (1)
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Miss Gertrude Harvey

Bradley Institute

Peoria, Ill.

Cards
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Miss Harvey, (Chem. Depart. Head) is an adviser
for the Y. W. C. A. of the college.

She happens to be a Methodist
and active in Missions work.

She herself was not able
to see the picture.

Only a few students and
several faculty members
saw the film.

500 in Chapel where I spoke
for 20 min.

Pres. F. R. Hamilton presented
me with \$13.00

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Bradley Polytechnic Institute
Peoria Ill.

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President A. C. W. W. ^{cards} made (27)

Members - are mostly graduates
of Monmouth College

Mrs. J. L. Sherrick
317 E. Broadway
Monmouth N.J.

Mrs. Donald McMiller
813 E. First Ave
(Husband is Lead of Biol. Dept.)

Miss Lucy Hogue
Tenth E. Broadway
Monmouth College

Miss Della Thompson

Miss Thompson is president of
Alumni Ass. of Monmouth College
has been at Presidency 1935.

It was at her invitation
I took the picture.

Monmouth College people
all members of P.A.A.W.

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Albion memo

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Student Forum (College group of men and women.) About 80 present who saw film.

Among these were many of the Y.W.A.C. girls. While I was at Albion the cabinet held a meeting and donated five dollars to be sent to the Y.W.C.A. in Ginling. Accompanying letter to Ginling students.

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made

Betty Ford, Pres. Y.W.C.A.
Daphne Carnochan, Sec'y

Advisers: Mrs. Will Whithouse
Miss Marian Gray, dean of Women

There was very evident interest from men as well as women.

High School League, Film showing.

About 30 present. Methodist young people.

Y.W.C.A. Evening vesper.
Had 15 minutes in which to
tell the girls about Y.W. activities
at Ginling. About 50 present

Other contacts in three college
classes where I was asked
to speak on current aspects
in China.

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Ball State College, Muncie, Indiana

Miss Grace DeHority, Dean of Women, 305 Rector Apt. *Jan. 11*
Miss June Ricketts }
Miss Laura Shock } Y.W.C.A. advisers. Address college.

Mrs. Frank Graham, R.F.D. 6 Box 461, Muncie, Ind.
(Wife of Chem. Prof.) Active in Mission work.

Miss Almira Gardner (student) Y.W.C.A. president.
Lucina Hall (girls' Dorm.)

Indiana Central, Indianapolis, Ind. *Jan. 13*
(United Brethren)

Miss Virginia Cravens, Dean of Women

Cards
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Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind. *Jan. 13*

Mrs. Frank L. Truitt (Naida Zulich) Smith 1909
Daughter--Mary Jane Truitt (Junior at Butler Uni.)
4127 N. Mericlian St. Indianapolis, Ind.

(Daughter saw the film. Much interested in Y.W. and in her
Mother's college. Does not have personal funds for help
but said she would like to aid in any way she could. She
gave the following name as another Smith woman who would
be interested:

Mrs. Jesse Fletcher (Mary Eliz. Godma or Godna)
413 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis

Mrs. Milton D. Baumgartner Sponsor Y.W.C.A.
Address: Butler Uni.

Mrs. E. Gilliatt " "
Address: Butler Uni.

Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. *Jan. 14*

Miss Charlotte Martin (student) Pres. Y.W.C.A. (Senior)
Had two Aunts who were Missionaries in north China
and in Peking at the time of the Boxer uprising 1900.
(Good material for Y.W.C.A. secretary. Thinking of following
this for life work)

Miss Jane Fenn (Treasurer) Possible next year's Pres.

I found these two girls very much interested in Ginling

Mrs. Douglass Rae, wife of Baptist minister, a Smith grad.
1014 East Wylie St.

I had interview with them. They did not see film

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*Mrs. Joanna M. Christed
Paid See' for Sliding Y.W.C.A.
at Ind. Uni. Also in charge of
Student work throughout State*

Miss Agnes E. Wells, dean of Women
A very fine woman with wide interests. Has
known many Chinese students. The only
Guiling student who has been at Ind. Uni.
was one who came over on her own and
made a fizzle. She clearly understood
the case. I have forgotten her name.
Not sure she graduated at Guiling.

