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Woman's Missionary Council

Methodist Episcopal Church South

President
MISS BELLE H. BENNETT
Richmond, Ky.

Richmond, Ky.
December 23-1920

Miss Elizabeth Bender,

New York City,

My dear Miss Bender,-

On reaching home, I found your letter of December 11th, concerning the representative from our Board on the Joint Committee of the Women's Union Christian Colleges in the Orient. Miss Mabel Howell, Oriental Secretary of the Women's Missionary Council, by virtue of her office, is the representative. Mrs. Lee Britt of Suffolk, Va. and I, with Miss Howell, are the appointees on the Ginling College Committee from the Women's Missionary Council.

May the blessing of the Father be upon you during the Christmas days, and all the New Year.

Very sincerely,

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Belle H. Bennett.

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156 Fifth Avenue, New York City

April 29, 1921

Howell

Miss Elizabeth Bender,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Bender:-

Official

I am handing you, herewith, statement for the Joint Committee Report; also the additional statement for the Ginling College Committee.

I am happy to report that \$2500 has been received since the meeting from the Methodist Episcopal Church South and in transmitting this amount Miss Howell writes, as doubtless she has to you, but I pass it on for safety's sake.

"When in New York at the meeting of the Ginling College Committee I made a statement that our Board would support the two teachers who are going to Ginling, Miss Hanawalt and Miss Watkins, over and above our present pledge. I find that in making this statement I did not properly represent our constituency. We are to support one worker over and above and not two over and above. Our present appropriation will go to the support of Miss Watkins and we are adding the support of Miss Hanawalt. We will take care of the travel and outfits for both of these young women. We are planning for them to sail on the "Empress of Asia" on August the 18th with some eighteen other missionaries of our Board."

Yours very sincerely,

Russell Carter
Treasurer

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May 2, 1921

Miss Bello H. Bennett
Richmond, Ky.

Dear Miss Bennett:

I received a letter from you some time ago which should have had attention earlier but it has shared the fate of many other letters. In this letter you say that you, Mrs. Lee Brit and Miss Howell are the appointees of the Ginling College Committee from the Woman's Missionary Council. I have wondered if it means that you three are a committee of the Council for Ginling College. According to action when the Ginling College Committee was organized and made a part of the Board of Trustees of the University of Nanking, one member was to serve as a representative of each of the cooperating Boards, so that technically there can be only one voting member from each Board. Others are most cordially welcomed to the meetings and to a voice in our deliberations, and we always are happy to have such representatives present. Is it understood that you or Miss Howell is the voting and official member of the committee who represents your Council? Perhaps it is not a matter of vital importance but I suppose it is always better to have matters of this kind clearly settled and understood. I shall be glad to have your interpretation of the case.

Sincerely yours,

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Womans Missionary Council

Methodist Episcopal Church South

President
MISS BELLE H. BENNETT

May 12th-1921

Richmond, Ky.

Miss Elizabeth Bender,
New York City,

My dear Miss Bender,-

Your letter of May second reached my home office while I was on my way to Nashville to attend the regular annual meeting of the General Board of Missions. I am just home again.

Note ✓

Miss Mabel Howell, as Secretary of the Oriental fields, is the logical member of the Ginling Board. You may therefore, register her as such.

I will be greatly obliged to you if you will kindly send me on a postal, or in whatever way may give you the least trouble, the full name and address of Mrs. Doane. I have lost it in some way, if I ever had it.

Very sincerely,

Belle H. Bennett

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WOMAN'S WORK: ORIENTAL FIELDS
MISS MABEL K. HOWELL

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June 30, 1921

Mr. Russell Carter,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

My dear Mr. Carter:-

Your letter of June the 24th has been received. I am troubled over the call for an increase in appropriation, not that I do not feel that Ginling needs this amount but because I do not see how we are going to handle our end of it. I am writing now to find out what the fiscal year at Ginling is. When does the new basis of appropriation go into effect. Our appropriations for 1921 and 1922 in fact are already made. Does this call mean ^{that} beginning with the middle of 1921 we are to have a new basis of appropriation? I cannot plan until I have this question settled.

Our Board had planned to do more this year than before by adding the salary and outfit of one missionary. Miss Hanawalt's salary will be \$750 and her travel practically \$500 and her outfit \$250, an addition of \$1,500 to the \$1,500 that we have been paying right along. Besides this we are paying the travel of Miss Watkins which makes approximately another \$500, so that we are really paying this year at least \$2,000 over our \$1,500. I really do not see how we can do more. Every penny of money that we have for 1921 and 1922 is appropriated in our regular budget. I am not giving this as final but am writing you to explain our situation and see if in our case the taking on of an additional missionary in any way relieves us of the extra responsibility that was presented in your letter. I shall be anxious to hear from you still further.

