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LUCY LENG YEH (Mrs. Yeh E-hsien)

1925 Hui Wen, Nanking

1929 Albion College, United States

1930 Married

1931-33 With husband in Malaya

1936- Ginling College

Editor of English and German textbooks

Husband in Central Military Academy, now in Chengtu

News-translation service for Academy.

Received education at Chicago and Northwestern Universities.

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STATEMENTS IN REGARD TO MRS. YEH

I find no information as to her education in China.

Miss Sutherland says of her on March 24, 1937:

> "Mrs. Yeh, who is on our vocal staff, is doing really fine work, sings well herself, has an attractive personality, so that dozens of girls want to study voice, and they all like her classes. We feel glad to have her, especially since she is Chinese. She went to Albion College, and has taught here and in Singapore for seven years.

On 2/4/37 "Although not many people are contemplating leaving just now, it seems quite right and reasonable that Mrs. Yeh should make use of this lull which has come in Ginling's work to get further study. . . . . Mrs. Yeh has unusual talent and Mrs. Rhead seemed especially impressed with her ability to teach voice . . . . . She is so good in both piano and voice, and is eager to work toward a degree in voice, I suppose.

Dr. Frank Cartwright met Mrs. Yeh and her husband in Singapore, and says of Mrs. Yeh:

> "I found her a jolly, likeable person, and I spent happy hours with her and her husband."

Mrs. Yeh planned to come to America for the school year 1938-39, but continued to help Ginling in Chengtu until the close of that year and has now come to take advantage of the scholarship offered to her by Dr. John Finley Williamson of the Westminster Choir School.

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**Name:** Lucy Leng Yeh

**Permanent Address:** Ginling College, Chengtu, Szechuan, China.

**Present Address (including summer address):** c/o Miss E. Clagler, School of Education Northwestern Univ., Evanston, Ill

**Date of Birth:** April 11, 1908

**Place of Birth:** Nanking, China

**Educations:-**

| Pre-college: | Dates | Place | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|
| Methodist Girls School | 1913-1919 | Chenkiang, Ku. | Kindergarten, Primary & Grade Schools |
| " " " | 1919-1925 | Nanking, Ku. | Junior - Senior High School |

| College: | Dates | Place | Degree |
|---|---|---|---|
| Albion College | 1925-1929 | Albion, Mich | A.B. in Music. |

| Post-college: | Dates | Place | Degree (if any) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Westminster Choir College | 1939-1940. | Princeton, N.J. | |

| Musical Education: | Places | Dates | Courses |
|---|---|---|---|
| Music Diploma | W.F. Girls School | 1925 | Piano. |
| Music Major | Albion College | 1925-1929. | Voice. Piano Theory (Harmony) History. Counterpoint Harmony. Piano Form Analysis Ear Training Ensemble. |

**References:**

| | Names | Addresses | Positions |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Miss Catherine Rutherland | 445 Baker Avenue Lakeside Grove, Ohio. | Ch. M. Music Dept. Ginling College |
| 2. | Mrs. M. Rhead | 237 Newport Rd Ann Arbor, Mich.. | Prof. of Piano - Music School - U. of Mi. |
| 3. | Dr. Yi-Fang Wu | Ginling College | Pres. of Ginling College |
| 4. | Mrs. M. Rowland | Albion College Albion, Mich.. | |

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March 24, 1937

Dear Rebecca,

What an awful paragraph!

How seldom I sit down and writethe letter that I want to send you. But here is one, at least. I am hoping that Helen Loomis has addedk the the little publicity I have sent. I do err badly at that too. It is strange, for I seem to be always sending programs etc. to our alumnae in different parts of China.

The year has been unexpectedly happy because of Mrs. Rhead's being here. She has brought so much to us of new life and zest, as well as the splendid inspiration thru her playing. Without hardly realizing it, we planned a very heavy program of concerts, which she has been fulfilling so splendidly, along with her full time teaching. I just hope it has not been too much for her, along with the adjustment of a first year in China. We had been so hopeful of her staying on at least for another year, and it was a real disappointment when her decision to return became rather final. I know that Dr. Wu has written to you about the latest decision, and my own feeling is just what she has written, that, since Mrs. Rhead cannot stay, it would be well to try to find someone as near like her as possible. If we could have a real assurance of Mrs. Rhead's returning, I would be inclined to say another person's coming would not really be necessary. But it seems that there may be too much uncertainty here to warrant our going on that assumption, much as I myself hope her return will be possible. There are many demands on our musics department now, both from within and without, and as the capitol grows there will be more and more, so we do hope very much for this tip-top person who can keep holding up our standards as high as possible, as well as doing some concert work. Stella Graves has been doing such excellent work, both in theory and chorus, and we are so glad that she will return.

Stella Graves

I don't know whether Dr. Wu has mentioned anything about Stella's financial problem for next year. It may be all solved by the time she arrives home. Because she has been here only three years, it may not be possible for her to get full furlough salary, without which it may be hard for her to do study that she ought to do. I have wondered if any of the Ginling funds there could be used as a kind of private loan to her, or a scholarship for study. I can easily see how she cannot be made an exception from this end, because of precedents, etc. I mention it here more because of the hope that if she comes to New York , you might in conversation find out how she stands, and in case of need have some suggestion.

Mrs. Yeh, who is on our vocal staff, is doing really fine work, sings well herself, has an attractive personality, so that "dozens" of girls want to study voice, and they all like her classes. "e feel glad to have her, expecially since she is Chinese. She went to Albion college, and has taught here and in Singapore for 7 years. It is disappointing to me to think that Kathleen Bond was not invited back. That is, I am so sorry that that should have seemed best. She had so many splendid qualities, but it is true that the enthusiasm on the singing side was not very great, and there were some otherthings that seemed to make life often very difficult for her. Far be it from me to say that

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a person with emotional upsets should not come to China, for, even tho I often feel personally unqualified for that as well as for other reasons, I have seen very temperamental people do wonderful work here, but it did often seem as if there were a larger number of odds against Kathleen than it was fair for her to try to cope with. I s o hope that she will be led into the step, just the one that is right for her, whether it be in China or at home. I'm so glad she has seemed to enjoy her year at the Westminster school so much. She has such a splendid appreciation of the best in music. and Ginling girls , many of them, owe a real debt to her for what she gave in fine standards of music and of tone quality.

We are delighted to think that Dr. Heacox will be here next year. It might be that another "sabbatical" person could be found for piano for next year to come here, which would then leave Mrs. Rhead's coming for another year quite open. But if the person we want is to be found, I hope she will be sure to come, permanent, temporary or otherwise. It seems to me that the demands made here, adjustments about heat, etc. as well as the community life, makes it almost necessary to have one with a missionary spirit, and that she should be more or less prepared for that before coming-don't you think so? On the other hand, the life in the capitol city is making Nanking much more of a social center than ever before, so it's not at all like living inland. But we do have a real desire for the Christian development of the girls as a part of their life and growth, and I do long to have those qualities dominant in whoever comes.

Mrs. Rhead broadcasted last night, a very nice program, which we hope was heard all over China. There have been so many requests for her to give concerts in various parts of China. St. Hilda's even offered to pay her passage by air, because they are so hungry for some good music. But she has promised to go to Hangchow for the spring vacation, and doesn't feel she can add any more this term.

We are quite thrilled that Mischa Elman is going to give a concert here next week. He is brought from Shanghai by the China Press, and Dr. Wu is one of the patrons. If this is successful, it may be that a number of the musicians who make their way to Shanghai will come here as well. We hope so. Really, we are almost having to choose these days what we will go to listen to, for, whereas, formerly, the musical events were scattered and far apart, they are now quite numerous. The quality of the music can sometimes be questioned, but there is constant improvement, and really a great amount of enthusiasm.

It seems to me that the time to have a national music organization here in China has almost arrived. We feel that the move should come from the National Conservatory in Shanghai, and we have suggested it. In the meantime the Christian schools of East China have their annual educational meeting in which the music section has become quite active. We are sending two representatives to the meeting in April. This year we hope to formulate a request to be sent to the Board of Education asking for more time for music in the middle schools, for it has been almost forced out by the other required subjects which are thought more necessary.

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Have you heard of the Nanking Musical Organization? It is composed of students from Nanking ~~§§§~~ University, Central University and Ginling, and any others in the city who like to sing and will attend rehearsals. It has been organized for two years, last year giving Haydn's"Creation", and this year a miscellaneous program of 18th and 19th century music. What they have done is far from perfect, but there is a chorus of about 60 voices which has made an enthusiastic beginning, and there should be improvement each year. There is a plan to ask the Shanghai orchestra to come up to join in a concert, perhaps having a three night affair, one with a Yenching chorus, the next with Shanghai, the next with the Nanking chorus. Recently a beautiful new hall seating several thousand has been erected, which should be a splendid place for concerts to take place. There was at first a desire to have performances given there with an entire Chinese group, but I believe they have modified that, and are willing to consider art for art's sake and for the good of all, provided the Chinese have the larger share in it.

The coming of the embassies to Nanking helps the music two. Two weeks ago there was a French harpist invited by the French embassador, and last week an American violinist, Lampkin, entertained by Embassador Johnson, who afterwards played at the International Club.

Now I must say goodnight. Dr. Reeves is busier than a bee this term, having added some extra courses which noone else seemed prepared to take. But she seems ever so happy. Blanch is also carrying more than one should whose health is handicapped as hers is.,But the chicken project is a very absorbing one, and she is tireless at it, and so very thorough that something good is sure to come of it. A number of girls have been taking the poultry course, which always sound s like "poetry" when they say it.

I do enjoy my home life with them(Dr. Reeves and Blanch) very much, tho Dr. Reeves would probably say the time I spend at home wouldn't seem to prove it. But it's wonderful having the little cottage to go to, even just for meals and sleeping.

We are so grateful to you for the time and thought and energy that you are constantly spending for Ginling, but I don't know why I should say that, as if you are not as much a part of it as any one here on the campus. But you know what I mean.

An unexpected snow storm came yesterday which made it look like fairyland here. Dr. Reeves' woods are more beautiful each year, and with their snowy dress they were quite heavenly.

With kindest wishes and love, I am

Faithfully Yours

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Hwa Chung College,
Wuchang, Hupeh.
Jan.23, 1938

Dear Kathleen,

I wonder if my last clipper letter reached you, about Shen Dju-ying, and trying to help her change her piano teacher, and whether it caused you lots of trouble.

You will think there is no end of my "fish to fry", for here comes another! It came to me one morning early, and as I thought of it, and of your helping in it, I thought that it would have been worth your delaying home this year if you could help to get another started in the right direction. It is just this. About Lucy Yeh(the vocal teacher).I have often thought what it might mean to her to have a chance to go to the Westminster School, and it suddenly occurred to me to wonder why she shouldn't go now, if possible. I spoke to her, and found the idea had already been working in her mind, to the extent that she has already made connection with Northwestern University and has their letter accepting her. This idea for Northwestern came largely thru her friend Miss Nagler, of Chinkiang, who was the one who got her to America in the first place. Miss N's sister is registrar in the school of education there. I know that Lucy has also been interesting in Michigan, especially since Mrs. Rhead's visit. I told her frankly why I longed to have her go to Westminster- largely for the spirit of the place, and for getting into contact with a personality like Dr. Williamson- that it seemed to me she might gain something there that she might entirely miss in a big state college, and that it seemed to me China's great need was for the kind of character building that Dr. Williamson stands for. She knew my point and quite agrees. The more I have come to know her the more I believe that her somewhat inscrutable and "secular"(?) exterior contains a deep and Christ-like desire, somewhqt in embryo, in spots.

And there are very practical reasons for hoping she might get under Dr. Williamson's supervision. In her conducting, stage presence, etc., there is a bit of the dash and "extra curve" that is not in the best taste, tho she likely has seen it in any number of conductors and performers. Eva expresses it by saying that she is "Methodist". I'm not sure that that is exactly fair to them- maybe to call it "Middle west" (at least one species of it) would bemore correct. She would respond, I believe, to anything that is of a higher type if it were properly demonstrated. As for her ability, Mrs. Rhead thought she was a "real find" for Ginling. Dr. Wu has been somewhat skeptical about it, and I believe it is just for those superficial touches that I mentioned above- which have nothing to do with her ability as a voice teacher.

Well, I wonder if that scholarship that was offered to Matthew Yang, and possibly transferred to Grace(?), would now be available for Mrs. Yeh. I am sorry that the letter from Dr. Williamson about it is filed at Ginling and not within my present reach, but I seem to remember that he had said that it might be possible to secure tuition, even for private voice or piano lessons. She is so good in both that I know she would want to continue both. She would like, of course to work toward a degree- in voice, I should presume. I should hope she could go on to take a lot of theory and music history, making a study of much vocal music, including church music, music in worship, etc. Several times last year she mentioned the hope of getting the Freshmen to give a "light opera" in the spring. I was thankful for the experience we had had with Mrs. Love's opera(I can't seem to recall the name- which, tho charmingly given was found to be a little distracting from the rest of the year's program, as you remember) so that I could say to her that Dr. Wu had practically vetoed attempting such a thing in addition to commencement and other music. It is one of my strong feelings that we don't want to reproduce

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the type of light operetta that American school children have been subjected to for the last few decades if we can avoid it, especially while China's standards in western music are only beginning to be formed. And I know you feel that too.

Well, the above perhaps goes to show why it would seem to me a really big contribution to China's musical development if Lucy could get to the school there, as she has much personality and is bound to influence wherever she goes. I had thought of writing to Dr. Williamson, but since you are in such close touch with him, I believe you could state the facts to him better, and of course he does not know me except thru that short correspondence two years ago.

I am sorry that it did not occur to me sooner, but I have been glad of Mrs. Yeh's help here, and hoped she could continue on. But there will probably be only a small number of students remaining(tho they seem to be planning defintely to open Feb.14th, unless things turn badly for the worse) and it seems now a real chance for her to get away. I don't know whether she would be too late to start the second term. If so, could she go in as an auditor this half year and see whether the school seems to offer the things she most needs and wants?

Would there be any chance of getting a scholarship for board as well as tuition? I believe in Matthew's case it was not possible. Lucy said she might be able to carry it for at least half a year. We would have to go partly by faith and hope to interest some friends in her behalf if she stays longer.

I am sending word to Rebecca(perhaps a copy of this letter) asking her, if she thinkg it reasonable, to cable. And suggest the following alternatives:(for reply cable)

1. If tuition and private lessons and board(or part) would be available, wire "YES"
2. If tuition and private lessons, but no board would be available, wire "Part"
3. If tuition, but no private lessons or board, would be available, wire "Possible"
4. If nothing is possible, wire "No".

Last year I was talking to Mabel Hall about the possibilty of getting Matthew Yang into a home such as that of the Niles(Frank Niles is pastor of one of the Presbyterian churches) to live, thinking that he might perhaps be able to earn a little of his board by helping them, and also feeling that the chance to live with them would of the finest influence. Mabel was most willing to write a letter to them, as she has been with them at Hwaiyuen and knows them muchbetter than I. But now we are probably cut off at present, so that my writing to her is very uncertain. I wonder if you have become acquainted with them and whether there would be any possibility of asking whether they would consider taking Lucy, if they could charge a rate of board that would be cheaper than that of the school. Mrs. Thurston knows them quite well, I think, and she might be glad to talk to them.