Mrs. ? Jenkins wife of M. E. minister saw
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De Pauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

Jan. 15

> Miss Helen Salzer, dean of Women. Formerly Missionary. I think in South America.
The Y.W.C.A. was not having meetings during Jan. so she did not try to arrange a Y.W. showing of picture. However, I was invited to make a personal visit to the college and after my arrival plans were made for a showing of the film. These were some who saw it:

> Dr. and Mrs. O.H. Smith (Dr. Smith Depart. of Physics.)
Dr. S, was in Nanking teaching Physics at Central Uni. (at that time Southeastern Uni.) in 1922 & 1923
He was most interested in seeing the New Gingsing.
Address 310 Greenwood Ave.

> Dr. and Mrs. Lester Jones, Department of Sociology
He had been Merab Mossman's Sociology teacher at

Both were much interested in hearing of her success at Gingsing.

> Mrs. Grafton Longdon, R.R. Greencastle
Some relative of the Longdon's who were in China for many years.
She is a very energetic and effective worker. Came in from the country to see the film.

There were students to about the number of eight who saw the film. I seem to have failed in getting any students names. The Y.W.C.A. supports Madras in India.

There is a freshman there, daughter of Lockwood, Y.M.C.A. Canton, China. She came home with the group via Siberia this past summer. I met her. Not sure that she was in the group that saw the film. I met officers of the Y.W. and found them interested in knowing more of our work. The dean of Women, Helen Salzer is a very fine person and made my visit very enjoyable.

> Dr. Winona H. Welch, Depart. of Botany (Saw film)
A very much interested woman in Missionary affairs. I met her at the Missionary Conf. at Muncie Ind. She took great pains in giving me every opportunity to learn what I could of the work done in the Biology Depart. at De Pauw.

Even though I did not have this college open for a showing of the film I had most interesting contacts. They have had Miss Chacca from India and are to have her for another meeting this month. For that reason they felt the Missionary emphasis had been taken care of.

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Peru, Indiana

Jan. 17

Showing of film at combined meeting of Presbyterian and Methodist congregations. (Other churches expressed regret that their programs had been made up and were not able to change.)

Rev. V. Clear, M.E. Minister Wife present
Rev. ? Turner Presby. Did not meet wife
Rev. Mr. ? Herring Baptist minister
Miss Elsie Garrett Teacher of High Sch. girl's class in S.S. (Brot Dr. Wu in her car from Chi. when she visited Peru)

Mrs. Chas. Beecher Daughter at Scarett is roommate of Shao Su-lin (Ginling student there for graduate study this year)

This woman has wide interests. Is a very fine Bible teacher and leader in Missionary work. Her daughter is planning for some line of religious work. Is teacher of a large women's class in S.S. (M.E.)

Mrs. Omer Carl. Dr. Carl, her husband has practiced medicine in Peru since leaving his medical college. Mrs. Carl is a very fine worker and so much interested in Ginling that I feel she is our key person in Peru. She gave me a number of names of people whom she had called on phone and that would be interested in seeing picture. It was a bad night and not all were out. She would be in a relation to further interest there, however.

One was:

Mrs. Richard E. Edwards (Smith)
She entertained Dr. Wu at tea for a large group. (I did not meet her)

Mrs. Leonard Kolbe, Pres. International relations (not sure in what organization).

Peru has an organization of all the Missionary societies which meets twice a year. I happened to be there last fall and attended the luncheon and dinner where I spoke for fifteen minutes. This has introduced me to a large group. There were more than 100 there that day. Dr. Wu also is known to many.

Others whom Mrs. Carl would also be interested in (I think all know Dr. Wu)
Mrs. Carl Shadueger (Baptist)
Mrs. J. M. Houghton (Presby) Osteopath
Miss Ida Paltrath High sch. teacher
Mrs. Rachel Challis " " "
Mr + Mrs. K. Barry (daughter married Corbet whose father is a China missionary)
Mrs. Van Guilder
Mrs. Josephine Puller, teacher.