Yours sincerely,

Mabel K. Hanawalt

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BOARD OF MISSIONS
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December 13, 1922.

DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN'S WORK
ORIENTAL FIELDS
MABEL K. HOWELL, SECRETARY

Miss Elizabeth R. Bender,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

Ans'd Dec 20 -

My dear Miss Bender:-

Several communications from you have been received, one of them containing a copy of the cablegram from Ginling College and a copy of a statement from Mr. Russell Carter regarding the funds in hand and uncollected pledges for 1923 for an additional building at Ginling College. I am wondering how the balance needed for this building is to be secured. Is it to come from the Campaign fund?

I am in favor of giving authorization for the erection of this building if it can be financed without an additional pledge from our Board. I could not pledge our Board for an additional appropriation to Ginling College while Miss Howell is absent from this country and while we are still under promise to the Centenary Commission of our Church, a situation which I am sure you will understand.

Yours of November the 15th came while I was absent from Nashville on a hurried visit to our work in Mexico. For that reason I did not answer it suggesting the date when I could attend the annual meeting of the committee. I am expecting to be present at the meeting on January the 6th as announced in your letter of December the 6th.

Yours sincerely,

Esther Case
Acting-Sec'y Oriental Fields.

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DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN'S WORK
ORIENTAL FIELDS
MABEL K. HOWELL, SECRETARY

December 30, 1922.

Special

Miss Elizabeth R. Bender,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

My dear Miss Bender:-

Your letter of the 22nd has been received. You are correct in the assumption that when I wrote that our Board could not make additional pledge for Ginling College, I meant in addition to the \$30,000 already promised by Miss Howell. We expect to pay this from our Centenary surplus but we do not know when we will be able to meet the payments. We are almost one year behind in our church with Centenary payments now and doubtless the payments will be slower and slower as time passes although our Centenary Commission is making a supreme effort to rally our constituency and complete the collections in 1923.

The only payment we have made on our pledge of \$30,000 is \$2,500 which was sent to Mr. Russell Carter in 1921. This amount came to our Board as a Bequest. Bequests are exempt from the Centenary agreement and for that reason it was directed and made as a payment on our pledge to Ginling.

I am expecting to attend the meeting of the Ginling College Committee on the 6th of January and I shall be glad to talk over our situation with you.

Yours sincerely,

Esther Case

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FOREIGN MISSIONS
WOMAN'S WORK
MISS SALLIE LOU MACKINNON, SECRETARY

January 9, 1935

Miss Florence G. Tyler
419 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Tyler:

The notice of the meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees of Ginling College came this morning. Because of the expense in time and in money, it will not be possible for me to attend the meeting, as much as I would like to be present.

It was a joy to meet with the Ginling Committee at breakfast at Garden City. I had a very satisfactory conference with Miss Griest in New York, and I am hoping that Miss Griest and I, working together, may be able to find suitable candidates to present to the Committee. I have suggested to Dr. Wu that it would be wise, if possible, to secure on the field a person for the teacher of English as a language, but the fact that I have made this suggestion will not prevent my working on the problem from this side.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Sallie Lou Mackinnon

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Board of Missions
Methodist Episcopal Church, South

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Nashville, Tennessee

March 12, 1935

FOREIGN MISSIONS
WOMAN'S WORK
MISS SALLIE LOU MACKINNON, SECRETARY

Miss Margaret E. Hodge
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Hodge:

Because of almost constant absence from my office I have failed to write you in reply to your letter of February 22 in regard to the application of Miss Koch. I am having copies of the correspondence made to send to the other members of the Committee. Will you please send me a list of the members of the Candidates Committee of Ginling College? Our records do not seem to be clear on this point.

From Miss Koch's letter and from the recommendation from Mrs. Roys she seems to be the kind of person we would want for Ginling, if she were older and if she had had more training and experience.

As far as I know now, I shall be in the United States in May and if I am I shall plan to attend the meeting of Ginling College Committee.