Well, you see. dear K. what I have "cut out" for you, and I know you will take it as graciously as you have so many other things. When I first spoke to Lucy she said she didn't know anyone in that part of the country. And I said,"But you know Miss Bond!" not to speak of Edith and Stella, if they should stay around there. But I would count most on your companionship, for your interests would be so similar. I have already pictured in my mind your taking in the Lewissohn? summer orchestra concerts together. You see how my imagination has been working. I wish she could get some way of earning a little, but know how almost impossible that is now. Would there be any chance of her getting into International House- maybe in the summer for a while(I imagine her friends in Michigan might want her to go there for part time. And I told her my family would welcome her at any time.) And now no more for this clipper message - but soon again. I hope - With much love Catharine.

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GINLING COLLEGE
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MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Feb.4, 1938
Hwa Chung College,
Wuchang, Hupeh.

Dear Rebecca,

You have been in my thoughts so much these days, and have seemed much neared because Edith Haight has so often referred to you, and spoken of the pleasure it is for her to know you. It is also so good of you to have continued to send messages and copies of letters to my family, who mention them often and appreciate very much being included in your list of people who you so kindly keep informed. I fear that you may be carrying more than your share of the burden there, and hope you will not try to do more than is really reasonable. It would be hard to express the gratitude that all of us here feel for your constant thoughtfulness and labor in Ginling's behalf.

What a strange year it has been. One wants to be able to look ahead, as Dr. Wu so often says, and yet I guess it is our salvation , most of the time, that this is impossible. The letters coming from Nanking these days are most saddening, and yet what courage and strength they show, and hope in the midst of such baffling difficulties. It was surely a relief to get Minnie's first letter after more than four weeks of waiting. What a blessing that she could have been there, and what she and Mrs. Tsen must have meant to those thousands of women and children. And Mr. Bates has shown all the qualities of manhood that one would expect from him at such a time. It seems rather miraculous that he has come thru safely thus far.

In looking back, it is interesting to see how much of it worked out as a good many people had anticipated. At first I didn't like to believe that Nanking would be taken, but Dr. Wu kept planning for it, as if almost inevitable, and setting her own time of leaving at whatever time the govt should feel foreed to leave. And she did just that, staying until the very last govt officials finally got away. The thing that she had notbeen prepared for was the sudden defeat of Soochow, which seemed to shock her greatly. Once that was over, she received much more calmly the things that followed. I like to think that she is getting some chance to renew her mind and spirit in Chengtu, where she writes appreciatively of the warm welcome given by Hwa Chung/West China University.

I wrote a Clipper letter recently to Kathleen Bond, about which you may have already heard(hopefully you have). Perhaps it was my "Scotch" makeup that kept me from mailing you a similar letter at the time. It was in regard to Mrs. Yeh, our vocal teacher, and her going abroad. Altho not many people are comtemplating leaving just now, it does seem quite right and reasonable that she should make use of this lull which has come in Ginling' work to get further study. And I am so eager that she should get into a school like Westminster because of the fine atmosphere there and the personality of Dr. Williamson. I asked Kathleen to speak with you, and if you deemed it wise, to cable us here, so that Mrs. Yeh might leave as soon as possible. If you have done so, we will be most grateful. Mrs. Yeh has unusually talent and Mrs. Rhead seemed especially impressed with her ability to teach voice. I think that she has the pos-

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I am not sure whether I mentioned in a previous letter the hope that Stella Graves would not feel the necessity of taking on a teaching job for this next half year, which she suggested doing, in order to help out the Ginling budget. It seems to me that she really needed a good rest, and since the first half of her year at home has been rather filled with study, my hope would be that she could have a good deal of free time in order to be well and strong again for her next term in China. This is the way it seems to me.

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sibility of expansion of both mind and soul, under favorable conditions, and so shall be most happy if it works out as seemed good to us on this side of the water. Dr. Wu has written giving her approval of her going. Mrs. Yeh feels that she can support herself for half a year or maybe a year, if tuition can be found, and I hope that a way may be found whereby some help can be given her. She sings with great poise and good effect, in a way that pleases the average audience very much. I don't know whether it would be possible for her to earn any money thru he singing, or not. It might be that you and Mrs. McMillan could discuss the possibility of getting her to do some publicity, or of getting some person with means interested in her. Please pardon me if this seems like one more straw to break your back just at this moment- I am only thinking aloud, in a sense, and do not want you to feel in any sense an obligation toward Mrs. Yeh, unless, in connection with other Ginling contacts there should seem to be a favorable opening. If she goes, I hope you can come to know her. She sometimes seems full of reserve, but I think it is a cover, on the whole, for diffidence, and she expands much under friendliness. She has a little flare toward the "showy", which I hope Westminster would smooth out, for I think her fundamental nature is one of refinement. I think that Mrs. Rhead might be quite interested in having her go to Michigan, and perhaps a little surprised that we should not suggest it to Mrs. Yeh, but my strong feeling is that study at one of the big universities might leave her almost where she had begun, as far as development in personality goes. You see I am speaking very frankly, and maybe with too limited experience, but I'm sure you understand my point.

Speaking of Mrs. Rhead, I miss her tremendously this year, and the memory of her year with us will always be one filled with appreciation and gratitude for all that she brought us. Personally she was a wonderful friend, and musically so excellent and full of vision and understanding.

I am thinking, too, of Miss Rhodes. I wonder if Elsie or anyone mentioned her box of music and books, which somehow got shipped to Hongkong, and is now there in storage. Elsie told me not long ago that the rate of storage there is remarkably low, so that is not a problem. But the question is whether Miss Rhodes needs the books. I am still hoping that conditions will have become normal enough by next September that Miss Rhodes' coming will be a possibility. What we learned of her training and temperament would make one think that she would fit into a reconstruction era, provided things weren't too upset. For I realize that it is harder for anyone who is new to step into these conditions than for one who has been a long time in China. Will you please give her the enclosed note to her? I am quite prepared to stay on over the summer and into next year, if I can be of use, unless it should seem as if the war would draw out into a number of years- in which case I feel I owe it to my family to see them for at least a short while- but it will be splendid if Miss Rhodes can come back with Stella Graves, on whom we are counting, in order to begin the new school year.

I have been happy here, where new friends have been most kind, and where it seems quite reasonable for me to stay on, since four music majors and one minor will likely be here from Ginling, as well as other students I have been teaching. I shall miss Eva very much, as will all her mission folk and other friends with whom she made such a place in their regard. She preached a very fine sermon the last Sunday evening before she left on our attitude in this present crisis.

Dr. Hsiung continues on, and I am glad that he felt it best to stay instead of following his daughters to Szechuan, for her does so much here for refugees, wounded soldier work etc.

Please give my love to Grace

Lovingly
Cachami Sutherland

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# WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 2, 1938

Miss Rebecca Walton Griest
Ginling College
Nanking, China

Dear Miss Griest:

We shall be happy to give Mrs. Yeh a scholarship in the Westminster Choir School:

Tuition - $300.
Two lessons a week in Voice, 1 lesson a week in piano - $200; in addition to a ten dollar practice fee, and a registration fee of ten dollars.

Her only expense, then, would be board and room - three hundred twenty dollars a year.

Personally, I should not advise that she come until the fall semester opens, the last week in September.

I am sending a catalogue that will give you details regarding the School. If we can render a service to Ginling College through Mrs. Ginling, we ahall be most happy.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Williamson

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Ginling College,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.
May 9, 1938.

Dear Catharine:

Will you please thank Mr. Taylor for having me on his mailing list. His letter of March 20th reached me this morning.

I could not understand why Dr. Williamson did not answer my letter of March 1st in regard to Mrs. Yeh. On May 2nd I received a letter from him dated March 2nd, which had been addressed to Ginling College, Nanking,China! In that letter, he says,

"We shall be happy to give Mrs. Yeh a scholarship in the Westminister Choir School:

Tuition - $ 300.
Two lessons a week in voice, 1 lesson a week in piano - $200; in addition to a ten dollar practice fee, and a registration fee of ten dollars.

Her only expense then, would be board and room - three hundred twenty dollars a year.

Personally I should not advise that she come until the fall semester opens, the last week in September."

In the meantime I have been trying to find out just as much as possible about the Westminister Choir School. Mrs. Rhead's report has not been favorable, although she personally knows nothing about it. She is reporting what she has heard from others. Reports that we get in New York are of somewhat similar nature. In Lancaster, which has as good reputation musically as any small city in the east, we have three of their directors in three of our largest churches. One is a huge success, and believes thoroughly in the contribution which this school makes to worship through music. The other two are not as successful, although I understand in both cases they were recommended by Dr. Williamson. After a good many conversations, I have wondered whether the difference between success and lack of itin the students from this school, may not depend on the quality of their musical background, when they go to the school. The man whom I know, who is so successful, had an excellent musical training before he ever heard of this school. What he got there was a fresh orientation in method of presentation, and in the great possibilities for worship which music offers to the church. I hesitate to write this, because as you know, I am not very intelligent about music, but my own conclusion is that it would be safer for a foreign student to get her fundamental musical foundation somewhere else and then to have the opportunity of a term or of the summer school which the Westminister Choir School offers, and to have this opportunity at the end of her experience instead of at the beginning.

Dr. Williamson's offer is a very generous one. The opinion here, however, is that Northwestern would be a better place. I have written to Mrs. Rhead about the cost of summer work at Michigan in music, but I would assume that probably Mrs. Yeh is not planning to arrive, if she comes at all, before fall.

Stella seems to be better. We have received from Dr. Wu the action of the Board of Directors asking for her return. All we need to know now is on what date she will be wanted and in which location. We are so glad that you are coming home. I telephoned your family in Montclair when Dr. Wu's letter first came. They expressed the hope that you would come, but did not indicate any pressing reason as far as your family is concerned. Mrs. Thurston was in the office and talked briefly to your brother. I heard her tell him that she counted you one of the modern saints.

With love and a warm welcome to America, I am, Sincerely yours,

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Letter addressed to RWG

QUOTATION FROM NOVEMBER LETTER FROM CATHARINE SUTHERLAND

Rud: Ubi will leave will help on supplying copies of last year's correspondence

Mrs. Yeh is here with us, and will be a great help. She still hopes, I think, to go next year, if possible. She holds to the Westminster Choir School, since they have so far offered the most in scholarship. Of course, Northwestern would be good, if they could consider a scholarship. She would like to have, if possible, a statement from Dr. Williamson, of the Choir School, to the effect that the scholarship offered for this year would hold for another year, and I told her I would write to you about it, since you had corresponded with him last year. Would you be good enough to write asking him for a statement that could be given to Mrs. Yeh. Of course, if you there have a decided feeling that the Choir School would not be a good place for Mrs. Yeh's study, then perhaps we ought to consider something else.

I am cherishing a hope that there might be a possibility of getting a Barbour Scholarship in music for another of our teachers (who is remaining in Shanghai this year, with really no job). She has done excellent work in her one year with us, in piano, and she also taught an appreciation class quite acceptably. I think she is one of our most promising coming teachers, and have rather a hope that she could go on in musicology (Michigan is supposed to have a very good course) as well as in piano. She is Miss Hu Shih-tsang, our graduate of five years ago. (Mrs. Rhead taught her while she taught with us and thought well of her teaching, I believe) So I would personally prefer not to encourage Mrs. Yeh to try for Michigan, hoping that if any consideration is given there, it might be for Miss Hu. Of course, I realize that there was a great decrease in the number of students who went abroad this year, and maybe it will be so next. And also, Dr. Wu may not wish to encourage Miss Hu, possibly feeling that scholarships for other things are more important. Still I shall try to push it, for I feel that music must begin to have more of a chance, and there is surely a continued need and cry for it. If you feel that it would be right to do anything from that end, it would be fine. But perhaps no names should be mentioned until I am more sure that Dr. Wu would be in favor of Miss Hu's applying. I have already spoken to her, but it was at a time when she was busy with something else, and she did not seem to commit herself.

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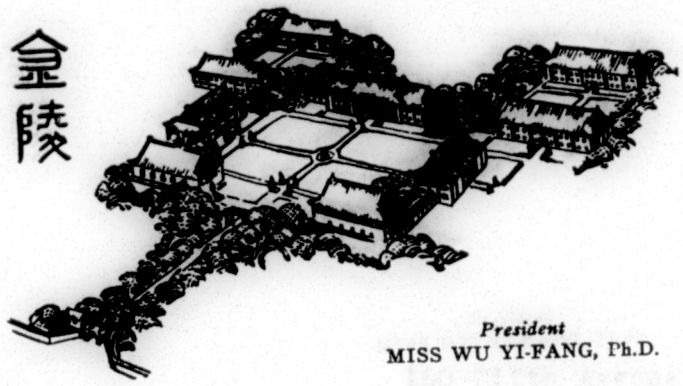

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Hotel Bellevue
Boston Massachusetts
15 December 1938

Dear Ruth,

Miss Moore will have forwarded to you a letter I dictated while in New York. I now inclose a copy of a message about scholarships in a recent letter from Miss Sutherland. The entire letter you will be seeing, if you have not already, but this matter of scholarships is probably pressing.

Have you already been in touch with the Barbour Scholarship Committee, whose chairman is Professor W. Carl Rufus, University Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan? If you have not, probably you will wish to write at once, asking for the most recent copy of regulations, a simple form of application, and any other detailed information which you need. There is in the back of my mind the importance of January first in connection with Barbour applications. There is so much in my mind at the moment, that I do not trust this impression, which I have not recently checked with the facts, and which may mean that it was on January first that we had to send all of our material from China for Barbour consideration. Will you please let Professor Rufus know from you that the Ginling people in this country (Mrs. Thurston, you, and I, specifically) are working together to make Ginling applications as clear and satisfactory as possible. Mr. Rufus told me last year that the unusual consideration which Chinese girls, and particularly Ginling girls, had received in the past was now being sharply challenged by candidates of other nationalities, particularly those from India. The Committee, therefore, needs to have as strong confidence in the quality of Ginling applications as we can possibly give it.

Sincerely yours,

Eva B. MacMillan

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Ruth Chester
c/o Mrs. William B. Stimson
3914 Locust Street
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

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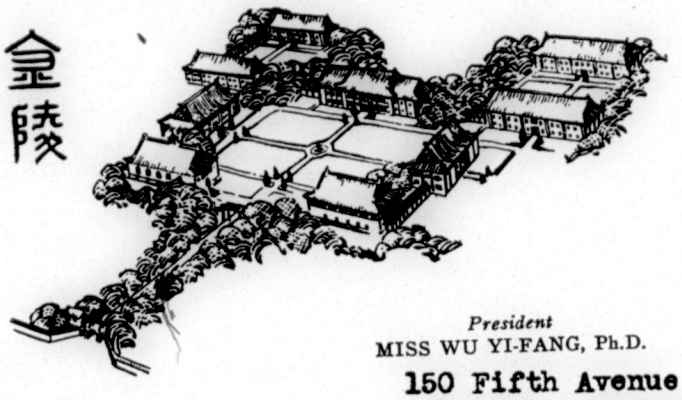


*President*
MISS WU YI-FANG, Ph.D.

