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OFFICE OF THE DEAN.

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS:
'YENTA.'

April 11, 1931

Dear Dr. Stuart:

By the time this letter is written, you must have arrived at New York. I hope that you have had a pleasant trip. We certainly wish you all the possible success in your mission, but, at the same time, hope that you will not over-exert yourself, because the President's health is far more valuable and important to us than any sum of money that he may bring to us.

The University has been running very smoothly and everything seems to be very quiet and orderly. We have had a spring vacation for three days and all came back again for work with refreshed spirit. Our campus has turned green everywhere and flowers have begun to bloom. It is a beautiful place to live in.

Just before the vacation, the Department of Journalism has had a journalism week to which editors of all the local papers were invited. They had lectures, discussions and social gatherings. It turned out to be very successful. Enclosed are clippings from the Leader and Ta Kung Pao and they may give you a general idea of what was going on and of their impressions of Yenching as a whole. I have heard recently that Dean Martin will not be able to come to Yenching until the beginning of the next calendar year and thus Mr. Nash's plans will have to be altered somewhat accordingly.

The Department of Education will call another Middle School conference very soon, as the one we called last year was helpful to the Middle School teachers. We hope that we can be of service to them this way. Mr. Pu was asked to take charge of it this year and I am sure that he will make it successful.

I have received a letter from Mr. Lohr telling me that he will be prepared to teach German when he comes back in the fall, so our mind is quite relieved

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in that respect. Dr. Wolferz ~~has~~ returned from the Hospital a month ago and he looks very healthy, although he feels that it will be a long process, before the eye clears up again. At present he doesn't feel that there is much progress. We hope that the last operation really did him good, as the doctor says.

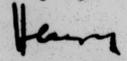
For the Department of History, the question of chairmanship will still be a difficult one, when Mrs. Frame goes. I wonder if you could find time to write to William again and try to persuade him to change his mind for the good of the Department. If this fails, perhaps the next best thing to do is to ask somebody to act as the chairman until Dr. De Vargas comes back. We have tried very hard to get a lecturer to teach Chinese History, but nobody seems to be in view. We hope, however, that some solution will be made either before or during the summer.

Dr. Faucett of the Department of English finished up his work earlier than expected and came back to Yenching about two weeks ago, and Dr. Martin went back to Japan again for a new position, but Mrs. Martin stays until the end of the term. With Dr. Faucett on furlough and Dr. Martin gone next year, I do not know what the Department is going to do about the full time professor's work. I suppose Mr. Breece has made up all the plans.

The summer course of our College will be conducted this summer by the Department of Philosophy. Dr. Hwang and Mr. Chang will offer a course on "the development of Western thought." This is a very interesting course and we expect that there will be a large attendance. Since they are full time professors, the course will not cost the University anything, except the necessary expenses. I hope that this is a good example set for the rest of us.

Hoping that you will return soon,

Very sincerely yours,


H. C. Chou.

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May 6, 1951

Dean Henry C. Chou
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Henry:

I was very glad to have your letter of April 11th with the comments of various matters of no slight interest to me. I shall not attempt to make any reply in detail as I hope to be back on the campus not long after this brief acknowledgment will have reached you.

With cordial remembrance to Ruth and other friends.

Very sincerely yours,

President

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from
Mrs. Ruth Huie Chou, Instructor in the
Department of Physical Education, and wife of
Professor Henry H. C. Chou, Chairman of the Department of Education

Yenching University
November 4th, 1940

Dear Friends:

Today fall is over and winter is about to begin. The wind is blowing hard, and that means most of the lovely colored leaves over the campus will be gone by morning! The campus has been especially beautiful this last week and the weather ideal, so we have had a chance really to enjoy it all. The large maple tree on the island where the Luce Pavilion is situated was gorgeous again this year and the coloring there in general was exquisite. I met Mrs. Payne, the wife of our Acting Controller, taking colored pictures of the island, so perhaps you may all have an opportunity to see it for yourselves sometime. Some of us have seen Mrs. Payne's colored films of America and England, and although she claims to be an amateur we think she is a very good photographer.

By the time you receive this letter we will know who is to be the next President of the United States. At one of the Tuesday night meetings of the faculty we had a straw vote. The Non-Americans almost unanimously elected Roosevelt and the Americans re-elected him by a large majority. It will be interesting to see how the public opinion of Yenching represents that of the Americans at home.

Professor Wu Lei-ch'uan is soon to celebrate his 70th birthday. Plans are being made by a committee appointed by the President for this special occasion. Professor Wu who was formerly Chancellor of the University, is a very distinguished scholar in Chinese and very much respected by the students and faculty. We, who live in the Lang Jun Yuan, feel that he is a great asset to the garden. If one rises early enough, one may meet Professor Wu strolling about the garden for his daily exercise, - a very stately dignified person, always with a delightful smile and greeting.

Because of the political situation or for health reasons, Miss Gladys Wolpert of the Music Department and Miss Gertrude Jacobs of the Physical Education Department are planning to leave for the United States on November 13th. However, the University is planning to continue as usual as long as there is no political interference. The rest of the American faculty do not consider leaving unless further circumstances compel them to evacuate.