I have been traveling so constantly since I was in New York in January that my office work has been neglected. I believe today that I have caught up most of the loose threads and can leave on Monday for the annual meeting of our Woman's Missionary Council with the assurance that my desk is practically clear, the first time since my return from Brazil.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

MACK:DG

Dictated March 8

Sallie Lou Mackinnon

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March 21, 1935

Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon
Doctors' Building
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Miss MacKinnon:

Miss Hodge has given me your letter of March 12. The list of members of the Candidate Committee of the Board of Founders of Ginling with addresses is as follows:

Miss Rebecca W. Griest, 208 South Queen St., Lancaster, Pa.
Miss M. E. Hodge, 112 West Gravers Lane, Chestnut Hill,
Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. Francis J. McConnell, 460 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.
Mrs. Charles H. Sears, 35 Edgecliff Terrace,
Yonkers, New York.
Miss Lela E. Taylor, Missions Building,
Indianapolis, Ind.
Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Doctors' Building,
Nashville, Tenn.

Under separate cover today I am sending you some stationery and envelopes, which I thought you might like to use.

Very sincerely yours,

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Florence G. Tyler, Secretary

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634 Doctors' Building
Nashville, Tennessee
June 20, 1935

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 UNITED CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY
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 WORK, SMITH COLLEGE

Miss Florence G. Tyler
 156 Fifth Avenue
 New York, New York

Dear Miss Tyler:

I have your letter of June 17 asking that our Board assume its pro rata part of a special grant of five thousand dollars for the Ginling budget for the current year. You suggest that since our Board has a policy of not making special grants that I take this matter up with several people on our Board and attempt to secure individual contributions. The rules of our Board do not permit missionaries or secretaries to make special appeals for anything not included in our appropriations, so I am not able to follow your suggestion.

You will remember that at the last meeting of the Committee I stated that our hope for 1936 was to increase our annual appropriation from twenty-two hundred dollars to twenty-four hundred dollars. We can make this retroactive from January 1935 and I am sending Mr. Carter a check, today, for one hundred fifty dollars, the increase which was not included in the three drafts which have been sent.

Sincerely yours,

Sallie Lou MacKinnon

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C. C.: Mrs. Ina D. Fulton and
 Mr. Russell Carter

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FOREIGN MISSIONS
WOMAN'S WORK
MISS SALLIE LOU MACKINNON, SECRETARY

July 2, 1935

Miss Florence G. Tyler
Foreign Missions Conference
of North America
419 Fourth Avenue
New York City

My dear Miss Tyler,

It was most thoughtful of you to send me the schedule of the fall meetings. I am glad to have it this far in advance.

My reservation has been made on the President Grant sailing from Seattle October 12. It will just give me time to arrive in China for the Jubilee Conference. In fact, the Conference was postponed one week in order to allow me to attend both the I. M. C. meeting and the Conference.

On my calendar I have written Reference and Counsel for September 24 and the evening of September 23. It will be necessary for me to go immediately from Northfield to the coast, but I can make my arrangements to attend any meetings previous to the I. M. C. meeting.

Again thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Sallie Lou Mackinnon

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WOMAN'S WORK
MISS SALLIE LOU MACKINNON, SECRETARY

Nashville, Tennessee

July 11, 1935

Miss Rebecca Griest
Mrs. F. J. McConnell
Mrs. Charles H. Sears
Miss Margaret Hodgo
Miss Florence G. Tyler

Dear Friends:

I am enclosing copies of my correspondence with Dr. Crane. Miss Griest had an interview with Dr. Crane in Boston, but found that she was not a member of any church and that her family were Swedenborgians. While Dr. Crane's letter of July 7 seems to close the question of her going to the Orient, I want you to have the information so that if you advise me to go further with the case I can.

I am becoming eager that we make some decision about the English teacher as the time for sailing is approaching. My own inclination is to accept Miss Rossman. I am enclosing copies of testimonials that have come since her papers were sent to you. You have all of her papers except the physical examination and we have not asked that this be made. It seems that none of us would have an opportunity to interview her. I have wondered about the possibility of asking Mrs. Hitner (Fred-erica Meade) to interview her. I do not have her address, but I know that she did live in Seattle. You will remember that Miss Rossman's papers were sent to us first from the field as she had been recommended to Miss Tappert.

If we send Miss Rossman we will be going against the statement of the Committee advising at least one graduate degree for every person on the Ginling College faculty. Miss Grace Taylor, who was recommended by Miss Vautrin, would be eligible for the position except for the lack of a graduate degree. You will remember that Miss Tyler offered to pay her travel to the field, with the understanding that if she were satisfactory and remained on the field that it would be refunded. Miss Taylor is fifty years old. I am afraid that Miss Taylor has already made plans for the autumn and I hesitate to write her again unless there is some certainty that she can be accepted.

