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January 2, 1946

Dr. Henry Frank
Division of Cultural Relations
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Frank:

I am glad to tell you that I have secured air priority to start from San Francisco on January 6th for Shanghai, so I am leaving New York this evening. I wish to express to you my deep appreciation for the delightful interview I had with you. I have written to Mrs. Wilma Fairbank, recommending Miss Hsiung Ya-na for a scholarship for the year 1946-47. Enclosed I am sending a copy of that letter.

I wish also to apply for a travel grant for Mr. Edwin Kwoh, who has accepted our invitation to come to Ginling as comptroller. He is studying at Columbia University Teachers' College, and expects to complete his work for a doctorate in education by June. He will be ready to sail for China immediately afterwards. The College does not have a budget for the travel expense of new faculty from America, and Mr. Kwoh does not have personal funds to take care of the travel himself. The College will greatly appreciate it if you would kindly consider my application for a travel grant from New York to Shanghai.

Will you kindly send your reply to Mr. C. A. Evans, at the above address.

With kind regards and best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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Enclosure: Copy of letter to Mrs. Wilma Fairbank

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January 2, 1946

Dr. Henry Frank
Division of Cultural Relations
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Frank:

It gives me pleasure to introduce to you Mr. Wesley S. C. Chin, nephew of Miss Ettie Chin of the Physical Education Department of Ginling College.

Mr. Chin has been in the service of the U. S. Army and has just returned from China. I met him first while he was in Chengtu and heard much about his work from Miss Chin. I saw him several times recently in New York and heard of his experience in the service of the O.W.I. in China. He told me that before leaving Chungking, Dr. John Fairbank asked him whether he would be interested in joining his staff and serving particularly in making contacts with Chinese professors and students. Since Mr. Chin knows the conditions both on the American campus and the universities in China, he is well prepared to give good service in this field. He has impressed me as a very dependable young man, with high Christian ideals and wishes to do his part in strengthening the traditional friendship between the American and Chinese peoples.

Any courtesy you can show him will be much appreciated.

Most sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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January 2, 1946

His Excellency
Ambassador Wellington V. K. Koo
The Chinese Embassy
London, England

Dear Ambassador Koo:

As the U.N.O. Assembly will be meeting soon, I presume preparations may be in process for the establishment of the secretariat. It seems to me that you may be considering nominations of Chinese members to join the staff. I wish to write you in regard to Dr. H. T. Chu, whom I recommended to you in San Francisco.

During the last few months I have known him better, and I have learned to think very highly of him. As head of the research department of the Chinese New Service, he has gained much experience and has shown scholarly ability and sound judgment. He has a very pleasing personality and has very high standards in his personal life. He has kept in close touch with conditions in China and will be a very worthy representative for China on an international staff. As I have heard of other offers being made to him, I shall appreciate it if you could give him your consideration at your early convenience.

With kind regards and best wishes for success at the first Assembly meeting,

Respectfully yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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Pittsburg
Jan. 3, 11 a.m.

Dear Y.T. (Mrs. New)

We have been here since
8 a.m. This is not a stopping
point on our route, but
because of bad weather con-
ditions in Chicago, we came
here to wait. In fact we
did not start until 6 a.m.
So we were up ^{in the air} only 2 hrs.
After breakfast & washing
up, I lay down on the sofa
in the ladies lounge. I dozed
off some, so I am feeling
allright.

The officers are trying
to put us - passengers A
top Angeles & San Francisco
on planes on the Southern
route in order to avoid
Chicago. Hope to be start-
ing off soon. Am glad I al-
lotted enough time to reach
San Francisco - & the officers
assured me we won't be
delayed too long from here
on. Hope you were able to get
some sleep after you returned.
With love & gratitude
Y. T.

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



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HOTEL ST. FRANCIS

DAN E. LONDON, GENERAL MANAGER

UNION SQUARE · SAN FRANCISCO, 19

CABLE ADDRESS SICNARF

January 5, 1946

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Mrs. New may have told you that my plane was delayed in starting from New York. However, that was not the whole story. Actually, the plane did not take off until 6:00 a.m. January 3, so that meant one night without sleep. The next stop was at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which was off the regular route and we went there because the weather conditions in Chicago were bad. Again, we waited and waited. Finally, we took off after twelve for Kansas City, skipping Chicago. I arrived in San Francisco at 3:00 a.m. January 4 and came straight to the St. Francis Hotel in the bus provided by the Airlines. I did not make inquiry as to what hotel reservations the Consulate had made for me but rather asked for a room in the hotel. You can readily understand how much I wanted to go to bed. One thing fortunate was that I wasn't air sick but was really very tired.

I got in touch with Consul Chang and he had one of his staff go to the ATC Headquarters and verify my air priority. I am supposed to go to the office this afternoon to have final arrangements made for starting on the journey tomorrow. I am afraid I have to take one more injection, that is against influenza. There was an epidemic of it in Manila. According to the present route to Shanghai, I shall not have the privilege of flying via Tokyo. However, I don't mind that very much. I'm just anxious to return to Shanghai as soon as possible.

Mrs. New will send you a package of papers which I wish to ask you to put with other papers to be shipped to Nanking. Will you, please, open the package and look for two folders. One is marked "Pictures". They are my pictures at the Conference and I would like to ask Miss Harriet Whitmer to bring them back with her. However, if there are certain pictures among them which you wish to keep in your file, will you, please, take them out. The other folder is marked "Address List for Christmas Cards". That is the list I promised you to return to your office but I failed to check those names which you would like to have for the college list.

In regard to all the folders in that black box in Mrs. Foster's room, I wish to suggest that you discard the mimeographed material of the Conference. This is for the reason that I think the other cardboard box has enough material pertaining to the Conference for the College to keep. However, there are other folders and pamphlets in the black box which I would like

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to have sent to me.

✓ Enclosed I am sending you a check for \$50.00 which please keep in your bank account for Ruth Chester. As you know, I am using her airplane suitcase and I hate to return it to her after so much rough use. However, I was not able to find a good suitcase in airplane luggage to replace it. Such articles of good quality have to wait before they are again on the market. When Ruth comes home for her furlough, you can give her the money to buy any type of suitcase she may wish. One other small matter, in 1943 I borrowed a blue cloth bag from Ruth and meant to ask Florence to bring it back to China. Somehow, it is still here and I saw it at Helen Loomis' place. When convenient, will you, please, get it and ask Harriet Whitmer to bring it back to China with her? If Harriet's return should be delayed because of lack of passenger space, will you just keep the bag until Ruth is back in New York? I am very sorry to be bothering you with so many small details and I can only feel very grateful to you for your kindness in being ready to do all sorts of things for me.

With very best wishes, as always,

Affectionately,



Mrs. Plumer S. Mills
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

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January 5, 1946

Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Miss MacKinnon:

After our conversation the other afternoon in your office, I gave more thought to the question of cooperation between Ginling and Nanking. I found that I was unable to write fully where we could cooperate as I promised you. This is because there are two different phases of cooperation. One is simple, but the other is more complicated. The first is in regard to equipment and books - it will be easy to arrange for a common fund with which to buy the equipment for the advanced courses, as well as the books. Individual faculty members from both institutions can arrange for the use of same. The second phase is cooperation in the curricula offerings. It is not a matter of agreement between the administrators, but rather depends upon the willing cooperation of the individual professors. It will work much better if they are consulted first before any plan is to be worked out. I am, therefore, not going to write further on this matter.

In regard to the future development of Ginling as a college for women, I would like to see it become a strong liberal college of arts and sciences. In the academic program, we should plan to re-establish the Education Department. I don't need to emphasize the importance of this department, since we all know that a large proportion of our graduates go into teaching and the Christian middle schools look to the colleges for the training of their teachers. The Practice School should be expanded into a six-year junior and senior middle school. In fact, Miss Vautrin and I talked about this plan before the war and from my experience during the war years, I am convinced more than ever of the importance of reaching the girls in the adolescent age. I also feel it will be impossible to find financial support in China for such a six-year middle school for girls. The college students who intend to go into teaching can do their practice teaching in the school and the Education Department can carry on experiments there.

As for the other departments, we would like to strengthen the following: English, Sociology, Music, Biology, Chemistry and Home Economics. In connection with Sociology and the Home Economics Department, a Nursery School should be carried on as we have done in Chengtu. Through this school we can reach the homes, and we can train the students in child welfare.

In addition to the regular curriculum, there should be extension work with a three-fold purpose: first, to serve different groups of people in the various types of work; second, to train students in the practical application; third, to develop working programs through research and study.

As to the various types of extension programs, I wish to mention the following: first, rural service station should be continued and the splendid experience we have gained in Szechwan can help us to establish new centers near Nanking and extend the valuable service to the rural communities. At the same time, the staff can continue in the various research studies they have done and develop projects for other groups to use in rural service. Second, the neighborhood center near the college should be re-established in order to continue the memorable work done by Miss Vautrin. In fact, she had the desire to develop "folk schools" as those in Denmark, for the underprivileged groups in China. As we look forward toward establishing a real democratic government in China, the college should do its part in helping the common masses to become more intelligent citizens.

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With the splendid tradition we have had for the girls to serve their neighbors, we should be able to do more in this line for the community. Third, from the Practice School and the Nursery, the staff can develop parent-teacher associations. They should try to reach the homes and secure the interest of the parents. Furthermore, under the leadership of the Education Department, help may be rendered to the middle school teachers in the city. Fourth, as a college for women, we should participate in women's activities in the community and in national women's movements. For instance, we still do not have such an organization as the AAUW and yet we must have thousands of college women in China already. If some of our faculty or I myself could have the time, we should initiate in the organization of the college women and later to be affiliated with the international federation.

Perhaps I could add here that I also wish to see the college develop into the center of cooperation between international women leaders. To give a concrete illustration, I have presented to Wellesley and to Smith the project of inviting their faculty on sabbatical leave to spend a year in Ginling. Mrs. Horton expressed ready support to this plan and she has already approved Miss Mary Treudley's taking her sabbatical leave next year and teaching in Ginling. When conditions become more settled in China, we should be able to invite other outstanding women to come and give lectures for a shorter period.

As a resident college, we should give much attention to the adequate development of student life on the campus, both as individuals and in group living. I do not need to say much because, as Mrs. Horton has so ably expressed it, it is in the college for women where women leadership is developed. But in addition to the usual extra-curricular activities, I would wish to develop a Department of Personnel Guidance. There has been so much research done in this field and so much experience gained in the different universities here in America that we can greatly be benefited thereby. I would like, first of all, to have counseling given to the students and gradually, when we can secure enough staff, to start a training course for the mature students to become student counselors in the middle schools. Mrs. New has given time to study in this special field and I have asked her to write out her suggestions in regard to the possible development of this work in Ginling. I am, therefore, not going to write further on it, except referring to the fact that it will mean the implementation of our Christian emphasis of developing the whole person in our schools. While this character building has been the goal all the time, we should now try to make use of the technique developed recently, and this will, also, mean the pioneering type of work in the educational institutions in China and you know how this will be greatly valued because of the lack of attention to this point in government schools.

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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HOTEL ST. FRANCIS

DAN E. LONDON, GENERAL MANAGER

UNION SQUARE · SAN FRANCISCO, 19

CABLE ADDRESS SICNARF

January 5, 1946

Mrs. Plumer S. Mills
Mrs. W. S. New
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Mills and Mrs. New:

Before I leave America, I wish to write down the conclusions we have reached in the conversations I have had in regard to the future plans of Ginling College. If some of the points are not accurately presented or if you have additions to make, will you please write to me by air. With the stop-overs at Shanghai and Nanking, I doubt if I could reach Chengtu before the end of January. It seems to me that air mail letters will reach me there about the same time. All your advice and suggestions will be very helpful in the deliberations of the faculty executive committee which I plan to have after my return.

In regard to the immediate work, I shall plan for the return of the college to the permanent campus next summer. This means we shall have to attend to the necessary repairing and reconditioning of the buildings and the purchasing of furniture necessary. In regard to the faculty, we should, of course, retain all the present staff and secure additional new members needed to carry on the academic work. This last point was talked over with Dr. Van Dusen, Mr. Evans in October and recently with Mr. Ballou. In regard to books and scientific apparatus, I shall take up this question later.

As to the long range plans for the college, it seems to me I can sum up in the following two points:

First, Ginling should retain its identity and autonomy.

Second, cooperation with the University of Nanking is to be arranged on the basis of two independent institutions.

