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Ma Teh-yin

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July 15, 1942.

Dear Mae Mills:

It gave me a great pleasure to meet you. I am very sorry that I have known you too late. I know that you are very busy, <sup>but</sup> you still perfectly willing to spend hours and hours for me beside this your comforts and advices are precious to me. I feel very disappointed before I came to see you. But after that I feel my future is little lighter than before. Thank you ever so much in giving <sup>me</sup> such a great help to cheer up.

I know that you are very anxious to know the plan for the rest of the summer. I get a letter from Maine this morning in which that both Mr and Mrs. Baldwin are willing to have me in helping their house hold works. Therefore I talk with Mrs. Dixon

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on this matter. I know that she feels very sorry on this plan. She says I need some help on English and she plans to teach me English. If I can do some house works for ~~her~~ <sup>also</sup> them I can get free board and study ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> English with her. Why should I leave her and go to other place to work? I know that I need help on English very badly. But I do not know how to write to Mr. Baldwin and tell them not to come to Maine. This is the first time they ~~ask~~ accept a Chinese girl to do things for them. If I do not go. I am afraid that it will make a hard way for future Chinese. On the other hand I do not want to hurt Mrs. Dixon. but she make such a splendid plan for me. I can not decide now. What advice would you like to give me. I will think this very carefully this tonight. I need some one

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to help me to make a final decision. If  
you have time to give me any suggestion  
and advice I appreciate them heartily and  
I know that will help me out of difficulty.

Dr. Felton now is sick and staying in  
bed. He just came out from hospital. I  
have seen Mrs Felton this morning. She  
is ~~very~~ amazing when she sees me back  
to Drew so early.

I am very sorry that you have  
spent much time and money for me.  
But I receive your kindness with deep  
appreciation and great gratitude. Let me  
give my thanks to you again. When  
I have time I will write to Mrs Wu  
and Dr. Rees. If I can stay in  
Madison probably I shall come to  
New York for "a Fellowship Gathering for  
young people" of Calvary Church next week.  
I hope that I can have time to come to see  
you during that fellowship. Very respectfully yours  
Teh spin Ma

Ans. Aug 5<sup>th</sup>

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July 31 1942.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Your letter just forward to me not long time ago. Now I am in Vermont. It seems to you there is a chance of my plan. When I was in Lisle Dr. Baldwin had written to Mr. Williams who is the Secretary of Church Council of Vermont and asked him about whether there were any camp for me to go. When the answer came to Lisle Dr. Baldwin's secretary misplaced the letter. Therefore they could not find it. So they wrote to Mr. Williams again. Finally they got an answer from him and asked me to stay in State Vermont until the end of August. They will be responsible for my travel expenses room and meals, and also will help me to <sup>get chance to</sup> speak in some churches so I can get a little money for my other expenses. I thought that this was a good chance for me to get experience which will enrich my life.

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Therefore I left Madison on the 19th and stayed in a junior camp which started from 20th. This week I am in the same campground but it is another conference for High School students. They only have 23 students. But they are very good. They have classes every morning & try to attend all the classes but in the afternoons they have recreations and games. Although I can not play but I like to watch them to play. Beside that I have to prepare the speeches for three evenings. This is Friday they will have Communion Service. Every evening we have Camp Fire Service. They are very good and inspiring. We sit there and watch the fire to hear poems and scripture readings and so on. The weather of this week is not as good as last week we have more rainy days this week. Next week I will go to Poultney there will be a girls' House Party on the campus of Green Mountain Junior College at Poultney Vt. that is from Aug 2 to 8.

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after that I do not know where shall I go. I am waiting for Dr. Perry's letter. He is the one will plan out the schedule for me.

I am very glad that Mrs. Dixon approves my coming to Vermont but she does not think that it is necessary for me to go to Maine. Therefore I do not make her feel bad when I come to Vermont.

A few days ago I received a letter from Maine. It seemed to me they felt unhappy when I told them I could not come to Maine. I knew that before I mailed that letter to them. But on account of my the benefit of my future work, I have to accept the arrangements for me in Vermont.