150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
January 12, 1939

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My dear Miss Chester:

I am so glad you have written for the information about Mrs. Yeh. Let's just forget what the former arrangements as to who would send you the information, were, and start from this batch of letters which I am sending you today. I believe you can get the whole story from them. I know you will take good care of the letters and see that they come back to me for our files. I have marked with red pencil all parts of letters which referred to Mrs. Yeh, so that with a minimum amount of reading you can get the whole picture.

I have written Mrs. Macmillan today to send you what she knows about Barbour Scholarships. As she has been instrumental in getting those scholarships and at one time served on the committee in Ann Arbor, and is very often consulted by that committee even now, I think she can give you in concrete form just the information you need.

The film, "It Happened at Ginling", has just arrived. Thanks for returning it so promptly. Since I am the watch-dog of the films and the engagements, it relieves my mind tremendously to have at least one copy of each of the films in the office in case of emergency calls.

I am enclosing ten sheets of both buff and white Ginling letterheads, together with buff and white envelopes to match. We use the white paper for the large envelopes and the buff for the small ones. If you find you need the proper second sheets for each kind of paper, you can pick that up when you are in on the 18th. I have thought several times of asking you if you didn't need Ginling stationery, but just never got around to asking you.

Sincerely yours,

Alice Marie.

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Miss Ruth Chester
3914 Locust Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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# WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 18, 1939.

Miss Ruth M. Chester
3914 Locust Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Chester:

If Mrs. Yeh is on the regular Faculty of Ginling College, and if after her year's work here she can return to a position where she can be of service, we shall be most happy to extend to her the scholarship for next year. She will, of course, be required to take care of her private lessons, if she wishes to take any, and furnish her music.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Williamson

JFW:dm

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# WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 23, 1939.

Miss Ruth M. Chester
3914 Locust Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Chester:

The scholarship for Mrs. Yeh will cover her tuition, which is $300.00, and two lessons a week in voice and one in piano, which is $200.00, and a ten dollar practice fee and a registration fee of ten dollars. She will be required to take care of her living expenses and books and music.

I note that she will be here for only one year. I take for granted that she comes with the full backing of Ginling College.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Williamson

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3914 Locsut St.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Jan. 25, 1939.

Dear Catharine:-

Having carried letters of yours around with me since last summer, it still seems to take a piece of business to get me started on one to you. However I have written mostly general letters, in which you of course had a big share in my mind as I wrote them.

First let me get the business which promted this letter off my mind and then I can write about other things. Mrs. Macmillan, who is more or less holding the Ginling office together in the absence of anyone really responsible for it, turned over to me your letter in regard to scholarships for Mrs. Yeh, and Hu Shih-tsang. Because of some misunderstanding between us, and their not sending me the previous correspondance on it I didn't do anything about it for a long time, thinking the next move was theirs. Then when I was prodded I asked for the letters and wrote Dr. Williamson about Mrs. Yeh. His first reply said they would give her tuition scholarship, but she would have to pay for private lessons herself. As that was different from what they offered last year I wrote him again, thinking it better to get everything clear before sending it way out to you. This morning his second letter came, and I quote from it: "The scholarship for Mrs. Yeh will cover her tuition, which is $300.00 and two lessons a week in voice and one in piano, which is $200.00, and a ten dollar practice fee and a registration fee of ten dollars. She will be required to take care of her living expenses and books and music. I note that she will be here for only one year. I take for granted that she comes with the full backing of Ginling College." So I guess that is all straight now and I hope she can manage it. As this is the second time they have made this generous offer, if she finds she can't manage it I suggest that she write herself as early as possible, thanking him and explaining. It would also be well for her to confirm it if she is going, I should think.

As for Hu Shih-tsang I wrote Dr. Rufus asking for a blank and for information about when applications must be in, etc. and some other matters. He answered part of my letter, but not that part, so I had to write again. Finally I got a copy of the blank, and found it was supposed to be in by Jan. 1st, though he said they would consider it if I put it in at once. But when I looked it over there were so many important questions that I couldn't possibly answer that I felt sure they would not give her serious consideration when they have plenty of other applications that are in proper form. I was especially resitant because I know of no way she could finance travel and living. Perhaps you had a plan for that, but without any mention of it I couldn't assure them on the blank of her ability to do that, and of course they must know that before they can offer her anything. Also as I reread your letter, and considered it all in the light of Dr. Wu's policy I did not feel I had the right to give her Ginling's official backing without some indication of her feeling, especially since there are three other Ginling people applying. So I am afraid there is nothing to do about it this year. If Dr. Wu approves and there is some way for her to finance the rest of it then she can get an application in early and in proper form, for next year and stand a much better chance. I feel that to put in a poor one that they would not be able to considdr seriously, might hinder her another year. I hope this seems wise to you and that it can work out later, for

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I agree that she is worthy of such an opportunity and that it is something we ought to push.

Probably you have already received from the office the word that Estler Rhodes cannot go this year. It was almost arranged and we thought she would be all set to go, but a health problem that was a little more serious than she had realized, makes a temporary delay necessary. If all goes well she will be free to go after a year or so, but it is off for the present. Imogene Ward told me Mabel is suggesting to Dr. Wu that she return. If we were in Nanking of course everyone would be delighted at that, but I think it is a great deal of a question whether she could go to Chengtu. Maybe this is not a correct report anyway, but you will probably know. No one else in sight yet, so far as I know.

I have just been up to the Knox School to speak, where Gratia is. I had a nice time and an enthusiastic response, but of course the most fun for me was seeing Gratia. She seems much the same as ever. She is just recovering from a sinus operation at Christmas time, and feels the cold climate there is not good for her, but otherwise she seemed very chipper.

I seem to keep quite busy, but when I'm asked what I do I feel puzzled to find the answer. Right now my aunt ly duties are considerable as both parents are away, and most of the family has been sick so the nurse has had more than she could manage alone. You'd be surprised to find what an efficient nurse I am! They are such fun and I am having the time of my life with them.

Since postage is such an item these days I think I will try to enclose a letter to Mr. Sung and ask you to give it to him. I should have written him before and am afraid if I let this chance slip it will be delayed again.

All your letters and everyones are read with great interest. I hope when you know your plans you will let me know, incase we might be able to meet somewhere if you are on your way home and I on the way out. I think I shall be getting to Hongkong about the end of August, but haven't final plans yet. I am so glad some pianos were corralled and you are able to carry on, for I feel music is one of our most important departments.

Please give my love to everybody. I think of you all so much and even when I am happiest there I find a part of me would like to be there. I hope you are feeling well and not working too hard.

With much love,

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# WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

June 20, 1939.

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Westminster Choir College opens September 18. Advance examinations are held that day.

We are very happy that Mrs. Yeh is going to be with us this fall. I understand she has booked passage on the "Empress of Japan" which leaves Hongkong on September first and arrives at Vancouver on the nineteenth. This will make her a little late but if she cannot get earlier passage, of course nothing can be done about it. If it is possible for her to get earlier passage, I should advise it as the first week of school is given over to the opening activities and it would mean so much to her to get into the full swing of things.

If you could send a cable to Ginling College so they might try to get earlier passage for her, I think it would help.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Williamson

JFW:dm

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# WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 9, 1939.

Mrs. Lucy Leng Yeh:

This is to certify that you have been accepted as a student in Westminster Choir College for the season 1939-40, that you are being granted a scholarship to cover your tuition and private lessons amounting to $500.00.

We shall expect you to come in our entering class this September.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Williamson

PRESIDENT

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Y.W.C.A.
Seattle, Wash.,
Sept. 20, 1939.

Dear Mrs MacMillan:

Our long and rather anxious voyage is now ended and tonight Miss Wu Mon-i and I begin our journey to the east. We'll be arriving in New York at the Pennsylvania Station at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday. We are sorry to be arriving in N.Y. and to trouble you so much on Sunday but we couldn't help it. This is the best and the quickest way we can make it.

I want to express my thanks & appreciation for all your letters sent to Victoria for me. They all meant a great deal to me.

The Immigration Officer was indeed a very kind old man. He helped in ending up our voyage with a happy feeling.

I will be happy to attend the Girls' Founders Day Meeting if I can make it. My plan is to get in Princeton Sunday evening.

I am looking forward to meeting & talking with you.

Sincerely yours,
Lucy Leung Yeh.

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Mr. Evans
should see
this note
marked
for him.

Acknowledged 4/15/40

445 Baker Ave.,
Webster Groves, Mo.
April 12, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

Thank you for the two letters which have come recently, the special delivery telling about W u Suen-i's scholarship, and the one inviting me to attend the meeting of the Board of Founders on May 15.

In regard to the latter I will say that it will be a pleasurable duty, if that is your wish.

May I answer your question about Mrs. Yeh. I think that I wrote that she would like to stay another year, and that for several reasons she may prefer not to continue at the Westminster Choir School, one reason being that she could not receive a master's degree there for several more years, while at Michigan or Northwestern it is likely that she could obtain it within one year and one summer session. I should have thought to write at once to you about it, but somehow did not include her, in my mind, with those of Ginling's alumnae who had been more directly under your supervision. In other words, from certain conversations with Dr. W u, my feeling was that Ginling was not in a position to help her just now, and so it seemed more or less up to her to do what she could on her own. Not that she has not been most successful, as you know, on Ginling's staff. But I thought it was merely a case of there being so many Ginling graduates alreqdy seeking scholarships that they would receive first consideration. W ell, that is merely to try to say that far from not wishing your help, I'm sure Mrs. Yeh would be most glad to have it. W hat I did when in Michigan was to talk with Mrs. Rhead about Lucy, and we went together to see Dr. Rufus. My first desire was to find out whether any applications had been made for next year for Ginling alumnae. W e found that none had been made. W e then told Dr. Rufus about Lucy, andfound that she had sent in her own apllication in 1935, and that he seemed quite familiar with her. W e asked whether she might be considered for next year, and he said that she might, although the preliminary procedures had already gone thru. But since the final decision would not be made until May 1st, we might ask her to reapply, if she wished, although she should not be too hopeful, since there will be few appointments this year. I wrote to her at once, and she replied that she would be very happy if she could get to Michigan, and that she had written to Dr. Rufus. That is as it stands now. I also asked Dr. Rufus if there would be less possibility of a Ginling candidate being received next year, should Mrs. Yeh happen to be accepted this year. He say no, thathe thought it would make no difference. S hould you be interested in writing to Dr. Rufus to help encourage her appointment, I know she would be most grateful.

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If she doesn't receive the Barbour scholarship, her next thought would be Northwestern, where her good friend, Miss Eula Nagler, is registrar in the School of Education. Miss Nagler and I have corresponded quite a bit about the possibility of her going there, and Miss Nagler is glad to have Lucy live with her in her apartment, if she goes to Northwestern. As for the tuition, none is granted in the way of scholarships to graduate students in music, it seems, so that she would have to find the tuition of some $300 odd dollars. Do you think that Ginling would have anything to offer here in the way of a loan or maybe of a gift? Miss Nagler was willing to try to get some friends interested in helping, and I might try also. Lucy has some funds herself, but not very much, I believe, and because of the present rate of exchange, what her husband is now earning would be almost nihil when exchanged, as you know.

Mrs. Yeh herself is very (reticent about accepting / reluctant to accept) help, and also [in] telling [to] her own point of view and desire, but gradually I think I have found about how she feels about her next year and what she would wish. A nything you may have in mind about how to preceed from this point, since we unfortunately did not consult you from the beginning, will be much appreciated, both by her and Miss Nagler and me, I am sure.

Thank you very much for the letter from Mrs. Swen. I was much interested in all the news contained therein. She is simply fine, from all my contact with her, and so is her husband, and both will contribute much to China, and are doing so.

A nother matter, in regard to a letter from S tella Graves, asking me to get a few things to take back to Chengtu. She has already written to Mr. Evans about a baby organ for her own use, for which she has sent one salary check. S he says at the end of the letter that she is sending a second salary check, asking me to get several things with it. A fter thinking about it, I wondered whether they might be bought more cheaply in New York, perhaps with a discount which is sometimes given to the mission boards. I will, at any rate, enclose her list, and will you do what seems best about it. If it is asking too much to take yours or another's time to get these things, please say so frankly. If I am there in May, I may do something, but in the case of woolen things, I thought they would be more likely to be in stock now than later. In fact, that is one thing that I have not been able to get here even in the winter-real wool stockings. I can get combination silk and wool, but not all wool- we are probably too far south. I think I will in clude a small order of my own on that account, if you will be so kind as to help out.

I think that is all I can think to trouble you with this time! I meant to say that I did not forward your typed letter to Wu Suen-i, lest she feel too sensitive about some of the statements, but I tried in my own way to make it just as clear as your letter that it would be to her advantage to leave things in your hands. I hope it works out alright. I had a most happy visit in Michigan. I did not try to persuade Mrs. Rhead to go out, tho I wanted very much to do so, but I did everything I could to let her how eager we were to have her, and how we would welcome her if she herself made the decision. Her final word, as you probably know, seems to be not to go this fall, but probably next year. I have no doubt now of her real desire to go, when the time seems right and best.

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Please pardon me- I may be repeating things included in my last letter to you. As I wrote it in long hand, I have no copy to refer to.

Thanking you for your constant help, I am

Sincerely yours,

Catherine Sutherland.

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445 Baker Ave.,
Webster Groves, Mo.,
May 7, 1940.

I am glad to give what information I have about Mrs. Lucy Leng Yeh (Yap), a member of the faculty of Ginling College, China, who is now in this country, and who hopes tocontinue her graduate study for another year. For three years I was associated with her in the music department of Ginling College, and during that time I have felt continued admiration for her, both as a teacher and as a personal friend.

Coming to Ginling after seven years of teaching in China and in Singapore, following her four years of training in Albion College, from which she received her A.B. degree, we were happy to find in her not only a person of charm and poise, but one who showed unusual gifts as a musician and a teacher. Having majored in voice and minored in piano, while in college, most of her time since then has been spent with voice, both in performance and in teaching. She has had marked success in chorus and glee club work as well as in private vocal teaching.

Last year she received a scholarship in the Westminster Choir College, which will be concluded in June, 1940. It is her hope to be able to do further work leading to a Master's degree, with special emphasis upon voice study.

Signed, Catharine E. Sutherland
Music Department,
Ginling College.

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
May 3, 1940

Mrs. Lucy Yeh
Westminster Choir School
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Lucy:

I wrote down on my calander the date on which you were to sing in Atlantic City and I thought very hard about you that day and hoped that it went off splendidly. I meant to write you before that time to tell you that the acoustics in that great hall are perfect, at least they were when I was at the Y. W. C. A. Convention, and that in spite of its size you could sing very naturally and be sure to be heard. I hope you enjoyed it.