Please give me some advice as to what to do next.

Sincerely yours,

Sallie Lou Mackinnon

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MISS SALLIE LOU MACKINNON, SECRETARY

July 12, 1935

Miss Rebecca Griest
Mrs. F. J. McConnell
Mrs. Charles H. Sears
Miss Margaret Hodge
Miss Florence G. Tyler

Dear Friends:

Yesterday, after I had written the enclosed letter, the following telegram was received:

CABLE RECEIVED GINLING QUOTE MACKINNON SECURED ENGLISH CHINA

My interpretation is that it will not be necessary for us to send another English teacher to China this year, but I would like to know your opinion about this. You have copies of Dr. Wu's letters to me of May 11 and 18. They seem to imply that two English teachers are needed, but my understanding at the meeting of the Ginling College Committee in New York was that the budget provided for the salary of one, and that the definite request made by the Committee in China was for one English teacher for this year.

It seems to me that we have no person in view who fulfills all of our requirements. A letter has come this morning from Miss Griest enclosing a letter from Dr. Crane which indicates that Dr. Crane's reason for withdrawing her papers was not to embarrass the Committee by asking it to make a special case of her application. The only drawback that she has is that she is not a member of the church. Miss Griest was enthusiastic about her interview with Dr. Crane. Miss Rossman lacks a graduate degree and experience in college teaching. Miss Ferguson and Miss Taylor also have only B. A. degrees. Miss Smith seemed an excellent candidate, but she has written definitely that she cannot accept the small salary which Ginling College offers because of obligations which she has for annuities and insurance.

You will see that there is some limitation for each of the persons who has considered the position. Since this is true, it seems to me that it would be better, if possible, to send no one from America this year. I am wondering if the Committee judges from the letters and cablegram from Dr. Wu and the minutes of the Committee in China that we are not expected to send a person for the position this year. If it does, I shall immediately write Miss Rossman and Dr. Crane, the only persons in view at present.

If the Committee thinks it advisable we might cable Dr. Wu asking, since she has secured one person, if it is necessary for us to find another. On first reading the telegram I was greatly relieved. In the last few days I have grown panicky about the possibility of filling the position. On a second study of the letters and telegram, I wonder if we should still seek another person.

Thanking you for any advice or instructions you can give me, I am

Sincerely yours,

Sallie Lou Mackinnon

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August 5, 1935

Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon
Doctors Building
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Miss MacKinnon:

A letter from Dr. Wu today brings the following news about the English Department at Ginling. In case she has not already written you I thought you might like to know what had been done. She writes:

"In regard to the vacancy in the English Department, I am very happy that satisfactory arrangements have been made in China and I have sent a cable to Miss MacKinnon to that effect. Miss Margaret Thompson has been secured just for a year through the Congregational Board. She has been teaching both in America and in Turkey, and wishes to spend a year in China before she returns to America. She is asking only for provision for room and board in return for her services, and she is paying her own travel expense. We have also invited one of our graduates, a very capable young woman, to join the staff. These two take care of the work done last year by Miss Kirk and Miss Christine Hall. This is the arrangement only for a year, so when Miss MacKinnon comes to China we shall talk to her more in detail about the needs."

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Miss Tyler

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May 13, 1936

Miss Florence Tyler
156 -5th Ave
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tyler:

My secretary has sent me the enclosed telegram. It gives so little information that I do not know what is involved in your inquiry. However, I have thought of the action taken at the meeting of the Board of Founders of Ginling College in regard to Mrs. Thurston's retirement, and I am convinced that it was not a wise action.

I have not the action before me but as I remember it was that Mrs. Thurston be retired at the end of this furlough period. My thinking is something like this:

If Mrs. Thurston would voluntarily retire now it would be fortunate for her and the College. She would leave with great honor and prestige, and would, I believe, have happy years ahead of her.

If she were retired by the Board she would suffer great pain and her retirement would not be a joy.

The most difficult days of adjustment for both the old and new administrators are probably past. Dr. Wu seemed untroubled as far as her relations with the former president are concerned.

If Mrs. Thurston is at this late date removed, some of the Alumnae and old friends will, no doubt, resent it, and complications might arise which would be embarrassing for all concerned, especially, for Dr. Wu.

How I wish she had retired or been retired when the change to a national president was made, or how I wish; primarily for her own happiness, that she would choose to retire now; but I believe that for the Board to retire her will make useless the cost of all these years of adjustment and will cause hurt without avail.