The Embassy families have had to go because they were definitely ordered to do so. Mrs. Johnson, the wife of the American Ambassador, has gone home, and it is a great loss to the community of Peking. She has been most active in welfare and social work and is respected and loved by the Chinese as well as by other nationalities. We are sorry to see her leave us even temporarily.

To meet the needs of China's vast population, the Department of Education has been undertaking to train leaders in the field of rural reconstruction. Both for the practice of the students studying in rural education and for experimentation in rural reconstruction, it has opened two experimental stations; one is called Sanchi area consisting of four villages and the other is Jantsun area consisting of six villages. The central theme of this work is to use "Rural Schools as Centers for Rural Reconstruction." Such activities as public health, livelihood education, and adult and children's education are all undertaken by the Department in these areas. Very recently the Sanchi Experimental Station celebrated the first anniversary of the two factories, one for the making of peanut

butter and the other for cross-stitch work. The purpose for the establishment of such institutions is to give work to the villagers. Many needy people of these villages have been employed in these factories. On the day of celebration a huge number of villagers came to participate, and President Stuart was invited to address them.

Last Sunday, November 3rd, the Jan-tsun area held its second anniversary celebration in which hundreds of villagers participated. An exhibition of agricultural products was held and a great interest was aroused among the visiting farmers. In spite of the fact that it was raining, the visitors stayed throughout the program that was planned for the day.

Being a member of the Department of Physical Education it gives me a great pleasure to mention here that the Department opened a major course for students who are interested in this line of work. With such facilities as we have, Yen-ching is in a good position to open such a course to train teachers for schools in North China, who are so badly needed. To start with, we have four majors in the department, and all of them are in their sophomore year.

Thanksgiving is approaching and although we have our hardships and there are many black clouds hanging about, we still feel that there is a great deal for us all to be thankful for. As long as we can be of service to others we are happy and thankful for this privilege.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth Huie Chou

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Pomeroy Hall
Wellesley College
Wellesley, Mass.
Feb. 5, 1940

Dear Miss Van Sciver,

I would be glad to have you put my name down as a regular receiver of the Women's College Fortnightly Letters. Also, if there are other publications the American Office distributes among the faculty, I would be glad to have those too. As you doubtless know, Yen-ching's special position in Wellesley calls forth a great many questions, many of which we can answer only on the basis of information received through reliable letters. I hope you will send as much information as possible, and as regularly as possible.

When sending material, could you please send it under my Chinese name? I have never used my Anglicized name officially, so sometimes there is trouble at the post office. However, all that the Office has sent has arrived safely to date, so the name is only a minor point.

Yours sincerely,

Chou Nien-tz'u

Chou Nien-tz'u

Feb. 27, 1940

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

I should have written you long before this to thank you for the pleasant trip to Rochester (which I hope was also a useful trip!) and for your quick action in regard to Smith. Today the copy of your Wellesley letter arrived. However, I'm beginning to worry about Smith as Miss Bryson has not yet written. They could perfectly well have changed their minds, I suppose.

However, I've been rushing around to gather the necessary papers. With due respect for Wellesley alone as well as Wellesley - Yenching and Wellesley - Hsing Song, this noble institution still is pretty thoroughly inefficient in some rather important spots. The Medical Clinic is what "got my goat"! I waited for two and a half hours yesterday morning only to be told that my original appointment after having gone through a process of delay and change

had finally melted to nothing. I can't be served until tomorrow morning, which means a serious delay. Then, in spite of the fact that every intelligent person knows that an office prefers to receive an application as a whole, there are still people who insist upon sending separate letters rather than letting the sum depart all at once from the Recorder's office. I wrote Miss Byson again this afternoon, enclosing one letter of recommendation, and assuring her that the other papers would struggle in independently. My composition teacher who is also my only family friend said the fact that my grades were all 'B' instead of all 'A' or 'part A' has been used by her to great advantage. I think she is telling Miss Byson that I'm only a satisfactory student in other courses but 'unusual' (lucky the word can be interpreted so freely) in writing class, and that even in that class my grade is mediocre because there is so much I don't know. Result: I should

be given further study. One thing more she did for me was to drag the Comp. Dept. Head to class this morning to hear me read a story so that I may be propped up by a letter of recommendation from the Dept. Head. I also have an idea that she was trying to arouse the Dept's interest in me, but that may be only conceit, certainly guesswork. She did wish, though, that this place would give me a creative writing scholarship, but she also thinks Smith is wonderful for that sort of thing.

I do hope something comes of these efforts. Whatever good fortune I have, it will certainly all be due to you.

You will be interested to hear that Fanny Chi and I were invited to a Women's Club tea (about 30 people present) this afternoon. Miss Wheeler of Dana Hall read personal and mimeographed letters from her dear friend and pupil 'Mayling', and Miss Rathbone gave a

brief talk on Yenching and the proposed Chair. Then the ladies descended upon Fang Chi and me, and we did our feeble best. I had minutely related all my Rochester experiences to Fang Chi as soon as I returned last week, and I certainly hadn't forgotten them myself, so we knew exactly what to say to them. Many people invited us to their homes and took down our names and addresses and threatened to write specific invitations soon. We'll decide on course of action when and if the invitations really come. We belong to a sceptical generation, I'm afraid.

I shall keep you posted on these scholarship complications as they develop. Let me thank you again for all your advice and action.

Gratefully,

Shang

P.S. Did the "Arthur Mearns" dock safely?