Regarding the first point, all are agreed, except there may be different interpretations of the word "autonomy". During the discussion of the Commission on Women's Education on November 26, reference was made to Bernard College as being a very autonomous institution. However, according to the conditions

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of Nanking and Ginling, I feel strongly that the autonomy of the college will not be possible if it is affiliated with Nanking as an autonomous unit. We have gone over the reasons many times so I need only to refer to them briefly.

First, the facts are that Nanking is a much bigger and older institution than Ginling. Even tho there are three colleges in the University, they are not independent units but rather parts of a whole of an organization. It means then if Ginling is affiliated with the University it will be a small unit, expected to follow the decisions of the larger one. In fact, the experience of the war years in Chengtu has already shown this will be the actual condition of how things are decided upon. Secondly, the report originally drafted by Dr. William Fenn shows the complete lack of understanding of women's education and, hence, there will be no basis of understanding for our college to be cooperating with the men's university. Thirdly, according to the traditions in China, the organization of universities follows a uniform pattern and it will be practically impossible for Ginling College to create a new way of maintaining a small autonomous unit within the framework of a big university; by this, I mean the real control of our policies and the decisions in carrying out our own emphasis in the educational program. This leads to the only conclusion possible, that is if Ginling is to retain its identity and autonomy it has to be maintained as an independent college.

Now, in regard to the second point on cooperation, you know how the faculty in Chengtu recommended cooperation on a voluntary basis. This was surely due to the experience of difficulties in the past years and of the awkward and unfortunate rumor of amalgamation last summer. However, for the future development of the college, I realize that if satisfactory cooperation is arranged, the academic program of the college will be enriched and the financial support of the college will be less than if we were entirely carrying on our program by ourselves. In the re-establishment, capital funds may be divided into two categories. One for the purchasing of books to build up a nuclear library in the college and the science apparatus for Freshman-Sophomore courses in the college. The other to go toward building up of a common fund to which the University of Nanking will also contribute. This common fund will buy books and apparatus which both institutions can feel free to use. It is only through such arrangement that the professors from Ginling will not feel that they are asking for favors when they use the books and equipment. And people in the University may not feel that Ginling is depending upon them.

As for the cooperation in the offering of the curriculum, it will follow after the satisfactory understanding of cooperation in general between the two institutions. It will come gradually, depending upon the personalities of the heads of departments. We should be prepared not to expect too much at the beginning and I should not say much on this subject until my return and have had a chance to go into the matter thoroughly with our faculty. At the same time, it also will depend upon the attitude of the faculty in Nanking toward such cooperation. This is why I do not wish to write down a statement on this subject for Miss McKinnon.

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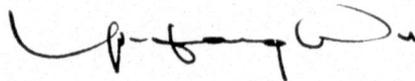
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It seems to me that if the Planning Committee in America does wish to see a plan of cooperation work out we must expect some representative from America to help us. As you both know, the conditions in China very well and the relationship between Ginling and Nanking, it will be very difficult for President Chen and myself to work out any plan by ourselves. If the prominent educator is coming in the near future, I shall do my best in cooperating with him if he could serve as the third party in the mapping out of a definite plan of cooperation. I am sure that from Nanking they will have their point of view to present to him and he will be in a good position to make suggestions to both sides. It seems to me that during next summer or next fall we should have such a leading educator come to us not only for Ginling alone but for the decisions concerning the whole program of Christian higher education.

I am sorry not to have written this out before I left New York; otherwise we could have worked this out together into a finished form. I now have to trust to you both to supplement what I have omitted.

With grateful thanks for all you have done in helping me and Ginling.

Affectionately yours,



Yi-fang Wu

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ST. FRANCIS HOTEL

DAN E. LONDON, GENERAL MANAGER

UNION SQUARE · SAN FRANCISCO, 19

CABLE ADDRESS SICNARF

Dear Mrs. Niles,
A hundred apologies! I discovered
Mrs. Fin's letter from among other
letters from Finley. Kindly excuse
my carelessness.

The enclosed account was
written by Howard Fu-tsun
(~~graduate~~ of 1926, a runaway before
1928)

Harold
Fu-fan Fu
Jan. 6, 1946

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Among ~~the~~ institutions, it started ⁽¹⁾ after the student movement of May 4th 1919, & first women opportunity to receive higher edu. Peking U was the first to open its doors to women, but only as auditors. The women welcomed that in order to have the chance to part women's activity for college work. The second big advance in co-education came when the Nationalist Government was established & recognition was given equal status of men & women. Gradually all government col & Univ. became co-ed. At present there is only one normal college for women under the Ministry of Education.

The Christian women's colleges were established to meet the need of increasing no. of graduates from girls middle schools & the need of women teachers & other workers in the Christian movement. Among the Xian Univ. the U of Sh was the first one to ~~become~~ ^{admit women} co-education in 1922, & Canton Christian College became co-ed. in 1923. After 1927 more institutions followed the popular trend toward co-ed & St. Johns was the last main U becoming co-education in 1930.

In regard to the aim of college edu there is a difference bet. Govt & Christian institutions. In the former it is to seek after knowledge & the development of intellectual abilities. There is therefore no organization to help extra-curricular activities and conscious effort to help the character building of the students.

When women were admitted, the G. U. did not ~~hardly~~ ^{practically} ~~anything~~ for their academic work & a campus life. There are deans of women, but their functions have never been established, & it ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~social~~ ^{is} ~~of~~ ^{is} ~~quality~~ ^{is} depends entirely upon the president & the dean herself as to actually what ~~can~~ ^{can} be done.

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done for the women. The few universities which Dr. Wu visited in the few years showed that the damage very little was done. The important factor in this situation is that there is hardly any well-organized group of the women of men, and the women students would rather prefer ~~at some~~ similar treatment by the university.

On the Christian institutions, the aim has been the development of the whole personality, physical, spiritual, as well as so in addition to the academic program ~~the~~ attention is given to the development of other abilities through student organizations and extra-curricular activities. ~~As for women students~~ it has been recognized in China that if a family wants their boys & girls receive better, superior and more all-around education, they send them to the Christian schools & colleges.

(Perhaps here you may put in a sentence in regard to what Bill Fern reported the records of a Chinese Business man about graduates from Gov. & from Christian institutions) note: on a second thought it seems to me out of place because I am dealing with women only.

In regard to women students in Christian colleges & universities, Dr. Wu would support what Mrs. Horton has just stated, because the conditions in general are quite similar. Perhaps the ^{is one} difference is in the choice of majors that is, women are comparatively ^{less inhibited by men from} free to go into different departments. But in the training of leadership, women in separate colleges have much more favorable conditions than in big co-ed. units. (a) From the experiences in ~~China~~, in the W.C. ^{one}

* Mrs. Viles & Dr. Corbett do you think there is correct conclusion? by what means you hope to present a situation correct.

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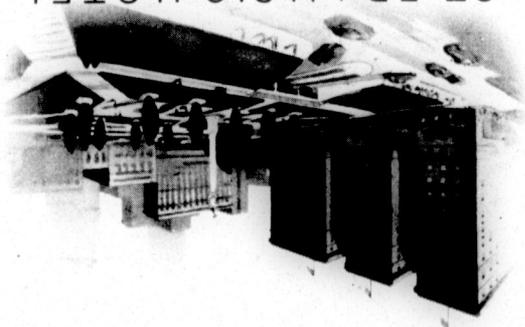
The Chinese women are ~~very~~ reserved and
~~an~~ optimum environment is needed
to call out the passive abilities as well
as ~~to~~ to develop the active ones.

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campus in ~~Changchun~~, ~~students~~ have often called upon girls from ~~Finland~~ to take responsible positions in joint student organizations. Take the Student Christian Movement in Changchun for illustration, the representatives from Finland served as chairman eight out of ten semesters.

(Mrs. Miles, with whom please check from the letter from alumnae faculty, where this was mentioned, I wish to report accurately, I saw of Finland not 8 times as chairman.)

The Christian colleges institutions have a contribution to make in the training of women leadership, especially during the present stage of women movement in China. Equal status has been recognized and opportunities have been given. Women's ability is accepted in general, but the professional attitude toward work still needs to be built up. In education women receive the same opportunity as men, but little attention has been given to develop the special approach and emphasis to develop women for the 3-fold duties as in profession, home-making and citizenship.

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~~they get the training to take leadership and to be responsible for any undertaking.~~
~~In the process of learning they also learn how to work with others.~~

In the coeducational Christian universities I can only speak for the four in Chengtu. There is a great difference in some, in others the difference is superficial. In some there is quite a program for the women in the hostel. There is even a program of organization for women. They are likely to be vice-presidents.

A letter from one of our faculty referred to the fact that during all these years in Chengtu, during ten semesters Ginling representatives have been appointed for eight out of the ten to serve with the Christian Student Movement for the Chengtu area,, and five times as Vice-Chairmen. When they come to choose for leadership it does mean that the women who have had training in a separate institution are more likely to be called upon to serve.

The situation which women in China are facing is ^{but serious.} a very interesting ~~situation.~~
The ability of women is recognized but ^{often} ~~sometimes~~ it is spoken of slightly. Then ^{in regard to} speaking about opportunities for women, ^{if they} there is not so much prejudice ^{against women} over there as here, but ^{with men is also been.} there is keen competition, ~~and so it seems to me that in China the women are facing a situation of several factors coming together.~~ The women themselves have not appreciated or made as good use of their opportunities as they should have done. When they were called upon to do things they were not quite equal to the work or they tried to do work they were not able to do. In the People's Political Council there is a great challenge for more solid training for women for leadership in undertaking more responsibility. In order to carry that out the purely academic differentiated from the straight university course is not quite enough. It calls for special emphasis under leadership training.

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TO: Mr. Ballou
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FROM: Mr. Evans

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ST. FRANCIS HOTEL

DAN E. LONDON, GENERAL MANAGER

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CABLE ADDRESS SICNARF

Dear Mrs. Mills,

After finding how busy I was, I have had no time to myself to work over the statement in the Commission meeting and to the Founder.

I have done the little I could this evening but I'd have to again depend upon you to get it into the final form.

The first thing I knew I should do was to shorten it and get the material into more logical order, but now I am too tired to get a good conclusion paragraph. Perhaps what was brought out in the discussion could be brought together into one paragraph as follows in my remarks: I mean what Webster said that the Hoover's College should serve as a ~~test~~ ^(?) for the educational institutions; and that there should be variety. Very sorry indeed to load you with more work.

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I have to give more time
refueling & descending in order
to reduce my baggage.

To air agent & Mrs. S.T. Kern
& Dr. Ji Mei-yin helped up
to reach Vietnam fields.

One important item: -

I learned from Dr. Yuan about
a young woman P.E. graduate
from Columbia, interested
in going to China

Miss Jessie J. Thompson
now teaching at Randolph-Meason
Warner's College, Lynchburg, Va.
Recommended by Miss Ruth
Jones of Teachers College.

Will you please write
Miss Thompson & find out
if she is interested in our
P.E. department? Many thanks
with best wishes &
gratitude.

Sincerely

W. J. G. S.

Going to the Hamilton airport
in the morning

REPORT TO MRS

Jan. 31, 1946

Dear Mrs. Miles,

Dr. Ferris & Mrs. George W. are leaving in the morning - I am very sorry to be forced to write a short letter to be taken to you. I hope that you would have as my secretary upon my return to Chicago, so I will send you a letter very soon after I get back at the college campus.

I had a week in handling - my feelings were all very mixed. After coming back over of the day, I was joined by the tremendous job of a pair - a - again. There are no beds in the house, the middle set, girls are sleeping on Japanese beds in "500" (handy territory) and are very good chairs, some bureaus. The most ordinary chair cost \$2000 C.N. 3 weeks ago today; estimate 3 good chairs 3 sets of tops is that one chair would cost \$2000-3000 C.N. I simply could not make decision in handling will have to consult with Miss & others.

In regard to the cost you please make inquiry of

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Shanghai
Jan. 31, 1946

Extract from Dr. Wu's letter to Mrs. New

" I talked to Dr. Fenn, the author of the proposal from China. I found him quite firm, as most men are, in his idea on "union" or entirely separate. So then our difficult question is that what the American Planning Commission wanted in cooperation between the two institutions, is not favored by Dr. Fenn. I told him frankly that I recommended to our Founders that the only thing possible at present is cooperation on voluntary basis; and it is because from the proposal on women's Education it showed men had no correct conception of women's education and hence there is no basis for cooperation.