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#2- Florence Tyler

May 13, 1936

I may be wrong, there may be questions in your letter that I do not know but this the above is my present thinking.

I shall be in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Friday and Saturday, care Mrs. N. H. D, Wilson, and at the O'Henry Hotel in Greensboro, North Carolina Sunday.

Sincerely yours,

Sallie Lou MacKinnon

Sallie Lou MacKinnon

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WOMAN'S WORK
MISS SALLIE LOU MACKINNON, SECRETARY

Nashville, Tennessee

May 19, 1936

Miss Florence Tyler
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tyler,

Your letter of May 15 was on my desk when I returned to the office this morning. I am sure the action in regard to Mrs. Thurston is the wise one.

Thank you for writing to me in regard to Miss Norris Berry. I shall write her for preliminary information. She writes of being able to play, but does not write of special preparation in music.

Since the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee have not come I do not know who are the members of the Candidate Committee. I am sending, however, to you, Miss Griest, Miss Hodge, Mrs. Sears, Miss Taylor, and Mrs. McConnell copies of the papers of Miss Niles and Miss Skow. I think it would be well if some decision could be made concerning these applicants while Dr. Wu is in the States. In the first letters which came from Ginling it seemed that Miss Niles was the preferred candidate. As I read the papers they seem equally good.

I have made little progress in finding a music teacher or an English teacher. I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Miss Helen Wilson. Because she served a term in China and is known to certain of the members of the Ginling faculty she should be accepted only on the recommendation of the committee there. We do not have her papers, but I think her age is against her acceptance. Dr. Wu should be consulted about this.

It would be a joy to me to be in New York and to meet with Dr. Wu, but I think I would not be justified in spending the time and money to come to New York just now. I am a bit envious of those of you who will meet with her.

Sincerely yours,

Sallie Lou Mackinnon

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Methodist Episcopal Church, South

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WOMAN'S WORK
MISS SALLIE LOU MACKINNON, SECRETARY

Nashville, Tennessee

May 25, 1936

Miss Florence Tyler
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Miss Tyler,

I have received the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Founders of Ginling College. I note that Mrs. J. W. Perry was elected as a second member from our Board. It is possible that you do not have Mrs. Perry's address so I am sending it to you today. It is 1901 Chamberlain Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Several days ago I sent Mr. Carter a check for \$1,000 for the 1935 deficit and also a check for an additional \$1,000 to pay our 1936 appropriation on the 1937 basis. We will continue to pay quarterly on the basis of \$2400. It seemed to me better to send this in a lump sum and to continue making our quarterly payments on the basis of \$2400. In 1937 we plan to make our quarterly payments on the basis of \$3400.

I have a letter from Dr. Wu which I do not wholly understand. It is in regard to candidates. She writes that she is going directly to New York and then spoke of hoping to see me in the fall. I wonder if this means that she will return to the United States in the fall.

I wish to ask that at the meeting of the Board of Founders some one else be appointed chairman of the Candidate Committee for the summer. Although my plans are not definitely made, it now seems that I shall be in Europe during the summer. Miss Barbara Lewis of my office is willing to continue to do what she has done in securing references, preparing summaries, and distributing them among the members of the committee. However, someone from the committee should be appointed to direct the correspondence and it is quite probable that this person would not find it convenient to carry the correspondence through Miss Lewis. Miss Lewis is a capable person and is glad to do any of the routine work, but would expect someone else to be on the look-out for candidates and to send their names to her for her to collect the data.

Sincerely yours,

Sallie Lou Mackinnon

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404 Jefferson Street
Alexandria Virginia

June 14, 1943

Dear Yi-fang.

Paul & I have so many questions to ask your advice - situations to get your reactions on - we really must have an evening by ourselves - as well as a company evening - unless you prefer not - And I shall make that date the end of June a red letter one on my calendar right now. Paul is not really due back until June 28 - But couldn't you come out Sunday the 27th - and stay over night.

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Then Monday will call Paul into conference & he can take a day's leave. He has many important things - I - in my small domestic way - only trivia these days - But for instance -

1. It disturbs us both to run into a rather defeatist attitude about aid to China - from people who know the far East -

Col. Peter Fleming - now on Wavell's staff - dined with us two weeks ago - & I was shocked at what he had to say & wanted to telephone you that we must talk it over

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immediately. He kept asking Paul "what more can you do for China etc.?" & Paul's point of view was entirely new to Peter. He says he meets Americans who visualize an American expeditionary force being sent out to China. I must say I never have met that attitude.