February 28, 1940

Miss Chou Nien-tz'u
Pomeroy Hall
Wellesley College
Wellesley, Massachusetts

My dear Miss Chou:

I have not answered your letter of February 21 because I understood that Mrs. Macmillan would be communicating with you more quickly than I could get a letter to you, and that she would make quite clear to you the results of our discussion. I hope that she has already written you and that you see the point of our advice to you that you work for the M. A. at the conclusion of this summer, whether you return to Wellesley next year, or come to Smith, or go somewhere else. The M. A. degree is a very useful item in the program of a person who expects to teach or to be concerned in any way with the academic world, and it is especially useful in the case of persons who may find themselves obliged to wait a number of years before undertaking, or completing, the Ph. D..

I want you to be clear that we have no fellowship in creative writing at Smith College, and I should be glad if you would make that clear to your instructors, particularly to Miss Denkinger. Your application for a fellowship would have to be considered along with other applications of students who may not want to concentrate so entirely on one specialty. If you were to come to us with the M. A. already achieved, you would be fairly free in your program work. If you were to come to us without the M. A., but still wanting to obtain the degree, you would practically have to begin at the bottom in meeting our M. A. requirements since most of the colleges have entered into an agreement that they will not exchange credits from place to place for that degree. This, you see, is another reason for urging you to clear the slate of that degree before you attempt another year's work. Mrs. Macmillan may have told you that she and I both feel that if you have established yourself well at Wellesley and could have a year there next year fairly free of formal requirements, it would seem more desirable for you than to shift to another college.

You understand that we have a good many applicants and that many factors have to enter into the awarding of the few fellowships that we have. Your personality and ability, your interest in writing, and all those things make quite an appeal to us here, but we cannot, at this moment, make any promises of the fellowship for you.

Sincerely yours

Gladys Bryson, Chairman

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Miss Chan

28 February 1940

Dear Miss Kendrick:

What should we do without you to answer important questions and get us out of tight places?

When I was at Smith College a few days ago, the Committee on Graduate Scholarships asked me to read the applications already received from Chinese girls. Among these were most attractive applications for fellowships in the Department of Music from the daughter of C. H. Wang and Fong See. Miss Wang has been an acceptable assistant to Bliss Wiant. Both girls have been spoken well of by President Stuart and Miss Speer in their letters of recommendation. We have received in the New York office no instructions in regard to the desires of the University for the further training of these young women, and it seemed to Mr. Evans, Mr. Garside, and myself that we ought to get some light from the field in regard to these two candidates and in regard to Miss Chou Hien-tse. You are already aware of the strength of my own interest in Miss Chou, and of my letter to Miss Hughes on her behalf.

A cabled reply from Yenching has taken the ground from under my feet in relation to Miss Chou, and I feel that Miss Hughes ought to be immediately informed of this fact. Can you easily get in touch with her, and talk the whole matter over with her, or should I continue my correspondence with her directly? By an enlargement of the functions of your own committee on Candidates, this whole matter can be included in your bailiwick if you are willing. The cabled inquiry which we sent to the field asked whether Yenching wished us to assist in the plans for graduate study on behalf of the three candidates, Wang, Fong, and Chou and whether any or all were to join the Yenching faculty. It is the last part of this question only which the reply answers:

NO PLAN FOR WANG FONG CHOU TO REJOIN FACULTY

It may be that it is Miss Chou's independent planning to devote herself to writing which lessens the possibility of her being invited to continue in the faculty staff at Yenching. It is, of course, something of this sort which has brought her into differences of opinion in her dealings this year with Miss Hughes' committee. As I have already stated, I will not write directly to Miss Hughes, unless you think I should do so.

Miss Chan

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Miss Eliza H. Kendrick

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28 February 1940

The very attractive function of helping our presidents on the field to build up their Chinese faculties is bound to take a larger and larger place in the American program of the China Colleges, and you already know of the interest which is being shown by Mr. Cressy and by Mr. Parker in assisting the special committee of the Associated Boards to form policies and plans for the future. I found at Smith College the other day that the Scholarship Committee feels it is primarily interested in the quality of the applications from China, and only secondarily in the relation of the candidates to future work. It may be that this attitude will be somewhat changed as the Committee sees the needs of the field more clearly. At Radcliffe, however, President Comstock and Dean Cronkite are asking in all cases whether candidates are needed for a definite task on return to China. I wonder what feeling on this question prevails the deliberations of the Wellesley Committee.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Eliza H. Kendrick
6 Midland Road
Wellesley Massachusetts

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

March 1, 1940

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

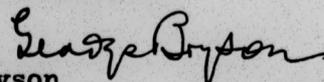
My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

In answer to your inquiry of February 28, I can say that we will put your Girling Sociology candidate among the papers for the consideration of the departments and my Committee. Try to get the papers to us by the beginning of the week, but if that is impossible we could trot them around especially if you could get them to us at the close of the week.

Did you advise Miss Chou to apply to us, and does she understand the content of the talk which you and I had about her situation? I ask because I am receiving daily documents from Wellesley and each letter speaks of the fellowship in creative writing which Smith has to offer. We have no such fellowship, as you know, and I hope Miss Chou and the Faculty members at Wellesley are not becoming too hopeful that we can quickly accept her application. I enclose copy of a letter which I sent to her.

