

Mead, Frederica

(Mrs. Walter Hiltner)

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Nanking, China. December, 1920

Dear Friends of Ginling:—

Ginling is starting a year that seems even fuller of promise than any of the five that make up her history. For the first time all the members of the foreign staff were here several days before college opened, so the three new arrivals had a share in the assigning of courses and no such chances had to be taken as were taken last year when one late comer was scheduled to teach German on the sole ground that her name sounded as if she could. That turned out a lucky chance; but you can imagine such an experience makes us eager for early bookings for all newcomers and returning faculty.

Then for the first time our Chinese course is graded in a way that will make work much more effective; and we have lecturers that are stimulating, and challenging the best students to real effort.

And, best of all, we have a Freshman class selected by examination. It is a smaller class, to be sure, than that of last year, but we know numbers are not the important consideration. Before this, all graduates of accredited high schools were eligible to enter college; and as these high schools of our constituency are located some where the bonds of the western world are very few, some in the very center of world forces, social and commercial, it means that their English requirements are very varied. The crisis of our struggle with these conditions came last February. The Board of Control here in China had just passed actions raising our college standards. The faculty had been trying to pull a group of Freshmen through by extra tutoring, but when examination time came even by our former standard ten failed so had to be dropped. This is a much more serious affair in China than in America and has brought perplexities within and without the college. But its constructive result was that bi-lingual examinations were held in five centers this past summer, and only girls who passed these creditably were admitted this fall. The twenty-one girls who did pass are a joy and we are hoping that they will every one make good.

Here are the college statistics for this our sixth year: Fifty-five students; average age on entering, 21 years; 90% members of a Christian Church; representing 31 cities and 11 provinces, and coming from 28 preparatory schools.

I wish you might have been here a few weeks ago when these fifty-five students assembled in the faculty living-room for a vesper service which Miss Margaret Slattery led. A fire snapped on the hearth; the girls gathered round her, some in chairs, some on cushions on the floor; and of course she held them spell bound. She spoke in English, no one interpreting, but the girls' eyes were sparkling and I don't believe one of them missed a point. When the meeting was over such comments, in Chinese, as "I never knew anyone could speak like that," were heard on all sides.

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Or, you might have loved being here Sunday afternoon when long before two o'clock the great Chinese hall, which we use as a chapel, filled up with tiny tots from the neighborhood who had gathered there for the Sunday School which the students conduct. If you had walked from the chapel through several courts to the Chinese classics room with its quaint moon doorway, you would have found another group, nearly as large, of mothers listening to the girls' messages of home keeping and of simple Christian truth. If we could have followed girls into the community we might have visited several humble homes where they have opened centers of community service and Bible study.

One of the joys and encouragements of this year, as it was of last, is the splendid reports that come to us of the work that our twelve graduates are doing. (Nine are teaching, one translating, one studying medicine, and one doing Y.W.C.A. work.) Miss Wu, who was teaching at the Women's Higher Normal School of Peking, has this year been made head of the English Department of this great Chinese Government institution, and has called Miss Zee to help her. In order to accept this appointment Miss Zee left the Government Normal College here in Nanking, where last year she was teaching boys, and where this summer she most satisfactorily fulfilled her responsibility as head of the Women's Department of the first co-educational experiment in Central China. From one of our latest graduates in an Anglo-Chinese school in Singapore comes the news that she is "the only educated one (Chinese) who is allowed to teach in foreign schools." The British Government does not permit other Chinese who are educated in their own country to teach any but Chinese children. Another member of the class of 1920 is the assistant principal of the Y.W.C.A. Physical Training School in Shanghai. When Miss Hester Carter, the principal, came to Nanking for a week's visit she spoke of her with joy and said, "I told Miss Hoh that I came away feeling perfectly easy with her in charge." You do not wonder, do you, that I say the year seems full of promise?

And now as this goes to press comes the news of the International Christmas Gift. Whether its promise is fulfilled or not, many of you who receive this letter will have had a share in its joys and sacrifices, and the Ginling faculty want to express to you their appreciation of what you have done and their thankfulness for the feeling of comradeship in a great venture which has come so strongly in these days of common effort for women of the Orient and for the Kingdom of Christ.

Very sincerely yours,

Frederica R. Mead

Mrs. Walter G. Hiltner
4215 East 33rd Street
Laurelhurst
Seattle, Washington

Name (maiden or married) by
which you were known at Ginling Frederica Rutherford Mead

1915-1922 at Ginling. Work: Teaching English

B.A. or B.S. Year 1914 School Smith College

M.A. or M.S. Year 1918 School Columbia University

Ph.D. Year _____ School _____

Other degrees _____ Year _____ School _____

_____ Year _____ School _____

Date of Marriage 1923 Husband's name Dr. Walter G. Hiltner

Work and Travel (other than at Ginling)

Year(s) _____ Position _____

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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

Sorry, I
know none
of them.