2. Paul feels - as I do - very keenly for the intellectual group - American trained - that we are letting them down badly these days -

3. Langham Bond of Pan American Airways wants very much to see you. He was

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have gotten in touch with [47]
you last week - Paul & I
think Buddy a good man
to testify for the Senate Foreign
Relations Com. on the
Immigration revision -

4. T. T. McCroskey is here - with
family in - Alexandria - &
wants to see you. He is now
a Commander in our Navy
in the engineering corps &
believe -

I am being perfectly
silly about Paul's leaving for
the Coast to-night - After a
two year separation I can't
bear to have him outside of my
sight - We are so happy
these days in times - hardest

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working humblest home we've
ever had it isn't decent. I am
as ~~sure~~ at being able to
manage everything with out help
even laundry. Please bring me
your best undies to do up -
when you come -

John goes to camp the
whole month of July - It's that
place over near you in Bethesda -
run by a Mrs. Butts of the
Cathedral School - near enough
to us so I can manage to visit
him once a week - I thought
if your visit in Wash. is
by any chance prolonged into
July we would have lots
more space then - John's
empty room - But I

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Can't wish a Washington [6]
summer on you!

Harriet
as ever
Telephone visits
for two

Paul showed me the
program & tour for the Chinese
flying cadets & it sounds most
interesting & I'm sure he will
have a wonderful experience
knowing them a little. We
had a few boys to tea here one
day - they were splendid
fellows - such manners - But
they wouldn't speak English because
Paul had started them out in
Chinese so I was lost for
much of the conversation I have
forgotten much more than I
realized -

Come come come
when you can - Well keep
you quiet & lazy & Paul's
enthusiasm will cheer you -
Love & many thanks

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July 5, 1943.

Dear Harriet:

Your letter of June 14 did not reach me until Monday. It was my fault to have used Bethesda instead of Friendship Heights. From the postmarks on the envelope I can see that the letter went to several places before it finally reached the landlady and was forwarded here. I hope my short note to you was received promptly and you did not expect me on the weekend of June the 26th.

During the last week I have been considering the big question of my plans for the fall. Now I am just waiting for a cable reply from Chengtu and Chungking which should come within the next few days. Then I will be in a position to make definite plans for the fall. I wonder what your reaction would have been to the solving of this problem! The cable came from the Secretary-General of the People's Political Council inviting me to join a Mission to England in response to the Parliamentary Mission to China last fall. I realize that I may be able to do a little by getting in touch with the liberal element in Great Britain, but in view of the fact that I have not started on the work I should do here I hate to be leaving America so soon. So one suggestion is that if I could go direct to England from here and then back, I will join the Mission, but if that should not be possible I hope that my College will let me stay here at least through the fall months.

Today I want to get your advice as to whether it is worthwhile for me to plan a trip to Washington during the last week of July. From the engagements I have in this region I cannot leave here until after the 21st of July. I want to go to visit Miss Hodge and Miss Priest, so I thought that if I stopped off to see them on the way I could be in Washington for the last week in July. The other members of the Chinese Study Group have all left Washington. So if I come at all it will be for the purpose of meeting with American friends. During my three visits I have made to Washington, I did not go out and did not make the contacts I wanted to make. For instance, I met the Congresswoman, Mrs. Bolton, at the Chinese Embassy and she has invited me to dinner and asked me to set the date. However, from the newspaper I learn that Congress will be adjourned before this week passes. This may mean that other people I wish to see may not be in Washington. Of course, I want to see you and talk to Paul. If possible I would like to talk to some people--Dr. Hornbeck, Governor Lehman, Dr. Remer, and Dr. Hayden. The last two I knew at Michigan. You know the conditions in Washington, so you will be able to tell whether I should come for this week or whether it would be much better for me to plan to spend some time there early in September. For the whole month of August, I have promised the doctor to give myself a real vacation by staying away from people. Furthermore, I need that time to do some reading, for somehow I have not managed to read anything yet and there is so much to read!

I appreciate very much the various points you raised in your letter and I certainly should be glad to meet the people you wished me to meet and I am sure it can be arranged when I come to Washington, either in July or in September.

I am looking forward to having some time with you. With best wishes to you and Paul, I am

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu.

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July 7, 1943.

Dear Dr. Wu:

I am at home for a few days I leave, so will try to answer some of the questions you raise in your letter of July 5 to Harriet. I shall speak frankly, as I always have with you.