I am very sorry to say that I do not have time to write you a little early. I will leave here tomorrow and stay in St. Albans for Sunday. Because I will speak in the Methodist Church over there. Best wishes to you.

Very respectfully yours  
Tek Yin Ma

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815 DEMONBREUN STREET  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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Sept. 23, 1942,

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I did not write to you for a long time. That was my fault. I am very glad that I can come back to Drew and study further more. When I was in Vermont I had written to Miss Wu Man-i I was very glad to receive her letter. I met one of the Returned missionaries whose name was Miss Woddruff. She told me that Miss <sup>Wu</sup> would come to Round Lake and spend the week end with the family. I knew that she would find out many things about her family. That is the only way we can get some news about China.

I heard some one told me that Mrs. Hurston was coming back on last boat. I know that she needs rest and quietness now. I hope that I can write to her some day but I do not know her address. If you can tell me that I appreciate it very much. It is too bad that Gurling's buildings are used by Japanese. I hope that

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815 DEMONBREUN STREET  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

They will know how to take care of those buildings. I heard some one told me yesterday.

The Japanese people are <sup>getting</sup> more and more powerful now. The American people feel it is very hard to stop Japanese actions than that of Germany. I hope that this war will end very soon.

We have another Chinese man student here in Drew this year. Therefore our total number is still five but it is three men and two girls. The new one's name is Chiu. His home is in free China. The other two Chinese students have got letters from their homes. Therefore shows that their place is still free China.

When I was in Vermont I met a lady who told me that she was the schoolmate of Mad. Chaiing. She studied with her when she was in America. I am very glad that we have Christian leaders. I feel that all the people here in America are like Mad. Chaiing. Thank you for your consideration and help to China. Best wishes to you.

Very Cordially Yours  
Teh yin Ma

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
EXTENSION SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 20, 1945

Dear Miss Li:

Your letter about the contribution of \$ 50:00 is a good idea .We are in the United States and have not suffered any shortage at all .I am very glad to do my part ,but I am still studying and my contribution to that amount is coming from all my friends. It will take a period of time for me to get touch with them .On the other hand I am traveling from one place to another and only can stay in Virginia until the end of the December from that time on I shall go to other States but you always can reach me my using the following address:

Miss Teh-yin Ma  
c/o Dr. Fred P. Frutchey  
Division Of Studies and Training  
Extension Service  
United States Department of Agriculture  
Washington 25 ,D. C.

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I am very sorry that your letter just reached yeaterday, therefore, I can not get the money from my freinds <sup>right now</sup> but I have tried to write a few letters out and I am hoping that I shall be able to hear from them very soon .Miss Li .do you accept the money after November 15 ? If not then I can not do anything about .If you are going to then I am sure that I shall do my best.

Yesterday I have talked with a few of the people of this college and they are willing to give some but they said that they are not be able to give anything before this Christmas .If I can wait then they will give some money next January, 1946 .Probably I can get a small amount by that time .What is your opinion? There is another suggestion ~~is that~~ if it is possible for you to do this for me, then I shall appreciate it very much .Please pay that \$ 50:00 for me <sup>at present</sup> when I get the money ~~from serval of my friends~~ I shall pay back the money and I am hoping that I can some more money for the library .If you give me time enough I think that I can smmething about it . I am very sorry that I have to write such an uncertain letter to you. I think that you will be able to understand this situation.

Best wishes to you all .Please give my best regards to  
Dr. Wu. Thanks.

Sincerely yours

Teh-yin Ma  
Teh-yin Ma

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COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK  
IN  
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS  
STATE OF IOWA

EXTENSION SERVICE

AMES, IOWA

FEB 13  
1946

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

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I am very sorry that I did not know that you do not work on Saturdays at the present. I came to New York on Jan. 19 from Washington with a purpose to see you and give you the rest of money which I have gotten for Ginling. But I did ask Dr. Yang Hsin Pao to give that money to you. and also I have a list of names of people who contribute their funds to the total amount. I am hoping that you have the money right now and also ask the treasurer to send a receipt to those people whom I have given you <sup>their names</sup> by Dr. Yang. Their amount of contribution and their addresses are on the list. I should attend this business by myself but I am very sorry that I do not have enough common knowledge to reason out that you are not working on Saturdays. Thank you very much to help me in giving this money to the treasurer and ask her be sure to send a receipt to each one of them. It will help me a lot. They will appreciate very much if they can get a receipt and they will know where their money has been given.