Signed: Frederica M. Hiltner

December 1940

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Suite 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City
July 20, 1937

My dear Frederica:

Miss Wu has written of the Pan-Pacific Women's Conference, meeting in July in Vancouver. To it as I understand, are coming two Chinese delegates, and one of them is Chen Mei-yu, Ginling 1920. You probably know that she came to America about ten or twelve years ago to study, and took a degree in Columbia in the field of Public Health. She returned to Ginling and taught in the college, and since 1934 she has been the Dean of Women and Professor of Health Education in Central University, the government university in Nanking. My recollection of her background is that she is the daughter of a Baptist minister in Shaoshing. The other Chinese woman is Mrs. H. C. Mei, the most distinguished of the Shanghai women in various club activities. You undoubtedly knew her in Changhai. She was very active in Y. W. C. A. for many years.

Miss Wu suggested that we send the movie to someone in Vancouver so that Chen Mei-yu might use it while she was at this conference. We have had such terrible difficulty in getting the movie out of Canada when we have sent it in that this did not seem feasible to us. Miss Wu suggested also that we write to the Smith Club in Vancouver. There is no Smith Club in Vancouver, and we find only three Smith women listed in British Columbia. Mrs. Macmillan has written to Mrs. Glen C. Hyatt, 4625 Connaught Drive, Vancouver, telling her of these two women and expressing the hope that she could extend some courtesies to Chen Mei-yu.

This letter may be too late as she sailed on the Empress of Asia on June 27th, and expected to reach Vancouver just in time for the conference, but I am sending it on with the thought that you would at least like to know about Chen Mei-yu and also about Mrs. Mei.

Affectionately yours,

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Mrs. Walter G. Hiltner
4215 East 33rd Street
Laurelhurst
Seattle, Washington

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MRS. WALTER G. HILTNER
4215 EAST 33RD STREET
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Jan 8. 1936

Dear Eva,

The unexpected does happen, and as you may have heard, I was escorted to the hospital on Christmas eve for an emergency operation and have been ordered to get out from under all responsibilities. I am getting my strength back nicely and have been home a week and a day, but I will not be able to take charge of our Smith Guilding meetings - or probably

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even be there. ¹⁻⁸⁻³⁶ Fortunately, however, ^[27]
our Smith group are rallying to
the cause in a grand way and
plans are taking shape that I
trust may make a very success-
ful party of it.

I would like to ask that
the film, instead of being sent
to me, be sent, instead, to

Mrs J. E. Mc Rae

To Mr J. E. Mc Rae.

University Book Store
4326 University Way ~~at 4~~

Seattle, Wn

She has promised to take charge
of the projecting end of it. And

P.S. Please address any of this ^{copy}
material to Mrs Jackson K. Holloway
1510 38th Avenue, Seattle, Wn.
4215 EAST 33RD STREET
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Jan. 9, 1936

WGH

Dear Eva,

Things seem to be working out well here. Did I tell you that this year we are now planning to show the film at a Chinese restaurant where a good many other than Smith people can be invited, and I do trust it may lead to interest and gifts from other folk who may see the film.

Publicity is going to be the most important item, and I won-

1-9-36 by air mail
dered if you could send any
"shinies" - is that what they are
called? - anyway, the photographs
prepared in the best way for
reproduction in the ^{news} paper, so
possibly we could get an illus-
trated write up? One of the
college and one of Dr Wu, would
be best - or have you a picture
taken from the film? ^{see for address}
^{beginning of this}
^{letter.}

Please remember me to Miss
Lyon.

I do trust the meeting will
work out successfully here.

As ever,
Frederica.

P.S. Please read *Arilomar, Monterey Peninsula*
= this to yourself
and we only
what seems best to you.

4215 EAST 33RD STREET
LAURELHURST
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

JKK

June 21, 1936 -

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Dear Rebecca,

In spite of the fact that I have not answered your letters, I have received and appreciated them and just have not had time or mind to thoroughly digest and answer the various questions you have asked.

But yesterday in San Francisco I did act on your request and got in touch with Miss Shoup as you may already know.

Having seen the papers about her which you sent - on Eva - I was prepared to like her and did. I feel some questions in my mind as to her having

all the qualifications ⁶⁻²¹⁻³⁶ that would be ^[27]
likely to make her a permanent mem-
ber of the faculty, but from what I
saw yesterday I think my judgement
would be that she would have a
real contribution to make for a year.

If my going yesterday made it
possible for you & Miss McKeevan to
see her before the Founder's meeting on
the 29th - that I am thankful for,
for I would hesitate to make a
final judgement on it.

As you will have seen from her papers
Miss Shoup has had some hard knocks,
and I have no idea what the Com-
mittee would feel about her being divorced.
She did not tell me much about it, but
said she was very relieved that the man

had married again almost ⁶⁻²¹⁻³⁶ immediately.
this time happily.