I think your plan to visit Washington again is a very good one. The people you mention are important and any influence you can exert on them will be beneficial. I would suggest two others: Mr. Lauchlin Currie and Mr. Ballentine. Mr. Currie has direct access to the President and Mr. Ballentine is the new Chief of the Division of Far Eastern Affairs. Mr. Currie has his ups and down in his feelings about China, and needs to be reassured from time to time. Mr. Ballentine is a Foreign Service Officer who has had service in both Japan and China. He was in charge of arrangements for negotiations between Japan and the United States, including the Kurusu visit, before Pearl Harbor, and I do not understand why he should have been selected as the one to be Chief of our Far Eastern Division except for the fact that he is a confidant of Secretary Hull's. Both these men are more effective than Dr. Hornbeck who, however, is in a position to be effective in a negative way. I think it would be wise in speaking to these men not to try to convince them that Dr. Chen Li-fu is not a "reactionary". It would be better to stress the new spirit in Free China which in my opinion is more important in China's political future than the antics of Dr. Chen.

I do not know personally the other people you mention. Dr. Lehman needs to be converted to a relief and rehabilitation program for the Far East. If he could be made to understand the problem, was told what China was prepared to do, and was told how America could help, I believe it would be beneficial. Congress is due to adjourn for a seven-weeks vacation, and it is unlikely that Mrs. Bolton will remain in Washington during that time. You might wish to get in touch with her and arrange your other plans to fit in with hers.

I think you would find a trip to England at this time interesting and perhaps enlightening. I personally am skeptical about the effectiveness of the so-called liberal group in England. Churchill is managing the affairs of the British Empire now and I think he will continue to do so after the war, Dr. Needham to the contrary notwithstanding. He has come a long way in the past six months but his fundamental beliefs are well known. At least you would be in a better position to know what the score is.

Living
Paul.

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July 7: again

Dear Dr. Wu:

Your letter of July 5 special delivery has just come and yes I did receive the one you wrote in June. I assumed it was in answer to mine but I've intended to write more promptly than this. Getting John off to camp kept me in a whirl of washing, ironing and sewing on name tapes the last days of June !.

Paul is home for rest; its vacation really only we are not going away because it isn't worthwhile when he gets just a few days to-getner here and there as work allows. Instead we plan to read and write and talk, three unusual activities for us. And your letter couldn't give us a better beginning. I said at once: you begin to answer this too. Paul says he will get fired right out of the State Dept. for what he has written. But you know how to take it all and what use to make..

It was disappointing not to have you in June for one of our very best Kunming friends arrived that week, Y.L. Chin, Lao Chin, and we'd planned to have a feast of talk with him and you and Wilma Fairbanks, -instead, he and Wilma came out alone.

I suppose your reply from Chengtu and Chungking will determine something as to the date of your next visit here. Paul suggests that you find out when Mrs. Bolton will be in town as she obviously wants to see you. As far as our plans go, we shall be here continuously and either July or September our home is yours and we shall eagerly look forward to having you.

Pen seems to go better with me this morning - yesterday we celebrated our 12th wedding anniversary & thought of you & the dear friends who were with us in July '31 - what a year that owes to begin our married life - I think our sense of urgency for China began that very year - out of the Mukden incident - I can remember Mr. Haining & you - the Sin Clubs - how we confidently talked as though the United States would not

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stand by + acquiesce in Japan's conquest -
How the League did nothing - then we followed
suit - Really for twelve years China's struggle
has been going on -

And six years ago - we were in
Peking - On that hot hot night I awakened Paul
& said "there is firing somewhere" - "It's only
thunder - a storm to break this heat" said Paul -
But next morning we knew what had happened
at Marco Polo Bridge - & Paul was one of the first
to say this is war - not just a local incident.

To night we are going to hear Li Choh-min &
Walter Judd - speak at the Chinese Salvation
Association meeting in Washington -

I felt you had a very warm
audience that night at Constitution Hall - very
sympathetic & intelligent about China -

I'm glad you are going to rest - really
rest from people in August - You say you are
well - & I'm sure you must be to do all you do -
but your face has tired fixed expressions which
are not like you when you are relaxed & refreshed -
I know you are under great tension & it's a pity
you were rushed into work from the first day you
arrived -

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Meyers

Cleveland, Ohio

July 13, 1943.

Dear Paul and Harriet:

I wish to thank you very much for your prompt replies. I was in Princeton for four days attending the International Round Table on a Basis for a Just and Durable Peace under the auspices of the Federal Council of Churches. That is why I could not write you earlier.