Now I am in Ames again for a period of six weeks. Any letter addressed to this address will reach me from now on until the 25 of March.

Best wishes to you. Is Dr. Wu still in this country? If she is <sup>you</sup> will please send my best regards to her, thanks.

Sincerely yours

*Teh-yin Ma*

Teh-yin Ma

Feb. 13, 1946

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CLELAND BOYD MC AFE

735 Washington Street,  
Wellesley, Mass.,  
October 10th, 1940.

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:--

O how I wish I could! But we must be in Riverside, California on the Advent Sunday, December 1st. If there are to be meetings out there, it would be a joy to take part in one of them, but I cannot hope to be anywhere near New York of course.

It is auspicious that it is Advent Sunday, the opening of another Christian year. If it should call for another evidence of the utmost heroic spirit which has marked the recent years, we shall all count ourselves honored in having anything to do with the College. Did ever such an anabasis occur in human history? I hope to be alive to witness the return and to hear the cry: "Thalase! Thalase!" The Sea, The Sea! Meanwhile, we welcome such faith and devotion as a challenge to the best there is in us.

Sincerely,



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

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Mr & Mrs. Robt. S.

Mc Clelland

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734 SOUTH OAKLAND AVENUE  
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

Living College  
American Headquarters

My husband and I feel  
that at this time of particular  
emergency we want to strain  
a point and make a special  
contribution to the young  
Christian leadership of China.  
We are not competent to  
designate it to any particular  
use but leave this to the  
judgment of the officers -  
we would appreciate it,  
however, if at your con-  
venience we might know  
the need it fills as this

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734 SOUTH OAKLAND AVENUE  
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

is a gift we will not  
be able to repeat from  
year to year -

Sincerely

Margaret H. McClelland

GINLING COLLEGE

Chengtzu, China  
(Home Campus: Nanking)

My contribution to the current needs of the College:

\$1000.00

Name Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. McClelland

Address 734 So. Oakland Ave.

Pasadena 5 California.

Dec. 28, 1944.

Date

Checks payable to Ginling College, C. A. Evans, Treasurer  
Room 903, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Gifts are Deductible for Income Tax Purposes

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*McClelland*  
*Robt S.*

January 10, 1945

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. McClelland  
734 South Oakland Avenue  
Pasadena 5, Calif.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McClelland:

Your most generous gift to Ginling, dedicated to the training of Christian leadership in China, has been received, and we are enclosing our receipt. We are grateful indeed for this contribution and for your interest in the work in China.

You say in your letter that you do not want to designate the special purpose for which this money is to be used, but that you prefer to leave that to the officers of the College. After consultation we have decided that the greatest need at present is meeting the current budget. The on-going program of the College must be maintained at all costs. Much as we need endowment funds and scholarship funds, and funds for special projects, we need money to meet current expenses even more. With each succeeding year, the strain of inflation and fluctuating exchange, and the difficulty of getting the common necessities of life become greater, and the financial burdens heavier. Therefore, generous gifts, such as yours, that help to assure the budget for another year, bring fresh courage to Dr. Wu and her colleagues in China. For her, and also for the Board of Younders, may I express our very real appreciation for your contribution. We hope that you will continue to be interested in Ginling, even though you may not feel that you can make an annual contribution as large as the one you sent this year.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Receipt

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Helen Yule McCoy

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Miss Helen Yule McCoy  
1742 South 29th Street  
Omaha, Nebraska

Name (maiden or married) by which you were known at Ginling Helen Yule McCoy  
19201924 at Ginling. Work: Instructor Physics and Mathematics

B.A. or ~~B.S.~~ Year 1915 School Wellesley College Wellesley, Mass  
~~M.A. or M.S.~~ Year Summer 1918 School University of Chicago  
Graduate Study Year 1919-20 School Wellesley College (Grad-Ant in Physics)  
Ph.D. Year Fall 1924 School University of Chicago  
Other degrees Year \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
Year \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Husband's name \_\_\_\_\_