I have had a little information from Catharine and from Mrs. Rhead about some of your thoughts concerning your work next year. I know that the Barbour Scholarship was applied for too late and that you did not receive one. I am wondering if you would be willing to let me know what you would really like to do next year. Certainly the problem of finance is a serious one, with exchange rates as they are. I suggested to Mrs. Macmillan that she write to Smith and ask for a scholarship there for you. She has done so, but she tells me that when she was at Smith recently they had already on their list two Chinese girls who were seeking music scholarships. With this, the situation does not look very bright in regard to a scholarship there for you. I understand that there is a possibility both at Northwestern and at Michigan that you could live in the home of friends, so that at either place it would be a matter of tuition expense and incidentals only.

I hope you will not feel that I am being too inquisitive about this matter, but as Chairman of the Ginling College Personnel Committee, it is Mrs. Macmillan's and my business to do what we can to be useful to our faculty here. So if you feel you can be frank with me, I should be glad to know just what you would like to do next year if you are free to do it.

Affectionately yours,

RWG:JB

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
May 6, 1940

Mrs. Lucy Yeh
Westminister Choir School
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Mrs. Yeh:

Mrs. Macmillan forwarded to me this morning a letter from Miss Bryson, who is Chairman of the Committee at Smith College on the Exchange of Students with Foreign Countries. She would like to have your papers at once. By this she means biographical and academic information about you. Will you please, if you are at all interested in going to Smith, send me, at once, a statement covering the following points: age, including year of birth; education, in China and in America; professional experience, giving places and dates for both academic and professional data; also any references which you could give in this country. They could include Miss Sutherland and Mrs. Rhead, if you wish.

I should explain that the awards at Smith have already been offered but there is a possibility of some of them not being accepted, so that they would be glad to give you consideration in case someone does not accept the Fellowship offered.

There is no statement in this letter as to what the award would be.

I had a letter this morning from Miss Butler who says that she came up on the train with you from Atlantic City. I am so glad that you met each other. She is the person whom we hoped the Southern Methodists would transfer to Ginling this year, but unfortunately they failed to do so.

Affectionately yours,

RWG:JB

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Please Return to R. W. G.

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MRS. LUCY LENG YEH
WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY
U. S. A.

May 9, 1940.

Dear Miss Grieve:-

Your letters and your willingness to help me with my future plans are indeed greatly appreciated. I meant to write you sooner but my own mind was not clear on just what I wanted, and then with the rush of the ending of the semester's work I had no time to do what I wished to do.

You knew of my application for the Barbour Scholarship and after it didn't come through I just made up my mind that I'd borrow money somehow and finish at Northwestern. Thank Mrs. Read

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MRS. LUCY LENG YEH
WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY
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Lad so kindly offered me to live
with her I felt hesitant to accept
such a great favor and so the
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I could live with her and she may
be able to arrange with some people
or some of her friends so that
my tuition can be taken care of.
There are opportunities for me to
get a church position too, I suppose
singing. This one letter, I feel,
is going to change all my plans
again, though I have already
paid my matriculation fee at

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MRS. LUCY LENG YEH
WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY
U. S. A.

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Northwestern!

I know it is no joke to be in debt now, though I know I'd have no trouble taking care of it if the war closes as Lone. Naturally, you'll understand if I lean again toward Ann Arbor!

It seems the chance of a scholarship at Smith is very small anyway. Maybe it is just as well that we drop it. However, it warmed my heart greatly when I read your letters.

You'll be going to N.Y. again soon. I hope the meeting will go off smoothly and just the way you wish it to do.

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MRS. LUCY LENG YEH
WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY
U. S. A.

Please give my kindest regards
to Miss Sutherland, Mrs Macmillan
and Mrs Hodge.

It is 9:00 p.m. now, but I
am going to the school and
hear the last lady of the
Senior recital.

Again may I thank you
for all your kind thoughts for me.

Wish you the best of
everything.

Yours sincerely,
Lucy Yeh.

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& Robes of Barbour
had any rec.

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My dear Miss Priest.

Your letter of May 12th
reached me on Monday and
I read it so glad Catherine
had sent it on to you.
I have been working on
Lucy's prospects this week
in spare moments. I
went to see Dr Yoakum
Dean of the graduate School
to see if there might be
some funds there but he
was not too encouraging
but was good to look at
her transcript filed in
Dr Rufus office - He gave
me the name of McGregor
Scholarship Fund and I

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I sent off a letter to them to see if I could raise anything there - I do near as I can figure the tuition for the Summer School and next year would amount to around $600.00 and it would take about that time for her to finish - I am anxious to get this in some definite shape in a week or two. Lucy, I wrote me that you had suggested Smith College and I would think it advisable in case this does not materialize - I am confident of my friends help but that would not be sufficient for the whole amount. I wanted Lucile to ask for the whole but am to find out and talk with her and I wanted some help otherwise before I took it to her - In case I do not hear anything else - I will go any way -

I understand you caution in not answering my letter as I felt that was the reason - but as I wrote you and Catherine I felt I should help as much as I could at least, on this side. There have been many chances to do so here and I am

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done it here and not been able
to send much to Linden office
but it is all going back to
China in the form of another
Matthew young whose Aunt
is in the Linden staff has
needed some help this year
The Chinese Club. sending back
funds for Medical Aid and
Hwa Nan. I do feel.
She is in a sufficient financial
basis now not to need my help
further. And she is not to
appreciate of what is done for
her Do I

The Festival was a great
success but we are all rags now
I would do love to have had
Catherine but she felt she must
be at home - I will keep you
posted as to my success -

Sincerely yours.

Mabel Rhead

208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
May 10, 1940

My dear Lucy:

Your letter of May 9 reached me just a few minutes ago. I think you are very courageous to think of borrowing money because with the exchange as it is, it would certainly be a pretty heavy burden to have to repay it, at least until after the war is over and real currency adjustment comes in China.

I'm glad that you are thinking seriously about Mrs. Rhead's suggestion, for if she can secure help for you, it would mean a great advantage to you, and I think that living in her home might be a very pleasant thing.

May I suggest also that you should never hesitate to offer yourself as a teacher of Spoken Chinese. If you are in a college or university where such courses are given, you really should apply for a part-time teaching job. I have sat under what were supposed to be the best direct method language teachers in China and I never heard anything to equal in clarity and in teaching finesse, the lesson you gave the day you were in Lancaster at Shippen School.

I am sorry that you haven't sent me the data for Smith because even if you do not receive any offered aid from Smith, it is an advantage always to be able to say that you have been offered a scholarship or fellowship in one of our good Eastern colleges. Personally, I think probably it would be better if you can manage it, to go to the University of Michigan or Northwestern, but I believe you would be warmly received at Smith. The Music Department there ranks very well, although I do not know about the vocal end of it. I am going to enclose a sheet which I wish you would fill in and send me at your earliest convenience.

Miss Sutherland will be in New York, as you probably know, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next week at meetings and will stay a day or so longer in order to visit her brother. She planned to stop on her way East at Chicago and also at Ann Arbor to see about possibilities for music both at Northwestern and at Michigan. I imagine that this is in relation to your plans. But she is not going to be able to do this on her way East and now plans to do it on her way home. She will be at the Parkside Hotel, 18 Gramercy Park, South, for the days of the meetings and after that at her brother's home.

Now please do fill out this sheet and send it to me. You do not have to accept anything that comes, but it would be an advantage to you always to have been offered it.

Sincerely yours,

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
May 17, 1940

Miss Gladys Bryson
Smith College
Northampton, Mass.

My dear Miss Bryson:

I suggested to Mrs. Macmillan that she write you concerning the possibility of Lucy Yeh securing scholarship aid at Smith for 1940-1941. Mrs. Macmillan forwarded to me your answer but sent no data, and what we have collected is not as complete by any means as it should be. I am enclosing the facts which we have and adding Miss Sutherland's statement. Miss Sutherland is chairman of the music department of Ginling College.

Mrs. Rhead, whom Mrs. Yeh mentions among possible references, is an associate professor in the Music Department of the University of Michigan. Mrs. Rhead spent 1936-1937, a sabbatical year, at Ginling College and when she returned spoke enthusiastically of Mrs. Yeh, both as to the quality of her voice and of her fine teaching ability. She said she had the gift for getting the best from the girls' voices. Mrs. Rhead, after Mrs. Yeh decided that she should not continue a second year at the Westminster Choir School, had her apply for a Barbour Scholarship. The Barbour Committee, I understand, felt that they could not grant another scholarship at this time to Ginling College. Ginling is now represented at Michigan by two Barbour Scholars, one in the field of Music and one in Physics.

I have had Mrs. Yeh twice in my home this year. She is the most delightful of all the Chinese girls who have been here in the course of years. She is at ease socially. She sang at a large tea here. I am not a judge of voice, but one person in the audience who taught music in Hua Chung College and who has lived in China for nearly twenty years, said to me afterward that she was astonished, that she did not know that <u>any</u> Chinese girl had a voice like that.

Also here this winter she spoke to the students at the local private school, at which Eleanor Fitzpatrick, Smith, possible 1918, is principal. She held these girls, who think it somewhat smart to appear bored even when they are not, in the hollow of her

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hand. They sat on the edge of their seats, especially during the Chinese lesson which she gave them. Miss Fitzpatrick said to me, "That girl can teach anything."

Mrs. Yeh's husband is living; she has no children. Her husband is an editor and a teacher of English. They lived for a time after their marriage in Singapore. In Nanking, before the war, he taught in the Central Military Academy, a training school for officers.

Mrs. Rhead, of the Michigan Music Department, is so convinced that the girl should have further training that she, if all else fails, promises to try to interest some of her friends to provide funds for tuition at Michigan. This, however, has as yet not been done.

Mrs. Yeh's husband paid her travel and expenses this year, aside from the tuition scholarship, at the Westminster Choir School. The great drop in the value of the Chinese dollar makes support from him prohibitive this coming year. Exchange in Chengtu is about 20:1. Five hundred dollars in our money requires ten thousand in Chinese currency.

I can secure for you, I am sure, a transcript from Albion College, if that would add any strength to Mrs. Yeh's position.

Mrs. Yeh is expecting to return to the Department of Music at Ginling College as a teacher of vocal music. I think she would be a delightful representative of Ginling on the Smith campus and that, in turn, in China she would finally interpret Smith to Ginling.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca W. Griest
Chairman of the Personnel
Committee of the Ginling
College Board of Founders.

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MRS. LUCY LENG YEH
WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY
U. S. A.

Mrs. Yeh

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Saturday

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Miss Grieat phoned me last night & explained to me in detail her correspondence & conversations with you concerning a scholarship at Smith College for me.

Due to the lateness of the application and the lack of papers had asked Miss Grieat to drop the matter some time ago. She explained in her phone call that both you & she are of the opinion that I should make the trip to Smith with you.

I am writing to let you know that I will go with you on

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MRS. LUCY LENG YEH
WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY
U. S. A.

Wednesday. Please let me know as to where & when I should meet you in N.Y. on Wednesday.

I have an appointment for Tuesday evening but I will look up the train schedule & will try & get to N.Y. on Tuesday night some time.

My address will be
c/o Mrs. C. Leech,
477 Wigard Ave.,
Philadelphia,
Pa.
Phone Rox. 3232

Sincerely yours
Lucy Yeh.

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477 WIGARD AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
PHONE ROX 3232

May 19 th 1940

Dear Mrs. MacMillan:-

Mrs Yeh and I have been discussing the Smith College engagement.

She did not that date was arranged for, as she had not heard from you again.

I have told her about our telephone conversation and altho she would feel it a privilege to represent Guiling at the Smith College Commencement,

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477 WIGARD AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
PHONE ROX 3232

she feels that she ought to keep the engagement which I had made for her previously.

However, perhaps you can convince her that she ought to accept the invitation to Northampton if you write to her.

Very truly yours,
Gertrude H. Leech
(Mrs. C.A. Leech)

Please return to R.H. Gruse.

Original to hand

208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
May 20, 1940

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Room 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Your letter from Frances "to Myrta" is here. I thought that we did a good job in Lancaster with Joy Homer's name to play on, but this just shows what a community can really do. Here's hoping that nothing prevents Minnie from arriving. I was convinced in our experience here that a community can readily be rallied around a name when that name is attached to somebody who has really done something that requires courage and resourcefullness, but ours was a pre-nursery age show compared with this thing in Secor. I found here, however, that you have to assume that your main actor will go through the paces and permit no deviation from the program that is set up.

I was glad to know that Mrs. Yeh can be at Smith, in June. Your telegram is also here. I sent all the material I had, which was slim enough, to Miss Bryson on Friday. It probably reached Smith on Saturday but not in time, presumably, to find her at her office. I sent Mrs. Rhead an air mail, special delivery letter yesterday, asking her for the use of the material which was presented to the Barbour Committee and to get it at once, but whether she will be able to get this or whether it will be helpful is another question. I also wrote to Mrs. Yeh last Friday urging her to send me, at once, any recommendations which she could concerning herself or any that she could gather from the Westminster Choir School. There has been no response to that.

The material which went to Miss Bryson last Friday would have gone earlier but delays came in two ways. First, I did not hear from you, as you know, for nearly a week, and secondly, Mrs. Yeh at first wrote and said that she thought it was useless to do anything about it and when I wrote again to her for information about herself, her answer reached me in New York on the 14th. I suppose I could have arranged for special stenographic

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work at the hotel, but I did not do that and naturally, as you realize, I could not feel free to suggest anything to the office.

If there is anything further that you can do about this I certainly hope you will do it. We are presenting a good candidate with extremely weak support as far as papers go. I do not think, if I were a committee, that I could accept her on the basis of what I was able to send in, and yet I feel sure that she is an excellent person for them to take, both on the basis of her native ability, her personality traits, and because of her professional experience and her professional opportunity in the future. If you can do anything further by telephone or telegram, please do so. Of course, Miss Bryson does not know me and I was foolish probably to undertake to help with this.

You are very kind to permit me to use your room this week. I am hoping that it will not be necessary for me to stay over night, but I appreciate very much the thoughtful courtesy involved.

Sincerely yours,

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
May 20, 1940

Miss Gladys Bryson
Smith College
Northampton, Mass.

My dear Miss Bryson:

Mrs. Macmillan wired me this morning of your note to her. I have just written her that I sent you what I had in regard to Mrs. Yeh on the 17th, and my comment to her was that we have a very good candidate but very weak support for her as far as her papers go. I have sent an air mail, special delivery letter to Mrs. Rhead, of the Department of Music at the University of Michigan, asking her if she could send the papers that were used in the request for the Barbour scholarship, and I also wrote to Mrs. Yeh last week asking her to send any statements that she could get from the Westminster Choir School. Mrs. Yeh, I learned today, was not at Princeton for several days last week and I fear that both the Barbour papers and anything that Mrs. Yeh will acquire will reach you too late.

Mrs. Yeh as a person is, I want again to say, delightful. She has ability, she has had good professional experience, and she has a real professional opportunity before her when she returns to China in the Department of Music at Ginling College.