I also found in the mail a cable forwarded to me by Ambassador Wei. It is the reply from Dr. Wang Shih-chieh of the People's Political Council saying that after considering the fact that I could only fly direct to England and then back to America he thinks I do not have to join the Mission. This is what I thought would be the case, because he explained to me last March that in sending a special mission the preference would be for the members to go together and then return together, bringing back messages from England.

Ruth Chester has cabled that the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors has approved of extending my leave to next February. I am very glad to know that I will be able to stay in the United States through the fall and part of the winter. Because of this I have decided not to make another hurried trip to Washington in July. Mrs. Bolton has written to me and we have agreed upon September 17th for her to invite me to dinner. So far as I can tell now, I will come to Washington for the period around September 8 to 18. I will surely come to see you and have a really long, long visit to settle all the problems of the world! I certainly appreciate what Paul has written me. I will ask you to help me get in touch with the people he mentioned in his letter. During my hurried trips to Washington in May and June I did not try to call on these people because I felt I should first try to know more of the situation.

Hoping you are able to get some rest during the hot summer, I am

Cordially yours,

Yi-fang Wu.

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404 Jefferson Street
Alexandria Virginia
September 19, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Has Mr. W. returned?
I expect she has. And
what tremendous under-
takings must be on foot
to move back to Hanking!

I haven't got an
address for Alpha House - of
any kind - not even a very
old one. Sorry. Would
Mrs. Martha Hackett know?
She & Alpha are great friends.

Paul goes to Shanghai
Mon. the 24th leaving here

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by train to the Coast &
from San Francisco, by
special plane, reaching
Shanghai in three days. Think
of it. He is to be stationed
at the Consulate-General as
Officer in charge of political
reporting & the turnover of
International Settlement, a
very challenging assignment.

John & I are planning
to go soon - In fact we
are packing up & starting
for the West Coast in October.
It is all very exciting & my
pen hardly stays on the
paper as I write -

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9-19-45

I don't know why I
burden you with a
personal letter - except
that you may like to use
us as messengers to
the college - as there may be
things we can take out
before they could otherwise
break through the bottleneck of
freight. Please call on me
in any way I can be of
use -

With best wishes to you
and your family -

Sincerely

Harriet Meyer

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404 Jefferson Street,
Alexandria, Virginia -
Sept. 29, 1945 -

Dear Ji-fang -

I'm deeply distressed
to hear you've been so ill -
I kept asking Paul all
summer "where is Mr. Wu?
has she gone - ?" I felt I
must surely see you - And
when no one seemed to know,
I had a letter from Mrs. Hills
requesting an address for
Alpha Base & I replied im-
mediately & found out where
you've been - I hope you

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are much stronger. & that
the rest was a real one. with
a minimum of decisions -

Certainly since Aug. 14
a great load has rolled
off everyone's heart.

Paul telephoned me
from San Francisco to-day
at 9⁰⁰ a.m. & was leaving
in a C-54 at 11⁰⁰ for
Shanghai. He'll be there
Tues. Oct. 2nd.

We've sold the house.
I made an inventory for
the packers & the U.S. Hospital.

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Agent & got them into
the mail. Mon. I begin
work on our passports &
travel route -

Come - join us on
the first ship to Shanghai!
or must you fly - do-
spare yourself that ordeal -
you'll have to fly into
Chengtu anyway, why not
cross to Shanghai by boat -
do -

I want you to know
where I am & what I am
planning, so if you can
make use of me in any way
you will -

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John & I are included in Paul's orders, so I don't foresee any difficulties in setting out -

Paul will be stationed in Shanghai - as political reporting officer for the Consulate - General - a very interesting job - for which he got - & I may say, earned a substantial promotion.

I've just had fine letters from General Whang Ping - Chung & Eva Spicer -

Write me here - up to Oct. 15th when I shall come to New York for a brief stay in Riverdale - Very best wishes & much love as ever Harriet

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404 Jefferson Street
Alexandria Virginia
Sept. 29, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Do there any
material on girding of the
future? An old college
friend - whose husband is
Rector of All Saints ^{in the very close} has asked
me to say a few words to the
Auxiliary - They are leading
off into China - in their
mission program. I have just
had a long & intensely interesting
personal letter from Eva &
she mentions a long mimeographed
letter that may soon reach me.

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What should I dwell on?
the problems of moving - the
repair of the physical plant -
the new curriculum - the
rural work program -
which I think is deeply
impressive to date -
or what?

I should be so grateful
for advice & any first
hand material in addition
to ~~what~~ this I have -

many thanks -

Sincerely,

Harriet Meyer

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