Work and Travel (other than at Ginling)

Year(s) 1915-1917 Position Teacher Mathematics + Physics High school  
Place College of Sisters of Bethany Topeka Kansas  
Year(s) 1917-1919 Position Teacher Mathematics + Science  
Place Saint Mary's Hall, Fairbault Minnesota  
Year(s) 1919-1920 Position Half-time assistant in Physics  
Place Wellesley College  
Year(s) 1931-1932 Position Omaha Soc Secretary and Librarian  
Only paid position since return from China Place Omaha Social Settlement, Omaha, Nebr.  
Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_

You can get in touch with the following people at the addresses indicated:

BERGER, Mrs. R. R.

RUEFF, Frau Gese

GAILEY, Miss Helen

VAIL, Miss

LAUCKS, Miss Blanche

ZIMMERMAN, Frau

MA, Mme. Yu-guiun

Signed: Helen Yule McCoy

December 1940

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1742 South 29<sup>th</sup> St.

Omaha, Nebr.

19 May, 1936.

Dear Rebecca,

Your two recent letters have been much appreciated and have only been unacknowledged because I hoped I could think of some way in which I could make a more substantial recognition of Gurling's twenty years, and my affection for her, and confidence in her future.

You know, however, that my earning capacity is nil, and that my drain on the family pocket during the past

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years has been so heavy that we have all been obliged to cut where we could. However, I do want to have my name in the pot and am sending to you my small contribution enclosed here with. Will you see that it get to the proper fund?

Will you, when you can, as I heard by. thinks there is anything I could do before fall, tell me a little more about the movie film about Girding, how big an auditorium is necessary, what is the cost, how long <sup>the film</sup> lasts, where it is used, generally in connection with some other program or by itself, - is it usually financed (rather is revenue for the college obtained?) by a general admission or a silver offering? I have thought that perhaps

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I might bring it here and <sup>(37)</sup> gain the help  
of the Smith club and some of the  
church groups. In Omaha, there is Mrs.  
Hobbs, a sister of Miss Andrews, <sup>once</sup> at Gering,  
Mrs Garner, a sister of Mrs Wilnot's,  
and in Council Bluffs, Miss Taylor, as  
sister of Mrs Sarvis. Any of them would  
be willing at least to help advertise  
it in their missionary societies and I have  
friends in other societies where I have  
spoken, though I do not know how much  
patronage I could draw. Everyone has  
so many demands on her time and  
even more on the purse, the depression  
has not lifted in this part of the coun-  
try as yet, so I dare not feel too  
hopeful nor make any estimate of what  
I might contribute by such an enterprise.

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MAY 19, 1936

I am much interested in Dr. Wu's new honor. I felt sure that she would be coming by the Northern Route or I should have made a greater effort to find out whether she would be passing through Omaha on her way East. However, I think she would let me know if she were going through, as she knows I would go to the station for the forty minutes with her. We did so enjoy having her with us during the conference two years ago.

Thank you Rebecca for all your notes and cards, they mean a great deal to me. Mother asks to be remembered to you. Please give our best wishes to Dr. Wu when you see her.

Lovingly yours,  
 Helen McCoy.



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1942 So 29<sup>th</sup> St.  
Omaha, Neb.

1 May, 1940.

Dear Rebecca,

I am going east in a month or six weeks to celebrate my 25<sup>th</sup> reunion at Wellesley and to visit some of my friends en route. After reunion and alumnae college, which will be June 14-21, I shall probably spend about a week around Boston, and then a week around NYC. Will you be in N.Y. about the first of July so we can have a visit?

Can you give me Norola Risenburg's address? I don't know where she is, but would like to see her if I can, and to write to her in either case. Is Mrs Thurston coming back this spring? I know her term is technically up but

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perhaps she is not through  
with her job and will be stay-  
ing in China another year. I  
shall, of course, call at the G.C.C.  
office when in N. Y. but I'd  
like to line up my particular  
friends before I go. I think  
<sup>Man. Medical Hospital,</sup> Margaret Dieter is in Boston  
but you may not have her ad-  
dress. The last I knew she was  
at the Homeopathic Hospital in  
Boston. Are there any others you  
know, I should make contact  
with?