It seems to me now the only strategy for us to follow is to ask the Founders and the associated Boards if they want any college for women at all, because Dr. Fenn admitted that his proposal means co-education. I followed it by adding that there will be no identity of Ginling possible. So we have to emphasize the point if in the whole program of Christian Education, there is a place for at least one college for women. If so, they should try to support us. I also told Dr. Fenn that if the Commission on "omen's education in N.Y. should recommend a 'union' then I just withdraw and not stand in the way of co-education.

After I get to Chengtu, I will write formally what I wish to recommend to the Planning committee meeting on March 15."

Shanghai
Feb. 6, 1946

" I had a week in Nanking; had to attend the N.C.C. meetings because I wanted to meet the Alumnae on the day before. I tried my best to resign from the Chairmanship, but I succeeded only in having a com. of three elected in work with the staff in Shanghai. It was because the biennial meeting will be held next fall and a chairman can be elected then.

I have my airticket bought to Chungking on Feb. 4th but had to change it because of the possibility of buying some supply in Shanghai. Now I am going to Chingking on Feb. 8 and before hope to fly from Chungking on next Tuesday Feb. 12.

The P.P.C. will meet again in Chungking on March 15, so I'll have this one more session to attend before it dissolves. I had thought I would not take part in the National Assembly because no one would be elected if he or she does not run and work for it. But now from the newspaper there are to be 120 from the P.P.C. to attend the National Assembly, then I am afraid that I can't escape being among the 120. I don't like it at all, because I do want so much to withdraw from any participation in political gatherings. "

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EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER FROM DR. WU YI FANG TO MRS MILLS

Dated: February 13, 1946

Impressions of Nanking. I did not write after I got to Nanking because I had not much to add to what Dr. Chester reported. The only thing I wish to re-emphasize is that from my closer survey of the buildings and the continued increase in prices, it is obvious that the costs of repairs and restoration will be very large. Just this afternoon we took up this question of repairs in our faculty executive committee and decided to start on the minimum and essential items at once. We shall use whatever funds Miss Priest has available now and we may even borrow from the endowment funds raised by the alumnae in order to meet such necessary repairs as soon as possible. We shall also need to start right away on some of the most urgently needed furniture.

Purchase of U. S. Army Supplies. After a week in Nanking I returned to Shanghai for the meeting of the executive committee of the N.C.C., Jan. 28-31. After that I gave time to consider the possibility of buying U.S. Army surplus supplies and equipment. I also saw the Chinese official in charge of enemy property to see if we can reclaim any of our scattered equipment in Nanking.

Return to Nanking. I reached Chungking on Saturday, Feb. 9th and spent Monday calling on various people in charge of transportation down the river. The general plan is to have the refugee colleges start moving in May, but because of the limited shipping and the large number of students and faculty to be transported, it will take quite a few months to finish the job. On February 25th, there will be a meeting in Chungking, and to decide on a schedule for the various institutions. We hope by then to have an approximate date for when the college will be able to move. Recently, it has been suggested, both by authorities in Chungking, and also by people here in Chengtu, that it may be better for at least part of our group to go by bus to Bao-Gi and then across and down by train. This route has already been used, and a through ticket can be purchased though there is one section where the train service is broken and bus connections are necessary.

My Plans. Personally, I had expected to stay in Chengtu until we go down together. However, the P.P.C. will meet again in March in Chungking and the secretary-general especially urged me to attend and to help in the presiding. There will be important questions to discuss for which it will be a help to have a presiding officer who is disinterested and a non-party member. The only thing I fear is that I may not be able to escape from being included in the total of 120 from the P.P.C. who are to attend the Constitutional Assembly on May 5th in Nanking.

While in Chungking, several friends told me such an amusing speculation which was heard once last fall and again recently, that I was suggested as a candidate for Minister of Education! I consider it amusing because I know, that not only does it not interest me in the least, but also there must be too many people eager for this position to make any serious consideration of my name likely.

Chengtu; I am very happy to be back and to find the faculty and students in fairly good health on the whole. There have been cases of illness, but

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not anything very serious. Prices are naturally much higher than at the time I left Chengtu last spring. The uncertain element in the whole situation is when and how the government is going to stabilize the exchange rate. I certainly was amazed how fast money goes, in the thousands during the few weeks since I have come back.

With appreciation and best wishes,

Most sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

The Alumnae in Chengtu raised 12 million dollars and in Chungking 4 million dollars. They definitely announced the fund for endowment; that is why the college could only borrow it if necessary. But terms have not been settled, either to have the sum borrowed turned into gold when used, and without interest or with interest as it is now in the bank. The Alumnae in charge and I shall give careful consideration and we shall also consult Miss Priest before making a final decision.

The extent of loss of equipment and of damage to buildings is certainly much more in Ginling than in the University. This is only natural when our buildings were used by the military and theirs as a University under the Wang Regime and now under the Ministry of Education.

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Ginling College (7)
Feb. 23, 1946.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I have written to Miss MacKinnon in reponse to her request for information in regard to the Ginling attitude toward cooperation with the University of Nanking. As you will see from the letter I wish it to be regarded as a purely informal and personal communication. I am also enclosing a sheet of statistics recently prepared.

I sent my recommendation for Chen Shih-dzung in a letter which I hope you will receive before this. It was given to someone to mail in Chungking, so I think I had better repeat it just in case it did not get mailed promptly:

Miss Chen Shih-dzung graduated from Ginling in 1936, with a major in chemistry. After teaching in High Schools for seven years she was invited to become an instructor in our chemistry department, which position she still holds. She is interested in nutrition and is now doing some studying in that field. She has special ability in the practical lines needed for institutional management, which we saw, for example, in the very good work she did when she took her turn as house-keeper in our faculty residence. Since institutions with large residence halls are comparatively new in China, we have never had special training for the technical people needed in their management. Very seldom, furthermore, do we find people with the interest and ability for this type of work. Ginling, as a college for women, with a Home Economics department should pioneer in giving this kind of training to our students and we also urgently need someone to supervise our own dormitories. I consider Miss Chen very suitable for this important work. With your interest in promoting various phases of the field of Home Economics I hope you will consider this field important enough to receive your aid. I wish to strongly recommend Miss Chen for a scholarship for this purpose in the year 1946-47.

I am sorry that at the moment I have not time for writing any thing further, but I shall try to write you again in the near future. *I attended two meetings of the 5 presidents to-day, on the question how best to guide the students in their agitation and enthusiasm for national affairs. I have not forgotten the news letter - I expect to do it within next week.*

Sincerely yours,
Yi-fang Wu
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have either side work out anything by itself. We drafted therefore only some general suggestions to create a joint committee with representatives from both institutions to work out the principles, scope and methods of cooperation. We suggested that the plan include cooperation in a) administrative policies, (including suitable financial adjustments for any services rendered by one institution to the other); b) teaching program; and c) purchase of equipment and books. If Dr. Mcullen's visit comes at the right time we believe his presence in this committee would be helpful.* I am writing this to you personally because of your earlier request to me and not as a formal statement from Ginling. It seems to us that for the sake of a good spirit of cooperation in the future we had better not present anything before there has been time for joint consideration. I hope that a beginning can be made soon and some statement will be sent to New York before the annual meeting.

The subcommittee prepared some statistics which show the number of majors in each institution in the departments common to both, and also the extent of interchange of students during the last three years. These figures may be of interest to you and I am enclosing a copy.

With best wishes to you and for your work,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Yu

*Last evening the College Council also gave its approval to these suggestions.

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Ginling College
Chengtu, China
Feb. 23, 1946.

Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
U.S.A.

Dear Miss MacKinnon:

After I sent you the letter from San Francisco I started on my journey homeward on January 7th and arrived at the Kiungwan airport in Shanghai on January 14th. There were only two long stop-overs at Honolulu and Manila. The four graduates in Manila gave me a dinner party and we shared war experiences. Hsiang hao-yü's husband is the minister of ~~and~~ Chinese church and they were all very thankful that the fire which the Japanese set in Chinatown stopped before it reached the section where the church is located. There were approximately 8000 Chinese who lost their lives there during the war. The destruction in the city was very extensive and it appeared to me that most of the big buildings are not usable any more. After that scene, Shanghai appeared normal and prosperous. Of course I did not see the Chapei area and could not tell whether that had been built up again during the last eight years. However it is certainly most fortunate that in China did not have to go through the experience the Philippines did in driving the Japanese out from city to city. Nanking presented a somewhat different appearance but on the whole the mayor has done a good job in cleaning up the city. In regard to the college buildings I haven't much to add to what Dr. Chester reported. The most difficult point is naturally how to decide what to repair first and what to get first. After I got back to Chengtu the faculty executive committee gave thorough consideration to the question and we have decided to do the minimum repairs such as putting back partitions, replacing floors, patching walls etc. at once and we also ordered class room chairs. I shall be writing to Mrs. Willis soon in regard to the advisability of securing iron in America. While in Shanghai I got excited over the possibility of buying army surplus supplies, but it is a matter of a little more of that. The immediate question is how to secure means of transportation. I went to call upon the people in the ministry of education and the ministry of Communications and asked for help. They were all very cordial and were making definite plans for shipping and refuge colleges. However it is a practical problem of limited shipping space and they are asking the institutions to send representatives to attend a meeting in Chungking next Monday in order to work out a schedule. It seems to me we would be doing well if we could get started some time in June.

Since my return to Chengtu I have brought up the question of cooperation between Ginling and Nanking in order to be able to report to you the opinion of our faculty on this important matter. I was glad to find that the general situation had greatly improved. After the period of tension last summer the rumors of amalgamation were cleared away by explanations made by Pres. Chen to the Nanking faculty and by Dr. Chester to ours. The faculty executive committee supported the desirability of cooperation // and a subcommittee worked over carefully a possible statement to send to you. During the discussions we came to the conclusion that in any plan of cooperation the best approach is to have both parties work out the plan jointly and not to

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Confirmation copy

Ginling College
Chengtu, China.
March 3, 1946.

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Dear Mrs. Mills,

The telegraph office has been on strike for a week, and I have just heard that we can send cables to America, so I am going to send you a message about several faculty matters.

I have given much thought to the question of the English secretary, and have consulted several senior members of the faculty in regard to Helen Loomis. There is no doubt that Helen will fill an urgent need most admirably if she is still keen on returning to Ginling, but a question is raised about her health and specially because of the depleted condition of our buildings and no heating possible in the cold winter, some wondered if her sinus trouble could stand it. We all feel that a very thorough medical examination is necessary. All of those I consulted agreed that Helen's positive contributions should outweigh the minor complaints which were raised when a vote was taken in 1937.

Miss Yeh Hwei-lan has been highly recommended to us to teach nutrition and biochemistry in the Home Economics Department. Here in Chengtu the joint child welfare training program has taken care of the nutrition courses, so after our return to Nanking we shall need to secure a new person in this field. Miss Yeh is a graduate from Yenching and after assisting there for a year or two, she went to America and has received the doctor's degree now. She is doing research under Dr. Adolph in Cornell this year. Will you please write to her, and if she is interested, will you get recommendations from her professors or other reference she may give. It seems to me we should get information not only about her academic work, but also personal qualifications. In regard to religion, if she is not Christian, she should be interested in and support the purposes on Christian education.

As for salary, I am not ready to quote, as you know it does not mean anything to give figures which change from month to month. Perhaps we should tell her that we have the same salary scale as the other Christian universities in Chengtu, and this system compares rather favorably with the salaries in the government universities. The college will provide a room, furnished with very simple furniture. As you know we are just unable to set up in the same style as we were before the war. If she is willing to accept a three-year term, the college will pay for her travel expense to Nanking.

Miss Pan Yao-tsuen fears there is no possible chance of Ginling getting two scholarships this year, so after very careful consideration by Ruth, Florence and myself, we decided to apply at some other university. I should add that I talked to Florence very thoroughly over the question of applying at Smith, and she advised against it in view of Chen I-djen's experience. Pan Yao-tsuen has been a very good teacher, but the major work in those years did not include as many courses as it does now, and Pan Yao-tsuen has not taken any additional courses as she is teaching. However Florence feels sure that if she is at some large university where she can give time to do some undergraduate work the first year, she will get much out of her study in America. I thought of Southern California, because they have keen interest in Chinese students and the expenses are lower than in the east. I hope that Lily Quon may be able to secure a scholarship for her.