I want, however, to write you particularly in this letter on a different problem, and that is the problem of the Sociology Department at Ginling College. It was established some sixteen years ago by a woman who did an excellent job in giving to it standards in the field of Economics and on the theoretical side of Sociology. The girl who became the head of the Research Department for the Bank of China was one of the first majors in this department. About nine years ago an American woman went out whose interest was in the practical side of the Sociology Department, and she developed that just at the time when China was beginning to awaken to the need for social service and for such case work. Among the girls trained under this leadership were the first social case workers in hospitals in China, the first Chinese woman ever to be employed by the City of Hongkong, which, of course, is British territory. This girl was a social case worker for the municipality. Madam Chiang Kai-shek, in her early years of interest in the common people of China, learned to look to Ginling College for women leaders in the various projects of reconstruction, and of rural work especially, in which hereinterests were. In 1937 this teacher, who was the chairman of the department at that time, had to come home and she has not found it possible to return to China for

family reasons. In the first years of the war Doctor Wu has been most hesitant to ask for any new American members of the faculty, but she has cabled us very recently asking that a new member, an American, be sent to the Sociology Department for the fall of 1940. It is very late, of course, to secure a good person. It is hard under any circumstances to get just the right kind of person who is needed with the proper academic qualifications, with some professional experience, with good sense, and judgment that is required in relation to adapting American training to Chinese needs and with character and spiritual requirements which the college also asks for. In addition to these requirements, the salary is not expected to be more than a living wage. It is the same for all members of the Western staff. The living conditions in West China are simple. The travel there has its hardships unless one flies in from Hongkong and, while that personally is easy, it means separating ones self from one's baggage for possible as much as six months.

On the other hand, the challenge of West China is tremendous. The Chinese are not only fighting a war, they are building a new country. Problems of poverty which are great are not those that are inherent in the capitalist system, but the training that is required is a training to help students to meet the present situation and to help them to be prepared to guide what almost everyone who knows West China believes will be a tremendous industrial "boom" there if or when this war is settled. At the moment industry is being organized very practically around cooperatives. This makes possible small industries which cannot easily be found by Japanese bombing planes; they use large numbers of refugees; they require small capitalization; they make use of the material at hand and do not require the type of machinery or of personnel that a factory system would require.

Doctor Wu can no longer supply, even at the most strategic points, the alumnae who are asked for in relation to social work in West China. Madam Chiang had supper with the girls one evening not so long ago and in her talk to them afterwards she said that the one point on which she criticized Ginling was that it was not training nearly enough students.

The present department is chairmaned by a Chinese man whom I believe is well-trained, but his interest is in the theoretical side of the work. He is, however, trying to do his best to cooperate in the village project in which the University of Nanking (the men's college) and Ginling are working in the village of Jenshow. The Methodist Mission has loaned to Ginling one of its women, an American, trained in Sociology, for the direction of the Ginling section of the work at Jenshow. Under her are several young alumnae. In the college itself there are, I believe, two assistants in the department, one trained at Yenching University and one at Ginling. Neither of those have had foreign study or experience.

This is really a very great challenge to someone who is fitted and interested and who can enter into a pioneer piece of work. As I think of it, it is being invited to sit in the front ranks of those who are creating a new country. Indeed, with the situation as it is in other parts of the world, I sometimes think of the aims and the activities of West China as being the seed not only for a new country but for a new world.

If you, or the department at Smith, know of anyone whom you can suggest whom you feel would be the person for this task and who personally could meet

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various problems involved, not much money, pretty complete giving of ones self to the task, a willingness to meet a certain amount of physical hardship, I should be delighted to hear from you.

I might add that we have also been asked very recently by Doctor Wu to send out another American to the English Department. She would like to have someone who is equipped to teach basic English. This really means teaching English as a foreign language should be taught. We find that our constituency in West China is far less prepared in English than the students who came to us in the East China area and our crying need at the moment is someone with a definite gift for teaching languages. I suppose I should write about this to your appointment bureau.

Sincerely yours,

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MRS. LUCY LENG YEH
WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY
U. S. A.

May 20, 1940

Dear Miss Grist :-

Thanks you so much for your very kind letter of May 17th. Your interest in me and the trouble you have taken to help me secure a scholarship at Smith have been greatly appreciated by me. I do hope that after the reading of this letter you will not doubt the least my sincere appreciation of you.

I have no letters of recommendation with me just now. I write for them from

MRS. LUCY LENG YEH
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my Albion professors will take a few days - to get them from China will, of course, be impossible. To tell you frankly I feel hesitant in asking any one here to write — because they have urged me scholarship for next year. I do not wish them to know <u>now</u> that I am planning to leave. So there we are!

I think it is best to drop this Smith proposition because I have a feeling that it will not work out.

The visits with Miss Satchell

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MRS. LUCY LENG YEH
WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY
U. S. A.

and Swan - you were all so
delightful but altogether too short.
All three of us have the
unanimous feeling toward you
and that is sincere respect
and affection for you.

I will be in Philadelphia
from May 23 - June 16 and the
address will be c/o Mrs Gertrude
Leech, 477 Wigard Ave.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

With appreciation and
affection - Presbyterian Church Bridesburg

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
May 21, 1940

Mrs. Lucy Yeh
Westminster Choir College
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Lucy:

On Monday morning I had a telegram from Mrs. Macmillan stating that she had heard from Miss Bryson, who is the chairman on the Committee for the Exchange of Students from Foreign Countries at Smith College, saying there is a vacancy on their list but that the Institute for International Education, which probably means Doctor Duggan's group, is pressing good candidates. Miss Bryson goes on to say that if your papers can be in their hands this week they should be glad to consider them. Now I sent to Miss Bryson on Friday the material that I had. I wrote to her again yesterday, saying that I felt that we had a very good candidate but very weak papers in support of her. I also wrote to Mrs. Rhead on Sunday, suggesting that if she ~~wrote~~ advised you she should pursue this Smith Fellowship, that your papers from the Barbour Scholarship Committee by sent on at once. I think it would be a happier think for you to go to Michigan, but as a matter of fact, Mrs. Rhead does not yet have the money in hand from her friends at Michigan, and since she apparently had heard of the Smith possibility from a letter from you, I felt free to write to her about it frankly. I made it plain that I thought it better for you to be at Michigan, but I was not wanting to miss any opportunity for you that might develop.

I think I have already written you that Mrs. Macmillan believes this fellowship at Smith covers full tuition, board, room, and $100 for incidentals. I am not sure, however, from your letters whether it is your lack of hope of any help from Smith or whether it is a lack of desire to go to Smith that makes you hesitate. If it is the latter, and this fellowship should be granted to you, then I would at once consult Catharine and Mrs. Rhead very seriously for their advice and possibly even go up to Smith sooner than you expect to in order to see just what the department there is like.

I am very much afraid, however, that with the lack of support which your papers have, that you will not be successful in being appointed to the vacancy that is at Smith.

I am glad that you had an opportunity to be with Catharine in New York and I do hope that you will enjoy the period in Philadelphia. I should love to see you while you are there and there may be a chance that I can.

Affectionately yours,

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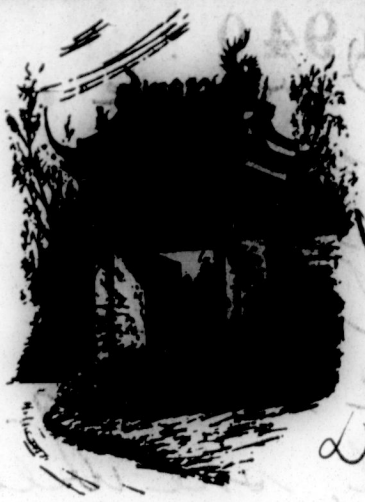

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477 Wigard Ave.,
Roxboro., Phila., Pa.
May 21st 1940

Dear Mrs. MacMillan:-

Perhaps you are right about the Chinese characteristic! In my childhood it was never given a more euphonious name than "stubborn"; and was so often applied to me that I can well understand it in others. Fortunately for me, my parents early realized that I would move heaven and earth, almost, if asked to do something, but became very mulish when ordered.

Mrs. Yeh is the first Chinese that I have ever known, but like myself, she may prefer to make her own plans rather than have them arranged by others. She may feel that is what we did.

Knowing that Lucy was to be here last Sunday, sometime, I can understand that you felt by phoning me and having me talk to her, ~~by~~ you ~~felt~~ were hastening the completion of your plans; but I do not believe I made that clear to her.

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However, as I wrote before, I believe that if you write to her, direct to Princeton, giving reasons why the Chinese girl she suggested cannot accept the engagement, and asking her to reconsider her refusal, she will do so. Try to make her realize that she can do far more for her beloved China by spending a weekend with a group of the choicest college girls of America, than by a half hour talk in a small church in Phila.

Trusting that this matter may be settled soon to the satisfaction of all concerned, I am

Very truly yours,
Gertrude H. Leech
(Mrs. C. A. Leech)

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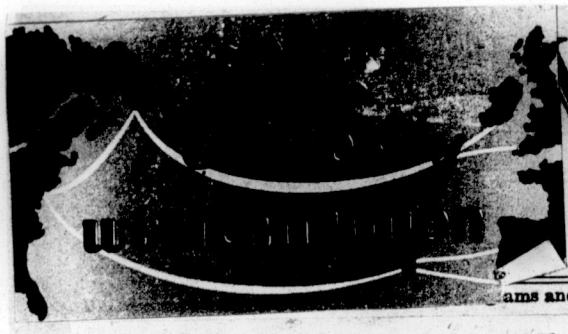

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
May 24, 1940

Dr. J. F. Williamson
Westminster Choir School
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Doctor Williamson:

I sent you this morning a long day letter in regard to Lucy Yeh. I want to confirm this by post. We have been concerned about finance for Mrs. Yeh. Her husband this year provided her with what she had to have above your generous tuition grant and whatever other help she had in this country. As you know, Chinese currency has been badly inflated this year. If her husband had to supply her this year with $500 U. S. currency, it would take, at the present time, approximately $10,000 Chinese currency. This is beyond any but the unusual family's capacity to meet at the present time.

Smith College is a sister college of Ginling College in China and it is at Ginling that Mrs. Yeh has been teaching. It occurred to me that possibly Smith might be able to do something for Mrs. Yeh which would help this financial problem. And so the matter was taken up just a few weeks ago with the Committee on Foreign Students at Smith College. At that time all of their fellowships had been given out, but we have received within the last few days, word that one of them has not been accepted, and that the other leading candidates are still abroad and, under the present conditions in Europe, it is not certain that they will be able to reach this country. So, somewhat unexpectedly, Mrs. Yeh has a very good chance of being appointed to this vacant fellowship. But this hangs on whether we can get to them in time her papers, giving statements of her capacity for work in vocal music.

I wrote Mrs. Yeh at once, urging her to get from you and from her professors at the school, letters of recommendation, but she responded in perfectly understandable Chinese fashion, that since you had been so very kind to her and since you had very generously offered her a scholarship for next year, that she had felt that she could ask for recommendations elsewhere.

This morning I received an urgent telegram from Northampton asking for her papers. I tried to get Mrs. Yeh by telephone, but

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was unsuccessful, and so, without consulting her again, I sent the day letter to you asking that you send statements in regard to her to Miss Gladys Bryson, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Students, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, at once. They must be in Miss Bryson's hands on Monday morning.

This does not mean that we, who are on the Ginling College Personnel Committee, are not most appreciative of the opportunity which Mrs. Yeh has had at Westminster. I think it has been a splendid experience for her. We are, however, anxious that she should not have to go into debt for whatever remaining months she may be able to spend in this country in the study of Music. I am sure you will appreciate the position in which we find ourselves and also Mrs. Yeh's position and will be glad to cooperate in this effort to have her fairly presented to the Committee at Smith College.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca W. Griest

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Rebecca W. Griest,
Chairman of the Personnel Committee
of the Ginling College Board of Founders.

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Yeh

Via Durand

208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
May 24, 1940

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Room 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

After talking with you I tried to get Mrs. Yeh at Mrs. Leech's home which, as you know, is at 477 Wigard Avenue, Philadelphia. The telephone is Roxbury, 3232. She reports that Mrs. Yeh will not come to her until Sunday and that she is today going to the home of Marian Davis but she could not find Marian Davis's address. She lives in the Philadelphia area. She will, however, try to find it and I talked over with her the whole situation and I found her intelligent, sympathetic, and I think she will be helpful. She is a sister of one of the Methodist missionaries in Chinkiang, which is where Lucy had her grade school work in the Methodist School. She feels that Lucy prefers Northwestern mainly because of Miss Naggler and because she is now wanting very much to have a degree before she returns in order to have something to show for what she has done here. Mrs. Leech, I think, is fully aware of the value of the Smith Fellowship possibility. She will do her best to urge Lucy to accept your offer of going to Northampton on the 29th. Lucy is to speak in Jenkintown in one of the homes there on the evening of the 28th. Mrs. Leech says it will not be impossible for her to go to New York following that talk. She would then be ready to start to Northampton at any time that you wish on the 29th. Mrs. Leech has made many speaking engagements for her partly because people want her and partly because it is a method for helping Lucy to increase somewhat her income, as each of these places are to pay her something. She had, however, reserved the 29th and 30th for a rest period, but she feels that it is important for Lucy to do this trip and, as I said, I think she will fully cooperate with us. She is going to try during today to locate Marian Davis and to have Lucy telephone me, but she says that she will try to give her the gist of the situation herself so as to save me so long a telephone call, which I feel sure was done out of thoughtfulness and not with any desire to influence Lucy adversely. I shall let you know as soon as I hear from Lucy, if I do, but in the meantime possibly you had better drop her a note in care of Mrs. Leech, explaining what the plan would be for going to Northampton and where she shall meet you. If she is to stay in New York over night on the 28th, some arrangement for a room will have to be made.

I wired after this conversation with Mrs. Leech, both Mrs. Rhead and Doctor Williamson, with practically the same wording which I read to you over the telephone.

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Can you tell me what Smith's requirements for a degree in Music would be and also would you suppose that if Lucy makes good at Smith she could have this fellowship renewed in case she cannot meet the r quirements for addegree in this coming year? Mrs. Rhead has written me that it will be necessary for her to attend the summer school this summer and the full year at Michigan in order to meet their requirements for a degree. Does Smith have a summer school, and if so, should that be considered in relation to Smith's requirements?

Wu Suen-i. I reported to you over the telephone Miss Sutherland writes me of her brief stop at the Merrill-Palmer School in Detroit. She says:

"I went to the School at 9:15 and had a very pleasant visit for about an hour. What a vivid and dynamic personality Miss Sweeny is. She seemed quite apologetic about not having attended the Board Meeting. . . She talked rapidly and enthusiastically about the School, mentioning a very fine piece of reserach about to be printed 'even if she has to get down on her knees to beg for the money' because she thinks it will be a valuable contribution to Chinese women on home-making, health, etc., by a Doctor Kung, a woman, of Yenching. Her talk gradually got to the point as to whether she could be of any real help to Wu Suen-i. She knows, of course, of Doctor Worner's urge to go to the B.S. and of Miss Milam's interest, which is probably not in conflict with hers. She understands Doctor Wu's desire for religious emphasis and hopes and believes Suen-i would not miss it at M.P. She also mentioned the talk with Doctor Wu at Madras as having influenced her in her desire to help place Suen-i. She outlined her idea of M.P. the first term, visiting in the South during the winter vacation, and Cornell the second term. All I ventured was my belief that Doctor Wu and you and Mrs. Macmillan thoroughly valued her interest in and advice for Suen-i and would appreciate her continued suggestions. I felt she rather hoped for a sure vote of confidence in the plan that she had carefully considered for Suen-i." (Underlining is mine).