I have appreciated the China  
news and letters from the Gin-  
ling office and more personally  
from you even though my silence  
may not seem to indicate it.

I do hope we may be able  
to arrange a little visit. I en-  
joyed the 50 minutes I had with  
Ruth last summer.

Lovingly yours  
Helen McCloy.

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114 North 36<sup>th</sup> St.  
Omaha 3, Nebr.  
June 29 1944.

Miss Sallie Lou Mackinnon  
Board of Founders  
Ginling College  
150 Fifth Av., New York.

Dear Miss Mackinnon.

First, I wish to thank you for sending me Dr. Wu's letters of April and for the other news of the College which I get from time to time. It is all appreciated.

Of course, I am deeply concerned with the plight of the College with the inflation of Chinese currency. I cannot make a contribution just now, but will try to do so before the end of the year. Will you please tell me (as near as you can) what the rate of exchange is between U. S. money and the Chinese? i.e., does an American dollar now do very much less than it did before inflation.

I have written a bequest for Ginling in my will. I am enclosing a copy of that paragraph for your criticism.

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JUN 29 1944

I have signed the will, so that it is in force, but I find that I have made a slight omission so that I am going to have it rewritten some time soon, and if there is any way in which this paragraph should be changed please let me know.

Ed of Founders

"I give, and bequeath <sup>150 F. H. An New York City</sup> to Ginling College, now in Chengtu China, the sum of Five Thousand and  $\frac{20}{100}$  (\$5,000.00) Dollars, to be used for the benefit of the College <sup>Operating in China</sup> as the trustees of said College may <sup>in such a way</sup> judge best in their absolute discretion."

This is as my lawyer wrote it, and perhaps you can improve upon it. It has always been my feeling that no strings be attached to a gift and also that immediate investment in the life of an individual or individuals produced greater dividends than any other investment. Such being my feeling I would give the gift now without waiting for death save that the money was left me for my support and I am not sure that I can do without the income

1. as I do not know <sup>MUN 2A</sup> what <sup>1944</sup> the years hold <sup>537</sup>  
for me. As you probably know my  
health is very poor and I may require  
more care <sup>in</sup> the future. However, I  
have enough principle, so that I think  
there is no danger that my sisters,  
who will have the residue, will be un-  
able to carry out this bequest.

I am continually grateful for great  
things Ginling graduates have done in the  
past and have firm trust that they <sup>will</sup> ~~shall~~  
continue to contribute to China's future in  
the days to come.

Cordially yours

Helen Y. McCoy

3619 California St.  
Omaha Nebraska

10 November 1948.

Ginling College Board of Founders,  
150 New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

I know there has been some reorganization of the offices of the United Colleges but since I have no official knowledge I am sending the enclosed check for Ginling College.

Recently I met Dr. Dye to G. C. 1935 doing work in Hospital Administration at the Methodist Hospital in Omaha. While our careers in Ginling were quite far apart, several of my students were her instructors so we had many friends in common. Since we met almost by accident it brought to me again a suggestion I had had been intending to make to the Board. Could we not, about once a year, have published the names, addresses (and year of graduation) of Ginling alumnae studying in America? We know one of the needs of these girls is an opportunity to visit in American homes and if we knew the ones now far away, we would be happy to entertain them at vacations.

We are praying that the <sup>mis</sup>fortunes of war may not again disrupt our college as it is just getting back to normal after its recent exile.

Loyally yours,

Helen Y. McCoy

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Eleanor Mc Curdy

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(These were  
enclosed in Dr. Wu's  
letter of May 11, 1948)

McCurdy

Mrs. Eleanor

1701 Picardy Drive  
Stockton, Calif.,  
February 7th, 1948

(Ginling  
file)

Dr. Wu I -fang, President  
Ginling College,  
Nanking, China

Dear Dr. Wu:

The urge to return to China is constantly with me. Life there was full and worthwhile. Grace Chu and I talked a little about it last summer, just before she returned. Now my work on the campus of the College of the Pacific is almost finished, I have some writing to finish during the spring months, but by mid-summer I could be free to return if there were a place where I was needed. There will be work here but none so satisfying nor so gratifying as work in China. I am fifty-four and if I am ever to return it should be soon. I am quite sure too, that I have something to give, something different and far more worthwhile than I ever had before.