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LAURELHURST
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Miss Shore took me to her home where I met her mother who was an attractive, lovely person, a friend of Mrs Hoover and of Mrs Dwight Morrow, and active on the national committee of the Girl Scouts. She has not been well recently and I don't know just what to think of the following bit of conversation I had with her alone. I said that her daughter had been through some pretty terrific experiences, or words to that effect. ^{speaking of her marriage} She said, "Yes, I think it was a matter of delusion of grandeur." And then she spoke as if she had not been able to

avoid certain forces in her ⁶⁻²¹⁻³⁶ daughter's ¹⁵⁴⁷
upbringing of which she disapproved.
What she meant by it I do not
know. She made one other remark
that I could not understand, and
~~that~~ I said I did not follow her,
but even then it could have been
taken in two ways.

Miss Shoup smoked at lunch
and I should have asked her if
that is something she would mind
giving up, for I can not well imagine
a member of the faculty smoking,
but I did not think to ask it.

The automobile accident of which
she told me must have been a
very terrible one, and as she will
doubtless tell you she can not stay
long away from her dentist who

is trying to rehabilitate her. 6-21-36 [57]

I met 4215 EAST 33RD STREET
LAURELHURST
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON one of Miss Group's
good friends and liked her
and the way they spoke of each other
and treated each other.

What she said of the load of work
she carried the first term in Colorado
and her enjoyment of it makes me
feel that she is able to do good
conscientious work in spite of her
automobile accident

As to speaking the same language
religiously as the rest of the group I
am not sure. As I said at first, I
liked her and felt as if she were
a fair, honest, kindly person, and
I am thankful that you and Miss
Mac Kenyon can talk things three

with her. I urged her ⁶⁻²¹⁻³⁶ to try to [6]
put into words her deep down
philosophy of life in her papers -
even though it might not be in
regular orthodox forms. Her mother
was pleased when I spoke of the
Hodgkins and their contribution to
thinking, feeling, evidently, the friends
among the finest in the world.

Rebecca dear, I don't know if
this letter will be of any help at
all in your deciding about Miss Shoup.
Perhaps it has made it harder, but
I felt the only fair thing was to
tell you all that impressed me one
way or the other in the few hours
I was with her so that might help.

In Portland I called on Mrs^[7] Schmitz (that ⁶⁻²¹⁻³⁶ 4215 EAST 33RD STREET is not the name, but she is LAURELHURST SEATTLE, WASHINGTON Pres. of the Smith Club.) and all I could do was to urge and educate her so I hope she will have the quilting film there next year for a Smith meeting.

I tried to get Dr Steele Brook in San Francisco, but she was in Santa Clara where she is in charge of a home for aged women + I was not able to go there, but I left a message for her + will stop if I can on my way north.

I doubt if I can do very much on this trip in a money raising way, but will do what is possible.

a Dios for now and love and

my deep ~~love~~⁶⁻²⁶⁻³⁶ wishes for you^[87]
in your relation to Miss Shoup.

Ever lovingly,

Frederica.

Please return to R. W. Grant - Room 903, 140 Fifth Ave - New York, N. Y.

From
Mrs. Walter G. Hiltner, 4215 East Thirty-third St., Seattle, Wash.

October 19, 1936

Now to go back and tell you of Dr. Wu's visit. She arrived at eight Thursday. I met her and brought her home to breakfast. Then the Times photographer and reporter interviewed her and she had a bath and rested about an hour before we started down town at eleven. The Smith folk gathered early to meet her before lunch, which was excellently managed and very good. Alletta Gillette, our Smith Club president did a grand job presiding and Yi-fang's talk was masterly. Oh what a beautiful person she is! Everyone was stirred by her talk which she closed, as Anne Hall mentions, with an exquisite picture of a pagoda that has recently been built near Nanking - an exact copy of an old one with all its grace and beauty and significance but built of steel and concrete, that by the use of modern science it may be more meaningful and lasting. The metaphor of the woman of today which she wove into the picture was unforgettable. There were 170 at the lunch.

Mrs. Soun Lew and Mrs. Lew Kay took her after lunch for a little drive, while I went over to the U. Club to see about tea. I had asked about twenty to meet her, expected about 15, and had 11! Dr. Wu had nearly an hour's rest upstairs before the guests came. Lucy and Virginia Price poured for me and the others were Willye White, who was crazy about Dr. Wu, and her friend from Honolulu, Mrs. Olson, Elizabeth Burwell, Mrs. Lew and Mrs. Kay, Louise Fleming and Mrs. Harley. It was a small enough group to all sit round in a circle and the discussion was very creative, I thought. The guests left soon after five so Yi-fang had another time to retire to her room till just before six, when we walked down to Plymouth.