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In regard to Hsiung Ya-na we discussed together several times that we should try to get her to study in America, but I did not do any thing while there because she and Tsu Yu-dji had talked to me a year ago how they would like to take some graduate work together. These two girls have been a wonderful team in their work and research studies, and they both are devoted to rural work. It was only because Hsiung Ya-na has better English that I would like to have her come to America first. However, I thought it would be better if I talked with them first and had both of them agree with my proposal before I do anything. Last week they returned to the city, and saw my point of having Ya-na go this year and Yu-dji start the work in some village in the country near Nanking. Yu-dji should also have some younger graduate as under study, so that she may be able to come to America next year, or in 1948 the latest. Furthermore, we would like to have the Universalists to continue their gift and so we must carry the work in Nanking after we return there. Here in Chung Ho Chang, as at Liu Chia Kou in Jenchow, the local people appreciated the work so much that they are ready to do something to continue the good works started by Tsu and Hsiung. This is the best proof of the success of their labors.

I must stop now in order to get the letter in the post office before it closes. How soon is Stella Graves returning? Will the passage condition improve enough to do booking on definite boats? By the way has Catharine arrived? I have thought many times of her and hope that the wait in India has helped her to gain back some strength and the voyage has also done her some rest.

Most sincerely yours,

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Hsinling College
Chongtu, China.
March 14, 1943.

Mrs. W. P. Mills
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City
N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

There are so many things which I wish to write you about that I hardly know where to begin. However since Dr. Chester has kindly offered to do a letter today in order to catch tomorrow's airmail I want to write at once and to take up some matters of immediate concern.

Iron beds. Yesterday when I was asking Mr. Priest to answer Mr. Ivan's cable I put in a request to ask you if you will make inquiries as to the advisability of buying 400 single iron beds and to arrange for their transportation through UNRRA. The prices in Hankow and Shanghai have jumped so fast that it is impossible to secure all the furniture needed there. Furthermore, in view of the crowded travel conditions it will be impossible to avoid bringing in bed bugs in the bedding rolls. We have therefore come to the conclusion that we can no longer consider the rest of our furniture and had better use iron beds. It was this idea which started me trying to secure army cots from the army surplus stores. However no word has come from that office and I don't think there is much prospect of getting cots from them in China. However some friends have suggested that we could get in touch with the surplus stores office in America to see whether there are any cots available there. I have seen such army cots in the air bases where I stopped on the way. They are narrow and of simple structure but especially they are clean and low. Dr. Fick has to a certain degree been successful in securing some. If you could get a few hundred of these cots from the surplus stores office, about 200 cots for \$1000, I think we could get them in time. I have not included in the estimate of 400 the Practico cots and if you can get these at a reasonable price it would be better to get another 100 for them.

Homer Loh. Just before I left Dr. Loh was in the hospital and I was in the hospital so I was unable to see him. After I came back I talked with Dr. Chester and Dr. Lung. Both of them favored sending the invitation to Dr. Loh to come because his line of specialization does not duplicate ours. Furthermore Dr. Lung has again told me that we should have no trouble in getting him to resign and go to some other university. He is very busy in his work in head of the department and is highly respected. I hate to see him leave us so we are talking over the possibility of taking a leave of absence in order to return to China at least three years more. This has not yet been definitely settled. I hope that Dr. Loh will finally decide to join our faculty. I am confident that he will have much to contribute to a Christian institution.

In regard to his travel expenses it seemed to me that Dr. Ivan's offer to Dr. Frank in the state department as I did for Dr. Loh, who is asking for a grant toward travelling expenses of a faculty member returning from America. In the limited amount of money already expended and Dr. Frank cannot take out a grant to sending him to collect. I will have to pay for his travel from New York to Hankow. For ocean passage from the yield of a second class ticket.

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Scholarships. In my cable to you I asked you to apply at Cornell for a scholarship for Hsiung Ya-na and also suggested to get in touch with Irma Highbaugh and get her help. Before I left New York Miss Highbaugh and I talked about the desirability of Hsiung Ya-na coming for post graduate study next fall. However, since Miss Tsu Yu-ji and Hsiung Ya-na have worked so closely together and Miss Tsu is the senior member I considered it better to wait till I could discuss it with these two themselves. I am glad to say that both of them showed a splendid spirit and while they two would like to take the graduate work together they understood my reasoning in having one to study and the other to carry on the rural service in Nanking. This is particularly in view of the contribution from the Universalist ~~xxxxxx~~ Church. We would like to have it continued and not stopped because of our return to Nanking." In regard to the expenses for Hsiung Ya-na, if the scholarship in Cornell should not be enough I would support your first suggestion earlier of spending part of the money from the Washington Women's Club. In order to enable your office to have a copy of the record I am sending Hsiung Ya-na's record to you. Will you please have it forwarded to Cornell. I should explain that I had to apply for a State Department scholarship for Hsiung Ya-na and wrote to Mrs. Adams from New York. But when I came in Chungking she told me the process of choosing the scholars has not been decided upon and there may not be time enough to grant such scholarships for 1946-47.

Pan Yao-tsuen. Miss Yao is afraid there is not much chance of her getting the Burbour scholarship in addition to the Liu-tsang, but Dr. Kirk supported my decision of not recommending her to both. I thought of the University of Southern California, ^{because} the expense is lower (her family is able to furnish a part of the expense) and that university is interested in Chinese students. And if she gets a scholarship there she will have Lily to go to and not be all alone in a strange place.

Yu Mei-ling. I was trying to secure a Methodist scholarship for her while her friend, Lu Hsueh-i at Oregon continues the process started last summer for a Home Economics scholarship. A cable came to her from Dean Milan some days ago and Mr. Evans has also given the information in a recent cable. I have talked with her thoroughly over the situation. She is very anxious to go abroad this summer and is willing to study nutrition at Oregon if she fails to get the Methodist scholarship which will enable her to go on in biology. So I advised her that in order acceptance she should make it clear to Dean Milan that there is the possibility of her getting another scholarship and she will give the final word early in May. Personally I hope she will get the Methodist one and for Ginling's sake Chen Shih-dzung will get the Home Economics scholarship.

Reparis. Dr. David Hsiung, a former professor at Ginling, has been invited to give help to the college and to take charge of the big task of repairs. The first list of bids on the minimum repairs gave such suggestions that we pared it down and crossed off some items. Since the government offices expect to be all back in Nanking by the end of April they are facing a most serious housing problem and this will naturally bring on further increases in costs of building materials and labor. We have written to Dr. Hsiung to go ahead with the necessary things and not wait for approval from her. Of course I consulted with Miss Priest and found out from her the tentative figures she had asked for from the UCF for repairs. I presume after Dr. Lenn reached New York he has got in touch with Mr. Evans. Miss Priest was proposing CN\$100,000,000 for the immediate repairs of the Ginling buildings but she could not tell whether the UCF has funds available to make the grant now or whether they will

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have to depend on funds raised in new campaigns. I am not ready to tell you at this minute whether the 100,000,000 is enough to get the buildings into usable condition but I am almost sure it is not enough. After a few weeks I shall be able to write you or Mr. Evans more fully.

Equipment. Miss Priest also told me that she had asked for CN 100,000,000 for equipment, including both academic equipment and furniture. Mr. Carter and I have given consideration to this huge item and we thought that for the immediate needs we should get hold of these items, desks and classroom chairs. The bill for one classroom desk-chair of good wood is \$87,000! All the chairs we now have will be needed for offices and student bedrooms and there are not nearly enough for that. We have also ordered library chairs, but haven't the bill for those yet.

Moving. Recently the Ministry of Education called a meeting in Chungking to consider travel arrangements and Mr. Ling went down as our representative. From that meeting it is clear that if we wait till our turn to go by boat down the river we shall probably not get off till September or October. We are therefore working now on plans to go north by bus to Kio Ki and take the train from there across to Kung on and then down to Yunnan. We are in the process of arranging for trucks and hope to begin moving small groups in April after school closes, and from present estimates it will probably take about a month to get everyone started. Then there will still be a problem about the heavier boxes that need to be shipped. The fact that the freight charges have been increased very much and there is a rumor that bus and railroad fares will be doubled after the first of April.

Faculty needs. I would like to invite Helen Loomis. This was decided after talking with various members of the faculty who were here in Yanking. There was some hesitation at because of the desperate need and especially the need of someone with experience who can take over responsibility. The balance of the decision was in favor of asking her, as she can do a very effective job of training without dictation and detailed instruction.

English. I am anxious to know whether the candidate you were corresponding with has been definitely appointed or not. We certainly will initially need at least one American and two or three of better as there are several vacancies to be filled in that department.

Music. Will you please get in touch with Miss Louise Robinson and find out whether the Methodists have assigned Miss Butler to Ginling? When I was in Shanghai I called upon Bishop Lord and asked if Ginling could make a request to him for Miss Butler and he said it was not necessary since I had already gotten in touch with Miss Robinson in New York.

P.E. Ettie Chin has promised to let me know in the spring about her plans for next year. Will you please write and ask her again to be sure to let me know if she should change her mind and is returning to China. I wish also to know if you got in touch with that P.E. graduate from Columbia. I remember sending the name, I think from San Francisco. I am very anxious to know the progress you have made in regard to candidates for any position.

I am enclosing, for your information, a copy of a letter to Mrs. Lee.

My best wishes to you and other friends in the office,

I am sincerely yours,

W. P. Fung

W. P. Fung, Jr.

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Copy for Mrs. Niles

4/2/46

Dr. Wu

Mrs. W. L. New
Whittier Hall
1830 Amsterdam Ave.
New York 27
U.S.A.

Shanghai College
Chengtu, China
March 11, 1946

Dear Yuh-tsun:

Ever since I got back to Chengtu I have been thinking of the best arrangement for you to give the biggest contribution to Shanghai. After I received your letter last week and knew that you are definitely planning to return in the summer, I have given more thought to this question and have had some conversations with Mr. H. H. H. and Dr. Jiang Hsing-ian. Yesterday afternoon we had a conference with other parties mainly because they are leaving and we are to discuss the administrative problems arising afterwards. I wish now to present to you our well-considered conclusions and wish you to give your criticisms and suggestions as soon as possible. I have presented it to the Faculty Committee of the college so that the official appointment could be made afterwards.

Our recommendation is to create a new office of vice president and that you be invited to fill this office. In regard to duties we wish to suggest the following: 1) Work with the faculty, in building up a better group spirit in the college, to clarify the mission and the academic ideals of the college, to think of various possibilities, for instance the arrangement of faculty assignments, special social hours, reading clubs, etc. to encourage the faculty to feel that they could feel free to work individually, not necessarily solve problems but to have a friend to talk to and also one to whom they can express freely their suggestions and ideas to the benefit of the college. 2) Faculty Aid Fund. As I have told you before this special fund is to meet special needs of individual members of the faculty, such as dental and medical bills and other emergencies. It has been handled by the Faculty Committee with the treasurer and Mr. Coatsworth as a secretary. Mr. Coatsworth managed it and sometimes consulted with Mr. Jiang Hsing-ian. As a rule the recipients prefer not to have other members of the faculty know so I would much prefer to have it left in your hands. If you think they may hesitate to come to you for help, you could have a secretary. I have named the office 3) Internal Social Affairs. This office naturally be a division of duties in internal administration, the academic matters being in the hands of the dean or studies, and financial and other matters with the treasurer and the comptroller; other general matters which I have tried to take care of and have often overlooked could be handled by the vice president. You may think that all the general duties could be done by Edwin Lee, but when he is on a vacation you will have to ask him to attend to them. 4) Faculty, after the resignation and the confidence of the faculty will be able to take over the college. 5) Faculty. The freshman year is the most important year for the college and should be brought into the spirit of the college. A special adviser should be chosen of the faculty to be a special adviser to the freshman class, while the other classes choose their own advisers. However, because of regular teaching duties, those who have been asked to serve as freshman advisers have not been able to give much time to it as it really needs. Furthermore there would be a great advantage in having more continuity in this work and some official recognition. 5) Teaching. In order to have natural contacts with students it would be best for you to teach one or two classes. I would suggest one for you to give in the fall term and

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and then in the spring term you can decide to give some other course. Among the freshman requirements is a three hour term course called Ethics. Dr. Pjang Ariang-lan has been giving this and included in it the orientation work which we formerly gave as a series of uncredited lectures to freshmen. The content of the course is not very rigidly defined although it is supposed to be a basis for character building. You can work out the type of course you feel is suitable and include some of the fundamentals of Christian living. It seems to me that Edwin Koch may help you in giving some of the lectures, but in dealing with young girls Dr. Pjang has included material which should be dealt with by a woman professor. 3). Absence of President. In the absence of the president from time to time, as vice president you would not be president and take over the duties of the president need to be carried on while she is away.