The enclosed sheet gives my training and qualifications. May I add that the training I had at Syracuse University when a fellowship was given me, was of the finest of the kind offered in the U.S. Miss Hilton's school, or courses, for the preparation of Deans of Women is known all over the country and recognized as the best. I took graduate work in History sufficient to complete requirements for my Master's Degree which was granted a year ago. Doubtless you have a Dean of Women but there might be room on her staff for me to counsel, help with housing and the social life of the campus. American colleges are just coming to realize the importance of housing for girls, where they learn the art of gracious living and the fine skill of getting along with others. I have taught History, Chinese and Russian, and enjoyed it greatly. My major in college was English which might prove of value on your campus. In addition to these academic features, my thinking has matured and many ideas have crystalized which were only in embryo before. I believe I understand people and life a little better since I have been thrown into life on my own.

I would never ask a mission or a school to completely finance me. Younger people, with better training and the possibility of longer service should use such funds. However, if it were possible, as it may be, for me to get someone to underwrite my salary for three years, could you finance transportation? I am trying to get help as far as the salary is concerned, it may not work out, but one depends upon the other. If you want me, it will be easier to get the financial help. If you were sure I could have the other support it would be easier for you to decide as to whether or not you can use me. I want above all things to be of use and to be wanted.

I shall be very glad to hear from you as plans for the future should be set up before too long.

Very sincerely,  
Eleanor W. McCurdy

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## Vita Sheet

Eleanor Winkelman McCurdy

Graduated from Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa, 1916, having majored in English and Speech. 1916-17 taught History and Speech in the High School at Merrill, Iowa. Married in the summer of 1917 and went to Chungking, China under the Methodist Church. On various leaves in the U.S.A. audited courses at Union Theological School, New York City. In China taught English in High School and privately. Taught our own two children through the third grade. Worked on Madame Chiang's Orphanage Board in Chungking, was president and charter member of the International Women's Club and worked on other local committees.

Returned to the U.S. A. upon Mr. McCurdy's death in December, 1941. Went to Syracuse University as Chapel Secretary, Executive Secretary for Syracuse-in-China and University Loan Counselor. Took graduate work in History and was granted a fellowship by Dr. M. Eunice Hilton thereby admitting me to her courses in Personnel. This was finished in the spring of 1945. Master's thesis was finished in 1946 and degree given in January 1947.

September 1945 the position of Dean of Women at Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, was accepted. This involved the regular duties attendant upon that office, working with the Intersorority Council, Y.W.C.A., Campus Social Committee and the Women's Student Government. Contemporary Oriental History and Russian were taught. A good deal of speaking at clubs in the village of Westerville and in Columbus was done. I left Westerville July first, 1947.

During the past semester I have filled in as Executive Secretary for the Student Christian Associations on the campus of the College of the Pacific at Stockton, California.

My daughter is a senior at Oberlin. My son has graduated from Syracuse University and is in business there.

References are filed with the Student Placement Bureau at Syracuse University. They will send them to you upon request.

February 7th, 1948

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院學理文子女陵金  
GINLING COLLEGE  
NANKING CHINA

室公辦長院  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 18, 1948

Dear Mrs. McCurdy,

I was very glad to receive your letter when I returned from Shanghai after the winter vacation. I apologize for not having answered it sooner, but the rush of duties at the beginning of the new term has kept me very busy.

I recall with much pleasure my visits to your home in Chungking. I also knew of your work in Syracuse. I was much interested in your proposal to return to China and have discussed your fields of interest with Dr. Ruth Chester, Dean of Studies, Dr. Chang Siao-sung, Dean of Students, and Dr. Florence Kirk, Head of the English Department. We all felt that we might be able to work out a program for you that would be a combination of teaching some sections in Freshman English and doing some work with the Dean of Students' office. Last fall, we started a student counseling program. We have one young Chinese woman in each dormitory as the dormitory counsellor. But, as the advisor for the large freshman class, Dr. Chang would like to have more assistance in helping the students to become oriented in the College; and perhaps you would be interested in that work. Since you have had experience in teaching English in both Chungking and in America, I hope you will be interested in teaching English in Ginling. If such a combination program would be satisfactory to you, we would be very happy to invite you to join our faculty.