This morning I had a note from Miss Sweeny thanking me for suggesting that Miss Sutherland stop in Detroit and saying that she had enjoyed having here there. Her last paragraph is not clear to me. It is a brief note, "I will probably want to come to you later to consult about the plans which will be made for Miss Wu. I shall await further word from Mrs. Macmillan about the course to pursue." I did not mean her to infer that I was assuming any responsibility for Miss Wu, but she may mean by the "you" in the first sentence Ginling. This, of course, is your responsibility. I do hope however, that Miss Wu can be brought cheerfully to see the light and that this plan can go through. I think that the $800 granted for Miss Wu should not be made for anything which is not whole-heartedly acceptable to the Personnel Committee.

I know you will let me know of the arra ngements you make with Lucy Yeh and any way that I can be helpful about her I shall be glad to do.

Sincerely yours,

RWG:JB

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Please Return

Yeh

208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
May 27, 1940

Mrs. Mabel Rhead
2375 Newport Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan

My dear Mrs. Rhead:

Your air mail, special delivery letter reached me early Sunday morning. It was very good of you to send the transcript to Miss Bryson and I trust she will return it promptly. I have written to Mrs. Macmillan also of your need to have it back by June 6.

The new possibility of which you told me in your last letter sounds very good indeed. While I still believe that Lucy would be a delightful companion, I have been troubled about her transportation back and forth from your home. It would not always be convenient for her to go with you, I am sure, and I gathered from Catharine that there was no public transportation. If the scholarship for room and board can be secured at Martha Cook, that will be a wonderful solution of that problem. For you to carry the whole tuition seems to me like a good bit. I am hoping that this means that your friends there may have some interest in the problem.

I should tell you that the Executive Committee of the Board of Founders approved an allowance of $300 for Mrs. Yeh at their meeting on budget on May 22. This has been written into the budget for 1940-1941. Its use is subject to the approval of the Personnel Committee and, of course, the money is not in hand. It would prove useful for the second semester or, if she did not finish, for work in the summer of 1941, or even, I imagine, could be used in a pinch towards travel, but the vote did not say travel. It is a study allowance. I wanted you to know this so that it will help you a little in your thinking even though it is not immediately available.

I was so glad that Catharine could stop. I know it was a joy to her to see you again.

Sincerely yours,

RWG:JB

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SMITH COLLEGE
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMMITTEE ON
EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES

May 25, 1940

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
The China Colleges
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

When I talked with the chairman of the Music department this morning, he expressed a willingness on the part of the department for my Committee to consider a Chinese student. He suggests, however, that inasmuch as singing is a rather ticklish business it might be well for us to have some further check on her promise in that field before we really pass on her. To that end, we are suggesting that you get Mrs. Yeh to New York to meet Miss Anna Hamlin who is this year instructing in voice in place of Mabel Garrison. Now, here is the information about Miss Hamlin: She will be in New York about Wednesday of next week, and she can be reached at 410 East 57th Street. Her phone number is Plaza 3-3199. If you phone her, let it be, please, between nine and ten in the morning. Miss Hamlin will be rooming in an apartment next door to one of our instructors in piano, and they can arrange to get together and make some judgment of how Mrs Yeh could be best placed here, if we do decide to take her in the vacancy.

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Mr. Locke, the chairman of the Music department, tells me that in case the enrollment in the courses in practical music is not overfull, it might be possible for us to exempt her from the payment of the usual fees for practical music since she would be holding a graduate fellowship. That situation could not be completely known, however, until the enrollments were completed in September.

I shall ask Miss Hamlin to let us know her judgment of Mrs. Yeh after she has heard her. I hope this arrangement will seem feasible to you, and that we can then proceed with more certainty than otherwise we might be able to have.

Sincerely yours

Gladys Bryson

Gladys Bryson
Chairman

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27 May 1940

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dear Miss Bryson:

It is good to know that you have had a favorable reaction from the chairman of the Music Department in response to your inquiry on Mrs. Yeh's behalf. If a thoroughly adequate interview could be arranged for Mrs. Yeh with Miss Hamlin here in New York this Wednesday or Thursday, it would be an advantage to avoid the necessity of travel to Northampton. On the other hand, it is physically possible for Mrs. Yeh to be in Northampton on Thursday, Decoration Day, if that is preferable. She is in the midst of three weeks of speaking engagements, but is free on Wednesday and Thursday. She is eager not only to establish in the mind of the department her acceptability as a graduate student of vocal music, but to ascertain the conditions for the attainment of the Master's Degree. Will Miss Hamlin be able to answer these questions?

If you think it best for Mrs. Yeh to come to Northampton, will you be so good as to wire me collect on receipt of this note, and if I do not hear from you, I shall pursue Miss Hamlin by telephone, hoping to reach her Wednesday morning. I feel certain that you will have done all that you possibly can to secure her cooperation, and perhaps you will be so good as to let her know that it is only by chance that Mrs. Yeh is available this week, so that she will be willing to make whatever adjustments are necessary for the interview.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Miss Gladys Bryson
Committee on Foreign Exchange Students
Smith College
Northampton Massachusetts

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MRS. LUCY LENG YEH
WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY
U. S. A.

477 Wigard Ave.,
Philadelphia, Pa.
May 28, 1940

Dear Miss Grieve:-

Thank you for your letter of May 25th and for the paper clippings you enclosed.

After you talked to me on ~~Sat~~ Friday evening I wrote to Mrs Macmillan on Sat, 2 copies of the letter, sent to her office & her hotel. She phoned here yesterday morning and Mrs Leech received the message for me as I was not here at the time. This morning a letter came from her & she told me that I'll be sharing a suite with Miss Chow Nien-tze of Peiping

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MRS. LUCY LENG YEH
WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY
U. S. A.

I am looking forward to meeting Mrs. Chen tonight but I'm afraid midnight is not such a good time for visiting! On the other hand I may even disturb her sleep by coming in at that time of the night!

The Barbour Scholarship office at Ann Arbor sent me back some of my papers, letters & transcripts & credits & I will take them along with me to Smith. Yes, I will try & look into the possibilities there thoroughly.

This morning's paper tells of the bombing of Chungking. To be so far away from all these actual happenings is sometimes very hard.

Affectionately yours,
Lucy

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29 May 1940

Miss Gladys Bryson
Lawrence House
Smith College
Northampton Massachusetts

HAMLIN APPOINTMENT CARRIED THROUGH THIS MORNING MRS. YEH EAGER TO KNOW MORE ABOUT SMITH COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC STOP SHE AND I DRIVE NORTH AFTER TEA MEETING IN BRONXVILLE THIS AFTERNOON SPEND TONIGHT AT HOME MRS. E. R. SWASEY IN SOUTHAMPTON AND WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU TOMORROW MORNING

E. B. A. MACMILLAN

Ginling College, 150 Fifth Avenue New York City

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FACULTY, ALUMNAE, AND UNDERGRADUATES OF SMITH COLLEGE

31 May 1940

Dear Rebecca:

Do you like this change in the letterhead? If you would like some, let me know.

The Chengtu mail of to-day included what is enclosed herewith, and also a typed letter to me about scholarship matters and a news letter from Lillian Kirk. I hope to send you copies of both of these last-named before Sunday.

Mrs. Yeh and I spent yesterday in Northampton, and Miss Bryson had arranged to make it worthwhile. Mr. Locke of the Department of Music was most thoughtful and interested, and two members of the fellowship committee besides Miss Bryson met Mrs. Yeh. We also spent some time in the library with Masters' theses in Music (on Mr. Locke's suggestion), and saw the College pretty thoroughly. Mrs. Yeh is now again in Philadelphia. She ought to have Smith's reply within a few days. Miss Bryson said yesterday that the situation was one in which Mrs. Yeh was first on a waiting list. Developments might or might not make it possible to appoint her, but the decision would be made "soon". I felt that the impression she made was favorable. The only point at which she was at a disadvantage was in not having touched the study of music on the scholarship or research side, - and therefore she had nothing to suggest as a subject in which she would like to do her thesis study. But, as she and I talked afterward, she did get ideas, and she will write to both Mr. Locke and Miss Bryson and let them know that she is alert to the possibilities.

Mrs. Yeh is aware of the fine opportunity at Ann Arbor, and of Mrs. Rhead's desire to have her there. She knows of the possibility of a residence fellowship at Martha Cook. But she seems to realize the value of the fine faculty at Westminster, and she has been specially pleased with the work she has had with two members of the staff - one woman and one man - in vocal methods and in theory, I believe. She seems to feel, therefore, that she will return to Westminster for both summer and next year, if Smith does not give her the fellowship. She would then have a second bachelor's degree, rather than the Master's.

One rambles on about things like this, - all the time thinking of an Empress approaching the shores of Canada.

Yours Eva

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
June 1, 1940

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

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Your special delivery letter came in early this morning. I am returning to you Doctor Wu's note of May 18 and have made a note of the opening dates of the college and I am sending them today to Miss Sutherland and Miss Settlemyer.

I too received a letter from Doctor Wu on yesterday's mail. It was dated May 20 and written after she had received my long Clipper letter of April 29. It dealt wholly with personnel problems, music, English, physical education. I am having copied for you the last paragraph which will be of interest to all of us. The rest of it at the moment I think is not so important.

I am wondering how it would be for me to send to you for your file the confirmation copies when they come. It would save copying of the letters here and I would see that you are informed of anything that is of specific interest to you or of general interest to the group as a whole which comes in the Clipper letters. If this seems wise to you, let me know.

I would have been in great confusion as I read yesterday's letter had I not had a note from Ren-ying in the morning telling me of Siao-sung's and Ya-lan's engagement. I hope that they will be very happy, but I do wish that Ya-lan, with all her youthful zest, was marrying a younger man.

Your report on the trip to Northampton with Mrs. Yeh is very thorough. I should imagine that Westminster would be weak on the scholarship side. Mrs. Yeh, however, possibly is not a scholarly person. A good teacher is not necessarily a scholar. Ginling seems not to be too much interested in scholars, at least that is my impression, so possibly her interest in continuing in the Choir School fits in with her temperament. I am distressed though at her lack of interest in the Michigan arrangement and I do not understand it, unless it is that she is very sensitive about accepting obligations from anyone. I have wondered whether Mrs. Kwan's tremendous success in China is effecting this situation here. It is possible that Mrs. Yeh is really not planning to go back to Ginling and therefore does not want to feel under

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obligations to any one of us. I hope this isn't the case because I should be glad to do anything I could for her quite regardless of whether she goes back to Ginling or not. If you read the China Information series from Chungking, you will see that Mrs. Kwan had a tremendous ovation in the concerts given in early April in Chungking. There has been just about time for Mr. Yeh to write to his wife about this and to have her change her mind on that basis. I realize there are holes in this argument, but still you know what "face" is in China.

I suppose I am a Republican from Lancaster County, Pa., deep-dyed in conservatism. I am sure that must be the reason why I prefer the black and white to the green on the letterhead.

Sincerely yours,

RWG:JB

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
June 3, 1940

Mrs. Lucy Yeh
c/o Mrs. Gertrude Leech
477 Weigard Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Lucy:

I was very glad to have your letter of May 28 which told me that you were going to make the trip to Northampton. Mrs. Macmillan has since written me of the trip. I hope it was not too tiring for you and that you were able to learn what you need to know. Mrs. Macmillan says that she feels that you made a favorable impression and that the decision will be made "soon."

Mrs. Rhead wanted the papers from Smith back by the 6th. I notice in your letter of the 28th that you say that the Barbour Scholarship office at Ann Arbor sent to you some of your papers, letters, and transcripts of credits. I am wondering if you have them with you now and if so, whether they should be returned to Mrs. Rhead in relation to this scholarship for the Martha Cook house at Ann Arbor. You may, of course, have decided not to do that in any case. If you have, I think you should tell Mrs. Rhead quite frankly about it before she does any further planning at Ann Arbor. If you have not decided, I think I would send her these papers so that she can present them to the Martha Cook Residence Fellowship Committee.

I hope we have not complicated things too much for you. You know, I am sure, that whatever was done was done with the desire to make things as easy for you as possible.

I hope the speaking is going well. I wonder if you noticed in yesterday's New York Times an article by Durdin on the new developments in Yunnan. I was also interested in Byas's article from Tokoyo. He quotes Japanese officialssources in the article and they admit some of the very things which China has been claiming. The success of the gurilla warfare and of the "mosquito" army and of Chiang Kai Shek's determination to have no peace except on a basis of the 1937 situation and more importantly they admit the unbreakable morale of the Chinese people.

Affectionately yours,

RWG:JW

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
June 5, 1940

Mrs. Mabel Rhead
2375 Newport Road
Ann Arbor, Mich.

My dear Mrs. Rhead:

I know you must be very anxious to know about Lucy. All that I know at the moment is that Mrs. Macmillan drove her to Northampton on May 29 and that she met one or two members of the Music department and two members of the Fellowship Committee. I have heard nothing from Lucy since then. Mrs. Macmillan wrote that Lucy's weakness was on the scholarly side; she had nothing to suggest when they asked her what she would be interested in doing for a thesis, but that she thought aside from that that she had made a very good impression on the Committee, at least on those who met her. Mrs. Macmillan said that the decision would be made "very soon". I have been hoping everyday for word, but as yet have received nothing. I wonder if they do not grant you a fellowship, if they simply say nothing. I am sure Lucy would let you know just as soon as she would receive any word.

I know you will forgive me for not being more detailed about this and that you will not talk widely of what I am about to tell you. Miss Vautrin has had a breakdown. She was sent home, arriving in Victoria on June 3. Miss Shutze, who has been teaching English at Ginling in Nanking for two years, accompanied her and fortunately John Magee was on the ship. We arranged to have Doctor and Mrs. Hiltner meet them in Victoria. Mrs. Hiltner taught before her marriage at Ginling and Doctor Hiltner is a capable physician. They have taken Minnie and Miss Shutze both to their home in Seattle for the immediate present. Just what will happen next we do not know, but it is a nervous collapse with certain features of depression which Doctor Hiltner's telegram to us says are real but he thinks not dangerous. Will you please hold this confidential? Catharine knows and I think we should write a uniform letter to our staff and to our former staff and students who are in this country who know Minnie, and most of them do, but we haven't decided to do that as yet. If any question arises from any of the students at Ann Arbor, simply say that she has had a nervous breakdown and that we are sure that after some months of treatment and of rest she will be as well as ever.