I want to say a word in regard to signing agreements. Your appointment will be made by the board of trustees. I should like to prefer to have a short period for trial period. I would suggest that the first contract should be for a year like yours. The college will provide you with living quarters, although it may be more limited than you would like to have. The other possibility I have thought of is this. Lily has not moved to Washington from the city. I believe she may not have her family at all. Their house in the new residential district is quite near to the campus and I believe she would be willing to have the college rent it for you. She would be glad to do this during the first year when you would be in the city. This would be a great help to you in many ways. It is possible to have a sign in a room on the faculty to come to see you for a while.

After you have given this careful consideration will you please give me a whole reply. I don't need to say that my earnest hope is that your reply will be in the affirmative. Now that we are probably to be given a chance to continue existing and have before us the challenge of making a greater contribution in the future than we have in the past, the new beginning in making it very important, especially from the point of view of strengthening the faculty is every one's business and your help for this. Thus far it is only the three of us who have talked about this question and they each join one hundred percent in this invitation. Furthermore several members of the board and the faculty have informally remarked that there is need of a vice president in Ginling and in any event some of your name there is no doubt of their unanimous support. I have been in Ginling days, and again some of the faculty are and you and I have heard that there is some chance of your coming to Ginling in some capacity have been very enthusiastic about that possibility. You may therefore feel assured that this is not just my personal proposal but that it will have the full backing of both the board and the faculty when it is officially proposed.

With love to you and Pearl, ever,

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April 8, 1946
5 a.m.

Dear Mrs. Mills,

Last night I heard that Pres. Chen got a special
left on an American plane to go to Hankow this morning
- it seems too good a chance not to send a letter to
you by this quick method, for from Beijing to Shanghai
takes a week even by air mail!

Your letters are in the office. I so I am unable to
answer all the points you raised, but I'll do what
I can - I would consider urgent.

Beds - Very sorry to hear that you did not get
those beds for first bid in, but we can easily un-
derstand how they may have gone to some one with
higher priority or bid at higher figure. When I
was in Shanghai, I heard that the supplies
were open for bid, it is done very resi-
ness like way; when I talked with General Johnson
I definitely asked for "negotiated prices" not regular
bidding. I hope there may be other chances to get
the beds in America, otherwise the girls will
have to sleep on the floors.

We changed to 500 - 400 of which we want
mattresses. This is because of the question of bed
bugs & difficulty of adding the mattresses to them.
I wrote from Chungking for Ruth to consult
Dr. Henry - I then cabled you, but she did not
think it necessary when she saw that you thought
you could not get the beds. And the increase
in number is for the middle-school girls
- I for all members of the faculty; that is, we
have to provide the furniture for the men - &
families as we used to do for single women
alone in the dormitories. Letters from Hankow
saw us all - it will be impossible for
our faculty to spend hundreds of thousands
to furnish a room.

Scholarships - The Shieh-teang is counting
on you to make it, so when I got your card
about what keeps you, I sent it
directly to him; saying that the Shieh-teang
continued study. Finally, it is an
equivalent of post-graduate work of other
applicants. I do hope she will receive a
scholarship; if not she will have
to come to Hankow.

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Wu Mei-lin - I was much disappointed that Bishop Chen had not forwarded the application when I saw him in Chungking, so if it is too late for the Methodist to give her consideration, she will have to go to Oregon.

Hsiung Ya-hua - On April 4th the Child Welfare Committee of UCR in Chungking met to consider applicants for the Child Welfare Scholarships, - a part in an application for Hsiung Ya-hua. When her name was presented, every member present approved right away. Now if Mr. Edwards in Shanghai approves these decisions, they will go to Nanking. Will you please get in touch with Miss King - I ask her to let you know if her Com. approves the decision from Chong. If so, will you kindly write to Cornell about it - I ask for the privilege to visit Hsiung Ya-hua for a scholarship in 1947. The Child Welfare Scholarship is for 4 years only, including leaves - both ways, but both Dr. Highsmith & I think that Miss Hsiung should stay for at least two years.

Library Scholarship - I am very, very sorry to have delayed writing my recommendation for Kao Fin-yung. After I received her letter, wanting to apply I wrote to her sister ^{Kao Pen-yung} & asked her to forward if that younger sister is suitable for the type of work & interest? I got a long letter about the young woman - I felt assured of her qualifications. Fin-yung was in Sweden for a year - I was a very good student, intelligent but quiet. Her sister had taken the graduate school program in Sweden, before the war, it showed she had the interest & work for the social people. She is from a fine family - I believe has been to the U.S. right - her name in the year. I am ready to recommend

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Miss Kao Jen-ying to Miss Witwe

Secretary - your cable has been received, and am sorry to hear that Helen Formis can not consider invitation till October. It seems to me that we shall have to consider other candidates, particularly since you felt "acceptance doubtful". Mr. Higdon wrote me some time ago that he was to interview further one young lady interested to consider Secretarial work in China - & he was to write to you if she would consider. However, if you do not mind your own business it may mean no more possibility. It reminds me, though, it may be advisable to inquire at these various Board offices if they have possible candidates for this type of work.

// Alumnus Campaign - Dr. Djan, Siao-hui told me in Chongking that the total amount of the campaign is about 6.2 million. This time, the grant total is over 20 million, & it is really good for women alumnus. It was achieved that. Again, I failed to see, regarding China, it seems to go to Shanghai when I got to Chongking. I still hope to approach her - & get a letter help from there.

(Confidential information) for you Mr. Evans, ^{Miss Hunsen,} Miss MacKinnon. ⁴ The Ministry of Education grants 100 million (= US \$50,000) to Girls, as a grant toward removal & rehabilitation. When he told me about it, he asked me to keep it in confidence, - & when the official notice came it is also marked "confidential" and it was clearly that he is afraid of other

*% The Chinese institutions do not think it necessary to keep such grants & secret. Of course, Hunsen, want to be either

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Total for private universities is 3,500 million

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requests for additional grants from other private institutions. When size is usually used as a criterion for the amount of grant, the first grant to give is a very generous one, and not need it.

The Minister knows the damage to our buildings & the loss of equipment & furniture. He appealed to him in Feb.

Reparations - When Dr. H. ... the last ^{estimate} reports on the ... 4 departments, it totals 30 million, not including ... the kitchen, bath, middle school dormitory, infirmary. So, we had again to cut down the ... the paint on the windows, the ... the wood frame, ... off. In regard to furniture, the only thing not absent is the ... chairs, and only too few. For the offices, student ... room ... department ... used by the middle school girls. Perhaps, we should ... order a ... government grant is ... expect the ... work happily ... have the minimum. Tools - both academic and for daily living.

Fellowship - As ... time ago ... successful ... few fellowships ... recommend ... get in ... how best ... worked all these

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over years, - a man that Dr. Chace & Dr. Fin
 are both to have their leave & absence
 it is only fair to give us same privilege
 to Asian. - can. The other person is
 Dr. Jewell, he still wants to resign,
 that is, to make a change to read
 his words. He has done very well
 for the department - & deserves
 reward of a fellowship, if the A.B.
 should be able to grant some for
 1946-7. Could you please cable me
 if such a fellowship can be established
 - if not or too many be granted
 to Jewell?

I must stop soon. Really I
 have a secretary, I could have done
 a little better than I have been doing.
 I can only ask for your forgiveness in that
 particularity, for news for your work &
 don't give you publicity for G. Bayles very
 dit & never tell you that the Secretary
 General, Sir J. who called me on
 invitation to be a member of the
 Sub-Commission on Status of Women,
 that is, I was elected by the Council
 of Economic Commission as an
 individual, not as a representative
 from China; so the UNO will pay my
 travel expenses - & expenses during
 the session. I did not even give
 time to consider, but that a case
 of declining an interest, - & amusing
 incident happened in connection
 with the recent PPC meeting
 in Chungking. When I found I could
 not be away from the College so long - & so
 soon after my return, I sent in a

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letter asking for 5 days leave, - I arranged
 with the ^{am. air} Col. in Chertan to give me a lift
 when he was to fly to Chertan on
 Tues. March 26. But on Thursday morn-
 ing, the ENAC telephoned that they
 would be a special plane on Friday
 - I asked if I was going, - I gave
 a simple "no" that ever of when
 I was at the Regent's (military) -
 an urgent message came with a
 telegram from PPC, that the members
 of the Presidium all wanted me
 to go to the meeting - a special
 plane was sent to fetch me. I
 did not like to be asked like that, so
 I went to the Governor's residence - I
 used their phone to Chertan - I
 told them I was not going. The man
 I wanted to talk to was out, so I left
 a message. But after talk with
 with Renter - I then flew on Friday
 I better so. That was 11 P.M. Sunday
 - by 7:30 A.M. Friday, was already
 at the airport - I had a car
 in front of me. Renter went back with
 to take last minute messages.
 When plane landed - I got out, a young man came straight
 to see me, - a said he was sent by
 the Secretary - General to see that
 I got on the plane. So I said I was not
 to be on the field - I was to be
 the plane - I go to the college - I told
 me. I was thankful I was there, but
 I had come so much less in help.
 the plane - I told the man to wait. Really
 the simple reason is that I am a non-party

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Ginling College, Chengtu, April 16, 1946

Dear Friends,

The first truck of faculty and students is off ^{this morning} on the return trek to our permanent ^{home} in Nanking. The truck was loaded in front of the West China University library, and it recalled to my mind a vivid picture of a similar scene in September, 1938, on the same spot. Then it was the unloading from an old bus at the end of a long journey from Shanghai, via Hongkong and Hankow. This morning the truck was heading north, by way of Shensi, Honan, and Hsuehchowfu, to return to Nanking. In 1938 we were refugees after the fall of Nanking, and now we are starting homewards. When I welcomed that load of students and faculty in 1938, I had to tell them the furniture was not yet ready in our new dormitory, and that they would have to sleep on the floor. One of the girls answered cheerfully, "We have become accustomed to sleeping on the floor in this long journey, and we are happy to come to a building we can call our own." This morning when I said good-bye, I knew they would have to sleep on the floor again. However, they are even happier now to be able to get back to our permanent home.

In regard to our own College buildings, we are indeed thankful that they have been left intact, and with minor repairs they will soon be ready for use. However, before we can do college work, we have the tremendous task of replacing the lost equipment and furniture, for instance, out of twenty pianos, there are now only two old uprights left. Only 30,000 books have been reclaimed from book-stores in the city, and many sets and files are incomplete. The price of building material has skyrocketed, and we had to decide to do the bare minimum of repairs and to order only the absolute necessary furniture. For instance, the beautiful Social Hall in the Smith Building is pathetically bare: the lovely shell pearl screens which made the attractive receiving alcoves for men callers are no more. The oak floor needs to be replaced because of years of neglect, and dry rot. In regard to repairs, we are replacing missing doors, windows, torn-out partitions and floors. We removed the numerous "tatami" (Japanese beds), the endless shelves and rifle racks, and filled the holes left in the walls where pegs supported the shelves. We cannot consider redecorating the walls or painting windows and doors. For furniture, we ordered only classroom and library chairs, and did not attempt to provide ~~beds~~ chairs and bureaus for bedrooms. For beds we are counting on our New York office purchasing army cots from the Surplus Army Supplies. All the heating system has disappeared, and we do not even consider replacing that at present. After eight winters in the mild climate of Chengtu, I am afraid we shall feel the cold in Nanking. I ~~know~~ I must confess that when I arrived in Shanghai in January, I felt the cold keenly. However, I was ~~ashamed~~ of myself when my uncle and aunt did not complain of the cold, and they are in their 70's.

I hardly need to mention that I was thrilled to be home and to see many relatives and friends in Shanghai. I was especially gratified to find that the business section of the big metropolis escaped destruction, particularly after I had just seen the terrible ruins in Manila. The makeshift buildings north and south of the former International Settlement reminded me of the terrific battles in Shanghai. There are, of course, many evil effects of the war, ~~and~~ many discouraging aspects, and serious problems in rehabilitation. There are, too, bright spots which showed how the citizens withstood the hardships during the war and the occupation. For example, old gentlemen I know refused invitations from the Puppet

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Government, and preferred to live by selling their art treasures or paintings and calligraphy done by themselves. Professors who could have taught in puppet universities at good salaries taught in private middle schools on a bare subsistence level. One architect I know, a graduate from Pennsylvania University, could have darned large sums if he had accepted the invitation from the Nanking Puppet Government, but he remained in Shanghai, and earned a precarious living by teaching English in a Middle School. He had to remain in Shanghai as he was an only son, and his father was too old to take the hard overland route into Free China.