There were 220 at the supper and at least 30 more, I would judge, came in afterwards to hear her speak. Dr. Fifield introduced me and I introduced her, and again she made a wonderful address. Mr. George thanked me for being responsible for the best speaker they had had there in a long, long time. She was very inspiring, and Dr. F's closing prayer beautiful. We were through early so she got to bed by ten o'clock.

Friday morning she had a leisurely breakfast and we were at Meany Hall at ten for her Assembly address. She had perfect attention from the students and did a fine job speaking on Changing China. When that was over I went down to see about her baggage and returned to the Meany Hotel for the lunch which Dr. Martin had planned. There were 20 there, I think - an interesting group of University people and Mrs. Fuller and Dr. Fuller. Dr. Wu was fine but not as compelling, to my mind, as at other times. Dear person, I don't think she expected to be asked to speak at all. Miss Ward, dean of women, had an hour with her then, while I went home to get ready for dinner. At a quarter of four I took her to the Art Museum where Dr. Fuller met us at five, showed us the store rooms, etc, and then took Dr. Wu to Mrs. Andrew Price's for tea. I trotted home again and helped get ready for our guests for dinner, who were Lucy and Herb, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Colman, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, and Dr. Pollard. Dr. Wu was so lovely that I am sure she was a beautiful memory to everyone there.

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Her boat left at 8:55 Saturday morning and Walter and I took her down to see her off. Such a privilege as it has been to have her here and come to know her a little better!

Good-night now - Will you share this letter - the part about Dr. Wu - with Rebecca and Eva Macmillan? I think they may want to have the clippings, too.

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MRS. WALTER G. HILTNER

4215 EAST THIRTY-THIRD STREET, SEATTLE, WASH.

October 25, 1936.

Dear Rebecca,

Dr. We started for Victoria ^{last}
Saturday morning after two
very busy days here that
were a blessing to many.
She is a wonderful woman,
one of the finest ever, and
I do trust we did not tire
her too much. I have asked
Mother to send you my letter
giving the details of her visit

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and enclosing the various news-
paper clippings.

We did not do any asking
for money. The \$25⁰⁰ regular
gift from the Smith Club was
raised at the luncheon by asking
\$.75 for a \$.50 lunch - which was
announced at the lunch, but
aside from that no money was
mentioned. But she made friends
on all sides, and I have a
list (of the² people), (which is pretty
complete), whom she met at the
luncheon, the supper at Plymouth,
and the teas.

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MRS. WALTER G. HILTNER

4215 EAST THIRTY-THIRD STREET, SEATTLE, WASH.

Thank you ever so much for the splendid publicity material you sent me. The Times could not use a photograph, even though they sent their own photographers out to take her picture. I will return the stories you sent now as well as the ones sent to Mrs Holloway last year.

There are lots of things I left undone that should have been done and that I did that should not have been done, but on the whole, Russia and China and the cause of Christ have been

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made vital to many, many ¹⁹³⁶ people through her visit.

Dr. Wee left the lovely folder of photographs to be returned to Eva. I will be sending them in a day or two.

My heart has been pretty heavy this month as John has been in bed with a slight persistent temperature and the fact that we can not locate the cause of it somehow does not make it easier. He is a grand little patient and a joy to be with, but one does hate to think of his not making the progress in school and in strength that each week should be adding. But according to Hu Shih's charming fable, "You never can tell!" Much love to you.
Frederica.

Mrs. Hiltner

March 3, 1937

My dear Frederica:

Your perfectly splendid lists reached me a day or so ago. They must have involved an enormous amount of labor, and I do appreciate more than I can tell you the work which you have done on them. We are incorporating them in our files here, and I hope it will be all right to send all these people our publicity as we get it out and also from time to time offer them polite opportunities for contributing to Ginling.

I have heard indirectly that you are soon coming East. As I am spending an enormous amount of time in the Ginling office in New York this winter, I do hope that I shall see you some time during your visit home. I trust too that long before this your little son has fully recovered.

Sincerely yours,

RG/EA

Mrs. Walter G. Hiltner
4215 East 33rd Street
Seattle, Washington

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Mrs. Macmillan

208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
May 31, 1940

Mrs. Walter G. Hiltner
4215 East 33rd Street
Seattle, Washington

Dear Frederica:

Thank you so much for sending me the telegram, which arrived before eight o'clock this morning. It is a great, great comfort to us here to know that you both will go to Victoria. Your letter of May 27 reached me also on the morning mail and I shall send promptly today to Mrs. Macmillan Mrs. Parsons' check for \$250.