I think her st. address is Peru, Ind. will reach there

Miss Susan Robinson

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Albion film showings Jan. 19 - 25

1. Young Women's Association (Missionary M.E.) About 50 present

Dr. Vera Buck, Chairman of program
Inst. of Modern Languages, Albion College

Miss Iva Flemming, Pres. of Y.W.A.

Supper was served and the film shown after a short business session.

Mrs. Spiker of the Baptist Mission, Swatow, China was present. She is retired and living in Albion. She had visited Ginling. *Daughter Mrs. Lealey Harger is a W.F.M.S.*
(No contribution)

2. Afternoon tea at home of Mrs. S.H. Harrison (Mr. and Mr. Harrison formerly in Central under M.E. Mission. Mr. Harrison now Director of Religious Educ., Albion College)

Among those present to see film:

Mrs. Albert Pellowe, wife of District Supt. M.E. church. Her husband was in college with me. She was most interested and should be kept on our list.

Mrs. A.E. Hollidge, Asst. to pastor of M.E. church. Also a very active and interested person. Organizes much of the district mission work.

Mrs. H.M. Battenhouse, Pres. W.F.M.S. Albion. Her husband teaches English at the college.

Miss Marian Gray, Dean of Women, Albion College. Very fine and much interested. Very special friend of wife of Dean of Men who is our key person in Albion.

Mrs. Will Whitouse (wife of dean)

Mrs. A.M. Eldred, Tres. W.F.M.S.

Miss Ethyl Martin Secy W.F.M.S.

Mrs. Faye Wolfe, House mother, Susanna Hall (Girl's Dorm.) She and husband missionaries in South American previous to his death. Very fine person. Has much influence in college activities. Also in Mission circles.

Mrs. ? Seelye, charge of high school missionary group, Kings Herald. Would be interested in having Ginling contacts.

Mrs. Laila Butzer, Housemother Dean Hall, Girl's Dorm.

Mrs. Noah Smith

Mrs. Reginald Smith (daughter of Dean who is the wealthy man of Albion. This daughter has money and is a person whom we might find interested in giving)

*Mrs. Will Whitouse (college friend)
Mrs. S.H. Harrison
Mrs. Don Harrington, Mr. H. Supt. of High Sch.
Mrs. Royal Hall, Prof. Hall teaches interested relatives formerly missionaries in Siam*

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Illinois Visits

Whitman
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I

American Association of University Women
Monmouth, Illinois

~~December~~, 1936

No Contribution. A possible gift at end of year. A group that might well be cultivated. Mostly Monmouth College Grads. College has no Sister College relationship.

Those present at showing of film about 40
Invitation for film given through Miss Della Thompson, a personal friend who visited Ginling during the summer of 1935.

Mrs. M.R.Gallaugher (Mother of Miss Thompson)
225 S.Second St.

- ✓ Miss Della Thompson, 225 South Second St. *Pres. College alumni Association*
In charge of International Relations Program
- ✓ Mrs. J.L.Sherrick, Pres. A.A.U.W.
317 E.Broadway
- ✓ Mrs. J.W. Baird (Former Missionary to Africa)
915 East 1st. St.
- ✓ Mrs. J.L. Seybold (Pres. Missionary Union of Monmouth
818 W.Broadway churches)
- ✓ Miss Inez Hogue (Monmouth College)
Terrace
E.Broadway
- Miss Eva Barr
233 E.Second Ave.
- ✓ Mrs. Donald McMullen (Husband is head of Biology Depart.
813 E.1st. Ave. Monmouth College)

I made a personal visit to the college and met the president and several members of the faculty. No invitation was given to show the film. I believe the denomination supporting this college has no work in China. The emphasis there is Africa. However, there is interest in Ginling through this personal friend, Miss Thompson, and a gift should be expected.

II

MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Illinois

A cordial invitation was given to show film but no time could be arranged. A visit was made there before I had the film. I had an interview with ~~the~~ Pres. C.P.McClelland who expressed his personal interest in our work and would be glad to have the college in touch with our work. They now are contributing a fund annually to Madras. Their difficulty had been in getting information about Madras. The college or a group such as the International Club which exists there might connect up with Ginling. This is the college where I taught for five years.