Now, as for your having cabled Yenching: that is a perfectly proper procedure which I should suppose you and your Committee in New York would wish to follow in order to have the information which you should have. I must say, however, Mrs. Macmillan, that you should not press such information too strongly on us here, particularly when it implies a somewhat derogatory judgment of one or more other applicants from China. The Institute of International Education never puts such pressure on us to choose one candidate rather than another, and we must be left just as free with respect to Oriental students. It goes without saying that it is a strong point in favor of a candidate that she is definitely to return to a position. Most of our candidates, however, have not been so definitely engaged, and we have had equal success with them, whether they have been or not. We shall have to continue to use our usual procedure: the applications are submitted to the departments in which the candidate would work if she were to receive the award; if the department feels that it cannot accommodate this student for the coming year, it says so; if it is interested in her and feels that it can, it says so. In the case of two or more applicants it returns them in order of preference. My Committee then makes the best choice it can from among all the first choices which are returned to us.

Yours very sincerely



Gladys Bryson
Chairman

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Mrs. Macmillan

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March 1, 1940

P. S. I take it that Miss Chou is in the same boat with Miss Wang and Fong in not being definitely engaged to return to Yenching?

Yours very sincerely

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1 March 1940

Dear Miss Hughes:

I am indeed grateful for your full explanation in regard to Miss Chou's progress for the current year which is given in your letter of February twenty-eighth. I understand only too fully what you have met in dealing with Miss Chou. For ten years I was the admission officer of the Peking Union Medical College, and during that period also served an all-China committee for candidates applying for admission to American universities. As typical of a certain type of resistance to advice, I always go back in my memory to one new student at the Peking Medical College who sat in my office one morning insisting that he was to enroll in the course in Bacteriology. I carefully explained to him that he had still ahead of him certain prerequisite courses, but each time the candidate had the last word, which was: "I think I will register for Bacteriology this year".

Miss Kendrick will already have told you of my discomfiture in receiving cabled advice from Yenching that there were no plans for Miss Chou's return to that faculty. This fact has a bearing upon the last sentence of your recent letter, suggesting that the Yenching Women's College Committee might possibly secure scholarship funds for Miss Chou from some other source than a Wellesley appointment. I believe that our Committee will see its responsibility as being limited officially to the members of the Women's College faculty, and that any encouragement or assistance we find it possible to give to Miss Chou will have to be a purely personal matter.

Gratefully yours,

Mrs. F. D. Macmillan

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Miss Helen Sard Hughes
Committee on Graduate Instruction
Wellesley College
Wellesley, Massachusetts

Copy to Miss Eliza Kendrick

4 March 1940

Dear Miss Bryson:

Your letter of March first calls to my mind a remark of Mrs. William Roy Smith (Helen Parris) at Bryn Mawr. She served for many years as head of the committee which assigns the most generous appointment available for Chinese women in this country, and the committee of which I was secretary in China assisted in the gathering of the credentials. Her remark was that she wished she had chosen a less arduous and troublesome hobby than that of supervising graduate study for foreign students. No doubt you have felt that way at times, and the case of the delightful Chou Nien-tse is one of those which is likely to make the sentiment echo in my own heart.

I am appalled, on re-reading my letter of February 24, 1940, to Miss Chou to find there the seeds of the misunderstanding which has apparently grown up at Wellesley about an appointment in creative writing. There seems little I can do to atone for the careless words in that letter except to let you know that I am ashamed to have lapsed from judicious thinking and writing at that point. What I meant, as you will know, was that Smith's possible interest in her would be as a student who had put behind her a good year of the prescribed course work at Wellesley, with the symbol of its completion in the M. A., leaving her free to pursue work in her special field. In order that you may know all that has passed between me and Wellesley, I shall send you to-morrow the letters which have come to me from Miss Chou and from Miss Hughes. These letters are not at hand at this moment - which is out-of-office-hours.

I enclose herewith all of the material in my possession concerning Miss Chen Pin-ling, the applicant in sociology. Her most substantial sponsor in this country is Miss Meref Mossman of the North Carolina Woman's College, who will be writing you directly. Two other people who know Miss Chen through long association and study are near at hand; Dr. Bernard E. Read of the Lester Institute in Shanghai, and Miss Ida Pruitt, who was for long the head of the Medical Social Service at the Peking Union Medical College. I am giving them also an opportunity to write to you on Miss Chen's behalf.

Whether or not there is a transcript of Miss Chen's college grades in this country, I do not know. We can, of course, request this record by cable or Clipper mail from Chengtu (where all the Ginling archives now are), but that would at best mean a delay of a month. Miss Mossman ought to be informed on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

March 5, 1940

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

I have fifteen minutes before the collection goes, and I'd like to get this to you quickly.

The question is: Should we let Smith know that Wellesley has rejected me, or wouldn't it make any difference?

However, if they know, would it improve my chances, or would they tend to think as W. thinks?

Finally, if they're to know, should I tell them, or should you? I should add, will you, if you should?

Even more finally, if Smith fails me, have you, or has anyone else (Miss Hughes, for instance) any suggestions? For my own part, I've already written home warning them I may drop in sometime in October.