After two days in Shanghai I went to Nanking by train. The return to the capital and the College was an experience ~~which~~ in which there were mixed feelings of pain and joy. Purple Mountain and the long sweep of the city wall were the same, but there were signs of war and occupation. The most striking thing was the Shinto temple on Wu Tai Shan.

On the campus our small devoted staff were busy managing the Girls' Middle School and making preliminary arrangements for our return. When we discussed together the big task of plans for the future, we could not help recalling again and again the pre-war Ginling. With Mrs. Tsen and Blanche ~~and~~ Wu I relived the experiences they went through after I left them in early December, 1937. We could not help remembering again the sacrificial life of Minnie Vautrin. During my short stay there, I met several women who expressed their profound gratitude for what Miss Vautrin did in protecting them in the refugee camp at Ginling.

Before I could return to Chengtu I had to go back to Shanghai to attend the Executive Committee meeting of the National Christian Council, so it was on February 12 when I finally reached the college here. The Faculty Executive Committee, under the leadership of Dr. Ruth Chester, and Dr. Djang Hsiang-lan, had not only carried on the college work, but had also made plans for the return trip. Already forty boxes of books and equipment had been sent with the freight of the University of Nanking on Chinese junks down river. In the shorted ~~term~~ such things had to be done, as addition to teaching, as making out orders for books and equipment, what to take down river with us, what to present to West China University, what to sell, and how to make the return trip.

The natural route for us to return by is, of course, by bus to Chungking and then down the Yangtze by boat. However, towards the end of February the Ministry of Education called representatives of the refugee schools and universities to a conference, and the decision was to give first priority for shipping space to those institutions in the Chungking area. That meant that Ginling College would not get boat accommodation until September or October. We had, then, to plan on the overland route by truck via Paochi, Sian, Chengchow, and Hsuehowfu to Nanking. We had hoped to be able to buy through tickets from Paochi on the train; but, because one section of it, 120 km., had not been repaired, tickets have still to be bought in sections, with the result that passengers may have long waits at certain points. The Transportation Committee has been at work for weeks, making arrangements for the chartering of trucks, for overnight accommodation along the road, and sending requests to railway officials and other friends to facilitate the prompt purchasing of tickets. This trip, if there are no unexpected delays, will take ten to fifteen days. In spite of the reports of the hardships of the trip, our first truck load cheerfully started off this morning.

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For next year we have had to plan not only to get the big family back to Nanking and to rehabilitate our campus, but also for adequate personnel to make a satisfactory new beginning on our permanent campus. The faculty during these war years have carried heavy work under difficult circumstances, and are showing the results of the strain. Now we have tried to plan carefully in order to give furloughs, and opportunities for graduate study to as many as possible, and at the same time to secure new staff members to replace those going away. For instance, Dr. Ruth Chester has been in Chengtu for seven years without a break; she goes on furlough in July, even though the final arrangements for her successor have not yet been completed. Miss Hu Shin-tsang, teacher of piano, expects to go to Michigan. Miss Wu Mei-ling, of the Biology Department, goes to Oregon to study Nutrition. Miss Hsiung Ya-na, from our Rural Service Station has been chosen by the U.C.R. Child Welfare Committee in Chungking as one of the five nominees for Child Welfare scholarships. Miss Djang Tsai-i received an Episcopal scholarship to study music in New York.

You will be interested to hear that the College has received an invitation from the Department of State to send a representative in connection with their project of inviting professors for a year's stay in the United States. We are gratified that the State Department gave this recognition to a Woman's College, which points to the part women may have in the programme of cultural co-operation. The Faculty Executive Committee elected Dr. Liu Eh-lan, head of our Geography Department, to be our representative. She left last Saturday, and hopes to be in America in May. *by June.*

You have doubtless heard how the Alumnae Association started an Endowment Campaign in celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the College. I am very happy to report that thus far a little over C.N.\$ 21,000,000. has been raised in China. When we realize that our alumnae are mostly in educational work, or the wives of professional men, we appreciate all the more the efforts they have put forth in securing this sum.

When the People's Political Council was convened in Chungking on March 20, neither I nor the Faculty Executive Committee thought I could possibly leave. So I sent my regrets that I would not be able to attend. However, on the evening of March 21, I received a telegram from the Secretary-General of the Council saying that the other members of the Presidium (Committee of Presiding Officers) strongly urged my attendance, and that a special plane would take me to Chungking the next day. Dr. Chester, Dr. Djang and I had a conference, and it was 11 p.m. when the decision was made that I should go. Early the next morning Dr. Chester went with me to the air-field, taking last-minute notes of things to be done, as we drove along. By 11 a.m. I was at the session of the P.P.C. in Chungking. When I returned to College, there were the series of end of school year activities. In addition, there were farewell parties for us refugee institutions. The University of Nanking and Ginling College had a joint Baccalaureate service on Sunday, April 14, at which Bishop Shen gave an inspiring sermon on "Vision." Yesterday morning at the joint Commencement, Mr. K.P.S. Menon, Agent-General for India in China, gave a splendid address. He closed with a remarkable challenge to China -- that China with her cultural heritage, in facing the post-war world may make a unique contribution by developing a way of life midway between capitalism and communism, between collectivism and individualism, between materialism and spiritualism, and so become the centre of enlightened civilization. What a challenge this is! I am reminded of what *and at a time when China has been exhausted by the war.*

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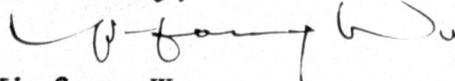
the sage, Mencius, said: "Thus, when Heaven is about to confer a great task on any man, it first exercises his mind with sufferings, and his sinews and bones with toil. It exposes his body to hunger, and subjects him to extreme poverty. It confounds his undertakings. By all these methods it stimulates his mind, hardens his nature, and supplies his incompetencies."

China, it would seem, has passed through enough suffering, and yet the period of rehabilitation promises even more serious tribulations, because in addition to all the difficulties of rebuilding that war exacts anywhere, we have the additional tasks of industrialization and of changing to a constitutional government. However, if we do have ~~adequate vision, courage and persistence~~ sufficient vision, courage and persistence to come through this period of fiery trial, we may be able to contribute something to a better world order.

May I take this chance to express my deep appreciation for all the help my friends have given me during my stay in America last year? I apologize for not having written earlier: I am a poor correspondent, and in addition ^{when} I have had no English secretary I neglect my correspondence even more. You will be glad to know that all my friends here remarked how well I looked on my return, and this shows how valuable ^{was} my rest and all the thoughtful care given my friends while I was in America.

With best wishes for a pleasant summer,

Sincerely,


Yi-fang Wu

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Ginling College
Chengtou, Szechuen, China
April 19, 1946

Dear Mrs. Mills:

This afternoon we received the minutes of the Planning Committee and just now a graduate comes to say goodbye, as she will be leaving with her husband to London via America. There is the possibility of her reaching New York before May 1st; I am therefore to send you a few remarks by her, and the formal action taken by the Executive Committee of the Board will have to come by cable after their meeting next Tuesday.

First of all I wish to express my appreciation of the results of the commission on Women's Education and your part in having the reports presented in such fine shape. I am gratified to find that the Planning Committee accepted their recommendation in regard to Ginling and to the women in coeducational institutions.

Secondly, in regard to coordination, you would have known our attitude from my last letter to Miss MacKinnon through you, that is, we suggested to have a joint committee set up by representatives from both institutions. As I reported then we accepted Miss Priest's suggestion and waited for consultation before writing to you officially. Some days after that I asked for a conference with President Chen and Miss Priest. But when I brought up the question of getting joint committee to give preliminary considerations to this important question, Dr. Chen thought it was not the time to take up such matters because everybody was thinking of moving only. This was how the matter was dropped and we could not write to you again as I thought earlier. The situation now is even more unfavorable, for we are in the midst of moving and I am afraid we shall have to wait till the faculty get settled in Nanking before we can give thorough consideration by the two institutions.

Thirdly, we would certainly accept the recommendation that there should be no new colleges, new department, no expansion during the rehabilitation period. We have not planned any of these for next year. In the tentative budget for 1946-47, the number of staff is bigger than that for 1945-46, and I wrote to Mr. Evans, I think, (I am typing in my room this evening, to have the letter sent to the graduate early in the morning, so I can't look up the file,) and explained the situation. I am sorry I have not the time to give the details of the distribution of the total number in the various departments and administrative offices. It is, however, sufficient to mention a few instances. Here in Chengtu, we have no Comptroller, no business manager, because we have no grounds nor buildings, except the student dormitory, to take care of, so the necessary work has been taken care of by my Chinese secretary and the Assistant Treasurer. And after Mrs. Whittington left last June there has not been any English secretary. On the teaching staff, we have to have substitutes for those going on furlough, additional members to give the courses now offered by the other universities, especially in the home economics, child welfare, subjects. I wish I had time to give you full information, but now I could add only one word that in studying the number of staff in the different institutions, the comparison between the number of this and that of next year does not tell the whole story, because there are those institutions which had much expansion during the war years. One other factor which usually receives consideration is the ratio between student and faculty which normally decreases as the student body increases.

Will you please excuse this messy letter and please share this with other members of the Staff if you wish.

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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FROM A LETTER FROM DR. WU YI-FANG, DATED APRIL 30, 1946

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Ginling College, Chengtu, April 30, 1946

Dear Mrs. Mills,

Miss Harriet Whitmer has sent me your letter of April 4th, and I am very glad to receive the latest information about new faculty and scholarships. I shall try to make comments and raise problems while I can have Florence Kirk as my secretary. I am flying to Chungking on May 3, and after a couple days' stopover shall fly to Nanking; then I shall write longhand, or no letter at all!

Mary Quan. Both Miss Kirk and I are very happy that you have secured Miss Quan for the English Department. She sounds a splendid person to join our faculty, and we shall be very glad to carry out the arrangements as to length of service etc. that you have decided on in New York. Florence will be writing to Miss Quan about the work in the Department.

Miss Swenson. It seems she is not interested in coming out to Ginling. If she should answer your letter I would suggest that you continue correspondence until we can write you definitely in regard to Pan Yao-t sien. Furthermore, Florence feels that the teaching programme for the English majors cannot be worked out until she talks to Dr. Fenn, and finds out from him how much his department will be responsible for. If the situation should be similar to that during the last year we shall need more people at Ginling for the advanced work, because whereas Nanking offered 8 credits advanced work, Ginling offered 25.

Pan Yao-t sien. I wish to thank you for your work in applying at the University of Southern California for Miss Pan. I understand it is difficult to get scholarships, especially at institutions where we have had no close relationship before. However, a new opportunity has been opened up through the American Embassy. The State Department is offering 25 fellowships to Chinese students and invitations were sent to 26 universities to recommend two of their graduates for the State Department to choose from. Our Faculty Executive Committee gave serious consideration to this because we were gratified that we were included as a college among the universities chosen to receive such invitations. We decided to recommend Miss Chen Yu-ching, of the Biology Department, and Miss Pan Yao-t sien. The circular letter from the Embassy stated that a certain number of the fellowships are reserved for students of history, literature, and social institutions of the United States. Miss Pan is applying, stating that she wishes to make American Literature her field of specialization. The application must be in the hands of the American Embassy in Nanking by May 15, and I should think that the results will be announced in June.

English Secretary. After I received your cable that Helen Loomis cannot consider the offer until October, I knew that you would be looking for other possible candidates. Miss Whitmer sent a note along with her letter, recommending that we consider Helen Skilling Armstrong:

"Does Mrs. Mills know that Helen Skilling Armstrong is planning to return to China? She was the secretary with the Seminary when I first arrived in China. She has been teaching in the business department at Montreat College and both Dr. Reeves and I know

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what a helpful person she has been in that institution. She has retained her Chinese so that she still reads her Chinese letters and has kept in touch with everything Chinese. If she is securing her passport and is not already engaged I feel she would be a splendid person at Ginling. She wants to work where she is most needed. I think she left Nanking before Dr. Wu came out in 1928. Her husband whom she took unto herself at that time has died since. Helen is much more than just a secretary."

I have made some enquiries among the Nanking missionaries here, who knew Mrs. Armstrong. Miss Priest has a very good impression of her work as the secretary-treasurer of the Seminary. Since I should be in Nanking very soon, I hope to take up the question with Stanley Smity, and if he gives a favorable recommendation we shall cable you to make formal approaches to her and to the Southern Presbyterian Board, since that Board is not a supporting constituency for Ginling, we should have to ask them to loan her, Ginling paying salary and travel. It seems to me that at Mrs. Armstrong's age we should like to have her retain her connection with that Board. However, because her experience seems to fit our needs exactly, I wish to ask you and our Personnel Committee to give special consideration to her.