Will you please tell Mrs. Parsons that we have an American treasurer in New York, Mr. C. A. Evans. He deposits the money in a New York bank and sends word to Ginling College to our treasurer in China, who is Miss Elsie Priest, that there is so much money available for her order in the New York bank. I think our main depository is the Irving Trust Company, although I am not sure of that. Miss Priest then draws against that account, the college needs as they are needed. Since this war began we keep most of the money in New York, depositing only small amounts in the banks in China. You understand, of course, the presence of exchange. If Miss Priest, for instance, draws \$1,000 for current needs from New York, that is sold and deposited as Chinese currency in a bank in China. It has been their policy since the war began, as I have already said, to keep as little money in China as possible and as much as possible of the balance in New York, drawing on that New York balance at more frequent intervals than we did in the past both because of some uncertainty in China about the banking situation and because of the fluctuations in exchange. This is not a very clear explanation, but I am sure you will understand it and can put it in clear terms for Mrs. Parsons.

Miss Hodge has sent me this morning a copy of her letter from Doctor Woods. In that he writes: "I have your note of May the 23rd about Miss Minnie Vautrin. I discovered through the local minister of her denomination that she comes from Illinois. Accordingly, I have written to Miss Griest and have sent copies of my letter to Dr. Alcorn and Dr. David Slight in Chicago. I wish I might be of more direct assistance to Miss Vautrin." I thought from something that Miss Hodge had said in one of her letters that the Andrew Woods's are expected in the East. In a hand-written P. S. to Doctor Woods's letter to Miss Hodge he says: "Fanny (presumably his wife) expects to be in Philadelphia about June 1." Miss Hodge telephoned to his brother-in-law, a Doctor Sinclair, in Philadelphia and they tell her that

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both Doctor and Mrs. Woods were in Montreal on the 30th at the graduation of their youngest son from Magill. The family in Philadelphia expect them both to be in Philadelphia following a meeting in New York. If this statement is correct, it does not look as if Doctor Woods would be in Iowa City at the time that he would be needed if a decision should be made to send Miss Vautrin there. If, however, your husband wants to use Doctor Woods or finds it necessary to do so, a telegram to Iowa City would discover whether or not he was there.

I am so hoping that you will find Minnie much improved. Catharine Sutherland had a letter from Ellet~~to~~oo (T. Z.'s sister) written from the Ginling campus on April 25. She spoke of the spring holidays and told where each person was going. She said that Minnie was going up to Wuhu. There was nothing in the letter to indicate that there was any difficulty of any sort in the faculty group.

Doctor Paul sent me a copy of his letter to your husband of May 29. The new item in that was the fact that wireless messages cannot be sent from the Empress to you. I should have realized that, because at war time this is a natural regulation.

The anxiety about Minnie has had one advantage. It has divided my thinking in regard to the frightful situation in Europe.

With love,

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4215 East Thirty-third Street
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April 1, 1942.

Dear, dear Cornelia Mills,

Ever since I heard that you
had taken over the work in
the Quilting office I have felt
that we were indeed blessed
and have wanted to write to
tell you my thankfulness. It
is no easy situation you are
facing with your dear husband
in the thick of things over there.
My heart goes out to you in

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sympathy and admiration and
I do trust that you and
your dear ones may be given
strength and courage each step.

There is a question I have
been wanting to ask you about
our pinning situation here in
Seattle. As you know our
Community Fund gave \$30,000,
or was it \$20,000 to United
China Relief last fall? As I
understand it that means
that any funds that are

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solicited for any of the U.C.R.
agencies during this year are
to be deducted from the Com.
fund payment to U.C.R.
How does that relate to our
usual Smith College Club gift
to Gurling? And do you all
feel we should solicit our
Gurling clients as usual or
just do educational work?

Katherine Little and I have

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been talking ~~APR 1~~ 1942. We^[47]
are planning an evening Smith
Col. Club meeting April 15th at
which Dr Charles Martin is to
give the main talk on Russia
and Mr Paul Moritz is - if he
is not enroute to China - to
tell of his experiences as the
Student Representative there -
emphasizing his contacts at
Peking. We hope the Smith
Club will increase its gift
this year as it has almost
every year, but if the amount

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is deducted from Seattle's gift
it does not seem to have
much point. I suppose it
does mean ^{though} that more of that
gift goes to thinking than
otherwise would, does it not?

If you have any light
to throw on this subject, also
as to the wisdom of our
going to people like Mr
Colman & Mr & Mrs Reginald
Parsons for their former gifts

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when they have been among⁵⁶⁷
the largest donors to the
Community Fund, we would
very much appreciate your
counsel - and as soon as
possible, for our meeting is
April 15th.

Thanks heaps, Cornelia.

APR 1 Affectionately yours,
1948 Frederica Hillier

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April 4, 1942

Mrs. Walter C. Hiltner
4215 East 33rd Street
Laurelhurst
Seattle, Washington

Dear Freddie:

Thank you for your letter of April 1st and your expression of confidence in my ability to handle the affairs of the Ginling office. Of course, I am more interested in the work in China than in anything else in the world, and I am more than thankful to have an opportunity to continue to serve, even though I must stay in this country. I find the work here more and more interesting and my only reservation about it is my own ability to do it justice.