Miss Denkiner, my composition teacher and

our best friend here, and I am trying to sell an
us to the Atlantic, hoping to send me if this
one is accepted. If I can scrape up enough
money that way, perhaps I can stay another year
partly on my own. The "only trouble" is, we
haven't heard from Mr. Washor yet, and I
doubt my chances any way.

Margaret Glynne and Bob Barnes came
to visit me last Saturday and we had a
nice long chat about YC and Peking.

Hastily,

Nancy

6 March 1940

Dear Miss Chou:

Thank you so much for letting me see the correspondence with Miss Hughes and Miss Bryson. You ought, I believe, to take Miss Bryson fully into your confidence. Such frankness is appreciated by committees on scholarships who are as thorough-going and intelligent as that under Miss Bryson's guidance. I am sorry that I have no alternative suggestion at the moment which appears to me valuable. Last minute opportunities do occur, but not frequently in these days. If you are at all drawn toward such a career as my friend Helen Hull has for many years pursued as part-time teaching and continual writing of very successful fiction, I suppose Miss Hughes' suggestion is worth considering, namely, a return to China with the result which she appears to favor, the acquirement of greater maturity along certain lines. Please deal charitably with my lack of inspiration and believe me

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Chou Hien-tze
Pomeroy Hall
Wellesley College
Wellesley Massachusetts

Pomeroy Hall
Wellesley College
Wellesley, Mass.
April 12, 1940

Mrs. T.D. Macmillan
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

I've come to bother you once again. This time it's to see if you think you can write a letter to the Harvard Summer School supporting my application for a scholarship. I've applied for living expenses if possible in addition to the sixty dollars tuition, but at least I hope they will give me the tuition. The address will be:

Committee on Scholarships and Student Aid
Harvard Summer School
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

The deadline is May 1.

Miss Ewing said you would be in Boston sometime soon, but she did not say when. Does that mean you will be present at that luncheon we're to attend?

I heard last night that Miss Kendrick has just died. I suppose you would have had first hand news by now. I was just now visiting Fang Chi, and we were both regretting that we did not go to visit Miss Kendrick more frequently. She was such an enthusiastic person in spite of her great age. We saw her last at T.Z. Koo's lecture. We understand that her death leaves a gap in the Women's College Committee.

We are now back at school after an enjoyable spring vacation. All the Chinese students in Cambridge saw a great deal of each other. The Yenching group stuck especially close. Kuan Yü-shan added much life to the activities while he was here, likewise Hsu Peng-cheng who suddenly descended upon me one day with a carful of Cornell people. We brought them out to Wellesley so that they could have the honour of being snapped in front of Mayling's society house. Doubtless you will hear about our adventures from Hsu and Kuan when you see them.

I hope I shall be able to see you when you come. I can imagine how busy you will be though.

Sincerely

Chou Nien-tz'u
Chou Nien-tz'u

P.S. No answer from Smith yet.

13 April 1940

Dear Miss Chou:

Although I shall be seeing you within a few days, I hasten to say that my recommendation for your appointment to a Harvard Summer School scholarship is going forward today.

Mrs. Robert E. Speer, Miss Margaret Speer's mother, is eager to have your help here with a small China meeting near her home in Connecticut on May 16th. Is this date at all possible for you? She says that the church meeting would be small and not very significant, but she would gather a group of influential people in her home to meet you if you could remain for Friday and Saturday of that same week. The last-named group would be people from the famous Hotchkiss School and surrounding community. If your Wellesley program can be made flexible enough to permit you to accept this invitation, it would be a thoroughly delightful experience. If the possibility of your being available needs to be discussed with any members of the Wellesley faculty, the information that Mrs. Speer is the one who wants you might well be mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

EEM:ds

Miss Chou Hien-tz'u
Pomeroy Hall
Wellesley College
Wellesley Massachusetts

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13 April 1940

Committee on Scholarships and Student Aid
Harvard Summer School
Harvard University
Cambridge Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity to support the application of Miss Chou Hien-ta'u, graduate student at Wellesley College, for scholarship aid during the period of the 1940 Harvard Summer School. Miss Chou has brought to this country a plan of study which justifies such assistance as she seeks from you. I know from intimate acquaintance the fine background of her Chinese heritage, the excellent record which she made as a student at Yenching University in Peking, and her own gifts of intellect and personality. She recently spent several days with me in Rochester, New York, meeting very critical individuals in groups, and she showed poise and discrimination in all situations, and carried persuasive conviction in all that she said. I believe that you can take great satisfaction in making available to her any possible assistance.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

EBM:ds

Pomeroy Hall
Wellesley College
Wellesley, Mass.
April 16, 1940

Mrs. T.D. Macmillan
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

First of all, thank you for your prompt letter to the Harvard Summer School. I'll let you know as soon as it reaps results.

I have not yet had time to compose a satisfactory speech, but you may be assured it will be waiting at the Hotel Bellevue for your approval when you return this Saturday. I appreciate your giving me such a flexible topic. I will do my best to interpret it in concrete terms, and shall enjoy doing it too. I may add here that we are all very grateful for this opportunity to do something for our alma maters.

If you think the meeting at Mrs. Speer's home will mean a great deal to China, of course I can arrange my schedule to allow me to attend. It will mean I'll have to cut two days of classwork, but I can easily arrange that for such a cause. If, however, it is to be more pleasure than profit, and if someone else is available, I would rather not leave my work here. I do want to meet Mrs. Speer though, so I am rather hoping you will say the meeting is important, in which case I would feel justified in going and thus ease my conscience. In any case, I don't suppose I communicate direct with Mrs. Speer until I hear from you.