- ✓ President, C.P.McClelland
- ✓ Dean. Mrs. Roma M Hawkins
- ✓ Pres. International Club, Miss Jeanne Cincebeaux

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Personal friends at MacMurray College

- ✓ Miss Lulu Hay , Brother a Methodist minister. Much interested in Missbs
- ✓ Miss Alida Alexander (Biology. Also friend of Dr. Reeves)
- ✓ Miss Grace Tickle

III

Bradley Institute of Technology
Peoria Illinois

December 1936

Contribution--\$15.00 Presented by the president.

Spoke at Chapel. Both men and women. About 500. *Shaved films in a small group of men + women*

The Y.W.C.A girls looked out for my entertainment and I had opportunity for personal chats with some of them. It is a school with religious emphasis and gave evidence of interest.

Sponsors for the Y.W.C.A.

✓ Miss Gertrude Harvey. Also active in the Business Women's missionary group of the Methodist church.

Dr. Olive B. White

✓ Miss Daphne Swartz, Biology Depart.

I had time to visit mostly with Miss Harvey and Miss Swartz and acquaint them with our work at Ginling. They can all be addressed at the college.

This school has known of the work of Miss Ella Shaw as she was a former resident of Peoria and her brother the M.E.pastor there for many years. Dr. Shaw is now with the M.E.central office ,New York.

IV

Danville, Illinois

Mrs. Weldon Bradburn, wife of the M.E. pastor and a cousin of mine, invited the Missonary society for a tea at which I spoke of our work at Ginling. I have the name of one lady with whom I wish to keep in touch. There were about 50 presnt.

Miss Eleanor Moore (I have no street address)

418 Franklin St. ✓ Mrs. Weldon Bradburn would be glad to distribute any materials sent for the society. I had nothing at that time to give them.

Indiana

Visits made in January 1937

V

Ball State College
Muncie Indiana

✓ Showed film at Y.W.C.A. meeting. About 25 present. Conflicting entertainment at the same hour.

No Contribution.

✓ June Ricketts } Y.W.C.A. advisors. I did not meet them
✓ Laura Shock }

Ball State (Con'd)

- ✓ Miss Almira Gardner, Lucina Hall, Pres. Y.W.C.A.
- ✓ Miss Grace DeHorty, 305 Rector Apt. Dean of Women.
- ✓ Mrs. Frank Graham R.F.D.6 Box 461 Muncie, Ind.

Mrs. Graham is the wife of the Chem. Professor and works with students at the college. She asked to entertain me while there.

This is a State institution. I found the dean a woman of real vision and interest in the Y.W. work and its workers. The Pres. of the Y. this year was a very splendid girl. There might be a Sister College, relation established with Ginling. Mrs. Graham feels this would be a help to the school. She might be the one to approach.

VI Indiana Central (United Brethren) 450 students
Indianapolis, Ind.

No projector so film was not shown.

✓ Y.W.C.A. meeting. Large group of more than 100 women.

- ✓ Pres. Y.W. Dorothy Ratliff, Girl's Dormitory
- ✓ Miss Virginia Cravens, Dean of Women

Miss Ratliff has sent me the names of girls who would be interested in linking up with Ginling through some arrangement for correspondance. This may work out as a Y.W. project and be of some value. Most of the girls belong to the Y.W. and even though it is a self help school there is real zeal in keeping a Y, budget. I would advise a Friendship Sisterhood as a beginning.

VII Butler University
Indianapolis, Ind.

Film shown at Y.W.C.A. meeting. Some towns people presnt. About 50
(Very rainy day)

- ✓ Mrs. Milton D. Baumgartner, sponsor for Y.W. Address Butler Uni.

- ✓ ~~Miss Halber~~ Mary Jane Truitt, Junior at College. Mother Mrs. Frank L. Truitt nee Maida Zulich
4127 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis Smith 1909

(On account of the rain the mother could not come.)