As I told you in New York, Miss Priest made the suggestion several times that for our size we should find a person to do secretary's and treasurer's work. Now again Miss Priest has written a formal letter of resignation as treasurer at Ginling, for she is planning on furlough soon. While we should very much like to ask her to continue her very capable service to Ginling after her furlough, yet we have found it very difficult to find a substitute for the next year. As it happens, among our foreign staff who are with us next year there is no one who is able to take on this work temporarily. Mrs. Thurston, you will remember, took Miss Priest's work when she was on her last furlough. We have approached Lewis Smythe, acting treasurer for the University of Nanking, to see if he would take the responsibility of supervising Mr. Chen Er-chang, of closing the books, and doing the correspondence with New York. He has declined to take on this additional work because he wants to give part time to teaching. If Mrs. Armstrong should still be available and interested in coming to Ginling, she would fill the double need of an English secretary and treasurer for the year. After Miss Priest's return to China we can then reconsider the situation, and if Miss Priest is willing to continue as treasurer, we can see about other work in the College for Mrs. Armstrong to do.

Yeh Hwei-lan. From my letter you would have known I did not write her directly but asked her to do the correspondence. I hope you have had a favorable response from her. At least the professor at Yenching who recommended her seemed to think she would be interested in considering an invitation from Ginling College. We are definitely in need of a teacher in Nutrition because there are Nutrition courses required for students in Home Economics and Child Welfare. Will you please cable me as soon as you have arrived at a definite decision? If she should not be coming, we must make other arrangements here in China right away.

In regard to Homer Loh, you must have known he cabled me his regrets that he could not accept our offer.

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Edwin Kwoh. He did not cable me but wrote me he wished to remain in America longer. I replied right away that as far as College work was concerned we needed him to come as soon as possible. Furthermore, when we get re-started on our own campus, it would be best for the Comptroller to be there to initiate things. If he waits until the middle of the school year, it will mean one term of temporary measures, and then the confusion of modifications when he arrives. However, Mrs. New has confided to me that Mrs. Lloyd Jones has asked him to rewrite his thesis, which will definitely require his stay in New York through the summer. I understand perfectly well how such delays do occur in connection with a doctorate, so I cannot expect him in Nanking in September. But I do hope he will definitely plan to leave America at the earliest possible moment. During the month or so at the beginning of school we shall manage without ~~him~~ appointing anyone in his place.

Hu Shin-tsang. I am also anxious to hear the decision about the Barbour Scholarship Committee, and I trust you will cable me as soon as you hear from Dr. Rufus. If, unfortunately, Miss Su should fail to get a scholarship, will you and Miss Graves again ask for a scholarship at Juliard. Miss Hu was the only one of our faculty who secured the permit to buy from the government U.S.\$ 1,300. at the official rate of exchange. This requires that she start for America during the summer. So ~~and~~ we have to count upon the Juliard scholarship if the Barbour one is not realized.

Peggy Lin. She took the news from Wisconsin in good spirit, particularly because her father wrote that he is unable to help her financially with travel, even if she should get the scholarship. However, she has special gifts in interpretative dancing, and we should try to make enquiries during the year about other places where scholarships might be available in this line. Ettie Chin and Djang Hwei-lan should be able to help.

If Chen Shih-dzung should not receive the scholarship from the Home Economics Association, it will be better for the College. Since Mrs. Tsen has passed her retirement age, we have decided to accept her request for retirement, and we shall need someone to see to the supervision of the dormitories and kitchen. We have thought of Miss Chen for this position; such experience would help her in her future study in America.

Wu Mei-ling. I am very sorry to find out while in Chungking that Bishop Chen delayed forwarding her application for a Methodist scholarship, so it seems she will have to accept the scholarship at Oregon. She is anxiously awaiting the formal statement of acceptance, and we hope it will come soon so that she can complete the long process of securing passport and visa.

Wang Ming-djen. She tried to apply to the Ministry of Education for permit to buy U.S. currency at the official rate for her return to China. However, she didn't succeed in getting it before the big change came in the policy about exchange. This means, then, that the College will have to pay her travel back. When she went to America, she was granted leave of absence, and was invited to return after completing her studies. I was very happy when she told me she was ready to return to Ginling, for I had feared she would want to go to a bigger university where there would

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be more chances for research. We shall need her badly during the next year because I am writing to ask her if she will give part time as Dean of Studies during Dr. Chester's absence. She was very good in helping Dr. Chester with this work when we had the small unit in Shanghai in 1937-38. Because the Dean has to deal with faculty members, we do need some senior member to fill this vacancy. So when she writes to you to ask about travel or booking of passage, kindly ask Mr. Evans to do everything he can for her. *Or it may be better if you can write to her first.*

Speaking of passages, I heard from several Americans here that it is getting very difficult to secure bookings from America. I hope that our office has better luck, and can secure passages for those coming out. I hope especially that Miss Graves can arrive in Nanking not later than mid-August. Mrs. Lucy Yeh has been sick for a while and the doctor advises her to take a long rest here in Chengtu. Furthermore, with the teachers of piano so uncertain and with the lack of equipment, Miss Graes is urgently needed. I do hope that Miss Butler may be persuaded to come to Ginling and also hope that the pianos ordered in the lists sent you by Dr. Chester will be shipped early to reach Nanking in time for the opening of the fall term.

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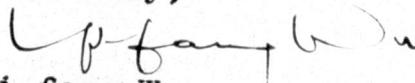
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With all good wishes,

Sincerely,


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Ginling College, Chengtu, April 30, 1946

Dear Mrs. Mills, and Mrs. New,

I am writing you jointly in order to save repeating the same thing in replying to your letters.

I was naturally very much disappointed that Mrs. New's decision was to decline my suggestion that she become the Vice-President of the College. Before I sent that letter, we had given very thorough consideration to such an important question. In fact, it was when I was in America that I first had this idea from letters which arrived from the College about the need of such an office, particularly during my frequent absences from the College. While I do not expect to run away so frequently in future, it does seem that I cannot cut off the outside connections completely. Furthermore, for the good of any institution, it has to maintain contacts with the outside world, and make whatever contribution its faculty can render. Since we are a single college, and are not like the big universities which have deans to take care of separate colleges, the President's office with us has more internal administration.

It was because of this definite need that we decided to create the Vice-Presidency. When I wrote Mrs. New we were asking her to give preliminary consideration, but the real invitation would be issued by the Board of Directors in China. After receiving such a definite reply from Mrs. New, I did not present this matter to the recent Board Meeting, on April 23.

Again Mrs. New mentioned, as a strong reason against her accepting this position, our friendship. She told me many a time that although she wanted to help Ginling all she could, she preferred to do it in an informal way, and would not like to see a close friend of mine on the administration as a regular member of the faculty. After my return, I gave further thought to her suggestion, and my conclusion was that just because we are good friends her work for the College should be given a definite position to establish her official status among the faculty.

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If she gives informal service, problems will arise when the President has a friend without official status, a person who gets influences the administration. However, since both Mrs. Mills and Miss MacKinnon have advised against this recommendation, and Mrs. New hesitates to accept a full-time appointment, I shall not urge the matter for the present. I shall respect your decision that Mrs. New first give time to get acquainted with the conditions in the College and in China in general. I do understand the reasons why she wished to take time to know the present situation after so many years in America. (2)

In regard to internal administration, I can easily understand why there may seem some confusion between the coming of Edwin Kwoh and the suggestion of a Vice-President. The term "Dean of Administration" was used when we first considered Edwin Kwoh. However, the term of "Comptroller" was used by the Christian institutions for the office of Chung-Wu-Chu-Ren(), according to the regulations issued by the Ministry of Education. When it comes to the specific duties of the "chu-Ren", they vary widely in various institutions. It is much as the general term "Dean" in American colleges represents a great variety of duties. Very often it depends upon the person who holds the office what specific line of duties are developed under him. Sometimes the Treasurer's work is under his supervision, or entirely outside his control. Since Edwin is still young and not experienced in dealing with personnel in a College, I suggested that he first start with the business side of the management. Gradually when he learns more about our setup and the faculty, he can take more responsibility in dealing with personnel. When Ruth Chester, Djang Hsiang-lan and I had the conference together, we thought that Mrs. New would be splendid in dealing with questions of personnel, and the adjustment of specific problems as they arise. For example, on my return I found out that during my absence just because there was no one who was in a position to deal ~~with problems~~ with problems relating to fellow faculty members, certain problems arose, which, though not important in themselves, affected the efficiency of those involved. Mrs. New seemed to us far better qualified to give counsel in such situations than I myself, and you can see that a young man, however capable, would not be able to solve such personnel problems.

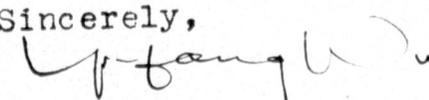
From Mrs. New's side, I have seen clearly her responsibility towards Peter, and that was why she did not consider full-time work when he was little. However, as he was thinking of returning to China to finish College, it seems to me that Mrs. New can now contribute her abilities more formally to Ginling, which she had used informally in so many different ways for so many years.

However, as she will be returning in the Fall, we shall have a chance to discuss this whole question thoroughly, after she has seen the actual situation.

Mrs. Mills, will you please share this letter with Miss MacKinnon, if you think she would be interested in it, and please make a copy for Mrs. New?

With all good wishes to you both,

Sincerely,


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Mrs. W. Plumer Mills
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Dear Mrs. Mills:

Thank you for the letter about Miss Kao which Dr. Wu so kindly sent. She seems to have many desirable qualifications but I see nothing in the letter which would indicate that a qualified institution stands behind her with a program to make such training as she might get effective in a broad way. I should also be concerned about where she would operate after she was prepared for this experiment.

It would be fine to know more about Miss Kao and I would be glad to see whatever plans she has for her future work.

Cordially yours,

(signed) Eleanor M. Witmer,

Librarian and Professor of Education

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P.S. After dictating this, Dr. Yuan, director of the National Library of China, dropped in my office. He believes there is real need for training for community library service and suggests that we discuss the matter with Wimmie Yen. I shall try to see him soon.

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Mrs Plummer Mills
Ginling College
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I have a new secretary for Miss Whitmer has kindly offered to help me with my correspondence in addition to her various jobs. Your good letter of May 3 has been received and I am sorry to hear that some of my letters failed to reach you. I have looked through the one folder I brought with me and checked with the list of letters you so thoughtfully sent me. I have received yours of the following dates: Feb. 16, April 4, 13, May 3. Yours of Jan. 24 and March 9 are not in my folder but I cannot be sure if I have left them in my files in Chengtu. I have another letter which you typed yourself without a date. Since you enclosed copies of letters from Calif. and Cornell (dated April 4) I take this to be the one sent April 6. As to my letters to you I have carbon copies for the following dates: Feb. 13, 23, Mar. 14, April 16, 22, 30. I have no carbon copies for Mar. 3, April 8, 19 which you received. Dr. Chester, Dr. Kirk and myself have all done letters and the carbon copies were not kept together.

There is so much to tell you that I do not know where to begin. Perhaps I had better give you news first. The first group of Ginling people who started on April 13 arrived April 29. The second group on two trucks left April 23 and arrived here May 10. The third group left May 1 and the fourth May 3 but neither has arrived yet. I have made inquiries in regard to the condition of the railroad. The bridge across the new course of the Yellow River was put up temporarily by the Japanese. This has been removed recently by the P.R. authorities as it is not safe in time of high water. However, ferries have been arranged to take people across but this necessarily delays people. Two trucks were expected to leave May 16 but they had not gone yet when Ruth wrote on May 16. After this group there will be only the few staff members to stay to finish all the business and they will probably leave before the end of May. We pray not only for ourselves but also for the sake of the country that the Communists will not start trouble along the way to interrupt the return trip. One student on the first truck wrote a short report in English and I am sending a copy herewith. Miss Chu En-lan of our Physical Education Department was elected captain on the truck which left on May 3 and that truck broke down. I had word from Chengtu that another truck was sent down to replace the broken one, so they continued their journey after Miss Chu wrote me. Enclosed I am sending you a rough translation of her letter to me. I have talked with both faculty and students after their arrival and they all stood the trip amazingly well. There is no doubt about its being a hard trip. Dr. D.Y. Lin's second daughter who had just graduated from Ginling went to sleep on the hard floor and she slept through the lunch and supper hours and clear through the night but was up for breakfast the next morning. One frightening experience they had was when the rear engine trouble while going through a tunnel. All the passengers felt so choked and suffocated. And as Dr. Lung said to them if the engine had not started again they would all have passed out.