Your offer to take care of your own maintenance is a most generous one. In normal times, the College would not wish to accept your services without pay; but, under the present difficult financial conditions we are having, we shall accept with deep appreciation your service without honorarium. For a three-year term of service, the College will be prepared to pay your travel expenses.

The calendar for next year has not been settled, but the tentative dates for registration are September 10th and 11th. Classes will begin on September 13th. If you decide to come, I hope it will be possible for you to be here for the opening of the College.

As to the living conditions, the College is not able to provide apartments for single faculty women, but we have two faculty dormitories where most of the single women live. One of them is occupied by the western staff members and some of the senior members of the Chinese staff. Each person has her own bedroom. The western staff has foreign food for breakfast and supper. At lunch time, they have Chinese food with the Chinese faculty. You must have heard a great deal about the inflation and the high cost of living in China; so it will be sufficient if I tell you that, at present, the bare cost of board and services is running about US\$1 per day for foreign faculty members, and it is not possible to make any predictions about future inflationary prices.

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When I hear further from you about the progress of your plans, I shall ask Dr. Kirk to write to you more fully about the details of the courses you will be teaching in English. We shall also be glad to write you in more detail about clothing and other equipment you may want to bring with you. Nanking is much colder than Chungking, and we do not have any heat in our buildings, so you will want some warm clothing for winter.

I shall appreciate it if you will let me hear from you as soon as you can so that we may both be working on our plans for next year.

With very best wishes to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,



Wu Yi-fang

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2824 San Emidio  
Bakersfield, Calif.,  
April 6th, 1948

Dr Wu I-fang, President  
Ginling College  
Nanking, China

Dear Dr Wu:

Your very gracious letter reached me March 31st. Since I did not wish to make any definite commitment without the knowledge of my children, a delay of several days has been necessary in order to contact them in the east.

I thank you for your friendly letter. I shall be happy to accept your proposition. It will be possible for me to sail in August, in time to be there for the opening of school. I trust your New York office will attend to transportation details and will contact me shortly. I shall be at the above address until June first. I shall keep in touch with you and with the N. Y. office as well.

Any advice concerning books, clothing, furniture, and medical supplies will be most welcome. I cannot afford to bring a great deal but want to be comfortable. If anyone returning to this country this summer wishes to sell the furniture which I may need, such as bed, I shall be glad to buy. My library is small, mostly professional and very precious but I would love to share it with you all. Shall I bring it? Do magazines reach you from this country? I hate to trouble you with these many small matters but trust you will put me in touch with someone who will give me leads that will be worth while.

I shall be most interested in hearing from Dr Kirk. I shall be working here full time until a out June first but my thoughts will be with you a great deal and I am anticipating a rich worthwhile experience on your staff.

Very sincerely

Eleanor W. McCurdy  
Mrs W.A.

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2824 San Emidio  
Bakersfield, Calif.  
May 5, 1948

Mrs. Plummer Mills, Sec.  
China Colleges  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Mills:

The enclosed letter came from Dr. Wu I\* fang, at Ginling College, some weeks ago. No further word has come from Dr. Wu. I am enclosing my reply to her so you will know just what has passed between us. I trust you have already heard from her because, naturally, I am getting anxious to get my plans under way. If you have heard from her or if this letter from her is sufficient, I hope you will start the ball rolling for passage.

In any case will you please notify me about inoculations and the like which are required. I am leaving for the east, driving, the first of June. It is my plan to return to Bakersfield the first of July and leave for China from here. I shall be available at Pyle Inn, Oberlin, from June first until the thirteenth. My daughter is graduating the 14th and we shall leave that afternoon.

I have already started working on my passport and hope to have it before leaving here. If I can be of any assistance in escorting new people, I shall be happy to do so. I hope a fairly comfortable passage can be arranged.