- ✓ Another Smith woman, Mrs. Jesse Fletcher (Mary Eliz. Godnador Godma
4131 N. Meridian St.

Perhaps these women would know how to approach the college as the daughter who is now in attendance seems to have a real interest.

Indiana
Bloomington

VIII University of Indiana,
(Another very rainy day)

Small attendance at Y.W. meeting. Film shown.

No Contribution.

- ✓ Charlotte Martin, Pres. Y.W. (Two Aunts were Missionaries in the Boxer days at Peking.)
- ✓ Jane Fenn ,Tres.(Junior)
- ✓ Miss Agnes E.Wells,dean of Women. Very fine person. Acquainted with many foreign students whom she keeps in mind.
I had an interview with her. Left literature.
- ✓ Mrs. (?) Jenkins,M.E. pastor's wife saw the film.
- ✓ Mrs. Douglass Rae is a rather recent graduate of Smith. I met her. Her husband is the Baptist minister.
- ✓ The paid Secretary at the Uni. (~~whose name I fail to find just now~~ *Mrs. Joanna M. Obmsted*) is also the secretary for the student Y.W.'s through the state. She did not want me to ask for donations at the meetings I held at this time. They were arranged by her with the view of increasing international friendship. I did not meet her until the last meeting which was held at Bloomington. I found that she had only recently taken up this position and was feeling that she must be a bit guarded in sending a missionary into the field. Her own interests are with Mission work and there will be no objection to follow up with any contacts I have made. *****

IX Depauw University (My visit was only personal. I had not been asked Greencastle,Ind. to show the film)

Film shown to a group of interested friends. Students too busy with exams. About 25 saw film

- ✓ Dr. and Mrs. Lester Jones, Sociology (Former teacher of Mereb Mossman at Morningside) 302 Greenwood Ave.
- ✓ Mrs.Grafton Longden (Interested enough to come from the country) R.F.D.
- ✓ Dr. O.H.Smith and Mrs. Smith (Taught at Central Uni. Nanking) 310 Greenwood Ave.
- ✓ Dr. Winona H.Welch ,Biology (I met her at the Missionary Conf. and have found a real friend in Dr. Welch) She is our key person

DePauw supports Madras.

X Peru, Indiana

Film Shown at M.E.church for Pres. and Methodist congregations

About 150

Contribution \$7.75

Mrs.Omer Carl took pains to call people on phone but most of those

because of bad weather were not htere. Some had met Dr.Wu and she knew would be interested. The names I have as logical people to contact were many of them absent.

✓ Mrs. Carl is much interested and a gogetter. She will be glad to keep Ginling before the minds of those who have had some knowledge of our work.

Save film

- ✓ Mrs. Chas. Beecher (Daughter is a roommate of Shao Su-lin now at Scarrett.)
- ✓ Miss Elsie Garrett (Teacher. Has Highschool girls in #/\$. Sunday Sch. Bro't Dr. Wu down from Chicago to Peru)
- ✓ Mrs. Racheal Challis, High Sch. teacher
- ✓ Miss Ida Galbraith " " "
- ✓ Mrs. Richard E. Edwards (Smith) Entertained Dr. Wu
- ✓ Mrs. Leonard Kolbe (Pres. International Relations)

MICHIGAN Visits made in Feb. *Mar. & Apr*

X1

Albion College
Albion
(My Alma Mater)

I was asked by the college to be there a week and during that time several groups were shown the film as well as other groups contacted in other ways.

- ✓ Young Women's Association (Business women of M.E. church) 35 present
Shown film
- ✓ Dr. Vera H. Buck Chairman of Program. Teacher at college
1008 Jackson St.
Iva Flemming, Pres. of Y.W.A.
(No contribution)

W.F.M.S. 15 present
Film shown

Student group. Both men and women (College) 75 present *Film*
Highschool group. 30 present *Film*

The college and the city link so closely in activities I will give names of key persons for both

- ✓ Mrs. Albert Pellowe
- ✓ Mrs. Faye Wolfe (Formerly a Missionary wife) *student*
- ✓ Mrs. Will Whitehouse (Active as advisor to Y.W. and also in all community activities) A personal friend of mine.
- ✓ Mrs. A.E. Hollidge
- ✓ Miss Marian Gray, Dean of Women (very close friend of Mrs. Whitehouse)

The college does not have a Sister College. The Y.W. gave \$5.00 to be sent to the W.W. at Ginling. This may be their beginning of such a relationship.