A few words in regard to the repairs. We are still following the principle of doing only the minimum. It is very annoying to keep continually finding more things to do. The temporary occupants certainly took liberty in making all sorts of alterations. To give a few illustrations. In our beautiful library they tore down two partition walls and put up a new one at the south end. In our recitation building they moved partitions, put in new ones, blocked doors and opened new ones. Miss Blanche Wu told me that many of these will have to be blocked in order not to have adjacent rooms disturb each other.

Lumber is scarce and so the price for hard wood is very high. We could not afford paying 20 to 30 times

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...ousand for a classroom chairso we decided to use the lumber from the air shelters made from the trees taken originally from our own campus. I have been interrupted several times by callers and telephone, so I had better not try to tell more about our problems here, but take up some of the business you have raised in your letter.

Miss Yeh Hwei-lan I am very sorry to hear that my letter of March 3 was lost for I wrote to her on the same date and since she had not received it when she wrote it seems to have been lost. If she is so interested in research I am afraid she may find our program on the emphasis of teaching may require too much of her time. However, I shall write her again.

Miss Rosa May Butler I have no further word as to whether she is coming to Ginling or not. If we compare the needs for her at McTyiere and Ginling I should certainly think our need is more urgent. This is because McTyiere can always have piano teachers there in Shanghai particularly with Gertrude Jhur right there. She will be able to find enough teachers to take care of the piano teaching. Could you please get in touch with her again if no final decision has been taken yet. When Catherine should have an extended furlough in America and Hu Shih-tsang is coming for advanced study we have no one for piano teaching. I must add that I have had no word from Prof. Rufus regarding the Barbour Scholarship and Miss Wu will have to come to Julliard. I shall be sending you a cable regarding Miss Butler and the application for the scholarship at Julliard for Miss Wu.

Secretary I hope that both the cable and my last letter from Chengtu reached you promptly. The thought of Mrs. Helen Armstrong because I had no word from you regarding any younger person. Furthermore she will be able to be secretary and also the acting treasurer during Miss Priest's furlough. I realize that the personnel committee may not wish to send out a person at her age but it is because of the fact that she has still kept her Chinese interests and also the language. I suppose you would wish to get in touch with the Southern Presbyterian Board because the board may have decided on sending her. Personally I do not remember her, but I do feel that if she comes she will know Chinese and have the language. She will be able to start the work at once both as secretary and treasurer. Ever since I knew of Miss Priest's definite plan of taking her furlough I have tried making arrangements for taking care of her work for 1946-47. However, none of our present Western staff members is prepared to take this type of work. Mr. Chen Er-chang has given faithful service for eighteen years as Miss Priest's assistant but he is not able to take the whole responsibility. However, because of his experience it will be difficult for any of our Chinese to take over him. This is the thing that made me ask you to approach Miss Helen Armstrong.

Scholarships I am very happy that Hsiung Ya-na has got the Child welfare Scholarship and has been admitted to Cornell. She came down on the first truck and is now visiting her parents. I sent her a telegram as soon as I received your cable. Miss Nora Hsiung Shu will attend to securing a passport for her. The college has recommended Miss Chen Yu-cain and Miss Fan Yao-tsien for the department of State Scholarships. Mrs. Fairbank told me that she expects to know the result by July 1.

I forgot to tell you that Mr. Liu Hsien left Chengtu the middle of April and sailed from Shanghai May 17 via Panama. I am sure she will come to see you when she arrives in N.Y. Her boat is S.S. Stella Lykes. We are sorry that she did not get the chance to come to Hanking at all. She flew from Chungking to Shanghai and after she got her passport she was told to wait right there because there might be only a few hours notice for getting passage. I hope you will be able to help her get started. I am very happy both for her and for the college to have this recognition from the State Department.

I am very happy to hear that Stella was scheduled to sail on May 11. And I am also very happy to hear that Mr. Evans has been working hard to secure the beds. You can be assured that the whole college will be most grateful to you and Mr. Evans if you can get the beds to Hanking before college opens. This important article of furniture comes into our conversation quite often for we have no answer to the question. "If Mrs. Mills cannot find the beds WHAT?"

Recently we had word from Shanghai that there were army canvass cots for sale. We gave thorough discussion but finally decided against buying any for the following reasons:
(1) We are optimistic and hope you will succeed in getting the permanent beds.
(2) The canvass cots will harbor bugs and we have had too much of that experience.

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(3) They will break easily when girls sit on them. We cannot keep the girls from sitting on them because there will be no chairs in their bedrooms.

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The last item of furniture we decided upon was for library chairs. I had thought the chairs I had seen at Ming Deh were our classroom chairs and could be used in the library. Last week Mr. Mills Miss Whitmer, Mrs Tsen and Hwang Li-ming Chen looked over all the furniture at Ming Deh. They found 39 marked for our science building and a number of small stools bearing dormitory marks but the straight backed chairs having no marks could not be identified with any certainty, and we could not claim them. How we wish Miss Null were here to identify the Ming Deh chairs! By the way the baby grand piano was discovered to belong to Central University, not ours as reported by the piano tuner. It bore the stamp, burned in.

Witmer Scholarship I am sorry to find out that I did not make it clear in my last letter that I was recommending Kao Lin-ying for the scholarship. However, I must admit that I have not announced the scholarship for students to apply. So Miss Kao was not chosen from many applicants. I recommended her because she is a capable girl and is interested in rural work. In regard to the carrying out of Miss Witmer's plans I agree with Dr. Fenn that there must be an organization to back up the project. Do you remember that I recommended at supper in Butler Hall that the easiest approach is to get in touch with James Yen. If he is interested then the girl can join his staff after her return and can promote the idea of the community library in the townships where Dr Yen will start his work. Personally, I do not think Dr. Fenn's suggestion of linking with visual education meets Miss Witmer's program because hers is many sided and Dr Swen's department with visual education only. Will you talk it over with Miss Witmer and I will write Dr. about it.

Universalist Women I want to thank you for having answered their inquiry that we will establish a rural service station near Nanking. It is my neglect not to have written to you about it earlier. Before Tsu Yu-dji and Hsiung Ya-na started on the trip, we had a conference together. The decision was that they would take one month as their summer holiday and would start for Nanking after that. This will bring them to Nanking somewhere between June 10 and 20. They would look and decide upon the location before Hsiung Ya-na starts for America. Since I came to Nanking I have met Mr. Hum ell of CNRRA, who is a specialist advising on rural reconstruction. He is very glad to hear of our work and expects to talk to me again after his return from Shanghai. Have I ever told you that our work in Chung Ho Chang will be continued by the Canadian Mission? The scope of work will have to be reduced but the Social Affairs Commission of Szechuan will continue its subsidy for the nursery school. The fact that the UCR Child Welfare Committee granted Ya-na a scholarship proves her valuable service and the Universalist Women should be gratified with such results of their contribution. Have you ever received any pictures from the chaplain of their church?

Book Orders Parcels of books have come to Nanking without difficulty but the boxes of books you sent as freight have not arrived yet. Dr. Chester handed the preparing of the order lists for books and laboratory equipment. They were based on the minimum requirements for college work next September so will you please have orders placed for them at once? As for the book lists which were sent to you in 1944, I will ask Dr. Chester and Miss Priest whether they counted on them when they made the new lists last winter. Miss Chester and Miss Priest expect to fly to Nanking early in June. Miss Priest may stay for only two weeks before going to Shanghai to catch a boat. Ruth will have more work but hopes to sail in July. Florence and Eva are probably on the road now for they planned to join the group leaving on May 15. Helen Djang took her vacation in May but will have difficulty in getting air passage for her mother.

This letter is getting too long so I better stop. With many, many thanks for all you have been doing for Ginling I am

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Yu

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Dr. Liu Zou-san has transferred to another boat (S.S. Breckenridge) sailing to San Francisco. The "Talla Fipkes" can not get the freight loaded due to strike.

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Dear Mrs. Mills,

Your good letter of June 7 (also those of May 20, and May 28) received, and read this morning at 5 a.m. because I returned too late last evening to look through the afternoon mail. I am very happy to hear that the Chemical supplies and equipment are already on the way, and that the books will follow soon. Also I am happy that Mr. Evans has succeeded in purchasing beds. I cannot express adequately how much I want to thank you, Mr. Evans and Mr. Cameron for all this work, but you should feel happy to know how much such prompt handling of these problems means to both the faculty and the administration. I have had several letters from faculty who are having their vacation in their homes asking if these orders could possibly reach here by the time school opened. Getting these supplies from America is all the more urgent now that the freight from Chengtu is being held up in Chungking. Through personal calls at the Ministry of Communications in Chungking, I secured permits to ship the College freight in July, but now with the emergency need of transporting rice to famine areas, all other freight has to be pushed to one side, and we do not know how long our boxes will have to be stored in Chungking. I was just about to send you a cable asking about the equipment when your letter arrived, and I do want to thank you for this information.

Miss Olivia Foster. I am very sorry not to have written you about Miss Foster directly after I sent you the cable concerning her, but the past week I have been kept so busy with guests in the house, callers, meetings and all sorts of other things that I just could not get to correspondence. I gave thorough consideration to the information about Miss Foster, and talked with several colleagues about her, and our conclusion is something like this. Miss Foster's letter shows that she has a keen interest in China, and an outgoing spirit. Although she seems immature in her approach to problems, yet she may develop and become a valuable young faculty member. We have confidence in Miss Treudley's recommendation of her, and we are in need of serious-minded young people on our faculty who can come close to the students and contribute in building up the student spirit.

I agree with you that it does not seem fair to have Miss Foster come out at her own expense and help with Miss Treudley's research projects and other odds and ends. For one thing, if the research projects involve investigation of institutions and conditions in China, Miss Foster's lack of language would prevent her from doing much of this. In our English department we are always short of teachers for Sub-freshman and Freshman work. Since Miss Foster is good at language, she should be able to give such courses after Miss Kirk helps her with outlining the course and directing the procedure. In regard to French, the University of Nanking & Ginning has so far made no arrangement. If Miss Foster is interested in teaching these subjects, the College is ready to offer her an instructor's Chinese salary. This is why I put in the cable "not sufficient for foreign living." Perhaps without going into detail you will know what the phrase "conditions hard this winter" means: for

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instance, there will be little or any heat anywhere, and with living costs mounting, there would be no possibility of her providing heating in her own room from her Chinese salary.

Personally I thought of one other type of work Miss Foster might do. If you should fail to secure a secretary for me, Miss Foster might be willing to serve temporarily, and we could make other arrangements about the teaching of English and French. I realize that all this is makeshift, and not the best planning if we are to call out the best in Miss Foster. However, it seems to me that a year in China when she might begin to study Chinese and study Chinese conditions would be valuable to her, and after graduate study she might be shifted to her own field, Sociology. If and when we hear from you that she is coming, Miss Kirk will write her directly about details of the teaching programme and suggest what she bring in the way of clothing, and supplies.

Mary Frances Reed. I consulted both Miss Mildred Price and Miss Vinita Lewis (the Child Welfare advisor of UNRRA) about Dr. Reed, and they both strongly advised Ginling to request the Methodist Board to assign her to Ginling, with the understanding that her salary and travel be provided by the Methodist Board. The Child Welfare Programme is to be strengthened, and so Dr. Reed with her experience would be a real asset.

Furthermore, Mrs. Hsueh Tang Ming-sin has been interested in Child Guidance work, and we are short of a Psychiatrist. Since Dr. Reed listed Mental Hygiene as one of her special fields, she would work very well with Mrs. Hsueh in pioneering in this service in China. As Miss Lewis put it, after these long years of war, there is this need of emotional adjustment in addition to physical feeding. Will you please get in touch with Miss Mackinnon and Dr. Reed. I am sorry to be unable to write them personally in the next few days. In fact, at this moment I should be at two meetings - at the P.P.C. and the Ministry of Education. I have telephoned that I cannot attend the first, and that I shall be late to the latter.

Liu En-lan. Please keep Miss Liu informed about College news. Tell her that I cannot write her at present, send her my best wishes and tell her I hope she has had a good voyage and some rest on the boat. I shall try to write soon.

Yeh Hwei-lan. I am sorry Miss Yeh is not coming, but support your decision that it is best not to expect her this fall. In her letter she gives me the impression that she is much more interested in research than teaching, so it is wise to have further correspondence with her in order that she will understand the programme of work at Ginling before we come to any final arrangement.

Hu Shih-tsang. It was very thoughtful of you to have made all sorts of enquiries for her. I was terribly disappointed with Dr.