I have had no direct word from Plumer since a letter dated November 16th, but indirect messages that have come seem to give the assurance that the group in Nanking is safe and well. Their greatest problem is money, and even that now seems nearing a satisfactory solution through the good offices of the Swiss representatives. There is also hope of getting funds from Free China into occupied China, so I am beginning to feel a little more at ease about this.

You doubtless get various bulletins that tell you all of the news that comes in from China, so I have very little to add. Nanking seems to be one of the places where they have received at least fairly good treatment. We know that Mrs. Thurston is safe and well, but not allowed to see any other westerners, and we assume that the same is true of the other Americans in the city. They are, however, in their own homes and this is perhaps as much as we could hope for.

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April 4, 1942

In answer to your questions about contributions to China through the Community Fund and the United China Relief, I have this information for you. The Smith-Ginling connection is entirely outside of any appeals made by United China Relief or any funds that go into their totals. It is definitely understood that we continue to cultivate this Smith connection independently. Therefore, if your Seattle Smith Club wishes to make a gift to Ginling, it does not appear in any United China Relief accounts, provided it is sent directly to this office. This applies to Club gifts or individual Smith donors who wish to make a gift to Ginling that is to be credited on the amount that Smith Clubs or alumnae pledge to Ginling. If such gifts should go through United China Relief, designated for Ginling, they would be credited to Ginling but do not serve to raise the amount that the Smith group has pledged for Ginling's support. So you see, Smith gifts that are to help to meet the Smith pledge to Ginling should come directly to this office.

Any non-Smith person who wishes to make a gift to Ginling may do so through United China Relief, designating it definitely for Ginling. Of course, such a gift could come to this office also, and is then reported to United China Relief. This is the way contributions are managed at this end. I don't know how the Seattle Community Fund manages its accounts with United China Relief and so cannot tell you whether the Smith contribution would be deducted from the Community Fund payment to United China Relief. I should, however, feel that it would not be deducted since, as I have said above, this is an entirely separate appeal and does not appear on any United China Relief accounts. When the Associated Boards went into the United China Relief, the understanding was that established connections, such as the Smith-Ginling one, would go on independently as usual.

Mrs. Parsons has already made a contribution to the Ginling budget this year. If Mr. Colman feels that he would like to continue making contributions to Ginling, I see no reason why he shouldn't have the opportunity. Of course, if they feel that their large contributions to the Seattle Community Fund is the way that they would rather make their contribution to China, that is for them to decide. Of course, we hope that anyone who has ever been interested in Ginling will continue to support this institution.

I hope this will answer your questions. I would love to hear from you sometime and look forward to seeing you when you are in New York.

With all best wishes to Dr. Hiltner and your family,

Affectionately yours,

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April 19, 1943

Mrs. Walter G. Hiltner
Sunnyside
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Frederica:

I am indeed distressed to learn from your letter of April 14th that you are still confined to your bed, but I am glad that at least you are out of the hospital. I do hope that you will make a speedy and complete recovery and will soon be quite your normal self again.

Thank you for your attention to the Seattle list. It was good indeed of you to give it thought when you were ill. I think that your decision about continuing to educate certain people in Seattle, without necessarily asking them for contributions, is a wise one. Of course we are all bound up with United China Relief, and it, in turn, is bound by its agreement with the National War Fund, so we have to be careful about our appeals. The list that you say you checked was not enclosed in your letter, so I suppose it will come in a separate cover.

Plumer is now in internment camp in Shanghai, and I have not had any direct word from him. Reports that we get seem to indicate that conditions in the Shanghai camps are not too bad, and so I am holding hard onto the hope that he will be as well off as possible under the circumstances. Harriet, my older daughter, is here with me. She graduated from college in 1941 and is now having a grand time reading manuscript and doing all sorts of odd jobs for John Day Company. My younger daughter finishes at Northfield Seminary this year and is bound for Wellesley next fall. It is a great comfort to have them with me and keeps me from feeling that the family is completely broken up.

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Mrs. Walter G. Hiltner

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April 19, 1943

I would love to see you if you are ever strong enough to come to New York. Do let me hear from you some time.

With every best wish,

Affectionately yours,

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4215 East Thirty-third Street
Laurelhurst
Seattle, Washington

July 8, 1943.

Dear Cornelia,

Your quinking letters have been so interesting and fine, I have long wanted to say "Thank you." I am having to save my eyes for a while as I evidently strained them while I was in the hospital, so family letters are about all I have undertaken so far.