About the rehearsal at the Hotel Commander next Monday, Fang Chi and I will both be there. We shall let you know by Saturday where and when we can be met. It will probably be at Huntington Avenue as that is the most convenient for both you and us.

We'll see you Monday then.

Yours sincerely

Chou Nien-tz'u
Chou Nien-tz'u

Wrote Mrs. Speer
by long hand
18/4/40
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Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Care of Mrs. G. I. Abbay
Tunica, Mississippi

16 April 1940

Dear Mrs. Speer:

We have enjoyed so much the cheering effect on a dull day of the slight task of dispatching your letters to Mrs. Lament and Mrs. Slade. We have made copies, but are not sending one of each to you, since you did not ask to have them.

It is a telling addition to the conviction of what your letters say that they go in your own typing, a touch which those who know your days will value.

The beautiful stamp with the two flags is the kind of friendly gesture one likes to remember. China produced this stamp at the time of the opening of our World's Fair and our national celebration of the beginning of the United States as a nation. The Chinese characters say "America, beautiful country, opened 150th celebration". It is splendid to have the map of China include the Northern Provinces.

Yours,

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Copy for Mrs. Macmillan

April 19, 1940

Miss Chou Hsing-t'ing
Pomeroy Hall
Wellesley College
Wellesley, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Chou:

After this long time, I regret very much to have to write you that we cannot award you a fellowship at Smith. The Committee was very favorably impressed with your own letters and with several of the letters of recommendation and we should like very much to have a part in helping you train for further achievement. Since last I wrote you, the situation here has changed, however, to the point where it would be unwise for us to invite you to study here next year. What I mean by that statement is this: two of our professors, who under ordinary circumstances would be your best aids as you work toward the perfecting of your writing, will not be available next year and in that situation the year might turn out to be fruitless for you.

Believe me when I say that the members of the Committee regret that this should be so, and regret, too, that we should have delayed in making the award and then have it turn out as it does. May we send our sincerest wishes for your further study and for the satisfactory achievement of those techniques of writing which will enable you to interpret the Chinese people and their cultural heritage to the western world.

Yours very sincerely

Gladys Bryson
Chairman

GB:L

Yenching

April 20, 1940

Dear Miss Chou:

I am leaving for Mrs. Speer to confirm the arrangements for the gathering at Lakeville in mid-June. If she is able to carry through the plan of which she spoke, the trip would be well worthwhile from Yenching's standpoint and you need not feel that you are pampering yourself if you accept. Dr. and Mrs. Speer are to me among the very rare minds and spirits of this troubled world.

I shall be seeing you on Monday.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Hien-ts'u Chou
Pomeroy Hall
Wellesley College
Wellesley, Massachusetts

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ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

May 15, 1946

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

As you see, I have
duly arrived and been comfortably
established at the Speers'. They
are lovely people, every bit as
lovely as you said.

Mrs. Spear said that
you mentioned my going back
to college via New York if

possible, but she can't see
exactly why. If there is anything
I can do for you, I shall
be glad to go to New York,
returning to college on Monday
morning if necessary. I had
planned to return on Saturday or
Sunday as exams are looming
rather close, but since this
is already halfway to New York,
a day or so of delay would
be a minor matter if there
are things to be done.

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Fang Cui and I happened
to be at Hathaway's Bookstore when
you telephoned on Tuesday afternoon;
it seemed almost as good as
meeting you there, it was such
a surprise. We also gathered
from Tan Pin-pin that there
are China Colleges meetings galore
these days, so you must be
very busy.

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Please let me know if
there is anything I can do to
help.

Sincerely,

Thang

The Parkside

Eighteen Gramercy Park
SOUTH
NEW YORK

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

I'm very sorry not to be able
to see you again before leaving,
but I hope you've had a
pleasant vacation. I hope too
that Mr. Yeh's audition was
successful.

Mrs. Stone and I had
a good visit on the way home
Wednesday. It's good to hear

that Yenching has such a person
waiting for her.

The International House people
took charge of me for the rest
of the evening on Wednesday, and
I saw most of the people I'd
wanted to see. Yesterday the wea-
ther was perfect Fair weather.
George brought some friends, so
it was a jolly group-party all
day. Old Mr. Chang has left for
the west coast, so of course was
not with us.

Now I'm heading back

towards work and exams. So
let us know the next time you're
in Boston, so that Tau, Fang,
and Chou may have an oppor-
tunity to entertain you somewhat.

Thank you again for every-
thing, especially the long drive
on Tuesday evening.

Sincerely,

Mai-fu

Friday afternoon

When Mrs. Macmillan

Fomeroy Hall
Wellesley College
Wellesley, Mass.
June 4, 1940

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

This is to report the good news that the Summer School scholarship arrived yesterday, that is, in spirit. The body will be duly collected when I register on July 1. Let me thank you, then, for all the assistance you have given so generously.

Could you when you think of it give me Mrs. Moore's (I mean Miss Luce, of course) full name and address? She was asking me for suggestions about the Miss Kendrick memorial fund, and I promised to write her in detail after more thought on the subject. Now that I've thought to the limit, it's time to write. Did I tell you that she and I had a very illuminating conversation on the way home from Bronxville?