I am reporting \$10.00 given by the college

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XV Lansing.Mich. Business Women's Miss Society of M.E. churchh(Central)
80 presnt
Film shown
Contribution \$3.00

I was invited by a friend for their monthly dinner. There may be some opportunity for furthering interest in this group. I met some very interesting people.

✓ Miss Cora Lindow, Art and Music, State Library President
302 N.Sycamore

✓ Mrs. W.D.Hill, Personal friend
200 S. Sycamore

XVI Woodward Ave. Presbyterian Chruch Christian Endeavor
This came through the invitation of Miss Laura Foote, 8627 Byron St. Detroit
No Contribution
They plan to make a contribution to Ginling.
This is the church that Deborah Gibson attends.

Attendance at film showing about 25. The group was largely made up of young married people.

XVII Flint ~~High~~ Alumnae *April 6* About 40 at showing of film
Assisted by Ho I-djen
Contribution \$3.00

✓ Mrs. Miron Town, Chairman
The Hon. Esther M.Cram, 436 Thompson St. Through whom the invitation was given.

I did not have opportunity to meet individuals personally . The meeting was combined with a business session.

I make note of one visitor present who asked that she might have materials giving more information about the college and who is planning to make a gift in Miss Vautrin's name. Her name is

✓ Blanche A.Smith
1027 Beach St.Flint,Mich.

XVIII Three Rivers, Mich.
Luthern Church, St.John's

Mr. Alfred E.Shutes, Tres.

Film shown to evening congregation. About 150

✓ Contribution \$5.81

I was invited by members of this church who had formerly lived in China. The father had been a medical Missionary.

Young people's Contribution \$3.25

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Michigan

XII Hillsdale College

✓ Pres. Welfred O. Mauch Hillsdale, Mich

I was entertained by the Pres. and his wife and through them met a number of the college people. The students were having exams and I did not contact them. My correspondance had been with the president who had overlooked the fact that he had set an impossible date for the students.

Film shown to the Baptist missionary society. Students were invited.

(No Contribution from the society,) Pres. of college gave \$5.00 ✓

✓ Mrs. H. E. Schweitzer, Executive Committee of Mich. Baptist Convention. East Hall

✓ Mrs. J. M. Wells (Husband in Depart. of Religious Educ.) Active worker

✓ Mrs. C. H. Kempton, Pres. Miss. Society for Hillsdale Co.

✓ Dr. and Mrs. Bertram A. Barber, Biology. Acquainted with Dr. Reeves.

✓ Mrs. Karl Katzenmeyer, Advisor to Y. W. C. A.

I don't know what interest might be aroused here. The college is not showing much interest in religious activities from reports. The city has many very interesting citizens who are missionary minded.
Kala

XIII Kalamazoo College
Kalamazoo

Contribution \$5.00 given by the Women's League Council ✓. This includes all the women of the college.

Film shown to college women. 50 present

✓ Mrs. J. W. Hornbeck, Dean of Women

✓ Mrs. Cole and daughter (Wife of Pres.) Very much interested in knowing of our work. New President of college

✓ Mrs. Lefan Taylor Worth, College friend of mine. Interested in Ginling.

✓ Miss Virginia Earl, teacher of French. Knew Dr. Wu at Mich. Is faculty advisor of Council

The college may be congratulated on keeping on with Ginling when so little has been sent them in the way of information. They are happy to know we are better organized for that work now. They gave me a very hearty reception.

XIV Adrian College
Adrian

No contribution

Film shown to both men and women. 40 present

I do not have the list of names. I do have with me the names of several students who are wanting to have a living touch with some Oriental students. They are students looking forward to some field of service. I felt a real Christian atmosphere existed at Adrian.

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