Yesterday the China Colleges Bulletin came & I was delighted with it. I would like very much to send it to the members

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of our Smith College Club here in ^{.527}
Seattle who voted in May to
give \$ 75⁰⁰ again to Linking this
year, cutting down on their gift
to Smith rather than letting Linking
down this year. Would you be able
to let me have fifty copies? I
would write a little report letter
to go with it if you think it
a sensible idea.

It is good to be home and
stitching up little by little. The
family are being marvellous.

I do hope you have good news
from Plummer, and from the girls
Walter's baby was a year old last
month and Arthur and his wife
are expecting in August so life is
very interesting.

Much love,
Frederica.

July 15, 1943.

Dear Fredrica,

Thank you for your letter of July 8th, giving me news of yourself and your family. I am glad indeed to know that you are making progress and hope that you will soon be completely recovered.

We have mailed you fifty copies of the last issue of China Colleges, and are very happy to think that they will reach the members of the Seattle Smith Club. We thought that it was a very good issue this time, and are glad that you too liked it.

The \$75.00 gift from the Seattle Club came in June, and helped to make this year's grand total of over \$9,000 from Smith. We are very grateful for these generous contributions, for as you know, there has never been a time in the history of the college when our help was more needed.

It is wonderful to have Dr. Wu here now. She is always so level-headed and so wise that it is particularly helpful to have her counsel in the problems that face us now. I hope that she will be able to stay here several months longer, though as yet she has not made any definite plans.

Plumer is in a concentration camp at Pootung, and I have had no direct word from him since he went in on February 15th, though indirectly I have heard that they are all well, and moderately comfortable and well-fed. We are still hoping for a second repatriation, but things seem to move very slowly. I have no assurance that Plumer will be on the next exchange, but I am hoping that he will come. Harriet, my older daughter, is here with me, working with the John Day Publishing Company, and enjoying it greatly. Angie has just graduated from Northfield, and enters Wellesley in the fall. She is serving tables at the Northfield Summer Conferences in the meantime, and having a grand time. It is a comfort to have them near me.

Every best wish to each one of your family.

With love,

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4215 E. 35th St.

Seattle, 5, Wn.

May 20, 1944.

Dear Cornelia,

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Such a long time since I have written, but my thoughts are with you often and thankfulness for you. Do give my welcome to Phewer. I hope he is fine.

Here is my wee contribution to pinning for this year. I trust we are going to have at least \$75.00 from our Seattle Smith Club but we are not sure yet. We could not give it from the Club this year, so it comes from members - which may be better.

With my love -

Frederica.

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May 26, 1944

Mrs. Walter G. Hiltner
4215 East 33rd Street
Laurelhurst
Seattle 5, Wash.

Dear Hrederica:

Enclosed I am sending our receipt for your generous gift to Ginling College with our very grateful appreciation for your constant concern for the welfare of the work. We shall be most happy to receive any amount that the Seattle Smith Club sends us this year, and hope that individual contributions will net at least as much as the usual amount taken from the Club treasury.

You will be glad to know that we have had several good letters from Dr. Wu since her return to Chengtu. She says that she is well and that she found the College going better than she had dared to hope. They have problems in plenty, but I know that her return will bring new strength to all of them. Florence Kirk and Evelyn Walmsley are both on the way to Ginling. Florence was in South Africa when we heard last, but I hope that she has gotten away to India by now. We have heard nothing from Miss Walmsley since she left the end of April, so I do not know how far along she is.

Thank you for your welcome to Plumer. He is very well, though exceedingly thin. However, he has never had much weight to boast of, so that is not a serious matter with him. He is in Chicago just now, attending the meeting of General Assembly. He is already talking about going back to China, in fact, hopes to get away sometime during this calendar year. Things are moving very slowly, however, so I do not think he will leave much before Christmas.

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Mrs. Walter G. Hiltner

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May 26, 1944

I hope you are well and that you will be coming to New York some time in the near future. We should love to see you.

With best wishes to your husband and family,

Affectionately yours,

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Enclosure: Receipt

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December 19, 1947

Mrs. Walter G. Hiltner
4215 East 33rd Street
Seattle 5, Wash.

Dear Freddie:

Thank you for your recent letters and especially for your most generous contribution to Ginling. I do not need to tell you how great the need is nor how much Dr. Wu and Ginling appreciate the support so generously offered by the friends of the College. We are enclosing a receipt.

We are also happy to have the additional contribution from a Seattle Smith Club woman which you forwarded to us on December 14th. A receipt will go to her directly.

We appreciate your efforts on behalf of Ginling. The Business Woman's Society of Christian Service, First Methodist Church, sent us \$150.00 some time ago. We have not yet heard anything from Dr. Moment's church, but are hoping that a gift will come from them soon. We can readily understand how people in Mr. Colman's and Mrs. Parsons' position find it impossible to make extra contributions to Ginling now. I am sure they have large commitments in many other places and we can only be grateful for their generosity to needy causes whether they include Ginling or not.