Doubtless there are many details which I have overlooked at this time so I shall be troubling you later. Thanks so much for your help.

Very truly,

Eleanor W. McCurdy

Mrs. W.A.

P.S. I had not planned to come to New York but if you think I should do so for any reason, my plans can be changed.

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2824 San Emidio  
Bakersfield, Calif.,  
May 27th, 1948

Mrs W. Plummer Mills,  
Board for Christian Colleges in China  
150-5th Avenue  
New York  
N.Y.

Dear Mrs Mills:

Thanks for your gracious letter of the fourteenth. You were most kind in wiring me so quickly in reply to my inquiry, and in cabling Dr Wu about my appointment. Her long silence puzzled me a little. I wondered if she thought my desire to go to China to work with her was just a passing fancy. It has been such a deep-seated desire in my heart ever since I returned in 1941, and more so since I took personnel at Syracuse University and saw what that type of work might mean on a campus in China. I cherish the opportunity of working at Ginling and have made the decision to go after a great deal of prayer and consideration.

In going over my desk I find the little booklet enclosed. You gave it to me a year ago and may want it for your files, since it was your own copy. Therefore I am returning it to you rather than putting it in what is called the "round file" out here.

I have written Mr Evans that the 30th is a bit too early for sailing since I have dental work and other business details to do. However, if he is unable to change, I shall "crash through" and be ready on the 30th. It is not likely that I shall go as far east as New York City though my only sister is there and has been ill. My hope is that she can spend some time with me at Syracuse. I shall surely drop in at the office for a call if I do come to New York City.

Very sincerely

Eleanor W McCurdy

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Dear Mrs Mills: -

Thanks for your letter which came to Berlin. After a few days here at Syracuse attending to financial plans and family matters, I shall head back west and prepare to sail, as arranged, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>.

May I ask if it is your custom to handle magazine and book orders for your foreign staff? I remember that we used to order such things through the Board at quite a reduction. I would be glad to take advantage of such an arrangement if you have it.

If Grace Chu, recently returned from China and Geneva, should enquire for my address will you please give it to her, (Bakersfield) as I hope to hear from her before sailing. It was she who talked to me a year ago about going to

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China again.

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My brother, H. W.  
Winkelman of the H. W.  
Winkelman Company in  
Syracuse is financing  
me for the three years.  
Perhaps sometime a little  
later it would be nice  
for him to hear from  
your office.

This is a hasty letter  
written as the household  
sleeps and Skaneateles lake  
lies like a glistening mirror  
at my feet. The sun is just  
mounting the low hills  
around us.

I can be reached at Lohr-  
ville, Iowa until July first.  
After that 2824 San Anidias  
at Bakersfield, Calif. will  
reach me.

Very sincerely  
Eleanor W. Winkelman  
(Mrs W. Q.)

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2824 San Emidio  
Bakersfield, Calif.,  
July 11th, 1948

Mrs W. Plummer Mills, Sec.,  
United Board for Christian Colleges in China,  
150-5th Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs Mills:-

You will have received my wire about passport material and this is just a short explanation. The letter requesting this authentication was awaiting me here at Bakersfield when I returned yesterday. In spite of my forwarding directions this one and very important letter was delivered here to an empty house. Therefore I hope that you will rush a letter to Mr B olds by airmail stating that I am contracted for service with Ginling College and housing and Board will be arranged for. This is a quote from his letter, "it will be necessary for you to submit a letter from the Ginling College showing that you will be employed by it and that arrangements for your food and housing have been made"

Since I want to attend to the matter of visas as soon as possible, I'll appreciate your cooperation right away.

A letter has come from Miss Kirk asking me to make some purchases for the household out there . She suggests that M r Evans will advance money for such things. What is the procedure, please? I am so sorry the letter did not reach me sooner for I had just begged good friends and family to store the very things needed out there. Its too bad to buy when I would have been glad to have had my things used.

I am so happy about the Illicks going, and on the ship I am taking! Thats very pleasant news. I'm glad too, to know of the two Ginling faculty people who are going. I shall be pleased to get to know them.

Very sincerely  
*Eleanor W. McCurdy*  
Eleanor W. McCurdy  
Mrs W.A.

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