As a matter of business as well as other considerations, I am enclosing an expense account. It seems that the various small items add up to more than I had thought when I told you your cheque was certainly sufficient. Not being adept at accounts anyway, I daresay the enclosed looks rather odd and unbusinesslike, but I hope at least that it is clear. Incidentally, my friend, the agent for the Herald Tribune, who was kind enough to advance me the amount on your cheque when I did not have time to go to the bank, has asked me to beg your pardon for the very messy cheque you will see returning to you from the bank. Between her and me, you will find a very sorry sight indeed, so be prepared.

Thank you again for everything. I am looking forward to a pleasant session at the Summer School.

Sincerely,
Allen - G

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Yenching

7 June 1940

Dear Nien-tz'u:

Your expense account is in the hands of Mr. Evans, who will see that the balance of \$5.70 goes to you in the form of a check. Your effective help in Bronxville has been referred to many times since that afternoon, and we shall continue to be grateful that you were available.

I do not now know when I shall be dashing through Boston again, but I will be hoping to see you soon and perhaps to have the pleasure of carrying through your delightful suggestion of an hour with Tam Pin-pin, Fang Chi, and yourself.

Mrs. Moore is Mrs. ^{GM}Marice T. Moore, 1000 Park Avenue, New York, New York. She will be glad to have you comment about the use of the special gifts in memory of Miss Kendrick.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

KEM:ef
Miss Chou Nien-tz'u
Pomeroy Hall
Wellesley College
Wellesley Massachusetts

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August 23, 1940

Dear Miss Chou:

You may have had hint of my presence in Cambridge in mid-July. I drove over to Boston at the beginning of my vacation, in order to make it possible for one of our Ginling alumnae to renew her professional connections with the men who directed her work some years ago. I was sorry not to have an opportunity to try to find you during the hours when you were likely to be in Bertram.

You will not be surprised to have me say that I found in the air some rather surprising bits of news about your plans for the future. I have said nothing about these, but am very much interested, and am hoping that you will drop me a note as soon as this word reaches you.

In the hope that you have had a happy and restful summer, and that it was an easy task to complete your work for the Harvard Summer School, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Nien-Ts'u Chou
Pomeroy Hall
Wellesley College
Wellesley, Massachusetts

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Please return
to *Home*

% Mrs. J.C. Bennett
41 Avon St.
Cambridge, Mass.
Aug. 28, 1940

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

Of course I should have written you long ago about this news you find 'in the air'. Lacking certainty, however, I have delayed informing friends. It was especially rude to have remained silent to you who have done so much to help me, but I hope this detailed explanation will earn your forgiveness.

A Eurasian marriage presents certain difficulties under any circumstances, but in this age of war when white people are being driven from the East and yellow people being refused admittance in the West things are at about their worst. Since it is not an individual matter and since it is beyond our control anyway, we have decided there is no sense in waiting any longer. I would gladly have studied another year had a scholarship been available, or I might have gone home had conditions been easier. As it is, my family will not allow me to go to my uncles in the interior alone, and if I go to Peking I may not be able to get out again or Joe might not be able to join me there. Add to that the draft bill, and you have the outline of our sum of difficulties.

I suppose I should tell you something about the man I am going to marry. He is in the field of Chinese history, studying under Mr. Creel at the University of Chicago, working for his Doctorate. Being considerably younger than most Westerners in the field, he is considered quite advanced and therefore has been enjoying generous scholarships. I met him at Yenching four years ago when he went out through the advice of Mr. Marshall, so you see the matter isn't nearly as sudden or romantic as most people imagine it to be. On the contrary, it has been anything but that. Miss Speer knew all about it when she helped me come to this country. We had both discussed matters with her at various times, and she had been most helpful.

(J.B. Bennett)

I had hoped to get married quietly and steal to Chicago, thus sparing numerous poor Chinese friends the necessity of spending precious American dollars on parties and presents. I had also remained silent in order to avoid comment on such a 'sensational' incident. Because we were not sure of the rules governing the marriage of a non-resident alien to an American citizen, we

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procured the licence in July to allow time for complications and delays. There were none, but our foolish hope that the small notice in the marriage-licence column would pass unnoticed in the confusion of world events was indeed in vain. We refused to divulge any information whatever, but as you probably know, the small local newspapers had quite an imagination. Poor Wu Mao-yi even had her picture forcibly taken while returning from class, while other members of the Chinese community were caught and questioned at various times. Meanwhile I was in the Widener stacks, working and hiding. When the excitement had blown over, ~~out~~-sensationalized by a murder case I think, I made my due rounds of apology and thanks. People gave parties, just as I'd feared, but I do enjoy parties. With all their efforts, the papers did not find out my identity, so the family etc. wasn't dragged in for the benefit of the tabloid-reading public. I was afraid they would drag in Wellesley and Yenching, which they did, but only a bare mention of the names I'm glad to report, nothing to hurt the reputation of the institutions.