You will be glad to know that the campaign is moving along quite satisfactorily. There are still two weeks more to go and we have reasonable hope of securing the entire \$600,000. One contributor has just sent in \$25,000, with the promise of an additional \$25,000 provided the Colleges secure \$175,000 from individual donors. To date, we have 78 percent of this \$175,000 and are making every effort to raise the rest of it. Wish us success!

I hope all goes well with you and your family. This brings you my affectionate greetings for the Holiday Season and all best wishes.

My love to you,

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Mrs. Y. P. Mei

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Nyi Vong-Kyich
(Mrs. Y. P. Mei)

Dolan House,
Oregon State College,
Corvallis, Oregon,
Jan. 7, 1939.

My dear Mrs. MacMillan:-

Your letter asking for information has been received. I am really not a Jenling graduate. Nevertheless, I shall give you the following data if you are interested to know.

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| 1920-1921 | Freshman in Jenling College |
| 1921-1924 | Smith College (B.A.) |
| 1924-1925 | University of Chicago (M.A.) |
| 1925-1926 | Graduate Study, Michigan University. |
| 1926-1927 | Instructor in Sociology, Jenling College. |
| 1927-1929 | " " " " Jenching University |
| 1929-1938 | Part-time teaching at different universities in Peiping and part-time Social Work. |
| 1938-1939 | Graduate Work in Home Economics Extension work, School of Home Economics, Oregon State College. |
| 1939 Christmas | Expect to join my husband to help him in women & children's work, in his Rural Reconstruction Program, Lanchow, Kansu, China. |

Happy New Year to you!

Cordially Yours,
V. K. Nyi Mei
(Mrs. Y. P. Mei)

100 E. Ferry Ave.
Detroit, Michigan,
Sept. 22, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Mac Millan :-

Just a note to let you know that I have arrived at Merrill Palmer School, safely. Dr. Paul Meng and Council General you took me down to the station. Mr. you told me he knew Y. P. very well when they were together in Nankai Middle School. It was so much fun to meet so many unexpected friends in New York City.

Thank you very much for your kindness and hospitality during my short stay in New York. I am looking forward to your visit to Detroit. Please be sure to look me up! Our telephone is Madison 7450

Sincerely Yours,

K. K. Ngi Mei

P. S. Mrs. Cushman sent me a copy of New Post News.

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123 Forest Street
Oberlin, Ohio.

June 16th.
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Dear Rebecca: A letter has been due you for some time, but I have been waiting since your last message to get a bit of information from my sister in regard to your Berea visit. However, she knows nothing about it and perhaps you did not carry out your plan, so I will not wait any longer.

Life has been full of a number of things, especially by cold weather and then a complete somersault to very hot days. Just now it is cool and lovely and the Berea sister is enjoying it with me. We plan to spend the Summer here and perchance the Maine sister will come in August, if her N. Eng. temperament will allow her to!

Ginling, according to the reports you sent to me is growing in a fine way. I cannot say that I care for the reports and certainly have nothing to give them. It would be tainted money to them I presume since my own tainted self, as much as they could make it so, was refused in service. I have just read, again, after all these years my last yearly report of my service and my outline of a college service, as I saw it, and think I have reason to be a little proud of the accomplishment which was done against such odds. I was right about the infirmity them, but not a member of the staff upheld me in it.

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My only reason for wanting you to send me the literature is that I cannot keep a normal state of so called Christian thinking if I dwell upon those things and so I have tried to forget the whole thing. Tongues are tongues, however, and our labeled christians are still ready to sully a name with all the insinuations of gossiped information. Oberlin has many returned missionary folk, I have no desire for contact with them for such matters are ever uppermost in their minds.

I wish you might sit with us on our comfortable porch ^{and} ~~and~~ talk over lots of things, for it is so hard to put on paper much that might not be misinterpreted. I have found this house a very comfortable one and in the Summer prefer it to less commodious quarters at a resort. My sister needs the quiet of a home and so here I am.

Commencement is just over and the woman dean was crowned with an LL.D. and as you know, will be further honored as she is inducted into the presidency of Welesley College. Forgive that spelling of your alma mater. My adept typing is quite noticeable in places. Wish you might hear this wood thrush, just now from a perch high in our tree, telling us of the beauty of life. He sings it late and early. A Baltimore oriole also glorified life today with his wonderful voice. I do not mean to do much but listen to birds and to babes and sages this summer just as Vandyke no Channing wrote, "to listen to stars and birds to babes and sages with open mind".

I have an invitation to spend a week at Deer Isle with a dear friend in August but I see no trip east this year. I think you must be a great traveler by this time. Is it a trip to Europe on the Queen Mary this Summer?

With love and many thoughts of you-

L. M. M.
Llewella Merrow.

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