Sincerely yours,

RWG:JB

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
June 17, 1940

Mrs. Mabel Rhead
2375 Newport Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan

My dear Mrs. khead:

Your letter of June 8, mailed on June 10, was forwarded to me in Iowa City, Iowa. I went out to Chicago on the night of June 6 and with Mr. Paul, China Secretary of Minnie's denomination, met Minnie and Miss Schutze and John Magee, who had traveled with them in Chicago. After some consultation there we agreed to take her to the hospital in Iowa City. It is very good and has as its director a fine physician, both medically and personally, and a man who knows China because of his work some years ago at P. U. M. C. in Peking. They are cautious in their statements about Minnie, but feel that she has a good chance for recovery in so far as they have observed her during the days that I was there. She is perfectly normal about everything except her work in Nanking. She feels she has disgraced herself, Ginling, and China in what she didthere. The symptoms of the particular depression which she has include suicidal tendencies and a twisted evaluation of one's own work. All depressions I imagine also involve difficulty in making decisions, a certain slowing down of mental processes, and dissatisfaction with whatever place the patient finds himself in. I stayed a week and her ability to think on all subjects on which her mind is clear quickly, had improved very much during that week. She reads, wants the daily news, is very pleasant, has regained a little confidence in herself. The first Sunday she said, "I should be doing something for these people" (it is the policy of this hospital to have the patients in groups of about six or eight). But then she quickly added, "But, of course, I can't." I happened to tell the doctor this and I understood when I left that they were going to let her experiment a little with what Minnie would call a Sunday School class and she seemed interested in trying it. This shows an improvement in her attitude towards herself and also shows a very real openmindedness on the part of the physicians in charge. The hospital is beautifully located, not very large, and she is getting personal attention from the doctors and from the nurses, both of whom she likes, fortunately. It seems to me that she has within these few days ceased to be just a case to them, and has become a very interesting person. The whole atmosphere of the place impresses me very favorably and I hope that she will be contented to stay there until they have had every opportunity to effect a cure.

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I did not intend to write at such length about Minnie, for I really was sending this letter to tell you first why I had not answered your letter of June 8 sooner and also to tell you that Smith College has offered a fellowship to Mrs. Yeh. As soon as I received your letter I sent word to Mrs. Yeh both in Philadelphia and also in Northampton (she was to be the Ginling speaker at the Ginling-Smith meeting on Sunday) so that she would know the situation at Michigan in case she learned at Northampton something definite about the fellowship. This proved to be a good idea, for she has been offered the fellowship and, while I have not heard from her directly, I gather from a sentence from Mrs. Macmillan that she is planning to accept it, since the present situation at Michigan is so uncertain. I know this will be a personal disappointment to you because you have done so much to try to arrange for her at Michigan, but in the end maybe it will be best for you, for it does leave the way open for you to do anything you wish next year in regard to China.

Sincerely yours,

RWG:JB

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2375 Newport Rd. Ann Arbor (17
Ann Arbor Mich. June 4 – 40.

Dear Miss Guest.

I am sending the transcript with a letter of recommendation to the Board of Marcha Cook today. Their meeting is there on the 6th so we can hold our breath a few days more. I shan't tell you no word as there has been no need of any arguments. I am wondering if she would be granted a scholarship at Smith.

I mean talking to the friend who said she

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keep me, about another matter the other day, and she said "I have heard nothing further from you about our recent plan and wondered if you feet I was not going to keep as I mean to and want to." I told her I was waiting till I got plans completed, so I am positive of her support.

If she can get the Martha Cook that is closed in the Summer and I do not Read what is next fa the 8 weeks. Possibel a room and board in town fa the 8 weeks.

I will Send you word immediately when I learn results.

Sincerely yours.

Mabel Rhead.

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2325 Newport Road
Ann Arbor.
June 8-40

Dear Miss Grieve.

I was so sorry to learn the news in your letter of Minnie Vautaw but what an awful stream she must have been under and what sadness and all. I shall not mention it.

I am afraid I shall have to send you bad news about Lucy having a chance here for a letter to day, stated that it was doubtful if there would be a vacancy - but "chased me appear in the Summer, in

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might be nice to give her a Scholarship covering one-half after room and board for the year. I wish we could do something for her as she sounds like an interesting and worth while candidate."

The above was quoted from her letter to me (The Social Director of the Dorm) and as I had one of the Deans to do it seemed as tho there was nothing more to do. and especially as the time was so short now - Dan got to ham a talk with the friend who was willing to help. the first part of the week and all of the last week was suggesting - If we knew there was a chance at Martha Cook we could go in but it is too much of a chance to take for those we concerned -

Her transcript seems very good to me, English C-C Bible 1a - B-B Bible 2a A-A Hist of Music B-B. English Lit 1 - A B Bible 4 French 111-112 C-C Public Speaking A A Bible 3 C Sociology C Library Methods A - this is just a sume of the Academic subjects

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it would be the same
any where in a Music degree
but I suppose not all
schools have the same
plans.
Dam awfully sorry to report
this but I have really
tried quite hard but am
got started in it too late
I'm afraid and for us the
Man in charge of foreign
students said it was quite
a responsibility taking care
of the ones that are here now
If I hear any further news
I will write you - Dam
much disappointed.
Sincerely yours
Mabel Rhead

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8 Bedford Terrace (17)
Northampton

MRS. LUCY LENG YEH
WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY
U. S. A.

533 E. Godfrey Ave.
Philadelphia,
Pa.

June 18, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Hopkins:

I hope you will find the enclosed the portion you wished me to write down for you last Sunday.

It is indeed fortunate for me that a graduate fellowship has been granted me from Smith College for the coming year. So I will be going back there again this weekend to attend the Summer School.

It was indeed a great pleasure to meet you last Sunday morning.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Lucy Yeh.

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MRS. LUCY LENG YEH
WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY
U. S. A.

"Solomon showed his greatness when he asked God not for wealth, fame, or power, but for wisdom - for his country. It is nothing just to be good. That can be read backwards — good for nothing. One must have moral conviction, wisdom and the energy & accomplish." Ginling is giving these vital qualities & each young woman who enters into her gate of learning.

The credit of what Ginling is today and what she is contributing & the nation is partly due & you - your interest in the past years has made it possible. Your continued interest, help and prayer will be greatly appreciated by your sister college, Ginling, as she makes her forward march in this life struggle for her people and for her country!

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Mrs A. B. Hoskins

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MRS. LUCY LENG YEH
~~WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE~~
~~PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY~~
U. S. A.

8 Bedford Terrace,
Northampton,
Mass.

July 4, 1940.

Dear Miss Priest:-

There are no adequate words that I can find to express my sincere apologies to you for my negligence in writing you. Events have come to pass, which you should have been the first one to hear from me and yet this I have failed to do. I am indeed very much ashamed of myself and I do hope you will forgive this negligence in writing.

Firstly, I want to thank you for your very much appreciated letter of June 11, which was sent from Iowa. I felt both grateful and honored that you thought me worthy to be included in the little prayer band for Miss Vautrin. It is sad that she should suffer this

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illness after the sacrificial work she has done for our Chinese people in Hankow. She has been in my thoughts and prayers every day.

Yes, I did come to Smith to give that speech on June 16th. It was that evening when Dr Bryson called up and told me of the granting of the Fellowship. May I express my deep appreciation and gratitude to you for all your efforts in helping me to secure this Fellowship.

After a week's rest in Philadelphia I came back to Smith again and am now enjoying two courses: "Modern Music" and "Orchestral Literature of the 18th century." I find them both interesting and the "Modern Music" even fascinating! They keep us all busy from the time we get up to 10: or 11: in the evening that we have almost

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no time for any social contacts.

Thank you for your letter of July 1st which came yesterday. You shouldn't have worried about the pamphlet as I had no occasion to use it.

This is a rather dull day for July 4th. But I am enjoying it immensely by writing several letters which should have been done long before!

I hope this will find you in good health.

Yours very gratefully,
Lucy.

SMITH COLLEGE
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS
COMMITTEE ON JUNIPER LODGE

August 12, 1940

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan,
Girling College,
American Office.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

I have received a gift of a Fellowship for one week which I should be glad to offer ~~to~~ Mrs. Yeh as the donor has met her and would be glad ~~to~~ have her enjoy a week or more at Juniper Lodge. The dates Aug. 24 - Sept. 7th are still available.

Please notify me as soon as possible as I have requests from other Girling graduates for both room and Fellowships.

Sincerely yours,
Myra M. Sampson
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Marian Davis

Please reply to
Box 142
Ludlow, Vermont.

5311 Godfrey Ave.
E. Phila. Pilgrim 0735

Mrs. C. A. Leech
477 Wigard Ave
Phila, Penn.

Roxborough 3232

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27 October 1940

Dear Mrs.Yeh:

There has really been no more recent news from Ginling which would affect greatly what you will be saying on Wednesday to the Smith College audience. I have with me here in my Parkside room all the recent business letters, and will quote very briefly a few lines. These are all from letters from President Wu Yi-fang, dated September 24 in Chengtu, which means the third week of the new college year.

There has been delay in arrival both of students and faculty. Travel is becoming more and more difficult because of the decreased number of buses on the highways. Students are simply unable to come on time, and have kept writing and telegraphing to ask for permission to come late, and we have found it necessary to give such permission to many students, and all the institutions here have reserved places for the latecomers. For faculty members it is also difficult to get to Chengtu on time. Take Miss Dju En-djen, for instance, who is coming to join the Physical Education staff. She left Shanghai on August 3rd to come by way of Haiphong and Kunming, and has not yet arrived.

Yesterday at the Monday Memorial Service, Miss Phoebe Hoh gave a very interesting report of the Summer Student Service Corps to the Border Regions during the past summer. It was carried out very successfully, and the students have shown very good spirit in their work and have learned a great deal themselves. The most interesting point is that they actually walked the whole distance without spending money on buses, wheelbarrows, or chairs. Of the total of seventy-eight students, seventeen were women and ten of these were Ginling students. Of the five women advisors, four were Ginling alumnae. They were Phoebe Hoh, Hu Su-ying of the West China Biology department, Miss Liu Hwa-ping of the Pharmacology department of West China University, and Yang Ai-lien of the Sociology department of the University of Nanking. The Reverend Newton Chiang, the leader of the whole corps, commented very highly on the spirit of the Ginling group. - - - Another group went to help our own rural service station in Jenshow hsien. Miss Highbaugh was very much pleased with their work and their spirit.

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We expect the final enrollment for this term will be about two hundred. Already with one hundred and eighty-two, the dormitory is very much crowded. The students are showing a very good spirit and have become accustomed to the crowded conditions and other inconveniences. We have difficulty even in putting all the students in the assembly hall which we have been using in Vandeman Hall. We have put the seniors at the side in front - the seats which were faculty seats last year. And as late arrivals appear, we have even to crowd a ninth girl on to some of the benches, although eight is the limit of their capacity.

So, you see, that the year 1940-41 for Ginling is really begun. I have heard through Susan Lobenstine that Mr. Mackie in his fine talk at Smith recently spoke of further movings of the colleges and universities in China because of increased tension of the war situation. It can be said with definiteness that there is no move contemplated of any of the Christian colleges, from whom we have almost daily word by Clipper mail and cable. No doubt, within the areas most closely connected with the Burma Road problem, there will be increased bombings, and the wonderful city of Kunming with its fine climate and its new educational and business importance, will probably be a favorite target for the Japanese. Within the program of university education under the government, there may be units which will move this year, but we know nothing of the details, and I very much doubt whether there will be shifts in location of any of those institutions which are of importance. For instance, the University of Chungking, from which Miss Tappert has just returned, was really bombed almost out of existence last year, but is rebuilding and opening on the same spot this year.

The Shanghai situation is, of course, another matter, and it would take a braver man than I to predict what will happen there. The political situation is so complicated, and something new happens almost every day. It is conceivable that the Shanghai colleges might find themselves unable to carry on, - - but nothing of the kind has happened yet. They have all opened with increased enrollments. - - - I was at a tea on Friday at which several East China folk were present, including Lucy Graves, daughter of the late Bishop. They feel that the Shanghai situation will not completely go "to pot" if America holds firm, and I believe she will!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Mrs. Lucy Leng Yeh
Graduate House
30 Belmont Avenue
Northampton
Massachusetts

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30 Belmont Ave.,
Northampton, Mass
Nov. 4, 1940

Mrs. George T. Scott,
Gramercy Park Hotel,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Scott:

This letter must be written and sent to you today or else you will think me not interested in or appreciative of what you are doing for Ginling. Quite the contrary, I am very much interested and happy to learn of the different plans you are making for the special celebration on the 25th anniversary of Ginling.

Not being an alumna of Ginling I will be unable to speak on the different phases of Ginling life but I will be happy to do what you asked me to do and that is to sing one or two sacred selections and lead the hymn singing.

I have not had time to really look through the hymnal and make a list of my favorite hymns. But the few that stand out in my mind for personal reasons are the following: "O Jesus I have promised" "I would be true," "Fairest Lord Jesus," "Dear Lord and Father of mankind,"O Love that will not let me go," "In Christ there is no east or west," and"O God , our help in ages past."

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Yeh.

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30 Belmont Ave.,
Northampton, Mass.
Nov. 4, 1940

Mrs. T.D.Macmillan,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

What a happy surprise it was for me to find a beautifully wrapped package on my desk Wednesday noon when I returned from Sage Hall. The surprise was made greater when I found out that the beautiful bowl of bulbs was from you. I never dreamt that you were any where in Mass. or else, I surely would have begged to be excused from that task! The bulbs are thriving very well; the tallest sprouts measure almost an inch now. Thank you so much for your lovely gift and thoughts.

Your letter dated Oct. 28 was received. I will try and make plans accordingly if you still think that I should come for both Saturday and Sunday.

Somehow there are just not enough hours in a day to do all the things that one would like to do. All the girls living in this house agree on this point, though they differ violently on political issues!

The evacuation of the Japanese troops from Kwangsi province shows that the Japanese are beginning to come to her senses. She should show more sense by her evacuation from all of China!

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,
Lucy Yeh.

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The Graduate House,
30 Belmont Ave.,
Northampton, Mass.
Nov., 11, 1940.

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Thank you so much for your letter and the material of a broadcast of Ginling alumnae service. I am sorry for this delay in answering you and in sending back the program.

I am so sorry that it is impossible for me to offer any "criticism" nor can I help you to "improve the drama" because I think it very interestingly worked out and colorfully worded. The only thing I can say is to congratulate you on your clever idea and your successful efforts.

Dr. Hu Shih's lecture here was very well received. He spoke on the Modernization of Japan and China. The comparative study was very clearly and interestingly presented. The subtle humor infused in the speech at regular intervals helped to make the speech much more enjoyable. His refraining from speaking on things political was very noticeable. In speaking of the rapidity with which China adopted the co-educational system, he referred to Ginling as one of the only "two" women colleges which do not admit men students! He mentioned the same thing again afterwards at the reception given in his honor but was gracious enough to ask my opinion and I recalled right away Hwa Nan College which he forgot to put into account. He said then that probably the figure "two" was somewhat exaggerated! Well, anyway he enjoyed "kidding" the Smith audience about the "conservativeness" or "exclusiveness" of her sister-college.

Cordially yours,
Lucy Yeh.

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for Mrs. Yeh's file

**Smith College**
**Department of Music**

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**Song Recital**

**by**

# Lucy Leng Yeh, G. S.

**Raymond Putman at the piano**

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## Program

I.

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| With verdure clad—Recitative and air from *The Creation* | *Haydn* |
| Qual farfalletta amante | *Scarlatti* |
| Ah! lo so—aria from *Il flauto magico* | *Mozart* |

II.