As for our plans, we will of course live in Chicago. If I can manage to stay in the country for a year as a tourist or something, I will not take any courses. We have been trying various projects on and off, rather difficult at long distance. Now we shall take the opportunity to complete one thing. Aside from the fact that world events make intellectual projects seem rather futile, we enjoy our work and hope the results will be useful. Besides this joint project, Joe will have his regular class and research work while I shall continue my writing. People are bound to criticize and disapprove, *(of the marriage)* and one does not argue in defence of such things. Our only retaliation and defence will be to produce something which will show the fusion of East and West, and for this we are well equipped.

At present I am living with Joe's family. I spend most of my time in Widener preparing for my exams. at Wellesley in September. Miss Hughes has not told me the exact date yet, but I am getting married as soon as the exams. are over as we must be in Chicago to get a house and get settled all before Oct. 1 when classes begin. We are thinking of going through New York, in which case we will surely drop in to see you.

I was going to ask you if there would be anything for me to do in Chicago in the way of making contacts or raising money. We do not know many people there, but what people we do know will be the ones interested in China. We do not plan to be social in view of time-consuming work, but I shall always be ready to do useful things. I hear that the Peking Board of Education has forbidden graduates of government schools to enter Yenching. That means the mission schools will be the only feeders from henceforth. And from the Japanese govern-

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ment's forbidding Japanese institutions to accept foreign financial aid is but a step to forbidding the same of institutions in Japanese territories. And hasn't Dr. Stuart been seriously ill as a result of injury from falling off his horse? Went with the Eighth Route Army at the Summer Palace, and Peitaiho-Tientsin-Peking communications cut, I can imagine the state YC is in at present. Wang An-lin and others had the greatest difficulty in getting out of North China, especially the young men. They would have been in Shanghai just at the most exciting time too.

I hope you will let me know if there is anything I can do. Now that I shall be at home and creator of my own routine, I can undertake steady tasks rather than those bursts of speech-making. I shall probably look around for such service anyway, such as teaching Chinese in Chinatown as I did last year, so you might as well use me since I would like best to work for YC.

It is unlikely that you rested much during your vacation, but I hope you enjoyed the change. Summer school was stimulating and rewarding--many thanks to you.

Sincerely,

Nien-tzu

Chou Nien-tzu

MRS. JOE K. BENNETT

Nancy Chen
(Mum (you))



WELLESLEY COLLEGE

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

This is just to tell you that Joe and I are grateful for your words of encouragement and congratulation. We plan to accomplish something tangible before the year is over, something to repay what we have taken in scholarships and personal assistance.

I have an idea Miss Hughes and Wellesley in general won't

approve of my actions, but my
aim is to justify the encourage-
ment of such people as you,
Miss Bryson, and Miss Speer.

Wang Fu-lin and her brother
Heng-jin will probably be calling at
the office in the near future. They
are very special friends of mine, so
give them my regards and tell Fu-lin
that Fang Chi and I are awaiting
her arrival with great impatience.

Hope you had a restful
Labour Day. We'll see you soon.

Sincerely,

Wen-tzu

Sept. 3, 1946

Granddaughter of the famous
scholar-patriot Hsiao Chi-chao.
Daughter of Hsiao's ambassador to
the Philippines, Straits Settlements, and
THE BACKBONE OF MORALE

Chou Nien-tze
A. B. Yenching University
Instructor in English at Y.
1937-39
Graduate student at Wesleyan

Doubtless many of you are familiar with the proverb: 人以類聚, 物以類分. Loosely translated, it runs thus: Men gather according to kind; animals divide according to herd. From this we see that what distinguishes a group of men from a herd of animals is intelligent choice. Moreover, the kind of companion a man chooses largely determines his mode of living, his thoughts, his ideals.

There is much truth in this proverb. Without this ability to choose, my people would have been divided when our land was divided. As it is, we speak of China in terms of 'Conquered Territory' or 'Free China', but merely for convenience. How can we say that every grain of dirt this side of a boundary is sweetly submissive, or that every bomb-threatened hut on the other side is gloriously free. A ridiculous assumption! A country is not merely land and property; it is also people, and my people have chosen to resist division into arbitrary herds.

We know that in every country since time began, there have always been people so crushed by the struggle for existence that they are not far removed from animals or machines. We certainly have them in China. These may be divided according to designs on a map, or even be elevated to the statistical support of the new Nanking government, but in neither case is there any choice-- or intelligence.

However, fortunately, these do not constitute all the people of China. There are many more, millions intelligent enough to choose their own course of life. For a single traitor who chooses safety and disgrace in Nanking or Peiping, ten thousand guerrillas choose danger and patriotism a few miles from these cities. For every family who choose to tolerate conditions in their old home, millions have migrated to new. ~~HOWEVER~~

And if you look closely among these people, you will see students everywhere. Courageous, full of enthusiasm, and unhampered ^{heavy} by family responsibilities, these young people have, theoretically, the greatest freedom of choice as to what they wish to do with their lives during this struggle. Yet their task is far from simple. To fight or not ~~fight~~ to fight, that is the question. Our government is constantly urging people to keep to their jobs in spite of the destructive war. The job of students is to study, and our government has been doing all it can to solve this particular unemployment problem, but the present situation is still not that there are too many students, but insufficient accommodation for these splendid young people. If they have chosen to continue studying, chosen to leave their homes, chosen to refuse rich scholarships from Japanese supported universities in the north, the least they can expect is admission to some university where they will find the freedom they seek. These students are China's future leaders, and the Christian Colleges play no small part in their future when they provide them an education.