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|---|---|
| Clair de lune | *Fauré* |
| Les cloches | *Debussy* |
| L'année en vain—Recitative and Air of Lia from *L'enfant prodigue* | *Debussy* |

III.

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| Berceuse from *Chants populaires hébraiques* | *Milhaud* |
| Le réveil de la mariée | *Ravel* |
| Chanson des cueilleuses de lentisques | *Ravel* |
| Tout gai! | *Ravel* |
| from *Cinq mélodies populaires grecques* | |

IV.

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| Pedlar's song | *Chao Yuen-ren* |
| The purple bamboo—A lullaby | *Folksong* |
| Work song | *Chao Yuen-ren* |
| Su Wu tends sheep | |
| (A legend of the Han Dynasty, first two centuries A.D.) | |
| The Feng Yang drum song | *Folksong* |

**Saturday evening**
**May 24, 1941**
**at nine o'clock**

**Sage Hall**

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## Text

WITH VERDURE CLAD — *Haydn*

*Recitative:* And God said: Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

*Air:* With verdure clad the fields appear,
Delightful to the ravished sense;
By flowers sweet and gay
Enhanced is the charming sight,
Here fragrant herbs their odors shed;
Here shoots the healing plant.
With copious fruit th'expanded boughs are hung;
In leafy arches twine the shady groves;
O'er lofty hills majestic forests wave.

QUAL FARFALETTA AMANTE — *Scarlatti*

Qual farfaletta amante
Io volo a quella fiamma,
Che in petto il cor m'infiamma,
E morte non mi da.

Il vago tuo sembiante
Se acresce in me l'ardore,
A quest'afflitto core,
Ristoro pur darà.

AH! LO SO (*Il flauto magico*) — *Mozart*

Ah! lo so, più non m'avanza
Che lagnarmi ognor così;
Ho perduto la speranza
Di tornar felice un dì.
Ah! per te invan degg'io
Pianger sempre, e sospirar,
Più pietosa al pianto mio,
Tronchi morte il mio penar.

CLAIR DE LUNE — *Fauré*

Votre âme est un paysage choisi
Que vont charmant masques et bergamasques
Jouant du luth et dansant et quasi
Tristes sous leurs déguisements fantasques.
Tout en chantant sur le mode mineur
L'amour vainqueur et la vie opportune
Ils n'ont pas l'air de croire à leur bonheur,
Et leur chanson se mêle au clair de lune,
Au calme clair de lune triste et beau,
Qui fait rêver les oiseaux dans les arbres
Et sangloter d'extase les jets d'eau,
Les grands jets d'eau sveltes parmi les marbres.

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LES CLOCHES — *Debussy*

Les feuilles s'ouvraient sur le bord des branches
Délicatement,
Les cloches tintaient, légères et franches,
Dans le ciel clément.
Rhythmique et fervent comme une antienne,
Ce lointain appel
Me remémorait la blancheur chrétienne
Des fleurs de l'autel.
Ces cloches parlaient d'heureuses années,
Et dans le grand bois
Semblaient reverdir les feuilles fanées
Des jours d'autrefois.

L'ANNÉE EN VAIN (*L'enfant prodigue*) — *Debussy*

*Recitative:* L'année en vain chasse l'année!
A chaque saison ramenée,
Leurs jeux et leurs ébats m'attristent malgré moi:
Ils rouvrent ma blessure et mon chagrin s'accroît.
Je viens chercher la grêve solitaire.
Douleur involontaire!
Efforts superflus!
Lia pleure toujours l'enfant qu'elle n'a plus!

*Air:* Azaël! Azaël!
Pourquoi m'as-tu quittée?
En mon coeur maternel
Ton image est restée.
Cependant les soirs étaient doux,
Dans la plaine d'ormes plantée,
Quand, sous la charge récoltée,
On ramenait les grands boeufs roux.
Lorsque la tâche était finie,
Enfants, vieillards et serviteurs,
Ouvriers des champs ou pasteurs,
Louaient de Dieu la main bénie.
Ainsi les jours suivaient les jours
Et dans la pieuse famille
Le jeune homme et la jeune fille
Échangeaient leurs chastes amours.
D'autres ne sentent pas le poids de la vieillesse;
Heureux dans leurs enfants,
Ils voient couler les ans
Sans regret comme sans tristesse...
Aux inconsolés que les temps sont pesants!
Azaël! Azaël! Pourquoi m'as-tu quittée?

BERCEUSE — *Milhaud*

Dors, dors, dors,
Ton papa ira au village
Et rapportera une pomme
Et caressera ta petite tête.

Dors, dors, dors,
Ton papa ira au village
Et rapportera une noix
Et caressera ton petit pied.

Dors, dors, dors,
Ton papa ira au village
Et rapportera un canard
Et caressera tes petites mains.

Dors, dors, dors,
Ton papa ira au village
Et rapportera la soupe
Et caressera ton petit ventre.
Dors, dors, dors.

LE RÉVEIL DE LA MARIÉE — *Ravel*

Réveille-toi, perdrix mignonne.
Ouvre au matin des ailes,
Trois grains de beauté, mon coeur en est brûlé.
Vois le ruban d'or que je t'apporte
Pour le nouer autour de tes cheveux.
Si tu veux, ma belle, viens nous marier!
Dans nos deux familles, tous sont alliés!

CHANSON DES CUEILLEUSES DE LENTISQUES — *Ravel*

O joie de mon âme,
Joie de mon coeur, trésor qui m'est si cher,
Joie de l'âme et du coeur, toi que j'aime ardemment,
Tu es plus beau qu'un ange.
O lorsque tu parais, ange si doux, devant nos yeux,
Comme un bel ange blond, sous le clair soleil,
Hélas! tous nos pauvres coeurs soupirent.

TOUT GAI! — *Ravel*

Tout gai, gai, ha! tout gai!
Belle jambe, tireli, qui danse!
La vaisselle danse, tralala!

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For Mrs. Uhl's file
see Candidates
for Master of Arts

Smith College

# Sixty-Third Commencement

John M. Greene Hall

Monday, June Sixteenth

Nineteen Hundred and Forty-One

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## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

Gertrude Alys Heisenbuttle, A.B., University of Buffalo, 1940.
Charlotte Ann Potter, A.B., Smith College, 1939.
Helen Margaret Wright, A.B., Emmanuel College, 1940.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Lillian Gladys Alonso, Químico Farmaceutico, Montevideo State University, 1937. Chemistry.
Eleanor Thompson Caldwell, A.B., Middlebury College, 1939. Geology.
Charlotte Elizabeth Crabtree, A.B., Smith College, 1937. Zoology.
Eleanor Dodge, A.B., Cornell University, 1939. Chemistry.
Helen Lucille Dunaway, A.B., Smith College, 1940. Education.
Dorothea Rebecca Dusser de Barenne, A.B., Smith College, 1936. Physics.
Alexandra Illmer, A.B., Swarthmore College, 1939. Mathematics.
Alice Marie James, A.B., Stanford University, 1940. Psychology.
Katherine Ann Jefferis, A.B., Wilson College, 1940. History.
Kathleen Margaret Kane, B.S., University of North Dakota, 1939. Physics.
Lorna Elizabeth Kirk, A.B., University of Toronto, 1939. English.
Nancy Grace Leask, A.B., Smith College, 1938. Music.
Lina Amelia Ottolenghi, Dottore in Scienze Naturali, University of Pisa, 1939. Zoology.
Wyveta Mae Powell, B.S., University of Oklahoma, 1938. Geology.
Clothilde Elizabeth Reo, A.B., Smith College, 1939. Education.
Barbara Thornton Rockwell, A.B., Smith College, 1939. Music.
Edith Estella Searles, B.S., Allegheny College, 1935. Bacteriology.
Marna Serís, A.B., Barnard College, 1940. Spanish.
Eleanor Davis Southworth, A.B., Smith College, 1940. Music.
Pauline Julia Steiner, A.B., University of Illinois, 1940. German.
Amelia Fialho Teixeira, Chimico Industrial, University of Brazil, 1938. Chemistry.
Geneviève Jeanne Tissot, B.es.L., Paris, 1938. French.
Lucy Leng Yeh, A.B., Albion College, 1929. Music.
Marion Boron Ziemba, Mus.B., Boston University, 1940. Music.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS AS OF THE CLASS OF 1940

Betty Blalock Black
Alcine Webster Rippere
Lois Warren Shaw II
Alice Pake Worms

CANDIDATES FOR THE DIPLOMA FOR TEACHERS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Elizabeth Ann Bogert, A.B., Smith College, 1938.
Elizabeth Marvin, A.B., Smith College, 1940.
Charlotte Ann Potter, A.B., Smith College, 1939.
Esther Louise Sherry, A.B., Smith College, 1940.

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Yeh

November 25, 1941

Miss Marion E. Davis
Westminster Choir College
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Miss Davis:

Mrs. Yeh is back on the Chengtu campus carrying on work for Ginling College — definite word having been received of her arrival. Now that she has arrived, the President writes that they are all exceedingly grateful that she returned and has arrived in safety.

Our accounts with West China are still in operation and, if you desire to send a gift for Mrs. Yeh, we will deposit same in our account and notify the field treasurer to pay it over to Mrs. Yeh.

We share with you in your deep interest in this very fine Chinese lady who made a great impression upon all of our hearts.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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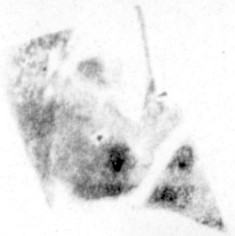

Excerpts from a letter from Mrs. Yeh

From Chengtu, April 19, 1942

"Speaking of illness, I had a siege of dysentery last winter just before Christmas. My sister took care of me in her home and so I had good care and was able to recuperate completely in a little over a month's time.

"Right after I got well I sang the soprano solos in the Messiah - which was given three nights in succession. You can imagine the appreciation of European music here on the campus and in China. Then came my personal recital on January 24th. The hall was packed. My sister was my accompanist and she did such a perfect job. By the end of the recital the whole platform and piano were covered with bouquets and baskets of flowers. Dr. Wu gave a reception with tea and refreshments immediately after the recital. Dr. Wu, as you know, is our president. I had many compliments that evening and there came letters of congratulations afterwards. Wish I could send you a program but it is so heavy and Ido hate to give my writing space to that.

"Then I went to Chungking and Kunming after the recital. While at Kunming I met Madame Chiang personally and had several teas and dinners together. She is charming and friendly. She is the Honorary Commander-in-Chief of the air force and so she also is for the A.V.G. (the American Volunteer Group). The Generalissimo and his wife gave a big dinner for the A.V.G. boys and I was asked to sing for them and so I sang one opera number, one light opera number and a Chinese up to date song to please all. There were about 300 Americans and 100 Chinese, all big military men, officers and fliers, and only 6 ladies present - my sister and I were among the 6. The Generalissimo and the Madame thanked us especially afterwards. Besides that I helped in several other concerts - one to raise money for the middle schools there - another in celebration of the New Life Movement which was held in a big theater, and my sister and I also gave a whole program over the air there.

"While in Kunming I had bought my airplane ticket to get back to Chengtu about the first of March, which would make me a week late for the opening of the spring term. But the route being very important and so many government officials had to travel back and forth I was delayed time after time. Then finally I was to fly on March 14th. I went to the field, but was told some more important people need my seat. Really I felt very hurt and impatient, but had to comply and so rode back to the city again which was many miles from the field. Ten minutes after the plane started, it burst into flames, 14 were burnt to death and the other four badly wounded. Of course, the tragedy spread like wild fire over the whole country and my poor husband was worried to death for two days and two nights thinking I was on that plane. My telegram reached him three days after the accident! When I think of the peculiar incident, for I was the only one to be deprived of my place on the plane, I am sure the Lord wants me to do some work yet on this earth. I finally got back on March 26th and have been kept very busy. Every day after my teaching I feel so exhausted that I go to sleep as soon as I hit my bed about 9:00 p.m. You see this term I have 30 vocal students - an increase of 12 over last term. Besides the teaching I direct the Glee Club, the Varsity Songsters, and now I'm training all the soloists for Mendelssohn's Elijah to be given on May 16th and 17th. Another important event which I've already helped to succeed since my return from Kunming was the Rotary Concert, which was held on April 10th and 11th. I sang two groups of songs which made 6 songs, and coached a double mixed quartet to sing a group of three songs and then the Varsity songsters to sing three songs. They raised $5.000.00 and they will give to charity purpose. Next on the program is the Elijah and then one of my vocal majors is graduating and I am coaching her on her recital numbers. So life is a busy merry-go-round. It's lots of fun and I enjoy doing hard and good work.

"Spring was here when I first got back, but it seems winter has come back again this last week. It has been raining and it is so cold.

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"Living costs keep on soaring. Just to give you an idea - pork is about $7.00 a pound, pork fat $12.00 a pound, vegetables all run about $2.00 a pound. Money really isn't worth much. Shoes, the soles of which are made of old tyre rubber, cost at least $150.00 a pair. So it is common to see people wearing old, torn, and patched clothes, nondescript shoes. In spite of poor food and clothing we are still full of courage and spirit. We are free."

. . . . . .

"Now that warm weather is at hand and the fog season is over, it is time for bombing. We doubt if they'll have the time or the bombs for Chengtu, but if they do come, we are sure they'll do it whole-heartedly. Thus we must plan and look for a place to run to when the time does come."

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Lucy Yeh

金陵女子文理學院
GINLING COLLEGE
NANKING CHINA

校長辦公室
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 27, 1946

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills
Secretary, Associate Boards of Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I hardly think it will be necessary to introduce Mrs. Lucy Yeh to you because I feel you already know her through newsletters from the College.

Mrs. Yeh is accompanying her sister, Mrs. Sung to America. Mrs. Sung is a patient of Dr. Cheer, and he has made arrangements for her to have medical treatment at the Boston General Hospital.

Mrs. Yeh herself has not felt very well lately, so she expects to go straight to Boston with her sister and have a thorough medical examination while there. They are sailing from Shanghai on January 3rd. Mrs. Yeh can be reached at the following address:

Mrs. Lucy Yeh
c/o Dr. J. H. Means
Boston General Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

I think Mrs. Yeh may wish to have a little time to rest after she arrives, but later she will want to pay a visit to Smith College, and would like to come to New York for a visit also. I would appreciate it greatly if you would give Mrs. Yeh your help and advise if she should need some assistance.

With many thanks to you, and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

Yi-fang Wu
President, Ginling College

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Geh, Lucy

THE Myles Standish HOTEL

Sheraton OPERATED

BAY STATE ROAD AT BEACON STREET

BOSTON 15

April 24, 1947

Mrs. L. Plumer Mills,
Girling College Office,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York,
N.Y.

Dear Mrs Mills:

This is to acknowledge and to thank you for your very kind letter of April 17th. I would like very much to accept the invitation to attend the Annual Meeting of the Girling College Committee Meeting and to bring "some recent word from the College" but due to my recent illness the doctor advises me not to undertake anything that will cause nervous strain. I am sorry to miss this wonderful opportunity.

With best regards

Sincerely yours,
Lucy Leng Geh.

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